Innovating for the Future

HOMECOMING 2018 • September 27–30
I am so glad you have chosen to join us for the 2018 Alumni Celebration. Whether you have homecoming on your calendar every year, or whether this is a special year of remembrance and celebration for you, I hope the weekend will be full of memories, renewing and making of friendships, and excitement over where the Andrews Story is taking us next.

Our theme for this year is Innovating for the Future and the schedule is packed with old favorites and some unique and new opportunities for you to enjoy.

This year there will be considerable focus on our health professions degrees and on our wellness programs. We will celebrate 30 years of graduates from our physical therapy program and particularly some of our graduates who have made a difference in their profession through innovation and creativity. You will have a chance to experience some of what our wellness program offers, as well as take a hard hat tour of our new Center for Wellness facility that should be open this time next year.

As we seek during this Homecoming to bridge the experience of our alumni and the potential of our current students, we will offer programs that will showcase the present and look towards an innovative future. So whether you participate in a design thinking seminar, enjoy a round of golf to benefit future students, fly in for breakfast with our aviation team, or come just to enjoy the Sabbath programming, I am sure that there will be something memorable for you.

As for me and the Andrews alumni leadership, we will be delighted to meet you, talk with you, celebrate with you, and imagine an innovative future along with you.

Thanks for joining us.

Andrea Luxton (MA ’78)
President
Welcome

Take advantage of the opportunity to visit with classmates and page through yearbooks as you enjoy refreshments. You can sign up for events as well as receive your weekend program, nametag and honor class ribbon.

Thursday, September 27
1:30–5 p.m.
Alumni House Backyard Tent

Friday, September 28
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Alumni House Backyard Tent
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Physical Therapy Continuing Education
Physical Therapy Building

- **Anatomy review** in the new anatomy lab by Ryan Orrison (BS ’96, MSPT ’97), PT, OCS, foundation sciences coordinator, assistant professor of physical therapy, Andrews University
- **Health Promotion and Wellness in PT:** Taking your skills to a new market by Sherry McLaughlin (BS ’89, MSPT ’90), PT, CSCS, founder, Michigan Institute for Human Performance

1:30–5 p.m.
Registration
Alumni House Backyard Tent

2–5 p.m.
Wellness Lounge Open House
Campus Center 168
Stop by the University’s Wellness Lounge for a free body scan, short chair massage, updated sketches on the new Center for Wellness, and more!

3:30–5 p.m.
Cancer Research Forum—“Phytotherapy Maximizes Innate Immunity and Cancer Healing”

Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall
The School of Health Professions is hosting its first research forum with keynote speaker Dr. Benjamin Lau. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community health professionals are invited to attend.

5–6:45 p.m.
“Stop Cancer with Phytotherapy” book signing with author Benjamin Lau
Chan Shun Hall Lobby

6 p.m.
Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet
Alumni House Backyard Tent
All alumni are invited to this elegant banquet commencing the Homecoming weekend celebrations. Greet returning classmates over plates of Sam’s chicken, mashed potatoes and Andrews’ signature dishes. Members of the Class of 1968 will be inducted into the Golden Hearts Club after a roll call by the Alumni Association. Honored Alumni will be presented with the Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion, recognizing their outstanding service to church and community. Also honored at this banquet are those who have partnered with Andrews through generous giving, who will be presented with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award. Please RSVP at andrews.edu/go/2dinner to secure your complimentary ticket, as space is limited.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Shotgun start
Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing
Harbor Shores Golf Club, St. Joseph, Michigan
RSVP required
Entry fee: $105 regular, $50 AU students
Price includes 18 holes of scramble golf with cart, lunch and prizes. Support the Alumni Scholarship Fund while enjoying a morning of golf—Four Man/Woman Scramble. Course requirements are collared shirts, soft spikes and no denim pants or shorts. Sponsored by AMITA Health, Kellogg Company, Allred Funeral Home, Villwocks Outdoor Living, PNC Bank, Randall Residence, Crowe LLP, Specialty Steel Treating, Schalk & Associates and F&V Operations.

8:30–10 a.m.
Women's Scholarship Committee Brunch
Lincoln & Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center
RSVP required
Featuring an inspiring presentation by Laura Malcolm (BBA '11), assistant director of Alumni Services. She will share her experience of training for and completing one of the most challenging triathlons in the world, the Norseman Xtreme Triathlon in Norway. Learn how to set and reach goals for yourself.

9–11:10 a.m.
PT Continuing Education
Physical Therapy Building
Celebrating Innovative Graduates—panel discussion & networking.

9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Wellness Lounge Open House
Campus Center 168
Stop by the University's Wellness Lounge for a free body scan, short chair massage, updated sketches on the new Center for Wellness, and more!

