

Southern Factor

September 2014

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Governor's Office Honors Southern for Healthy Campus

Southern Adventist University recently received the 2014 Governor's Healthier Tennessee Workplace award for meeting all 32 of the state program's requirements, and for being an involved community advocate for wellness.

Southern's adherence to traditional Adventist health and lifestyle standards on campus meant many of the simpler "healthy workplace" criteria, including vegetarian meals and an alcohol- and smoke-free environment, were already deeply embedded into the core of the university. A sample of additional areas where Southern excelled were health-related lunch and learn programs, employee participation in group activities such as intramurals, and the availability of hiking and biking paths.

"At Southern we don't just promote being active and fit, but look at health in a more holistic way," said Robert Benge, chair of the Employee Wellness Committee and dean for the School of P.E., Health, and Wellness. "We're intentional about what we're trying to do here on campus."



2014
Healthier Tennessee
Workplace

David Edwards, director of project implementation for the Governor's Healthier Tennessee Workplace program, was so impressed with Southern that he expressed an interest in featuring the university on his group's website as a partner with the state for promoting healthier living in Tennessee.

And while the Adventist health message does place an emphasis on physical well-being, there is a

pragmatic purpose for all the time and energy Southern spends providing these benefits to employees.

"We definitely want people to live a long, healthy life," Benge said. "But another reason this is important is that the healthier you are in the workplace, the more productive you're going to be!"

The university's care and concern extend beyond simply their own employees; there are special health perks for spouses and children of faculty and staff also. For example, since June 2012, Southern has provided complimentary membership to the Hulsey Wellness Center—including the pool, weight room, gymnasium, and everything in between—for all employees and their families.

"This has been a blessing not only to me but to my husband and kids, too," said Kendra Stanton Lee, professor in the School of Journalism and Communications. "I am forever grateful for this benefit."

For more information about award, visit healthiertn.com.

-Ashley Rich

PRESIDENT BIETZ "ACCEPTS" ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

After being challenged by the Enrollment staff at Walla Walla University, Southern's Enrollment Services team (followed by an unsuspecting Gordon Bietz) participate in the ALS fundraiser that's gone viral on social media and generated more than \$94 million toward finding a cure for Lou Gehrig's Disease. Click on the image to watch the video.



A week after the dousing, a dry and appreciative Bietz offered this assessment: "I understand that it is only by giving that we get—but ice water?"

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Are you ready for reunions, inspirational music and sermons, social and professional networking opportunities, adventurous field trips, educational lectures and exhibits, delicious food, and hands-on workshops? Plan now to participate in Alumni Homecoming Weekend scheduled for October 23-26. Departments all across campus are developing plans to involve more alumni and students in a variety of meaningful activities throughout the weekend. Alumni truly look forward to visiting with faculty and staff during this time, and they come back expecting to see us here. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with friends and family. Mark your calendars now and plan to be involved! To learn more, visit [Alumni Relations](#).

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Consider using a Lights Volunteer to assist with organizing, data entry, research projects, inventory, or other supportive roles! Our volunteer pool includes a wide variety of various educational backgrounds, interests and skills. If you would like to meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Robberson** to discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your department this upcoming school year, please call x2555 to set up an appointment.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Michael Cafferky presented at two conferences in August. At the Academy of Management Teaching and Learning Conference he presented a paper titled "Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall: Using Children's Words to Teach Management." At the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) International Convention he presented a seminar titled "Motivating Employees: Biblical Record and Contemporary Research."

Loren Barnhurst, **Mitch Menzmer**, and **Brent Hamstra** all attended the 23rd Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at Grand Valley State University held August 3-7. Barnhurst presented "Mental Hooks: Creative Techniques to Enhance Retention of Key Concepts in Organic Chemistry" and "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down: Predicting Electrocyclic Reaction Stereochemistry." Menzmer presented "Kinetics of Cyclohexenyl Cation Formation; An Ideal Experiment for Physical Chemistry or Advanced Organic Chemistry Lab."

Two wildlife photos taken by **Diane Proffitt** were accepted and posted on the [Tennessee Watchable Wildlife Gallery](#) for August. Both were taken on Southern's campus; a barn swallow and its family at Wood Hall and a brown thrasher in front of Florida Hospital Hall.

Carlos Parra presented a paper titled, "Imaginario colonial y realidad indigena en 'Yawar Fiesta' de J.M. Arguedas" at the XI Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana (JALLA 2014) held at the Universidad Nacional-Facultad de Filosofia y Letras in Costa Rica August 4-8.

Rick Norskov and **Tim Trott** attended the 15th Annual Nuts and Bolts Research Methods Symposium at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on August 15.

Judy Sloan and **Harold Mayer** gave presentations at the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-12.

