



Alumni Homecoming 2024
FOUNDED IN FAITH. FORWARD IN MISSION.



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Dear fellow alumni,

Welcome to our 2024 Alumni Homecoming!

I am grateful that you have joined our Andrews University family this weekend as we celebrate the journeys that we have shared together and remember the special blessings of God in our lives.

The theme for this Alumni Homecoming Weekend is “150”! We will be celebrating Andrews University’s sesquicentennial—150 years since our story began with Battle Creek College in 1874. As we take time to review our past, we will see ever more clearly how God’s presence and guidance has been at the heart of the history and global impact of Andrews University, from the day its doors first opened as Battle Creek College on August 24, 1874.

I trust that this Alumni Homecoming will offer you special opportunities to reminisce on the commitment and dedication of many faithful women and men in our history who provided our foundation as we each move forward in faith as world changers for God.

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

Along with our entire Andrews University family, I look forward to visiting with you this weekend.

Welcome Home!



John Wesley Taylor V
President

Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 26

1:30–5 p.m.

Registration

Alumni House

Check in here and pick up your weekend program, nametag and honor class ribbon.



6 p.m.

Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet

Johnson Gym

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 1974 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. Please RSVP at alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp to secure your complimentary ticket, as space is limited.

2024 Honored Classes: 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2014, 2019, 2024

Friday, Sept. 27

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 Andrews 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; The Jardine Group; The Voice of the Cardinals; and F&V Operations and Resource Management.

8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Physical Therapy Building

Clinical Anatomy Review of the Upper Limb

CEU Course (7.5 CEU contact hours)

INSTRUCTORS: Dr. John Banks & Dr. Ryan Orrison

This one-day intensive review of anatomy will emphasize the brachial plexus, innervation of muscles, as well as joint structure and function. Guided by the instructors, participants will identify major anatomical structures on prosected



material in the anatomy lab. The information provided will benefit clinicians involved in evaluating and treating impairments impacting the upper extremities. The cost of the course is \$99. To register, visit https://www.andrews.edu/chhs/srs/pt/postpro-chhs/con_ed/index.html or contact ptpostpro@andrews.edu.

8:30–10 a.m.

Women's Scholarship Breakfast

Lincoln Room, Campus Center

RSVP required. Sponsored by the Women's Scholarship Committee and Office of Development.

SPEAKER: Ann Hamel ('94)

TITLE: "Founded in Faith, Forward in Mission"

Seventh-day Adventists, more than most, understand the impact a woman can have in society. Ellen White, a poorly educated but biblically grounded and Spirit-filled woman, was more than just a founder of the Adventist church; her writings and influence helped shape the denomination. Ellen White influenced the fields of education and health so extensively that Smithsonian Magazine recognized her as one of the 100 most influential Americans of all time.

Ann Hamel grew up in a home that did not prioritize education, yet through the influence of Ellen White's writings, she was encouraged to be diligent and strategic in developing her talents. Ann will share her life story and encourage us to examine our own as we explore effective ways to support women in achieving their highest potential.

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

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10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Faculty and Staff Art Exhibition

*Harrigan Hall, Upper Level,
8450 E Campus Circle Dr*

Come see employee talent on display! There will also be a pottery sale in the ceramics department, featuring Andrews 150th anniversary mugs.

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 for them to learn from and network with alumni professionals. Hosted by the Andrews University Career Center, this luncheon 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.



1–5 p.m.

Homecoming Classic Car Show

Howard Performing Arts Center Parking Lot

Admire beautifully restored classic cars at this nostalgic annual event, and meet the owners who enjoy sharing these reminders of the “good old days” with others. This event is hosted by the Office of Alumni Services.

1–5 p.m.

Museum of Nature & Science

Science Complex, Price Hall, 2nd floor

We invite you to join us for a meet & greet with the curator and assistant curator in the biology commons. Learn how you can support the Museum of Nature & Science expansion. Dessert will be served. Fund-raising merchandise will be available.

2–6:30 p.m.

Made@Andrews Store Grand Opening

Art & Design Center 111

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, decor objects, drawings, ceramic objects, limited-edition merchandise and much more. Proceeds from this store will benefit the artists.

2–6 p.m.

