



Dear Friend:

Happy Summer! I reflect on my first year as your proud president and am so grateful for the opportunity to build and lead this wonderful and important institution. We will grow and have a larger impact on Southwest Georgia by adding quality academic programs to our curriculum. While we await final accreditation approval for Regenerative Agriculture, Dr. Drew Schiavone works this summer to fully develop the curriculum. On the nursing front, I was present in Macon on May 19 to hear directly from the Georgia Board of Nursing that we have received developmental approval for our program. Dr. Joan Darden, director of the division of nursing, as well as professors Susan Askew and Cindy Lee are working on the next benchmark of developing and submitting our curriculum for approval. We are on pace to achieve our goal of enrolling nursing students in the Fall of 2017 pending Georgia Board of Nursing and SACS approval. There is much work ahead to achieve that.

I received word from SACS that we earned full reaffirmation of our institutional accreditation in the middle of June. The reaccreditation effort began long before I arrived a year ago and thanks are due to many hard working faculty and staff.

Two efforts are underway in the community with which we are integrally involved – a dynamic team from the Georgia Department of Tourism Project Development was here to learn about the county and its potential, and an economic development effort is assisting community leaders to determine opportunities in the coming years.

Andrew College will be a full and willing partner in these efforts. I am excited about our role in the growth and development of Randolph County and the surrounding region, whether it comes in the form of offering academic programs that resonate with regional needs or bringing parts of the beautiful square in downtown Cuthbert back to life.

You will also read in this newsletter about new faculty, a very successful alumni gathering in Atlanta, engagement with the United Methodist Church, and summer activity on campus. Thank you for your support of me and Andrew College now and in the future. And I hope you had a happy and safe Fourth of July as we reflected on our freedoms and blessings in this great nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda R. Martin".

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Alumni gather in Atlanta

A group of 45 alumni from the classes of the 1950s to the class of 2015 were represented at an alumni gathering last month in Atlanta on June 4. The event was hosted by Tom '69 and Kay Musselwhite '68 Aderhold at their home. President Buchanan gave an update on new programs and plans to renovate Warren Bush. Crispin and Jimmy Gilbert, along with Karan Berryman Pittman '75 made the trip from Cuthbert to join the group. The host committee included: Brent '96 and Lisa Willis '96 Stephens; David Adams '66; Richard Whitney '72; Montez Bowen Blackwell '74; and Scott '85 and Michelle de Brabant '85 Lee.



## Softball camp assists young players

Andrew College hosted a softball camp for girls, ages 7-15 during the week of June 13-16. Softball coach Kayla Williams planned the camp for the 15 attendees and was assisted by Andrew students Danielle Davis, Leesburg, GA; Ashton Howell, Ellaville, GA; Autumn Evans, Covington, GA and Kenley Kennedy, Blakely, GA. The week showcased many learning techniques including a slip and slide which was used to demonstrate sliding and diving. Thanks to Coach Williams for arranging and promoting this camp. The camp will be back in session next year.



## South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The annual conference, held in Tifton, GA from June 8-11 was attended by Andy Brubaker, Vice President for Administration. He accepted a gift of \$3,500 for the Roy Lifsey Memorial Scholarship gift from Johnny Hemingway and Chuck Cowart with the United Methodist Men. This scholarship supports a young man from the South Georgia Conference.

AndrewServes Director Malanie Burnett also hosted a booth sharing information about Andrew College. She distributed packets of Georgia peanuts along with an invitation to tour campus.

## Andrew College welcomes United Methodist Ministers

United Methodist ministers, their families and staff from the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference met at Andrew College on Monday, June 27 for a day of discussion and planning for the 2016-17 year.



President Buchanan welcomed participants with an overview of the history of Andrew College and impressed upon them how important the United Methodist church is to the College. She also spoke about Andrew's strategic plans to renew and strengthen ties between the College and the United Methodist Church on the local, regional, and national level when appropriate. President Buchanan addressed the two new academic programs that are being added to Andrew's curriculum. A Nursing program is set to accept students in the Fall of 2017. Offering this major will help address the shortages of nurses in the area. Students, upon completion, will be awarded an associate's degree in nursing. A Regenerative Agriculture program is accepting students for the Fall of 2016. Andrew will partner with White Oak Pastures in Bluffton, the largest organic farm in the state of Georgia to assist with this program. President Buchanan appealed to ministers to "send their students to Andrew," whether they need additional college preparation before transferring to a 4-year institution, or whether they are an honors student.

