Seasons of Change
Our Stories Continue

ALUMNI HOMECOMING | SEPTEMBER 22–25, 2022
Welcome to Alumni Homecoming 2022
Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am delighted to welcome you to our 2022 Alumni Homecoming. Thank you so much for joining us. The focus of this homecoming will be “Seasons of Change: Our Stories Continue,” an appropriate title for the time of year as fall will officially begin during our weekend together. However, this focus will be particularly relevant to the University in 2022 as this will be the last time I will be part of this celebration as president. It will also be the last homecoming before David Faehner’s retirement at the end of November, after his long and energetic tenure as vice president for University Advancement. This year will also be Dwight Nelson’s final year as senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church. But as we know, all seasons are good ones, they are just different, and Andrews University will have springs, summers, falls and winters ahead that will all be full of possibility and opportunity.

This homecoming you will see some of those changes already in place in our Alumni, Development and Advancement teams. In particular, we welcome Laura Malcolm to the leadership of Alumni Services and Kieran Taylor to the alumni relations coordinator role. They will be very prominent in the weekend events. This will also be Donald Bedney’s first homecoming as vice president for University Advancement. We know with this team there are only exciting new plans ahead.

Key events will include our traditional favorites. Thursday evening will be the Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet for honor class members, a time when we also celebrate some significant alumni awards. Friday we will enjoy the Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing, a fun event that also raises money for legacy students; the classic car show that seems to get bigger and better every year; the homecoming parade and more. Sabbath we have our traditional services, the special honor class gatherings and then in the evening, the Harvest Picnic, the Homecoming Gala Concert, and the Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game. Sunday you can enjoy the Bradley Family Harvest Run 5k/10k that was inaugurated last homecoming.

As well as what is traditional, we also have some unique events for this homecoming. The Career Center will have an opening event to showcase this new service on campus, and the Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship is planning a similar opening event. If you think you know what happens in career centers and innovation centers, you may be surprised at the creativity and new opportunities that these two important areas on campus are already providing. Finally, probably everyone who comes to homecoming will be familiar with the James White Library. We will be celebrating with you its 60th (building) and 85th (library) anniversary. And I have not begun to include all the other activities of the weekend.

Most importantly, however, the homecoming weekend will be a time for you to renew acquaintances and together engage with the current Andrews University campus, in particular hearing how the rich stories of Andrews will continue amidst changing seasons.

We so much look forward to meeting you. Welcome!

Andrea Luxton
President
By registering for and attending any Homecoming events, you agree to adhere to the following:

STATEMENT OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES

We are committed to meeting federal, state and local health guidelines in all we do. Of course, in the current fluid environment, we cannot promise that the situation will not change. If it does, and we are forced to move to a more remote or socially distant delivery of events, we will do so with your safety in mind.

Please understand that a few things are certain:

- Andrews University holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community, and we take seriously our responsibility to create an environment where those principles drive our decisions.

- Having said that, none of us can guarantee what shape COVID-19 will take, and none of us—including Andrews University—can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. Unfortunately, this is simply not feasible and that means that there is an inevitable risk of infection that we voluntarily accept as we work, visit campus and participate in events.

- Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Andrews University is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community—including you—must do their part. This means adhering to national, state and local health guidelines and requirements, as well as adhering to those measures that Andrews University deems safe and appropriate for its campus. Andrews University reserves the right to impose guidelines that exceed the requirements of the various health agencies. Specific details will be provided as circumstances dictate, but this may include such things as requiring temperature checks, social distancing, contact tracing, wearing masks or other facial coverings, using other PPE, not attending events if sick, and isolating and quarantining when required. You agree to do all of this not just for yourself, but for the safety of others, and because this is consistent with the Andrews University Covenant of Care.

- In complete transparency, you understand that if you return to the physical campus of Andrews University, there is a risk you may contract COVID-19. Despite the University’s efforts to comply with all COVID-19 mitigation recommendations, we cannot categorically guarantee this will not happen. You come to campus acknowledging and understanding this possibility.

- Finally, if you are traveling to the campus of the University to celebrate Homecoming, any expenses incurred in advance for travel, lodging and other costs will be your responsibility to handle, not the University’s, should circumstances change and require a changed Homecoming experience for some currently unplanned reason.

For current ongoing statistics about COVID-19 spread at Andrews University, please visit the University’s COVID-19 Dashboard.

If you experience any of the following during Homecoming, please do not attend events or access campus.