Andy’s Eats Food Truck

Chan Shun Hall Parking Lot across from the Howard Performing Arts Center

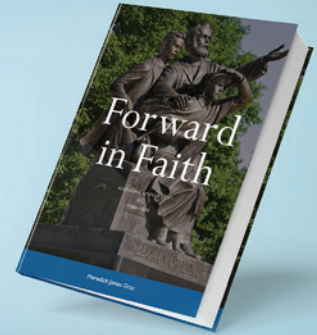
Enjoy some fun at the Dining Services food truck—a new campus favorite—that will be on site with vegetarian food offerings. Cash and credit card payments will be accepted.

2–4 p.m.

150 Year Walk-Through Museum

Johnson Gym

Experience this walk-through of 150 years of Andrews University! From BCC to EMC to now, come see the progress we have made and all the rich history of our beloved Adventist university.



3–5 p.m.

“Forward in Faith” Book Signing

Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby

“Forward in Faith,” author Meredith Jones Gray’s second university history volume, has just arrived! Be one of the first to see the book and have your personal copy signed. This book is a follow-up to her 2002 publication, “As We Set Forth,” which documented the origins of Seventh-day Adventist higher education at Battle Creek College, then on to the establishment of Emmanuel Missionary College. The latest volume continues our story from 1960 to 1990, during which time Emmanuel Missionary College became Andrews University. Both volumes will be available for purchase at this event. Hosted by the Andrews University Department of English.

Both volumes are available at the Andrews University bookstore. Visit on Friday or Sunday to pick up your copy. Orders may also be placed by emailing abookstore@andrews.edu.

4:15 pm

**Physical Therapy Anatomy Lab
Naming Ceremony**

PT Building

The Physical Therapy Anatomy Lab will be renamed the “Dr. John Banks Anatomy Lab.”

5 p.m.

37th Annual Homecoming Parade

*Viewing bleachers curbside, between the
Howard & Chan Shun parking lots*

Come out and watch the pageantry of the 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 cards for Andy's Eats, the Dining Services food truck that will be on-site with vegetarian Latin food offerings!
Parade awards ceremony directly follows.

6:30 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.
Student Missions Vespers
Pioneer Memorial Church

Enjoy hearing from the first student missionary sent by Andrews, learn about the many current short-term mission projects involving Andrews students who are impacting their world for God, and be inspired as you hear about the next generation of Andrews students who are dedicating their lives to mission service. Sponsored by the Offices of Student Missions and Alumni Services.

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 song, testimony and reflection. Organized by the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) and Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC).

Sabbath, Sept. 28

9 & 11:45 a.m.
The Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church
SPEAKER: John McVay (MDiv '84)

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

11:45 a.m.
New Life Fellowship
Howard Performing Arts Center
SPEAKER: Damian Chandler (MDiv '08)

1 p.m.
Class Reunion Luncheon Buffets
Dining Services, Campus Center

\$12.93 + tax dine-in; \$13.96 + tax take-out
Child (ages 4–10): \$8.46 + tax dine-in;
\$9.25 + 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 1954, 1964, 1974
Badger Room, Campus Center

Classes of 1984, 1994, 1999,
2004, 2014, 2019, 2024
Lincoln and Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center

2–4 p.m.
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2–5 p.m.
School of Architecture & Interior Design Open House
Architecture Building, Carscallen Mission Workshop, 8435 E Campus Circle Dr

Visit the School of Architecture & Interior Design building to explore innovative works by our students showcased in the display halls. Tour the workshop and admire the creative handiworks produced by our students. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

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, Lower Level

View exhibits on Seventh-day Adventist history, Andrews University history, and a collection of significant Bibles from the time of the Reformation of the 16th century. See “Option Elm,” where this campus began in Berrien Springs.

James White Library Open House
Enjoy some AU150 Trivia and share stories of your time at Andrews and the JWL.

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 a Columbian mammoth), and learn how we have been leveraging the museum by working with students from numerous departments on campus. Updates include substantial labeling and reorganizing of our collections. A new display exhibits the importance of biodiversity and highlights ways we can help endangered species. We will also showcase the Peru trips from the 1960’s.



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.

