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Sharing what you have

This issue of *Signatures* has a lot to say about sharing. The front half of the magazine talks about how our students share with the local and world communities. Flip it over and read how your shared gifts to Anderson University have made a difference to these same students.

The mission of AU is to graduate people committed to a life of service in the church and society. Many of our freshmen enter college having already begun that mission. Through their home churches, they have taken mission trips to help those in need of housing or medical attention, or they have helped feed people in their local communities. They come to AU with a fire in their bellies to be an instrument of God's love, no matter what their future profession may be.

Other students find that passion for service while at AU. Service is a large part of the student experience at AU. The first weekend the incoming freshmen are on campus, they travel out into the community and into the public schools to lend a hand picking up trash, painting, and landscaping. Tri-S not only introduces AU students to international travel but also to the needs around the world. And community service is a part of almost every campus organization, from socials clubs to athletic teams.

Service is a way of life for AU alumni, whether it is in their careers or spare time, and they are finding different ways to serve. Many of you contribute regularly to AU in the form of monetary gifts. The donor report (published in this issue) features thoughts of appreciation from our students for the ways your gifts have helped them. Alumni and friends have also served the university as employees, no task as important as that of leading this institution.

As you know, President James L. Edwards announced his intention to leave the role of executive leader of AU after 25 years. As this issue of *Signatures* heads to the printer, the Anderson University Board of Trustees are preparing to meet to elect his successor, John S. Pistole. Between issues of *Signatures*, stay current on AU news at www.anderson.edu.

—DEBORAH LILLY

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Serving as a way of life

Perhaps the ultimate cultural message board these days is a Coca-Cola cup. While enjoying lunch from Chipotle, I was surprised to see artfully etched on the side of the cup the writings of Malcolm Gladwell, bestselling author of such favorites



*James L. Edwards,
President*

David and Goliath and *Outliers*. This low-tech ad space shared a life-shaping memory of the noted Christian writer. His story is about growing up in a Canadian household in an “Old Order Mennonite” community where many insist on skipping the 20th century in favor of a simpler life. His father lived somewhat in contrast as a college professor who was seen almost every day in a coat and tie.

When a farmer in the area suffered a fire, everyone gathered and raised a new barn, lifting a burden from a hurting family. So Malcolm’s father decided that the boys of the family would join in the barn raising. They arrived for the day, dad in his tie and Malcolm with the usual book in hand. Dad joined the line and passed materials to those high on the beams fitting the structure together. At the end of the day, everyone accomplished this im-

mense task, shared a grand farm meal, and went home with the good feeling that serving almost always brings.

It was Malcolm’s reflection that by these simple tasks of helping, the community was blessed, and folks quite different from one another had taken steps toward understanding. He thought it a great lesson for a world tense with differences and in need of finding a common ground. The fellowship of service has immensely transforming benefits we often see here on our campus.

The school year usually begins with a day of service. Students, who come as strangers and often from diverse backgrounds, find that sharing some paint to brighten a wall or pulling weeds from a school fence row can bring lots of joy and lead to paths across barriers that have been known to divide. The Christian faith looks better when it is seen in the midst of meeting some human need. Sermons are better lived than preached. Our students get that.

The ultimate goal is that those who grow through serving will turn lessons into a way of life through the professions they pursue and the communities they form all around the world. Serving has always been at the heart of the Anderson University experience. There is every sign that the newest generation of students will extend the wisdom of these lessons even further.—JAMES L. EDWARDS



During Interest Day in the Valley, students sign up for more information about service clubs and organizations.

Presidential search committee nominates John S. Pistole



The Anderson University Presidential Search Committee, chaired by AU board member Patricia Seasor Bailey, brought the name of **John S. Pistole, J.D.**, before the AU Board of Trustees at their Oct. 27 meeting for election as the president of the university.

Pistole most recently announced his retirement as administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Prior to his appointment to the TSA by U.S. President Barack Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Pistole served as deputy director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the Bush and Obama administrations.

Upon election by the trustees and ratification by the General Assembly of the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) in June 2015, Pistole will be the fifth person in the nearly 100-year history of AU to hold the position of president.

A native of Anderson, Ind., Pistole earned his bachelor's degree from AU in 1978. He went on to earn a juris doctorate from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Pistole's wife, **Kathy Harp**, earned a bachelor's degree from Anderson University in 1978 and a M.Ed. degree from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. He is the son of the **Dr. Hollis Pistole BA '45**, a former professor at the School of Theology, and **Elizabeth Pistole BS '43**. His three siblings are also alumni of the university — **Cindy Poikonen BA '68**, **Carole Greenwalt BA '72**, and **David Pistole BA '77**.

