from the President’s desk

Niels-Erik Andreasen
President

The state of Adventist education is often expressed in one word, or rather one number—enrollment—also at Andrews. “What is the enrollment?” is the question about Andrews I hear most often, especially off campus. The talk on campus, thank God, while not oblivious to that important number, does branch out into other topics. The growth and future direction of our University need that. Here are four “strategic” topics we will discuss on campus this year.

1. **Global engagement:** Ever since it became a university in 1959, Andrews has been engaged globally. It is evidenced by the “affiliation and extension” programs we operate abroad for years and still do. A quick glance at the bound theses and dissertations in the library reads like an international roster of Adventist leaders and scholars. With the arrival of Griggs University (2010) our new School of Distance Education can deliver education anywhere in the world without the purchase of a single airplane ticket! But that access has also brought our home campus to the attention of many international students who like to come here. The recent growth in our School of Business Administration is one indication of this new development.

2. **Academics matter:** Our remarkable ratio of 45% graduate to 55% undergraduate students is financially possible because most graduate students prepare for professions such as ministry, teaching, social work, architecture, business, physical therapy, nursing, etc. Additionally, Andrews is blessed with church subsidies earmarked for the more costly graduate programs, requiring time consuming research. Andrews is also breaking new ground in undergraduate research, supported by our research office and honors program. It leads to active, participatory learning, and it is the most effective way to prepare students for graduate education and for the workplace. We plan to do more of that across campus.

3. **Explore Andrews:** This expression is new and perhaps somewhat puzzling. It takes us to the heart of the wide-ranging public debate over American higher education: It is too costly, takes too long, lacks consistent quality, does not lead to gainful employment and gets students into more debt. Not all this is true. For example, student loans paid 22 percent of the “college bill” in 2014, down from 27 percent the previous two years according to the Sallie Mae bank. But in truth not all college students stay focused. Some drift or “swirl” through college. Andrews is putting together a new initiative to capture these students, get their credits transferred in, help them identify their sphere of interest, move them toward a major, a timely graduation and on to a life full of rewards and purpose. A new appointment and a reassignment will lead this innovative initiative.

4. **Health and Wellness on campus and institutional mission:** Even with all the distance education on the market, Andrews remains a residential university, and that means our educational mission touches all areas of student life—physical, mental, social and spiritual. Therefore, we press ahead this year with the preparation for the health and wellness initiative, opening new health related programs (master’s programs in speech-language pathology & audiology and health education), developing the health and wellness center, hiring its program director, further clarifying our goals for both campus and community health and wellness. It is an important part of our historic mission that will keep our education uniquely Adventist, committed to the development of the physical, mental and spiritual gifts with which our students have been endowed by their Creator.
As Niels-Erik’s presidency turns 20, we look back

**Healthy Lifestyles**
Gunter Koch turns 90 years old in November and leads a very active, engaging life.

**Twenty Years of Vision and Leadership**
by Meredith Jones Gray
Niels-Erik Andreasen is the longest-serving president of any higher educational institution in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. His outstanding two decades of leadership and service to Andrews University are historic and significant.

**Legacy Students**
As new students were welcomed to campus on Sunday, Sept. 17, they were invited to take a photo with their parent or guardian for this first-ever collage. Welcome to Andrews University!

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On the cover: Members of the President’s Cabinet in session, Room 316, Administration Building
Photo by David Sherwin, assistant professor of photography
Good memories
This photo was taken when I was senior vice president of the Rochester General Health System in New York. The intersection of Andrews and University was on my commute between my administrative offices and the flagship hospital and it always brought a smile to my face when I saw these signs.

Will Faber, MD, MA, MHCM (BA ’79)

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On Sunday, August 10, more than 100 Andrews University volunteers welcomed over 700 Pathfinders onto campus. The first-ever Pathfinder Day, coordinated by Rebecca May from Integrated Marketing & Communication, Shelly Erhard, director of student visits, and Brittany Felder, student visits coordinator, introduced attendees to the University, some for the first time, and many of the great things it has to offer. Representatives from 29 states, as well as from England, Papua New Guinea, Brazil and the British Virgin Islands, were among the groups who came as a precursor to their arrival at the Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which began two days later.

“About a year ago several areas on campus started receiving inquiries from Pathfinder groups who wanted to stop by on their way to Oshkosh this summer,” says May. “While we wanted to provide that opportunity, we also knew it would be impossible to accommodate multiple groups coming to campus over the course of a couple of weeks at that time of the year.”

At the same time as Pathfinders would be making the trek to Wisconsin, Andrews had summer graduation and the arrival of freshmen for the upcoming school year, in addition to many staff and faculty heading to Oshkosh themselves to assist with the Camporee.

“It’s a challenging time to have an influx of campus visitors for an extended period of time,” says May.

So, in January she got together with three other staff members and decided to create a one-day event for Pathfinders to visit and experience Andrews. With no additional budgetary allocations for the event, the involved departments stretched their collective resources and made a plan.

“We decided to cap the event at 1,000 people,” says May. “When a registration link was posted on the Camporee website for Andrews University Pathfinder Day, in less than a week we had over 1,000 registered and we quickly closed registration!”

The number eventually settled to 625, with a few groups showing up unregistered on the day of the event.

Participants had 16 different activities to choose from, all staffed by volunteers from across campus. Those who participated in at least four events were eligible to receive the coveted Andrews University pin to wear proudly around Oshkosh.

Activities included a musical petting zoo, tours of the Horn Archaeological Museum, hayrides to the dairy, disc golf, campus tree walks, pipe organ demonstrations and swimming in the pool, in addition to three honors offered: Flower Culture, Livestock and Bones & Muscles.

“Andrews has so much to offer students academically, socially and spiritually,” says Ron Whitehead, executive director for the International Pathfinder Camporee. “Most of the 50,000 student Pathfinders are in public education and do not know much about Adventist higher education. So it was a great opportunity to give them a look at a university that represents the world.”

In addition to the volunteers, the event could not have happened without the financial partnership of several areas of campus. The Andrews Airpark provided a pancake breakfast, for which Enrollment Management provided eggs and pancake toppings, Andrews Student Gardens obtained fruit at wholesale prices for lunch, Apple Valley supplied cookies for dessert at lunch, and Dining Services offered an extremely good price for lunch and supper to make them affordable. Guest & Convention Services paid for the Pathfinder Day pins that participants received at the end of the day, and the Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication produced and paid for printed promotional materials.

“We will definitely do this again in five years,” says May. “It was a blast and I think next time will be even better.”

Marshall Goldsmith was recognized in 2011 as the number one leadership thinker in the world at the biannual Thinkers50 ceremony sponsored by the Harvard Business Review and is the author or editor of 32 books that have become best-sellers in ten countries. His presentation addressed the topic, “How Successful Leaders Can Get Even Better.”

Gordon MacDonald serves as chancellor of Denver Seminary and is editor-at-large of Leadership Journal. He has written 20 books, including the award-winning Ordering Your Private World. His presentation was titled “A Theology of Leadership.”

“We wanted to celebrate the mission of the program in leadership development,” says Robson Marinho, chair of the Department of Leadership. “The program has enrolled and graduated participants who are CEOs of corporations, government officials, educational leaders, healthcare professionals, ministers of different denominations, and more. The ‘Growing a Legacy’ theme sought to celebrate 20 years of developing leaders to leave a legacy to society.”

The conference began in 2011 with the vision of engaging the community in discussing current issues in leadership and their implications beyond the local community.

“This conference is crucial as it builds the bridge between theory and practice,” says Marinho. “It addresses both the academic and practitioner side of leadership, applying theoretical concepts to leadership service to the community and the world.”

Educational Leadership achieves state certification for principals
In the School Administrator Preparation Program

After an arduous three-year journey, Andrews is the first Seventh-day Adventist university in North America to achieve state certification for the School Administrator Preparation Program.

“What this means for our program,” says Janet Ledesma, coordinator of the educational leadership program, “is that if a person graduates in the program, not only will they have denominational certification, they will also have state certification and reciprocity in other states. Our program is completely online, so if you’re a principal in Indiana, or if you’re a principal in New York City, or if you’re a principal in any state that is recognized in the state of Michigan, you will now have that same licensure."

The process of achieving certification began in 2011. The certification team, consisting of Ledesma, Duane Covrig (director of the graduate leadership program), Sylvia Gonzalez (professor of leadership and educational administration) and several graduate students, submitted an application and paid a fee to the state, and then state standards changed and they had to begin the process again. There are ten Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) program standards required for certification.

“Within each course we had to sit down and develop these rubrics that would match not only the standards, but also how we were developing this level of mastery within the course content,” Ledesma explains. “Imagine doing this for a 48-credit master’s, an EDS, or a PhD!”

“There was just one obstacle then another obstacle,” she says. “One day I got home and I said, ‘Lord, it’s in your hands. We’ve done our best, now you do the rest.’”

Her prayer was answered, and in July, after a form review by the State Department, the program received certification.

Ledesma hopes that this added certification will attract teachers from outside the Adventist church to the program.

“This is yet another opportunity that God has sent us to reach teachers in our immediate area, right here in Berrien Springs, in Benton Harbor,” she says. “Ultimately this new certification both aids the School of Education’s commitment to academic excellence, and reinforces our motto: Educat est Redimet—To Educate is to Redeem.”

