

THE INAUGURATION *of*
KEN SHAW, EDD

AS THE UNIVERSITY'S TWENTY-SEVENTH PRESIDENT

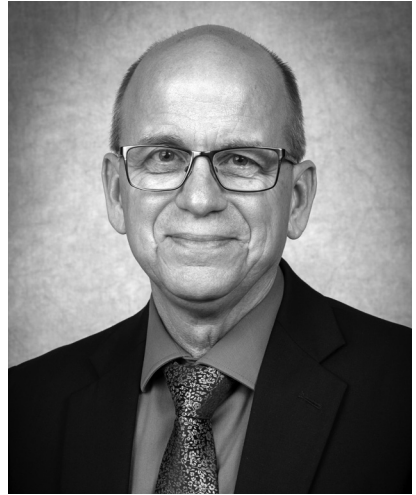


THURSDAY, THE THIRTIETH OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE

COLLEGE DALE CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

KEN SHAW, EdD

Ken Shaw, EdD, took office as the 27th president of Southern Adventist University on June 1, 2021. Having graduated from Southern in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, he is the first alum to serve as president. His wife, Ann, and their children, Kate and Martin, graduated from Southern as well. President Shaw also holds a doctorate in mathematics education from the University of Georgia and master's degree in mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University.



For the past seven years, President Shaw has led Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. Previously he worked at Florida State University for 25 years in various capacities, from assistant professor of mathematics education to campus dean of Florida State University Panama City and academic dean of the College of Applied Studies.

During his tenure at Southern, President Shaw looks forward to engaging with students, hearing their stories, and worshiping together. His goals include forging stronger connections with the local community and making Southern more affordable by growing the university's endowment. As a leader and mathematician, he values strategic thinking and analyzing metrics to optimize results. Additionally, he enjoys playing piano duets with his wife, traveling, sports—especially golf—and spending time with family.

ALUMNI PROCESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Supporting Ken Shaw as Southern's first alumni president, alumni representing the university's graduating decades are marching in the procession today.

Jan Rushing, '58
Inelda (Phillips) Hefferlin, '58
Representing 1950-1959

Barbara (Holland) Wear, '62
Bill McGhinnis, '69
Representing 1960-1969

Phil Garver, '70
Callie (Thatcher) McArthur, '73
Representing 1970-1979

John Hensen, '80
Linda Shriver-Buckner, '86
Representing 1980-1989

Shelli (Senior) Dietrich, '93
Eric Dunkel, '99
Representing 1990-1999

Christina Zaiback-Khabbaz, '07
Michael Looby, '09
Representing 2000-2009

Xenia Figueroa, '14
Moses Maier, '17
Representing 2010-2019

Delaney Harris, '20
Caleb Sutherland, '20
Representing 2020-present

INAUGURAL CONVOCATION

Processional *Overture* George Frideric Handel
from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Welcome and Invocation David Ferguson
Pastor of Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists

Greetings Various Representatives

Introduction of Speaker Vinita Sauder, PhD
President of Union College

Inaugural Address “This Is the Way, Walk in It” Ken Shaw, EdD
President of Southern Adventist University

Congregational Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God*. Johann Crüger

Prayer of Inauguration and Charge to Leadership Ron Smith, DMin, PhD
Chair of Southern Adventist University Board of Trustees
President of Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Musical Response *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter

Benediction Calvin Watkins
Vice President for Evangelism and Regional Liaison
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Recessional *La Réjouissance* George Frideric Handel
from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Grand Marshal: Keith Snyder, PhD
Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons
I Cantori Chamber Choir Conductor: Gennevieve Brown-Kibble, DMA
Organist: Judy Glass

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God, Johann Crüger

Text by Martin Rinkart

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God
the Father, now be given,
the Son and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JOHN BOSKIND, '93
Hendersonville, Tennessee

