



Dear Friend,

With Spring Semester underway, I offer you greetings from under the spire of Old Main. In this month's newsletter you will read about board of trustee endorsement of three new academic programs that we will deliver to SACS for accreditation approval and implementation in the Fall of 2017. We await final approval from SACS for the nursing program, as we move forward on equipping our temporary nursing facility across the street with its simulation lab and classroom. You will see an article and photo about a billboard in Albany, part of our consistent message to the region about Andrew College and our intent to serve Southwest Georgia.

We are pursuing various funding sources to support these new programs. We believe that Timber Management will appeal to those who wish to work and advance in the burgeoning timber industry that surrounds us here and is a significant part of Georgia's economy. Cancer Registry is a distinctive certificate program, all online, that will be one of just a few across the country and provides pieces of medical Big Data to the Center for Disease Control. And yes, for the first time in 100 years, we intend to bring a baccalaureate degree back to Andrew College, this one in the form of a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. All new programs take a tremendous amount of effort and time, and I am very grateful to our faculty and Dr. Dick McCallum for their focused efforts to build our academic program.

And this issue of our newsletter features people—students, faculty, staff, and alums. Whether you are a superb student-athlete, a talented actor who teaches theatre, promoted to a new position, or your alum story at Andrew includes another very special alum who you met here, Andrew College is and has always been about the people whose lives have touched and been touched by this wonderful place.

Thank you for reading the newsletter and please keep in touch.

Best,

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

Linda

# CAMPUS NEWS



## Staff Promotions

Personnel changes at Andrew College have been announced, effective January 1. Karan Pittman, has been promoted to the position of assistant academic dean, and McKenzie M. Ragan has been promoted to the position of director of library services and educational technology coordinator.

In her new role, Professor Pittman will spend 50% of her time with academic affairs providing

leadership for retention efforts and supervising the Student Success Center (SSC) and Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The other half of her time will be invested in alumni projects and the college's archives.

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 also an author and historian.

As director of library services, McKenzie M. Ragan, will now provide the leadership for the Pitts Library. She will also continue to support the technology needs for online courses.

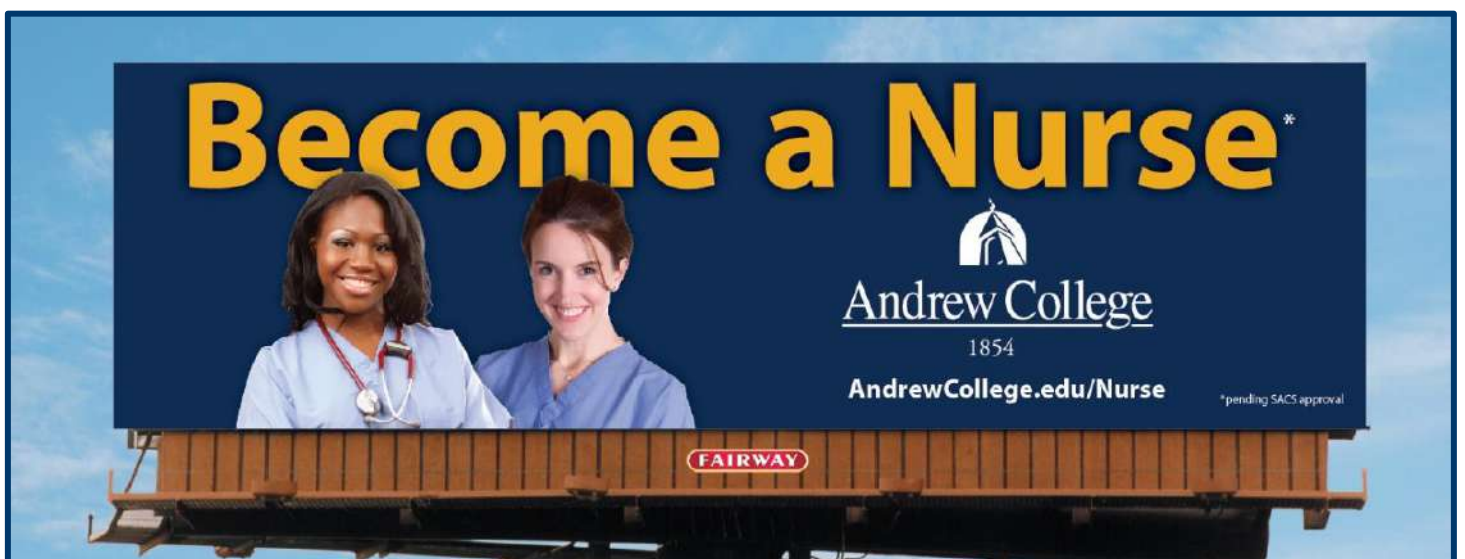
Assistant Professor Ragan received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Georgia.

