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# Patricia Jo Gustin

## — Woman of the Year —

### Outstanding Achievement

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# 2003

A pacesetter in Adventist missiology, Pat Gustin exemplifies a ministry of excellence in her work as an educator and administrator on five continents. In 1967 Pat began her extensive cross-cultural career teaching at the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. With twenty-three productive years as dean, principal, supervisor of tribal educational centers on-site work with refugees on the Thai-Cambodian border, supervisor of English language schools, and student missionary coordinator in Thailand, she was singularly prepared to become the first woman director of the Adventist Institute of World Mission located in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Pat represents an elite group of Adventist women missiologists in

her formative role of reshaping missions in the 21st Century. Her vision and voice at the highest levels of the Church have resulted in dramatic improvements in missionary education, as well as an increased need for wisdom in contextualizing the Adventist message.



Pat's organizational ability embraces a vision and makes it take concrete shape and form as is evidenced when, in a changing world, she changed the essence of mission education and practice. Her engaging teaching style combined with her pastoral heart for all missionaries and their children has few, if any, comparable peers. This can be seen in her successful programs for Third Culture Kids.

Having earned a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) master's degree from Azusa-Pacific University, Pat implemented a popular English as a Second Language program at Walla Walla College. Furthermore, she has been a critical contributor to re-entry programs for returning missionaries, The Mission and Across Culture Seminars for church leaders worldwide, and the publication of books.

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