10:30 a.m.
Campus Bus Tour
The bus will load at the Alumni House parking lot at 10 a.m.
Tour guides: John Nay (BA '76, MA '83) and Judy (Ashdon) Nay (BS '76)
Take a trip down memory lane, while being introduced to several new developments on campus.

11:30 a.m.
Presidential Portrait Unveiling
James White Library
Our library collections include presidential portraits of seven of our presidents. Please join us in this historic moment as we add the Andreasen portrait, painted by Harry Ahn, to the library collection. Niels-Erik and Demetra Andreasen will be present to greet alumni and friends. Harry Ahn will be present to assist with the unveiling.
Professional Growth Opportunity

Friday, Sept. 28, 2018—Alumni House Backyard Tent
Complimentary for Andrews University alumni

12:30 p.m.
Tambunan Leadership Luncheon
(Student Programming)
Alumni House Backyard
RSVP Required; Dress Code: Business Casual or Business Professional
Network and share your story with current Andrews University student leaders during a guided networking lunch hosted by the Office of Alumni Services and Undergraduate Leadership Program. Expect “mocktails” while you talk and share advice with students, followed by a business-style luncheon. This event is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Andrews alumni Tim (BBA ’90) and Ellen (MSMT ’80) Tambunan.

3 p.m.
Break Time/Classic Car Show
Administration Building Parking Lot
Check out the fourth annual classic car show, hosted by the Andrews University Bookstore, on your way to your breakout session of choice.

1:30 p.m.
Design Thinking Crash Course
Presented by Florida Hospital’s Innovation Lab
Alumni House Backyard
The Design Thinking Crash Course is a rapid, 90-minute, introduction into the creative thinking model used at the Florida Hospital Innovation Lab. The FHIL team has facilitated hundreds of Design Thinking projects that have resulted in many new solutions for healthcare, developed design thinkers, and fostered a culture of innovation at Florida Hospital!

3:30–4:45 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

iPhone Photography
Presented by: Marc Ullom, Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design
Harrigan Hall, Room 328 (top floor)

Budgeting Hacks
Presented by: Quentin Sahly, School of Business Administration
Chan Shun Hall, Room 108

Architecture Educational Session:
Health and Wellness Integration for Buildings
Presented by: Mark Moreno and Tom Lowing
Architecture Building Lecture Hall, Room 109
3–5 p.m.
**Biology 50th Anniversary Open House**
*Bill Chobotar Student Commons, Price Hall, Science Complex*
Come by and visit the biology department. This year is the 50th anniversary of our biology graduate program! Explore some old pictures, reminisce with friends, and don’t forget to stop by the greenhouse and museum.

1–4 p.m.
**Homecoming Classic Car Show**
*Administration Building Parking Lot*
Admire beautifully restored classic cars at this nostalgic fourth annual event hosted by the Andrews University Bookstore. Join us for a corn roast, walk around and view rows of classic cars. Bring your Homecoming name badge for discounts on Andrews gear and more.

5 p.m.
**31st Annual Homecoming Parade**
*Viewing bleachers curbside, between the Howard Center & Seminary buildings*
Lineup for entries begins at 4:15 p.m. in the Andrews Academy parking lot, and parade ends at the PMC parking lot.
Come out and watch the pageantry of the creative floats, marching bands and fire trucks as they move through campus during this harvest-themed parade. Awardees will compete for over $500 in total prize money. Entrants will be judged based on personalization, originality, workmanship and spirit. Don’t forget to bring cash/credit card for the Sammy Arepas food truck that will be on-site with vegetarian Latin food offerings! Parade awards ceremony directly follows.

6:30 p.m.
**International Flag Raising Ceremony**
*Flag Mall*
Our campus is world-renowned for the way it reflects the international composition of our world church. This annual ceremony provides a beautiful portrayal of our global family. If you have international attire, please wear it proudly! You are also invited to march with us in the preceding parade. Call 269-471-3345 to sign up.

7:30 p.m.
**University Vespers**
*Pioneer Memorial Church*
Speaker: Tacyana Nixon
Getting clear about the “I AM” in a distinctive and biblical way. Together we will look at the significance of God’s omnipresence.

8:45 p.m.
**Impact Vespers**
*Burman Hall Chapel*
Speaker: Dilys Brooks (MDiv ’05), chaplain, Loma Linda University
Weekend Theme: “Passing the Torch”

10:30 p.m.
**Meet and Greet Reception**
*Burman Hall Activity Center*
BSCF Alumni and AUSA will host a reception after Impact for alumni and current students. Refreshments will be served.
SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 29

8–11 a.m.
Nursing Alumni Sabbath
Come-and-Go Breakfast
Department of Nursing, Marsh Hall

9 & 11:45 a.m.
The Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church
Dwight K. Nelson (MDiv ’76, DMin ’86)
Sermon: Tales from a Vineyard: When You Can’t Get Any Closer
Scripture: John 15:1–5

10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
One Place
Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall
Speaker: June Price, University chaplain

10:30 a.m.
Sabbath School
Pioneer Memorial Church
Presented by the Class of 1968.

