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# It is time.

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# Reflection and planning

Andrea Luxton, president

*In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history. "Life Sketches of Ellen G. White," page 196 (1902).*

I love the humanness of this statement: the reality of a God who astonishes us constantly with His engagement in our humanity, our foibles and potential. These words are a statement, but they are also a challenge: not to forget, to learn from what God teaches us. We are loved but not perfect. God is consistent in fulfilling his promises, in the good times and the bad, but we are to be partners in the growth he wants for us. We are confident in the future because of our understanding of the past.

The last few weeks have been busy ones for Andrews University but a thread throughout many events has been our requirement to look back, pause in the present, and then look to the future. Let me share some of these with you.

A highlight each year is our Awards Night. Here we recognize faculty and staff for their years of service at the University and give specific awards for outstanding service, teaching or research. What huge commitment and giftedness by so many! This is the fabric of our history—the talents and sacrifices of wonderful people, who are here because their hearts are here. This is also our future: our staff and faculty who are listening daily to hear the quiet voice of God. I am privileged to work with these amazing individuals.

The University is also coming towards the end of a new Strategic Planning cycle. Our new plan will be a future that involves new technologies, recognizes changing demographics and changing models of higher education, opens up new opportunities: all possibilities built on an understanding of and learning from our past. So we have been looking back, reflecting on how God is part of the equation, and then projecting forward an exciting future—more on that in another FOCUS.

Then, amongst the planned opportunities for reflection in the last month, was the unplanned: the #ItsTime video, the University response, and the hundreds of communications from many of you who have shared your thoughtful and heartfelt stories and perceptions in the context of the videos. In those communications you showed honesty, your love for Andrews, your commitment to our future. All of this is now a valued part of our history, our learning and our future.

So here is my reflection today. Andrews University's history is full of triumphs and successes. Of committed professionals and talented students. Of graduates who have consistently chosen the path of service. We should celebrate that reality and God's leading of us in the past. It gives us confidence for our future.

But we have not always lived the gospel fully in our treatment of each other. We have in other ways limited the power of God in his desire to lead us. So we admit our mistakes to each other and before God, we learn, and we reach forward to the future with the knowledge and confidence that we will continue to be astonished by God's grace and leadership of this wonderful institution. And when I say "institution" I mean the people that are its fabric: the alumni, the employees, the students—all of us.

That is where my confidence lies. We do not need to fear for the future; we can continue together to enjoy being astonished. Truly we can praise God!



Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World.

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The annual faculty and staff awards celebration featured a British theme this year. Food and entertainment highlighted favorites such as crumpets and mushy peas, Shakespeare and The Beatles. Recognizing 1,550 combined years of service, excellence in teaching, research, faith development and service, this is always an inspiring occasion.

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Visit Andrews University's YouTube page to view recent events, including President Luxton's It is Time Chapel talk and the University response video.

## Preamble

### DEAR EDITOR,

It was my privilege and joy to be a colleague of Ruth Kaiser at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES) for 11 years. I observed firsthand her excellence in the classroom and her devotion to her students. She chose a humble and frugal lifestyle for herself that she might be extravagantly generous in offering educational assistance to students and families in need.

For years into her retirement, she collected day-old baked goods from local bakeries for distribution to AU students. As I watched Ruth in action I considered her a contemporary version of the biblical woman who gave her two mites to the Temple. Of that woman, the Lord said, "She hath done what she could." Those are fitting words in reflecting on Ruth Kaiser's life now.

She will be lovingly remembered by countless former RMES and AU stu-

dents for her generous spirit and loving concern. Adventist education has lost a faithful supporter.

*Marilyn Bauer (MAT '75, former faculty)*

### DEAR EDITOR,

As her parents, we were pleasantly surprised and proud to see our daughter, Laura Malcolm, featured on pages 14–15 of the fall 2016 issue of FOCUS. The magazine has lain open to those pages on our coffee table since!

Laura has always been full of energy; it is fun to see how that is now being channeled into triathlon events and her work at Andrews University.

*Robert T. Johnston (BS '81)  
 Kathy (Chapin) Johnston (BMus '80)*



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## Don't forget to write

### Letters are always welcome.

To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space.

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**Please Note:** The Choral Reunion (Singing Men, Ladies Chorus, Chorale) scheduled for June 30 & July 1, 2017 has been canceled. Hope to see you during Alumni Homecoming weekend, September 28–October 1, 2017.

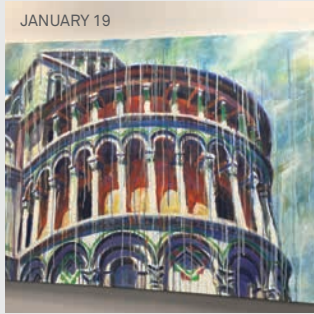
**Correction on "Mission Fully Alive," page 26, fall 2016 FOCUS:** Oleg Kostyuk is not an MDiv student. He is a PhD student and adjunct instructor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Our apologies for the error.

## Social Media



MARCH 3

**andrews\_university** #Repost @jlogphoto who is a student photographer for the University. Such talent we enjoy here on campus!... #observatory



JANUARY 19

**andrews\_university** "Pisa Duomo #2" (1983) by Rhonda Root, professor of architecture. On display in the James White Library here on campus. #art #color



FEBRUARY 14

**FIRST VALENTINE—73 years ago** (Richard Leshner to his wife, Veda)

FEBRUARY 28

**Andrews University**

*"The men's Cardinals are on the road, headed back to the USCAA National Championship Tournament in Pennsylvania— Let's hear it for the Cardinals!"*



JANUARY 23

**andrews\_university** Pastor Dwight Nelson has been here at Andrews for very many years. As you can see in this photo, even he has a hard time keeping count! #34yearsandcounting (by @garrisonh)



JANUARY 25

**andrews\_university** We are thankful for our SMs this week. #missionsweek

MARCH 14



**Andrews University Biology** Congratulations to the 25+ biology faculty and students who attended and presented at the 2017 Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters! Very proud of our wonderful students and the professionalism they displayed in their presentations.

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A group of business students took a tour of the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago last week and enjoyed an informative presentation about money...lots and lots of money...



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Meier Health Club Bench Press Challenge.

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Join President Andrea Luxton for tea between 3:30 and 5 p.m. today in the Campus Center lobby!  
#teawiththepresident #TeaTime



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Newmyer Classic begins TONIGHT.  
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Muslim students Mohammed and Salaman are answering questions about Islam in the Campus Center!  
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