

Adventist Education

Neil Biloff, President

The second week in August 2018 provided the Chicago back drop for a convention and discussion on Education in the Adventist Church. School administrators and church leaders voted overwhelmingly in favor of forming a “strategic alliance” between Adventist colleges/universities to strengthen the overall educational system and to have a closer partnership with the Seventh-day Adventist K-12 program.



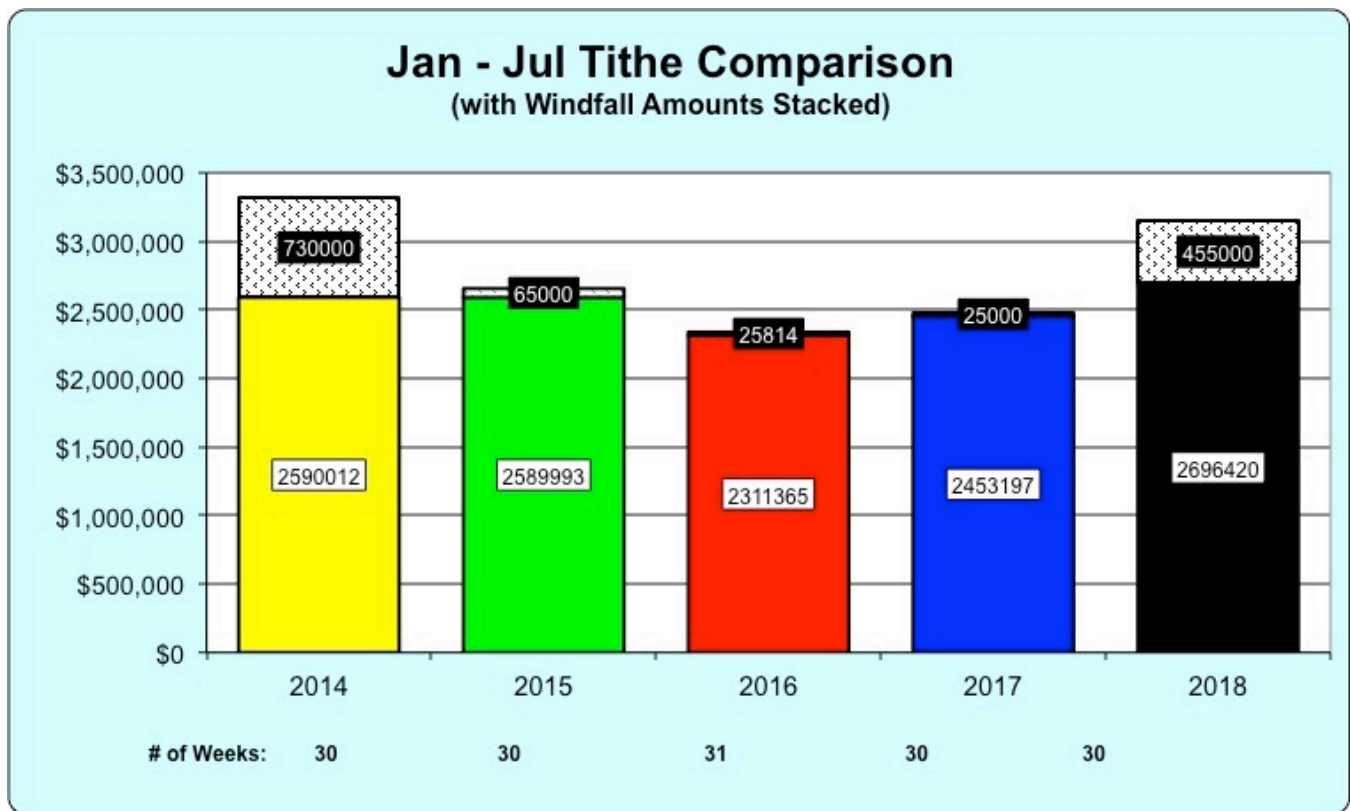
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Pushing the issue are the following:

- Declining population of traditional college/university students
- Decreasing financial capacity of many Adventist families to afford private higher education
- Decreasing willingness to borrow to finance a private education
- Extraordinary increases in costs of providing a traditional college/university education
- Increasing availability of competitive and educational modalities that no longer require a residential campus (free community college, online degrees, subscription-based programs)
- Transformation of the job market to more competency-based education
- The closure of Atlantic Union College, as well as many other small colleges and universities, primarily because of financial exigency.

In a panel discussion church and university/college leaders expressed a deep sense of urgency. “Unless we do something tangible and concrete the system many of us grew up with and love will be history,” said Southwestern Union Conference president Larry Moore.