If elected, Pistole would follow the presidential leadership of Dr. James L. Edwards, who announced plans in March 2014 to conclude his presidency by the end of the 2014-15 academic year. Dr. Edwards' last year of service marks 25 years of distinguished leadership as president of AU. As he concludes his presidency, Edwards will be the longest serving president (in both public and private universities) in the state of Indiana. Edwards has served as president of AU since 1990. —CHRIS WILLIAMS

Student gives back to native country



Each year, an Anderson University student is chosen to receive the Nicholson Student Leadership award. **Watson George**, a senior at AU studying education and Bible and religion, was named the 2014 recipient. Active at AU and in the Anderson community, George is an integral part of the "Big Buddies" group helping at risk kids in the city of Anderson, but he also has a heart for the children of Haiti.

George grew up with his adopted family in Ferndale, Wash., but he was born in Haiti. At age 4, he was placed in an orphanage with his younger sister, CeCe. When George was 6 years old, an American family adopted George and his sister.

George feels very connected to his Haitian roots, and in 2012, he revisited the country and reunited with his birth family. The intense poverty he saw in Haiti captured his heart.

When George was a freshman at AU, he started the non-profit organization Beyond Me Haiti. The mission of Beyond Me Haiti is "to use music and the arts as an inspirational outlet to fuel positive change, spark hope, and aid those in need." This project shares George's interest in hip-hop. He began writing hip-hop songs and rhymes when he was 12 years old, but it wasn't until later that he decided to use this passion to make a greater difference. Now, he is using his music through Beyond Me Haiti to raise support for struggling Haitian communities. Visit his website at www.beyondmehaiti.com. —CHELSEA DAWSON



Last fall, Anderson University hosted two special concerts titled *Woven Threads* that brought together well-known alumni musical talent to perform where each developed and began their careers. The concert, held at York Performance Hall, is now available on CD and available for purchase online at Rivet Merch or at the campus bookstore.

“*Woven Threads* is a gift of love to Anderson University,” said President Dr. James L. Edwards. “We are so grateful to Sandi Patty and each of the artists who gave so generously of themselves to provide a truly unique project, one I know you will love.”

Woven Threads features familiar songs specifically selected by award-winning Christian artist and AU alumna Sandi Patty. Each song was then uniquely arranged and presented by alumni artists. Along with Patty, legendary gospel performers Bill and Gloria Gaither are featured on the CD. Additional alums performing include pop rock singer-songwriter Jon McLaughlin; Dove Award-winning Christian band Sidewalk Prophets; and Jeff Owen, lead guitarist of Tenth Avenue North; Dove Award-winning songwriter Christa Wells; singer-songwriters Ally and Anna Long of the Christian band Alanna Story. AU student performer Rob Krosley also performed.

“It was such an honor to be a part of the *Woven Threads* project,” said Patty. “Anderson University has such an incredibly gifted group of alumni represented on this project. There’s so much shared history between us, from our alma mater to our journeys in our profession. It felt like a big family reunion. And it’s a family that I’m very grateful to be a member of.”

Each portion of the project involved Anderson University alumni, including the artwork, lighting, audio, and even online purchasing. Alumnus Dan Wagoner is the principal and creative director of Rivet Merch. “Our strong personal connection to Anderson University has made our involvement with the *Woven Threads* project especially exciting,” said Wagoner. “As we reflect on our time spent as students at AU, it’s incredibly humbling to consider how we’ve truly come full circle. Anderson University equipped us with skills that allow us to work with Grammy-award-level artists on a daily basis. Now we’re bringing our expertise back to the university that shaped us as entrepreneurs and professionals.”

To order a copy of the CD *Woven Threads* online, go to www.rivetmerch.com/products/woven-threads. —STEFANIE LEITER

Alumni Awards presented at Homecoming

Distinguished Alumnus Award - Lawrence Brownlee



The most in-demand American tenor in the world in the bel canto repertoire, **Lawrence Brownlee BA '96** has become a star on the international scene. He has been featured in nearly every major theatre in the world. Brownlee was named the Seattle Opera's 2008 Artist of the Year, received the Opera Company of Philadelphia's 2007 Alter Award for Artistic Excellence, and was the winner of both the 2006 Marian Anderson and Richard Tucker Awards, a feat never before achieved by any artist in the same year. The Ohio-born Brownlee received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Anderson University in 1996 and a Master of Music degree from Indiana University.