3–5 p.m.
This Far By Faith: The Andrews University Saga, 1960-1980
Newbold Auditorium

Andrews University was awarded an Institutional SAGA grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) through the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE). This grant has allowed us to re-examine our history, identity and heritage and supported our efforts to revise and update the university’s story. Part of this work includes exploring our institutional journey through the lived experiences of minority students and faculty. We invite you to join us for a special screening of the documentary film.

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 used to teach Andrews students, and learn about future plans for this center of learning.

4–5:30 p.m.
**School of Business Administration:
Celebrating 150 Years of Business
Education at Andrews University**
*Chan Shun Hall, Garber Auditorium,
4185 East Campus Circle Drive*

Come join business alumni and their friends as we celebrate 150 years of business education at Andrews University! This milestone represents a rich history of academic excellence, innovation and commitment to nurturing business leaders who make a difference in the world. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and inspiration, featuring a slideshow journey through our history that highlights key moments that have shaped our institution and its impact on the world of business. There will also be a panel discussion on the legacy and future of Adventist business education. Come reconnect with faculty, classmates and friends as we honor our past and envision our future together.



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5 p.m.
Alumni Picnic-Style Supper
Johnson Gym

Parking is available behind the Johnson Gym, with additional parking at the Administration Parking Lot.

Join us for this Homecoming tradition. The doors will open at 5 p.m. for dinner guests to enjoy this year's special feature: a walk through our 150-year history museum! At 6 p.m., dinner will be served. Enjoy fellowship and a light haystack supper.

5:30–7:45 p.m.
Class Reunion Photos

Johnson Gym

- 5:30** Golden Hearts Club (1974 and earlier)
- 5:50** Class of 1954
- 6:05** Class of 1964
- 6:20** Class of 1974
- 6:35** Class of 1984
- 6:50** Class of 1994
- 7:05** Class of 1999
- 7:20** Class of 2004
- 7:35** Class of 2014
- 7:40** Class of 2019
- 7:45** Class of 2024



8 p.m.

Alumni Homecoming Gala Concert

Howard Performing Arts Center

Enjoy a complimentary concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Marc Élysée, 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.

8:30 p.m.

Alumni vs. Students Basketball Games

Andreasen Center for Wellness, Recreation Center

This event will begin with the women's students vs. alumni game, followed by an intermission performance by the Gymnastics team. After intermission, the men's students vs. alumni game will take place. Come support current and former Cardinals, our gymnastics team and Cardinal Athletics!





Sunday, Sept. 29

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!

8–9 a.m.

College of Education & International Services Alumni Breakfast

Bell Hall Room 180, 4195 Administration Dr.

This breakfast is hosted by the School of Graduate Psychology & Counseling. Visit Bell Hall and enjoy a delicious breakfast with fellow graduates, faculty and alumni from the College of Education & International Services.

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

School of Business Administration Advisory Board Meeting

Whirlpool Room, Chan Shun Hall, 4185 E Campus Circle Dr

This meeting will focus on key strategic discussions to enhance the School of Business Administration's academic programs and industry alignment. Board members will review the terms of reference to clarify their roles and responsibilities, ensuring a clear vision for future collaboration.

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Andrews University Community Health and Wellness Expo

Sponsored by United Federal Credit Union

The whole family can enjoy samples, activities and giveaways and learn what Andrews departments and local businesses have to offer to improve well-being! Check out a fire truck, meet a therapy pet, try a de-stressing doodle activity, meet local vendors, learn how Andrews departments are being active with wellness and more!



Honored Alumni

Bernadine Archer
Atilio Dupertuis
Gail McKenzie
John McVay

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!*





Bernadine Archer

(MDiv '87)

Bernadine Archer was the first African American female graduate of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Her ministry journey started when she discovered the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1974 after

being invited to a Voice of Prophecy crusade by Earvin “Magic” Johnson’s grandmother, a member of the East Lansing, Michigan, Seventh-day Adventist church.

After earning an undergraduate degree in early childhood development and teaching from Michigan State University, Bernadine felt called to ministry. She decided to follow that call, enrolling at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary from 1984–1987.

In 1984, while studying in the Seminary, Bernadine was featured on the cover of the *Adventist Review* for her soul-winning efforts while taking calls at Adventist Information Ministry (AIM) during the “It Is Written” broadcast television programs. She graduated in 1987 as the first African American woman to receive the Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary.

