

Andrews University: It Runs in the Family

by Ashleigh Jardine

Andrews University runs in the family. Just ask Jonathan Koch, Beth Joslin, Mark Joslin, Tommy Greene or Bonnie Greene. Following in the footsteps of their parents, all of whom attended Andrews, these first cousins are current University students and are enjoying being in school together for the very first time.

Beth Joslin is a sophomore at Andrews University. She is currently pursuing a major in English with a minor in psychology and plans to complete a PhD in counseling someday. She enjoys attending school in an Adventist environment that has many chapels, worship opportunities and “friendly, family faces,” she says. Her favorite teacher is Douglas Jones, professor of English, because of his helpfulness and hard work as an advisor.

Beth enjoys spending time with her family and has always gone to the same school as her brother, Mark. She attended Andrews Academy with him as well as her cousins, Tommy and Bonnie. Interestingly enough, she claims to see Jonathan more than any other cousin at the University.

Besides spending time (particularly holidays) with her family, Beth also makes the most of her friendships. This year, she played on the Andrews Cardinal Soccer Team and enjoyed the involvement and great team spirit. Someday, she sees herself living the American dream—having a comfy house, fulfilling job, several children and an amazing husband.



Jonathan Koch is a senior at Andrews University. He is currently pursuing majors in English literature and political science and is involved as the university’s J.N. Andrews Honors President, AUSA senator, Pre-Law vice-president and Nu Sigma vice-president.

This is the first time Jonathan has gone to the same school as his cousins. “Because I lived in Pennsylvania and they all lived in Michigan, I only saw them two or three times a year,” he says. “...I’m the oldest, and each year, I’ve added another cousin at Andrews.” When the family did get together, it was usually at the grandparents’ home in Edmore, Mich. Jonathan remembers playing with his cousins on the farm, raiding the kitchen for candy and putting on funny puppet shows to make the adults laugh.

He enjoys the little things about family, like seeing Bonnie in between classes and playing sports with Mark and Tommy. “Being connected by blood is hard to describe,” he says. “The group of cousins has stayed pretty tight. Family endures.”

Jonathan aspires to be a lawyer someday and live along the east coast.



Mark Joslin is a freshman at Andrews University. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English and enjoys taking classes from his favorite teacher/advisor, Douglas Jones. Mark also enjoys his Western Heritage class, claiming, "The play each semester is fun. Plus, I like history."

Mark and his sister, Beth, grew up in the Berrien Springs area and have gone to every school together: preschool, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, Andrews Academy and now Andrews University. He enjoys being at a school with the friends he grew up with and is also having a great experience living in a dorm for the first time.

An avid sports lover, Mark is very involved in the intramurals program and played on the Andrews University Cardinal Soccer Team this year with his cousin, Jonathan. "It was cool meeting people and traveling to play other schools," he says.

Though he hasn't decided on a career yet, Mark aspires to publish a book of his own someday.



Tommy Greene is a junior at Andrews University. He is currently pursuing a major in graphic design, hoping to someday "become a designer and leave a mark in the world of art and design," he says. In fact, the main reason Tommy decided to attend Andrews was because of the art department.

"When I was enrolling in school, I knew almost every teacher in that department," he says. "My favorite teacher now is Steve Hansen... Talking with him makes me want to further my knowledge base on art. The art he creates is absolutely amazing as well!"

Tommy also enjoys activities like mountain biking and making music. When he was younger, he loved playing outside with his closest cousins, Mark and Jonathan.

"We always got in trouble," he says. "Either someone would get a timeout or get hurt!" Now that the boys are older, they enjoy a good game of Airsoft at their grandparents' house in Edmore, Mich.

Tommy grew up in Eau Claire, Mich., and aspires to become a designer for the Freeride/Downhill mountain bike industry or begin his own design company someday.



Bonnie Greene is a senior at Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs, Mich. She is taking classes at Andrews University and plans to pursue a major in English when she begins college full-time next year.

"Mr. Vandenberg, an English teacher at Andrews Academy, has had a great influence on me throughout my high school years," she says. "His classes have made me realize that I would love to be 'in English class' forever (as a teacher myself)."

She is very passionate about writing and is a member of the University's yearbook staff. When she's not collecting quotes and copy from students around campus, Bonnie enjoys drawing and spending time outdoors. Several of her favorite memories with her family are playing in the woods and building forts with her brother when they were young. She also remembers playing "house" with Beth and Mark in their barn.

Bonnie aspires to write and illustrate her own children's book someday. She plans to have a successful career (perhaps as a high school English teacher) and "a family, plenty of outdoor space and a large dog."

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