- Tested POSITIVE for COVID-19 in last 5 days
- Close contact with confirmed/probable case
- New or unexplained loss of taste or smell
- Temp above 100.4 F/38.0 C or chills
- New unexplained cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose
- Unexplained diarrhea or vomiting
- Unexplained new fatigue, muscle or body aches
- New or unexplained shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
We want to hear your Andrews story! Throughout the weekend the Andrews “story booth” will travel to several major events, giving you the opportunity to tell and record your Andrews memories. Your participation in the oral history we create will contribute to the research for Volume II in the Andrews Heritage Series, the sequel to “As We Set Forth.” Please come ready to tell us your funny, painful, life-changing, spiritually uplifting, or just everyday stories that especially remind you of your Andrews experience. Specific places and times to find the moving “story booth” will be available when you arrive on campus and register at the Alumni House Backyard Tent. We’ll be looking for you and listening!

Wednesday, Sept. 21

4–7 p.m. (program at 5:30 p.m.)
Retirement Celebration for David Faehner
Howard Performing Arts Center

David Faehner is retiring as vice president for University Advancement after 37 years of service to Andrews University. Dave’s work for the Seventh-day Adventist Church may represent one of the longest continuous employments at 57 years! Andrews University is blessed to have been a recipient of his enthusiasm, work ethic and passion for people for a large portion of that time. Dave has made a difference here. Many of the buildings we enjoy on campus are here, in part, because of the efforts of Dave and his team. If you are unable to attend the event, a card or letter would be meaningful to Dave. Please send well-wishes in care of: Planned Giving & Trust Services, 8903 US Hwy 31, Berrien Springs MI 49104-0645. If you see Dave during the Homecoming weekend festivities, take a moment to thank him for his contributions and celebrate his time at Andrews University.
Thursday, Sept. 22

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

4–5:30 p.m.  
Career Center Opening  
3rd Floor of the James White Library (Multimedia Center area)  
Be a part of the opening of the University’s brand-new Career Center. Attendees will be able to tour the space, enjoy light refreshments, and chat with the Center’s career advisor.

6 p.m.  
Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet  
Honored Class Members or by Invitation Only  
Alumni House Backyard Tent  
If you are an honored class member, you are invited to this elegant banquet commencing the Homecoming weekend celebrations. Greet returning classmates and supporters of Andrews University over plates of Sam’s chicken, mashed potatoes and other Andrews’ signature dishes. Members of the Class of 1972 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 alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp to secure your complimentary ticket, as space is limited.

Friday, Sept. 23

7:30 a.m.  Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.  Shotgun start

Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing
Orchard Hills Country Club, Buchanan, Michigan

RSVP required at alumni.andrews.edu/golf
Entry fee: $100 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 Advent Health: GlenOaks, Hinsdale, LaGrange, and Bolingbrook; Allred Funeral Home; Kellogg’s; Weigand Construction Company; Specialty Steel; Hardings; Ameriprise Financial; Crowe; Villwocks Outdoor Living.

8:30–10 a.m.
Women’s Scholarship Brunch
Lincoln & Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center

RSVP required at alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp
Sponsored by the Women's Scholarship Committee.

Speaker: Heather Thompson Day (BA '08, MA '11, PhD '18)

Title: “Say It Youself”
Heather Thompson Day, associate professor of communication at Andrews, is an interdenominational speaker and has been a contributor for Religion News Service, Christianity Today, Newsweek and the Barna Group. She is also the host of Viral Jesus, a new podcast with Christianity Today that has already received over 100k downloads. She is passionate about supporting women, and runs an online community called “I’m That Wife” which has over 260k followers. Heather will speak about “the power of our words to create our world.”

9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Registration
Alumni House Backyard Tent

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.

10:30 a.m.
Campus Bus Tour

The bus will begin loading in front of the Alumni House at 10 a.m.
Tour guide: Kelsey Curnutt (BA ’11)
Take a trip down memory lane, while being introduced to several new developments on campus.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
James White Library 60th (building) and 85th (library) anniversary
James White Library

Speaker: Meredith Jones Gray (BA ’76, MA ’77)
Listen to a fascinating presentation about the history of the library by Meredith Jones Gray, professor of English and author of “As We Set Forth.” Refreshments to follow.

12:30 p.m.
Tambunan Reception (Student Programming)
Chan Shun Hall Lobby

By Special Invite Only; RSVP Required with Career Center
Dress Code: Business Casual or Business Professional

This event is hosted for current students and provides an invaluable opportunity to learn from and network with alumni professionals. This event, hosted by the Andrews University Career Center, is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Andrews alumni Tim (BBA '90) and Ellen (MSMT '80) Tambunan and co-sponsorship by the Office of Alumni Services.
1–6:30 p.m.
**Made@Andrews Art Exhibit & Sale**
Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby

Browse an exhibit featuring unique, creative works made by Andrews University students, faculty and staff, including paintings, printed photographs, ceramic objects, drawings, sculptures, décor, models and more. Artwork will be available for sale with proceeds benefiting the artists.

1–4 p.m.
**Homecoming Classic Car Show**
Bookstore and Administration Building Parking Lots

Admire beautifully restored classic cars at this nostalgic eighth annual event hosted by area sponsors. Walk around and view rows of classic cars. Bring your Homecoming name badge for discounts on Andrews gear and more.