Assistant Professor Ragan previously served as assistant librarian and college store manager.

The Andrew College community congratulates these two employees on their new roles at Andrew College.

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## Look for our billboard!



We are reaching out to find future Andrew nursing students. Part of our nurse recruiting strategy includes this billboard. It is now showing in the Albany area.

Look for it on Gillionville Road through April 30.





## Fighting Tiger's head men's soccer coach joins Andrew

Joshua Pantazelos is entering his first season as the head men's soccer coach at Andrew College.

Coach Pantazelos spent two seasons at Eckerd College as the first assistant where he helped the program to a 16-12-4 record. It was the best two-year span in nearly a decade.

Pantazelos spent his first three seasons of college soccer at Akron University from 2007-2009 under Caleb Porter, the current head coach of the Portland Timbers of Major League Soccer. While at Akron, he was part of three conference championships and a runner-up finish for a national championship in 2009.

After being part of a historical season with the Zips, Pantazelos transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University where he finished his career. While there, he made 28 starts in two seasons, and racked up 106 saves with a goals allowed average of 1.14 to go along with six clean sheets.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Pantazelos attended Vestavia Hills High School. He was a member of the Alabama State ODP teams from 2000-2006 and was named to the Regional ODP team in 2006. He also played for the U16 & U17 Vestavia Steamers, which won state championships in 2004 and 2005.

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## Soccer player earns scholar All-American title

For the second year in a row, a member of the Andrew College Women's Soccer Team has been recognized for stellar academics, as well as contributions on the pitch by The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). This year, sophomore forward Agnes Evangelista was recognized as a 2nd-Team Scholar All-American for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Evangelista started 25 matches in her two-years at Andrew, notching 7 goals and 5 assists, while playing in all 36 matches. She scored 2 goals against Gordon State in one match-up, and then followed that up with another against the Lady Highlanders in the 1st round of the GCAA playoffs in her freshman year.

Originally from Victoria, Australia, Evangelista, attended McKinnon Secondary College. She is a history major, with a 3.82 GPA.

The National Soccer Coaches Association was founded in 1941 and is based in Kansas City, Mo. It is a non-profit organization with the mission of advocating for, educating and serving soccer coaches to encourage excellence and elevate the game.

The NSCAA is the world's largest soccer coaches' organization with members at every level of the game from youth to professional.



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## Lights rise at Hord Field

Thanks to the generosity of an estate gift from Mary Frances Cox Parramore '53, new lighting for the baseball and softball fields is going up at the Hord Athletic Complex. This lighting will now enable us to have evening games.

A lighting ceremony is planned for Friday, February 10 at 6 p.m.

## **Board of Trustees meets**

The Andrew College Board of Trustees met on January 26. One of the action items unanimously approved was to award an honorary doctorate degree posthumously to legendary jazz musician and Cuthbert native, Fletcher Henderson. The award ceremony will take place during Andrew's Commencement on May 6.



The Board also passed resolutions which gave their approval to start three new programs: an associate's degree in timber management, an online Cancer Registry Certificate and a bachelor of science in business administration degree. Andrew College will be one of only 10 schools in the United States to offer a Cancer Registry Certificate program. All three programs will begin with the Fall 2017 semester. The baccalaureate degree in business will be the first baccalaureate program offered at Andrew in 100 years. All three proposed programs will now seek accreditation approval from SACSCOC.

