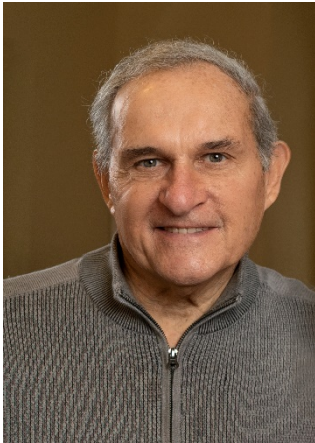


BMA Alumni News

Serving Lake Ariel, Philadelphia and Blue Mountain Academies



Alumni Spotlight



Alumnus Dave Faehner (1960) has spent 57 years serving the SDA education system. On October 29, 2022, Dave, at the age of 80, retired. For the past 37 of his 57 years of serving, Dave has been at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Of his position as the Vice President of University Advancement, Dave states, “the focus was on enrollment of students, alumni, public relations and fundraising, yet deep in my soul, students were always foremost in my mind – to make it a better place/school for the students! The bottom line is the thrill of helping young people reach the highest level of their accomplishments. This makes me proud of their successes!!”

Dave credits his academic “start” to the nine months spent at Blue Mountain Academy. Arriving in the fall of 1959, Dave attended BMA as a senior and graduated on May 28, 1960, a mere nine months on campus. During that time, Dave made many fine friends and appreciated the staff and the school as a whole. His grades improved and his interest in education perked, thanks to two faculty members – Bible teacher, Elder Shorter, and dean and history teacher, Dean Kinsey – who made a special impact on his life. At that time Dave was not completely aware of the effect they were making and how it would influence his future. Commending his Bible teacher as a first-class gentleman in all his dealings, and for presenting “his class material as Psychology 101 with a strong Christian twist,” Dave always remembered Elder Shorter talking about the “‘big three’”. ‘One, develop a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Two, search for a spouse who has a strong tie to the Lord; and three, find an occupation that allows you to share your faith.’”

The second person who made a strong impression, Dean Kinsey, showed high moral character and was an excellent dean and history teacher. Although Dave did not work for the dean or hang around the dean’s office, Dave’s observation of Dean Kinsey started Dave’s thought process for that type of occupation. Upon graduating from BMA, Dave attended Atlantic Union College (AUC) and this time he became a friend of the dean, who years later asked Dave to become his assistant dean of men. Dave transferred to Columbia Union College (CUC)

graduating as a history major in 1965. Dave hoped to receive a call to be a dean and a history or PE teacher, however, he did not receive a call, and drove a bread truck for the summer before receiving a call to become a teacher/principal at the Harrisburg church school. He then transferred to Spencerville Junior Academy as a Social Studies and Math teacher. Dave received a call to be a boys' dean at Broadview Academy in Illinois, followed by 13 years in Student Life at Loma Linda University, and then in 1985 arrived at Andrews University as the Vice President for University Advancement, along with his wife, Frances, who was offered the position of Dean of Women. Dave was already familiar with Andrews, receiving his Master's from Andrews in 1972. He also has a PhD in Student Personnel Administration with an emphasis on psychology received in 1980 from the University of Northern Colorado.



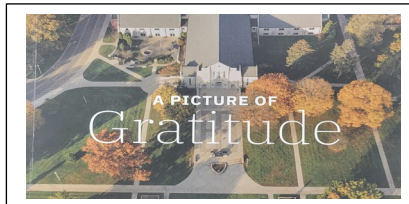
Dave and Frances Faehner often welcome students into their home.

Although it is with mixed emotions, Dave is looking forward to retirement with plans of traveling in Europe with his younger brother, Mark; learning pickleball; maybe working on some special projects for the University; and possibly tracking down and reconnecting with the 118 boys he had at Broadview Academy when their dean – “a special group, yet the hardest job in my career!”