1:30–5 p.m.
**Dwain Ford Memorial Symposium**
Halenz Hall, Room 107

Hosted by the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, this event will be held in the Chemistry Amphitheater where Dwain Ford taught Organic Chemistry to many alums. Listen to several alumni present short talks about a current area of their professional interest, demonstrating the many directions that Dwain Ford inspired his students to take, followed by audience questions. Then at 4 p.m. those touched by Dwain Ford's kindness will have an opportunity to share those memories.

2–4 p.m.
**Innovation Open House**
Art & Design Center 115

Tour the current innovation lab and see the plans for the future innovation center, including the architectural drawings. Visit with Matias Soto, director of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, to learn more about the plans to create an innovation culture on campus.

5 p.m.
**35th Annual Homecoming Parade**
Viewing bleachers curbside, between the Howard & Seminary buildings

Lineup for entries begins at 4:15 p.m. in the Andrews Academy parking lot and the 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
Campus Flag Mall

Our University 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!

7:30 p.m.
Proximity Vespers
Pioneer Memorial Church

speaker: Kevin Wilson (BA ’14, MDiv ’17)

8:30 p.m.
Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) Alumni Impact Vespers
University Towers Auditorium

speaker: Dilys Brooks (MDiv ’05), Loma Linda University Chaplain

Sabbath, Sept. 24

9 & 11:45 a.m.
The Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church

speaker: Niels-Erik Andreasen (MA ’65, BD ’66), president emeritus of Andrews University
sermon title: “Behold I make all things new”
scripture: Revelation 21:1–5

11:45 a.m.
One Place Worship Service
Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall

speaker: Keila Carmona (BSW ’18, MAYYAM/MSW ’21)

11:45 a.m.
New Life Fellowship & Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) Alumni Worship Service
Howard Performing Arts Center

speaker: Dilys Brooks (MDiv ’05), Loma Linda University Chaplain

1:30–3 p.m.
School of Population Health, Nutrition & Wellness
International Cuisine Potluck
Andreasen Center for Wellness, Beijing Room #154

An international cuisine potluck for alumni of the School of Population Health, Nutrition & Wellness. Please bring a dish from your heritage to share with others.
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.

**Andrews Botanical Conservatory**  
*Science Complex, Price Hall, 4th Floor*

The Andrews Botanical Conservatory contains a wide variety of desert and tropical plants in four rooms on the roof of Price Hall.

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

**Museum of Natural History**  
*Science Complex, Price Hall, 1st Floor*

The Natural History Museum features the Prillwitz Mammoth, the most complete mammoth skeleton found in Michigan, along with a large collection of mammals, birds and insects. Come and check out our collections while learning about our plans for modernizing and renovating the museum to better fit the needs of Andrews University and the community.

**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.

3:30–5 p.m.
**Michiana Chapter of Adventist Forum**  
*Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall*

**Speaker:** Niels-Erik Andreasen (MA ’65, BD ’66), president emeritus of Andrews University  
**Title:** University-Church-Beliefs: Some thoughts on a lifelong engagement with Adventist education

4–6 p.m.
**Agriculture Education Center Open House**  
*Agriculture Education Center (Former Dairy)*

The former dairy is now the Agriculture Education Center. Check out all the animals that are helping educate Andrews students, and learn of future plans for this center of learning.

3–4 p.m. or 4–5 p.m. (choice of two tour times)
**James White Library Tours**  
*James White Library*

Explore the James White Library on a guided tour in celebration of the building’s 60th anniversary and the library’s 85th anniversary. The recently acquired Stafford Collection from Atlantic Union College will be highlighted.
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 farms. An adult needs to accompany 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.**

**5:30–7:45 p.m.**  
**Class Reunion Photos**  
Alumni House Backyard Tent

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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  
Join us for a complimentary concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Marc Elysee, the University Singers, conducted by Stephen Zork, and the Wind Symphony, conducted by Byron Graves. A dessert reception will be held after the program.

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**Made@Andrews Art Exhibit & Sale**  
Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby

Browse an exhibit featuring unique, creative works made by Andrews University students, faculty and staff, including paintings, printed photographs, ceramic objects, drawings, sculptures, décor, models and more. Artwork will be available for sale with proceeds benefiting the artists.

9 p.m.  
**Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game**  
Andreasen Center for Wellness, Recreation Center

The men’s Cardinals basketball team will make their debut as they compete against the alumni team. Be sure to come and cheer your team on.

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**Sunday, Sept. 25**

9 a.m.  
**Bradley Family Harvest Run**  
5K/10K and 1 Mile Walk  
Parking available at Pioneer Memorial Church

(Day-of registration and packet pick-up from 8–8:45 a.m. at the Andreasen Center for Wellness)  
Adults $30, current AU students and children 12 and under $20  
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. This year’s start/finish location will be at the Andreasen Center for Wellness.

