The Quiet Hand of God

ALUMNI HOMECOMING | September 28–October 1, 2023
Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am delighted for this opportunity to welcome you to our 2023 Alumni Homecoming! I am grateful you’ve returned to join with your Andrews University family this weekend to help celebrate the journeys we’ve shared together. It has been a privilege to return to my alma mater and to serve this wonderful institution.

This year’s theme for Alumni Homecoming Weekend is “The Quiet Hand of God.” It’s a theme that I believe powerfully and directly summarizes a significant truth about this University we call home.

We’ll be celebrating Andrews University’s sesquicentennial next school year—150 years since our story began with Battle Creek College in 1874. As we prepare to acknowledge that remarkable milestone, our community will again be reminded that God’s pervasive influence has been central to the history and global impact of Andrews University since it first opened its doors as Battle Creek College on August 24, 1874.

I trust that this Alumni Homecoming will offer you a renewed opportunity to reminisce how The Quiet Hand of God has personally moved through your life and career—and how your education here at Andrews directly prepared you to be a World Changer for God.

In my role as president, I want you to know that I, too, pray for The Quiet Hand of God—not just to influence the activities and strategies of our University but also to inspire and inform the work that God has called me to do here.

Key events for this weekend include our traditional favorites, beginning with the Thursday evening Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet for honor class members and invited donors, and also a time to celebrate some significant alumni and philanthropy awards.

On Friday we will again enjoy the Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Tournament, a special Presidential Portrait Unveiling of Andrea Luxton, president emerita, the Classic Car Show, our 36th Annual Homecoming Parade, the festive International Flag Raising Celebration and much more.

Sabbath features our regular worship services on campus, the Harvest Tours & Picnic, the Homecoming Gala Concert and Alumni vs. Students basketball game. Our third annual Bradley Family Harvest Run 5k/10k on Sunday rounds out the weekend’s events.

I pray that this weekend will be a time for you to renew acquaintances, perhaps make new friends, and together engage with our current Andrews University community. Let us discover anew the faithful mission and commitment that are at the heart and history of this school we love.

Along with the entire Andrews University community, I very much look forward to meeting you this weekend.

Welcome!

John Wesley Taylor V
President
Thursday, Sept. 28

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.

2:30 p.m.
School of Communication Sciences & Disorders Myo VoSS Lab Open House and Clinic Tour
Bell Hall 114
The School of Communication Sciences & Disorders has expanded over the last few years with new clinic space and a dedicated classroom with a lab. Our Myo VoSS lab (Myofunctional, Voice, Speech and Swallowing) is an exciting new space for our students to use some of the latest technology for research and clinical experiences. Come and tour our new space. We are also excited to share our plans for our upcoming clinical service trip to Jamaica in June 2024!

6 p.m.
Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet
Alumni House Backyard Tent
Honored Class Members or By Invitation Only
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 1973 will be inducted into the Golden Hearts Club after a roll call by the Alumni Association. Honored Alumni and the new Up-and-Coming Alumni awards will be presented, recognizing each recipient’s 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. 29

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Shotgun start
Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing
Orchard Hills Country Club, Buchanan, Michigan
RSVP required
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 AdventHealth: GlenOaks, Hinsdale, LaGrange, and Bolingbrook; Allred Funeral Home; Kellogg’s; Weigand Construction Company; Ameriprise Financial; Crowe; Villwocks Outdoor Living; Design Collaborative; The Jardine Group; and F&V Operations and Resource Management.

8:30–10 a.m.
Women’s Scholarship Brunch
Lincoln & Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center
RSVP required. Sponsored by the Women’s Scholarship Committee and Office of Development
SPEAKER: Andrea Luxton (MA ‘78)
TITLE: “Women in Leadership: Is There Still a Glass Ceiling?”
The Seventh-day Adventist church does not, in theory, limit women’s access to leadership positions. Yet very few women hold senior leadership positions in the church. Is this a reflection of society or something unique to the Adventist church? Is there still a glass ceiling for women in leadership? Andrea Luxton, Andrews University president emerita, has served the church in leadership roles in three different countries. She will explore this experience with the help of her favorite pieces of glass art, which may or may not be harder to shatter than a glass ceiling.

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“Ex Post Facto” Alumni Art Exhibition
Harrigan Hall, Upper Level, 8450 E Campus Circle Dr
Visit the gallery and see what our creative alumni have been up to over the years. “Ex Post Facto” considers “all that has come about after the fact” including a variety of media, spanning generations of alumni from near and far.

