

Andrews Academy

*Alumni  
Reunion*

October 18-19, 2024



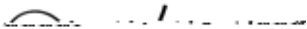
# Welcome Think Deeply.. Live Fully.. Serve Unselfishly.. Honor God Completely...

**W**elcome, Andrews Academy Alumni, Students and Friends! We are delighted to have you back on campus for Alumni Weekend! This is a special time for alumni, faculty, staff and students. Whether you graduated decades ago or just a few years back, your presence demonstrates your dedication and commitment to Andrews Academy. May the fellowship this weekend remind us of the importance of having meaningful, positive connections.

As you walk these familiar halls, some things may have changed with the facility and personnel, but the philosophy and redemptive ideals of Andrews Academy have remained the same. We still believe that education is redemptive. "Andrews Academy exists to provide students with Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist education, cultivating in students the desire to nurture a personal relationship with Christ, achieving God's purpose in their lives."

We hope this weekend is filled with nostalgia, laughter, and joy as you rekindle old friendships, relive cherished moments, create new memories, and share the experiences that have shaped us all. We celebrate Andrews Academy's continued ministry and tradition that prepares students for Christ and Service and Discipleship.

Dear family, welcome home!



Rubén A. Pérez-Schulz  
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# Events at a Glance

All alumni weekend functions will be held at Andrews Academy, unless otherwise indicated.

## Friday, October 18

8-8:55 am Alumni Convocation—Sarah (Gane) Burton ('09)

9-11:00 am Career Seminars & Career Fair

6:00 pm Registration (Commons)

7:00 pm Vespers—Daniel Bedney ('04)

8:00 pm

# Alumni Convocation

Song Service . . . . .	Class of 2025; Daniel Cerna, Pianist
The Pledge of Allegiance . . . . .	AA Students
The School Song . . . . .	<i>Andrews, We'll Be Loyal</i> . . . . . Class of 2025
Prayer & Welcome . . . . .	Rubén Pérez-Schulz, Principal
Introduct on of Speaker . . . . .	Steven Atkins, Faculty
Address . . . . .	<i>Wandering</i> . . . . . Sarah (Gane) Burton ('09)
Closing Prayer . . . . .	Gabrielle Roper ('25)
Introduct on of Career Seminar Speakers . . . . .	Tonya (Hippler) Snyder ('96)

## Career Seminars

An important component of a complete education is helping students to develop a clear vision of service to humanity through their chosen profession. Andrews Academy is committed to providing opportunities for career exploration. The strongest motivation for career development is for students to see professionals who have graduated from their school return and talk about their journey. We are grateful to each of those who have returned to pass on their career experiences to our current students. The Alumni

# Vespers

7:00 ǝŶ

presented by the class of 2004

Song Service . . . . . Beth (Tidwell) Helm & Allison (Nowack) Ibanez  
Speaker . . . . . Daniel Bedney  
Pianist . . . . . Daniel Cerna, Faculty

*After vespers, join us for S'mores outside Sunshine Hall (weather permitting)!*

# Tribute Sabbath School & Alumni Proceedings

10:00 ŝŶ

Prelude . . . . . Daniel Cerna, Faculty  
Welcome & Prayer . . . . . Fares Magesa ('97), Chairman of the Governing Board  
Tribute . . . . . Garren Dent ('84)  
Special Music . . . . . *Adoration* . . . . . Noah Lim, Violin; Elsy M. Gallardo-Díaz, Piano  
Tribute . . . . . *Teacher Legacy Award - John Reichert* . . . . . Cleon White, Former Principal  
PFE Program . . . . . Joelle (Perry) Ashley ('88), AA Students  
Tribute . . . . . *Alumni of the Year - Marjorie (McClure) & John Eggers ('59)* . . . . . Bill Fisher  
SOW Safari . . . . . Laurence Habenicht ('72)  
Tribute . . . . . *Honoring the Golden Class* . . . . . Denise (Schaller) Curnut ('74)  
Roll Call . . . . . *Honored Class Years* . . . . . Randy Graves & Glenn Russell,  
Former Principal & Former Faculty  
Benedict on . . . . . Tonya (Hippler) Snyder ('96)

*For your convenience, there is a Mother's Room located in A-45 (of the library).*

*Beginning at 11:30 am, there will be Children's Church for kids ages 4-10 led by Gina Pellegrini, Nancy Kardos-Moldovan, & Gabriel Johnson, located in the library.*

