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Above and beyond

DEAR ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

How in the world did we conduct a successful semester during a pandemic? Because our faculty and staff are remarkable, resilient, adaptive, committed, and resourceful; and our students are responsible and appreciative! This fall has been unlike any other. You will read in this newsletter about a wide variety of events and milestones that may not have looked or felt normal, but occurred because of the Andrew Spirit that goes above and beyond. Like you, we look forward to ending the threat of the COVID-19 virus and having you back on campus.



Enrollment was up, masks were everywhere, sports have been deferred to spring semester, and we have final approval for a bachelor's degree in elementary education to launch next fall. We are grateful to generous donors, creative faculty, and engaged students. Thank you for your love of Andrew College, and for taking the time to read this latest update from the place you love dearly. We are doing well in Cuthbert, and pray you stay safe and well.

Best,

Linda R. Buchanan, Ph.D.
President, Andrew College



Get social with us



HOMECOMING RESCHEDULED

We will send more information later, but we have decided to move Homecoming to next Fall. When we gather, we want to be sure you are safe and have the ability to talk and laugh and hug freely! The schedule will include a joint celebration for the classes of 1970 and 1971 for their 50th reunion. Please watch for updates.



PATTERSON MARKER DEDICATION



Members of the family of the late Dr. J.C. Patterson are pictured with the college president.
L-R: Daphne D. Puckett, Jerry Goodman, Patricia Puckett Goodman, Ann Patterson Puckett Bynum, and Bebe Puckett with Andrew College President Linda R. Buchanan. Below is the Patterson Marker.



Pictured above of old Patterson Hall.

Andrew College hosted a ceremony dedicating the Patterson Hall Marker on December 10th. The marker, which is now located outside of the new Patterson Quad, was originally on the Patterson Hall building. Patterson Hall had been taken down in recent years after being in a state of disrepair, and the new housing spaces were built. The ceremony honored the life of the late Dr. J.C. Patterson, a pillar of the community and a former Andrew College trustee. Dr. Patterson was instrumental in building the original residential space. Several special guests were on hand for the event, including members of the Patterson family. Patricia Puckett Goodman, Dr. Patterson's granddaughter, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Ann Patterson Puckett Bynum and the family at the event, in addition to remarks by Dr. Linda R. Buchanan, Dr. Karan Pittman, and Mayor Steve Whatley.



MASKED FOR THE TASK

Creating safe spaces on campus during the COVID-19 pandemic

Our students and faculty started classes this Fall with measures in place for safety due to the COVID-19 virus. Though it was challenging, our students, faculty, and staff navigated it beautifully. The plan for how to tackle the issue was one that required an "all hands on deck" approach. With guidance from local health authorities, it was decided that we could safely open for in-person learning. A comprehensive plan was created that involved everything from social distancing classrooms to sanitizing spaces. It was also decided that an online COVID-19 tracker would list the number of cases for Andrew students and employees. This created transparency in the number of cases without HIPPA violations. You can access the tracker at www.andrewcollege.edu/covid-19-response.



The students, faculty, and staff of the music department were excited to start the year in their new location downtown in the Richard Taylor Family Center for Music. COVID-19 protocols didn't stop the music. In lieu of having their traditional Lessons and Carols concert, Dr. Dan Kolan recorded a series of short "Christmas Cards" and posted them online. Pictured above are our Jazz Combo and our Low Brass Quartet.

Launch of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a K-12 Reading Endorsement



Andrew College is launching a new Bachelor of Science program and a standalone K-12 Reading Endorsement that will be available starting Fall Semester 2021.

Andrew College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) Commission on Colleges to award certificates, associate, and baccalaureate degrees. The new program received approval last week from GaPSC (Georgia Professional Standards Commission).

Andrew College Academic Dean, Dr. Karan Pittman shared specifics on the timeline of the process. Pittman stated, "We received confirmation to offer the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education by our institutional accrediting agency, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in February 2020. In October 2020, Georgia Professional Standards evaluated the program and made a recommendation that Andrew College move forward with the program, which received final approval at their board meeting on December 10th."