We are grateful to District Superintendent Buddy Cooper and Rev. Peter Vermeulen for bringing this meeting to Andrew.

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## Director of Communications & Marketing joins Andrew team

Sheri Michaels joins Andrew College as the new Director of Communications and Marketing. She will be devoting time to helping advancement and admissions communicate with our outside constituents. Other hats she will be wearing will be to serve as President Buchanan's assistant, and most importantly, she will be working with alumni affairs in identifying our alums.

Sheri has a long history and expertise in higher education. She most recently served as the publications manager at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa and previously served as the director of publications at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and spent time working there also in numerous positions. Please welcome Sheri. She is anxious to get to know you and other Andrew College alums. If you know of alums who are not currently receiving this newsletter but would like to be on our email list, please let her know. She can be reached at [sherimichaels@andrewcollege.edu](mailto:sherimichaels@andrewcollege.edu).

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## Tiger Camp opens door to area children

The first summer of Tiger Camp has been a huge success. Children ages 5-12 are attending the day camp which is run by Andrew students and staff. Parents in the community have expressed their excitement for the program with one parent sharing, "my son wants to come back each week!" Tiger Camp is running for six weeks throughout the summer and offers activities such as arts and crafts, sports, educational enrichment and a weekly excursion off campus. The campers have enjoyed bowling, skating, movies and parks.

To date, the camp has served over 50 different kids from the community and surrounding areas. With Tiger Camp offering lunch and an afternoon snack, it has been the perfect summer activity for families in the area. Faculty members, Nate and Molly Gross, shared, "our kids had a wonderful time. Thank you for helping them have that experience!" Parents are already asking about Summer 2017, and Andrew looks forward to providing this service next year also.

## Andrew welcomes new faculty members

Susan Askew MSN, RN, FNP-C, is a family nurse practitioner. She recently served as the director of the Student Health Service at Darton State College. She has taught in the nursing department at Darton and has worked at the Clay County Health Department. She will be teaching adult nursing courses as an Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Joan Darden Ph.D., comes to us after 33 years in nursing education. Throughout the years, she has taught all levels of nursing from ASN, BNS, MSN to Ph.D. at four different nursing colleges. She has worked in the clinical area as a pediatric nurse and has served as vice president for academic affairs at Darton State College. She also is a fellow in the Academy of Nursing Education. She received her Ph.D. at Georgia State University. Her role at Andrew as a Professor of Nursing, will be to develop the new Associate of Science in Nursing program and to gain the initial approval by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

Cindy Lee MSN, RN, FNP-C, is a family nurse practitioner and a licensed nursing home administrator. She has taught at Darton State College and was previously an administrator at Calvin Nursing. She will be teaching Mental Health Nursing as a part-time Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Drew Schiavone Ph.D., a native of North Georgia, received his doctorate in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky. His previous work has focused on long-term agricultural sustainability through socially-conscious, economical and environmentally responsible practices. His experience in sustainable agriculture, optimized field production, renewable energy technologies and post-harvest management strategies have contributed to various academic, commercial and community-based efforts. His most recent work involving on-farm bioprocessing has aimed to enhance the economic viability of biofuels while providing income potential for small-scale farming operations throughout the Southeast. Drew has also received industry recognition in deploying economical and environmentally sustainable agricultural technologies within developing countries including his work with the Rural Center for Sustainable Development in Haiti which received superior awards for improving food supply in the developing world. Drew joins the faculty at Andrew College as an Assistant Professor of Regenerative Agriculture.

Farrah Senn Ed.S, MA, MPA, has been hired as an Assistant Professor of English. She previously was an assistant professor of English and literature and Interim division chair at Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, GA. She will be teaching World Literature and English Composition.

Lisa Singleton DBA, has been hired as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration. She received her doctorate at Argosy University. She previously was an adjunct professor at Brown Mackie College in Louisville, KY. She will be teaching business and accounting courses.



## InSpire Day welcomes new students

Over 50 new students and their families were on campus on Friday, June 24, for the first of three summer orientation days. New students gathered in Jones Chapel for meetings, a welcome skit performed by InSpire student leaders and academic success sessions. Families had their financial aid questions answered and students

were able to sign up for classes, meet future roommates and take part in COMPASS testing. It was an exciting day where future friendships were formed and faculty, staff and coaches were able to get to know our new students.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**InSpire Orientation for new students**  
July 29

**Homecoming**  
September 30 – October 2