Distinguished Young Alumnus Award - Paul Mumaw



Paul Mumaw is a 1997 graduate of Anderson University, where he studied history and Bible. He earned a master's degree in ministry from Bethel College. He is the lead pastor at Genesis Church in Noblesville, Ind. Genesis Church has seen incredible growth during his time there. Throughout his career as a pastor, he has continued to stay connected to AU through service on the Anderson University Alumni Council. He has made countless efforts to promote AU in his community. Paul is married to Jenny Recker Mumaw, a graduate of the School of Nursing. They have three children — Joel, 11, Luke, 8, and Kate, 6.

John Kane Loyalty Award - David Sebastian



David Sebastian BA '71, was the longest serving dean of the Anderson University School of Theology (1995-2014). Sebastian is both an educator and minister, serving as senior pastor at several large churches in the Church of God movement. Sebastian has taught courses in leadership, preaching, and evangelism and serves as the convener of the 50 largest congregations of the Church of God (Anderson). He is married to Debbie Miller Sebastian. They have two daughters, **Julie (Sebastian) Short BA '00** and **Amy (Sebastian) McLaughlin BA '03**.

Distinguished Service Award - Tom Bruce



Tom Bruce BA '71 has been a faithful steward of the Anderson University mission and image for 37 years. A native of Santa Cruz, Calif., Bruce earned a degree in business administration at Anderson University, a Master of Science in Mass Communications from the University of California, and a master's degree in business with a concentration in marketing from Ball State University. He served Anderson University throughout his career, retiring as executive director of university advancement in 2013. Tom has also served on many Anderson community boards and committees. He and his wife, **Marlyne BA '83**, continue to live in Anderson.

Outstanding Music Alumna Award - Rebecca Chappell



Dr. Rebecca Chappell is director of music business studies in the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance and the Falls School of Business at Anderson University. She is the founder and director of Orangehaus Records, Orangehaus Publishing, and Orangehaus Entertainment at AU, as well as Orangehaus Music Business Camp for high school students. An active clarinet soloist and "first call" studio musician in the Indianapolis area, Chappell is currently a member of INDYKLEZ, the Doctors of Dixieland, Anderson Symphony, and Muncie Symphony.

Legacy Scholarship Recipient - Ashley Rouse



Ashley Rouse is the freshman recipient of the Legacy Scholarship this year. She is the ninth person in her family to attend Anderson University. She follows in the footsteps of her parents, **Mark BA '78** and **Diana BA '79 Rouse**, older brother **Josh Rouse BA '05**, and a slew of aunts and uncles. Ashley grew up in Fishers, Ind., and graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in the top 1% of her class. She is pursuing a degree in music education. She performs with the AU Women's Chorus and plays bassoon in the AU Wind Ensemble and the AU Orchestra.

Athletic Hall of Fame 2014 inductees honored

Lisa Bodach - Track and Field, Cross Country



Lisa Bodach BA '04 competed for four years for the Ravens on the track and cross country teams. She was a three-time All-American in cross country and twice in track. She was All-HCAC four times in cross country and twice more in track. She also set four school records in track and was named one of the Athletes of the Decade on the 10th anniversary of the HCAC. Bodach went on to earn a master's degree in social work from IUPUI. She and her husband, Kirk, reside in South Bend, Ind., with their three children — Benjamin, Luke, and Joshua.

Angel Hall Bradford - Basketball



Angel Hall Bradford BA '05 transferred to AU after her freshman year and became the most decorated women's basketball player in school history. She still holds 20 school records, including career points (1,834), scoring average (22.4), field goals made (598), 3-pointers made (315), free throws made (323), and free throw percentage (.895). She also set the NCAA Div. III record for career free throw percentage. Hall led the Ravens to a 21-7 record HCAC title and NCAA Div. III tournament berth in 2002, the only one in school history. She was three-time All-HCAC and HCAC MVP as well as team captain and a two-time Kodak All-American that season. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education. Hall and her husband, David, reside in Pendleton, Ind., with their son, Jacoby.

Joel Steele - Football



Joel Steele BA '04 graduated as the most decorated quarterback in AU history. He still holds 14 school records, including career passing yards (11,539), attempts (1,482), completions (902), touchdowns (110), total offense (11,348), and passing efficiency (143.7). His passing yards are the second most in Indiana college football history behind Drew Brees. Steele was three-time All-HCAC and Team MVP and two-time HCAC Offensive Player of the Year. Steele and his wife, Ashley, reside in Butler with their daughter, Violet.

Chris Hoepfner - Baseball



Chris Hoepfner BA '93 transferred to AU after his freshman year and proceeded to be named All-Conference and All-American all three of his seasons at AU. He finished college with a .402 career average, 52 doubles, 10 triples, 29 home runs, 161 RBI, 27 stolen bases, and a .716 slugging percentage. He still holds the record for doubles in a season with 21 and ranks second on the career on-base percentage list (.494). He also ranks in the top 10 in 17 different categories.