10 a.m.–5 p.m.
“Adopt-A-Pot” Surrendered Pottery Sale
Art & Design Center, Room 101, 8460 E Campus Circle Dr
You’re invited to stop by the studio and consider adopting one of our many pots in need of new homes.

10 a.m.–2 p.m.
School of Social & Behavioral Sciences Open House
Buller Hall 211
Join us for a time of mingling with fellow alums. Stop by to reminisce on the past and focus on the future of the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as great conversation!

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**Campus Bus Tour**  
*The bus will begin loading at the Alumni House parking lot at 10 a.m.*  
Tour led by University Hospitality Services  
Take a trip down memory lane, while being introduced to several new developments on campus.

11:30 a.m.  
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**Presidential Portrait Unveiling**  
*James White Library Gallery*  
Our library collections include presidential portraits of eight of our presidents. Please join us in this historic moment as we add the Luxton portrait, photographed by Dan Weber, chair of the Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design. Andrea Luxton will be present to greet alumni and friends. Dan Weber will be present to assist with the unveiling.

12:30 p.m.  
**Tambunan Luncheon (Student Programming)**  
*Whirlpool Room, Chan Shun Hall*  
By Special Invitation Only; RSVP Required with Career Center  
Dress Code: Business Casual or Business Professional  
This event is designed for current students and provides an invaluable opportunity to learn from and network with alumni professionals. Hosted by the Andrews University Career Center, this event 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, the Career Center and Undergraduate Leadership.

1–2 p.m.  
**TMJ: The Great Imposter**  
*School of Nursing, Marsh Hall 204, 8475 University Blvd*  
RSVP required  
Dr. Rod Willey will present on temporomandibular jaw disorders and craniofacial pain. Participants will explore the causes and solutions of these disorders.

1–5 p.m.  
**Homecoming Classic Car Show**  
*Howard Performing Arts Center Parking Lot*  
Admire beautifully restored classic cars at this nostalgic annual event, now hosted by the Office of Alumni Services.
2–6:30 p.m.  
**Made@Andrews Store Launch**  
Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby

Join us for the launch of the Made@Andrews store. This store will feature and sell unique, creative works made by Andrews University students, faculty, and staff, including paintings, photographs, décor objects, drawings, ceramic objects, limited-edition merchandise and much more. Proceeds from this store will benefit the artists.

5 p.m.  
**36th Annual Homecoming Parade**  
Viewing bleachers curbside, between the Howard & Chan Shun parking lots

Come out and watch the pageantry of creative floats, marching bands and fire trucks as they move through the parade route. 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 Andy’s Eats, the Dining Services’ food truck that will be on-site with vegetarian Latin food offerings! *Parade awards ceremony directly follows.*

6 p.m.  
**Department of History & Political Science Picnic**  
Lesher Memorial Grove, 8545 E Campus Circle Dr

Faculty and students of the Department of History & Political Science welcome our alumni for fellowship and vespers.

6:30 p.m.  
**International Flag Raising Ceremony**  
International 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: Pierre Quinn (BA ’05, MA ’08, MDiv ’12), CEO of The Cardell Group*

8:30 p.m.  
**Praise Pact**  
Howard Performing Arts Center

Praise Pact is an atmosphere where worship transforms the soul and elevates the spirit. Various worship leaders, including alumni and current students, will lead us in worship through songs, testimony and reflection. Organized by the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) and Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC).
Sabbath, Sept. 30

9 & 11:45 a.m.
The Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church
speaker: Shane Anderson (MDiv ’99, DMin ’17), Lead Pastor

11:45 a.m.
New Life Fellowship
Howard Performing Arts Center
speaker: Chanda M. Nunes (MDiv ’08), Vice President of Administration, Nevada-Utah Conference

11:45 a.m.
One Place Fellowship
Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall
speaker: Rachel Keele (MA ’16), Director of University Wellness

1 p.m.
Class Reunion Luncheon Buffets
Dining Services, Campus Center
Luncheon pricing: $10.75 + tax dine-in; $11.75 + tax take-out
Child (ages 4-10): $7 + tax dine-in; $11.75 + tax 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 the line.

Classes of 1953, 1963, 1973
Badger Room, Campus Center
Lincoln and Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center

1–3 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.

2–5 p.m.
School of Architecture & Interior Design Open House
Architecture Building, Carscallen Mission Workshop, 8435 E Campus Circle Dr
Please join us for a joyous celebration of architecture and interior design. Featuring custom woodwork, architectural models and original artwork, this inspiring display should not be missed. Tour our workshop and check out the tiny home designed and built by our students. Light refreshments will be served.
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.