Another of his retirement plans includes writing a book. As a youngster Dave states he “had the privilege of growing up in Howard Beach, Queens, NYC” attending PS.146 in Queens during his elementary years. From “a large clan of family members,” the Faehner family grew up in the same town, attended the same church, and twenty-five of his relatives graduated from PS. 146. He attended the local high school for a bit, and two years at Greater New York Academy prior to attending BMA. Dave states that although not a writer, he has a strong interest in history and storytelling. He would like to write of the Faehner clan's sawdust business, the largest in the United States, which his Grandfather started in 1919. 1919 is also the year his Grandmother became a Seventh-Day Adventist, which has had a powerful influence on the generations that followed.

Just as Dave is enthusiastic of his role as Vice President of University Advancement, he is more excited about his service to students. While seeing the endowment fund grow from three million to over 80 million during the past 37 years is pleasing, Dave and his wife, Frances, gain more joy in welcoming over 10,000 students into their home throughout the years; and watching the students they serve reach their potential. Their passion and leadership for Adventist education and focus on educating students is undeniable and rewarding. Dave continues his interests in serving the University and the students by leading alumni meetings worldwide.

Eriston Eloi, Coordinator of Annual Campaigns, Office of Development, Andrews University, created a book entitled, “A Picture of Gratitude.” source of inspiration for this gratitude was the perfect decades-long legacy of service essential to the advancement of education. Drs. David and hospitality and service remain the hallmark of Christian philanthropy.”



Mr. Eloi first acknowledges God as the project, and states “this photo book on opportunity to capture the Faehners' and hospitality. These virtues are Seventh-day Adventist Christian Frances Faehner remind us that

Alumni Weekend 2023

April 28 – 30, 2023

GUEST SPEAKER – ALYSSA TRUMAN

Alyssa Truman is the Assistant Communication Director of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. In her role, she serves as the news director for ANN (**A**dventist **N**ews **N**etwork), helping members stay connected to their global church family. She also assists in overseeing the strategy for the Adventist Church social media accounts and *adventist.org*.

Prior to her current role, Alyssa served the Communication Department as the first digital evangelism manager. Previous to that she served as the Radio. Before coming to work for the freelance social media strategist as well where she led an award-winning national

Alyssa's passion is digital evangelism and manager, she helped lead out in the platform which allows members from the best content worldwide to help this experience, Alyssa started working on through the Seminary at Andrews



marketing manager of Adventist World church, Alyssa worked both as a as a director for Usborne Books & More sales team.

while serving as digital evangelism creation of Adventist Teams, a digital around the world to connect and share people share their faith. As a result of her Masters in Pastoral Ministry University.

Alyssa is married to her husband Trent for over 20 years and they have three teenage daughters: Moraya, a student at Andrews University majoring in religion and digital communication, and Reily and Ellie, both students at a local Adventist academy.

Alyssa Truman is a graduate of the class of 1998. The class will be celebrating their 25th Alumni Weekend.

Additional classes celebrating their Honor Year are: Lake Ariel and Philadelphia Academies, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018, and 2022. Class agents for these classes are as follows: Lake Ariel Academy: *Class Agent Position Available*; Philadelphia Academy: Daneen Achenbach – Class Agent; Margaret Merritt, President, Alumni Association;

1958: Bernie Albright

1963: Bonnie Loudon

1968: Barb Rutt

1973: C.C. (Celia) Singer and Vivian Mack

1978: Debra Perez

1983: *Class Agent Position Available*

1988: *Class Agent Position Available*

1993: *Class Agent Position Available*

1998: *Class Agent Position Available*

2003: Ronelle Quiba

2008: *Class Agent Position Available*

2013: Levi Collins

2018: Isabelle Diaz

2022: Raquel Garcia

If you are interested in becoming a class agent or a class representative for Alumni Weekend, or are interested in participating in the Alumni Weekend events, please contact us at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com. As a class representative you will be the class liaison between your class, the Alumni Association and the Academy during Alumni Weekend. We will need two class members from each honor class to carry the class banner for the banner march. If you are interested in reserving a particular class room for your class to meet in, please contact us. (The Home Ec room is already booked.) Please remember to RSVP on the BMA website if you are planning on attending Alumni Weekend 2023 so we can plan ahead.