JEFFREY BROMME
Altamonte Springs, Florida

KARIN COVI, '81
Chattanooga, Tennessee

BRIAN DANESE, '89
Montgomery, Alabama

JIM DAVIDSON, Vice-chair
Norcross, Georgia

KEN DeFOOR, '71
Ooltewah, Tennessee

FRANKLIN FARROW, '93
Ooltewah, Tennessee

DAVID FERGUSON
Collegedale, Tennessee

DAVID FREEDMAN
Norcross, Georgia

STEVE HALEY, '83
Gallatin, Tennessee

KEITH HALLAM
Norcross, Georgia

HEATHER HILLIARD, '95
Apopka, Florida

DANNY HOUGHTON, '98
Lynden, Washington

A. DAVID JIMÉNEZ, '75
McDonald, Tennessee

BENJAMIN JONES JR., '01
Nashville, Tennessee

RUTH LIU
Ooltewah, Tennessee

LESLIE LOUIS, '73
Charlotte, North Carolina

ALLAN MACHADO
Altamonte Springs, Florida

MOSES MAIER, '17
Calhoun, Georgia

S. JACK McCLARTY, '99
Ooltewah, Tennessee

SCOTT McCLURE, '88
Silver Spring, Maryland

TODD McFARLAND, '97
Burtonsville, Maryland

BILL McGHINNIS (Emeritus), '69
Ooltewah, Tennessee

ELLSWORTH McKEE (Emeritus), '54
Collegedale, Tennessee

BARBARA CHASE McKINNEY, '81 and '85
Jacksonville, Florida

MICHAEL OWUSU
Mt. Dora, Florida

GORDON RETZER (Emeritus), '68
Tunnel Hill, Georgia

GARY RUSTAD, '00
Calhoun, Georgia

KEN SHAW, '80
Apison, Tennessee

RON SMITH, Chair
Norcross, Georgia

JEANETTE STEPANSKE
Ooltewah, Tennessee

DAN TURK, '85
Fort Collins, Colorado

CHRISTINE WALDROP, '92 and '14
Ooltewah, Tennessee

WILLIAM WINSTON
Stone Mountain, Georgia

DOUGLAS ZINKE, '95
Ashton, Maryland

PAST PRESIDENTS

Graysville Academy

George W. Colcord 1892-1896

Southern Industrial School

William Thomas Bland 1896-1898

Charles Walter Irwin 1898-1900

N. W. Lawrence 1900-1901

J. Ellis Tenney 1901-1904

Southern Training School

J. Ellis Tenney 1904-1908

Marshall B. Van Kirk 1908-1912

C. L. Stone 1912-1914

Lynn H. Wood 1914-1915

A. N. Atteberry 1915-1916

Southern Junior College

Leo F. Thiel 1916-1918

Lynn H. Wood 1918-1922

Leo F. Thiel 1922-1925

Henry H. Hamilton 1925-1927

Marion E. Cadey 1927

Henry J. Klooster 1927-1937

John C. Thommpson 1937-1942

Denton E. Rebok 1942-1943

Kenneth A. Wright 1943-1944

Southern Missionary College

Kenneth A. Wright 1944-1955

Thomas W. Walters 1955-1958

Conard N. Rees 1958-1967

Wilbert M. Schneider 1967-1971

Frank A. Knittel 1971-1982

Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists

Frank A. Knittel 1982-1983

John Wagner 1983-1986

Donald R. Sahly 1986-1996

Southern Adventist University

Donald R. Sahly 1996-1997

Gordon Bietz 1997-2016

David C. Smith 2016-2021

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

- 1892 School founded in Graysville with 23 students.
- 1893 Graysville Academy administration building constructed. Enrollment reaches 120.
- 1915 Women's dormitory burns in February.
- 1916 School moves to Thatcher farm. Male students live in tents first three winters.
- 1919 Electricity installed on campus.
- 1924 Lynn Wood Hall built.
- 1934 Tabernacle built on site now occupied by Hickman Science Center.
- 1936 Southern Junior College gains accreditation with Southern Association.
- 1940 First PhD faculty member hired.
- 1946 A.G. Daniells Memorial Library built. Southern Missionary College awards first baccalaureate.
- 1950 Southern accredited as a four-year college. Hackman Hall built to hold sciences.
- 1954 Harold Miller Hall built for music.
- 1955 Student Park created.
- 1957 McKee Bakery moves to Collegedale to provide student employment.
- 1959 WSMC issued FM license.
- 1961 New Talge Hall built as women's dorm.
- 1964 Enrollment exceeds 1,000.
- 1965 Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists built, and Physical Education Center opens.
- 1967 Wright Hall built.
- 1968 New Thatcher Hall built.
- 1970 McKee Library opened.
- 1971 Summerour Hall built.
- 1976 Herin Hall built to house nursing.
- 1979 First Strawberry Festival slideshow held.
- 1981 Southern Scholars honors program starts. Mabel Wood Hall opens.
- 1983 First endowed chair established.
- 1984 Brock Hall dedicated.
- 1985 Garden of Prayer dedicated.
- 1986 WSMC begins 24-hour broadcasting.
- 1987 Promenade walkway completed.
- 1989 Tabernacle burns.
- 1990 Lynn Wood Hall renovated.
- 1992 Centennial celebrated, including mention on NBC's Today Show.
- 1994 Internet access becomes available at more than 150 workstations.
- 1995 Employee wellness program gets gold Well Workplace Award.
- 1996 Southern Adventist University becomes school's new name. Education master's classes begin.
- 1997 Hickman Science Center dedicated. Master's degrees in religion and counseling added.
- 1998 First graduate degrees awarded.
- 1999 University of Arizona Centennial Archaeology Collection donated to Southern.
- 2000 Master's degree in nursing added. Undergraduate enrollment jumps 12 percent.
- 2001 Students have the option of earning a Southern master's degree in business entirely online.
- 2002 Two additional Southern Village apartments constructed.
- 2003 New addition to Talge Hall under construction.
- 2004 Grand opening of the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum hosted.
- 2005 Student Park cave reopens to public, managed by the Outdoor Education program.
- 2006 200,000 fossils donated to Southern's Biology Department.
- 2007 School of Business accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.
- 2009 Hulsey Wellness Center completed.
- 2010 Enrollment eclipses 3,000 students for first time in school's history.
- 2011 Florida Hospital Hall (now AdventHealth Hall) completed to house School of Nursing.
- 2012 Origins Exhibit opens in Hickman Science Center. First doctoral-level classes offered.
- 2013 Vegetarian Culinary Arts begins.
- 2014 Summerour Hall reopens after extensive renovations. WSMC launches online, faith-based station.
- 2015 School of Nursing summer cohort begins.
- 2016 100th anniversary of the school's move from Graysville to Collegedale celebrated.
- 2017 125th anniversary of the institution's existence.
- 2018 25th year of serving the community on MLK Day.
- 2019 First physical therapist assistant students accepted. New mission, vision, and values statements voted.
- 2021 Bietz Center for Student Life opens.