Christopher Carey gave a presentation titled "Cultivation and Major Gifts" at the International Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, last month. He serves on PSI's Advisory Board.

HATS OFF!

Every morning at 7:15, all Plant Services employees and student workers come together for worship. Many employees graciously volunteer to lead out in worship for a week at a time. Because student workers are here every morning during the summer months, many of them volunteered for a week of worship as well. This summer, we were blessed to see our students take an active role in spiritual leadership where they shared not only God's Word, but their own experiences. Our deep appreciation goes out to the following students: David Donaldson, Tina DeClerk, Zach Myers, Andrew Donesky, Omar Rodriguez, Jay Delgado, Eliseo Sanchez, Joe Ellis, Alena Roberts, Jonathan Santucci, and Kristen Robinson.

-Sherry Heming

Thank you, **Keith Snyder**! An alum recently shared how much he enjoyed you as a professor and was impressed with the understanding you demonstrate to students. You make our work in philanthropy such a joy.

-Christopher Carey

Thank God for professors such as **Michael Hasel** and **Martin Klingbeil**. Their presentation at Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries International Convention this month was inspiring. If you haven't heard the latest about their discoveries and answers to prayer while excavating the ancient biblical city of Tel Lachish this summer, be sure to inquire.

-Christopher Carey

PERSONAL NEWS

Brian Henning, '04, and his wife, Heather, '04, joyfully announce the arrival of their beautiful baby girl on May 8. Allison Kenzie weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was 19.25 inches long. Proud grandparents include Doug and **Cheri Durst**, and Linda and **Volker Henning**. Allison is also loved by her great grandparents, Larry and Eleanor Hanson, Lorraine Alonzo, Jeannie Tallman, and Russell Durst, who reside in Michigan, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cristy Pratt and her husband, Shawn, welcomed Xander de Souza Pratt on August 6 at 2:08 pm. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches long.

Ben Thornton hiked 91 miles on the Appalachian Trail this summer across Smokey Mountain National Park with his daughter, Breanna, and a friend, Adrian Sarli. Breanna is a violin performance major at Southern and will be spending this next year in Thailand helping Adventist Frontier Missions start a Suzuki school of music. Adrian, a biology major, will be going to Chad to work in a hospital.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Maribel Bowerman, admin. assistant, Student Services
Anna Romuald, associate chaplain, Chaplain's office
Sonja Fordham, writing center director, McKee Library
Kimberly Miller, ASSIST director, Enrollment Services
Ryan Roesel, energy mgt. technician, Plant Services
Nancy Daily, interim director, Risk Management

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Faye Steen, cashier clerk, Village Market
Gregory Scott Spicer, GymKids, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Emily Kurlinski, office manager, WSMC
Verna Dickerson, cashier clerk, Village Market

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

SACS and federal regulations require that the university records complaints received and works to make sure they are responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. If you receive a complaint, please share the information (and your response) by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository." Your efforts here help us watch for trends where the university can improve services provided.

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We welcome your comments and news.
Please contact us:
news@southern.edu or 236.2689

BIRTHDAYS

September 1 **Teri Reutebuch**, Chaplain's Office
Nick White, Audio Visual
September 2 **Zach Gray**, Visual Art and Design
September 3 **Justin Brooks**, Purchasing Services
Kathie Heydt, Thatcher Hall
September 4 **Leif Ramsey**, Visual Art and Design
September 5 **John Beckett**, Computer
September 6 **Frank Mirande**, Village Market
September 8 **Donald Martin**, McKee Library
September 10 **Tim Burgess**, Landscape Services
September 12 **Jason Bryner**, Marketing
Candy Reichert, Advancement
Timothy Roberts, Food Services
September 13 **Doug Brown**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Doug Frood, Financial Administration
Evie Nogales Baker, Social Work
September 14 **Andrea Anderson**, Campus Shop
Anna Montague, Architectural Services
September 15 **Tim Trott**, Biology Department
September 17 **Rick Anderson**, Enrollment Services
Kendra Lee, Journalism and Comm.
September 18 **Eric Schoonard**, Plant Services
September 19 **Michael Hasel**, Religion
September 21 **Monya Khan**, Academic Administration
Sharon Robberson, Advancement
September 22 **Norman Gulley**, Religion
Eve Knight, Academic Administration
September 23 **Jud Lake**, Religion
September 24 **Terry Evans**, Food Services
September 25 **Rachel Byrd**, English
Lindsay Wood, Advancement
September 26 **Maria Valenca**, Nursing
September 27 **Jan Cathey**, Chemistry
Judy Dedeker, Nursing
September 28 **Annette Heck**, Social Work
September 29 **Sukie Myers**, Campus Shop
Paula Walters, Enrollment