**Center for Adventist Research**  
*James White Library, Ground Floor*

View the various exhibits including sections from the Suhrie Bible Collection and other significant Bibles from the 16th and 19th centuries.

**James White Library**  
Explore the James White Library and view the display of contemporary Bibles, featuring various interesting versions and translations. Guided tours at 3 and 4 p.m.

**Museum of Nature & Science**  
*Science Complex, Price Hall, 1st Floor*

The newly renamed Museum of Nature & Science invites you to an open house. Come and see our natural history collections (including our Columbian mammoth) and learn about our exciting plans to renovate our museum and expand what we do to better fit the needs of Andrews University and the broader community. A new display wall will exhibit results from the expeditions to Peru conducted in the 1960s (including clips from a never-before-seen 16mm film) and outline the improvements that have already occurred in the last five years, as well as our future plans.

**Ruth Murdoch Elementary School**  
*8885 Garland Ave*

RMES alumni and friends are invited to tour our building, browse student displays and view improvement updates. Refreshments will be provided.

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

The Horn Museum contains a treasure house full of biblically related artifacts that highlight the 55 years of Andrews University-led excavations in the Holy Land and Sicily.
3:30–5 p.m.
Michiana Adventist Forum
Chan Shun Hall, Garber Auditorium
Speaker: Brian E. Strayer (MA ’74), Emeritus Professor of History
Title: Hiram Edson: The Man and the Myth
Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Services and Michiana Adventist Forum.

4–5:30 p.m.
Social Work Open House
& LiveStream Event
Shalom House, 8338 W Campus Circle Dr
Connect with us in person and/or join us for a livestream event from 4:45–5:30 p.m. on our AndrewsSocialWork Facebook page! Learn about what’s happening in the School of Social Work and the International Center for Trauma Education & Care.

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 teaching Andrews students, and learn of future plans for this center of learning.

5:30–7:30 p.m.
(tours will depart every half-hour)
Harvest Wagon Tours
The wagon will load at the Alumni House backyard
Climb on board and join the wagon tour as it meanders around campus. An adult needs to accompany small children. In case of rain, the Harvest Wagon Tours will be canceled.
Please note: Outdoor activities of these kinds can be hazardous and carry some risk of injury. Participants accept the responsibility of this risk for themselves and their children.

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

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**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*  
Enjoy a complimentary concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Marc Elysee, the University Singers & Chorale, conducted by Stephen Zork, and the Wind Symphony, conducted by Denisse Santos. A dessert reception will be held after the program.

9 p.m.  
**Alumni vs. Students Basketball Games—“Honoring the Champions”**  
*Andreasen Center for Wellness, Recreation Center*  
Cardinals players from the championship teams of 2011, 2012 and 2014 will be playing against this year’s Cardinals Basketball Team. There will be a short tribute to the championship teams before the start of the game. Be sure to come and cheer your team on.

9–10 p.m.  
**Made@Andrews Store Launch**  
*Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby*  
Join us for the launch of the Made@Andrews store. This store will feature and sell unique, creative works made by Andrews University students, faculty, and staff, including paintings, photographs, décor objects, drawings, ceramic objects, limited-edition merchandise and much more. Proceeds from this store will benefit the artists.
Sunday, Oct. 1

8–11 a.m.
**Annual Aviation Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast**
Andrews University Airpark, 3898 Griggs Dr

Adults $7 (children age 5 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 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 tour the airport facilities and check out our fleet of planes. Breakfast is free for fly-in pilots and drive-in antique car owners!

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. Start/finish location will be at the Andreasen Center for Wellness.

10 a.m.–12 p.m.
**School of Business Administration Advisory Council Meeting**
Whirlpool Room, Chan Shun Hall, 4185 E Campus Circle Dr

The School of Business Administration (SBA) Dean’s Advisory Council will meet to provide valuable insights, expertise and guidance to the school’s leadership. During the annual meeting, council members, who are active alumni and leaders in various industries, collaborate to discuss pertinent matters related to curriculum, programs and overall strategic direction of the SBA. We seek feedback and suggestions for improvement, evaluation of curriculum, fostering a stronger industry-academic partnership, facilitating internship and job placement opportunities, and enhancing the SBA’s engagement with local and global business communities.

11 a.m.–3 p.m.
**Community Health and Wellness Expo**
Andreasen Center for Wellness Lobby

This free event brings together local businesses and Andrews University departments to share valuable wellness information, demonstrations, giveaways, activities and more!
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, exceptional achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. 

Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

Daryl Gungadoo
Dwight K. Nelson
James R. Nix
Susan Zork
Daryl Gungadoo

Daryl Gungadoo was born on the Island of Mauritius to a second generation missionary family. Beginning at age 3, he followed his parents on their missionary journeys to Rodrigues, Madagascar and equatorial Africa. They moved to Berrien Springs in 1988 and Daryl graduated from Andrews Academy in 1990, completed a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology in 1995 at Andrews University, and then began a master’s program in software engineering.

During the 1993–1994 school year, Daryl went as a student missionary to Guam, serving as an engineer with Adventist World Radio (AWR). Subsequently, he earned a master’s degree in audio engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1996. Daryl recently completed a PhD in computational cognitive neuroscience from Stanford University in 2022.

From 1996–2001, Daryl worked for AWR Europe, then transitioned to global R&D engineer for AWR from 2002–2017. Since 2018, he has been director of Adventist Review Media Lab for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is especially passionate about nurturing innovation with a Christian ethos among the youth, and his goal is to float an incubator for innovation that is open to budding Adventist inventors.

Daryl has worked with the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) project with MIT Media Labs. He has also been a pioneer in podcasting, 360 VR and Radio 2.0 and was the technical producer for “Global Youth Day” from its inception in 2013 to 2017.

Daryl says, “In my teen years, I knew I was ‘destined’ to be a missionary. I, however, didn’t feel the call to go into pastoral ministry (like my father or grandfather) and was more inclined toward science and engineering instead. I started my BS in Engineering Technology at Andrews ... I was blessed to have engineering professors (like Robert Ludemann, Ron Johnson), physics professors (like Robert Kingman, Mickey Kutzner) and computer science professors (like Jim Wolfer, Dan Bidwell) who illuminated me to the fact that I could fulfill my calling of being a missionary without doing a degree in theology.”

He notes, “The single greatest opportunity that Andrews gave me, outside of a purely academic framework, was going as a student missionary to the Island of Guam for Adventist World Radio. Andrews also offered meticulous preparation in cultural anthropology and personal spiritual growth by illustrious professors like Bruce Bauer, Jon Dybdahl and Bruce Moyer. These classes were indispensable and are still extremely useful to me today—I still refer to those notes, 31 years later. Where else could an undergrad student in engineering also sit at the feet of those world-renowned missiologists but Andrews? Needless to say, when I got back from being an SM I knew that God could use me as an engineer, and the rest of my education at Andrews and elsewhere suddenly had meaning and purpose.”

Daryl and his wife, Johanne, have two children: Noah and Anoushka. He enjoys trail running, photography, UAV videography, scuba diving, hiking, cultural anthropology, paragliding and ham radio.
Dwight K. Nelson was born to missionary parents in Tokyo, Japan, in 1952. He is a fifth generation Adventist and fourth generation preacher, serving for 50 years as a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Forty of those years, from 1983–2023, were spent in one location, Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have been blessed by his passionate desire to share God’s love. “God’s not somebody to be afraid of, he’s somebody to be a friend of” was the focus of his ministry.

Dwight’s education began overseas. He graduated from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore in 1969 and received a BA in religion/theology in 1973 from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). He also earned two graduate degrees at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, a Master of Divinity in 1976 and Doctor of Ministry in 1986. Before coming to Michigan, Dwight served as a pastor in Oregon for ten years.

One of the hallmarks of his years at Pioneer Memorial Church was realigning the stated mission of the congregation toward the students of Andrews University. This led to transitions in worship style as well as the addition of two wings to the existing church so everyone from newborns to centenarians would have a place to belong.

As early as 1988, Pioneer Memorial Church began using television as an outreach tool. From a 30-minute studio program on WHME, a religious station based in South Bend, Indiana, to an ABC TV national Christmas Eve telecast, to Net ’98, and then the New Perceptions weekly telecast from Pioneer Memorial Church that was aired on WHME, HOPE-TV and 3ABN TV, a full-blown television ministry was established. Dwight was the speaker for Net 98 “The NeXt Millennium Seminar,” a live simultaneous satellite evangelistic event for the Adventist world church. It took place over five weeks and was broadcast to 100 nations in 40 languages from Pioneer Memorial Church.

A prolific author, Dwight has written a dozen books, including “A New Way to Pray,” “Outrageous Grace,” “Countdown to the Showdown,” “American Apocalypse,” “Built to Last,” “The Claim” and many more. He has also served as an adjunct teacher of homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary since 1987 and led dozens of evangelistic crusades around the globe.