11:45 a.m.
BSCF Alumni Worship Service and New Life Church
Howard Performing Arts Center
Speaker: Dilys Brooks (MDiv ’05), chaplain, Loma Linda University

1 p.m.
Class Reunion Luncheon Buffets
Dining Services, Campus Center
Luncheon pricing: $10.07 for dine-in; $11.13 for take-out
Senior citizen pricing: $9.07 for dine-in
Child (ages 6–12): $7.69 for dine-in
Meal cards may be purchased ahead of time at the Dining Services office, or pay with debit/credit card (no cash) as you go through line.

Badger, Lincoln and Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center

1:30 p.m.
Physical Therapy Celebration
Physical Therapy Building
Reminisce, Unite and Empower
Physical therapy graduates and their families are invited to lunch and fellowship to enjoy reminiscing about the past, seek to reunite lost connections, and share their vision for the future. PT alums will have an opportunity to empower current students with stories and encouragement. Lunch provided.

1:30 p.m.
Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness International Cuisine Potluck
Third Floor, Marsh Hall
A potluck luncheon for alumni of the Department of Public Health, Nutrition & Wellness.
Robert A. Wilkins Memorial Service  
Chemistry Amphitheater, Halenz Hall, Science Complex

Bob Wilkins’ (BA ’61) influence in the lives of students and faculty during his 30+ years of teaching and leadership in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry was deep and sustaining. Bob's encouragement and mentoring led many of his students to careers in teaching, healthcare and industry. His devotion to God and the church was sincere and he put his beliefs into action in every community he lived. This time and place will provide an opportunity for alumni and friends to reflect on a life well-lived by a friend we all miss.

3–5 p.m.
Museums and Open Houses
You are encouraged to explore campus and check out your former department. Some buildings you may remember and others may be new to you. The following areas, among others, will be open.

Architecture Resource Center

Architecture Building
Featuring a fascinating collection of architectural models, original artwork and a comprehensive library, this inspiring display should not be missed.

Horn Archaeological Museum
9047 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs

Kingman Observatory Open House
Robert & Lillis Kingman Observatory
Solar observing will be led by Stephen Thorman, weather permitting. For more information, go to observatory.andrews.edu.

Natural History Museum
108B Price Hall, Science Complex
Featuring Andrews University's own Prillwitz Mammoth, the most complete mammoth skeleton ever found in Michigan. The museum also includes a large collection of mammals and birds.

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School
8885 Garland Ave
RMES alumni and friends are invited to tour our building and browse student displays. Refreshments will be served.

Dairy Open House
Andrews University Dairy, 8225 Dairy Rd
Come stop by the Andrews University Dairy to reminisce over the end of an era in dairy farming at Andrews.

3:30–5 p.m.
Michiana Adventist Forum Presentation
Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall
William Johnsson, “Time to Speak Out”
Join the retired editor of the Adventist Review, William Johnsson, for a presentation and Q & A session. Johnsson has served as a missionary in India, taught New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and served as editor of the Adventist Review for over 20 years. He has written more than 25 books and 1,000 articles. In this session, Johnsson will discuss the disconnect he finds between the church’s official position and what he personally has witnessed of the Spirit’s activity in two matters: The One Project and the ordination of women.

4–5 p.m.
Biology 50th Anniversary Program:
Recollections of the Past
Biology Amphitheater, Price Hall, Science Complex

5:30–7:30 p.m. (tours will depart every half-hour)
Harvest Tours
The wagon will load at the Alumni House backyard. Climb on board and join the wagon tour as it meanders around the orchards and farm. We ask that an adult accompanies small children. In case of rain, the Harvest Tour will be canceled.

PLEASE NOTE:
Outdoor activities of these kinds can be hazardous and carry some risk of injury. I mindfully accept the responsibilities of my participation/that of my child.
6 p.m.
Harvest Picnic
Alumni House backyard tent
Parking is available behind the Science Complex, with additional parking at Chan Shun Hall and Howard Performing Arts Center
Join us for this family-favorite Homecoming tradition. Whether it’s under the big tent or sitting around the crackling campfire and roasting s’mores, enjoy fellowship and a light haystack supper.

8 p.m.
Alumni Homecoming Gala
Howard Performing Arts Center
This is a complimentary concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Chris Wild, the University Singers, conducted by Stephen Zork, and the Wind Symphony, conducted by Byron Graves. A dessert reception will be held after the program.