John Freedman, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, soberly told the group, “My dad said the best time to plant the oak tree is 20 years ago. The next best time is today. We can’t keep kicking the can down the road. We’re all in this together. This is still [God’s] church and His divine way for education. Start and move it and see where God is leading.”



Special Thanks to Arlo & Sharon Heinrich



The Dakota Conference would like to express a special thanks to Arlo and Sharon Heinrich for the nine years of service they have provided in the Dakotas. The Heinrichs came to the Dakota Conference from Florida, Arlo as Vice President of Finance and Sharon as Development Director. Two years ago they planned to return to Florida but agreed to serve for another two years before heading south. It is with appreciative hearts that we bid them farewell.

“We enjoyed our time in the Dakotas,” say Sharon. “The Dakota people have a special place in our hearts. One day soon we will all meet again at Jesus’ feet.”

Until that day our best wishes go with the Heinrichs as they minister in a warmer climate.

Dakota Elementary Schools



Left - **Tabitha Coto** (Cid) is teaching lower grades at Hillcrest Adventist School in Jamestown, ND.

Right - **Jennifer DeFluiter** (Ron) is returning from California to teach at the Rapid City Adventist Elementary School.



Right - **Elisa Shumaker** (Curt) will remain at the Sioux Falls Adventist Elementary School after her wedding to Curt. Congratulations!



Left - **Sue McPherson** will begin the school year at Hillcrest Adventist Elementary until a permanent teacher can be found. Thank you Sue.



Camp is a Positive Experience

Loren Nelson III, Camp Director

The theme song for this year's camp season was called, STAND:

*There will be times when you can't see past the present,
So many questions in your mind, hold on to Hope,
You've got a strong foundation, He won't let go,
Stand, when there is chaos all around and keep your feet on solid ground.*



The Dakota Camp experience gives young people a chance to see God in a positive light. These years are formidable times when they are making important life decisions. It is exciting when they choose God, desire baptism and become loving, productive Christians. During the 2018 camp season, 43 requested baptism. Three were baptized at camp, Maddie Holmes, TJ Millirans and Joshua Bovey. The remaining will continue to study with their local church pastors to bring their desires to fruition.



With the many honors that are taught, Bible instruction given, worships enjoyed and encouraging conversations with camp staff, the campers desire to give their hearts to God. Camp is a healthy environment where they learn more about God no matter their faith maturity. Campers are encouraged to become involved in their home churches, to share their talents and stand firm in their faith. As the STAND song says, *It doesn't matter where you are, you can shine like a star.*

DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Sharon Heinrich

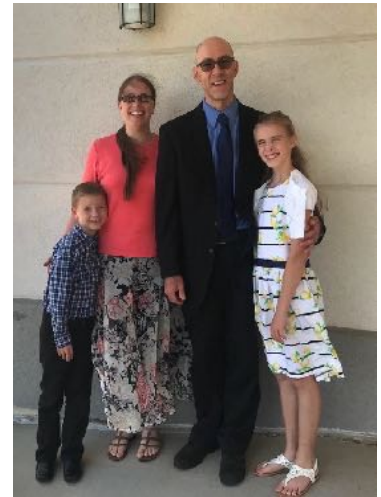
DAA Welcomes New Staff

Summer is almost over and it is just days from the beginning of another school year at DAA. As preparations are made for the start of the school year, DAA welcomes four new staff members to the campus and family.



Peter & Eulalia Kenaston, along with their two sons, Hans and David, come to the Dakotas from Texas. Mr. Kenaston will be the assistant boys' dean, head up the IT department, and teach computer classes. Mrs. Kenaston is the music teacher. She plans to add strings to the course offerings and will be looking at the possibility of adding drum corps. Their passion is to serve God and to work with young people. The Kenastons love to be involved in the community, travel, and the outdoors. Hans will be a senior and David a freshman at DAA.

Darren and Shannon Brown and their two children, Abigail and Benjamin, are from Maryland. Mr. Brown is the new maintenance director and Mrs. Brown will be the assistant girls' dean and teach Spanish, a Bible class and possibly a psychology class. Their passion also is to work with young people and teach students about Jesus. Abigail and Benjamin will be attending Brentwood.



DAA welcomes the Kenastons and the Browns to the Dakotas and look forward to getting to know them better as they become part of the DAA family.

Newest Alumni - Class of 2018

A milestone was reached in the lives of DAA's nine seniors as they became the newest alumni. May 27, 2018, the seniors entered the auditorium for the last time as students of DAA. **A total of \$782,000 in scholarships was awarded this class from five Adventist colleges.** Alumni, remember Jeremiah 29:11 -



Left to right: Andy Waldner, Vichayut (Get) Suppermstien, Paul Schumacher, Tendai Mpezeni, Erica Chapman, Abigail Brooke, Najeeb Dubreuz, Leticia Venegas, Nyegai Koum

Pastors on the Move

Jacquie Biloff



Pastor Kris de Bruin (left) served in the Bowdon/McClusky/New Home district of North Dakota but has transferred to Andrews University where he will pursue his Masters of Divinity.