Above top: Five pioneers in the founding of the Department of Leadership participated in a panel discussion on Sunday evening, L–R: Shirley Freed, David Penner, James Tucker, William Green, Jerome Thayer
Above bottom: Marshall Goldsmith was a keynote speaker (Photos by Natalia Nardy)
Summer graduation weekend events began Friday evening, August 1, with Consecration in Pioneer Memorial Church. Karl G.D. Bailey, associate professor of psychology at Andrews, offered the address, “Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength.

Bailey holds a PhD in cognitive psychology from Michigan State University. He is heavily involved in research, especially in collaboration with students, and for the last four years has been investigating the internalization of Sabbath-keeping among Seventh-day Adventists and the relationship between Sabbath-keeping and wellbeing. Bailey has taught at Andrews University for ten years.

On Saturday, August 2, Andrea Luxton, provost of Andrews University, presented the Baccalaureate address, “The Life of Integrity.” Luxton holds a PhD in English from Catholic University of America and a post-graduate diploma in institutional management and change in higher education from the University of Twente, Netherlands. During her career she has served in various roles as an educator and administrator, including as president of both Newbold College in England and Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. She has served as provost of Andrews University since 2010.

On Sunday, August 3, Loren Hamel, president & CEO of Lakeland HealthCare and member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, was the speaker for the 9 a.m. Commencement service at Pioneer Memorial Church. His address was titled “Inspired,” and Hamel used personal and often humorous illustrations to encourage graduates to find the things in their lives that inspire them. Hamel holds an MD from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, California, and a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He has worked in the Michigan healthcare system for 31 years, serving as a family physician and medical administrator. He is an active board member of Andrews University and the Southwest Michigan Economic Growth Alliance, and has also served Andrews as a clinical professor and director of the University’s health services.

Stephen E. Upton, chairman of the Upton Foundation and former senior vice president for corporate communications, education government affairs at the Whirlpool Foundation, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws during the Commencement service.

Upton is a lifelong resident of southwestern Michigan who has devoted much of his life and energy to local community support for families and education through his philanthropic service, as chairman of the Upton Foundation and president of the Whirlpool Foundation. During his tenure at Whirlpool, Upton was deeply committed to customer service, launching the first-ever toll-free customer service helpline in the 1960s. He has also led support of Lakeland Regional HealthCare, served as a founding board member of the Lake Michigan College Foundation, and as a member of numerous community boards.
SPLAD achieves master’s accreditation candidacy
For the maximum period of five years

The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) has completed its review of the Level II Candidacy application for the master’s program in speech-language pathology at Andrews University. Based on a thorough review of all candidacy materials for the program, the CAA voted to award candidacy for a period of five years beginning July 1, 2014.

“The CAA determined that the program demonstrated sufficient compliance with the Standards for Accreditation,” said Joan Blessing, chair of the CAA. “We look forward to working with the faculty at Andrews in the development of the master’s program.”

Award of candidacy allows the program to matriculate students into the program as it continues to document compliance with accreditation standards for the duration of the candidacy accreditation cycle.

“It is very exciting to learn that we have not only been granted candidacy but we have been granted the candidacy for the maximum of five years,” says Heather Ferguson, chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology. “I am thrilled about this progress and continue to thank God for His guidance and for each of the faculty and administrators who enabled us to work together as a team to allow this to happen.”

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The Rockford High School Marching Band from Rockford, Michigan has been coming to Andrews University to conduct a band camp for many years. Approximately 275 people, 225 of them high school students, attend the camp and practice about eight hours per day, for five days straight, at various outdoor campus locations. The sounds of their practice provide pleasant summer background music on campus for a week in July.

SBA holds conference
Cosponsored by Adventist Midwest Health

The School of Business Administration hosted the 9th biennial Seventh-day Adventist Business Teachers Conference from July 10–12, 2014, in Chan Shun Hall.

Participants attended from 21 colleges and universities, as well as a number of spouses and special guests. Business teachers came from as far away as Ghana, Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria, South Africa, Lebanon, Haiti, Peru, Colombia, Mexico and the Philippines. The theme, “Business Ethics,” promoted the benefits of Christian business education.

Twenty research papers were presented during breakout sessions and six plenary speakers shared their expertise and passion.

Phylis Mansfield, associate professor of Marketing at Penn State University, presented “Applied Ethics: The Triple Bottom Line of Sustainability,” at the opening session on Thursday, July 10. Other Thursday speakers included Sara Kern, associate professor of accounting, School of Business Administration, Gonzaga University, who presented “The Justice for Fraud Victims Project: How to Develop a Class that Investigates White Collar Crime” and Robin Sarkar, an adjunct professor in the Andrews University School of Business Administration, and IT director for Lakeland HealthCare. The title of his presentation was “Business Ethics in a Global Economy.”

Michael Cafferky, professor of business and management at Southern Adventist University, author of six books and the only Adventist business scholar to receive the Sharon G. Johnson Award from the Christian Business Faculty Association, presented “Being Adventist in Business: Is There a Distinct Difference?” at the first session on Friday, July 11.

“Integrity in Business: A Value or Virtue,” was the topic of Miroslav Kis, professor of ethics, Department of Theology & Christian Philosophy, Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, who spoke for that evening’s plenary session.

Duane Covrig, professor of leadership and ethics and director of the Graduate Certificate and MA in leadership at Andrews University, spoke for the final plenary/church service on Saturday, July 12. His presentation, “Moral Learning in Organizations: When Janitors Teach Their Bosses Ethics,” was the fitting end to a successful conference.
The State of the University Address focused on strategic planning for the University. Though the plan has been in place for several years, President Andreasen thought it prudent to remind the campus of its contents. “Institutional planning is driven by an institutional mission,” he said. “It equips the institution to carry out its educational tasks in the current environment while keeping it faithful to its educational ideals.”

The number of graduates from public and private high schools reached a peak in 2008 and has been dropping since. The Midwest and East will continue to see a decline in numbers for another decade, and only the South and West will see growth beginning in the 2015–16 school year.

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Belief in the value of a college education dropped from 81 percent in 2008 to 57 percent in 2012. Andreasen compared this statistic to the total outstanding student loan debt, up from $600 billion in 2008 to $1 trillion in 2012. “The higher the debt goes, the less students and their families believe it is worth it,” said Andreasen. Referencing Jeffery Selingo in his book, College Unbound, Andreasen explained that many students don’t just attend a college of choice after graduating from high school; they ‘swirl,’ taking college courses in high school, a few from the local community college and online, then they take a break, transfer a few times and travel. “This has complicated our lives here at Andrews,” he said, “and we need to respond to it.”

As a result of these realities, the strategic plan for Andrews University includes the following points.

First, global engagement. “We are an international university with a global mission,” said Andreasen. “When this University first opened it offered classes in German, French, Latin, Greek, Swedish and Danish. Certainly they were not thinking about Denmark, but probably about Danish farmers living in Minnesota who needed to hear the Gospel. Global initiative is a two-way street; we teach out in the world and the world comes in and informs our teaching and learning on campus.”

Andreasen continued by saying that “this is Andrews, and we should take advantage of it as we go forward. It will support enrollment, the quality of education and the building of community at Andrews.”

His second point was that academics matter. Andrews has a lot of postgraduate professional students in programs that lead to professional qualifications and a license. We also offer pure graduate education, PHD/MA education, and that is important as well as both of these require research. Both undergraduate and graduate research are an important part of Andrews’ mission as we respond to our external environment.

The third point was a brief description of Explore Andrews, a new initiative built to aid students who are undecided as to what area of study they wish to pursue. “With purposeful engagement, these students will utilize mentors to help them bring various credits, values and interests into an educational plan that will lead them in a timely progression toward graduation in four years,” he explained.

Fourthly, Andreasen addressed the fact that Andrews is a residential campus in an environment where more and more universities—even Adventist universities—are becoming community based. Last year nearly 50 percent of Andrews’ students were community students, and this statistic holds true around the world.

“We are told that small rural religious colleges are at risk,” said Andreasen. “Some have closed, but those that survive have become important destinations for residential students. That’s what we have to do.”

Andreasen posits that what makes Andrews a destination are its distinctive religious character—even to some parents who are not members of the Adventist church—student life, diversity and relief from the bustle of a large city. And Andrews should build on these.

“I intend to make this University a destination for everyone who wants to learn how to live in a wholesome, safe and clean environment,” he said. “It would be a mistake to think of the proposed health and wellness initiative as an exchange of one educational objective with another. Rather, it is to provide our students, faculty, staff and community with the tools to secure life in every way: physical, mental, spiritual and social.”

Andreasen concluded, “I am confident that Andrews will have a very good and very promising future if we plan strategically and keep this plan in mind as we move forward.”
Gunter W. Koch, DDS  
(BS ’01)

You’ve got a milestone birthday coming up soon. Are you willing to share what decade you’re entering?  
On November 25, 2014, I’ll be 90 years old. I was born in Tokyo, Japan and lived there for 15 years. I went to Japanese public schools, except for one year in a German school when my parents were on furlough, and then transferred to Takoma Academy when we moved to the U.S. It was a big culture shock. My biggest shock was seeing men in overalls on the docks of Vancouver, British Columbia. In Japan, all the Caucasian men were always professionally dressed in suits and neckties.

You’re a fairly recent Andrews University graduate. What prompted you to return to school after you retired?  
I was able to attend dental school after only two years of college because my GPA was high and right after WWII they needed students. So they winked at the two more years I was supposed to have and accepted me into dental school without a degree. After I retired, Don May got me started in photography and I loved it, so I decided to go back to school and get my undergraduate degree. It gave me something to do rather than sit around thinking about shuffleboard.