According to Andrew College President Dr. Linda Buchanan, offering the new program is important to meet a critical need based on the specific needs of elementary students with regard to literacy development in our local communities in Southwest Georgia and beyond. Buchanan said, "We are so excited about offering this degree. We know how critically important reading proficiency is for our children, and the gaps in that ability that must be filled in order for children to succeed in school and life. We are looking for students with a passion for teaching children in rural areas, with particular passion for instilling a love of reading."

The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education is a four-year degree, and the standalone K-12 Reading Endorsement is a three-course program that is a total of nine credit hours. According to Andrew College Director of Elementary Education, Dr. Lourdes H. Smith, these programs will prepare future educators in a multi-faceted approach. "This program is designed for students who are interested in an opportunity for intellectual, social, and spiritual growth as a way to professionally succeed in becoming an outstanding teacher in the realm of elementary education and reading," stated Smith.

Teacher candidates will be screened before admission to ensure quality. Candidates must meet admissions standards. After the application form has been filled out and returned, students must complete an interview with program faculty to assess attributes and dispositions beyond academic ability. Students must submit at least two letters of recommendation from former employers/teachers/mentors attesting to the personal character of the applicant.

Students who are interested in the program should contact Lourdes H. Smith, Ph.D., Director of Elementary Education and Assistant Education Professor at lourdessmith@andrewcollege.edu for more information.

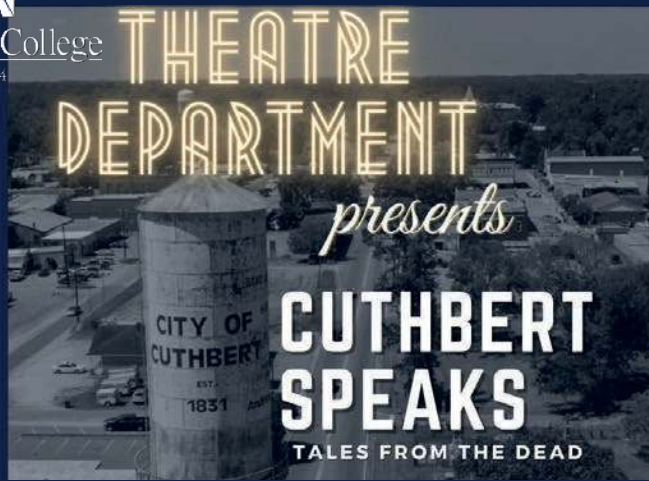


"PUT ME IN COACH"

I'm ready to play!

The Andrew College Athletic Department teams are members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), and per the COVID-19 Rules established by the NJCAA, with the exception of Men's & Women's Cross Country teams, were allowed to practice for 60 consecutive days. Each team was allowed 4-15 scrimmages, depending on the sport, in the 2020 Fall Semester. The Men's & Women's Cross Country teams maintained their regular fall semester schedules, participating in several meets. The rest of the men's and women's intercollegiate athletic teams, for the men- baseball, basketball, golf, and soccer; for the women – softball, basketball, and soccer, welcomed their teams in August and began practice after Labor Day. The baseball team played 12 scrimmages and wound up their fall with their Annual Navy vs. Gold World Series, men's basketball hosted three scrimmages in the Jinks Gymnasium, men's soccer traveled for a pair of matches, men's golf traveled for one tournament, softball played 7 doubleheaders, both home and away, women's soccer had 3 away matches, and women's basketball had one home game. The spring semester will be filled with eight teams participating in their regular seasons, with the region, district, and national tournaments to follow. The basketball teams had their seasons reduced to 22 games and will tip-off after January 20. Baseball and softball will each begin January 22, men's and women's soccer had the biggest adjustment, switching from a fall semester season to a spring season that will begin after April 1, and golf will begin tournament play after January 22. Visit www.andrewfightingtigers.com for all the information on upcoming events for Andrew College Athletics.