Shortly after earning her degree, Bernadine became the first woman to receive ecclesiastical endorsement from Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries. She also

obtained a commissioned ministers license from the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. At that time, there were only 17 chaplains in the North American Division, and she was the only woman.

Bernadine also had the distinction of being the first Adventist woman employed as a correctional chaplain at the Macomb Regional Correctional Facility in New Haven, Michigan. She was featured in issues of the *Adventist Review*, *Canadian Adventist Messenger*, *Lake Union Herald* and *North American Regional Voice*. Throughout her career, Bernadine delivered powerful messages across various Adventist, Protestant and Catholic churches, always emphasizing the Three Angels’ Messages.

On Jan. 16, 2007, Bernadine was ordained as a non-denominational clergy member. With this designation, she was once unexpectedly asked to preach for a Michigan Ladies’ Day event when the speaker sud-

denly canceled. Unbeknownst to her, it was also a live radio event, and she was introduced as a replacement for Congresswoman Barbara Rose Collins, US Representative for the State of Michigan.

Sadly, Bernadine passed away on Jan. 27, 2022. She lived her life continually sharing God’s love and her faith with others. It was her desire to implement an evangelistic ministry entitled, “The Eleventh-Hour Ministry” with emphasis on Bible prophecy and, specifically, the third angel’s message.

This medallion will be awarded posthumously and presented to Bernadine’s brother, Darnell Laurry.





Atilio Dupertuis

(MA '64, MDiv '74, ThD '82)

Atilio Dupertuis was born in Santa Fe, Argentina. He is the grandson of the first Seventh-day Adventist in Argentina, Jules Dupertuis. His grandfather immigrated to Argentina from Neuchatel, Switzerland, and after reading some issues of the Signs of the Times that minister J. N. Andrews published in French, began keeping the Sabbath in the year 1885.

Atilio earned his first degree in elementary education from River Plate Adventist University, Argentina, in 1957. He went on to work as an elementary school teacher in Uruguay before moving to the

United States to attend La Sierra University. There, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1963. After graduation, he served as a pastor in Tucson, Arizona, from 1964–1968.

During this time, he enrolled at Andrews University's Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. In 1964, he received a MA in religion, in 1974, he earned his Master of Divinity, and in 1982, he completed his Doctor of Theology.

Atilio went on to dedicate 15 years to the Inter-American Division, serving as a professor of theology at Montemorelos University in Mexico and president of the Central American Adventist University in Costa Rica.

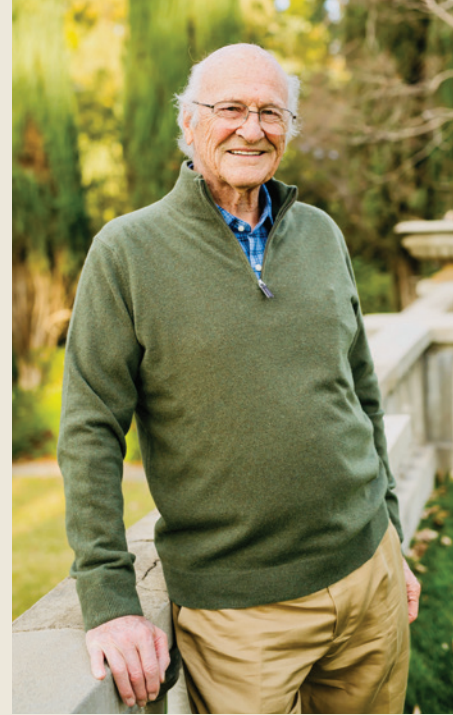
In 1986, he accepted a call to return to the Andrews Seminary as a professor of theology, where he worked until 2006. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he directed the Institute of Hispanic Ministry and the Seminary Affiliation and Extension Program, which currently helps train pastors in 10 countries. In 1999,

he was a recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion, which recognized his excellence in teaching, research and service.