How has your enjoyment of photography enriched your life? Have you traveled in connection with that hobby?  
I had already traveled twice around the world as a missionary’s son, but photography has given me a zest for life. When I was taking an art class from Greg Constantine I asked him why it was required. He said so I could “see.” Most of us don’t really see, we just glance at things. Now I can see things I never saw before and it gives me goose bumps when I think of that. I went to the Galapagos Islands on a photo study tour and enjoy taking photos of places I travel to.

How long was your dental career?  
I was “in the mouth” for 50 years—counting my two years in dental school, my years in the military, owning my own practice, and assisting local dental offices after my official retirement. I can still remember some of those mouths, especially those who came regularly every six months. After I retired from dentistry, I wanted to give back so I opened up a dental clinic in Djibouti, Africa.

How did you maintain a healthy lifestyle while working full-time and raising a family?  
I was a workaholic. I worked from about 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. For exercise, I jogged on the weekends. When I was living in Japan I also learned to ski, beginning at the age of 6. I love skiing in the Colorado Rockies and have a place in Vail. Other activities I enjoy include tennis and golfing. Playing the violin also provided exercise. I began playing the violin at the age of 9, and have played with a numbers of local symphonies, beginning with the Kalamazoo Symphony, then St. Joseph Symphony and finally the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra for many years.

Are there particular activities you’d recommend?  
Do everything with moderation. You have to have a bit of fun with your exercise, not do calisthenics just because you have to. I do calisthenics every day because I know I have to: 50 sit-ups, 40–50 pushups, 10 stretches on each side. It’s important to keep your muscles limber.

Tell me about the regular habits you’ve developed throughout your life to maintain a healthy lifestyle?  
Proper attitude about exercise (don’t overdo it), eat correctly and have a positive attitude. Most importantly, God has to be supreme in your life. It’s not just exercise that makes a difference; it’s your mind. Be optimistic. Things can get pretty hairy sometimes. In fact when my first wife died I got into a depression, but my friends helped me through it, they were so kind. God has always looked after me.

Any final words of wisdom?  
My philosophy is 10% of your income belongs to God, the next 10% belongs to you—don’t touch it, put it in savings. Debt is not okay.
During the summer commencement held on Sunday, August 3, 2014, Marcia A. Kilsby, associate professor of medical laboratory sciences, emerita, and Frances Mae Faehner, vice president for Student Life, received the J.N. Andrews Medallion.

“I was reminiscing over the 30 years of summer graduations I had attended, rejoicing in the accomplishments of all of our students, knowing this one would be my last one before retirement, and was stunned to hear my name announced,” Marcia says.

She was involved at the very beginning of the medical technology program at Andrews University in 1988. One of the original goals of the program was to educate young people from developing countries to take the knowledge and clinical experience they learned back home to their own countries to upgrade the level of diagnostic care available. Unfortunately, she says, “the vast majority of graduates stayed to work in the United States.” Faculty looked for a way to keep the sense of mission before their students and got involved with a portable laboratory system called Lab-In-A-Suitcase, that could be used where electricity was unavailable or unreliable.

Kilsby involved her students and gave them the task of identifying key illnesses in different countries to determine if this system would be beneficial and utilized their different language skills to translate a user-friendly manual.

“Expertise in grounded clinical diagnostic knowledge, creative application of problem solving, compassion and a willingness to serve in places that are outside the usual to take help, hope and healing to the suffering in this world are what I prayerfully aspire to exemplify,” Marcia says.

Marcia graduated with a BS in biology from Andrews University in 1981 and with a Master of Science the following year. She went on to complete an internship at South Bend Medical Foundation School of Medical Technology, a Master of Science in medical technology, became a specialist in blood banking, studied transfusion medicine, and in 2005 completed a doctorate in educational leadership at Andrews.

Marcia says, “There are so many people who have accomplished so much that to be selected to receive the award is very humbling and I am very honored.”

Frances Faehner was cited for her compassion and skill as a counselor and communicator, her creative leadership and expertise in strategic planning and crisis management in Student Life.

She earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Andrews University in 1976, then went on to complete a master’s in counselor education from Loma Linda University and a PhD in leadership from Andrews in 2007.

After earning her bachelor’s degree, she gained five years of professional residence life experience on the secondary level as dean of girls, first at Bass Memorial Academy and then at Shenandoah Valley Academy.

In 1981 Frances joined the Loma Linda University/La Sierra Campus student services team as associate dean of women. There she caught a broader vision of the vital role that Student Services can play in the restoration of young men and women in a total educational process. She accepted an invitation to serve as dean of women in 1983, which incorporated the administration of five residence halls.

In 1985, Frances and her husband, David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, moved to Andrews where she served as dean of women until 2003. She found special joy in the nurture of students, staff training and development, spiritual and educational programming and financial and facility management, which she took to the next level when she became vice president for Student Life in 2003. A hallmark of Faehner’s leadership is the high level of care she presents in all situations to ensure every person feels valued and understood.

After 34 years of living in a residence hall and the arrival of two sons, Joshua and Jeremiah, the Faehners moved to a country home in 2001. They regularly open up their home to entertain students, alumni and colleagues. Over the past 13 years she has shared her legendary hospitality with an estimated 10,000 guests.

Frances says, “I am deeply humbled to receive the honor of the J.N. Andrews Medallion and am very thankful for the wonderful team of colleagues with whom I share my work. I love Andrews University and its extraordinary body of students with every fiber of my being.”
Teresa Reeve named Seminary associate dean

Historical nomination as the first female associate dean in seminary history

Teresa Reeve, associate professor of New Testament at Andrews University, has been chosen as the new associate dean of the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Reeve succeeds R. Clifford Jones, who is now serving as president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists following 19 years at the seminary, including ten years as associate dean.

Reeve comes to the position with several years of experience in teaching and ministry. She holds an MDiv from the seminary and a PhD from the University of Notre Dame, and has been teaching in the Department of New Testament at the seminary for 11 years.

“Reeve’s appointment is especially significant because she is the first female associate dean in seminary history,” says Jiří Moskala, seminary dean. “This is an historical nomination, and I am glad I can play a part in it. With this appointment comes unique diversity in our seminary.”

When asked about the significance of her role as first female associate seminary dean, Reeve says, “I will leave others to debate what the appointment means for the church. For the seminary, my appointment is simply an expression of our belief that every believer is gifted by God, and it is our responsibility as the body of Christ to put everyone to work for Him in the places most appropriate to their gifting.”

Reeve began her career as an elementary teacher, teaching in Adventist and Montessori schools for ten years and earning an MA in educational and developmental psychology from Andrews. She has developed materials and services in various aspects of child and family ministries for the General Conference and North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and AdventSource, including work with the Adventure Club and Sabbath School curricula.

Upon returning to Andrews to complete her MDiv, Reeve assisted the pastor and served as head elder at All Nations Church in Berrien Springs for several years, before completing her PhD and joining the New Testament department. During this time she has published numerous articles and served the church on a number of committees, including the Biblical Research Institute Committee, the Theology of Ordination Study Committee and the Seminary Deans’ Council.

“My central focus will be to work closely with the dean to pursue, in increasingly effective ways, our mission of preparing effective leaders to make disciples in preparation for Jesus’ soon coming,” says Reeve. “I especially hope to prioritize preparing students to work in a diverse, multicultural church by providing training, experiences and a diverse faculty that can serve as the needed educators and role models.”

Reeve says that she feels humbled by her appointment, but is counting on our gracious and mighty God for His wisdom and leading.

“I love my God, my church, and our seminary,” she says. “I am excited about serving the faculty and students and about seeking together the possibilities of the future and planning and working together in God’s wisdom for the service of His kingdom.”

Condon presents at 2014 Conference on Philanthropy

Highlighting alumni administration as the oldest profession within institutional advancement

Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, presented “100 years of Alumni Associations: Looking back, Moving Forward with Alumni” at the 2014 Conference on Philanthropy on June 24 in Baltimore, Maryland. Alumni administration is the oldest profession within institutional advancement.

With nearly 10 years of experience in alumni relations, Tami was invited to share insight on the historic roots, current challenges, and future goals of this profession. She discussed how technology continues to allow alumni offices to do more with less, such as utilizing mobile apps for distributing digital media.

These apps serve as an environmentally sustainable, affordable and globally accessible way to reach our alumni. Partnerships across campus are also essential, especially a closer integration with development and enrollment, where alumni events and alumni volunteers have proven effective in engaging prospective students and mentoring incoming classes. The key to reaching global constituents is creativity, collaboration and the willingness to adjust one’s strategies within a moment’s notice. The Andrews University Alumni Association is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary (1914–2014).
The 2014-15 school year includes an exciting opportunity for professors Øystein and Asta LaBianca. Øystein is the associate director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of anthropology and Asta is instructor of English, both at Andrews University, and both have a long-standing involvement with Andrews’ archaeological dig at Tall Hisban in Jordan.

Øystein’s involvement has included working with Terje Stordalen, a professor at the University of Oslo in Norway. During the coming school year, Øystein will be based at the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) at the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters in Oslo. This appointment is part of the CAS’s annual selection of three research projects they fully fund and host for ten months.