9:30–11 a.m.  
**School of Education Alumni Breakfast**  
Room 014, Bell Hall

Hosted by the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum. Come see Bell Hall and enjoy a delicious breakfast with fellow graduates from the School of Education.
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, exceptional achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.

John Banks
Karen Gray
William Kirlew
Dennis Tidwell
John Calvin Banks is associate professor of anatomy for the Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSOM). Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he graduated from Cedar Lake Academy and came to Andrews University in the fall of 1968. John recalls that it was “both liberating from the stifling atmosphere of a boarding academy but also exciting, mainly because the Detroit Tigers won the World Series that October and the games could be watched on a TV set up in the lobby of the Campus Center.”

John greatly enjoyed his undergraduate years at Andrews, studying biology in Marsh Hall, playing intramurals, being president of the men’s club, Sigma Phi Delta, his junior year, and dating his wife-to-be Patricia Hays (BA ’72) for all four years. After graduating in 1972, John and Pat accepted an offer to teach grades 1–8 in Buffalo, New York. They spent three years there, then moved to Adelphian Academy in Holly, Michigan for the next six. John earned an MA in biology at Andrews in 1981 and then moved to Loma Linda, California, where he completed his doctorate in anatomy in June 1984.

A year prior to graduation from Loma Linda, John was invited to be the coordinator of the Basic Science program in Andrews University’s new Master of Science in Physical Therapy (MSPT) program. After completing his doctorate, he accepted the invitation and taught in the Department of Physical Therapy for the next 28 years. Over the course of John’s career, the physical therapy program at Andrews grew from a master’s degree to a clinical doctorate (DPT in 2005). In addition to teaching anatomy courses on the Berrien Springs campus, he taught classes in Dayton, Ohio, where a sister MSPT program was located.

John has published research articles in the American Journal of Anatomy and Journal of Morphology, but his most significant group publication was the “Atlas of Clinical Gross Anatomy,” released in 2005 by Elsevier Publishing of London. The textbook/atlas won the R.R. Hawkins Award as well as the Richard Asher Prize from the Royal Society of Medicine in 2006. The book was revised for a second edition in 2013 and has been translated into Russian, French and Portuguese.

John’s time at Andrews was enriched by performing as chair of the University’s Rank and Continuous Appointment committee (2006–2008) and receiving the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award (CAS) in April 2010, but mainly by the tremendous caliber of students within the physical therapy program.

Two community activities in particular have become fond memories. Firstly, “Teacher John” led out for over 25 years in the Cradle Roll division at Pioneer Memorial Church. Several of those children have become first-year medical students at LLUSOM. Secondly, John established and coached the Cardinal’s men’s hockey team for over ten years.

John and Pat have been married for over 50 years. Their family includes two daughters: Erin (BA ’02), her husband Mikael Kirkham (BS ’03), and their children, Emilia and Finnegan; and their second daughter, Kirsten (att. 04–06), her husband Brent Wild, and their child, Violet.
Karen Gray (BA '92)

Karen J. Gray, Esq., is the General Counsel for Government Accountability Project (“GAP”), a non-profit, nonpartisan public interest organization that promotes government and corporate accountability by advancing occupational free speech and ethical conduct, defending whistleblowers, and empowering citizen activists.

Born in Birmingham, England, Karen emigrated to Canada with her family when she was an infant. She spent her formative years at Crawford Adventist Academy (formerly Toronto Junior Academy) in Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and earned a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law.

Karen says, “I have very fond memories of Andrews University, and to this day I cherish many lifelong friendships that began there. As a student and someone still trying to figure out my next steps in life, the late great Valerie Phillips, assistant dean of women extraordinaire, always had time for my endless questions. Many evenings as I manned the Lamson Hall front desk, we chatted about life, accountability and what it meant to be a Christian navigating this world. Those talks and her unforgettable laugh are something I will treasure until we meet again. Andrews University also instilled in me the importance of service to my community and to society as a whole. I am thankful for the invaluable spiritual, life and academic lessons learned at this exceptional institution.”

As a law student, she volunteered with the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, helping victims of domestic violence transition to lives of peace and safety. In 1997 and 1998, Karen served as the legal director of the Family Crisis Center of Prince George’s County. After a brief stint in a corporate position, she accepted an offer of employment as an associate attorney for the Law Offices of Joseph A. Trevino. While there, Karen became a Disaster Relief volunteer attorney for the Maryland State Bar Association and volunteered as a pro bono attorney for the Lawyer Referral Service for Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Beginning in 2003, Karen served as a trial attorney and deputy general counsel for GAP, traveling across the country and representing clients in the nuclear, public safety, pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. Today, in addition to assisting with litigation strategy, Karen provides education, advice and ethical guidance to the company. She also enjoys mentoring student interns. From 2005–2010 she served as a supervisor for the GAP Whistleblower Clinic.