Dwight shares, “For 42 years (two as a student, 40 as campus pastor) I have had the privilege of sharing the life and serving the campus of this great university. It has been my joy to journey alongside four university presidents, a few thousand students and hundreds of dedicated faculty and staff—first, to embrace a personal friendship with “the Maker of all things [who] loves and wants me;” and then, to collectively live out our mission to share Christ with the world. For as long as we live, Andrews University’s “legacy of leadership” will summon us to be God’s leading edge to serve and reach this generation for Him. To that legacy, I, too, want to remain faithful.”

Dwight is married to Karen (Oswald). They recently celebrated their 49th anniversary, and have two children, Kirk and Kristin, and three granddaughters.
The entire career of James R. Nix has been devoted to preserving and sharing the heritage of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including the writings of Ellen White. He earned a BA in history and theology from La Sierra University in 1969, a Master of Divinity at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1972, and a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Southern California in 1975. Peruvian Union University in Lima, Peru, bestowed him with an honorary Doctor of Theology in 2009.

James began as an archivist for the Loma Linda University Archives and Special Collections in the 1970s and then became director of the Ellen G. White Estate Office at Loma Linda from 1976–1993. In 1993 he moved to the Ellen G. White Estate, Inc. at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he ultimately served as the director for 20 years, retiring in 2020. Concurrently, he served as a field secretary for the GC from 2000–2020. He was ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister in 1994.

As White Estate director, James assisted with the opening of 11 Ellen White Research Centers around the world. In addition, he worked toward making White's books and previously unpublished letters and manuscripts freely accessible, in as many languages as possible, on the White Estate’s website, egw-writings.org. In 2015, James was responsible for opening a “world class” Ellen G. White visitor center at the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He has visited more than 100 countries, mostly on behalf of the Ellen G. White Estate or other Adventist organizations, participating in various seminars, committees, camp meetings, symposiums, etc. James has also led thousands of individuals on Adventist heritage tours throughout the northeastern United States, Michigan and California.

James is currently researching and writing a book about Ellen White’s return from Australia to America in 1900. He served as the managing editor of “Adventist Heritage Magazine” and was the founding editor of “Research Center News Notes” and the “Adventist Heritage Ministry Bulletin.” In addition, he has authored numerous articles and several books.

In 2020 he was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his nearly 50 years of service in fostering a wider interest and understanding of Adventist history. He recently retired from the Adventist Historic Properties Board, serving as chair for 25 years.

James says, “Although many memories from my time at Andrews come to mind, one professor stands out as having an especially positive impact on my life and work. Dr. C. Mervyn Maxwell, chair of the church history department in the Seminary, modeled for me how to successfully integrate historical facts with the singing of pioneer hymns and the use of stories to present the account of God’s leading in the founding of the Advent movement. I know from several classmates who shared with me the positive impact that Dr. Maxwell had on them. In my case, he inspired me not only to use Adventist history in presentations, but his support for the founding of Historic Adventist Village has been a blessing for our church worldwide.”

James and his wife, Mindi (Sheels), a former middle-school teacher, currently live in Washington state. They have a daughter Shannon Buchanan, who is an artist, and a grandson, Tiernan Buchanan.
Susan Zork
(MA ’01)

Susan Zork retired as assistant professor emerita of religion at Andrews University in 2021, but that retirement was short-lived and she is now serving as the newly appointed associate chaplain for pastoral care at the Andrews University Center for Faith Engagement.

Her areas of specialization are in Christian spirituality and discipleship. Additionally, she loved teaching general education theology courses to hundreds of Andrews’ undergrads as well as spirituality within healthcare professions. Her love of the classroom is reflected in being awarded the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award and “AUSA Teacher of the Year” on two separate occasions.

For her undergraduate studies, Susan attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where she graduated in 1986 with a BS in elementary education. She continued her education at Andrews University years later and completed a Master of Arts in religious education in 2001. She is currently in the dissertation stage for a PhD in religious education at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Her career began in 1977 when she served as head dean of Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Susan served in other dean positions at Auburn Adventist Academy and Shenandoah Valley Academy, before becoming an office manager and assistant registrar at Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington in 1989. She joined Andrews University in 1991 as an administrative assistant and has since held positions as general studies advisor, assistant to the vice president of academic administration, Andrews University-Home Study International distance education coordinator, advising coordinator at Student Success and assistant professor of religion.