Terje and Øystein's project, “Local Dynamics of Globalization in the Pre-Modern Southern Levant,” is the CAS’s humanities project this year. Projects are selected based on a rigorous vetting process involving Norwegian and international review teams. The multidisciplinary and international team of eight full-time researchers was awarded a generous grant to collaborate on their research.

“We’re looking to understand the role of canonized texts such as the Bible and the Koran in influencing and shaping the cultural and political programs in the pre-modern southern Levant—Israel, Jordan and Palestine,” says Øystein. “Particularly we’re interested in those that were championed by kings and emperors.”

“This research will contribute insight into the impact of globalization on traditional sources of cultural and political legitimacy, social order and conflict in the region today,” he adds.

Øystein's input to this collaboration will be his research on the role of “great” (imperial) and “little” (local) traditions in shaping changes over time in the way of life of the inhabitants of Tall Hisban since early Iron Age times (1300 BC) to the present. In addition to contributing chapters to joint publications of the research group, Øystein aims to complete writing the final volume in the 14-volume series about Tall Hisban, *Hisban in Global History*.

Asta has been part of many field seasons in Jordan and has helped gather ethnographic information about the way of life of the present-day population living in vicinity of the ancient archaeological mound.

She will serve as lead editor and contributing author of the fourth and final publication of the series about Tall Hisban, *Ethnarchaeological Foundations*. Kristin Witzel, adjunct professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, will also be assisting with this volume.

“This part will document and explain the nature of various ‘little traditions’ observed in the village of Hisban in the recent past,” says Asta. “This includes residential flexibility, hospitality, honor and shame and tribalism.”

A faculty research grant from the Andrews University Office of Research & Creative Scholarship has enabled two undergraduate anthropology majors, Brittany Swart and Doneva Walker, to assist the LaBiancas with computerizing archival records, ethnographic notes, photographs and relevant articles. This will make them accessible in digitized form in Oslo for Asta’s use.

Rachel Williams-Smith authors book

*Powerful, true story about a girl raised in a home of religious extremism*

“It’s easy to ignore that soft voice saying you need to do something,” says Rachel Williams-Smith, chair of the Andrews University Department of Communication. “But the effect my story has on those who hear it tells me there’s something in it that people need.”

In July, Williams-Smith’s book, *Born Yesterday*, was published in e-book format. What started as an auto-ethnography (a study of one’s self set in culture) is now an intensely powerful, true story about a girl raised in a home of religious extremism; a child born in the 20th century and raised in the 19th.

“My life is not my own,” she says. “I’ve grown tremendously in my faith and in my respect and admiration for God as a result of this project. He says that all things work together for good to them that love Him and He keeps His promise. That’s amazing for me to see. I live my life with the knowledge that God is alive and real and actively working in my life. He has drawn me closer to Him through this project, and it started the day I was born.”

The print version of Williams-Smith’s book is also available.

Rachel Williams-Smith
Winston & Jeanie Craig retire to the northwest
Where they will continue to lead a very active life of service in academia and missions

Winston and Jeanie Craig recently moved to Walla Walla, Washington, after retiring from service at Andrews University on June 1 and June 11, respectively. Winston taught in and chaired the Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness in the School of Health Professions for 26 years and Jeanie was the office manager for the Department of Christian Ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for 15 years.

Before joining the Andrews faculty in 1987, Winston taught at many colleges and universities, including Kingsway College, Ontario, Canada, the Adventist College of West Africa, Nigeria, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.

“Interacting with Adventist youth at different venues around the world has been a joy of my work.”

Born in Victoria, Australia, Winston graduated with honors from the University of Newcastle, Australia in 1968, where he received a BS in chemistry. He went on to earn his PhD at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, in 1971. His dissertation is titled “Studies in Labdane Terpenoid Chemistry.” He also studied at Loma Linda University, California, where he received his Master of Public Health in 1975.

Winston became chair of the Andrews University Department of Nutrition (which became Nutrition & Wellness and is now Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness) in 1993. In the early 1990s the department had four to six graduates and about 35 majors. In 2013 there were more than 100 majors and 20 graduates along with 18 dietetic interns. The dietetic internship program went from eight students at six sites to 20 students at 12 sites scattered from Michigan to Florida and west to Texas. During this time period, the department also successfully went through three challenging accreditations.

Another advancement that Winston facilitated was the development of vibrant fitness programs. The department now offers a BS in Exercise Science and Wellness. A major change in the wellness component of general education requirements was also facilitated. Students had to select from a variety of courses aimed at improving personal fitness (rather than just playing sporting games for wellness credit) and the Fit for Life course was structured to help students develop a strategy for lifetime changes to help them develop a fitness mindset when they leave Andrews University.

“My overall favorite teaching experience was teaching Nutrition and Wellness (FDNT 448) and sharing all the latest research to enthusiastic nutrition students to show how to prevent and ameliorate major chronic diseases in the U.S.,” says Winston.

Winston has given workshops/seminars in about 40 countries around the world (from Norway to New Zealand; from Peru to Philippines and Papua New Guinea; from Bulgaria to Bolivia), representing Andrews to the world-at-large and meeting people with various backgrounds and interesting cultures and tasting of their enthusiasm for learning about nutrition and health. “Interacting with Adventist youth at different venues around the world has been a joy of my work,” he says. “Helping the international students at Andrews University with their financial challenges was a rewarding experience. I felt a special calling to that mission.” He also enjoyed his work as the sponsor of two student clubs: the South Pacific Division Club for 20 years and the Ghanaian Club for 25 years.

He is a prolific author, having written eight books and over 300 articles for magazines, including 90 for Vibrant Life, and the monthly health column for Lake Union Herald for the past 11 years. Winston has also written 10 chapters for scholarly books and was co-author of the position paper on vegetarian diets for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Jeanie served the needs of five chairmen, as well as the Seminary chaplain, during the time she worked for the Department of Christian Ministry. She says, “It was truly a wonderful place to work. I was blessed by each one of my bosses and working associates who consistently displayed a kind and caring spirit. I loved working with the entire Seminary staff during special events when everyone worked hard and pulled together as a team. It made the work so much fun and I will miss those times particularly... I will miss the students’ smiles and hugs, sharing stories with many of them, and listening to their joys, woes and worries. In short, I will miss the opportunity for ministry to a unique and special group of people on campus.”

Retirement for Winston and Jeanie will be very full. Already, Winston has presented at a global health conference in Geneva, Switzerland in July, taught two courses for the new Certificate in Health and Wellness at Newbold College in Bracknell, England, and presented at camp meeting in Northern California. This fall he will be teaching a chemistry course at Walla Walla University and has plans to give seminars in Singapore, South Africa and Argentina during the school year.

Jeanie and he are both going to work for Gospel Outreach in Walla Walla with its ministry to the 10/40 window of the world. Jeanie will also be employed by Walla Walla University to help with their mentoring program for freshmen, and both of them will enjoy being closer to their son’s family in Walla Walla.
twenty years of vision and leadership
1994-2014
Niels-Erik had arrived on campus as a young theology student fresh from Europe 30 years earlier and completed two degrees at what was then a brand new university. Demetra Lougani, who had met him when they were both students at Newbold College in England, also came to Andrews and studied home economics. In September of 1965, the Andreasens married, uniting the cultures of their homelands, Denmark and Greece.

Andreasen reminisced about those early years when he returned to Andrews, remembering the colorful fall student experiences, "It was a period of discovery, both intellectual and very much personal discovery." The Andrews University that Andreasen found when he first arrived in the United States was so new that the administration building was still under construction. "I used to walk down the path," he said, "and kind of cross over to the sidewalk while they were excavating." How could he have imagined then that those excavations would become the foundations for the very building in which he would reside for 20 years—in the presidential office?

"If you are a practicing, believing Seventh-day Adventist you are a believer in education. If you push our faith, our church, our Christian life, together into one hard matter, like a nucleus, what is in there? There’s faith and there’s learning. It’s not just something we do in a classroom. It’s what we believe in.”

Niels-Erik Andreasen, 2006
The search committee and subsequently the University Board had many strong reasons for inviting Niels-Erik Andreasen to return to his alma mater as president: his scholarship, his record of excellence as a teacher, his administrative experience, his international profile and his commitment to young people and their education. But what was it about Andrews University that recommended the institution to Andreasen as he considered taking on the new position? He did not underestimate or have any “illusions” about the “enormity” of the challenge that was being offered to him, as he said at the time: faculty who are always willing to offer direction from the “backseat,” “lively students, sometimes forgotten staff, difficult budgets, aging buildings, and growing expectations by everyone.”

As he looks back now, says Andreasen, the two main “pillars” of Andrews that attracted him to join the University as its president were its “international outreach” and its “serious academic profile.” He still remembers, during his visit to campus, sitting down with W. Richard Lesher, the outgoing president, and discovering in the course of their conversation that the scope of Andrews’ affiliations and extension programs and its involvement in international education was even greater than he had previously realized. The international nature of the school and its potential for developing its role in education worldwide appealed to him as an “interesting challenge,” partly because of his own background.

Andreasen was also impressed, when he arrived at Andrews, with the “energy of academic life” at the University. Everywhere he looked, he said, he saw potential, from the resources to the students to the faculty. The academic depth and breadth he found allowed him to envision an exciting future for Andrews University: “Our church...needs this comprehensive university that has an international reputation—a leading educational institution.” It was those two things—Andrews’ international character and academic soundness—that brought him back to the Midwest in spite of the winters.