In her personal life, Karen is involved in numerous non-profit and professional organizations, task forces and community groups. She is a longstanding member of the Community Praise Seventh-day Adventist Church located in Alexandria, Virginia, and a founding member of S.A.F.E. @ 7, a virtual intercessory prayer group. Karen is also an avid reader with memberships in several book clubs.

Karen is the daughter of Leonard and Jean Gray, sister of Wayne L. Gray (and his wife, Minerva Saddler-Gray), and very proud aunt of Taylor and Tristyn Gray (also being very close to their mom, Paulette Higgins-Moncrieffe).
William Kirlew
(MDiv ’70)

Before William Kirlew’s birth on Nov. 29, 1920, his mother dreamed that God wanted him to be a preacher. Now looking forward to his 102nd birthday, he still sees pastoring as a calling from God.

William attended West Indian Training College in Mandeville, Jamaica, graduating with an associate degree in theology in 1955. He continued his education at West Indies College, earning a BA in theology in 1968 and graduated from Andrews University with an MDiv in 1970. His alma mater, now known as Northern Caribbean University, bestowed him with an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 2014.

Prior to 1955, William was an active layman working for the Jamaican government. He started a church with only three people under a mango tree, riding his bicycle 10 miles twice a week to hold services. From 1955–1966, he served as a pastor evangelist in the West Jamaica Conference, preaching, planting, building and becoming a Centurion by baptizing over 100 people each year.

William recalls, “When I arrived at Andrews in 1968 as a foreign student with five children and no bursary, I worked to pay for tuition and expenses. Although my wife also worked full-time, at one point we ran out of money and the family fasted and prayed that God would make a way so I would not have to drop out. God answered our prayers, and the faculty granted me a full tuition scholarship. I am forever grateful to Andrews faculty such as Dean Murdoch and President Hamill for their support during this time.”

After earning his MDiv, he pastored the Sharon SDA Church in Tucson, Arizona. William returned to the West Jamaica Conference in 1973, where he pastored up to 13 churches, planted and built new ones, and was once again a Centurion. Subsequently, he served as stewardship secretary for the conference.

In 1976, William established the Maranatha SDA Church in Miami Gardens, Florida. Several buildings, along with an eight-grade school, later renamed the William A Kirlew Junior Academy, were built. He also pioneered Men’s and Women’s Ministry programs along with ministries addressing the imprisoned and inner city homeless.

William retired to Naples, Florida in 1997, where he established the Bethesda Corkscrew Church. He has supported thousands of young people financially and spiritually, encouraging them to pursue higher education and Christian service.

He has been married to his lifelong partner, Sylvia Joy, for the past 64 years. William gushes that his wife is “second to none” and recalls how she supported him through college. She taught herself to sew, knit, and crochet, canned fruits and vegetables and baked bread from scratch weekly, all while working as a nurse.

All six of their children went into the medical field and the extended family now includes many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His children shared, “We celebrate this patriarch, trailblazer, faithful disciple, steward, church planter, church builder, evangelist and visionary. We learn from his pioneering spirit, are enriched by his wealth of experiences, and motivated by this man of God who is selfless and continues to strive for the Heavenly Kingdom.”
Dennis Tidwell  
(BA ’72)

Dennis Tidwell grew up in the field of service. As a child, he spent many of his formative years in India as a member of a missionary family. The rest of his life has been dedicated to international work in Asia on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Habitat for Humanity and the U.S. Department of State.

In 1972, Dennis received a BA in theology from Andrews University. He recalls, “I transferred to Andrews University because my academy sweetheart, Lila Goertzen (BS ’71), was enrolled there. It was one of my best decisions in more than one way. After Lila graduated in 1971, we were married in Lamson Hall Chapel, and it has been an amazing partnership ever since. We have supported and potentiated each other’s careers all our lives.”

Following graduation from Andrews, Dennis obtained an MS in urban and overseas English from Indiana University in 1974. He worked as director of Hilltribe Work for the Thailand Adventist Mission until 1988, simultaneously pursuing and acquiring an MPH in primary healthcare management from Mahidol University.

Afterwards, he began working with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), serving as director and country director consecutively in Indochina, Vietnam and India for 13 years. Dennis also provided volunteer services in Laos and Myanmar through ADRA. In his hands, the newly minted programs flourished.

From 2003–2004, Dennis served as Habitat for Humanity’s regional program manager for Southeast Asia. In the years following, he took on the role of diplomat in several countries for the U.S. Department of State. His stations included Yangon, Myanmar; Mumbai, India; Chiang Mai, Thailand; and Kabul, Afghanistan.

