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### Andrew College students head to Pai Chai University in South Korea

CUTHBERT, GA. – 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.”

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a small, residential, two-year College related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, and Associate of Science degrees.

**Photo cutline:**

Andrew College students Shamar Barnett, Georgetown, GA; Cassidy Austin, Perry, GA; and Brian Pritchett, Cartersville, GA left Atlanta on Thursday, July 28 for an exchange program with United Methodist sister institution Pai Chai University in South Korea. Since arrival, they have been snapchatting about their new experiences which have included sightseeing, traffic, trying new foods and people watching.