



Dear Friend,

I awoke this morning to the miracle of the Chicago Cubs World Series victory and a bumper harvest crop of good news from Andrew College! The former reminds me that all things are possible for those who work hard and utilize their gifts, just as we are exploring new ways for Andrew College to serve Southwest Georgia and the immediate community. We also seek to strengthen and deepen our ties to the United Methodist Church, and I am mindful of those opportunities to serve in every strategic and tactical decision we make here.

One important emphasis of mine is to ensure that the college, your college, is able to communicate with you. Our database has been deficient for years and we are devoting time and energy to update our files so we can keep you informed about our growth and expanding service efforts. With some staffing changes in development, you will read below about the addition of Mary Jane Langford Salter ('68) and promotion of Courtney Milliron (2010) so that our pursuit of philanthropic support from individuals and foundations will be enhanced.

You will soon receive from the college our annual appeal letter. As a result of an incomplete database of our alums, our annual giving rate has been less than 2%. The national average is around 8%. I know more than 2% of you love Andrew College and will honor us with a gift to the annual fund! I ask that you please consider thinking of how Andrew College might fit into your annual level of philanthropic giving, respecting that your church, baccalaureate institution, and other worthy causes all fit into that domain.

Please help me, as I visit foundations and individual donors, tell a story of increased alumni support! It does not matter how much you give; it matters that we move the needle of alumni participation in giving back to the college. Can we move that needle from less than 2% this year to three or four percent? Of course we can; the Chicago Cubs just won the World Series, anything is possible!

I know that you believe in the value and influence of Andrew College as much as I do. As we approach Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and lead this place that you love.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda", written in a cursive style.

Linda

CAMPUS NEWS



Faculty Promotions

The Andrew College Board of Trustees recently approved two faculty promotions. Karan B. Pittman was granted tenure and promoted from Associate Professor to Professor. Amanda A. Knight was also granted tenure and promoted from the rank of Associate Professor to Professor. Both faculty members have completed the required 10 years of consecutive service at Andrew College at the rank of Associate

Professor and consistently demonstrated positive leadership, scholarly achievements and a commitment to Christian Higher Education.

Karan Pittman received her Master of Science degree in library science from the University of North Carolina, her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary social science education from Auburn University and her Associate of Arts degree in humanities from Andrew College.

Since 1990, Professor Pittman has served as Andrew College's director of library services and has taught numerous classes. She is an author and historian, having co-authored two books and wrote numerous articles and columns for newspapers, bulletins, studies, reviews and encyclopedias. She is currently working on a book, titled, "The Girl at the End of the Rope" (the true story of a murder and hanging in Georgia in the 1870s). Pittman has served 35 years as a Theta Lambda advisor and serves at the college's archivist.

Professor Pittman said that her belief and commitment to Andrew College is deep and sincere. She firmly believes in giving back, and Andrew College was instrumental in forming her life. She said, "Throughout my tenure at the college, I have worked to help students develop their potential. As a librarian, I encourage students to develop skills to continue lifelong learning, and as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor, I help students to develop their potential as scholars and leaders."

Professor Pittman lives in Benevolence with her husband, Max and is near their children and grandchildren: Peavy, Amy, Warren and Whit Pittman; and Lee, Katie, Cam and Charlee Wright. She is a member and pianist at Benevolence Baptist Church.

Amanda Knight has taught English at Andrew College since 1999 after having 13 years of experience teaching at the high school level, and she currently serves as the faculty chair, Humanities Department Division coordinator, and chair of the Educational Programming Committee. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Valdosta State University and her Master of Science in Education degree from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Knight's teaching experience enables her to understand her students' backgrounds in their progress toward becoming successful college-level writers. She has shared her unique process of teaching punctuation and sentence structure in her book *Punctuation Decoded*. In addition, Professor Knight was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Grant to study in Lithuania, Latvia, and Russia in 2004, and she led a Fulbright-Hays study group of professors and teachers to South Korea and China in 2010. She serves as the faculty liaison for the student exchange between Andrew College and Pai Chai University in Daejeon, South Korea, Andrew College's sister Methodist institution, and she strives to incorporate international cultural components in her classes whenever possible.

Professor Knight enjoys teaching and working with young adults. She says, "I love what I do! I feel that I make a significant difference in helping my students work toward their goals of achieving college degrees."

Professor Knight lives in Dawson with her husband, David and daughter Rachel. She taught for 10 years at Terrell Academy in Dawson prior to her tenure at Andrew College, and she is a member of the Dawson United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir.

The Andrew College community congratulates these two professors on their life and professional accomplishments and their promotion.

Changes made to Development team

Andrew College has asked Mary Jane Langford Salter, a familiar Randolph County native, to help with its development and alumni relations initiatives. Mary Jane is a 1968 Andrew College graduate. She went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Georgia in 1970 and taught school for a few years in both the public and private school systems. She later spent 14 years working with U.S. Senator Sam Nunn in both Washington, D.C. as a legislative assistant and in Georgia as the district director for the Southeast Georgia office. Six years ago she retired from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services after over 20 years as a social worker, consultant and county director. She has been active with the Andrew Alumni Association for several years, serving as president for the past three years.



Mary Jane will be serving as the Special Assistant to the President for Development. Initially, her primary focus will be to identify the whereabouts of alumni and establish an ongoing communication with them, keeping them informed and soliciting their support. She will also be strengthening the bond between Andrew College with the community and Southwest Georgia.

Mary Jane has three adult daughters and five grandchildren.

