

Dear Friend:

Greetings from Cuthbert and Old Main!

I hope you have had time and space for summer recreation and vacations. It has been a good and busy summer here at the College. Our three nursing faculty have submitted our curriculum to the Georgia Board of Nursing so that we might gain Initial Approval instead of Developmental Approval as we lean towards what we hope will be the enrollment of our first class of nursing students one year from now. Our new strategic plan will be reviewed and approved by our Board of Trustees in September. You will read below that we are making every effort to reach our alumni through email and/or Facebook so that we can connect with them and spread the good word of change and growth here at Andrew.

I attended my second NASCUMC meeting last week. This is the annual summer gathering of United Methodist college presidents. One of the main topics of conversation was renewing the bonds between the church and its 119 member colleges and universities. This conversation will gain momentum this year as the church deliberates on what it means to be a college-related church along with our ongoing deliberation on how to live out our mission as a faith-based, United Methodist related institution.

Alums, please mark your calendars for Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 and come home! You will soon receive your invitation from the College to attend Homecoming 2016. Crispin and Jimmy Gilbert will be the homecoming parade grand marshals – come join the fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda", is written over a light blue wavy line.

Linda

CAMPUS NEWS

Excellent news received about regenerative agriculture program

We have received a letter from our accrediting agency, SACSCOC, informing us that we have officially been granted our request to begin an associate degree program in regenerative agriculture. Dr. Drew Schiavone, assistant professor of regenerative agriculture, has been on campus all summer working on getting this program up and running for the fall semester. We are extremely pleased to receive this approval.

The program focuses on regenerative farming practices that integrate long-term ecosystem stability with economic profitability. Holistic management and regenerative agricultural practices promote the use of agricultural production and market incentives to restore areas that have been adversely affected by conventional agricultural processes. As such, this new academic program promotes the stewardship of natural resources within the surrounding environment while helping to restore grassland areas and revitalize depleted agricultural areas.

In addition to coursework, students will intern with White Oak Pastures near Bluffton and will receive real-world training in the practice of regenerative agriculture and holistic management during their course of study. If you know of a student interested in this exciting new agricultural program, please contact our office of enrollment services at 229-732-5938.

Alumni task force is formed

An alumni task force has been formed to work together to expand and validate our alumni data base and to develop new ways to reach our alumni. Special thanks to Mary Jane Langford Salter '68 and Crispin Gilbert who will be joining Andrew staff members Sheri Michaels, director of communications and marketing and Denise Vermeulen, development and public relations assistant to help with this important project.

If you know of class members or other alumni who are not receiving communications from us, please let us know so we can add them to our database. Please contact Denise at denisevermeulen@andrewcollege.edu or call 229-732-5990 with updates.

We also will be calling on some of you to serve as class agents for your class and we'll need help identifying alums who want to be more involved. If you or someone you know wants to help projects such as this, please let us know.

Writing and Reading Skills Boot Camp supports students

A successful Writing and Reading Skills Boot Camp was held on campus in July. This camp helped support students as they prepared to take or retake the Compass test. Seven students attended and of the five students who had already taken the Compass, all were able to move up at least one course placement.

According to Katie Harris, division coordinator of learning support and assistant professor of learning support English, all students were smart, friendly, and extremely hard-working. Bennie Mattox, director of disability services & Focus Program also assisted at this very valuable camp. Our thanks to them both.

Andrew students head to Pai Chai University in South Korea

Amanda Knight, division coordinator of humanities and associate professor of English at Andrew College, saw three Andrew students off to South Korea on Thursday, July 28 for an adventure and trip-of-a-life experience. Shamar Barnett,



Georgetown, GA; Cassidy Austin, Perry, GA; and Brian Pritchett, Cartersville, GA are all taking part in a month-long learning exchange program with Pai Chai University, a sister United Methodist institution. Pai Chai's campus is located in Seo-gu, in Daejeon metropolitan city, on the lower slopes of Yeonja Mountain. It has a student body of approximately 14,000 students.