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## **Writing & Reading Center to present at annual conference**

Three Interdisciplinary Writing and Reading Center (IWRC) tutors and Caroline Collins, director of the IWRC, will partner with tutors from Georgia Southwestern State University to present two sessions at the annual Southeastern Writing Center Association (SWCA) conference to be held in mid-February at the University of Mississippi. The sessions will focus on information gathered during the two groups' collaboration this year. The collaborative work was made possible due to a grant received from the Southeast Writing Center Association in August.

Andrew College students who are presenting at the conference are Ayreon (Shay) Oliver, Columbus; Agnes Evangelista, Sweden; and

Jaylan Ogletree, McDonough.

Caroline Collins, said, "We are very excited to be reporting on the work that we've done this past semester. During this collaborative process, we've learned how to become better tutors and how to better serve the needs of our students and local community. We've also discovered things about ourselves which make us better at our jobs."

The IWRC is open to community members. Everyone is encouraged to visit for assistance with tasks that involve writing and/or reading. The center is open from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. The Center is located in the Pitts Library.

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## **Theatre close to home**

Theatre Assistant Professor Nate Gross spent the beginning of the semester rehearsing and performing in the Springer Theatre's production of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." He played the part of Curley. The play ran January 19-29. A contingent of faculty and staff ventured to Columbus one evening to see the play and give Nate their support. Nate is standing in the center back.





## Did you know?

Before The Festival of Lessons and Carols, Andrew College was known for its Madrigal Dinners featuring the Choraliers. Students and community members remember the delicious food, the authentic atmosphere and the beautiful music of the Madrigal Dinners. This photo is from the 1970s.



## Calling all Educators

Our Admissions staff would like to send a gift to all alumni educators as a token of your service to students.

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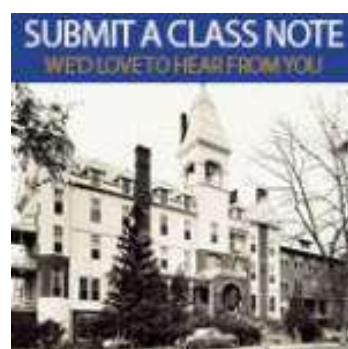
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## Let us know how you're doing!

We want to hear from you! We have developed 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.



# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

## Class notes are now online!

You've wanted to know what your classmates are doing, and we're finding out. We're excited to announce our new online Class Notes section. Look for this addition under the "Alumni & Friends" section or go directly to: [www.andrewcollege.edu/classnotes](http://www.andrewcollege.edu/classnotes). We will be updating this section quarterly, so please continue to send us photos and information related to marriages, births, deaths and how and what you're doing. You can easily submit your news directly to us through this link. Look for this addition under the "Alumni & Friends" section.

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# ANDREW SWEETHEARTS

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](mailto:development@andrewcollege.edu) with your contact information so we can reach out to you. We'd like to know how you're doing.

**You should be able to find our Andrew Sweethearts page online at  
[www.andrewcollege.edu/sweethearts](http://www.andrewcollege.edu/sweethearts)  
in the near future—before Valentine's Day! Check it out!**

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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!



## Like us on Facebook

We are reaching out to all alumni. We want to hear your stories. Please "Like" us or follow us on the Alumni Page on Facebook and keep your address, phone number and email address current at: <https://www.andrewcollege.edu/update-your-info.html>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Lighting Ceremony

Hord Athletic Complex

Friday, February 10, 6 p.m.

## Valentine's Day

February 14

Don't forget your sweetheart!

## Spring Break

March 6-10

No classes, offices open

## Andrew Theatre

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

March 30-April 2

## Good Friday

April 14

No classes, offices closed

## Commencement

Saturday, May 6

For more information, questions, or comments, please contact the Andrew College Development Office at 229-732-5933 or at [development@andrewcollege.edu](mailto:development@andrewcollege.edu).