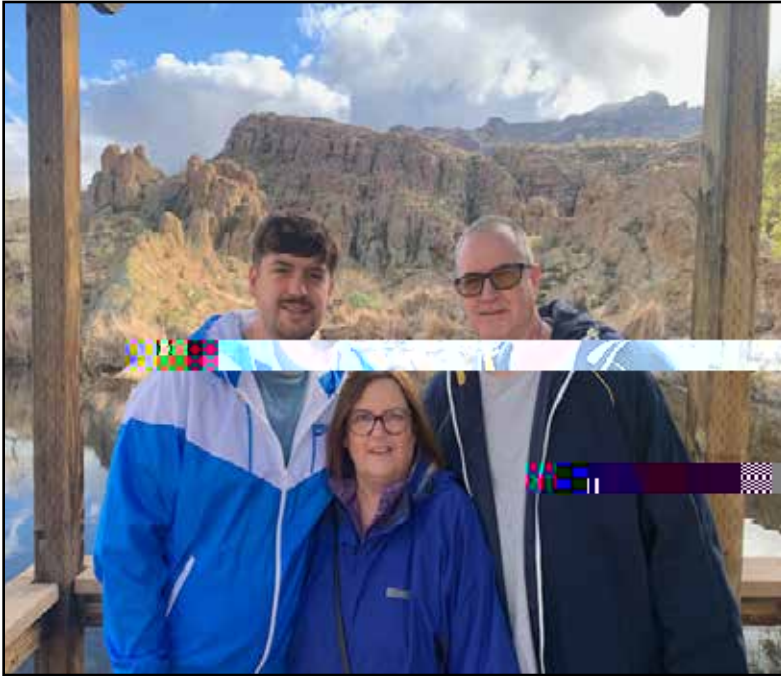


# Photo Schedule

Photos will be taken immediately after the church service in the Orrison Chapel or at the Theme Wall. Please read the following schedule and make note of your time and location.

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(1:40), 2004 (1:50), 2014 (1:55)





# Teacher Legacy Award

## John Reicher t '87-'14

**A** native of Berrien County, John was born in St. Joseph, Michigan. His love for athletics was evident as a student at ending Andrews Academy. He graduated in 1982, receiving the senior class Most Athletic award and the Thomas Andrew Umek Memorial Acumen Award for his integrity, inspiration, and involvement in the Academy's intramural program. He went on to attend Andrews University, where he majored in physical education, was a three-year member of the AU Gymnastics team, and completed his student teaching practicum at Andrews Academy under the direction of Lydia Chong. After graduating with his bachelor's degree in 1986, he moved with his wife Ann-Marie (Riches) to California to teach. He then received a call from Andrews Academy to return to Michigan and become a physical education instructor. He accepted the call and was hired under the leadership of Dr. Richard T. Orrison and worked alongside his close friend Lydia Chong.

From 1987-2014, John served as a member of the faculty at Andrews Academy and helped to cultivate the physical education program in innumerable ways. He taught classes that encompassed a wide variety of sports. Roller hockey, volleyball, and badminton were a few of his favorites. He also

directed the school's outdoor education trips. Along with Alan Anderson, he planned week-long experiences in backpacking, road cycling, mountain biking, and canoeing. He directed a thriving and competitive intramural program, as well as helped to create the Andrews Academy Fitness Center. The fitness center overlooked the gymnasium from the balcony level, and included a rock-climbing wall, an interactive sports-themed video game system, weight machines, and treadmills. This center was a haven for fitness-minded students.

John's fondest memories of his time at Andrews Academy are centered around his former pupils and peers. He was a sponsor of seven different classes: 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, and finally, a total of 14 students.

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# Alumni of the Year

## Marjorie (McClure) & John Eggers '59

John Eggers, born in Houston, Texas, and Marjorie (Marge) McClure, born in Somerset West, South Africa, were brought together in 1958 in Berrien Springs, Michigan, as students at EMCA (now Andrews Academy). John's initial attempt to connect with Marjorie was walking behind her as they were leaving the melon feed in the grove, the first activity of the school year. "If you wait up for me, I will walk with you," was all she needed to hear. The sympathy that Marge shared when John broke his arm at an Academy vs college football game welded them together. They have been walking together now for 65 years—not just walking but running, riding, flying, and enjoying life as husband and wife and

later as father and mother of two children, John II and Jannelle.