Andrew College and Pai Chai University have been partners since 2010. To date, 11 Andrew students and five Andrew College faculty have visited Pai Chai to share culture and academic knowledge and to participate in relationship building. The understanding and appreciation of different cultures is an Andrew College institutional goal. This program provides that for the participants. It also impacts the general student population as exchange students return to Andrew College and share their experiences with their peers.

Shamar Barnett said, "I am so overjoyed about going to Pai Chai. I am hoping to gain experience in cultural diversity. I am interested in learning the culture, language and interacting with people from different backgrounds."

Brian Pritchett added, "I think this trip to Korea is a great opportunity for anybody wanting to see the world from a different perspective other than their own. ...I am very excited to see all of the differences in the culture and how the advancements of the technology there could impact the rest of the world."

Ryan Park, international student coordinator of Pai Chai, remarked, "Pai Chai University's annual International Summer School program, titled as PAISS (Pai Chai International Summer School), features Korean language classes, Korean studies courses and exciting cultural experience activities and field trips during the 3-week period in August. The PAISS program has had more than 1,000 participants so far from all over the world since 2007. For this year's program, supported by the Korea Tourism Organization, we're preparing more exciting outings such as having participants see or do K-Pop related activities in SM Town or YG in Seoul, that would appeal to many K-Pop fans."

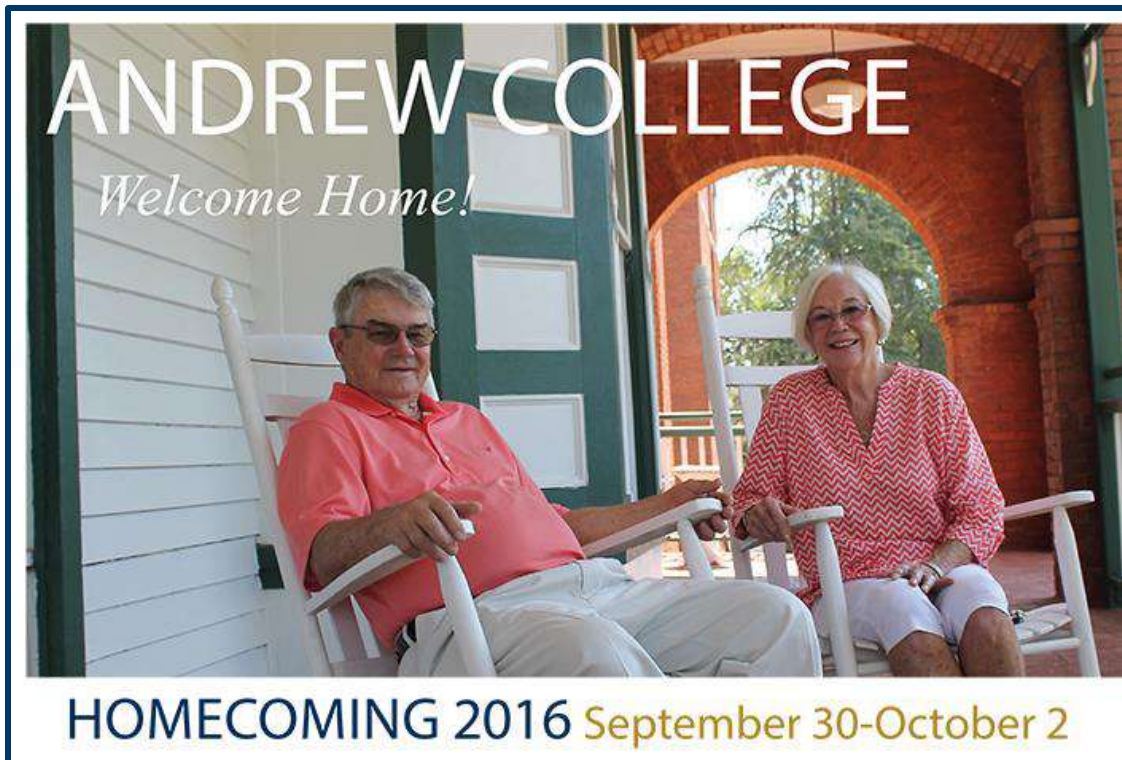
Andrew College also welcomes Pai Chai University students to campus every semester. Approximately 20 Korean students have attended Andrew College as part of the exchange program. These students add to the campus-wide international presence.

