

Leadership hosts orientation, conference and roundtable

Welcomes new students

OVER 40 NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS WERE WELCOMED TO THE School of Leadership during its 2023 Virtual Orientation Week, held July 17–21. Students were also invited to attend the annual Leadership Conference and Roundtable. After three virtual annual conferences, participants were enthusiastic to meet with friends and colleagues in person. A significant number of participants also attended online.

Held on July 24, the Conference was themed “Inclusive Leadership.” Pardon Mwansa, associate professor of educational leadership and administration, delivered the address “Inclusive Leadership—A Must for Effective Leadership.” The presentation was followed by an animated conversation with the audience and several breakout sessions.

Leadership Roundtable then took place from July 24–26 and featured alumnus John F. Cosgrove, who presented his new book “Negotiating Turbulence: Purpose Based, Values Driven Leadership.”

“All this was done to give each student a strong start in the program and to develop a community of scholar-practitioners who transform the power of knowledge into global service,” says Bordes Henry Saturné, chair of the School of Leadership. “The programs are individualized to grow the participants’ skills and talents. From certificates to post doctorate, Leadership offers a variety of degrees to best suit participants’ lifestyle and career.”

Participants on the first day of the School of Leadership Orientation Week, following a devotional by President John Wesley Taylor V



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Andrews and Buckner International sign agreement

Focusing on leadership development

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY HAS SIGNED A MEMORANDUM of Understanding with nonprofit Buckner International, a ministry dedicated to the transformation and restoration of the lives they serve. The collaboration, which formally launched in September 2023, will offer professional development as well as graduate study and degree options for Buckner International’s professional staff.

It will also offer Andrews University students the opportunity to learn and serve in the context of Buckner International’s mission-driven outreach “to follow the example of Jesus by serving vulnerable children, families and seniors.”

This joint venture has the purpose of developing leaders according to the “Leading with a Servant Heart in a team environment” model articulated by Buckner International. It will be based on the unique philosophy of the Andrews University School of Leadership, which is biographically anchored, service-driven, individualized and competency-based, providing participants the opportunity to reflect on their practices from a Christian perspective.

Bordes Henry Saturné, chair of the School of Leadership, notes that the start of this new collaboration coincides with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Andrews University Leadership program, whose alumni serve with distinction around the world.

The collaboration between Buckner and Andrews University was formalized in May 2023 and signed by Andrews University representatives Christon Arthur, provost, Alayne Thorpe, dean of the College of Education & International Services (which houses the School of Leadership), and Albert Reyes, the sixth president and CEO of Buckner International.

Reyes, who earned his PhD in leadership at Andrews University in 2009, said he is “so excited to launch this program” and “looking forward to great things via Andrews University.”