Andrews has certainly changed since Andreasen picked his way through the mud and the snow of his earliest winters on campus as a student. Has it also changed in the 20 years since he said yes to Andrews and to leading the institution? Many will simply point to the physical changes that have transformed the campus, new buildings such as the Howard Performing Arts Center, a renovated and expanded Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and Buller Hall as the cornerstone of the Undergraduate Learning Center, as well as a new entrance that creates a more inviting bridge between Andrews and its community.

Andreasen himself prefers to point to other markers of growth and maturity. The two “pillars” that first impressed him are still here, he argues, but they have changed and advanced. Gone are the days, for instance, when international

“Dr. Andreasen has always had a broad view of Adventist education. What can we do to reach the largest number of students? How do we overcome such barriers as political unrest, unwelcome geography, economic instability? He was one of the first leaders in Adventist education to see the potential for distance education to make a difference, to reach populations of students unable to attend a campus. Because of his support and vision, Andrews University has embraced distance education, thereby making it possible to provide an Andrews University education to students around the world—from Canada to Vietnam.”

Alayne Thorpe
Dean, School of Distance Education
education at Andrews meant getting on a plane to deliver teachers and coursework and administrative advice to sites in other countries. The advances in technology have already changed the ways in which Andrews supports the learning process and will continue to do so. Plane tickets have been exchanged for Skype and a whole host of other technological inventions. Andreasen is especially excited about the blending of Andrews University with Griggs University, which is becoming its School of Distance Education and expanding the University’s international outreach. “Andrews is on the pathway to being truly a contemporary international university,” he says.

But Andreasen’s vision for Andrews’ role in international education also goes beyond the individual learner. He travels tirelessly to advance the cause of Andrews University, his first concern; he also travels to advise and support other institutions that look to Andrews for affiliation and mentoring. Because of the University’s connection to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he points out, it enjoys a relationship with a very large, international community: “...this is really a university for the 21st century world, courtesy of the church.” Andrews, he maintains, needs to play “a responsible role” in this broader, world community. For him that means advising and assisting institutions until they can apply for charters of their own. “We’re just midwives,” he says, “to give birth to universities around the world.”

As to the second “pillar” of academic seriousness, Andreasen sees an increased interest and productivity in research. He points to the recent appointment of Gary Burdick as associate dean of research for the School of Graduate Studies & Research as only one indication of the University’s increased commitment to encouraging faculty research. He finds it very promising to talk with the “bright young” scholars who come to interview for jobs at Andrews. As many of them are just coming out of graduate programs, they already have the habits of research, and Andreasen likes to tell them, “Just keep learning.” Andrews, he maintains, can remain the “flagship” only by “teaching very well” and “having residential expertise, broad-based and of high quality.” When he arrived 20 years ago, Andreasen says, Andrews was still “fighting for [its] claim” to the status of a serious academic institution; now it has matured and wears that status more naturally.

Andrews University’s maturing process over the last 20 years has been facilitated considerably by the stability it has enjoyed under the leadership of one person during an unusually long period of time—for a university president. McBride talks about how long-term stability in a university setting allows for the cultivation of all kinds of relationships, “donor relationships, faculty relationships—you just can’t do that without tenure, without being there.” And the relationships allow a president to “operationalize the vision,” “to implement the development of his ideas.” Hamel agrees that the “continuity” is very important: “An organization that has been around nearly 140 years has legacy, and part of that legacy is long-term relationships with the faculty, the programs, the constituents, the alumni, the donor base, the community... That is part of an organization’s assets and capital that are hard to quantify but are immensely important.”

Andreasen himself, although he is reluctant to talk about the impact of this particular president over the past 20 years, acknowledges that “whatever has happened at Andrews...always took time. It never happened quickly.” Every endeavor that has been undertaken—accreditation issues, fund-raising for buildings, growing the endowment, developing distance education with the integration of Griggs University—has required a significant “gestation period.” Hamel concurs. If a university president is given only a three-year or five-year horizon, he says, the institution limits what can be accomplished. In a short tenure, one can merely manage the budget, not really lead for the future.

The one “dent” (as Andreasen calls it) in the stability of the past 20 years occurred in 2006. Veteran faculty like McBride refer to it as Andrews’ own “March Madness.” In a moment of unrest on the board, the members removed Andreasen from the presidency of the University, an action that stunned the campus. Several weeks later, he was fully reinstated. Looking back, people still shake their heads in bewilderment over this unusual (and again historic) event in the University’s
story, but for most the incident has become merely a blip on the screen. That, says Hamel, is largely a tribute to Andreasen’s stature and leadership. But for Andreasen that episode meant months of reassuring constituents and donors and the accrediting association, letting everyone know that equilibrium and continuity had been restored at the University.

While an anniversary usually encourages the participants to review the past, Andreasen prefers to look forward. He has dreams for the Andrews University to come and constantly champions the cause of Adventist higher education. First of all, he wants to see Andrews continue the high quality of education that first attracted him to the University, through research and quality teaching. Then the institution, Andreasen believes, needs to define clearly its focus and tell its story in such a way that it becomes a “magnet for students.”

In this regard, according to Andreasen, Andrews University’s connection to the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a definite asset. The church gives the school its history and its educational philosophy: “We belong to a church and that is an important belonging. It gives us an opportunity to go back to our roots and identify the things that distinguish us so that our reason for being becomes clearly marked and we become a destination school.” Just one example of a return to its roots, says Andreasen, is the University’s renewed emphasis on healthful living, including the plans to build a new health and wellness center.

Andreasen envisions that, with a clear commitment to excellence and a story to tell, Andrews then needs to be as inclusive as possible in drawing in students, bringing as many people as possible under its large “umbrella.” And that shouldn’t be hard, he notes: “Adventist education has a lot to offer the world at large; we have the solutions to the problems they’re wrestling with in higher education.” Andreasen gives a couple of examples. Many secular institutions are plagued by problems with heavy drinking and casual sex among students. Adventist education, he points out, has a tradition of addressing lifestyle issues and setting healthy boundaries. In higher education in general there is a great deal of conversation and concern about the high cost of education. Again—Adventist education has a tradition of keeping down costs and involving students in contributing to their educational expenses.

Andrews and Adventist education have no need to be apologetic about what they can offer, says Andreasen. “The best ideals of Adventist education,” as he likes to call them—education that is “developmental, comprehensive, holistic,” based on a “theology that cares about all kinds of relationships”—offer alternatives and answers to public issues. And that’s what all our educational endeavors come down to, Andreasen concludes. The most important question we can ask, he says, is: “What do we contribute to the public good?”

Although Dr. Andreasen is hesitant to talk about his own record at Andrews, long-time observers, like some of those original search committee members, believe that he has brought distinct strengths to the presidency. Duane McBride particularly admires that Andreasen is able to speak effectively to a wide variety of audiences and that “they come away being impressed that this represents the best of what academia is in the church and in the world community.” For Loren Hamel, one of Andreasen’s most important qualities is what he is not—“He is not by nature a polarizing figure.” Instead he is “calming and reassuring.” As a result, says Hamel, Andreasen has been able “artfully to create comfort and trust among people of different ideologies.” And that, Hamel reminds us, is very hard work.

Whenever Andreasen’s presidency and legacy are praised, one asset—one person—is consistently mentioned: Demetra Andreasen. She has bravely endured 20 Michigan winters, warmly welcomed thousands of guests into her home, enhanced the profile of Andrews University in the community through her volunteer efforts and projects. For the first ten years of the Andreasens’ tenure at Andrews, Demetra worked in the Public Relations office, serving as a liaison between the University and the community as coordinator of community relations. She has laughed her way into the hearts of the Andrews family and blessed many with her spiritual insights. She is the other half of a presidential team. Loren Hamel underlines Demetra’s importance to the success of the last 20 years: “She has allowed Niels-Erik to thrive, she has helped the University to thrive, she has helped build relationships.” Stella Greig says of her friend Demetra, “She never met a stranger that she didn’t try to put at
“One of the major impacts of Dr. Andreasen’s 20-year tenure is symbolized by the new J.N. Andrews Boulevard, Andrew’s new front door. It boldly connects Andrews to the world it seeks to serve and welcomes everyone to come and sample the richness and rigor of an Adventist university. This connection of Andrews to the world is manifested in many ways, including:

The Howard Performing Arts Center, which draws thousands of friends and neighbors throughout Southwest Michigan to a unique view of the Andrews campus.

The adoption of Griggs University, which has moved the walls of Andrews’ scholarship and degrees around the world until there are no walls.

Andreasen’s role as an ambassador for Adventist higher education to the world, both advising and developing affiliations with Adventist educational institutions around the globe. Even with his extensive travels, he remains readily accessible to students and faculty.

These initiatives have made it clear that Andrews University is not a retreat from the world while earning a degree, but rather, a community developing itself for service to the world—starting with the first day of classes.”

Paul Stokstad
Co-chair, President’s Council, member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees
ease or make into a friend." Her observation is that the Andreasens have blended their cultural backgrounds and differences and their personal, complementary strengths into a strong marriage and an effective “first couple.”

An institution with an international student body and outreach searched for a leader with international experience. A Danish-born scholar with a Greek-born partner and an international educational background of his own was attracted to a school engaged in international education. History was made when the University hired its first president born outside the United States. As Loren Hamel puts it, “The diversity within your first family, the international flavor within your first family in a diverse international organization is exactly the right thing.”

