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Griggs ownership transferred to Andrews

At the October meeting of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, the Board voted to accept the transfer of ownership of Griggs University/Griggs International Academy from its current owners, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The transfer of administration was effective Nov. 1.

“In essence,” said Niels-Erik Andreassen, Andrews University president, “Andrews University is the new owner of Griggs as a corporation; much like Andrews owns WAUS Broadcasting, the Center for Youth Evangelism, etc.”

For more than a century, Griggs (formerly known as Home Study International) has provided distance education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Alayne Thorpe, who previously served as vice president for education at Griggs, is now interim president of Griggs. She will work closely with Andrews University and the University provost, Andrea Luxton, on planning for the future of Griggs. The tentative plan for the physical relocation of Griggs is to move to Andrews sometime in 2011, possibly during the summer months, to occupy space at the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists building.

The General Conference will provide approximately \$700,000 in annual rent and operation subsidy to Andrews for Griggs, and cover any personnel costs for current Griggs employees who either retire or choose not to move from Maryland to Michigan. Andrews University will cover the cost of setting up Griggs here with funds provided for that purpose. The General Conference also agreed to a \$1 million, four-year appropriation for program development to be paid out annually in increments of \$250,000.

“This new alliance between Andrews University and Griggs University will position the University to be on the

cutting-edge of opportunities in distance education and become a model for the world church,” remarked Luxton.

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Andrews University sophomore Luis Garibay is a 2010 American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholar. The scholarship was announced in August and carries an award of \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable through Garibay's fourth year of college.

Garibay, a double major in chemistry and mathematics, is from Colorado but grew up in Chiapas, Mexico. This semester he is taking the classic sophomore chemistry major crush: Organic Chemistry, Quantitative Analysis, and Physics for Scientists & Engineers, along with Calculus III. Garibay also serves as the pastor of the Chemistry Club.

David Nowack, chair of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, says, “This ACS Scholarship verifies the

quality and diversity of students who are attracted to our chemistry and biochemistry program. We are proud of Luis for his outstanding commitment to academic excellence and grateful to God for Luis' talents that will ultimately be used for the uplifting of humanity.”

ACS scholarships are awarded to historically under-represented ethnicities in the chemical sciences on the basis of academic record, career objective, financial need, leadership ability, participation in school activities and community service. In 2010, 133 ACS scholars were selected by a committee of 19 professional chemists from a variety of academic institutions and industries. This year's list of ACS scholars includes students from leading universities including Harvard, Columbia, MIT, Cal Tech, Berkeley, Stanford, University of Michigan and University of Chicago. This year only two ACS scholars were selected from the state of Michigan: one from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and the other from Andrews University.

Garibay is the second Andrews student to receive this prestigious scholarship. In 2007, Nuvia Salcedo became the first Andrews University student to receive it. After her 2009 graduation from Andrews, Salcedo pursued graduate studies at the University of California, Riverside.

Garibay, who was humbled by receiving the scholarship, says, “Since I decided to come to Andrews, I knew that this institution was a great place to prepare me for a career in chemistry and for growing in my faith. This scholarship is an answer to my prayer for two things: money to afford attending Andrews since I do not have my parents' support; and secondly, that I would have an opportunity to help the Andrews University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry become better known to other students and institutions around the world.”

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