



Dear Friend:

Greetings from Cuthbert and Old Main!

September was a great month here on campus and in Cuthbert! It's kind of hard to rank the highlights so I will just dive right in. Homecoming 2016 just wrapped up this past Sunday and if you were not here as an alum, please make plans to come next year. We had a great turnout, held a Golden Anniversary luncheon for the first time in several years, and I greatly enjoyed hearing the stories and especially sensing the love that our alums have for Andrew College. We honored Crispin and Jimmy Gilbert as Grand Marshals of the homecoming parade.

Two wonderful things occurred on September 8 – you will read below about our approval from the Georgia Board of Nursing, and I had the personal privilege of meeting the new Bishop of the South Georgia Conference in Macon, Bishop Lawson Bryan. As we seek to ignite the connection between the United Methodist Church and celebrate the heritage between Andrew College and its historic Methodist roots, I know we have a strong ally and advocate in Bishop Bryan.

The board of trustees met on campus the week before homecoming and endorsed the new strategic plan. And we were pleased to host the report of the Tourism Product Development Team to the Randolph County community on September 20, as you will read below. Andrew College can and will play an important role in these community endeavors aimed to promote the local region to tourists.

Finally, as I write this I am watching outside my window the installation of a new light pole by Georgia Power in front of Old Main. This new light will illuminate the beautiful tower of Old Main, giving literal meaning to being the beacon of educational, spiritual, and cultural uplift to the region since 1854.

Thank you for your love and support of Andrew College.

Best,

Linda

# CAMPUS NEWS



## Plaque dedication honors Bobby Dews

The late Bobby Dews, Andrew College Class of 1963, was formerly honored at a ceremony at Hord Field on September 9. A bronze plaque was mounted on the home dugout in his honor.

Dews earned his associate's degree from Andrew College in 1963 and later graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from West Georgia College. He then taught high school English and history while spending the off season and summer playing baseball for various minor-league teams. Dews joined the Braves organization in 1975 managing farm clubs in the Carolina, Appalachian and Southern leagues, earning Manager of the Year honors in 1978. The following year, Dews received the coveted call to join the Atlanta Braves as the bullpen coach, and later coached third base for the organization.

Dews was awarded the 2013 Andrew College Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. Following retirement from professional baseball, he served as the writer-in-residence and a creative writing mentor for Andrew College. Dews was a published author and poet and at one time, was seen every Tuesday heading to the Pitts Library to share his time and expertise with the creative writing class on Andrew's campus. Dews noted that the Distinguished Alumnus Award had a special meaning for him. He said that while he struggled elsewhere he "flourished" on the Andrew College campus.

Bobby Dews passed away on December 26, 2015. His wife, Glenda, and several family members and friends were present at the dedication ceremony. President Linda Buchanan and Glenda Dews, wife of the late Bobby Dews, are pictured above.

## Georgia Board of Nursing approves nursing program

Andrew College passed another hurdle in the process of creating an Associate Degree in Nursing program. On September 8, the Georgia Board of Nursing gave their initial approval for the program. Mr. Jim Cleghorn, executive director of the Board of Nursing commended Andrew College's curriculum for its high standards of quality and "setting the bar high" for everyone else who submits nursing curricula for approval.



The nursing program is scheduled to begin offering classes in the Fall of 2017 pending the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) review and hopeful approval in December.

Thirty students will be accepted into the inaugural class, and admission will be competitive due to the limited enrollment.

Dr. Joan Darden, Andrew College professor of nursing, said "There is a great need for nurses in our area and in all of rural Georgia. The nursing program fits into the mission of Andrew College as it strives to meet the needs of this region. Therefore, is an exciting time not only for Andrew College but for the region, as well."

Information sessions are being planned at Andrew College to introduce prospective students and the community to the new program. Watch the website, [www.andrewcollege.edu](http://www.andrewcollege.edu) or call 800-664-9250 for more information. Applications can also be found on Andrew's website.



