

## Ronald D. Coffen

This evening, the recipient of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion is Ronald D. Coffen, whose deep commitment to teaching and mentorship has distinguished him among his colleagues.

Coffen earned his Bachelor of Science in pre-counseling psychology, *summa cum laude*, from Andrews University in 1993. He went on to study at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, receiving an MA in clinical psychology in 1996 and a PhD in clinical psychology in 1999.

He married Jenni Carrion in 1996 and they have two children: Kelli, a senior elementary education major at Andrews University, and Chris, a sophomore at Andrews Academy.

In 2003, Coffen joined the Andrews University faculty as an associate professor before achieving the rank of professor of counseling and school psychology in 2013. He became the director of the Andrews Community Counseling Center (ACCC) in 2008 and continues to serve in both of these roles in the School of Graduate Psychology & Counseling. Additionally, Coffen owns a small private practice in Buchanan, Michigan, where he provides psychotherapy services to children and adolescents.

Throughout his time at Andrews, Coffen has made a significant impact on his students and school. As a professor and director of the ACCC, he has served as a student advisor and supervised doctoral students in their provision of therapy services. He developed standard policies for the Center, worked to make physical and technological improvements, and expanded its reach both in-person and online. Additionally, Coffen worked with the University to gain APA, NASP and CACREP accreditation for various programs in the School of Graduate Psychology & Counseling. Coffen has also dedicated time to committees and boards, helping to update curricula, hire new faculty and meet program needs. In 2014, he received the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award.

Coffen has published multiple peer-reviewed journal articles on topics including school violence, multicultural education and religious identity development. He has also presented at several professional seminars and participated in the creation of a variety of audiovisual productions for instructional use. In addition, Coffen created an interactive computer experience to teach students how to administer a series of tests in their field.

Outside his professional work, Coffen has intentionally contributed to his wider community, including through career fair participation, leadership in Sabbath School and serving as a deacon at his church.

For his innovation, excellence in research and mentorship, the faculty of Andrews University is proud to present Ronald D. Coffen with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.