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

There are three opportunities to participate with regard to musical activities to be held on Sabbath, April 29, 2023. The opportunities to participate are listed below.

- Former members of Blue Mountain Academy's **La Sonnet Ensemble** are invited to participate with current members in playing various pieces during the Sabbath afternoon program.
- Former members of BMA's Bel Canto are invited to participate with current members in singing: "**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**" at the conclusion of the Sabbath morning worship service.
- An **Organist** is needed for Sabbath Worship Service

If you are interested in performing with the La Sonnet Ensemble, please contact Mr. Engen directly at eengen@bma.us or by contacting the BMA Alumni Association at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com.

Blue Mountain Academy Area Hotels / Motels

(Please contact hotels/motels directly)

MIDWAY

Quality Inn

Phone: (717) 933-8888
Rt. 78 & exit 16, Bethel, PA

HAMBURG Area

Holiday Day Inn Express

Phone: (610) 373-4444
405 N. Park Road
Wyomissing
(May show as Reading, PA
when using GPS)

Days Inn

Phone: (610) 374-1500
910 Woodland Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
(May show as Reading, PA
when using GPS)

Microtel

Phone: (610) 562-4234
50 Industrial Drive, Hamburg, PA

NEW SMITHVILLE / ALLENTOWN

Super 8 Motel

Phone: (610) 285-4880
2160 Golden Key Road
Kutztown, PA 19530

Delta Hotel (Marriott ownership)

Phone: (610) 391-1000 / Fax: (610) 391-1664
Lehigh Valley; I-78 and Route 100 S.

Staybridge Suites – Allentown

Phone: (610) 443-5000 or (877) 238-8889
1787-A Airport Road, Allentown

Days Hotel

Phone: (610) 266-1000
3400 Airport Road, Allentown

READING

Red Roof Inn

Phone: (610) 929-4741
2545 5th St. Highway N. (Rt. 222)

Kings Inn

Phone: (610) 378-1145 **or 1-800 553-2666**
2310 Fraver Drive
5th Street Highway North

Hampton Inn

Phone: (610) 374-8100 / HAMPTON
1800 Paper Mill Road—near Berkshire Mall
Reading

Homewood Suites

Phone: (610) 736-3100
2801 Paper Mill Road
Exit 13 off Interstate 78
Reading, PA 19610

Holiday Inn Express

Phone: (610) 372-0700
2389 Bernville Road, Route 183
Next to Reading Airport

Reading Radisson

Phone: (610) 376-3811
1741 Papermill Road
(422 & Papermill Rd, – across from Berkshire Mall)

POTTSVILLE

Country Square

Phone: (570) 385-3559
300 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven

In Memory



“For this is what the Lord says:
As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; “
Isaiah 66: 12, 13 (NIV)

Class of 1961 – Barbara (Hottenstein) Reidinger

Class of 1963 – Warren G. Lutz, 77 of Robeson Township passed away on September 13, 2022 at the Reading Hospital. He was the husband of the late Nancy G. (Mack) Lutz. Born in Mohnton, he was the son of the late James and Eva Esther (Ulrich) Lutz. Warren graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Statistics from Columbia Union College. He was self-employed as a painting contractor. He was a member of the Kenhorst Boulevard SDA Church. Warren will be remembered for his love of dogs, sports and especially for telling jokes and making people laugh. He is survived by his step-daughter, LuAnn Berger, his sister, Lucille Keller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Class of 1972: Patricia Peck Stratton

Faculty Member: Glen Wilson, Vice President and Bible teacher from 2012-2016, also class sponsor for the 2016 Sophomores.

We are only able to report on those persons whose information has been submitted by time of printing. We are only able to print obituaries either provided to us, or we are able to locate via on-line resources.

HOPE FOR TODAY

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said,
‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”
John 8:12 (NIV)

Alumni Association Information

■ WELCOME! to new class agents:

- 2017 – Kylee Davis –
- 1973 – Co-Agents, C.C. Singer and Vivian Mack
- 2022 – Raquel Garcia

Class agents help in the preparation of alumni weekends during their honor years; and help communicate to their former classmates regarding various BMA Alumni activities, special events at BMA and general information. Class agents also help keep the association updated on alumni contact information, and the passing of classmates. We have several classes without class agents. If you are interested in becoming a class agent, please contact us.