A university looking for a serious scholar also found a scholar looking for an institution with academic gravitas. Was it a match made in heaven? Stella Greig says of the search process, “We felt that God really had a hand in things.”

As for Niels-Erik Andreasen, he insists that the last 20 years are not the story of one person. They are, he says, “an Andrews story.”

Meredith Jones Gray is chair of the Department of English and author of As We Set Forth
Alumni Homecoming
September 25–28, 2014

Highlights of the weekend will include:
- Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Andrews Alumni Association
- Harvest Picnic and Wagon Tours
- Grand Opening of the Andrews Trails
- 5K/10K Run and Fitness Expo
- Homecoming Gala Concert
...and much more

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Please go online to update your class member information and the missing classmates list.

Honored Alumni 2014
- Glenn (BA ’54, MA ’68) and Mary Alice (BA ’54, MA ’68) Hill
- Samir Serrano (BA ’94, BS ’94)

For up-to-date information, schedule of events, or to RSVP and access forms, please visit alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.
1940s

When Noble Vining (BA ’41) attended the Chattanooga regional event last year he was recognized as one of the first three students of Emmanuel Missionary College to be drafted into the U.S. Army in the first draft before Pearl Harbor. The other two were Lloyd Kidder (MA ’64, deceased) and Allan Buller (BA ’41, deceased). Vining oversaw the set-up of a hospital with the help of several soldiers, who were not medics, in the huge dining room of the Queen Elizabeth before they sailed in November 1942. Fortunately, a hospital unit came aboard and we gladly transferred the operation of the hospital to their care. Noble writes, “I have such good memories of my three upper-class years at EMC. It fell my lot as a pressman in the College Press to print the Student Movement as well as the Union paper most of the time. Am looking forward to the next alumni meeting in Chattanooga. Hopefully I can be there. I will be 96 in September which is just days away. The Lord has been good to me. We’ve got so much to look forward to.”

1960s

Richard Lee Scott (BA ’67) and Dixie Lee (Beardsley) Scott (BS ’01) were married August 23, 1964, in Gobles, Michigan. Upon graduation from Andrews University, Richard served on staff as physical education teacher and dean of boys at Cedar Lake Academy in Cedar Lake, Michigan until 1971. He received a call to be the dean of men at Andrews University where he and Dixie served for 13 years, dedicating their lives to serving the young men on campus. In 1984 the Scotts accepted a position at Camp Au Sable as the assistant manager and camp cook, respectively, serving the youth campers and church members who visited.

They returned to Andrews University in 1991, when Richard accepted the role of Plant Services manager and Dixie joined the staff, serving first in the College of Arts & Sciences deans’ office and then in the Department of Physical Therapy. She recently retired as director of admissions for physical therapy. Richard continues to lead and serve as the director of Facilities Management at Andrews University and has overseen the development of many new building projects on campus during his tenure.

The Scotts have two children: daughter Shelley (BS ’94) and her husband Duane Bolin of Charlotte, Michigan, and son Bill (BS ’95, MSPT ’96) and his wife April (BS ’98) of Buchanan, Michigan. They also have four grandchildren: Kaitlyn Rigg, Matthew Rigg, Connor Scott and Brooke Scott. Happy 50th Anniversary!

Dick Stenbakken (MA ’64, MDiv ’65) has produced 60+ first-person biblical presentations that have been shown at local schools, churches and other events all over the world. He is an avid student and collector of first century Roman artifacts. Following his education at Andrews University, he earned an MA in marriage and family Counseling in 1974, then two degrees in family and community education from Columbia University, an MeD in 1980 and EdD in 1989.

This April, Stenbakken received word that one of his new TV shows won a Silver Award at the Houston International Film Festival. “The Dorchester Story” relates the saga of four Army chaplains who gave their life vests to others around them after their ship had been torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. Survivors saw the four chaplains linked arm-in-arm at the railing of the ship, singing and praying as the Dorchester went down into the icy waters. The Houston International Film Festival is one of three international film festivals in North America. This year there were over 550 filmmakers present for the ten-day event with over 4,500 entries in the various categories. “The Dorchester Story” won Silver in the TV Documentary Series.

Dick served 24 years on active duty as an Army chaplain, retiring in 1992 at the rank of full Colonel (0-6) to take up responsibilities as the director of Chaplaincy Ministries at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, serving there until 2005. He was a frequent speaker at the U.S. Senate/staff prayer luncheons and Pentagon prayer breakfasts.

Nikolaus Satelmajer (BA ’68, MDiv ’71, DMin ’89) Andrews University, received a Master of Sacred Theology (with distinction) from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, in the field of church history (Reformation studies). His thesis was titled, “A Bold Sixteenth-Century Mission: The First New Testaments for Croats, Bosnians, Serbs, Bulgarians, and Turks.” Satelmajer retired from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists where he was associate ministerial secretary and editor of Ministry. Since retired he has authored/edited four
books and is developing resources for church leaders. Additionally, he has served as interim senior pastor of several congregations and guest professor at several institutions.

**1970s**

Susan Ellen Robinson Smith (BA ’72) has been a teacher and administrator at Calexico Mission School (CMS) for the last 20 years. She has served as principal for 12 years. CMS is the biggest (325 students presently) and oldest mission school in North America. Her husband Thomas Smith (BA ’67) taught at CMS for 16 years and retired in 2010. They have one daughter, Kethrine, and two grandsons.

Celia Jill Althage (BA ’69) is currently retired and enjoys volunteering at an elementary school library, crisis line for domestic violence, and court watch for domestic violence court. She loves traveling, ceramics and gardening.

**1990s**

In June 2014, Brent James Hamstra (BS ’92) became the chair of the chemistry department at Southern Adventist University, where he has taught since 1999. He lives in Ooltewah, Tennessee with his wife Emily, son Ben, and daughter Molly.

**2000s**

Elias Brasil de Souza (PhD ’05) is currently serving as associate director of the Biblical Research Institute, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Rodrigo M. Correa (BS ’05, DPT ’07) and Alaina Elder-Correa (BA ’09) received a wonderful blessing from God on November 11, 2013. Rodrigo writes, “Alessandra Elder Correa was given to us at a time that my wife and I thought we were unable to have children. After two years, we finally gave it to the Lord and surrendered our will to His will. Within a couple of months, we discovered that Alaina was pregnant.”

Tara VinCross (BA ’02, MDiv ’07, DMin ’14) received the 2014 Excellence in Doctor of Ministry Research Award for her project titled, “Discipleship Process as a Catalyst for Mission Orientation in the Chestnut Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church.” She is the senior pastor of Chestnut Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prior to coming to Chestnut Hill, she served as assistant youth and young adult director, Youth Challenge director and pastor in the Washington Conference. Her passions include helping people to find their gifts and purpose in ministry, and anything that brings the kingdom of God close to earth.
Camp meeting

Hundreds of people across the Lake Union, Lake Region, and New England Conferences enjoyed fellowship and strawberry shortcake.

Indiana
Saturday, June 21, 2014
Indiana Academy, Cicero, Indiana

Lake Region
Saturday, June 21, 2014
Camp Wagner, Cassopolis, Michigan

Michigan
Saturday, June 21, 2014
Cedar Lake Church, Cedar Lake, Michigan

1 Wisconsin
Saturday, June 28, 2014
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wisconsin
Current students Jason Judson and Courtney Mishleau, and Claudia Sowler (current staff), right, ready to serve happy alumni.

Southern New England
Saturday, June 28, 2014
Southern New England Campground
South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Northern New England
Saturday, July 5, 2014
Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine

2 Illinois
Saturday, July 26, 2014
Camp Akita, Gilson, Illinois
Roger (BMus ’81) & Amy (MMus ’79) Dickman

3 Michigan Upper Peninsula
Saturday, August 2, 2014
Camp Sagola, Crystal Falls, Michigan
Don (MDiv ’90, MSA ’91, current staff) and Elynda Bedney (MSA ’98, current staff) represented Andrews University in the UP.

Regional events

Michigan
Sunday, July 13, 2014
For this first-time event, alums met at Buca di Beppo Restaurant in Livonia, Michigan. Local alumnus Elwyn Hyde (BS ’80) offered prayer for the group, and Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA ’06, MBA ’09), Hebe Soares and Tami Condon (BS ’91, MA ’13) shared photos and updates from campus.

4 ASI/Michigan
Thursday, August 7, 2014
Local alumni and those attending the ASI Conference met in the Ambassador Ballroom at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel for a vegan Asian buffet dinner. Thomas Shepherd (MA ’86, PhD ’91) offered prayer, and Tami Condon (BS ’91, MA ’13) and Caryl-Lynn Ferguson (att.) presented prizes to those who correctly answered Michigan trivia. Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA ’06, MBA ’09) shared news.
Pand pictures of campus, after which President Niels-Erik Andreasen (MA ’65, BD ’66) took questions and offered the benediction.

Local events

5 Summer Commencement
Sunday, August 3, 2014
Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, welcomed a new group of graduates to membership in the Alumni Association. Each graduate also received a leather portfolio as they marched out of PMC. (Drone photo by Andriy Kharkovyy)

6 BSCF Reunion
August 8–10, 2014
Friends from the late-60s to the mid-70s gathered together in Elgin, Illinois recently to celebrate God’s blessings on their lives and reflect on fond Andrews memories. The planners/hostesses of the gathering were Jeanne Potter-Braithwaite (BS ’76) and Terri Dallas-Prunskis (BS ’77).