Elder Nicholas & Charné Eaton (right) were ordained at Campmeeting. They are moving from the Hurley/Yankton district to the Pierre/Mobridge/Tolstoy district in South Dakota.



Elder Bill & Katherine Edwards (left) have served in the Dakotas for fourteen years. They are retiring and moving to Ohio in September.

David Werner is a graduate of Walla Walla University and will be pastoring the Bowman/Bison district.



PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni

NOTE:

When: October 5 & 6, 2018
Time: Come early, stay late
Address: Dakota Adventist Academy

Call the CO (701) 751-6177

Honor
 Classes: 1944, 49, 54, 59, 65, 69, 79, 89, 94, 99, 2004, 09, 14

30th Annual Dakota Conference Women's Retreat

For it is by grace you have been saved...
it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Amazing Grace



Joy Fehr

Oct 12 - 14, 2018
The Abbey of the Hills

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Adventist Community Services Federation Meetings Times and Locations

- SE ACS September 16
Tolstoy, SD at 10 a.m.

- NW ACS September 17
Watford City, ND at 10 a.m.

- NE ACS September 18
Jamestown, ND at 10 a.m.

- SW ACS September 30
Rapid City, SD at 10 a.m.



The new Northern Lights Camp kitchen/cafeteria is enclosed. Interior electrical, plumbing and insulation need to be completed so the heat can be turned on and work may continue inside during winter months. Thank you to all of you who helped.

Prison Baptisms in Jamestown

Dr. Wayne McDaniel

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, was a very special day for the Jamestown Seventh-day Adventist Church family. Three prison inmates, Lance, Matthew and Frank committed their lives to Christ through baptism.

Since the James River Correctional Center has no baptistry, a makeshift tub was provided by the prison staff. The baptistry was an elongated tank about 6 or 7 feet long and about 3 feet wide with a plastic liner inside. It was set up in the barber shop of the prison, which was a very small room.

The Jamestown Adventist Prison Ministries team, which includes Dr. Wayne and Shirley McDaniel, Dr. Debra LaDuke, Dan Connell, and Terri Krovoza, was in attendance, as well as church member Olga Rodin, and Lance's sister Laurie. Pastor James Venegas was also present and performed the baptism.

After some opening words and a prayer by Dr. McDaniel, the group sang a number of well-known and uplifting hymns. This was followed by an encouraging message by Pastor James on the apostle Paul's conversion experience. Then came the baptism of each inmate. Given the makeshift baptistry, each man had to sit in the water, knees up, and then Pastor James immersed them from outside the tub. The unique nature of the ceremony and venue made it a very moving experience. When the baptism had ended, the group gathered in a nearby classroom and waited for the three men to change into dry clothes. The group and inmates then visited for a while before Pastor James offered some closing remarks and words of welcome to the church family. Each new member was then presented with a baptismal certificate and two gifts – an illustrated hardcopy of the Desire of Ages and a Bible memorization set. The service concluded with a closing hymn and prayer of dedication offered by Dan Connell.

It was a very emotional time for all involved. Warm hugs of congratulation and words of encouragement were exchanged as the group departed, after which group photos taken. Once outside, the team shared a further prayer of thanksgiving and dedication for Lance, Matthew and Frank. All in all, there was a sense of satisfaction that God's will was done, Christ's name was glorified, and the Holy Spirit was poured out in great measure.

Photo by Jamestown Correctional Center



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17 - 18 Spiritual Feast Weekend - FMC		22 Secondary Education Endowment Sabbath
19 DAA Registration		28 - 30 Dakota Pathfinder Camporee at DAA
20 First Day - Elementary Schools		30 - 02 New in Ministry Training - DAA
26 K-12 Board 10 am		30 SW ACS Fed Meet - Rapid City, SD 10 am
Sept		Oct
03 Labor Day - Office Closed		05 - 06 DAA/SRA/PVA Alumni Weekend - DAA
09 Executive Committee 10 am		07 K-12 Board 10 am
11 - 14 Outdoor School at FMC		12 - 14 Women's Retreat at Abby of the Hills, Marvin, SD
16 SE ACS Fed Meet - Tolstoy, SD 10 am		20 Aberdeen Regional
17 NW ACS Fed Meet - Watford City, ND 10 am		21 Executive Committee 10 am
18 NE ACS Fed Meet - Jamestown, ND 10 am		
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