1960-61 Basketball Team



The committee honors the first team to be inducted into the Anderson University Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1960-61 men's basketball team holds the record for most wins (26-4) and winning percentage (.867). The team advanced to the Final Four of the NAIA National Championship, losing to Willis Reed and national champ Grambling 62-54. The team boasted all-time leading scorer **Ken Strawn** (2,142), as well as 1,000-point scorers **Barrett Bates** (10th, 1,431), **Pete Culp** (27th, 1,172), **Dienzel Dennis** (32nd, 1,091), and **Nolan Reed** (35th, 1,009). Other team members included **Bud Bartz**, **Don Brandon**, **Larry DeHority**, **Erskine Hawkins**, **Dick Howell**, **Dick Leach**, and **Tom Teague**.

What an English major really does

I recently found a meme that attempted to explain different perspectives of English majors. You know, one of those “This is what my parents think I do,” “This is what my friends think I do” type things. The accompanying pictures featured individuals smiling gleefully at ridiculously large stacks of books or a serious-looking fellow sipping coffee at a typewriter. I especially liked the illustration of a man nibbling on the end of a quill and gazing dreamily out the window, titled “What I think I do.” Here, I would like to explain “what I really do” as an English major. Trust me, it’s much nerdier than that. Of course, I can only speak for myself, but what I really do as an English major is geek out about reading and writing, without shame.

Last fall, I experienced an intense period of infatuation. I took a course titled “Studies in Shakespeare,” and to my absolute delight, we worked our way through eight plays. I was smitten by Shakespeare. I began speaking involuntarily in rhyming iambic pentameter. I articulated each word in a poorly executed British accent as if it were delicious to pronounce. My enthusiasm for the bard was so extreme that I started to scare my roommates. One evening when one of my roommates returned home, I shrilly called out to her from the couch, “Goddess! Nymph! Perfect! Divine!” Startled, she looked from me to our other roommate, who rolled her eyes. “She’s been reading *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* again.”

Before you judge me for being a little crazy, let me explain. Shakespeare is just one of many areas of study for which I have such adoration because of his language and his stories. His plays are haunting, hilarious, vulgar, and romantic, all at the same time. It is an adventure to study literature like his.



Ashley Kelly

The good news is I do not stand alone in this weird adoration for language. The English Department is full of word-crazed, fiction-devoted, poetry enthusiasts. At any moment, we can launch into an analysis of the *Lord of the Rings* series or debate Dickens. We all have our “author crushes” and character obsessions. Even our professors are not immune to such practices. It is common for Dr. Radaker to apologize in class with “Sorry to relate this to Thoreau again....” If you were to walk into an upper-division English class, you might find us debating a book as excitedly and aggressively as if we were Yankee and Red Sox fans watching a game together.

In all this literary hysteria, we are certainly learning. My fellow English majors and I are becoming scholars who think critically, who analyze style and form, who can identify arc types and themes, and who are caring individuals. Studying literature forces you to accept the humanity of others by embracing characters, to acknowledge your own humanity by learning from them, and then to experience a connection between the two. Or as Dr. Borders reminds us, research has proven that literature increases one’s capacity for empathy, which makes studying it not only great fun but also constructive for the mind and soul. —ASHLEY KELLY

Football team wins quest for the 2014 Raven's Cup



In the fall of 2011, the Raven's Cup was born out of an initiative by the Raven's PRIDE Leadership program (Passion, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence). The Raven's Cup is awarded to student athletes who encourage and foster the goals of what the Athletics faculty and leaders want for their students.

Jennifer Myhre, Anderson University's women's soccer coach, explains that AU coaches and athletic staff and faculty hope for their students to excel in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. PRIDE fosters that sense of respect, academic excellence, corporate responsibility, and positive camaraderie between teammates and teams.

Recipients of the Raven's Cup award are based on earning a series of points related to academics (GPA and the Dean's List), athletics (team conferences and athletic recognitions during their season), community service (through team service projects or other AU community service projects), and finally, wellness (which includes sportsmanship).

The volleyball team received the award the first year, followed by the women's soccer team the next year. For the 2013-2014 year, Myhre said, "It was a close race between volleyball, women's soccer, and football." The football team was finally declared the winner because of service they do on and off campus, including helping freshmen move into their dorm rooms for the first time, winning the campus can drive, helping with Operation Foundation, and working with after-school programs. They also host the annual spring cookout for all the spring sports.