■ ALUMNI NEWSLETTER:

- If you are interested in submitting an article or sharing information to be posted in the newsletter, please write to us at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com . Please include your graduating year, and your maiden name if applicable.
- If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, please notify us at the email address above. Please remember to provide your graduating year, and your maiden name if applicable.



Students in Motion – Academy Life, BMA

My name is Arionna Haakenson. I am a senior in the graduating class of 2023. When I came to BMA, I was looking for a fresh start. I knew I needed a change. Before was praying every day, hoping God would couple of months later, my parents Pennsylvania, and although I was nervous, was the answer to my prayers. After a atmosphere. I grew to love it. I made happy to be open about their relationships around these people who were genuinely my life, I grew in my relationship with God. in a while to twice a day, every day. One of BMA was that, even in our classes, we have helped me to grow as a person and as imagined. I am so thankful to Blue Mountain Academy.



even knowing about the existence of BMA, I tell me what I should do with my future. A announced that we were moving to I decided that this was God's guidance. This couple of months of adjusting to the BMA friends that truly cared about me, and were with God. I was incredibly blessed to be God-fearing. Because of these influences in I went from doing my devotions every once the things that really impressed me about always put God first. The circumstances here a leader in ways that I could have never

BMA AND ADVENTIST SCHOOLS ACROSS THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Students from across Pennsylvania enjoyed a gorgeous fall day learning skills for basketball, volleyball, and football at Sports Fest, a one-day event for grades 5-8 held at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA), Hamburg, Pa., and hosted by both BMA and our Pennsylvania Conference Education Department. After a picnic lunch, they played a group game similar to kickball but included multiple people kicking and running at a time.



"More than 150 students and chaperones from our day schools and more than forty students and staff from BMA and the Conference office played and worked together as a team during our annual Sports Fest. Students were invited to be a part of God's team and keep Him in their hearts in everything they do," shares Leona Bange, Education Superintendent. "We invite you to 'Come with Us' to our education events this year as we learn to get to know Jesus and follow Him."

Then it was BMA students who hit the road to travel and help with outdoor schools in four different locations. The Pocono Adventist School, Wyoming Valley Adventist Elementary School, and Whitehall Christian School held outdoor school at Carbon County Environmental Center, Summit Hill, Pa. Huntingdon Valley Christian Academy students enjoyed learning and hiking at the Briar Bush Nature Center, Abington, Pa., while Reading Junior Academy students spent the day at Nolde Forest, Reading, Pa. York Adventist Christian School, Harrisburg Adventist School, Blue Mountain Elementary, and Mountain View Christian School gathered to explore at King's Gap Environmental Center, Carlisle, Pa. In each location, BMA students and leadership team led worship and shared testimonies.

"We want our students across the state to know what they have access to and to be comfortable with Adventist Education from grades PK-12," explains Bange referencing the intentionality and importance of the involvement of BMA students and staff in day school events. "We are a full-educational system and when they finish their elementary education, BMA is their next experience."

Article submitted by Tamyra Horst, Communication Director & Women's and Family Ministries Director, Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

BMA STAFF CHANGES

This year BMA lost three of their "top-notch" staff members. While each played an integral role in supporting the students and staff of Blue Mountain Academy, Ruben Olm and Gabriel Morales-Burgos were also very active members of the BMA Alumni Association Executive Committee. Although we know it is with God's leading each is moving on, each will be greatly missed. We wish them continued success in their future endeavors.



Ruben Olm former VP of Enrollment and Admissions at BMA, has relocated with his wife, Tania, and their family to Southwestern Adventist University as the Development Officer. It was Ruben's leadership and insight that helped make the Jim Slater Marathon Campaign, "Race 4 Eternity" a success; and he was instrumental in developing the new logo for BMA. Mr. Olm has been a staff member at BMA since May of 2018 thru August 2022.