He has published seven books in the area of theology, his specialization, and numerous articles in different periodicals and journals. Some of his writings include: “Romanos. El Poder Transformador de la Garcia,” “Vislumbres del Calvario,” “Lo Hizo Por Ti” and “El Regalo Divino.” He has been a frequent speaker at camp meetings, weeks of prayer and weekend seminars, both in the United States and abroad. In 2011, Montemorelos University recognized Atilio's dedicated work with an honorary Doctor of Education.

Atilio and his wife, Eunice Isabel, have two children, Norma Isabel and Ruben Rene, and two grandchildren, Eva and Julian.

He affirms, “I spent over 25 years at Andrews University, first as a student and then as a



teacher. Being here today, in this special place that feels more like home than any other, I am humbled to be one of the honored alumni, and filled with gratitude to have my wife, daughter and son here with me.”

Gail McKenzie

(BS '74)

Gail McKenzie grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She began her journey into ministry at Andrews University, where she was a student from 1970–1974, double-majoring in elementary education and communication. After graduating with her Bachelor of Science, she interned at Village Church School as a Grade 6 homeroom teacher

In 2000, she became the Women's Ministry director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Gail has dedicated much of her life to engaging with women in the church, including speaking for week of prayers at elementary schools and academies, giving Bible studies and seminars for young women, and mentoring girls in grade school and academy. She has also given many women a platform to speak in the church and has supported many individuals through their journeys with God.

Throughout the years, Gail has taught several Sabbath School classes

and “How to Study the Bible” seminars, which have been one of her deepest passions. She has also been the featured speaker for various women's retreats across the North American Division. Recently, she expanded the reach of the women's ministry program internationally, reaching groups in Ireland and, most recently, Scotland.

In addition to her work in women's ministries, Gail has participated in many community service activities for the wider church, including hosting a dental and vision clinic, conducting and writing Bible



studies, and speaking for prayer conferences. In 2010, she served as the interim pastor for Grace Point Seventh-day Adventist Church in Franklin, Tennessee, for a year. She reflects that it was “one of the most rewarding years of my life!”

In 2019, she fulfilled one of her long-standing dreams when she officially published her first Bible Study, “Higher Up/Deeper In,” designed to teach others how to dig deeper into God's word. That same year, she was honored to be commissioned into gospel ministry at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Camp Meeting.

In addition to ongoing work as the Kentucky-Tennessee Women's Ministry director, Gail also serves as a prayer coordinator for her conference and women's ministry director for Nashville First Seventh-day Adventist Church, her local congregation. She and her husband, Mike, have two married children and a special needs son. Her pride and joy are her two granddaughters and three grandsons.

As an 11-year breast cancer survivor, Gail cherishes each new day as a gift. Her greatest desire is for men and women everywhere to experience who Jesus is, how much He loves them and who they are in Christ. Her salutation is always, “At His feet! There is no other place I would rather be!”



John McVay

(MDiv '83)

John McVay has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over 40 years, dedicating much of his life to furthering Adventist education. In 1980, he graduated from Southern Adventist University with a BA in theology and a minor in history. Later, in 1983, he

earned a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and, in 1995, his PhD from the University of Sheffield in England. He is a specialist in the later Pauline epistles, and has contributed regularly to scholarly publications. More recently, he wrote the Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary on Ephesians, as well as the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide and companion book on Ephesians.

John began his teaching career at Pacific Union College, where he served as a professor of religion and, from 1995–1998, chair of the religion department. For a time, he served as senior pastor for the Pacific Union College Church and later became a pastor in Iowa and Georgia.

Beginning in 1998, he returned to Andrews University, where he became a professor of New Testament and associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. From 2000–2006, he went on to serve as dean of the Seminary, during which he oversaw program and course delivery to hundreds of students.

In 2006, John became Walla Walla University's 23rd president. He led the University's strategic planning efforts and established a robust spiritual master planning process. John supported curriculum improvements and expanded programs and services, including worship opportunities, athletics programs and recreational spaces. He championed improvements to campus spaces, expanding facilities and adding accessibility features to buildings. Throughout his presidency, he has championed Walla Walla University's commitment to faith and discovery. He retired as the University's longest-serving president at the end of the 2023–2024 academic year.

John's service has also included membership with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' Executive and Biblical Research committees, as well as the Executive Committee and Higher Education Cabinet for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He is a member of, and has served as president for, the Association of

Adventist Colleges and Universities, and he has also been active with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, and the Cascade Collegiate Conference Council of Presidents.