"Athletes love to compete," said Myhre. "The competition aspect of the Raven's Cup is an extra incentive to be a well-rounded team and ensure the students are developing their body, mind, and soul." Myhre, along with the rest of the Athletic Department's faculty and staff hopes the run for the Raven's Cup goes beyond the field and becomes a positive influence in the community and in the students' own lives. —CHELSEA DAWSON



Passing of FSB professor

Anderson University Falls School of Business Professor Gregory "Greg" D. Heberling, 59, died unexpectedly Aug. 29, 2014. Heberling grew up in Warsaw, Ind., and earned his BA and MBA from Ball State University. He was an associate professor at AU for 36 years. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Heberling; three children, Kinsey (Heberling) Jutte, **Whitney Heberling BSN '10**, and **Cole Heberling**; and three grandchildren.

Despite this ever-changing world, there is one thing that remains consistent: the existence of stories. The way in which a story is told is always evolving in form and media, but The Saint John's Bible collection currently on exhibit at the Nicholson Library at Anderson University steps back in time, even though it was commissioned in the late 20th century.

The Saint John's Bible was inspired by the illumination school of thought from the medieval and renaissance craft of handwritten biblical text. This includes incredibly ornate calligraphy and illustration with bright and beautiful colors and actual gold within the letters and pictures. Donald Jackson, the artist behind the Saint John's Bible, was also the scribe to the House of Lords and to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, in Monmouth, Wales. He was commissioned by the brethren of Saint John's in England for this project. To create a bible such as this had been a lifelong dream of his, a dream to "make the Word of God live on a page." The Saint John's Bible project took 15 years to complete.

Anderson University gladly accepted the offer to host this exhibit from those at Saint John's Bible across the Atlantic. Janet Brewer, director of the Nicholson Library, believes that "the Saint John's Bible is meant to 'ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world,' and that imagination can be rooted in many disciplines." Whether student, faculty, staff, alumnus, or visitor, all are welcome to view this extraordinary exhibit. Visitors can read the text and, due to the intimate style of this exhibit, also leaf through the pages themselves and explore the beautiful illustrations.

This exhibit is open to the public until March 6, 2015, on the ground floor of the Nicholson Library on the AU campus. A new exhibit will arrive on campus in March featuring "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War."

Nicholson Library hosts these traveling exhibits not only for the benefit of the campus community but the Madison County community as well. Whether an exhibit is connected with American history, theological belief, or culturally inclusive subjects on a global level, Anderson University's mission to "educate for a life of faith and service in the church and society" is truly reflected and fostered through these exhibits at the Nicholson Library. —CHELSEA DAWSON

Exhibit Hours

Monday – Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – midnight

Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30 p.m. – midnight



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Kim Williams (left) and Kyle Paquin



Service

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From its founding nearly a century ago, Anderson University has carried a mission of preparing individuals for lives of faith and service to the church and society. This issue's cover story shows how that mission continues to be lived. From Tri-S trips to cleaning at a local shelter, AU students take the idea of service seriously. What follows is sampling of how they get the work done.

Student United Way carrying out a mission

Across the country, public and private universities partner with their local United Way chapters to make a difference in their communities. Instead of focusing on raising money, these college students offer manpower. In the fall of 2012, Anderson University joined this effort by partnering with the United Way of Madison County and forming the Student United Way of Anderson University. Together they have further proven the statement that people working together accomplish more than people working apart.

This year, the group is led by senior Kyle Paquin. As the student leader, Paquin is also an intern with the local office.

Paquin's role, according to Kim Williams, AU alumna and director of resource development for the United Way of Madison County, is to lead the Student United Way at AU and to engage as many students as possible in outreach projects. Paquin's goal this year is to increase the number of members in the student club, especially building membership of underclassmen. He is also working to increase the presence of the university's Student United Way on campus by visiting social clubs, athletic teams, residential halls, and so forth to offer any help they might need in finding service opportunities in the community.

Last year, the AU Student United Way participated in six service projects during the school year. They coordinated the freshmen orientation service project at local public schools, helped neighbors weatherize their homes before winter, raised money by hosting a campus yard sale, helped with the silent auction of decorated pumpkins, volunteered during the public schools' Blast Off to Kindergarten event, and partnered with the social club Dativus to pick up trash along the side of the road in observance of Earth Day.

Williams explains that, in the end, both the students and the community are changed. "The students help struggling families make ends meet, especially in the winter by winterizing neighborhood homes. But the students are impacted as well because they see the reality of the struggles families face in Madison County."

Anna Rayis led the student organization last year. Before leading the program at AU, she dreamed of focusing a public relations career in the sports or entertainment industries, but she enjoyed being the liaison between the students and the United Way of Madison County and between the students and the community. Now she hopes to use her experience and education to help corporations or schools interact with their communities.