Ten years later, in 2014, Dennis transitioned into a position as senior editor for the Annual Human Rights Reports. He edited and published written reports for the U.S. Department of State over the course of several years and continued his service work through volunteer missions. In 2015, he traveled to Nepal following the devastating earthquake in April, working with the Harvard University Disaster Medical Team to provide relief.

Dennis credits Andrews University with having given him and Lila an important educational platform, noting, “Our teachers inspired us to live lives of service for others and Gottfried Oosterwal in particular inspired us to pursue overseas mission service and helped us develop cross-cultural communication skills that fortified us for our entire working lives in Asia. We are truly indebted to Andrews and its dedicated faculty from our time there.”

Dennis and Lila passed their heart for service on to their two sons, who are both in international programs with the U.S. Department of State. Nathan Tidwell currently works in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Ethan Tidwell serves in Oslo, Norway. Although now retired, Dennis’ missionary mindset and faithful practice has changed the world for the better.
The Spirit of Philanthropy Award recipients are selected each year by the Office of Development and presented with the award at the Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet.

2022 Spirit of Philanthropy Recipients

Ruth & Glen Abbott
Stanley & Edith Applegate
Fred & Jill Cornforth
Dick Schell
Ed & Ann Zinke
Ruth & Glen Abbott

Ruth (PhD ’01) and Glen (BA ’71) Abbott know that Christian education has played an important role in their life story: meeting at Andrews University, employment in Christian education and educating their two sons. Ruth’s education was primarily at Adventist schools prior to attending Andrews, whereas Glen’s education was in the public sector. After attending a community college he wanted to complete his education at Andrews, but since he was responsible for his own tuition costs he knew that wouldn’t be easy. He sold his beloved Mustang (bought brand new in 1966), and in faith started attending Andrews in the fall of 1969. Near the end of that semester, he met Ruth and the rest is history.

In 1971, Glen graduated with a business major and they moved to the Detroit area, where Ruth completed her BSN at Wayne State University. In 1973, Glen II was born. Glen decided on a career change and began classes in nursing. He was accepted into the accelerated BSN program at Southern Adventist University and in August of 1974 they moved to Orlando for Glen’s junior year. He worked part-time as a nursing student and Ruth worked as a RN in intensive care at Florida Hospital. While in Florida, they met Dr. Futcher, academic dean from Collegedale. He offered Ruth a position as a nursing teacher when they returned to Collegedale in the summer of 1975. She continued in the academic realm until retirement. Glen finished his BSN in 1975 and then worked in a variety of areas: intensive care, dialysis, surgery and emergency. Their son Jeremy was born in 1976.

While living in Collegedale, a pastor friend challenged them to a concept that involved not only giving their tithe, but an additional percentage for offerings. They thought and prayed about this and knew that the Lord would bless them; so they started out in faith. Glen says, “It wasn’t always easy, but God faithfully supplied what was needed to provide for our family, including Christian education for our sons, and obtaining additional degrees, including a PhD from Andrews for Ruth. While attending Andrews, our sons received some scholarships which left an impression upon us as parents as to the importance of supporting Christian education by sharing what God gives us with others, no matter how small or large.”

Ruth and Glen’s careers took them to Tennessee, Massachusetts, Michigan, California and Ohio. Starting in the 2000s they became actively involved with building schools with Maranatha. Ruth states, “We believe that you can never out-give the Lord. He has always been faithful to us and we believe that each one of us are called upon to serve Him. You may think that the amount you can contribute is too small, like the widow’s mite, but it isn’t because God always expands what you give. Our passion is Christian education, whether locally, at our alma mater and/or in the mission field. We know that God has blessed us much more than we have ever given.”

Ruth and Glen retired in 2019 and now reside in Florida.
Stanley Applegate (BA '61) and Edith Metzger (BA '58) became friends in the 1950s at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). Edith graduated in 1958 with a major in biology and minors in chemistry, mathematics and education. She earned a master's degree in zoology at the University of Michigan in 1959. Later that summer the couple married and Edith joined the biology faculty at Andrews University. Stanley earned his bachelor's degree in 1961 with a major in physics and minors in mathematics and music.

After graduation, Stan operated Audio Services, a business in Berrien Springs. He was also the production manager for Your Story Hour, a children's Christian radio program. In 1962, Edith left her faculty position to care for their children and help Stan in their business.

In 1971, Kettering College in Ohio contacted Stan about developing a new degree program for training biomedical electronic technicians. There was only one year to develop a curriculum and facilities. Feeling the Lord's guidance, they sold the inventory of Audio Services and moved to Ohio, where Stan began work on July 1, 1971.

After establishing the college program, Stan organized a biomedical electronics department at Kettering Medical Center. Under his leadership, the department grew to 20 full-time employees when he retired in 2002. Stan also served as organist and choir director for Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville, Ohio.