5:30–7:45 p.m.
Class Reunion Photos
Alumni House Backyard Tent
Class Reunion photos will be taken during the Harvest Picnic in the following order:

5:30  Golden Hearts Club (1968 and earlier)  6:50  Class of 1988
5:50  Class of 1948  7:05  Class of 1993
6:05  Class of 1958  7:20  Class of 1998
6:20  Class of 1968  7:35  Class of 2008
6:35  Class of 1978  7:40  Class of 2013
7:45  Class of 2017
9 p.m.
Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game
Johnson Gymnasium
The Cardinal men’s basketball team will make their debut as they compete against an alumni team. Be sure and come to cheer your team on.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30–11 a.m.
Aviation Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast
Andrews University Airpark
Adults $7 (children ages 10 and under $3) Breakfast will be served until 11 a.m.
The Andrews University Airpark invites pilots and non-pilots alike to come out for this annual event. Come for a hearty pancake breakfast in one of our large hangars. Stay to check out the interesting aircraft or vehicles that show up. Learn about the services available to pilots and their aircraft as you see the airport facilities and check out our fleet of planes.

8–9:30 a.m.
School of Education Alumni Breakfast
Room 180, Bell Hall
Hosted by the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling. Come see Bell Hall and enjoy a delicious breakfast with fellow graduates from the School of Education.

9 a.m.
Harvest Run 5k/10k and 1-Mile Walk
Parking available at Andrews Academy Parking Lot
(Day-of-Registration and packet pick-up from 8–8:45 a.m. at Alumni House Tent) Adults $32, current AU students and children 12 and under $22; 1-Mile Walk: $12
Come enjoy the beautiful views of Andrews University’s central campus and (for the 10k) challenging forest trails. Run past iconic scenes such as the J.N. Andrews sculpture, the Globe and ULC Arch.

11 a.m.—12 p.m.
Hard Hat Tour of the Center for Wellness Construction Site
Come be one of the very first people to step foot inside the new Center for Wellness! Join a hard hat tour led by Paul Elder, director of Facilities Management for Andrews University, to view the construction site.
HONORED ALUMNI

The Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion is presented to honored alumni who have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the Alumni Board of Directors to be recipients of this award. Honored Alumni are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the University, unusual achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.
Deborah Berecz
(BS '88)

Deborah Bennett Berecz is a family lawyer today for good reason. She has been a student of conflict since she was 6 years old, enduring her own parents’ contentious marriage and eventual divorce. Deborah graduated from Andrew’s University 30 years ago at almost 30 years of age because she took a few detours on her way to a college degree, all of which provided another few credit hours toward becoming a conflict resolution professional.

Those detours included an early marriage, birth of her son Jamison Bennett (BS ’02), and then her own divorce and remarriage with bonus children. All of these experiences contributed to her education and a deep understanding of her clients’ challenges.

While at Andrews, Deborah served as chair of The Branch Network, the student association’s religious organization, and prayed that God would use her to be a conduit of his love to others. After attending Notre Dame Law School (JD ’93), Deb knew that her experience over years of observing and negotiating conflict within her own family might have a purpose and could be used to serve others. So after earning a law degree, she focused on family practice.

However, after practicing for a few years, it became clear to Deb that while the courthouse was a fine place to resolve contract disputes and car accidents, it simply wasn’t designed for people who would continue in relationship. Divorced families regularly see one another at parenting exchanges, their children’s school and extracurricular events, at church and birthdays, graduations and weddings. Setting spouses up as adversaries when they divorce (Smith v. Smith) only further lessened the hope of a cordial, respectful and cooperative post-divorce relationship for the children’s benefit. As she watched the devastating effects on children from a system that often exacerbated conflict and deepened wounds, it broke her heart.

Deborah set an audacious goal: to change the way divorce is done in the communities in which she practiced. She spent hours working with a local family court judge to develop a new norm. Deborah also served as chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the State Bar of Michigan and today mediation is ordered by the court in every case involving children. Family lawyers now move into problem-solving through mediation rather than putting families through multiple court hearings and depositions. Many people are choosing to start with mediation before the court or lawyers are even involved. Gratefully, family law is practiced far differently today than it was in the early years of her practice.

In addition, for the last dozen years, Deb has worked across the state of Michigan to develop the Collaborative Law options for families. This team approach engages mental health professionals, lawyers and financial specialists to work together on behalf of the family, always keeping the focus on the children. Deborah served as president of the Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan and founded two active and growing professional practice groups in the state. She and four colleagues annually train other lawyers, therapists and financial experts in the Collaborative Law model and she has presented on various topics at the annual Forums of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Deborah recognizes that divorce occurs within the church at the same rates it occurs outside its doors. Over the years, she’s represented pastors and conference workers and chaplains and seminarians. And she’s watched numerous people turn away from the church because they feared judgment and condemnation. Too often their fears have been justified. She knows that ignoring the reality of divorce hampers the
ability to process it effectively, prolongs healing, and deepens the damage to children. Deborah always first explores with clients whether a divorce is absolutely necessary and then supports them if they determine it is. Additionally, Deb teaches Family Law and Public Policy in the seminary, primarily to educate future pastors as they minister to troubled families.