While a member of the Independent Colleges of Washington, John served as chair of the board and worked with state legislators to bolster the Washington College Grant and the State Work Study Program. He also worked to support the rights of Christian educational institutions to operate according to their deeply held values and mission. In February of 2024, he was a recipient of the Charles Elliott Weniger Award, which recognized his humility, kindness and professionalism within his line of work.

John is married to his wife, Pam. The couple has two adult children and three grandchildren.





Up-and-Coming Alumni

Andre Moncrieff
Wandile Mthiyane

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 recipients!*





Andre Moncrieff

(BA '14, BS '14)

Andre Moncrieff graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Art in music in 2014, *summa cum laude*. In 2023, he completed a PhD in biological sciences at Louisiana State University. He currently works as a postdoctoral fellow at the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science.

Beginning as a high school senior, Andre worked four field seasons with the Andrews Seabird Ecology Team, funded by the National Science Foundation. The team's research focused on the

reproductive behavior of seabirds at Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge.

“While at Andrews University I received incredible mentorship in research as a member of the Seabird Ecology Team led by professors Jim Hayward and Shandelle Henson,” Andre says. “I spent parts of four summers assisting them with seabird research on an island in Washington State, and these experiences showed me how exciting (and challenging!) research can be.”

The summer following his college freshman year, Andre wrote and submitted a manuscript for journal submission. The paper was accepted and published in 2013. Since that first publication, he has published 11 more papers in top, peer-reviewed journals.

Andre's professional specialty is neotropical biodiversity. In 2013, he served as a volunteer field technician in the Amazon rainforest of southeast Peru, doing point counts of vulnerable parrot populations. Since then, his professional work has taken him to Peru, Colombia, Bolivia

and Brazil to undertake collaborative projects with local scientists.

Andre's graduate work was fully funded by a highly competitive National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. In addition to the fellowship, he was awarded 11 research, travel and scholarship funds as a student. He has taken every opportunity to initiate and lead biodiversity projects in the Neotropics, where he has represented Louisiana State University to many non-profit organizations, government agencies and local indigenous communities.

The most recent of these projects, in 2023, involved leading a research team of 15 scientists and 32 total participants to conduct a biodiversity survey in the remote Cordillera Azul National Park of Peru. During his work in the Cordillera Azul, he helped discover and describe a distinctive new species of bird, the Cordillera Azul Antbird. Thanks to these experiences, Andre has built a reputation as a leader, collaborator and motivator.



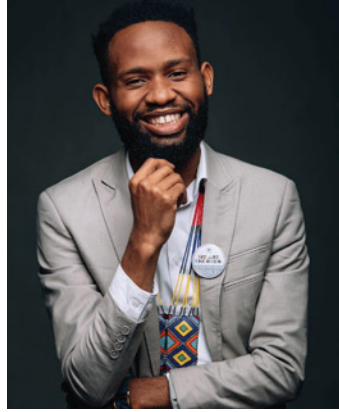
Andre's first language is English, but he is also fluent in Spanish and is conversant in Portuguese. His parents, Scott and Lilia Moncrieff, are both faculty members at Andrews University. He is an outstanding musician and served as first violinist in the Andrews orchestra as an undergraduate. He has also spent time actively mentoring undergraduate students, sharing his broad knowledge, field experience, enthusiasm and persistence with a new generation of researchers.

Wandile Mthiyane

(BSA '16, MArch '18)

Wandile Mthiyane, co-founder and CEO of Ubuntu Design Group, grew up in the shantytowns of Durban, South Africa, and always dreamed of returning there to make a difference. He earned a Bachelor of Science in architecture in 2016 and Master of Architecture in 2018 from Andrews University. Wandile started receiving awards for his architecture work as a student at Andrews, including the student grand prize from the Congress for the New Urbanism in May 2017 for his work with Ubuntu in Umbumbula Village in South Africa.

The mission of Ubuntu Design Group is “creating a world where everyone has access to dignified design regardless of their socioeconomic status. African problems deserve African



solutions.” Wandile believes in using architecture as a vehicle to restore communities’ dignity. He partners with shantytown communities to build sustainable, efficient and affordable housing and infrastructure, saying “I am passionate about a design approach that empowers people by capitalizing upon the creative energy and spirit that they possess, as well as through collaboration with the architects and engineers for their community.”

