

# Andrews – Anderson – Dowd Family Newsletter

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## AAD Reunion News!

As you prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, we hope you will take time with your family to discuss the upcoming 2024 AAD Family Reunion in Atlanta. We are still working through details, but we are working on solidifying plans and activities.

We know the most important things are building in time for us to gather and fellowship with one another and to find interesting and fun activities in the cities we visit. You will notice that the assessment is a little higher this year, but there are no optional activities to pay for this year. The assessment covers all group meals and planned activities cost. You will still need to purchase your t-shirts separately (more details to come in December or January 2024) and pay for meals during your free time.

So, as we continue to work and plan, we ask you to start planning as well. Book your hotel and start saving for your assessment. We pray you can join us next year in ATLANTA!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members if you should have any questions or email our general email box with any information you wish to share or communicate, [aadfamlyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:aadfamlyreunion@gmail.com)

Sincerely and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Your Reunion Committee*



## Spotlight Branches in Atlanta Root – John Andrews

### Earnest Tean Andrews Banks

- ✿ Andre Andrews Sr.
  - ✿ Andre Andrews Jr.
  - ✿ Kiara Jordan
    - Jaydin Jordan
    - Zaydin Jordan
  - ✿ Deandre Andrews
    - Xavier Dyson
    - Katelyeen Tate
  - ✿ Shamonika Andrews
    - Jante Boseman
    - Jace Andrews

- ✿ Stacy Washington
  - ✿ Ashah Davis

- ✿ Kwan Banks-Davis
  - ✿ Travon Banks
  - ✿ Tauriel Dillard
  - ✿ Triston Davis

- ✿ Carmen Jones
  - ✿ Darren Brown Jr.
    - Darren Brown, III

- ✿ Jerome (Jerry) Moore Jr.



**Embassy Suites  
Centennial Olympic Park  
267 Marietta Street  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30313**

We have selected the Downtown Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park as our reunion hotel for 2024.

**HOTEL RATES** are \$199 per night for One King Bed or Two Double Beds. Please use the link below with **Group Code: 91L** for the *AAD Family Reunion* rate. Or **call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)**

**Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Olympic Park Hotel**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atleses-embassy-suites-atlanta-at-centennial-olympic-park/>

Or **call 1-800-EMBASSY (362-2779)** to book your reservations.

This is a friendly reminder that next July will be a BUSY time in Atlanta, so we want to ensure everyone has their accommodation booked. Book your hotel reservation earlier so if we need extra rooms, we can request more rooms while they are still available. You can cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival without cancellation penalties.

**HILTON REWARDS**

If you are Hilton Rewards member, remember to sign in when reserving your room to attach your number to the reservation. If you are not a Hilton Rewards member, sign up in advance with our [Hilton Honors](#) program to get points for your stay.

***Schedule at a Glance***

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

- Check-in and pick up T-shirts and weekend itinerary.
- Family Meet & Greet (Embassy Suites)

**Friday, July 19, 2024**

- Free time to explore Atlanta
- AAD Family Banquet (Embassy Suites)

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

- Wear your AAD Reunion T-shirts
- Family Picture Spot
- Tour the Atlanta area by bus
- AAD Family Meal (Popular Local Spot)

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

- Breakfast & Family Meeting

**AAD Family Reunion  
Registration Fees**

We have worked to include all family activities in the registration fee.

**\$175 per adult** (11 years old & up)

**\$110 per child** (3 – 10 years old)

0 to 2 years old are free!!

Andrews  
Anderson Dowd  
Family Reunion  
July 18 - 21, 2024

Visit the AAD Family Reunion page for more info.

<https://aadfamilyreunion.org>



## Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Atlanta



**Clark Atlanta University:** A private Methodist historically Black liberal arts college created in 1988 with the consolidation of two prestigious HBCUs—Clark College, founded in 1869, and Atlanta University, founded in 1865.



**Morehouse College:** The world's only HBCU for men, Morehouse College has been shaping spiritually disciplined creative thinkers and world-changing leaders since its founding in 1867.



**Morehouse School of Medicine:** An HBCU established in 1975 as a part of Morehouse College but became an independent institution in 1981. The school is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities through education, research, and service.



**Spelman College:** A private historically Black liberal arts college for women founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary. It is the oldest historically Black college for women in America and a global leader in the education of women of African descent.



**Morris Brown College:** A private Methodist historically Black liberal arts college founded in 1881 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is the first educational institution in Georgia owned and operated entirely by African Americans.



**Interdenominational Theological Center:** A consortium of six seminaries and a fellowship that offer graduate theological education from an African American perspective. ITC was founded in 1958 as a cooperative venture among four historically Black denominations

### Atlanta Fun Fact

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport truly is the world's busiest airport. The terminal is as big as 45 football fields!

## Local Activity



The **Georgia Aquarium** is a public aquarium located in Centennial Park. The aquarium contains more than **11 million gallons** of water and exhibits hundreds of species and thousands of animals across its seven major galleries. Visiting to the Georgia Aquarium is an aquatic adventure around the globe, and delivering a greater understanding of these aquatic ecosystems and the animals who inhabit them. The aquarium features beluga whales, whale sharks, manta rays, sea otters, penguins, and many more amazing creatures. The aquarium also offers a range of interactive experiences, such as the opportunity to swim or dive with whale sharks, beluga whales, and manta rays.

The [Georgia Aquarium in Downtown Atlanta](#) is within walking distance of the Embassy Suites hotel in Centennial Park. It is an excellent place to visit if you arrive early or during our reunion free time.