Amanda Knight, director of the program, said, "This exchange program began to highlight the relationship that Andrew College shares with Pai Chai University. Clara Howard, a 1916 Andrew College alum established the early childhood system of education in Korea. She had such an impact that Pai Chai named a building on their campus after her. The Andrew College students that we send to South Korea are some of Andrew's finest and will go on to do great things with their lives. Like Clara Howard, they have the potential to go out in the world and make a difference."

Email Reminder

We have discovered that many of our alumni use gmail for their email service. If you know of someone who is not receiving this newsletter and uses gmail, 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.

Mark your calendar for Homecoming!



Watch for this postcard in the mail. It will have details about our Homecoming festivities. Plan to attend with your friends and family! More details can be found at www.andrewcollege/homecoming. We hope to see you here!

President Buchanan attends annual conference

President Linda Buchanan recently attended the National Association of Schools & Colleges of The United Methodist Church (NASUMC) annual meeting in California. President Buchanan also served on a panel for new presidents.

President Buchanan remarked, “It is affirming and inspiration to share institutional challenges and aspirations with colleagues from around the country. I believe that Andrew College is on the right path to live out the United Methodist Church’s charge for planting us here in Southwest Georgia.”



Library receives new landscaping and rain gutters

The Pitts Library got a facelift in July as new seamless gutters and downspouts were installed and new landscaping was created. Andrew Lowery, physical plant supervisor of National Management Resources said, “Plans for improving the exterior have

been in the works since school finished in May. We wanted to take out the large overgrown bushes and replace with plants that will highlight the building. The new ground cover and climbing jasmine will also accent the inlaid stone plaques.

Clean-up day beautifies campus

Staff members have been busy cleaning house this last month to get ready for the fall semester. Various departments on campus held clean-up days where they sorted through paperwork that was stored in nooks and crannies throughout campus.



A paper shredding service was hired to properly dispose of the sensitive materials. In all, over 44 96-gallon trash bins of paper were collected. Thanks to all who helped with this campus beautification project! Shown with just a few of the bins that they filled are Aaron Feyes, Kristin Singleton, Dayna Williams and Vice President for Enrollment Andy Geeter from the Enrollment Services team.

Andrew College participates in Georgia Pastor's School

Andrew College was a sponsor at the 2016 Georgia Pastor's School which was held July 17-20 at Epworth By The Sea in St. Simons, GA.

Andrew's chaplain, Dr. Peter Vermeulen; his wife, Denise, development and public relations assistant; and daughter, Sky, attended the school this year. The school provides inspiration, education, fellowship, fun and relaxation for North and South Georgia clergy and their families. Chaplain Vermeulen said they had gotten positive feedback from clergy members about Andrew College's participation in Pastor's School and that our attendance brought a connection to both North Georgia and South Georgia Conferences.

Andrew College's information booth was hosted by Dr. Andy Geeter, vice president for enrollment, who addressed many questions regarding scholarships that are available to United Methodist clergy families. He also greeted our alumni.

Andrew College also held two raffle drawings. Winners were the Reverend Liza Marler from the Mt. Lion United Methodist Church—Smarr in Forsyth, GA and The Reverend Sheila Crowe from the Collins Memorial United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Conference encourages 'story telling'

Sheri Michaels, director of communications and marketing, attended the Georgia Education Advancement Council (GEAC) Summer Conference 2016 at LaGrange College on July 21-22. The theme for the summer conference was 'What's your story?' Communications and marketing, alumni and community relations, and development and advancement services professionals from throughout Georgia attended. Workshops emphasized ways to both tell your college's story via social media and conventional means and how to listen to your alumni stories.

Sheri said, "Being new to Andrew College, I really enjoyed meeting professionals in the area who are involved in the same industry as I am. Time was allowed for networking and sharing ideas and discovering practices that worked for others. I came home with a wealth of ideas and strategies that I will be able to implement in the future."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes Start

August 16

Fall Convocation

August 25

11 a.m.

Homecoming

September 30 – October 2