Gabriel Morales-Burgos BMA Treasurer, September 2019 – October 2022, has also accepted a position at Southwestern Adventist University as the Financial Administration Assistant Vice President. Gabriel, along with his wife, Maricruz Fernandez-Trinidad, and their children, Haianharry Morales (Freshman), Camila Morales (Junior), Andrian Morales (BMA Alumnus and Junior at Southern studying Computer Science) will miss Blue Mountain but look forward to their new adventure.



A member of the Blue Mountain Academy staff for six years, beginning in August of 2016, **Pastor Sanghae Kim**, of the BMA Church is now working as a Pastor at Bonney Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington State. Pastor Kim, and his wife, Soo Jin Lee, were always there for the students, staff – and alumni, helping out with alumni weekend each year. Their children, Joosung Kim and Joohyun Kim, are both BMA alumni.



MOVING MOUNTAINS

IN A SEASON OF GIVING

The Bible tells us in Matthew 17:20, “For assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Thank you to those who continuously contribute to the various needs and scholarships of Blue Mountain Academy. Your support has an impact on the students – current and future. Although you may not see the fruits of your thoughtfulness know in your hearts you have made a difference in a student.

As we approach a New Year, and a Season of Giving, think of the challenges and obstacles you have faced over the past year. Think of what the New Year may hold for you. When challenges and obstacles come our way, let us view them as opportunities to move mountains. Perhaps you can recall your parents having challenges /obstacles providing for your Christian education. Or maybe you had challenges providing tuition for your children.

Remember working to defray the cost of academy: in the mill, on the farm, as custodians, kitchen, grounds, student aids, switchboard, resident assistants. The list of jobs was quite extensive. Many of those opportunities for students have been closed to this generation.

Today, we have a legacy as professionals in the business world, commercial arts, medical field, education, ministry, music and the arts, all from a humble beginning of Christian education. In our professions, **we have the opportunity** to share our faith in Jesus. **We have the opportunity** to represent God to those around us bringing glory to His name. **We moved mountains to achieve our professional goal; or opportunities were presented to help move those mountains.**

As we take time over the Holidays to be with family and friends, let us also take time to reflect over the past year and what the New Year may hold in store. Think of the opportunities we were provided during our academy years in a Christian education setting, and with God as your Provider, consider helping to move mountains for the students of today and their parents as they try to provide a Christian education for their children. As we approach the Season of Giving, let us remember the various scholarships that help defray student tuition expenses at Blue Mountain Academy.



Below is a list of the endowments / scholarships and the students who received these scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. A total of \$9,370 was provided in scholarships and endowments to the students.

Name of Endowment or Scholarship	Awarded Amount	Awardee Name
BMA Endowment	\$ 750.00	Lourdes Raquel Garcia Cedeño
Diller Endowment	\$ 500.00	Berithia Boatemaa Amponsah
Indergard Endowment	\$1,000.00	Michell Catalina Nino
Kiessling Endowment	\$ 500.00	Nathalia A. Phu
Orndorff Endowment *	\$ 500.00	Jaime Vega (First Semester) *
“ “ “	\$ 500.00	Elibeth Breton Gonzalez (Second Semester) *
Rowand Endowment	\$ 300.00	Johanna Tinoco Juarez
Sorensen Endowment	\$ 600.00	Lourdes Raquel Garcia Cedeño
Unruh Endowment	\$ 400.00	Cory J. Hafer Calapino
Wetzel Endowment	\$ 220.00	Valeria Trevino
Larry Karpenko Memorial Scholarship Fund **	\$ 700.00	Valeria Trevino **
“ “ “	\$ 700.00	Helmi Lizaath Calles Aleman **
	\$ 700.00	Canaan Daniel Hercules **
Robert J. McAuliffe Memorial Scholarship Fund ***	\$1,000.00	Arionna Joy Haakenson ***
	\$1,000.00	Crislem Marlon Silva Filho ***

Please consider an opportunity to “move a mountain” by contributing to a BMA endowment or scholarship fund. Thank you.



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Photo by Donna Ryan, class of 1962.



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