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Andrew College Commencement creates memories

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College Commencement festivities brought the college and graduates’ families together on May 5. Thirty-three graduates received their Associate of Arts, Associate of Music or Associate of Science degrees in a ceremony marked by pomp and circumstance peppered with congratulatory cheers and clapping. The Honorable Herbert E. Phipps, senior judge for the Georgia Court of Appeals, gave the Commencement address which focused on the importance of integrity. He asked graduates to do what is right, even when they know in advance that they will be criticized for it. He cautioned though that “integrity is not risk-free—if you act with integrity, you will not always be popular, but you will be respected. Choose respect—it is not essential for you to be popular.”

Special awards were given. Charles Roberts, assistant professor of history received the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award. The Andy Award for Scholarship which recognizes a variety of student achievements both on and off campus, was received by Gianna Basulto of Land ’O Lakes, Florida and Tithi Patel of Cuthbert. Philip Gille, associate professor of mathematics was also recognized with the honorific of Professor Emeritus.

A Baccalaureate ceremony was held earlier in the morning at the Cuthbert United Methodist Church. Rev. Susan M. Beverly, pastor of Cuthbert United Methodist Church and adjunct religion instructor at Andrew College, delivered the keynote message.

Photo 1: Gianna Basulto of Land ’O Lakes, FL, received an Andy Award for Scholarship from President Linda R. Buchanan.

Photo 2: President Linda R. Buchanan, left, with Andy Award for Scholarship winner Tithi Patel of Cuthbert, and Charles Roberts, assistant professor of history who was awarded the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award.

Photo 3: Judge Herbert E. Phipps, senior appellate court judge for the Court of Appeals of Georgia, gave the Commencement address at Andrew Colleges’ May 5th ceremony.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is 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, Associate of Nursing, Associate of Science and Bachelor of Business degrees.