Deborah deeply believes that difficult experiences in our lives come packaged with a gift, “the gift wrapped in trauma” as she puts it. Difficult life events are awful. We wouldn’t choose to go through them. They can come close to breaking us. But the Spirit is always there. Through the awfulness, not necessarily removing the trauma but right by our side whispering, “I’ve got you. We’ll get through this.” And then we do and the gift slowly begins to open, often revealing itself as a purpose, a focus for professional or volunteer or family endeavors. That’s been her experience. The trauma is never just the trauma.

Deborah counts as an additional gift her 31-year marriage to former Andrews University psychology professor, John Berecz. Together they have parented three sons in their blended family: Dr. Michael Berecz (att.), Hon. Lamont Berecz (BA ’97) and Jamison Bennett (BS ’02). They are blessed to have 13 (not a misprint!) “Grand Ones:” Isabelle, Lucy, Tristan, Andrew, Lydia, Keira, Jane, Ayla, Audrey, Susanna, Christian, Tauriel and Juliet.

Bruce Boyer
(BA ’68)

Bruce Boyer was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1944. Bruce graduated with his BA in behavioral sciences from Andrews University in 1968. For the past 45 years, he has served as a teacher, researcher, healthcare administrator, president/CEO and chairman of healthcare companies, often serving multiple companies simultaneously. In addition, he has been a member of many boards, committees and commissions at the local, county and state level as well as boards and committees from the local Adventist church level to the Union Conference level.

Some of his most notable positions have been as the president of the State Health-care Association, serving on the Board of the American Health Care Association, working as a Hospital Board chairman and serving as a Conference health ministries director. Notably, he has been a member of the Washington Adventist University Board of Trustees for 43 years.

Boyer currently works as the CEO of Sloan Management, Inc., based in Frederick, Maryland.

In addition to spending a large amount of his time in the healthcare business, Boyer has also done his fair share of traveling. He has traveled to numerous locations within Europe, South Africa, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Canada and Asia Minor.

Boyer is married to his wife Gail who is a church administrator and serves on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee, the Highland View Academy Board and the NAD Executive Committee. He and his wife have three children who all have MBAs and work for his companies.

In reflection of how his time at Andrews shaped him into who he is today, Boyer says, “All that I am I owe to my Church, my Christian education of which Andrews was the capstone, and God’s grace for which I’m eternally grateful.”
Bruce Closser first discovered he wanted to be a teacher when, during his junior year at Forest Lake Academy in Florida, his history teacher asked him to teach a history class during the school’s annual role-reversal day. Bruce read the assigned pages, constructed a lecture outline, and prepared a quiz. On the day of the lecture, Bruce enjoyed the experience so much that he barely remembered being frightened.

Years later, at an academy reunion, his history teacher admitted that he, too, predicted Bruce would be a teacher. “I still have your outline and notes in my files,” he said with a grin.

It was not history that Bruce ended up teaching but English, and this was thanks to the fact that both he and his favorite academy English teacher graduated in 1970 and went to what was then Southern Missionary College; Bruce to begin a BA in English and Sue Baker to teach in the English department. The two years Bruce spent grading papers for Baker reinforced his desire to be an English teacher. After completing his undergraduate degree in 1974, Bruce accepted his first official teaching position at Louisville Junior Academy where he taught seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth-grade English as well as eighth-grade math, typing and photography. He also sponsored the school’s newspaper.

After two years at Louisville Junior Academy, Bruce moved to Andrews University to begin a master’s degree. During the two years he was studying he taught freshman composition as a graduate teaching assistant. Bruce fully expected to return to academy teaching after he finished his MA in 1978, but when a position unexpectedly opened in the English department, Bruce gladly accepted the offer of full-time university teaching. Bruce continued teaching freshman English as well as various other writing courses and the occasional Arthurian literature course. In 1980, Bruce began doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and over the next eight summers he completed classwork, comprehensives, dissertation and defense, graduating in 1988 with a degree in the teaching of writing.

In the mid-90s, Bruce became director of the Writing Center, a lab where peer tutors offer students help with their writing. Today, after 42 years, 40 of them as a full-time teacher, Bruce continues to enjoy helping students improve their writing skills.

One of Bruce’s favorite teaching memories occurred during his second year in Louisville when Bruce worked with his ninth-graders to write a temperance play. As a direct result of the play, at least one student became a professional actress, one became a public relations officer, and others ventured out in careers which gave them opportunities to build on the communication skills they developed in their ninth-grade year.