## Alumni gather for Homecoming

Andrew welcomed alumni to Homecoming, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. If you missed it, we wish you had been here! Alumni from the decades of the 50s and 60s gathered for a special luncheon on Sept. 30; others enjoyed the parade, a reception at the President's House; climbing up into the Spire, and a barbecue in Iris Gardens Park.

Plans are already underway for next year. We hope to see you here! **Mark your calendars for Sept. 29-Oct 1, 2017!**

## Meet your new alumni officers



New alumni officers for 2016-2018 were elected at the annual alumni meeting held over Homecoming. Pictured above are: **Mary Jane Langford Salter '68**, president; **Leigh Ann Bush Oates '01**, vice president; **Patricia Puckett Goodman '68**, secretary; **Adrian Saxon '99**, treasurer; and **Karen Berryman Pittman '75**, social media coordinator.

## Andrew host to Tourism team meeting

Randolph County has been engaged in an ongoing process with the Georgia Department of Economics Development Tourism Division with the goal of developing new tourism opportunities in Randolph County. The Tourism team was back on September 20 for a town meeting to discuss the report that was developed from an earlier June visit to the county. Over 60 interested persons were in attendance including many faculty and staff from Andrew College.

The main topics outlined in the report included: the visitor center and services; historic preservation; downtown development; Andrew College; lodging; the arts; agritourism; and eco-tourism and recreation. **If you are interested in future conversations related to these topics and work or live in the county please let us know.**



Randolph County  
Tourism Product Development Resource Team Report  
Georgia Department of Economic Development



## Andrew College assists with signage for Fletcher Henderson festival

Andrew College and the Fletcher Henderson Jazz Festival teamed up to develop signage for the 2016 festival.

Chris Johnson, assistant professor of art and director of the visual art program at Andrew College provided the creative talent needed to design and paint a new sign that is now on display in the town square.



President Linda Buchanan, said “Andrew College is happy to partner with the Fletcher Henderson Jazz Festival to build awareness of such a great musician, composer and arranger. Fletcher Henderson was born in Cuthbert and has been called by Benny Goodman as perhaps ‘one of the great jazz musicians of all time in America.’” President Buchanan said that we are fortunate to have such a great history of music in Randolph County and southwest Georgia which Andrew students can draw from for their music and general education studies. The festival will be held Saturday, October 8 from 2-7 p.m. at the Iris Gardens in Cuthbert. We hope to see our alumni back in the area on that day.

## British Shakespeare cast provides workshop

Andrew College students participated in a movement/expression workshop with the British performance troupe, CAST (Cambridge American State Tour) on Monday, September 12 in the dance studio on campus.

CAST is one of the major international theatre tours of the University of Cambridge and was at Andrew College for a performance of Shakespeare’s As You Like It later that evening.



Nate Gross, theatre professor and division coordinator of fine arts, said “This was truly an amazing experience for our students. They learned so much from the workshops, and the British seemed equally impressed with our students. Most of our students from the workshops sat entranced in the front row for the play. I was so proud of them and thrilled with the overall experience.”

## Congratulations to t-shirt winner



Barbara Muenster Robinson, '77, was the winner of last month's drawing for an Andrew College t-shirt. Barb writes that she is now retired from Pinellas County Clerk of the Court after 25 years in criminal court. She enjoys traveling and sitting on the beach on most mornings watching the porpoises play. Barb lives in Port Richey, Florida with her husband.

Barb writes that she remembers her Andrew College days with fondness, especially the soccer games, picnics at the reservoir, the camaraderie of the students, and the 40 mile trip to Albany for Big Mac attacks—the closest McDonalds during those years.

We hope to have a photo of Barb wearing her Andrew College t-shirt for the next newsletter. Congratulations, Barb!

**SUBMIT A CLASS NOTE**  
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU



## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.



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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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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Crossroad Festival

October 22, 2016

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cuthbert Square

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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>

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