Marjorie finished a BA in education in 1964 as she had promised her father, Academic Dean Maewhen c es ht c ihs A Acad f nn

Paradise provided an opportunity for John and Marge to further their desire to share their love for God with the business associates and the many friends they enjoyed fellowshiping with there. Their children had set led in that area, which made it very convenient to see their son, John, and wife Terri, and their two children where John moved into a practice as an OB/GYN. Their daughter, Jannelle, and husband, Larry Gooch, established Magnetech Engineering Services, and with their two children were close by. John and Marge claim their last move has been made to Cleveland, Tennessee, near Southern Adventist University, where John continues to do construction projects, while Marge enjoys feeding and abngng Friends

# Convocation Speaker

Joel Bennett '99

Joel Bennett remembers experiencing the closeness of the Spirit for the first time while attending Andrews Academy and participating in prayer groups with Jim Moon. This experience was what Joel believed separated this education from so many other good options. These prayer groups focused on praising the Lord for His attributes, which was a deeply transformative focus. In many regards, the experience of dwelling in the presence of the Lord has shaped the trajectory of his life.



The longing to dwell in the throne room of the Lord is so powerful that he has invited many students and friends to experience the same joy.

He is a proud husband and father of two. His daughter is a freshman in college this year, and his son is a sophomore in high school. He graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education in Instructional Design. Over the past twenty-one years, he has taught for Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools and homeschooled in Texas, Indiana, Michigan, Washington, and Georgia. While serving as a teaching principal in Washington, he helped instill a student culture of respect, encouragement, and cooperation. Once there was a spirit of trust and cooperation, the school experimented with place-based learning and other nature integration.

Joel and his wife live on a farm in Southwest Michigan with two large dogs, 33 hens, two roosters, three therapy horses, and five farm cats. They enjoy baking sourdough bread, making fresh pasta, and fresh corn tortillas. They find joy in leaf mulch gardening and harvesting local produce. Their family motto is *To Serve the Lord Willingly*. The Lord has proven again and again that He is enough.

# Alumnus of the Year Criteria

An alumnus (graduate or attendee of EMCA/AUA/AA) is selected each year to be honored at alumni weekend as Alumnus of the Year. A candidate for this award may be nominated by any Andrews Academy alumnus, current faculty member, or former faculty member, but all nominees should be in an honor class. Of an a member of the f f y-year class is recognized.

## **Award Criteria**

The nominee's life must demonstrate the philosophy and vision of the school. The philosophy is best

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Endowment gifts are a major contribution to the school's future stability. These gifts are invested in interest-earning accounts, and the income is used annually for the purpose that the endowment designates. Our endowments include the following:

Andrews Academy Endowed Fund for Worthy Students  
Class of 1961 Endowment  
Class of 2005 Endowment for Spiritual Activities  
Arthur E. Axelson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Virgil & Frances Bartlett Endowment Fund  
C. Randall Bauer Memorial Endowed Fund  
Helen Burbank Ipes Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Clementina S. Nicolas Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Kimberly K. Keller Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Kenneth W. & Helen M. Kilgore Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund  
James R. Nash Andrews Academy Operating Endowment Fund  
Douglas R. Newberry Endowed Scholarship Fund



## The Andrews Academy Partnering for Eternity (PFE) Program

PFE exists to reveal God's love through service in our community and to support Adventist education through tuition assistance for students. To accomplish this goal, students regularly visit older adults in the community, providing help with house and yard work, as well as companionship. In return, the community members work with the students, encourage them, share their life stories, and lovingly mentor them by word and example. This program is free to the mentors; however, students receive tuition assistance of \$800 per semester for their 2-hour, once per week service.

Your support is vital to this amazing program because your gift is combined with matching funds from a grant that provides 70% of the scholarship!

Gift	University	Total
\$240	\$560	\$800
\$480	\$1,120	\$1,600
\$960	\$2,240	\$3,200

By raising \$13,000, PFE will offer tuition assistance to 13 students.

# Worthy Student & Sharon Russell Funds

# Class Gatherings

(Lynnece (Snell) Abel)

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# thank you

## A special thank you to the following people!

Rubén Pérez-Schulz, Principal

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Gracie Gaytan, Business Manager

Fares Magesa ('97), Chairman of the Governing Board

Gina Meekma, Administrative Assistant

Mitchell Meekma ('22)

Jan (Greenidge) Picket ('79)

Tonya (Hippler) Snyder ('96), Alumni Liaison

Kimberly (Weber) Spare ('00) & Team, Parents Posit vely Involved

Doug Taylor ('98)

Ella Taylor ('26)

Michael Taylor ('24)

*And to the faculty and staf, as well as the countless number of students and parents,  
who have helped with planning, set up, tear down, and lunch.*

*If you know someone who may be interested helping to plan Alumni Weekend next  
year, from the honored classes ending in 0 and 5, please have them call  
the Academy at 269-471-3138 or email [AAalumni@andrews.edu](mailto:AAalumni@andrews.edu).*



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