In the Spotlight

The Andrew College Theatre Program (A.C.T) presented "Cuthbert Speaks: Voices from the Dead" this Fall. The play was performed outdoors at a series of campus locations to small, socially distanced audiences. The show encompasses a series of monologues and scenes centered on various historical characters buried in Cuthbert, including the College's first female president and Jazz great, Fletcher Henderson. This new play began with a Tourism Development Grant received by the city for a "cemetery play." Dr. Lela Phillips researched and created several skits over the summer that have been edited and developed by the Theatre program. Actors include Theatre majors: Jazzmine Curry, Mason Flury, Shannon Green, Darris Hodges, Dylan Kelly, and Antonio Myers, as well as Music major Gabriel Negrón and Liberal Arts major, Hasani Comer. The performance will be recorded and entered in Region 4 of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival so that students will be eligible for nomination to compete in the Irene Ryan regional acting scholarship audition. A.C.T. received feedback during a virtual response session by KCACTF 4 respondents, including Todd Ristau, chair of the MFA playwriting program at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA. The response from KCACTF was encouraging. Sophomores Jazzmine Curry and Antonio Myers, as well as freshman Shannon Green have received Irene Ryan nominations. They will compete at the virtual region festival in February.



Pictured above are Andrew College Theatre students, Mason Flury, Darris Hodges, and Madison McLeod from the production, "Cuthbert Speaks".

Brush Strokes

Assistant Professor of Visual Art Chris Johnson and his students have been extremely busy! Check out all the work they have been doing. At the Albany Museum of Art in Albany, Johnson and his students created 1 out of four murals for the exhibition "On the Wall." The painting was developed over the course of three days and highlights landmarks, people, and the natural wildlife of Albany, GA. The exhibition is on view at AMA until Feb. 20, 2021.

In Headland, Alabama, full-tuition scholarship art student, Sarah Kate Merrill, has been restoring two vintage Coca-Cola murals.

As part of the "Light Up Midtown Murals" project in Columbus, GA, Andrew art students have been designing and painting a huge three-panel mural. Columbus State University invited our students to develop an image for this revitalization and economic development campaign.



Andrew College students worked side-by-side with CSU students and other regional artists. The mural totals 120 feet long by 14 feet high. The unveiling for this mural was held at the Light Up Midtown event on Saturday, November 21st. Their mural, titled "Rapid Transit," is a permanent installation and is located on the 13th St corridor at 11th Ave.



Fall Convocation

Fall Convocation was held virtually (with the exception of a dozen socially distanced guests) this past September and Chief Louis Dekmar was the keynote speaker.

Dekmar is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (142nd) and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Wyoming and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Georgia College and State University. He is also an adjunct professor for several colleges and institutions. Dekmar received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Central Police University, Taipei, Taiwan and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia.



"...act with prudence as you study, learn and work alongside those who have divergent backgrounds, opinions, and beliefs. And by doing that you will not spoil the future, you will improve it."

Chief Louis Dekmar

Dekmar encouraged students, "I'm confident that Andrew College will transmit to you the hard lessons of yesterday which is our history. So today you can consider that history, and act with prudence as you study, learn and work alongside those who have divergent backgrounds, opinions, and beliefs. And by doing that you will not spoil the future, you will improve it."

A graphic for "Sweetheart Stories" featuring a background of colorful heart-shaped candies in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. The text is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts.


*Are you
sweethearts?*

**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
We'd like to know how you're doing.

You can find Sweetheart Stories at:
www.andrewcollege.edu/sweetheart

A graphic for Andrew College Alumni & Friends featuring a teal background with a large yellow pencil on the right side. The text is in white and yellow fonts.


