



LIFE LEGACY AWARD

Gregory Gerard

Gregory Gerard married Nancy Mauro on Aug. 7, 1977, and one week later, began his career in education as a religion teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy. It wasn't long before his gifts of leadership led him to pursue graduate education that would prepare him for the principalship.

After completing a doctoral degree from Western Michigan University in 1984, Greg accepted his first principalship at Midland Adventist School in Shawnee, Kansas. From there, Greg was principal at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, where he oversaw the merger of two Michigan boarding academies. It was during this time that two children, Andrew and Allison, were born into their family.

For the next 13 years, Greg worked as director of development for Andrews University, and vice-president for advancement at La Sierra University and Olivet College. The skills and knowledge he gained while in higher education gave him a perspective and skill set that uniquely prepared him for the next phase of his career.

In 2002, when Georgia-Cumberland Academy was looking for a principal, the Lord was tugging on Greg's heart to return to his original calling. The family moved from Battle Creek, Michigan, to Calhoun in July. For the past 20 years, the Gerard family has been blessed to be a part of Georgia-Cumberland Academy. Greg says, "These past 20 years at GCA have been the best years of my life!"