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Sarah Anne Staples Seminar Day held at Andrew College

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College launched their annual Sarah Anne Staples Seminar Day on February 28 with a lecture by guest speaker, Bill Harlan in Jinks Gymnasium. Harlan was a journalist in South Dakota for nearly thirty years, covering politics, the environment, military affairs, and South Dakota’s Indian reservations. He also was a frequent contributor to *Newsweek*, the *Los Angeles Times*, South Dakota Public Broadcasting and other media outlets. He is now president of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Columbus, Georgia.

Harlan addressed current day issues such as fake news, perceptions, social media and ethical foundations in his lecture to an audience of Andrew College students, faculty and staff. After the lecture, students were given a choice of attending one of nine different seminars taught by Andrew College faculty, ranging in topics from fermentation to feeding the world, and from American students' perceptions of South Korea to controlling the world of gaming.

Charles Roberts, assistant professor of history and co-advisor for the Theta Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa said, “It’s great to see Andrew College students taking advantage of this kind of learning opportunity. Bill Harlan’s lecture was fascinating, and as usual our faculty came up with so many interesting seminar topics to challenge and engage our students.”

The Sarah Anne Staples Seminar Day has been held at Andrew College since 1978. The Theta Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is the sponsoring organization for Seminar Day.

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Photo 1: Students attended a seminar with Professor Amanda Knight related to American students’ perceptions of South Korea. The lecture was topped off with an authentic Korean meal prepared by Keunwoo Jeong, a Korean student from Pai Chai University who is studying at Andrew, and three Andrew College students who studied there last summer, Cassidy Austin, Brian Pritchett, and Shamar Bennett. Pai Chai University is a sister United Methodist institution located in Daejeon on the lower slopes of Yeonja Mountain. It has a student body of approximately 14,000 students.

Photo 2: Journalist Bill Harlan opened Seminar Day with a lecture that touched on many current day issues, such as fake news, perceptions, social media and ethics.

Established in 1854, Andrew College is a 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.