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**SEND US A
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LET US HEAR
FROM YOU**

Send us your photos,
accomplishments, moves,
marriages, deaths, etc. and
we will post in our
Class Notes section
of our website at
www.andrewcollege.edu/classnotes

**UPDATES TO THE CLASS NOTES SECTION OF
OUR WEBSITE ARE DONE QUARTERLY**

It's Hip to be (on the) SQUARE



Andrew College music students performed a socially-distanced concert in December at Magnolia Alley.

ARTS AROUND THE SQUARE

Historic Downtown Cuthbert, Georgia
March 27 10am-3pm

Art • Theatre • Music • Food • Vendors

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Arts on the Square has been scheduled for March 27th, 2021. Since the event is outdoors, we are planning to proceed, weather permitting. We hope to see you there.

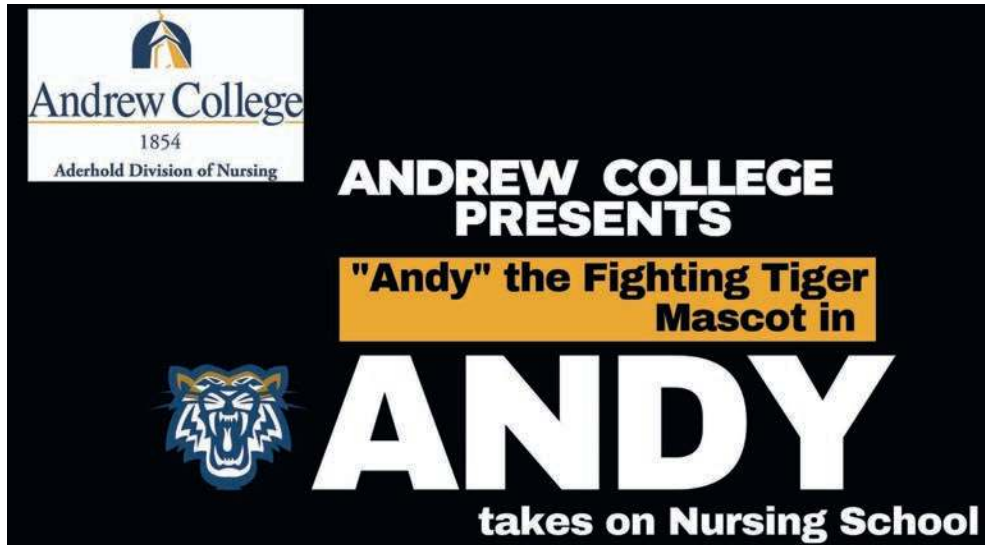


Farmer's Market Fresh

The Cuthbert Farmer's Market was held twice this fall with social distancing and masking protocols in place. Vendors from throughout the area set up their shops at Magnolia Alley. Dr. Nataliya Apanovich, assistant professor of sustainable agriculture had many items at the market from the Andrew College Community Garden, while Dr. Chris Serafin, assistant professor of business administration worked hard to organize and supervise each of the Markets that took place this fall.

Nursing News

The Aderhold Division of Nursing introduced a new video starring "Andy," the Andrew College mascot, and introduced their new JumpStart Program this Fall. You can find the video and the information about the JumpStart program by visiting our webpage at www.andrewcollege.edu/nursing



Faculty and Staff Updates

Malanie Burnett, Assistant Professor of Leadership has been granted tenure.

Katie Dodrill, Assistant Professor of Learning Support/English has been promoted to Associate Professor.

Departmental Changes & New Staff

Joshua Rivers, Adjunct Piano Instructor

Dr. Gene Roberts, Adjunct Voice Instructor

Lexie Kiker, Administrative Assistant for Nursing

Angela Roberts, Tutor in Student Success Center

Joshua Berry, Athletic Trainer

Assistant Coaches

Demontrez Austin

Clinton Marsh

Carrie McWaters

Moses Phillip

Precious Roberts



Dr. Buchanan shares the announcement via Zoom meeting that the board approved the promotion for Katie Dodrill and tenure for Malanie Burnett.



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