

Southern Factor

July 2015

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

University's GC Booth Transforms During Sabbath Hours

At each General Conference Session, Southern's booth offers attendees a chance to get acquainted with the university. This year, the booth will also give visitors a chance to commune with God.

During the two Sabbaths of the 2015 session, all brochures will be placed in storage and the booth will be transformed into a space for prayer and reflection. This new arrangement was designed primarily to honor God's day of rest.

"We didn't want to shut our space completely down for Sabbath," President Gordon Bietz said, "but we didn't want to 'sell' Southern during those sacred hours either."

To help create an atmosphere of reverence, curtains will be hung around the booth and visitors will be invited inside, where they can write prayer requests on dissolvable paper and drop them into a basin of circulating water. Booth hosts will take this time to pray with guests while distributing take-home Gratitude Boxes for written prayers.

"I believe this option will both honor God and bless attendees," Bietz said.

Although the booth's Sabbath con-



Top: Visitors on Sabbath may drop dissolvable prayer requests into a basin of water.

Bottom: Curtains will be hung for Sabbath to create a quiet, more reflective space.

version is this year's most anticipated feature, the weekday setup promises to be equally enticing.

Twelve faculty will travel to San Antonio, Texas, to set up, maintain, and work the booth for an estimated 40,000 people expected to roam the exhibit hall. Those who stop by Southern's booth will be treated to a copy of *Fenton Forest*, an illustrated book

of Bietz's classic parable tales, and an Ellen White magnet meant to encourage a look back at the extraordinary ways God has revealed Himself. Visitors will also get a chance to check out the Institute of Archaeology's display, which houses replicas of artifacts found during the Institute's excavations, and the Origins Center display, which showcases a dinosaur head and other program materials.

Employees representing Southern at the booth will not be the only ones from campus at GC. Bietz will be one of the 2,600 voting delegates expected to attend this year. He will weigh in on issues such as the suggested editorial changes to the Fundamental Beliefs—most notably the addition of a "literal six-day creation" phrase to the belief on Creation—and will spend a day discussing women's ordination. He will also vote on editorial changes to the Church Manual, such as the disciplinary protocol for sexual misconduct.

Please keep Southern's employees in your prayers as they represent the university and commune with Seventh-day Adventists from across the globe.

-Myron Madden



Employees managing Southern's booth for the GC Session in Texas include:

ADMINISTRATION

Dennis Negrón
Tom Verrill

ADMISSIONS

Ruben Covarrubias
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Laurie Gauthier
Marc Grundy

ADVANCEMENT

Evonne Crook
Geovanny Ragsdale

EVENT

COORDINATOR
Ingrid Skantz

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Ryan Pierce
Gary Sewell

SET UP/TAKE DOWN

COORDINATOR
Glen Wintermeyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JumpStart is a five-week intensive program offered July 19-August 24 for students in conditional standing. Southern provides tutoring for all subjects the students are enrolled in during the program. The university is in need of tutors for this summer, specifically for the Personal Finance and Earth Science courses. Please email **Januwoina Nixon**, director of Learning Support Services, if you would like more information about the program.



We-Haul starts this month. Your help is needed to give our students a real “Southern” welcome this summer! Employees, former employees, and alumni are invited to lend a helping hand with new student move-in activities scheduled at the residence halls on the following dates:

Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To volunteer, visit southern.edu/wehaul. For more information, call 423.236.2830.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Valerie Lee attended the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society conference in San Antonio, Texas, in May.

The Rotarian of the Year award for Chattanooga’s Hamilton Place Rotary Club was given to **Kari Shultz**. Club President Gina Crumbliss said “[Kari] does an enormous amount of work to keep our club running smoothly. She reminds me of that duck gliding across the water; everything looks so calm and collected on the surface, but you don’t see those feet kicking so hard below the water!”

Adrienne Royo and her father, Robert L. Wood, will be recognized by the Cuban Union for their contributions to the educational and construction work of Cuba. They have facilitated and contributed towards projects at the Adventist Theological Seminary in Havana, Cuba, and partnered with the Adventist church in Banos. The Cuban Union is hosting a rally and celebration for the way that God has been blessing Cuba through the talents and time contributed by multiple people and entities. This meeting will take place on July 8 at the 2015 General Conference Session. Please keep God’s work in this country in your prayers!

Ben McArthur published “A. G. Daniells and Lessons of Leadership” in the [spring issue](#) of *Adventist Today*.

Michael Cafferky published a [short story](#), “Finding My Father in a Story,” in *Insight Magazine*.

HATS OFF!

I want to express my appreciation to **Liane de Souza** and her husband, Celso, **Judy Sloan**, and **Edgar Alquinta** for their excellent spirit of service and missionary spirit manifested as supervisors in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico during ERC evangelistic trips this May. Those who want to participate in a 2016 trip should call x2035.