Edith volunteered as a pianist at Spring Valley Academy and in 1972 accepted a full-time position teaching chemistry and mathematics. Four years later a position opened at Kettering College and Edith transitioned to teaching there, soon focusing on anatomy and physiology. She also developed new courses and authored textbooks on anatomy and physiology for an internationally recognized publisher. Edith retired in 2000 but continued writing textbooks until 2016.

Stan and Edith are long-time members of the Kettering Adventist Church. In the early years, Stan played the organ for church services or directed the choir. On Friday evenings, they often opened their home to 50–100 college students and faculty for soup suppers and fellowship. They led Primary Sabbath School for many years. After retirement, they transitioned to senior ministry, planning social activities for senior members of Dayton area Adventist churches.

Stan and Edith still remain active in the Kettering area but spend winter months in Florida. They enjoy bird watching, world travel, classical music concerts, live theatre productions, and lifelong learning lectures. The family includes two adult sons:
Fred (MDiv ‘90) and Jill Cornforth are both products of Seventh-day Adventist education. Jill graduated with her RN from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, while Fred attended Walla Walla University. After earning a bachelor’s degree in business with a minor in religion, Fred moved across the country to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he enrolled in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1987.

Fred credits Andrews University with transforming him into what he calls “a global citizen.” Through community initiatives, Fred found himself in nearby Benton Harbor, meeting the people on the streets and in their homes. “I saw firsthand how great the needs were right on my doorstep,” Fred says. “A flame was ignited—a flame that would continue to grow.”

Following graduation from the seminary and years spent in church employment, Fred decided to put his business training to work by confronting and meeting the housing needs of people with few or limited means. CDI (Community Development Inc.) was born. Twenty-seven years later, the thriving company employs over 120 people and partners. In addition to building apartment complexes across the United States, CDI has constructed orphanages around the world. Furthermore, as co-founders of Love Heals, Fred and Jill use CDI’s resources to establish, maintain and fund a network of volunteers and partner organizations who deliver healthcare to many who struggle to access it.

When asked for advice to young graduates, Fred says, “Absolutely follow your passions, but always in the context of service for others.” A favorite inspirational passage continues to fuel Fred’s motivation. Quoting from Ellen White’s “Christ’s Object Lessons,” Fred says with palpa-
Richard Schell


He was employed with the Dow family for more than 55 years, from 1957–2013. Dow is known as “a materials science leader committed to delivering innovative and sustainable solutions for customers in packaging, infrastructure and consumer care.” Dick served as an accountant, financial consultant, and executive vice president for Dow’s A/E business. He married Lois Marsh in 1957 and they had four children, all of whom graduated from Andrews. Three went on to graduate from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. The fourth became a CPA, MBA, MST and is presently executive vice president and director of international tax for Kellogg’s.

Through many decades of attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dick held many offices, including elder, treasurer, Pathfinder leader, head deacon and Sabbath School superintendent. He and Lois retired to Fletcher Park in Hendersonville, North Carolina. After 61 years of marriage, Lois passed away in 2019 from complications due to Alzheimer’s.

Dick has remarried and remains active in his community at the Hendersonville Rescue Mission, Advent Health and Hendersonville Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the age of 87, he enjoys a “good measure of health, both physical and mental,” and is “interested in students getting an education and [sharing] the gospel to the world.”

(Excerpted from “Making the World a Better Place Today: Fred Cornforth’s Mission, Mindset and Motivation” by Beverly Matiko, 2022 FOCUS Annual Report)
Ed & Ann Zinke

Over the course of his career, E. Edward (Ed) Zinke (MDiv ’71, MA ’75) has championed theological education and dialogue. His active support for Seventh-day Adventist educational programs through planning lectures, participating in conferences, and providing project funding has made an important impact on both the local and international community.

After graduating from Loma Linda University with a BA in theology in 1967, Ed began pastoring in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. He went on to obtain an MA in Old Testament and an MDiv from Andrews University. Just a few years later, he was fully engaged in organizing and fostering theological conversation. His work took him to Europe, South America and Australia, where he presented lecture series on the history of method in theology. During this time, he also served as president and co-owner, with his wife L. Ann Christensen (BS ’70), of Ann’s House of Nuts, an international supplier of processed and packaged nuts, dried fruits and mixes.

In the 1980s, with his friend Gerhard Hasel, Ed initiated a scholarship program at Andrews University for PhD students in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He was also responsible for the creation and maintenance of a scholarship program which supports PhD students in earth and biological science at Loma Linda University. The two programs have positively impacted both campus communities and Ed continues to play an active role in supporting them, working to provide beneficial professional opportunities for the participants.

Ed has served as founder, past president and current treasurer of the Adventist Theological Society. During his tenure, he has assembled several conferences and published a series of peer-reviewed articles. He has also served as a member of the Biblical Research Institute, where he established a series of Bible conferences.