Susan has been a volunteer teaching pastor at One Place Fellowship on the campus of Andrews University since 2011. She has an active speaking circuit at churches, academic and civic events, grief management programs, etc. around the country. Susan also continues as a singing member, pastor and “Mama” of the University Singers under the direction of her husband, Stephen Zork, professor of music and director of choral studies and the graduate choral conducting program at Andrews University. She just returned from Iceland and England where she preached at Newbold College and sang several concerts with the University Singers.

Additionally, Susan is a published composer and recording artist. Most of all, she maintains that her greatest claim to fame and sweetest blessing would be her four grown children: Nicholas (Noelia), Benjamin (Mirka), Timothy (Cindy) and Jasmine (Ben), seven of whom are graduates of Andrews University. Along, of course, with six “amazing” grandchildren; Ava, Emily, Zoey, Leo, Oscar and Felix. She covets travel for extended “babysitting gigs” and to visit family that live in various parts of the country.

Susan says, “We are starting our 33rd year of life and service at Andrews University. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of working for the Kingdom of Jesus and coming to know so many, many incredible, precious students!”
The “Up-and-Coming Alumni Award” is presented to alumni aged 40 and under who are “Changing the World” through notable achievements in a profession or occupation, impactful contributions to the community or church, and/or outstanding service to the University. Nominations are submitted by fellow alumni or Andrews faculty/staff and approved by the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

_Congratulations to this year’s inaugural recipient!_
Simone Weithers has floated between many people groups in her lifetime and is always searching for intentional spaces where people feel belonging and are accepted for their true selves. She spent her early years living in Brooklyn, New York, as a biracial child of Filipino and West Indian immigrants, then moved with her family to Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 2004.

At Andrews University she delved into art history, design, Spanish studies, and performing arts. Her sophomore year was spent studying Spanish and living in Argentina. After her year abroad she spent a month traveling and studying Spanish history in the Mediterranean.

Alongside her studies, she co-founded the Andrews University Theatre Wing, where she produced, directed and starred in five plays and musicals; founded The Nest, a monthly underground open mic night for budding artists; and served on the Andrews University Student Association as a public relations officer.

Simone completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in visual communication and a minor in Spanish studies in 2016. Upon graduation, she was the fourth person hired to join Mary Cheatham King Real Estate (MCKRE), a boutique luxury real estate firm on the North Carolina coast.

In fall 2018, Simone moved to Holland, Michigan. Her first job was marketing director for Tulip Time Festival, the most well-known nonprofit in West Michigan responsible for bringing in over half a million tourists and $48M in economic impact every year. She was the first person of color hired on staff in Tulip Time’s 90 years.

She also served on the board of Downtown Holland’s Principal Shopping District (PSD) and, as the youngest board member and one of two members of color, re-established the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) subcommittee.

In 2019, Simone joined others in launching two collectives: Salon Lakeshore and Women of Color GIVE (WOCG). In 2021 she was awarded the Holland/Zeeland Young Professional Leadership Award for Equity Matters, and in 2022 she was named one of Grand Rapids Business Journal’s 40 under 40 emerging business leaders who are making a difference in West Michigan.

Currently, Simone serves on the boards of nonprofits I AM Academy and Holland/Zeeland Young Professionals (HYP), for which she has also hosted a podcast.

She now works at a creative agency where, as the Creative Director, she crafts compelling visual narratives for a diverse range of clients. In fall 2022, she launched a Community and Start-up Program, an initiative that has increased revenue for the agency while diversifying their portfolio and expanding their network throughout the state.

Simone shares, “Andrews University provided me a safe space to creatively experiment with how to build and cultivate community. The leadership and organizational skills that I was able to develop and sharpen while at school helped me confidently enter into a competitive career field and rise above the rest.”
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. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

Jim & Karen Allred
Chuck & Barb Randall
Jim (att.) and Karen (BS ’70) Allred are long-time members and business owners in the Berrien Springs community. Jim’s family moved to Berrien Springs when he was a young boy, and in 1976 he and Karen purchased the business his father had started in 1960.


They have three grown children—Kimberley (Bill) Dustin, Kelley (Tim) Hawkins and Jimmy Allred—who also received an Adventist education; plus four grandchildren, the love of their lives! Family has always been a priority for them.

Jim and Karen have owned and operated Allred Funeral Home since 1976, as well as Bowerman Funeral Home in Eau Claire, which they purchased in 1987, providing a place of comfort for people facing the most difficult times of their lives.