Rayis was selected as the United Way Student Leader of the Year in the spring of 2014 out of all of the college student United Way leaders across the country. Williams, who nominated Rayis for the award, explains, “Anytime you see someone who truly has a passion for people, it is inspiring. Anna really took AU Student United Way outside its boundaries and did it with such a big heart.” —DEBORAH LILLY

Campus Ministries

The “AU Bubble” — that idea of students getting so rooted into campus life that they fail to engage the larger community around them — is real, and Campus Ministries is doing its part to bring them out, says Ashley Fletcher, assistant director of campus ministries.

“I think it is easy if our students’ understanding of education starts and stops in the classroom, and the rest of their college experience is grabbing lunch at the student center and hanging out in their dorm rooms. If that is their only interaction, they will stay in that bubble, and it will be a rude awakening when that bubble pops upon graduation,” Fletcher says.

This year’s Campus Ministries theme of “Against the Current, With the Flow” addresses that, she says.

“We talk about how being in a river you move with the current or you move with the flow of the river, but even still you are part of a bigger ecosystem,” she says. “The environmental factors within that ecosystem affect the health of the river. So it is beneficial to our students to be aware of the struggles of our neighbors. That is one thing that can counteract that AU Bubble phenomenon.”

This year, Campus Ministries offers nine community service opportunities.



Students scout out service opportunities in the valley.

Big Buddies/Little Buddies and Study Buddies always draws the most interest, says Fletcher. Here, students mentor struggling high school students and befriend and tutor children at local shelters and after school programs.

Students engage and build relationships with the marginalized through ministries groups at the Pendleton Juvenile Corrections and visits to The Christian Center, a homeless shelter located a mile from the university. Ministering at the juvenile center draws so many volunteers that they had to be divided into two groups going on two different nights.

Through the Differently-Abled group, students become friends with and learn from individuals with disabilities, and Generation to Generation allows them to visit residents at Anderson nursing homes.

VisionRevision brings to campus artists, workshops, concerts, art shows and a series of chapels that encourage the imagination and the arts. Worship continues throughout the week with prayer groups.

Student Peace Initiative (SPI) is a student activism group that exists to promote peace through proper reflection and action.

“SPI holds demonstrations and advocacy for local issues such as screening the film *Damnation* to bring awareness to



Being God's vessel

Ralf Etienne sees himself as a broken vessel that God is able to use for the good of other people. A senior majoring in business management, economics, and pre-med, he can track how God has worked in his life. That path led him from his home country of Haiti to Anderson University. No matter where he is, however, God continues to use him to help his people back home.

Etienne has been involved in several mission projects for Haiti. Then God laid upon his heart the need to help with eye care in Haiti. Etienne thought about it and realized almost everyone in his extended family wore or needed eye-glasses. He discussed the calling with his father, and his father agreed, "You should do something."

With only 60 eye doctors in Haiti, Etienne began by contacting schools of optometry to find students who might be willing to travel to Haiti to do clinics. He didn't receive

ecological effects of damming rivers — a hot topic in the [Anderson] community right now. SPI was happy to raise awareness and to spark a discussion," says Fletcher.

Fletcher attributes the success of Campus Ministries to the commitment and passion of the student coordinators on staff and their diligence in encouraging their peers to get involved. Their passion is contagious.

"One thing I love to see happen in Campus Ministries — and this is especially true among coordinators — is to put students in environments in the community that give them the opportunity to have a more experiential education," she says.

She says these experiences have led to many discussions about what it means to be the church and to be Christ in the community.

"I have seen it inform students' vocations and decisions. For example, they find out that they are good at community health advocacy or working with people. They sometimes change their majors altogether, says Fletcher. "For some people it causes them to fall in love with the city of Anderson and invest in the community while they are here. For some they want to stick around here after graduation because they want to participate in the Anderson community." —SCOTT REES



Etienne with AU Provost Marie Morris

a single response. He decided to go another direction. He googled the question, "What do you need to provide basic eye care?" Number one answer: glasses. So he began collecting glasses.

Etienne made two trips to Haiti last summer with eye-glasses. The first trip he made, he was accompanied by an eye doctor. They saw 176 patients. Briefly back in the states,

Etienne took some training to properly work as a basic eye technician. On his second trip in August, 700 people came to the clinic, and 400 were fitted with glasses.

While Etienne is open to God's leading in all he does, he is especially fond of sustainability projects. For example, he is working with a group of farmers in Haiti to help them get loans, seeds, and instruction so they can work successfully as lifelong farmers in their community. If they succeed, Etienne says, "They can send their children to school and perhaps one of those kids will become an eye doctor, bringing the total of eye doctors in Haiti to 61."