A prolific writer, Ed has published several book chapters, essays and editorials in various online and print publications, such as Adventist Review, Ministry and Perspective Digest. His book, “The Certainty of the Second Coming,” co-authored with Roland R. Hegstad, came out in 2000, and he has funded several other projects with Andrews University Press.

In more recent years, Ed has honed in on the topic of faith and science, as well as learning and faith. Presenting a series of lectures and workshops, he has traveled the world extensively, visiting universities in the Philippines, Rwanda, India, Peru and beyond to foster important conversations about faith. Beginning in 2013, he established a series of interfaith conferences with the hope of bringing academic disciplines together based upon the biblical worldview.

Currently, Ed is a doctoral candidate who remains active in conversations about theology within academics. With the help of partners at Andrews, he is developing a new Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary, and is writing a series of editorials and articles on worldview thinking from an Adventist biblical perspective. Through continued contributions to theological thought and conversation, Ed has created a lasting legacy of service and care.

“It is a pleasure for our family to partner with the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, educating students to have a passion for sharing their biblical worldview in their chosen profession. It is always gratifying to meet PhD graduates all over the world who have been a product of this special Seminary experience.”
Dear Andrews Family,

As the weather takes on a crisp edge and fall foliage on campus turns shades of rust, red and gold, our thoughts turn to our alumni and Homecoming weekend. It is such a pleasure to welcome you back to Andrews University in person, and we hope that during this weekend you will not only remember stories and recollections from your time at school here, but that you will also make new memories to carry with you and cherish in future years.

The world continues to be an uncertain place. The past years have been filled with so much change and difficulty, yet as an Andrews family we remain strong and united. In this coming year ahead, we face even more transitions as Andrews closes this chapter with President Luxton retiring soon and many changes on campus occurring. Yet change provides a chance for new opportunities and directions. As Andrews moves into a new era, we look ahead to expansion in innovation, in career options for our students, and in exciting new programs of study. Into this new era we also take with us the same excellent standards for quality Seventh-day Adventist Christian education and the rich diversity of our campus body.

As you re-engage with your alma mater this weekend, we hope that you will look back on and celebrate your own journey. Consider ways to connect with and support current Andrews students and the University as Andrews moves into this new chapter whether through prayer, mentorship, the gift of your time, or in other ways. Please also consider sharing and recording your Andrews story with our University Communication team this weekend, as we are eager to hear your journey and reminiscences.

Walk through memory lane this weekend, enjoy the time with each other, participate in the many Homecoming events that are happening, and relish each moment. Thank you for returning to Andrews!

Warmly,

Laura Malcolm (BBA ’11)
Director, Office of Alumni Services
Campus Facilities

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE—269-471-3287
Thursday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1–5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. & 1–5 p.m.
(extended hours for alumni)
Closed Saturday and Sunday

ANDREASEN CENTER FOR WELLNESS—269-471-6090
Thursday: 5:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday: 5:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Individual day passes and family “Pool Only” day passes will be available for Andrews alumni to purchase at the Andreasen Center for Wellness front desk at a 50 percent discount during Sept. 22–25. Individual day passes will be $5 each for alumni and “Pool Only” day passes for alumni families will be $10 each during those dates.

Local Business Directory

APPLE VALLEY MARKET—269-471-3234
Thursday: 7 a.m.–10 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

BERRIEN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION—269-471-1202
History Center at Courthouse Square
313 N. Cass Street, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Thursday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Admission: Free
Explore this exhibit during open hours at the Sheriff’s Residence

“Artisan Weekend at the Square”
Admission: Free
Enjoy multiple events during this special weekend during open hours

EXPLORE MICHIANA

Do you have extra time to explore the surrounding area? Check out the Explore Michiana online magazine series at andrews.edu/michiana for ideas of scenic or historic places to visit, great local eating spots, and more.

Local Restaurants

APPLE VALLEY MARKET DELI—269-471-3131
Thursday: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

BAGUETTE DE FRANCE—269-473-2355
Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

MELENDEZ IMPORTS—269-473-3477
Thursday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

TOWN HALL PIZZA (formerly Roma Pizzeria)—269-471-7754
Thursday: 4–8 p.m.
Friday: 4–9 p.m.
Sunday: 4–8 p.m.
PARKING GUIDELINES

- Faculty/Staff Only
- Community and Faculty/Staff
- Lamson Residents
- Meier/Burman/Damazo Residents
- Unrestricted
- Restricted—Housing Residents
- Restricted—Visitors Only
- ACW/PMC—No Overnight Parking
- Security Gates—Closed 11 p.m.–5 a.m.

Campus Map

- Pioneer Memorial Church
- Alumni House
Parking passes are required. Please pick up your free visitor parking pass at the Office of Campus Safety.
HOMECOMING 2023

Mark Your Calendars Now
September 28–October 1, 2023


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!