



Dear Friend:

Greetings from Cuthbert and Old Main!

August has welcomed the beginning of the 163rd academic year of Andrew College and we are grateful for a smooth and positive opening. Enrollment numbers are not quite where we would have hoped but that is all the more reason to continue to work hard to launch nursing, get the word of our regenerative agriculture program out to prospective students now that we have final SACSCOC approval, and work on developing other new academic programs to launch in 2017 and beyond.

As I have travelled within this region of the state, from Omaha to Edison to Richland to right here in Cuthbert, word is spreading that Andrew College is committed to new levels of relevant service to Southwest Georgia and it is received very positively. Our friends and supporters at the foundations in Columbus and Atlanta are also very encouraging. So while this fall's enrollment is not where we might want it to be, our plans to grow are still moving forward and we will see the results of those plans next fall.

I want to encourage all of our alumni to come to Homecoming September 30-October 2. Homecoming is just that; a return to this place where part of your heart will always be. We bid you welcome and welcome home!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda

CAMPUS NEWS

Fall Convocation opens the College



The G. Clyde & Ruth Tarrer Jinks, Sr. Physical Education Complex came to life on Thursday, August 25 as students, faculty, staff and community members filled the gymnasium with life. The crowd spilled out of the chairs onto bleachers as they welcomed the regalia-clad faculty and distinguished guests into the room. Ms. Karan Pittman, associate professor and director of library services, served as the faculty marshal. She carried the academic ceremonial mace as per tradition.

Dr. Richard McCallum opened the ceremony and President Linda Buchanan, gave the address. She implored students to ‘Reach Higher’ by developing a sense of self, by developing an understanding and appreciation of others, and by reaching out to serve. She said that communication skills, critical thinking and analysis, and cultural appreciation and awareness were keys to help with self-awareness. Along with the ‘Reach Higher’ theme, she shared personal stories of her immigrant grandparents as well as other immigrants who have passed through her life. The Choir sang a selection and the singing of the Alma Mater, the Benediction and Recessional brought the ceremony to a close.

New academic year faculty and staff workshops held



As the new year began, faculty and staff were called together for fellowship, information sessions, orientation and division meetings. Dr. Richard McCallum, interim academic dean facilitated the sessions which included updates on enrollment, technology, FERPA and Title 9, disability services, the Focus program and key academic documents. President Linda Buchanan delivered the State of the College address. Staff and faculty were also recognized for their years of service to the College.

Email Reminder

We have discovered that many of our alumni use gmail for their email service. If you know of someone who is not receiving this newsletter and uses gmail, please tell them to look for us in their “Promotions” or “Social” inbox. They will then have to designate that they would like our newsletters to go to their regular email box. We would like to reach all of our alumni to assure that they not miss out of any of the exciting things that are happening at Andrew! Please help us in this endeavor.

Writing and Reading Center received grant

The Interdisciplinary Writing and Reading Center (IWRC) received notice that they received a grant from the Southeast Writing Centers Association for collaborative tutor training. This project partners with the tutoring program at Georgia Southwestern State University. Research will focus on the best way to train tutors for working with members of the local community. The grant will allow tutors and staff to collaborate and brainstorm on each campus regarding training techniques, resources and best practices. These discussions will be used as a springboard for more in-depth research into tutor training. Pictured above is Caroline Collins, director of IWRC and her tutors and tutors-in-training.



Writing and Reading Center Opens



An open house was held for the Interdisciplinary Writing and Reading Center (IWRC) and Student Success Center (SSC) on Thursday, August 25. With the help of Professor Chris Johnson, director of the visual art program, the open house also featured a student art show and a literary magazine launch. The center is staffed with student tutors.

Come home to Homecoming!



We hope you received this postcard invitation in the mail. It has details about our Homecoming festivities. Plan to attend with your friends and family! A new activity this year is to "Climb the Spire." More details on all events can be found at <https://www.andrewcollege.edu/homecoming.html> . We hope to see you here!

Vans and bus acquired by Andrew



With student safety and comfort in mind, Andrew College has now acquired two new vans and one bus. Besides, being able to transport our students to athletic and academic events, our brand will now be more visible on the road with the increased signage that has been applied.

Andrew host to Economic Development meeting



Randolph County has been engaged in an ongoing process with a consultant with the goal of new means of economic development and businesses in the area. The latest in a series of planning meetings was held on Wednesday, August 24 on campus. Over 60 interested persons were in attendance including many faculty and staff from Andrew College.

Some of the topics of discussion included: marketing the city and county, recruitment and retention of businesses, tourism, private sector growth, downtown development, community pride, childcare, housing and education. The top five areas needing immediate attention were identified as: downtown development, youth engagement programs, community pride, quality childcare and having an online presence. If you are interested in this conversation and work or live in the community please join in the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 2 p.m. in the Andrew College Dining Hall. We welcome all to join in this discussion on how to grow our community.

Organizational Fair held on campus

Students turned out on the first day of classes on Tuesday, August 16 to learn about the many clubs and organizations they could participate in while at Andrew College. Shown above is Visual Art Professor Chris Johnson and student, Candice Baker, Jonesboro, discussing the fun activities that the art club has to offer. The art booth showcased students' handmade masks made from recycled cardboard.



Council of Governments Annual Dinner recognizes Andrew partner

President Linda Buchanan, Karan Pittman, director of library services, Drew Schiavone, assistant professor of regenerative agriculture, Kirsten Cochran, program assistant for AndrewServes and Sheri Michaels, director of communications and marketing attended the Council of Governments Annual Dinner sponsored by the Southern Lower Chattahoochee Council of Governments on August 25 in Richland.



Guest speaker was Will Harris from White Oak Pastures. Will has been recognized all over the world as a leader in humane animal husbandry and environmental sustainability since implementing changes in 1995 by giving up industrialized methods which returned his farm to methods his great-grandfather used 130 years before.

Andrew College is partnering with White Oak Pastures as we continue to develop our Regenerative Agriculture program. Internships and hands-on learning opportunities are expected to play an important role as students study and develop an understanding of the many facets of regenerative agriculture. Pictured above is Drew Schiavone and Will Harris.

AndrewServes took the lead on community service projects



Saturday, August 20, 2016 was a busy day for Andrew College. The AndrewServes Program hosted a Day of Service in which over 50 students, faculty and staff came together to work on community service projects throughout Cuthbert. Students were separated into teams and worked on different projects, ranging from cemetery mapping, sorting clothing for distribution, and spreading rubber mulch on playgrounds.

Thank you to Diverse Power who took a group photo from their bucket truck and SAGE Dining Services for their bottled water donation, plus the many students, faculty and staff who participated.

Are you an Andrew Sweetheart?

Did you and your spouse/partner meet at Andrew College? If so, we want to hear from you and learn your story. Please email us at development@andrewcollege.edu with your contact information so we can reach out to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming

September 30 – October 2



Get your Fighting Tiger gear!



A reminder that Andrew College offers alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff access to over 1,200 customizable products from top brands like New Balance, Russell, and OGIO in our online store.

Please visit www.andrewcollege.edu, pull down on “Alumni & Friends” and click on Online Apparel from the drop-down menu to start exploring. And remember, Go Tigers!



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