Since then Bruce has been active in campus drama. While working on his master’s degree he played the Chorus in Jean Anouilh’s “Antigone,” a play critical of Nazi-occupied France, assisted with “The Crucible,” and played a small role in the “Andersonville Trial.” During his time at Andrews University, Bruce has assisted in one way or another with productions of “St. Joan,” “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail,” “Crossing Delancey,” “84 Charing Cross Road,” “Steel Magnolias,” “Twelve Angry Men,” “Our Town,” “Little Women” and “To Kill a Mockingbird.” During the last three years, Bruce sponsored the Andrews University Theatre Wing, a student drama club, and supervised student-directed productions of “The Importance of Being Earnest,” “Pygmalion” and “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Bruce is committed not only to the academic and artistic education of college students, but to the spiritual development of the children of the church. Bruce’s interest in children’s ministry emerged during his doctoral studies.
when he took a literature class for children and young adults. One of the projects of this course required students to tell stories to children. Bruce arranged to be a storyteller in the children’s tent at the Pennsylvania Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting. Several years later, when the first of his two boys was a student in the pre-kindergarten Sabbath School class at Pioneer Memorial Church, Bruce became a co-leader. Today, 25 years later, Bruce is still a co-leader of 4-year-old children every Sabbath morning. He regularly encounters students in his University classes who remind him that he was once their Sabbath school teacher. “Do you remember me?” one of his freshman writers recently asked. “I was the little girl whose hair caught fire from the candles on the birthday cake and you put it out with your hands.”

When not in his office, Bruce enjoys a variety of hobbies. He constructed a consort of crumhorns for the members of the early music ensemble in which he played. He has created chain mail shirts and sewn medieval costumes, both for adults and for a series of medieval-themed dolls. He has spent the last six years teaching himself to read and write Korean. Most recently he has renewed his interest in piano and has begun learning Chopin’s 24 preludes.

Bruce is married to Linda Morton Closser and they have two adult sons, both of whom have pursued artistic careers. Evan is a musician in New York City and Dylan is a photographer at Whirlpool in Benton Harbor.

Kevin McDonald
(BS ’93)

When Kevin McDonald arrived on the Andrews University campus in the 1990s as an undergraduate student, the last thing he expected was to find a campus whose diverse community would help prepare him for his future position as the first-ever chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer of the University of Missouri System.

“What I didn’t anticipate was a compositionally diverse student body, who was engaged, welcoming and inclusive,” says McDonald. “I hadn’t been exposed to the breadth and depth of diversity that I encountered at AU, but it was so refreshing and reflective of the global context AU was preparing its students for.”

At Andrews, McDonald expresses that he found a community of students, faculty and staff who maintained a genuine concern for his wellbeing and future success. Reminiscing, he recalls administrators and mentors like Newton Hoilette and David Knight. He fondly remembers having men of color on staff who served as wonderful role models. Additionally, McDonald took classes from faculty like Duane McBride and former faculty member, Lynn Caldwell, who got him excited to learn about the contributions he could make in the world.

Following his Andrews experience, McDonald went on to receive a Juris Doctor from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1996 and a Doctor of Education from the University of Rochester in 2014. After earning his law degree, McDonald worked as the Disability Rights Investigator for the U.S. Department of Justice, Disability Rights Section in Washington D.C. from 1996 to 1997. There he examined, mediated and resolved over 500 disability-based discrimination claims. He continued to do this type of work for the Internet’s first domain name registrar, Network Solutions, Inc., where he served as the Dispute Administrator from 1997 to 1999.

Since then, McDonald has been making transformational contributions towards organizational equity, diversity and inclusion goals in various executive academic leadership positions throughout the country. Some of his roles have included teaching and
leading the diversity efforts at Rochester Institute of Technology and working as the vice president for equity and inclusion at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

While at these institutions, he learned a great deal about the importance of understanding organizational climate and culture in performing this kind of work and the importance of developing and maintaining strong relationships with campus and local community members.

“Degrees and professional pedigree may help get you in the door,” says McDonald, “but your ability to forge and maintain strong interpersonal relationships is what helps keep you there and allows you to advance in your career.”

While he worked in a similar capacity at his previous jobs, his current position at the University of Missouri is different in that it is charting the strategic diversity and inclusion efforts for an entire university system of approximately 75,000 students, 6,000 faculty and 17,000 staff. The University of Missouri System is comprised of four institutions each with their own mission, vision and campus culture, and that presents a unique opportunity in the diversity and inclusion arena.

The challenges at University of Missouri-Columbia are those of countless campuses across the country. With the accessibility of various forms of media, especially social media, these realities on university campuses become increasingly exposed. McDonald believes that inherent in the changing demographics and increased diversity on campuses across our nation are opportunities for conflict.

He asserts that institutions have a responsibility to society and believes if colleges and universities are truly committed to inclusive excellence, they have to hold themselves accountable for making diversity and inclusion efforts an integral part of their everyday practices.