7 Alumni Lend-A-Hand Move-In
Sunday, August 17, 2014
Local alumni came out once again this year to help new students carry their belongings into the residence halls. Local alumna Lianne Pitcher (BSW ’92) baked homemade goodies for volunteers, incoming new students and parents. Thank you to everyone who showed up to support this great event!

8 Get the Scoop Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 17, 2014
Members from the Development and Alumni Services offices teamed up to serve new students and their parents at the annual ice cream social. M&M toppings were offered, along with the opportunity to capture this momentous occasion with a silly photo at the alumni photo booth.

9 Legacy Parents Reception
Monday, August 18, 2014
Legacy parents enjoyed paging through yearbooks and reminiscing together. Many had the chance to share Andrews memories, while supporting each other during this exciting time of transition and change.

10 Alumni Barbecue and Mentor Event
Friday, August 22, 2014
Local alumni were invited to serve as mentors during this annual event held during orientation for new students. About 30 alumni joined us, some traveling as far as two hours to participate. Alums were as recent as August graduates, chosen to inspire new students as they begin their college journey. They ate with their mentor group, joined icebreaker activities, and shared thoughts on how to be successful in college. Overall, it was a win-win experience for all involved.
Approximately one quarter of the new students coming through FIRST STOP on Sunday, August 17, 2014 during the New Student Orientation were Legacy students—students with a sibling, parent(s) and/or grandparent(s) who attended Andrews. The Alumni Association celebrated this legacy connection in several ways by taking photos of the family, providing Alumni Benefit cards to Legacy parents, and giving Legacy ID holders and lanyards to Legacy students.
Alumni news

Alumni calendar of events
For more information visit us online at www.andrews.edu/alumni/ or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

September
10 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan

25–28 Homecoming Weekend
See page 23 for details.

October
12 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan

12 Maryland Regional Event
6 p.m.
Location to be determined

12 New York Regional Event
6 p.m.
Nick’s Pizza
1814 2nd Ave, New York, NY

November
16 Bermuda Regional Event
11 a.m.
Window on the Sound
The Fairmont Southampton
101 South Rd, Southampton, Bermuda

17 Parent Night Reception
6:30 p.m.
Bermuda Institute
234 Middle Rd, Bermuda

18 College Fair
9 a.m.
Bermuda Institute
234 Middle Rd, Bermuda

January 2015
14 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan

18 College Fair
9 a.m.
Bermuda Institute
234 Middle Rd, Bermuda

February
5 Indianapolis Regional Event
In conjunction with AUPT Combined Sections Meeting (CSM)
Location to be determined

8 Newport Beach Regional Event
11 a.m.
Sam & Harry’s
Newport Beach Marriott
900 Newport Center Dr
Newport Beach, California

8 San Diego Regional Event
In conjunction with One Project
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
275 5th Ave, San Diego, California

11 Riverside Regional Event
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
3191 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, California

18 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan

18 Alumni vs. Student Hockey Game
8 p.m.
Ice Box Skating Rink
1421 South Walnut St
South Bend, Indiana

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you’re interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

RSVP for an event: RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp

Who are alumni?
If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you’re a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you’re invited to be our honored guest at any of the above alumni gatherings.

L–R: Ruth Ann (Baldwin) Cottrell (MAT ’61), Glenn D. Garbutt (BA ’61), Bill Briggs (BSAS ’83, BArch ’86), Stanley Cottrell (BA ’64), Bonnie Briggs (BBA ’86)

Would you be interested in serving as a local host for an alumni gathering? Or maybe you’d be willing to sponsor an event in your area? How about serving on our Alumni Board of Directors? Connecting with students as a mentor? We’d love to hear from you! Email alumni@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3591.
Deaths

Ernest Mario Berlin
(former staff), 98, of Berrien Springs, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at his home. On April 5, 1916, in Cantelupe, Italy, Ernie was the firstborn child of Thomas and Christina (Monaco) Berlin. He proudly served with the United States Navy during World War II. He became a Berrien Springs resident in 1966 when he moved from Chicago.

He was a brick mason by trade, and he had been self-employed as well as working for Andrews University. Ernie served for 27 years as a greeter at the Andrews Hall welcome desk. Ernie was proud to be a member of the transportation department at Andrews University. From 1979 to 1981, Carl served as the principal driver of the University bus and sponsored the “Chapter One” singing group as well as traveling with the Gymbics. In 1981 Carl became the manager of the Thomas Market owned by Andrews University until the market was closed in 1982 due to new highway construction.

In 1984, Carl packed up his family once again and moved to Liberty, Maine. He officially “retired” on December 31, 1998 and enjoyed traveling to visit his family during the next decade.

Carl’s volunteer retirement activities included: Belmont firefighter, Liberty and Belmont constable, president of Waldo Co. Law Enforcement Association and Belmont Fireman’s Association, and pastor at Searsmont Seventh-day Adventist Church. He enjoyed giving Bible studies, especially to young people, and took great joy in introducing people of all ages to Jesus. Carl’s family will remember him as a comedian, singer, storyteller, handyman, and most of all, a strong spiritual leader.

Carl will be greatly missed by his wife, Elaine, in 1998; son-in-law, Hitoshi Takizawa; three sisters—Helen Parise, Jean Nordberg and Mary Lyman; and a brother, Thomas.

Ellen Dolores “Del” Welch
(BS ’64, MAT ’71), 94, of Berrien Springs, died June 13, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan. Del was born June 21, 1919, in Grindstone City, Michigan, the only child of Thomas and Mabel Cook. She achieved an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree from Andrews University, and she taught elementary school for 22 years in Hollywood School (Stevensville) and Benton Harbor.

Del will be affectionately remembered for her love of teaching children and her caring and compassionate “motherly qualities” to many. A highly organized woman, she welcomed change and took life in stride. Del lived her faith, which was evident to everyone she came in contact with.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Rex; grandchildren, Chad (LaToya) Braun and Craig (Chris) Braun; twin seven-year-old great-grandchildren, Finn and Muriell Braun; and her daughters-in-law, Bonnie and Norma Braun. In addition to her parents, Del was preceded in death by her son, Donald Braun.

Clarence “Rex” Lowe Jr.
(former staff), 86, of Baroda, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

Rex was born September 3, 1927, in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Clarence and Blanche (Boyll) Lowe Sr. He proudly served his country with the United States Army.

On March 7, 1948, he married Marilyn Hutson in Terre Haute. He was a carpenter by trade, and he worked for Andrews University Plant Services from 1969 until his retirement in 1992. He built many cabinets and bookcases for the University, including Maplewood Apartments. He had also worked in maintenance at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

In June 1955, Carl graduated from the Everett Vocational High School where he studied printing. From 1955 to 1957, he worked for Review and Herald Publishing in Maryland. At the time he was the highest paid apprentice in the pressroom, making 90 cents/hr.

He married Elizabeth Bell Fessenden on August 9, 1959. He was a man of many talents, which he used in a wide variety of occupations: printing apprentice, painter, OR/ER tech, singing evangelist, professional driver, summer camp cook, and manager of produce market as well as Liberty General Store and Mobil gas station. Carl was drafted into the U.S. Army as an E5 medic in 1959 and received an honorable discharge in 1965. In 1970, he graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science and worked as a mortician and funeral director for several years.

In January 1979, Carl moved his family to Michigan where he had an opportunity to work in the transportation department at Andrews University. From 1979 to 1981, Carl served as the principal driver of the University bus and sponsored the “Chapter One” singing group as well as traveling with the Gymbics. In 1981 Carl became the manager of the Thomas Market owned by Andrews University until the market was closed in 1982 due to new highway construction.

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Carl will be greatly missed by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth (Fessenden) Barnaby; three daughters: Sheryl and Bryan Calhoun of West Virginia, Rhonda (current staff) and Evan Peak of Michigan; and Sharon and James Shinn of Georgia; eight grandchildren: Jennifer, Stephanie and Allison Calhoun; Justin, Elise and Layton Peak; Kyra and Keanu Shinn. He was preceded...
Minerva Elizabeth Straman  
(BA ’56, MA ’62, EdD ’79, former faculty), 81, of Berrien Springs, died suddenly on July 10, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family.

Minerva was born January 14, 1933, to Constantine and Maria Constantine in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Riverside High School and Windsor Business College. She then attended and graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts in education and minors in home economics and biology.

Minerva began her teaching career at the Southfield Junior Academy in Detroit, Michigan. During her time in college she became friends with Russell Straman (BA ’54) and they eventually married on May 22, 1960. They moved to Berrien Springs and, in 1962, they unexpectedly became proud parents of twin boys, Timothy and Thomas, the joy of their lives.

She took a few years off to be with her sons, also working part-time in Eau Claire and Berrien Springs Public Schools. She then joined the staff at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School where she taught 7th and 8th grade English. While teaching full-time on the Andrews University campus, Minerva earned a Master of Arts in instruction and supervision in 1962. In 1979 she earned an EdD in psychology and counseling while studying with her mentor, Ruth Murdoch.

Her first love was in the classroom, but with some encouragement, in 1983 Minerva became the principal at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. During her tenure, the school enrollment continued to grow and prosper under her leadership.

In 1993, she joined the faculty of St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana. While teaching Methods of Junior High and Educational Psychology and Supervision, she supervised numerous student teachers in schools throughout the Michiana area. She retired from St. Mary’s in 2003.