Etienne has been overwhelmed by all of the support he has received from AU for the eyeglass project. Twice this fall, students, faculty, and staff have gathered to properly clean the donated glasses for distribution. Students also approached Etienne about how they can help in Haiti. Seven of these students already have their plane tickets reserved to travel with Etienne to Haiti in January to help with a clinic. Etienne finds that kind of care and support amazing.



Students, faculty, and staff cleaning donated eyewear.

Also this fall, Etienne will be a guest speaker at a large conference for eye care professionals in Nashville. When he received the list of speakers, he realized that he is the only one to speak who is not a doctor. The thought makes him feel like "a little David" in a large sea of people. A broken vessel waiting to be used by God. —DEBORAH LILLY

The Morrison Morning of Service



Megan Maloney, a resident assistant at Morrison Hall, was charged to spend the summer thinking about ways to bring the residents of Morrison together this year. "And the Lord put the idea of service on my heart," Maloney says. Thus began the Morrison Morning of Service.

The goal is to gather the residents of Morrison Hall together one Saturday morning each month to work in the community. In September, they spent a morning cleaning at Dove Harbor, a temporary residential facility for women getting back on their feet. The students also learned how Dove Harbor functions in the Anderson community and discussed ways to help the organization in the future.

Maloney explains, "I feel that service brings you together as a community and draws you closer to God." That idea coincides perfectly with the Morrison Hall theme this year: Community.

Maloney is a junior from Carmel, Ind., majoring in family science and youth leadership development. In high school, she was active in mission projects with her church youth group. Her freshman year at AU, she joined a Tri-S trip to Guatemala, where the AU students built a community kitchen and worked with the children in the village. That was her first time to be out of the United States.

"It was incredible to be able to learn from another culture. It sparked a desire to find places closer to home to work with," says Maloney.



Top: Morrison residents ready to serve. Above: Cleaning at Dove Harbor.

Making an impact right where you are is a message she hopes sticks with the women of Morrison Hall. She says the women are excited about future service projects. “They really have a drive and a desire to reach out into the Anderson Community,” she says.

For their November project, they are hoping to use the resources and knowledge of the AU Student United Way by partnering with them in a weeklong food drive that will culminate in visiting a food pantry and working there for a morning.

—DEBORAH LILLY

Tri-S serving globally for 50 years

As Anderson University’s Tri-S program completes its 50th year in existence, two convictions have remained constant.

“The first is that learning and serving are intrinsically related to one another,” says Willi Kant, director of international studies and Tri-S. “The other conviction is that faith demands action. Those two convictions have guided Tri-S over these past 50 years, and we still consider them a framework.”

Kant estimates that 17,000 students have participated in the program since its inception during the 1964-65 school year, going to more than 200 locations around the world and in the United States.

Through Tri-S — which stands for “Study, Serve, Share” — AU students have assisted with the installation of water supply systems in rural Belize; sanitation systems in Guatemala, Honduras, Africa, and Peru; and community development projects such as building clinics, schools, churches, community centers. In addition, they have service and ministry in conjunction with local congregations. These are only a sampling of the impact projects students have participated in worldwide.

Students face complex and difficult situations as they deal with the reality of hunger, poverty, and social injustice in the world.



Tri-S ventures through the years.

“We’ve had student groups go to Calcutta, India, to work with Sisters of Charity since the ’80s, and every year we have 12 to 15 students there,” says Kant. “The heat and humidity and the emotions of serving the sick and dying on the streets of Calcutta is an intense experience.”

According to Kant, one in every four undergraduate students participated in the Tri-S program last year, and on average, students have given anywhere from 9,000 to 12,000 hours of volunteer service annually.

Kant and his staff work hard to keep the experience as affordable as possible, and he notes that some students are so committed that they take on an extra job or find creative fundraising ideas.

To what does he attribute the high level of participation?

“Our students are committed to serving. Students want to engage the world and they want to be there in serving others. I think that is a real interest students have when they come to Anderson University,” he says. —SCOTT REES



ALUMNI PROFILE: LINDA ANDERSON

Alum Fights Adversity with Creativity

When she received the diagnosis, **Linda Anderson BA '98** had a thousand questions racing through her mind. My stomach is paralyzed — now what? What does this mean for the rest of my life? Could I get married or have kids? Would I need a feeding tube? Will I be able to work and live a “normal” life?

“I’d been to countless GI doctors, each telling me something different and assuring me that I couldn’t be as sick as I thought,” Anderson says. A visit to George Washington University confirmed that she’d been experiencing gastroparesis (GP), one of the most severe and complex stomach disorders, preventing her from digesting food.

