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SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY NURTURES CHRISTLIKENESS,
TRADITIONAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST VALUES, ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE, AND A LIFELONG PURSUIT OF TRUTH, WHOLENESS,
AND SERVICE.

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Power for Mind & Soul

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E T O G R A D U A T E S



Congratulations on your achievement. We are proud of you. What you have done is not easy, but I believe you will find it was worth the time, money and effort. God planned for you to get your education at Southern, and now He will guide you into the rest of His plan for you.

As you launch into the next phase of your life, consider how well you deal with the unknown, for the unknown may be the most consistent factor in your life. We can't control life. So don't be surprised when, after planning carefully for something, the unexpected happens.

I recall one day, when I was teaching an English class, I felt so great I couldn't help shouting to the class, "I feel great! I have never felt so great in all my life." Within one hour I was so sick I had to go to bed, and stayed in bed for three days. Then there was the time I bought a new car. It was perfect—for about 30 days. Then things started to happen. The ignition faltered, and the car shook and rattled. When I took it to the dealer for repair, the only thing they could do was change the speed at which it vibrated. Did I want my car to vibrate between 30-40 miles-per-hour or between 40-50 miles-per-hour? Surreal.

We all face surprises. Your education has prepared you for many things, but nothing can prepare you for everything. Nothing, that is, except faith in God. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

For those times when your education cannot help you deal with life's surprises, remember to trust in the Lord. Just as He has gotten you through your life to this point, He will see you through any and all circumstances in your future.

Wishing you God's guidance and blessings,

David Smith



Please silence cell phones during the service.

MISSION STATEMENT



Southern Adventist University nurtures Christlikeness, traditional Seventh-day Adventist values, academic excellence, and a lifelong pursuit of truth, wholeness, and service.

VISION



Southern Adventist University will lead in providing a learning foundation built upon biblical principles, model academic and professional excellence, conscientiously steward university resources, and cost-effectively graduate successful servant leaders guided by faith, integrity, and balance.

THE MACE



The mace is a traditional symbol used to communicate and designate authority. The Southern Adventist University mace was crafted in 1986 by John Durichek, a Southern alum and retired professor. Southern's mace represents its heritage and *raison d'être*. The base is of pine from Jones Hall, built in 1917 and razed in 1985. The main staff is of walnut. The seven rings represent completeness. The four-sided ebony segment is seen as Southern's underlying educational philosophy—balanced mental, spiritual, physical, and social development for each student. The brass flames represent the Holy Spirit. Bearing the mace is the grand marshal, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, chair of the University Senate as well as associate professor in the School of Social Work. Her regalia is green trimmed in white, the university colors.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Please do not crowd or block the aisle for graduates in an attempt to photograph them. To provide all students with a photograph of their graduation, we have arranged for a professional photographer to record each graduate receiving his or her diploma. A 5x7 photo will be sent to the graduate's permanent address as a gift from Southern. The photographer will provide an opportunity for graduates to purchase extra photos. There is no obligation to purchase.

RECORDINGS



To order DVDs of the service, visit saucampusshop.com or call 423.236.2152. These will be available a few weeks after commencement.

COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, July 26, 2018, 7 p.m.



Prelude

Processional..... *Pomp and Circumstance* Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation..... Jasmin Flores
AS Nursing

Welcome Janice Cosme
MS Global Community Development

Introduction of Speaker David Smith
president

Address “The Next Step” Ed Wright
president of Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Presentation of Degree Candidates Robert Young
senior vice president for Academic Administration

Dionne Felix
associate vice president for Academic Administration

Carleton Swafford
graduate dean

Conferring of Degrees David Smith, president
Jim Davidson, Board of Trustees representative, Southern Union executive secretary
Joni Zier, director of Records and Advisement

Alumni Association Welcome Jay Dedeker
Alumni Association president, class of 1988

Benediction..... Mikayla Bieri
BS Outdoor Leadership

*Recessional..... *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret

Presentation of the Graduating Class..... David Smith
president

Community Brass Ensemble director: Ken Parsons, School of Music associate professor
Grand Marshal: Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, University Senate chair; School of Social Work associate professor
Senior Class Sponsors: Bob Benge, School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness dean and professor
Name: Kathy Goddard, English Department associate professor

* The audience must remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional, as the graduates will be dividing at the back and lining the side aisles of the gymnasium for congratulatory applause.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Cristina Alvarez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Brooke Milyn Bernhardt, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Mikayla Anne Bieri	BS Outdoor Leadership [General]
Kristian Alexei Bjelica	BSW Social Work
Brenton Chance Campbell	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Mark Edward Childress	BS Nursing
Andrew Manuel de Jesus, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology (Seminary)
Silvana de Jesus	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Hannah Gertrude DeCamp, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ashley Sarah Ford, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Carolyn Rose Harden, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Stephen Lee Lewis Hays	BT Auto Service Management
Brian Scott Hustad, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Gloria Khrapova-Andrusiak	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jewell Dominique Elena Lavalas	BS Family Studies
Nathaniel Jin Lee, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Amanda Marie McClellan	BS Nursing
Irisse Nadine Pagarigan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Cynthia Noemi Salinas	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Eric Alan Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology (Seminary); AS Nursing