Since 2015, Wandile has been a Fellow of the Resolution Project, a global non-profit fostering youth leadership development through collaborative social entrepreneurship in social venture challenges. He has been acknowledged as among the 12 Black upcoming architects whose impactful work is forging history in the field today.

In 2019, Wandile was selected by the Obama Foundation as one of 200 rising leaders from 45 countries around the African continent, and since then he has been invited to participate on multiple panels and juries related to architecture. He was named one of the Top 100 Millennials by TEDx Johannesburg for 2018–2019 and a One Young World Ambassador.

Wandile shared, “Andrews University provided me with a unique opportunity to strengthen my core values of faith and justice. Through my education at Andrews, I learned that these two values are not mutually exclusive and that, as Christians, we are called to fight for justice. I gained

a deeper understanding that every person, regardless of their background or appearance, is created in the image of God and has intrinsic value. Therefore, it is our responsibility to preserve that inherent value in all of God’s creations.

He adds, “I am immensely grateful for the full scholarship that Andrews University provided me, which allowed me to pursue my education without financial burden. This opportunity has helped me to grow both personally and professionally, and I hope that I have made my school proud. Thank you, Andrews University, for investing in me and for providing me with a foundation to serve my community and the world with integrity and purpose.”

Wandile has three sisters and two brothers. He says, “I am who I am because of all their sacrifices. I am forever grateful.” He currently divides his time between New York City and Durban, South Africa.





Spirit of Philanthropy

Honoring the Memory of Paul Stokstad

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.



Paul Stokstad

Paul Allan Stokstad was born in Nyack, New York, in 1944. In high school, he won first place at a state science fair by building a Millikan oil drop apparatus to measure the charge of an electron. “One of the judges came by and said, ‘young man, I’ll pay you to build one (for me). I can see the drops more easily here than I can on a commercial unit.’ That put the spark in my mind,” he explained in 2019.

From that spark, Paul built PASCO Scientific, Inc. He began building and selling Millikan oil drop apparatuses from his parents’ garage in Lafayette, California. He worked during vacations while he was a student at Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1966 with a degree in physics. He earned two further degrees in engineering, leaving in 1968.

While studying for his master’s degree in engineering, Paul won a prize for his design of a Vibrat-

ing Reed Electrometer. PASCO went on to also manufacture this device, and in 1970, PASCO expanded to a factory space. The company is now a leading manufacturer of science teaching equipment and has sold equipment to schools and universities in 130 countries. Paul remained its president until 2017.

In 1980, Paul experienced a personal spiritual awakening and took a sabbatical from PASCO to enroll in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews for a year. The new educational experience was unsettling and, in his prayers, he complained to God about it. Telling the story years later, he recalled God’s response: “First, you have no right to complain; you’ve had a good life. Second, I told you to come to the Seminary, not to be a pastor. Third, if I do call you, it’s not because of what you bring, but what I give you.”

God’s message about following a calling based on His gifts caught Paul’s attention and eventually became a guiding principle for his life. Faculty and staff en-



couraged Paul’s personal walk and commitment to be involved in church family life, spiritual leadership and development. He left Andrews with a deep appreciation of Christian education. Just a few years later, he was invited to join the Andrews University Board of Trustees, where he served for over 30 years. In 2000, he received an honorary Doctor of Science from the University.

In 1996, Paul married Shelley Burdick. The couple took on active roles at the Roseville Seventh-day Adventist Church and supported several causes in the developing world, such as the

Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD) in Kenya. Paul additionally served on the board of Maranatha Volunteers International and contributed to the Pan American Health Service (PAHS) in Honduras.

Paul was also active in the local business community, serving as a dynamic member of the Roseville Chamber of Commerce for several years in addition to supporting United Way. Together, the Stokstads started the PASCO Foundation, which provided employees with gift-matching or gift of time opportunities. The foundation raised and donated \$2 million to local agencies through the years.