When they were married in 1969 by Jim’s uncle, a Michigan Conference administrator, he wisely advised, “Your work (in the funeral profession) is equally important as any other type of ministry. Give it all to the Lord, and He will bless you.”

“We have always tried to live by that. And God has certainly blessed us!” they say.

The Allreds have over 50 years of active participation and leadership in local organizations, including Optimist Club, Lions Club, Jaycees and Jaycettes. They personally garnered interest and support from other local businesses to formally organize the Downtown Business Association in Berrien Springs, prior to the formation of the Chamber of Commerce. Jim helped create the Berrien Springs Recreation Department and served on the board for many years, and also served on the Berrien Springs Village Council and its various committees for over 20 years.

Their community involvement has included sponsorship of the Recreation Department’s soccer, softball and baseball teams, and Jim participated in the Jaycees softball team and the Berrien Springs Men’s Basketball League, where he also sponsored a team.

For several years, Jim served on the Queens’ Committee as chairman of fundraising for the Berrien Springs Blossomtime Queen Pageant, and he and Karen have continued to support this scholarship program.

The Allred family loves traveling together, listing family camping trips to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Hawaii, the Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg areas of Tennessee, and attending NASCAR events as some of their favorite experiences.

They also participate in the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) annual golf tournaments that take place in various regions of Michigan, and they are longtime sponsors and players in the Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing held annually during Andrews University’s Alumni Homecoming Weekend.

The Allreds are strong supporters of Andrews University and Andrews Academy. Jim and Karen shared, “Andrews has always been very good to us personally and professionally. We have tried to be the same for Andrews. Our children’s education, PMC (Pioneer Memorial Church) and Village Church membership, and being good neighbors and business owners have been influenced by our growing up here, and our desire to raise our family here.”
Chuck & Barb Randall

Chuck (att.) and Barb (BA ’66) Randall have been faithful and consistent supporters of Andrews University since 1976. Although retired, Chuck and Barb are still involved in the family business, Randall Residence, which provides senior living communities in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Chuck graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1960 and studied at Andrews University in the early 1960s. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the White Coats. Barb grew up in Missouri, graduated from Sunnydale Academy in 1962, earned a BA in elementary education from Andrews in 1966, and took graduate classes from the University of Maryland.

Barb and Chuck met at Andrews and were married at Pioneer Memorial Church in 1967. They say, “We were blessed with three sons, Christopher, Jason and Bradley. They, with their wives, Janelle Burghart, Letitia Scofield and Lori Hahn and their seven children are our joy! Chris and Janelle own Randall Residence, Jason is a psychologist, Letitia is an orthodontist, Bradley is a dentist and Lori is a teacher.”

Barb was an elementary teacher, served on Michigan Conference, NAD and GC Executive Committees, was an officer of the local and national ASI organization, a member of 100 Women Who Care in Van Buren County, and a member of the Andrews University President’s Circle and President’s Council. She has been a Sabbath School teacher and an elder in her local church. Barb also served as a trustee on the Andrews University Board for 25 years!

Chuck has served as an elder, Sabbath School teacher and, his favorite, a greeter at his local church. He has served as a member or chair of multiple committees and boards, including the Long Range Planning Committee for Camp Au Sable, Long Range Planning Committee for Michigan Camp Meeting, Lake Union Executive Committee and Adventist Heritage Ministries Board.

Notably, he was chair for 26 of the 29 years he served on the local hospital board. This led to serving as chair of the Michigan Hospital Trustee Association, a member of the American Hospital Association Congress of Trustees, and the first trustee elected to the Long Term Care Council of the American Hospital Association. He received the Michigan Hospital Association Trustee of the Year Award.

Chuck also served on the Hinsdale System Board, chaired the Ohio Assisted Living Association Board, and was chair of the Van Buren County Mental Health Board for 10 of his 21 years as a member. The Randall Leadership Medallion was created in his honor for graduates from the Undergraduate Leadership program. He and Paul Stokstad are co-chairs of the Andrews University President’s Council.

Chuck and Barb have participated in 16 mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Cuba and joined the Bible Lands and Mediterranean tours with the Review. Chuck cooked for an Andrews archaeological dig in Jordan and participated in a dinosaur dig in Wyoming. They also enjoy traveling internationally with family.

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**ARTIST SPOTLIGHT**

John Ruggles is a visual artist, graphic designer and documentary photographer, currently based in Pennsylvania. He holds a Master of Fine Arts from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Andrews University. He has exhibited extensively and works both nationally and internationally. His work focuses on exploring the intersection of identity and experience within liminal spaces. John has taught classes at Rochester Institute of Technology, Penn State University and the PA Guild of Craftsmen. Outside of work, most of his time is spent gardening or birding.