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Annabelle Lisette Adams	AS General Studies
Elizabeth Ayala	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Darrin Allen Bartell	AS Nursing
Roger Todd Bennett Jr.	AS Nursing
Jacquese Elizabeth Burt-Miller	AS Nursing
Haejin Cho	AS Nursing
Brianna Theresa Cole	AS Nursing
Rhyz Dominik Saguan Colegado, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ashley Nicole Cross, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Jasmin Stephany Flores	AS Nursing
Felisia Brenda Gonie	AS Nursing
Elisa Crystal Gonzalez	AS Nursing
Rose Glaphira Henri-Saturne	AS Nursing
Amber Kathleen Milo Henski	AS Nursing
Alexandra Princess Hutauruk	AS Nursing
Hannah Noelani Lee	AS Nursing
Seth Insoo Lee	AS Nursing
Melissa S. Martin	AS Nursing
Jacqueline Molina	AS Nursing
Lukomano Lissa Moonga	AS Nursing
Esther Moraa Okari, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Thandekile Atieno-Rosalyn Opande	AS Nursing
Matthew Dwayne Palsgrove, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing

Lauren Rebecca Pimek	AS Nursing
Liliana Mejia Reynolds	AS Nursing
Katie Lauren Rogers.....	AS Nursing
Audriana Kaye Seyfried	AS Nursing
Shanice Lamoi Smith-McPherson	AS Nursing
Lacey Shannon Talley.....	AS Nursing
Ariel Danielle Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing

M A S T E R ' S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Maria Danielle Aboubaker	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Melissa Darlene Beavers	MSW Social Work [Mental Health and Practice in Social Work]
Raquel Cheri' Brown	MS School Counseling
Marvin Campos	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Jessica Danielle Carroll.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health and Practice in Social Work]
Janice Priscilla Cosme.....	MS Global Community Development
Nicole A. Durrant-St.Romain.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Talitha A. Freeman.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Julia Alejandra Guerrero	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Teeona Onjalique Hall	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Stephanie Julianne Hamel.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Katelyn Deanne Hassencahl	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Family Nurse Practitioner
Elizabeth Megan Helton	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Roblee James Hughes III.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Jed A. Hyde.....	MBA Management
Morgan Jenkins.....	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
David Roy Knapp.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Tiffany Diane La Com	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Holly Loa	MSW Social Work [Mental Health and Practice in Social Work]
Ivorie Nicole Mayes.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Brenda J. McColpin.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Candace McFarlane	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Katelyn Anne Merren.....	MBA Marketing Management
Elizabeth Milan.....	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Eliezer Nunez	MBA Healthcare Administration
Maria Adriana Ortiz	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Janel Gaston Oxford.....	MBA Management
Erin Alicia Parra	MBA Healthcare Administration
Rebecca Ray Patrick	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Janet R. Poles.....	MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Taylor Samantha Rae Roberts ..	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner; Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Kent Robertson.....	MBA Customized
Cody Lee Robinson-Bullock.....	MS Global Community Development
Suma Sangma.....	MS Global Community Development
Matthew Jonathan Smith.....	MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bianca Shaunice Stafford	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Stephanie Jerussa Supriyadi.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]

Teanna Pi'ilani Taka	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Stephen Tolan.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Alexandria Kyle Wilga-Day.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Pamela Y. Williams	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Rebecca Gibson Woods	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]

The commencement program does not constitute an official list of the summer graduates.

GUEST GRADUATE

UNIVERSIDAD ADVENTISTA DE LAS ANTILLAS

Whitney Brailsford.....	BSN Nursing
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HONOR CORDS



- Gold Cord—*Summa Cum Laude*—3.90+ GPA
- Silver Cord—*Magna Cum Laude*—3.75-3.89 GPA
- Green Cord—*Cum Laude*—3.50-3.74 GPA

ACADEMIC REGALIA



The color of the velvet trim on the hood represents the area of study. The color of the silk lining represents the university that conferred the degree. The color of the tassel represents the degree of the undergraduate.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Outdoor Leadership	Russet
Business	Drab	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Communication.....	Crimson	Public Admin./Foreign Service	Peacock
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work	Citron
Music.....	Pink	Software Engineering.....	Orange
Nursing.....	Apricot	Theology	Scarlet

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Undergraduate Graduates — 50 (one has two degrees)
Master's Graduates — 42 (three have two emphases)

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology and Medical Technology	3	Nursing.....	8
Business/Technology	1	Physical Education, Health and Wellness...	1
Education and Psychology	2	Religion.....	2
English.....	1	Social Work	1
Music.....	1		

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology and Allied Health.....	1	Nursing.....	29
General Studies.....	1		

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOLS

Business	6	Global Community Development.....	3
Education and Psychology		Nursing.....	8
Counseling	1	Social Work	23
Education	1		
Outdoor Teacher Education	3		

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND



October 25-28, 2018

Featured Honor Classes: 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2008
Theme: His Strength, Our Unity

Highlights: Guest speaker – Pierre Monice, '07
Parade of Nations vespers pageant featuring international costumes and flags
Gym-Masters Reunion with past and present gymnasts performing together
Golden Anniversary Class of 1968 reunion

More information for these and other scheduled activities is available online at southern.edu/alumni.