

# Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## UNIVERSITY PROGRAM ENCOURAGING LUNCHTIME INTERACTION WITH COWORKERS, STUDENTS WORTH MORE THAN \$100,000

The Student Faculty Fellowship Initiative, a program encouraging employees to eat with students or coworkers by paying for their meals, is about to complete its second year. The last day for the program is May 10. Administrators will decide if the initiative can continue in the fall pending budget discussions over the summer. This year, roughly 16,500 meals were provided at a value approaching \$115,000.

Many employees have shared how they have benefited from this fellowship time. Below are some messages of appreciation from faculty and staff.

“Because of this program, I was able to make every Wednesday a day to catch up with a student over lunch. It was such a blessing to pray, dine, and experience the fringe benefits of getting to know this community better. Thank you, again!” —Kendra Lee

“This lunch program has had a positive impact on my interactions with students, faculty, and staff. These opportunities outside the classroom changed the way we relate to one another in a very positive way.” —Michael Hasel

“Lunch at the cafeteria has proven a wonderful place to dialogue with students in an informal environment and to



Michael Hasel, professor in the School of Religion, shares lunch with a student. Photo by Nathan Sturgess.

build relationships with colleagues from all over campus. Thank you so much for encouraging and supporting these interactions.” —Cheryl Des Jarlais

“This program has allowed me to better acquaint myself with colleagues from other disciplines. I have also enjoyed rubbing shoulders with former and current students, and touching base with advisees.” —Faith Laughlin

“This program has been extremely beneficial on a number of different levels. Student interaction has become more of a daily activity, moving contact beyond the classroom. Thank you so much for this program!” —Adrienne Royo

“I also want to voice my appreciation for this incredible gift. The lunch program has taken us out of our silos and provided opportunities for meaningful interactions with fellow employees and students!” —Cheryl Martin

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Six students from the School of Journalism and Communication presented original research and/or rhetorical criticisms April 10-14 at the Undergraduate Honors Conference of the Southern States Communication Association in Louisville, Kentucky. Linda Crumley and Tara Hargrove led the group and also presented at the conference.

## PERSONAL NEWS

“Congratulations to Ryan and Debbie Harrell on the arrival of their newest family member, Luke Titus. He was born Easter Sunday. Blessings to baby, mom, dad, and big brother, Benjamin.”

—Online Campus Team

## HATS OFF!

“A special thank you to Becky Djernes, Marty Hamilton, Fred Turner, and Plant Services for the excellent job on our new first-floor workroom in Hackman Hall. It is in full operation now and being enjoyed by all!

—School of Religion

“I wish to thank the faculty and staff of the School of Religion, and the many students who gave their love and support during the recent critical illness and eventual death of my much-beloved sister, Elise. Your love was sustaining to us, and your support enabled Clarise, Januwoina, and I to be with my sister full time the last three days of her life. That was a great comfort to us. Even so, come Lord Jesus.”

—John Nixon

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**René Drumm** presented a series of talks March 28–April 1 on God’s design building family strengths at the Victoria Conference Camp Meeting in Australia. She also made a presentation on sexual abuse at the Andrews University Summit for Social Consciousness on April 13. This year, the summit’s theme was “Human Sex Trafficking: The Sale of Innocence.”

**Ray Hefferlin**, undergraduate student Jonathan Sackett, and Jeremy Tatum from the University of Victoria had their article, “Systematics and Prediction in Franck-Condon Factors,” published as a chapter in *Quantum Systems in Chemistry and Physics*.

**Julie Hyde** presented “Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Compliance for Federal Grants to U.S. Counties” to the Chattanooga chapter of the Association of Government Accountants on March 26.

**Alfredo Suzuki**, visiting professor in the Physics and Engineering Department, had an article published in *Physical Review D*, and two articles in the *American Institute of Physics Conference Proceedings*.

**Adrienne Royo** will be a team leader for Southern’s ERC Guatemala-North Evangelistic Series on May 8-26 in Totonicapán, Guatemala.

**Vinita Sauder** received a magazine writing award at the Associated Church Press Convention “Best of the Christian Press Awards,” in Indianapolis on April 4. Her article appeared in the *Journal of Adventist Education* and was titled “Providing Our Youth with Access and Opportunity to Attend Adventist Colleges.”

**Jan Haluska** received the Legacy Award from Georgia-Cumberland Academy’s Class of 1978 during its recent alumni weekend. The prize recognizes a faculty member whose influence has been the most meaningful to an honored class.

### Marketing and University Relations

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## BIRTHDAYS

May 1	<b>Gordon Bietz</b> , President’s Office <b>Richard Erickson</b> , Business and Mngmnt. <b>Emily Kay</b> , Enrollment
May 2	<b>Pam Ahlfeld</b> , Nursing <b>Pat Coverdale</b> , Human Resources <b>Ray Hefferlin</b> , Physics <b>Gary Shockley</b> , Village Market <b>Melissa Tortal</b> , Service Learning <b>Tami Wery</b> , Records and Advisement
May 3	<b>Ray Artigas</b> , Transportation Services <b>Becky Djernes</b> , Financial Administration <b>Shawn Haas</b> , Campus Safety <b>Joe La Com</b> , Visual Art and Design <b>Kara Patmon</b> , Campus Safety <b>Kelly Sanchez</b> , Computing
May 4	<b>Tricia Foster</b> , Social Work <b>Richard Halterman</b> , Computing <b>Thaddeus Lozensky</b> , Food Services <b>Stanley Cottrell</b> , McKee Library <b>Tara Hargrove</b> , Journalism and Comm.
May 5	<b>Doru Mihaescu</b> , Information Systems
May 6	<b>Eric Baerg</b> , Advancement
May 7	<b>Julie Norton</b> , Chaplain’s Office
May 9	<b>Kevin Penrod</b> , Campus Safety <b>Shirley Rumsey</b> , University Health Center <b>Jackie Rose</b> , Village Market
May 11	<b>Mikhaile Spence</b> , Education and Psyc.
May 12	<b>Peter Cooper</b> , Music
May 15	<b>Steve French</b> , Education and Psyc. <b>Kevin Pride</b> , Talge
May 16	<b>Steve Holley</b> , Plant Services <b>Shelly Kalvoda</b> , Village Market
May 17	<b>Lisa Kuhlman</b> , Business and Mngmnt. <b>Carolyn Liers</b> , Advancement
May 20	<b>Pam Dietrich</b> , Student Services
May 21	<b>Lorraine Ball</b> , Journalism and Comm. <b>Jackie Price-Walters</b> , Food Services <b>Ron Miller</b> , McKee Library
May 22	<b>Mary Sundin</b> , Accounting Services
May 25	<b>Lisa Hall</b> , Thatcher
May 27	<b>John Holley</b> , Village Market
May 28	<b>Holly Gadd</b> , Nursing
May 31	