For McDonald, faith plays a significant role in both his personal and professional life. He sees Jesus’ example as one that teaches us how we should treat, engage and uplift others. “I remain extremely grateful for the firm foundation that Andrews helped me establish in this regard,” says McDonald. “Every opportunity that I’ve been afforded is a blessing that I’ve never taken for granted and I remain humbled by every blessing bestowed upon me.”

McDonald has been married for 21 years to Kimberlyn and has three children: Rodney Osborne Jr., Kayla and Kesslyn. He enjoys singing and developed a love for it while singing in male groups on and off campus while an undergraduate at Andrews. He fondly remembers being a member of the Black Student Christian Forum, and the many opportunities for music ministry it provided him. He is a vegan who enjoys exercising regularly and watching his daughters play volleyball, describing them as “fanatics” about the sport.

Esther Ottley
(BA ’54)

Esther Harriott Ottley was the first person of color and the first woman of color to have graduated with a BA in mathematics from Andrews University, class of 1954. She was born in Panama, where her Jamaican parents were serving as missionaries and her father helped to build the Panama Canal. When Esther was 3, the Harriott family returned to their home on the island of Jamaica to attend to her paternal grandmother. From then until her early teenage years, Esther was homeschooled by her mother, Euphemia, before going off to Ferncourt High School near their home in Claremont, St. Ann, Jamaica.

Esther placed second on the island when she passed the Cambridge Overseas Examination at the high school, which qualified her for
scholarships and opportunities. The decision was made for her to travel to Mandeville, Jamaica, to pursue teacher education at West Indian Training College (WITC, now Northern Caribbean University-NCU), where in 1926 both of her parents had received college degrees.

Following her graduation from WITC with an associate’s degree in math (class of 1948), she taught math at the college for several years before migrating to the U.S. to attend Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC, now Andrews University). At EMC she recalls being assigned a work/study placement with then math professor William Specht, for whom she worked the rest of her time at EMC. She had great admiration for Specht and continues to credit him with inspiring her to pursue a career in math and physics. She graduated from EMC in 1954, in a ceremony held at Johnson Gym, and continued on to Columbia University in New York to pursue a master’s degree in education.

In 1955, Esther married her Trinidadian college sweetheart, Dr. Neville Ottley (BA ’49, BA ’53). They moved to Washington, D.C., to be together while he finished his last two years of medical school at Howard University (class of 1957) and completed his residency in general surgery. During these early years of their marriage, they started a family, and Esther joined the math department at Howard University while completing her doctorate in math/physics education at American University, graduating in 1965.

Esther was promoted and received tenure while teaching courses such as calculus and college algebra in the math department at Howard University until 1975, when she was called to be the founding associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the university. She later served several years as the interim dean of the Graduate School at Howard but did not want to be considered for the permanent position (though asked) due to potential Sabbath conflicts. Her dedication to God’s will remained steadfast. Just after her retirement in 1994, Howard University honored her with an endowed graduate scholarship which bears her name: the “Esther Ottley Graduate Scholarship.”

Having learned the benefits of education early in life, Esther has spent a great part of her almost 90 years being a champion of Christian education. She has anonymously funded the college education of several worthy students at NCU in Jamaica. Many of these students have gone on to higher education. She has served on the boards of Andrews University, Loma Linda University and local Washington, D.C., area Adventist schools. In 2000, she funded the renovation of the men’s chapel at NCU. The resulting lecture theater was named the Solomon Harriott Lecture Theater in honor of her father. As recently as 2017, Esther helped fund the Esther Harriott Ottley Reading Bank at West Indies College Preparatory School in Jamaica. In addition, a scholarship fund was begun at the school that helps cover tuition, fees and books for students in need. This year, she plans to endow the scholarship fund. She will continue to influence many through her contributions and example of Christian leadership.

The Ottley family boasts a strong Andrews University legacy demonstrating their belief in Christian education. Their daughter, Dawn Ottley Nelson, graduated from Andrews in 1983. Dawn’s husband, LeRoy Barnes, also attended Andrews during the early 80s. Their daughter, Maya Nelson, is a current student, and their son, Avery Barnes, attended in the 2000s. Beyond these, Esther’s Christian education commitment can be seen in her son, Dr. Mark Ottley, who attended La Sierra University, and her grandson, Jeremy Ottley, who attended Southern Adventist University.

Throughout her career, Esther has been sought out as a graduation speaker, university administrator, church leader, Women’s Day speaker, counselor, organizer, math tutor and supporter. More importantly, she has been a fabulous mother, wife, grandmother, family member and friend. Esther and Neville were respected members of the Washington, D.C. professional and Adventist communities for several decades until Neville’s passing in 1994 and Esther’s relocation in 2010 to Mount Pleasant, Michigan, to live with her daughter, Dawn Ottley-Nelson-Barnes, a professor at Central Michigan University.

