
Life Legacy Award

Carl Anderson, Recruiter, 1990–2006

Carl Anderson was raised in a home with a non-SDA father and a strong Adventist mother who was determined that her children would receive an Adventist education. Though the family had limited means, and Carl's father opposed the idea, Mrs. Anderson refused to give up. With help from church members, all the Anderson children attended church school.



Carl graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1958 and then went on to graduate from Andrews University with a bachelor's degree in music education and later completed a master's degree that included study in Europe. He began his career teaching music at Benton Harbor High School in Michigan. He later moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he attended graduate school and performed with the opera.

In 1976, Carl accepted a position at Kingsway College near Toronto, Canada, where he served for ten years as a vocal instructor and later as choral director. After a decade at Kingsway, Carl moved his family to Puerto Rico to serve as choral director at Antillean College.

In 1990, Carl accepted a position as recruiter for GCA. For 16 years, Carl traveled across the conference visiting elementary schools, meeting families in their homes, and encouraging young people to attend GCA. Carl loved every aspect of promoting Adventist education—connecting with donors, supporting the school, visiting churches, and helping families see the value of Christian education. His passion and enthusiasm opened doors for hundreds of students to attend GCA.

What began as a dream to teach music became something even greater: a calling that allowed his passion for Adventist education to intersect perfectly with the needs of Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

Many members of the Class of 2001 were recruited to GCA by Carl Anderson and remain deeply grateful for the opportunities he helped make possible. For this reason, and for the many lasting contributions he made to the life and success of GCA, the Class of 2001 has selected Carl Anderson as the recipient of the Life Legacy Award.

Carl has been married to Debbie Anderson for 50 years. Two of their children are GCA alumni: Cara Anderson McClung, '01, and Matthew Anderson, '06.