On July 8, 2024, Paul passed away suddenly, although he had been diagnosed several years earlier with Lewy body dementia. He is survived by his wife Shelley, his brother Robert, and several nieces and nephews. Throughout his life, Paul contributed generously and selflessly to Andrews University, and the community is privileged to honor his legacy with this award.



Founded in Faith, Forward in Mission: Our 150-Year Journey

Artwork was commissioned by the Office of Alumni Services and will have a permanent display space in the Adventist Heritage Center after Homecoming weekend.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Karen Jimenez Findley is a young author and illustrator from Mexico. Until recently, she was based in Michigan while her husband Christopher attended the Seventh-day

Adventist Theological Seminary. Now living in Texas, she finds inspiration in nature, child-like curiosity and the feelings evoked by God's love.

In her work, she uses primarily digital media but also loves experimenting with traditional techniques.

Karen has had the privilege of collaborating with clients on art and graphic design projects such as illustrating children's books, designing book and magazine covers, logos, t-shirts, general illustration, and creating murals, both on outdoor projects and paintings.

Karen is currently studying at the National Autonomous University of Mexico to complete her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. To see and learn more about her work, find her on Instagram or visit www.FindleyArtStudio.com.

Acknowledgements

Dear Andrews Family,

Welcome! If you've traveled a distance, thank you for making a commitment to return for one glorious weekend of reminiscing and celebration. If you're living in the local area but Alumni Weekend is significant for you this year—or in general—we appreciate your support of this favorite time of year!

Choosing a theme for Homecoming this year was easy—the sesquicentennial! Or, as we like to call it, our “150th birthday party.” One of my favorite quotes from Ellen White is “we only have the future to fear if we fail to recall how God has led us in the past” (paraphrased slightly). And how true that is as we acknowledge how God has led our journey from Battle Creek College on to buying a fruit farm in Southwest Michigan to build the next phase of Adventist higher education called Emmanuel Missionary College. The migration to becoming Andrews University is another testament to inspired vision, God's leading, and stepping

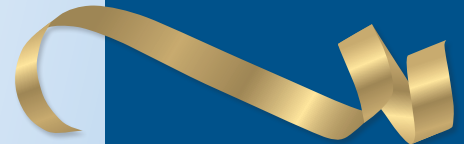
out in faith. In case you aren't familiar with our journey, please visit and take a walk through our “150 years of history” museum set up in Johnson Gym for the weekend. It was fun and nostalgic gathering items for your enjoyment, yet I have also felt a sense of quiet awe at the great courage, prayerful consideration and bold faith that brought us to this place we now call Andrews University.

This weekend is filled with activities both traditional and innovative. Enjoy every minute! Our prayer is that you will reflect on the imprint Andrews provided to help shape you 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. Let's keep moving forward boldly into the future as we ponder the tagline for our 150th year: “Founded in Faith, Forward in Mission.”

May you feel welcome and blessed this weekend!



Raelene Brower *(att.)*
Director, Office of Alumni Services



Campus Facilities

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

BOOKSTORE—269-471-3287

Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
(*extended hours for alumni*)
Sunday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

ANDREASEN CENTER FOR WELLNESS

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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 Andraesen Center for Wellness front desk at a special 50% discount during Sept. 26–29. Individual day passes will be \$5 each for alumni and “Pool Only” day passes for alumni families will be \$10 each during those dates.

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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:

\$12.93 + tax dine-in; \$13.96 + tax take-out
Child (ages 4–10): \$8.46 + tax dine-in; \$9.25 + 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.–8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30–8 p.m.

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.



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Thursday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

BAGUETTE DE FRANCE

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Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

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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: 3–9 p.m.
Sunday: 12–9 p.m.

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269-473-2755

Friday: 12–5 p.m.

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269-473-3477

Thursday: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

TOWN HALL PIZZA

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Thursday: 4–8 p.m.
Friday: 4–9 p.m.
Sunday: 4–8 p.m.

Local Business Directory

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Friday: 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

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History Center at Courthouse Square
Thursday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

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269-471-7759

Thursday–Sunday: 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

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Thursday: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.



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Our Mission—The Andrews University Alumni Association supports the Andrews mission by engaging and connecting with the University community locally, nationally and globally. This is achieved by creating sustainable, enduring relationships with Andrews University and with each other.

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