Esther celebrated her 90th birthday with her family on August 24, 2018. She spends her days contemplating God’s love for us as well as His promises. She encourages everyone with whom she comes in contact to remember what is important and to be ready when Jesus comes.
CAMPUS FACILITIES

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE—269-471-3287
Thursday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (extended hours for alumni)
Closed Saturday and Sunday

BEATY POOL—269-471-3255
The Beaty Pool staff offers discounted use of their facilities to visiting alumni and their families. Swim times are included below, or you can check the Real-Time Pool Schedule at andrews.edu/pool. Please bring your Homecoming name badge for identification.

Lap Swim
Thursday 6–7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Friday 6–7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Sunday 6:30–10 p.m.

Open Swim
Thursday 6:30–8 p.m.
Sunday 6:30–8 p.m.

DINING SERVICES—269-471-3161

TERRACE CAFÉ
Thurs/Fri 7–10 a.m., 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., 5–7 p.m.
Sabbath 12:30–2:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., 5–7 p.m.

Pricing:
Breakfast: $8.22 for dine-in, $9.28 for take-out
Senior citizen: $7.69 for dine-in, $9.28 for take-out
Child (ages 6–12): $6.47 for dine-in, $9.28 for take-out

Luncheon/Supper: $10.07 for dine-in; $11.13 for take-out
Senior citizen: $9.07 for dine-in; $11.13 for take-out
Child (ages 6–12): $7.69 for dine-in; $11.13 for take-out

Meal cards may be purchased ahead of time at the Dining Services office, or pay with debit/credit card (no cash) as you go through line.

GAZEBO—269-471-6356
Thursday 8 a.m.–10 p.m. (food line closes at 9 p.m.)
Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday 6–9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–10 p.m. (food line closes at 9 p.m.)

CAMPUS SAFETY—269-471-3321
Available 24 hours a day for emergencies.
Office hours:
Thursday 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.–12 p.m.

GUEST & CONVENTION SERVICES 269-471-3360
University Towers Lobby, 8400 West Campus Circle Dr

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

APPLE VALLEY MARKET DELI—269-471-3131
Thurs/Fri 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

BAQUETTE DE FRANCE—269-473-2355
Thursday 7 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

CAFÉ 31—269-471-3131
(located in Apple Valley Market)
Thursday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

EXPLORE MICHIANA
Do you have extra time to explore the surrounding area? Check out the Explore Michiana online series at alumni.andrews.edu/explore for ideas of scenic or historic places to visit, great local eating spots, and more.
Our Mission—The Andrews University Alumni Association supports the Andrews mission by engaging and connecting with the University community locally, nationally and globally. This is achieved by creating sustainable, enduring relationships with Andrews University and with each other.

Welcome back to our corner of Southwest Michigan, we are honored to have you join us this year. I trust that the turning leaves and crisp mornings will bring fond memories of your time spent here at Andrews University. We couldn’t think of a better time to be celebrating you, our alums, on this beautiful campus. Whether you find yourself here often or this is your first time back in 50 years, thank you for making the effort to return.

The University welcomed back its students just a few short weeks ago, and already faculty, staff and volunteers have been making lasting memories with these students as the school year progresses. Just a couple of weeks ago, Andrews University held its second annual “Change Day” where the entire Andrews University family, including alums who live in the area, came together to serve those in need in our immediate community, sharing the Andrews mission of effecting positive change everywhere we go. We hope that you take a look at this and other engaging stories chronicled across various social media channels as well as in FOCUS Magazine!

We are very excited about the 40-plus events planned, both on campus as well in the surrounding community that we call home. I am thankful for everyone’s efforts to make this the best homecoming weekend it can be.

While you spend these few short days with us, I hope you take a moment to lift up our Andrews students, faculty and staff in prayer. This is a truly remarkable institution that continues to empower students to change the world. I thank you for being a part of this family.

Warmly,

Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA ’06, MBA ’09)
Director, Office of Alumni Services
ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Drew Tetz is a designer from Silver Spring, Maryland, who specializes in phenakistoscopes, a pre-cinema technique that uses a turntable to play an animation. He has created these “animated records” for clients like Barneys NY, They Might Be Giants & Midland. Drew graduated from Andrews in 2010 with a BFA in graphic design and is currently attending the MFA program at Georgia State University. More of his work can be found on Instagram at @drewtetz.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

September 26–29

HOBBY CLASSES
1949, 1959, 1969,
1979, 1989, 1994, 1999,
2009, 2014, 2019

Will you be a member of an upcoming honor class? Start planning now to partner with us to make Homecoming more meaningful for both you and your classmates. If you’re interested in serving as a reunion leader or willing to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591, alumni@andrews.edu. Getting involved is a great way to make a difference!

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