Survivors are her sons, Timothy (BS ’85) and Thomas (BBA ’88) Straman of Berrien Springs. She is also survived by her two brothers: Emil (AIT ’80) and his wife Joyce (former faculty) Constantine of Centerville, Ohio and Gregory (BA ’60, former faculty) and his wife Sharon (att., former staff) Constantine of Berrien Center; one sister, Aurelia Rae (Constantine) Holman (BMus ’60, MA ’65, PhD ’85, former faculty) of Benton Harbor; sisters-in-law, Brenda Constantine of Carmel, Indiana, and Marcell (Straman) Moore (BS ’54) of Berrien Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Constantine and Maria Constantine; her husband, Russell T. Straman; her youngest brother, George N. Constantine (BA ’87); and her older sister, Helen M. (Constantine) Lungu.

Douglas F. Wacker (BA ’54) died April 8, 2014, in Summerfield, Florida, after a long struggle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born Sept. 3, 1932, to the late Fred and Louise Wacker of Flint, Michigan, in the small bedroom of their home. His sister Dolores and brother Duane (att.) were born in the same bedroom by the same doctor.

Dr. Doug, as he was lovingly called by his patients and staff, held his dad as an example of great men. His dad demanded the best and pushed Doug to excel.

Doug became a minister for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1954. Six days after they were introduced to their first church, he tragically lost his first wife Sally and their soon-to-be-born baby girl to polio.

He left the ministry in 1956 and returned to college to finish pre-med. After serving in Germany with the military for two years, Doug returned to California and graduated from Loma Linda University with his MD in 1964. He found his chosen field after watching an ENT surgeon give hearing back to a hearing impaired patient.

During this time of medical education, he remarried and had three children. His family was the dream and desire of his life. However, the very fabric of this dream would be permeated, like a drop of black India ink in a glass of water, a story of its own. Daina, Anne and Alan survive, as does a single granddaughter Deanna.

Doug thoroughly enjoyed his career in medicine. He practiced medicine in Lansing, Michigan, for 38 years before he retired in 2007.

He became a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, a Fellow in the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and a Fellow in the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He enjoyed the responsibilities of being chief of ENT at Sparrow and St. Lawrence Hospitals, and also chaired the Legislative Committee of the Ingham County Medical Society.

He considered teaching medical students as an associate professor of surgery at MSU Department of Surgery a privilege.

Over his last decade as a surgeon, he dedicated his spare time to Sparrow Hospital.

For the last 26 years of his life, he found his soul mate Dee Logé (att.). She became his wife, lover, business manager, confidant and world traveling companion. She also brought two wonderful children into his life from a former marriage, Cynthia (Hyde) Griffith and grandchildren Emma (Josh) Hahn, Luke and Lily, and LCDR Makaala (Lisa) Mazat and grandchildren Sydney, Avery and Caroline.
Elaine L. Waller (former staff), 95, a resident of Berrien Springs since 1960, died on Thursday, July 3, 2014, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

Just four years after the Panama Canal opened, Elaine was born on August 29, 1918, to Ernest and Irma (Lewis) Johnson, in New Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, (American sector), where they were serving as missionaries. When her father became the first editor of El Centinela (The Signs of the Times, Spanish version) magazine, the family moved to Angwin, California, to be closer to Pacific Press. Elaine earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English in 1942 from Pacific Union College, in Angwin, California. She married John (Jack) O. Waller (former faculty) on January 6, 1946.

In 1960, while teaching at Walla Walla College, Jack received an invitation to teach in the Andrews University English Department and to develop an MA in English degree. When they arrived, Elaine joined the staff of the James White Library cataloguing department and earned a Master of Science in library science from the University of Illinois. Towards the latter part of her career, she focused on the music portion of the library. Her leisure hobbies included music and reading, and she enjoyed her cats.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Irma Edna Lewis Johnson, on Sept. 19, 1975; her father, Ernest Roy Johnson, on Feb. 25, 1977; her brother, Robert Lewis Johnson, on Feb. 19, 1999; and her husband, John (Jack) O. Waller, on July 6, 2000. She is survived by two nieces: Elizabeth Johnson Ingram of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Barbara Johnson Arnold of Springville, California; two grandnieces: Linda Ingram Benton, of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Lisa Ingram, of Chicago, Illinois; a grandnephew, Bruce Emanuelson of Templeton, California; plus a host of cousins and friends.

Elaine’s family has been very active in Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning for over a hundred years, beginning with her maternal grandfather, Charles Clark (CC) Lewis. A graduate of Battle Creek College (a forerunner of Emmanuel Missionary College and eventually Andrews University), Lewis served as president of four Adventist higher education institutions during his lifetime. Elaine was the last of her generation of CC Lewis’ natural descendants.
I remember the days after graduation, the haze of a future, the great wonder as to my next steps. Ginny Owens’ song “If You Want Me To” became a kind of anthem, especially the words, “But You never said it would be easy, You only said I’d never go alone.” I believed that God had a plan for my life but I was scared because I didn’t have it all figured out and I was moving back home. Weren’t 21-year-olds supposed to be independent and certain about life? That’s what I thought when I walked down the middle aisle at PMC to receive my diploma sleeve.

Nine years later, I graduated once again from Andrews, this time with the MDiv but with similar sentiments and similarly uncertain plans. And once again, I returned to my parents’ home. A key difference this time around, however, was that I’d already applied for a job. It’s actually the only job I applied for because it was the only job I wanted.

When I graduated in 2000 with a BA in English literature, I was confident that I’d go to grad school, get an MA and PhD and become a public university professor. I took a year off instead of trying to pack in getting good grades and researching and applying to graduate programs. But I didn’t have a plan for that year off. So after working with Impact Toronto during the 2000 General Conference Session, I joined a friend on a Greyhound bus and headed to my parents’ house in Alberta, Canada. Several weeks later, I became a contract instructor for a remedial English course and a speech course at Canadian University College. The English Department was willing to have me and I was willing to try. I loved the classroom and I loved my students. I knew this opportunity was God-sent.

By the fall of 2001, I was a student at the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) beginning the MA in English literature. I had a teaching assistantship and no clue as to how I’d survive big city life. During my first year, I’d often hop on a train to South Bend where a friend would pick me up and return me to the comforts of Berrien Springs. But eventually Chicago began to feel like home.

A key source of that “at home” feeling was my church family at Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. It helped that one of my best friends was there. It also helped that I was becoming intentionally involved and that the church made room for a lot of us young adult transplants. I’d searched for an Adventist student community at UIC and never found one. So my church family was that much more important to me from week to week.

Leaving Chicago in 2004 was hard but I knew it was best. By then, I still loved the classroom but not my field. I was thankful when the only PhD program I’d applied to sent me a “no.” Once again, I returned to my parents’ house but this time without so much of the guilt and with the promise that if I ever ended up near a public university, I’d do all I could to support the Adventist students there.

The next two years further clarified God’s desires for me as I immersed myself in local church life and discovered that in that sphere, all my gifts were being used. And through more God-sent encounters, I eventually found myself back at Andrews, starting the MDiv in May 2006. It was there that a professor, who knew I’d enjoyed my UIC experience, told me about public campus ministry and a course being offered during the summer months. I took all the courses I could.

In September of 2009 I began the one job I’d applied for. As chaplain for Advent House (at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and director of Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) for Georgia-Cumberland Conference, I work with students who attend public universities. There are a total of ten active Adventist student groups within this region and I help facilitate their growth by providing resources and training. At Advent House, I also manage the physical plant, which serves as a residence and a campus center.

Most of the students I work with are Adventists. Most are at their school because of finances, close proximity to home, and/or their particular field of study. From the loss of family members to questions on how to reconcile their professional life with their faith, I get to come alongside my students and share in their journeys. I’m learning to listen more than offer advice and as I listen, I often hear questions about what’s next, life beyond school.

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Michaela Lawrence Jeffery (BA ’00, MDiv ’09) is married to Justin Jeffery (BA ’04) and the two are expecting a little girl this October.
An Acoustic Season

Petar Jankovic Ensemble
Sunday, September 7, 7 p.m.

Irish Folk & Celtic Duo
Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna
Sunday, September 28, 7 p.m.

Telegraph Quartet
Sunday, October 12, 4 p.m.

Jars of Clay
Sunday, October 19, 7 p.m.

An Evening of Love Songs:
Charles & Julie Reid
Saturday, November 15, 7 p.m.

A Christmas Celebration:
Sounds of the Season with a Soulful Touch
Saturday, December 6, 8 p.m.

HIS Creation
Saturday, January 10, 6 & 8 p.m.

The Filharmonic
Sunday, January 18, 7 p.m.

David Phelps
Sunday, January 25, 7 p.m.

Carla Trynchuk, Chi Yong Yun,
Stephen Framil
Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m.

Tied up in Knotts
Sunday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Brandon & Rich Ridenour
Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m.

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On Sunday, August 24, ten faculty from the School of Architecture, Art & Design took the “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.” They found a perfect spot along the loading ramp behind Harrigan Hall and bravely “endured” or even “enjoyed” the experience. Those who participated are, from left to right: Douglas Taylor, Mark Moreno, Diane Myers, Troy Homenchuk, Andrew von Maur, Paula Dronen, Dave Sherwin, Kari Friestad, Steve Hansen and Paul Kim.