-Carlos Martin

I would like to commend **Braam Oberholster** for putting together an amazing China Study Tour. Oberholster is an outstanding trip leader--he is extremely organized. He created a full and rewarding itinerary and challenged us to think and learn in new ways regarding international business.

-Ingrid Skantz

I want to commend **Braam Oberholster** for his contribution to the Global Community Development Program. Oberholster has done an excellent job in challenging the GCD students to achieve excellence. At the African celebration service a few weeks ago, many of the students mentioned him by name as one of the best and most challenging professors in the program. These are the words we love to hear.

-Carl Swafford

I would like to thank **Lisa Kuhlman**, **Stephanie Sheehan**, and **Verlyne Starr** for redesigning our layout for the School of Business and Management office suite.

-Mark Hyder

I would like to thank **Dennis Steele** for his contribution to the alliance project between Southern, Southwestern Adventist University, and Union College. His contributions have led to another exchange of classes with Southwestern. -MH

I would like to thank **Mark Guild**, our newest faculty member in the School of Business and Management, for agreeing to design an international study tour of Europe as a shared business course with Southwestern and Union to be offered summer 2016. -MH

I would like to congratulate **Michael Cafferky** on his upcoming article for the *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business* titled “Sabbath: The Theological Roots of Sustainable Development.” -MH

I would like to thank **Verlyne Starr** for her coordination of the summer classes of the Long Term Care Administration program and the annual student luncheon with the executives of Life Care Centers of America. Her efforts have continued the positive relationship with this important sponsor of our Long Term Care Administration program. -MH

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I would like to thank **Robert Montague** for planning and hosting the True Education Symposium, which was held June 23-27 in Brock Hall Room. -MH

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

Mark Verbrigghe, supervisor, Landscape Services
Susan Allen, associate professor, School of Nursing
Elizabeth Scott, associate professor, School of Nursing
Mark Comberiate, Ledford Lighting Lab assistant,
School of Visual Art and Design
Luceta McRoy, associate professor, School of Business
and Management

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Tia Flanigan, supervisor, Food Services
Donna Watson, manager, Food Services
Greg Cook, director, Food Services
Jason Bryner, interactive development manager,
Marketing and University Relations
Deanna Moore, campus experience coordinator,
Enrollment Management

CHANGING POSITIONS:

Jennifer Enevoldson, from student employment
coordinator to payroll manager
Sherri Schoonard, from catering coordinator to
Food Services director

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Lights Volunteers are available to assist with organizing, data entry, inventory, and other supportive roles. If you would like to meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Robberson** to discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your school or department, please call x2555 and set up an appointment.

'SUCCESS STORY' LISTSERV

This spring, Southern created an email listserv for employees to share success stories (of students, staff, alumni, donors, etc) in variety of areas (academic, spiritual, financial, social, etc). Stories@lists.southern.edu is an important tool for collecting these testimonies. We need to remind others—and be reminded ourselves—about the numerous ways God has blessed Southern. Marketing and University Relations will take each story, categorize it, and includes it in a searchable and login-protected database that will, in the next few months, be found at southern.edu/stories. To be added to this listserv, email **Lucas Patterson**.

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Regulations require that the university records complaints and makes sure they are responded to in a timely manner. Share the concern by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository."

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 **Ben Thornton**, Biology
July 3 **Mark Comberiate**, Visual Art and Design
July 4 **Barry Tryon**, Religion
July 5 **Susan Landon**, Biology
Amanda Livanos, English
July 8 **Sandy Tucker**, Records and Advisement
July 10 **Scott Ball**, Music
Jonathan Paul Irwin, Information Systems
July 11 **Daniel Perez**, Religion
Linda Tym, English
July 13 **James Eason**, Village Market
Jeff Erhard, Talge Hall
July 14 **Leslie Evenson**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Richard Strickland, Plant Services
July 16 **Ben Wygal**, President's Office
July 17 **Danny Ford**, Plant Services
Gary Horinouchi, Audio Visual
July 20 **Jan Wittenberg**, Accounting Services
Josh Rhodes, Information Systems
Ellen Vitorino, Food Services
Joni Zier, Records and Advisement
July 21 **Dora Desamour**, Christian Service Program
Corneliu Rusu, Social Work
July 22 **Kerry Allen**, Nursing
Kim Sturm, Plant Services
July 23 **Lauree Fogg**, Student Success Center
July 24 **Joseph Cripe**, Plant Services
July 25 **Jon Wentworth**, Business
Todd Wever, Landscape Services
July 27 **Mark Antone**, Landscape Services
Sharon Rogers, Records and Advisement
July 28 **Bill Cruttenden**, Plant Services
Elaine Hayden, Education and Psychology
July 29 **Bonnie Freeland**, Nursing
Dwayne Gardner, Architectural Services
Doug Penner, Music

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