“Once I received the diagnosis, I was relieved. It had a name and gave me a way to identify treatments, find support groups, and tell people about it.”

Through the questions and searching, Anderson found support in her community as well as in her new hobby — jewelry making.

“I took an interest in jewelry design when one afternoon, I went to a fall festival and purchased a necklace for a family member. After paying \$38 for the “handmade piece,” she learned that the pendant was mass produced and available at a chain store for \$5. “I went home that night and Googled ‘how to make jewelry.’” And that’s when she started taking a class and making jewelry herself.

Anderson started wearing her creations and received compliments from friends, family, and strangers. “This encouraged me to keep learning, and eventually, I opened my online store and started doing craft shows,” she says.

“I like to say that my jewelry is a ‘beauty from ashes’ story,” Anderson says. “It gives me the opportunity to deal with all the feelings of failure and no longer being part of the working world. At the same time, I get to help others



Linda Anderson

feel beautiful. I feel like our culture is so obsessed with success that when we’re no longer able to climb the corporate ladder, our identity can be dismissed with it.”

Anderson’s jewelry business has also connected her with God in a deeper way, she says. “Each time I sit down to create a piece, I feel like His hands work through mine. It’s also given me the chance to share the story of my illness and the love of Christ working through me to bring me to the place I’m in now.”

Anderson’s jewelry designs were featured in *BeadStyle* magazine in 2013 and *Jewelry Stringing* in 2014. She blogs about her work at <http://fromTheBeadBoard.blogspot.com>.

“The magazines have given me industry recognition, which I think is invaluable. It’s one thing for your friends to tell you how wonderful all of your things are, but when someone who sees pieces day in and day out says that you have something special, it gives you a huge confidence boost.” —LINDSAY CONNER



Formstack A Growing AU Success Story

There is a lot of buzz recently about a certain Indianapolis web-based venture. Formstack, an online form-building company, not only boasts seven Anderson University alumni on a staff of 38 but was also conceptualized by one of them.

Even before **Ade Alonoh BA '00** had graduated with a double major in computer science and mathematics, he was already an entrepreneur, having formed a software company with friend and fellow student, **Chris Byers BA '00**. The two went their separate ways for a while after graduation, and during that time, Alonoh came up with the original idea for Formstack, bringing it to life in 2006. In 2010, Byers returned to help Alonoh as president of the company. Now, less than a decade later, these two AU grads, plus five others, are part of one of the fastest-growing software-as-a-service companies in Indianapolis. According to Inc. 5000, the corporation has a 196 percent three-year growth profile and revenue for 2013 was \$3.5 million.

"Prior to building Formstack, I'd spent about 10 years doing a variety of web development work, and one need that came up frequently was for me to build some kind of form for a website," Alonoh says.

Formstack exists to help clients gather data easily and efficiently, from surveys to registration forms and sign up sheets to payment tracking. And while Formstack started out working for smaller companies and non-profits, they have quickly moved into the realms of large corporations, higher education, major media outlets, and even professional sports organizations. Included on their prestigious client list are USA Today, Kroger, The St. Louis Rams, The National Hockey League, Stanford University, Delta

Airlines, The Atlanta Hawks, Willow Creek Community Church, and Lions Gate Entertainment.

The Formstack leadership team is made up of Alonoh, Byers, and **Duane Hunt BA '00**. All three maintain that their time at AU was invaluable to their current success. In particular, he mentions a strong relationship he formed during his time at AU with Dr. Michael Wiese.

"He provided me with a lot of wisdom," he says, not only in terms of how to run a smart business but also in bringing a spiritual perspective "to everything you do."

For Alonoh, working with ITS and the AU website from his freshman year on gave him a solid start in computing and web development. He explains, "It all helped give me experience that led to my career as an entrepreneur and creating software."

Hunt has a different perspective than the others because he transferred to AU from Purdue. "I got a lot out of smaller class sizes and the professor-to-student ratio," he says. Hunt adds the liberal arts aspect of AU stands out as a key advantage in his current role.

Looking to the future, Hunt says he hopes Formstack continues to grow and go on to employ more AU grads. Though he says the large number of Anderson alumni on staff was not intentional, he adds, "it's a nice bonus."

"We have a lot of great things in store, especially over the next year," Alonoh says. "We're hiring quickly in many areas; and adding a lot to the product to make it useful for a broader range of organizations."

Other AU alumni currently on staff at Formstack are **Eva McKnight BA '13**, **Charlie Holcomb BA '13**, **Brianna Class BA '13** and **Jason Weise BA '12**.

—MARYANN KOOPMAN KELLY

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