The other change in the Development Office has been the promotion of Courtney Milliron. She will now be serving as the Coordinator of Development. Courtney will be the contact person for all foundation work/annual appeals as well as participate in the Alumni Task Force.

A native of Randolph County, Courtney graduated from Andrew College in 2010 with an Associate of Science degree. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a concentration in exercise science/wellness from Georgia Southwestern State University in 2013. Her career at Andrew College began as an administrative assistant in the Development Office in April, 2014.

President Linda Buchanan said, “We are fortunate to have two such dedicated Andrew College alumni in our development office. They both bring different talents and expertise to the table and will be making a concerted effort to identify and communicate with our alumni and the community.”



Andrew College host to third Economic Development meeting

Randolph County has been engaged in an ongoing process with a consultant and regional resource management agencies with the goal of discovering new means of economic development and ways to bring new business to the area. The latest in a series of

planning meetings was held on Wednesday, August 26 on campus.

The group, made up of business owners, school administrators, elected officials, interested individuals and faculty and staff from Andrew College, was given working assignments and committees were formed. Short and long-term goals were identified. Some of the short term goals, to be completed in the next 30-90 days include improving the county’s online presence, developing a community pride strategy, and creating a comprehensive community vision for downtown development, engaging youth and providing quality childcare. If you are interested in helping grow Randolph County and work or live in the community, please let the Chamber of Commerce know. All are welcome to join in the discussion on how to grow our community.

Men's basketball and women's golf added to sports lineup

Andrew College has announced that it plans to add men's basketball and women's golf teams to the college sports lineup, starting with the fall 2017 semester. Competitive men's basketball was last offered in 2003-2004. The last women's golf season of competition was in 2010-2011.

Linda Buchanan, president of the college, said, "Bringing these two sports back to Andrew College opens opportunity to students and is also part of our planned enrollment growth."

The addition of men's basketball will round out the current men's sports offerings of baseball, golf and soccer. Women's sports next year will include basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball and golf.

Blake Williams, Andrew College athletic director, said "I'm very excited about bringing back the men's basketball and women's golf programs to Andrew College. This will bring a lot of excitement to not only the Andrew College campus but to Southwest Georgia. The future is very bright for our athletic teams and the addition of these two sports is attributed to the hard work of President Linda Buchanan and her vision for the growth of the college. I look forward to getting our inaugural season kicked off in the 2017-2018 academic year."

Williams said the college will be playing in Division one – Region 17 of the National Junior College Athletic Association for basketball. The golf program will be a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Andrew College currently has over 120 student-athletes on campus. A search for a new head men's basketball coach is currently underway.

Women's soccer team earns national academic award

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) recently announced their 2015-2016 College Team Academic Award Winners and the Andrew College Lady Fighting Tigers, based on their team grade point average (GPA) of 3.41, were named a recipient of this honor. To qualify for this award, the team must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the entire academic year. The team GPA is determined by adding every players' GPA, then dividing by the number of players. The Tigers were the lone NJCAA Region 17 team to receive this award.



contests and face painting were all available throughout the evening.

Ghosts and goblins turned out for Tiger Fest

As the daylight faded and the city street lights erupted into sparkling luminaries, Andrew College put on a fun "Tiger Fest" Halloween show for area children and their families. The event, held on Oct. 21, brought the Cuthbert city square to life with ghosts, goblins, superheros, princesses, and firemen. Candy, hot dogs, scary movies, costume

College participates in Crossroads festival

During the day-long community festival, Chris Johnson, director of the visual art program, created a painting of the Cuthbert courthouse. Two of his students worked on self-portraits. These projects created visual interest as onlookers came back throughout the day to watch the progress. Other faculty and staff volunteered during the festival at various tasks and booths.





Did you know?

Andrew Female College began physical culture classes in 1866. The classes, now physical education, are still taught today. Pictured to the left is an early 1900s photo of the young women exercising in the fresh air.

Let us know how you're doing!

We want to hear from you. We are developing a "Class Note" section on our alumni website page and want to hear of your accomplishments, moves, marriages, deaths, etc. Please send us your information.

You can update your information at <https://www.andrewcollege.edu/update-your-info.html> at the bottom in the "Let us know what you're doing" section.



Are you an Andrew Sweetheart?

Did you and your spouse/partner meet at Andrew College? If so, we want to hear from you and learn your story. Please email us at development@andrewcollege.edu with your contact information so we can reach out to you.

Thanks to those who have already given us this information. But, we know there are more Sweethearts out there, so please let us know how you're doing.

Email Reminder

We have discovered that many of our alums use g-mail for their email service. If you know of someone who is not receiving this newsletter and uses g-mail, please tell them to look for us in their "Promotions" or "Social" inbox. They will then have to designate that they would like our newsletters to go to their regular email box.

We would like to reach all of our alumni to assure that they not miss out of any of the exciting things that are happening at Andrew! Please help us in this endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Play, The Diviners

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 3-5, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m.

Liddie Murphy Theatre, Old Main

Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 23-25

Offices closed

Lessons and Carols

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 1-2, 7 p.m.

Chapel

Fall Art Show Opening Reception

Mon., Dec. 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Jamison Art Center

Art show runs from Dec. 5-9



Get your Fighting Tiger gear!



A reminder that Andrew College offers alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff access to over 1,200 customizable products from top brands like New Balance, Russell, and OGIO in our online store.

Please visit www.andrewcollege.edu, pull down on “Alumni & Friends” and click on Online Apparel from the drop-down menu to start exploring. And remember, Go Tigers!



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