**Inspiration:**

“My work as an artist focuses on exploring the spaces between us and the ways we relate to each other. In all my interactions with Dr. Andrea Luxton, what has stood out most is her love for people. I am inspired by the brightness, joy and creativity that she brings to every encounter she has with members of her community. In this painting, I used multiple layers of mixed media to create visual depth representative of the complexity on Andrews University’s diverse campus. The bright colors represent the optimism and hope Dr. Luxton embodies, that together, through love and acceptance, we can build a better tomorrow. In her, I saw a wonderful example of the love that God has for each of us.”

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**The Quiet Hand of God**

Artwork was commissioned by the Office of Alumni Services and gifted by the artist to Dr. Luxton during Homecoming Weekend.
Dear Andrews Family,

One of the pleasures of returning to campus for Homecoming is taking in the change of seasons. Summer (and that Michigan humidity!) have given way to crisp air, leaves slowly changing color, and the fresh fall plantings of mums and winter cabbage so thoughtfully placed around campus. Perhaps you’ve even noticed a few newer buildings that weren’t here during your era. Change can be good.

Although you will see the first signs of the fall season this weekend, I must share that it also feels much like “spring” on campus. Last year at this time we were anticipating a change of leadership at the University and Pioneer Memorial Church and were still cautious about the lingering effects of COVID-19.

It’s exciting to report that we have not only survived our “season of change,” but we are launching into a season of “new beginnings” and celebration. And through it all, we can see the “quiet hand of God” at work.

We hope that as you visit familiar spaces on campus, reconnect with friends and classmates, and reflect on your time spent at Andrews University that you too will sense that God is still at work among us.

Both our new president, John Wesley Taylor V, and PMC’s Pastor Shane Anderson have settled in and assimilated into campus life. We trust you will meet them both and agree with our campus community that they are both a manifestation of how the “quiet hand of God” has been at work in bringing them to us.

This weekend’s activity list is varied and eclectic; traditional yet injected with innovative new features. Enjoy every minute! We have also tried to create space for reminiscing, laughing and perhaps even cringing at a few memories you made during your time studying here. It’s all part of being reminded of the imprint that Andrews helped make as you were being shaped into the person God prepared for service in your profession, community and church. And we hope He is still inspiring you to be a “World Changer” in your corner of the world.

Have a wonderful time this weekend and welcome back!

Fondly,

Raelene Brower (att.)
Director, Office of Alumni Services
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 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
Thursday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

HARDING'S MARKET
269-471-7759
Thursday–Sunday: 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

RITE AID
269-471-5020
Thursday–Sunday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

VILLAGE DO IT BEST HARDWARE
269-473-5811
Thursday: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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.

BEIJIN PALACE
269-471-1297
Thursday: 11:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday: 11:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday: 12–8 p.m.

FROYO & SO
269-473-6008
Thursday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

MABHAY ETHNIC FOODS
269-473-2755
Friday: 12–5 p.m.

MELENDEZ IMPORTS
269-473-3477
Thursday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

NIKKI’S CAFE
269-235-2001
Thursday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

TOWN HALL PIZZA
269-471-7754
Thursday: 4–9 p.m.
Friday: 4–9 p.m.
Sunday: 4–9 p.m.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE—269-471-3287
Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
(extended hours for alumni)
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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

Individual day passes and family “Pool Only” day passes will be available for Andrews alumni to purchase at the Andeasen Center for Wellness front desk at a special 50 percent discount during Sept. 28–Oct. 1. Individual day passes will be $5 each for alumni and “Pool Only” day passes for alumni families will be $10 each during those dates.

CAMPUS SAFETY—269-471-3321
Available 24 hours a day for emergencies.
Office hours: Thursday: 7 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m.–12 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALITY SERVICES—269-471-3360
University Towers Lobby,
8400 W Campus Circle Dr

DINING SERVICES—269-471-3161
TERRACE CAFÉ
Thursday & Friday: 7–10 a.m., 11 a.m.–2 p.m., 5–7 p.m.
Sabbath: 12:30–2 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., 5–7 p.m.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner:
$10.75 + tax dine-in; $11.75 + tax take-out
Child (ages 4–10): $7 + tax dine-in; $11.75 + tax 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 the line.

GAZEBO
Thursday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m., 9–10 p.m. (retail only)
Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday: 5–9 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.
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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!