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Southern Student Recognized for Innovation

This fall, a Southern Adventist University student beat out professional competition to be recognized by Chattanooga's technology community for his invention. Caleb Sutherland, junior business management major, earned a place as one of three finalists for the Chattanooga Technology Council's annual Early Innovator Award.

Sutherland's invention, a lung isolation tube (LIT), is a Class II medical device designed to treat pneumothorax and tension-pneumothorax (a punctured lung, usually caused by a traumatic injury). Sutherland had become a certified emergency medical technician in Alaska at 18, which opened his eyes to the need for such a device. After his discussion with a paramedic from Washington who had also noticed the need, the two collaborated to develop the initial idea for a solution.

Before Sutherland's invention, the standard method of treatment for pneumothorax provided very temporary relief. Inspired by methods employed in the military, he created a tube, specifically for this condition, that can be inserted and inflated so the patient is completely stabilized. With the help of two medical

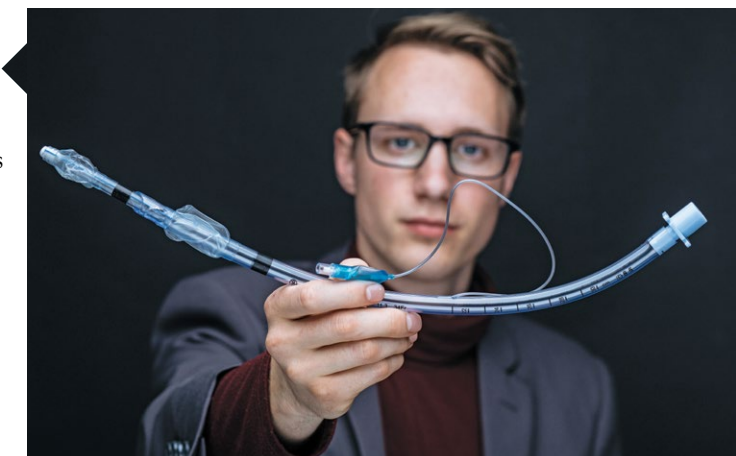
advisers, Sutherland patented his device this summer and started a company called LIT Devices. Soon afterward, his lawyer nominated him for the Early Innovator Award.

The Chattanooga Technology Council considered about a dozen innovations for the award, mostly by larger companies, but the decision was not straightforward.

"We are always comparing apples, oranges, and grapefruits," said Executive Director Carla Askonas. "However, the committee definitely found it interesting that Caleb is still a student."

As a finalist, Sutherland was invited to attend the Spirit of Innovation Award luncheon, where he was able to network and connect with other local businesses.

"The nomination itself has brought about so many different opportunities that I wouldn't have had otherwise," Sutherland said. "The recognition and awareness that being a finalist has brought my company has been incredible."



Although he did not win the award, Sutherland is excited to take the next steps toward marketing his invention. He is in talks with several different investors and manufacturers as well as innovation officers from Blue Cross Blue Shield Tennessee.

"What I love is innovation," he said. "Things that are new; things that, in this case, very literally save lives; things that can benefit the world around us. I cannot wait to continue on this incredible journey!"

- Trisney Bocala

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19-25 Thanksgiving Break

27 Christmas Tree Lighting

Southern's annual tradition of ushering in the holiday season with an evening of music and tasty treats, 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Circle, free admission

30 FAFSA Deadline

Priority deadline for filing the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid

DEC 1 Christmas Pops Concert

Southern Wind Symphony, Ringtones, and Jazz Ensemble performance, 8 p.m. in Iles P.E. Center, free admission

7 PreviewSouthern

8 School of Music Christmas Concert

Special performance of the classic "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 4 p.m. in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists, free admission

10-13 Semester Exams

Visit southern.edu/administration/records/examschedule to see the Fall 2018 exam schedule.

14 Christmas Break Begins

Classes resume on January 7, 2019.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and
lean not on your own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:5

favorite Bible verse of Alva Johnson,
School of Journalism and Communication professor

SALT: Soul-winning And Leadership Training

Southern’s Soul-winning And Leadership Training program (SALT) has been giving students hands-on experience in witnessing since 2011. In partnership with It Is Written, this program also allows students to earn a Bible worker certificate while completing their degrees. The goal of SALT is to help students grow in their walk with God and in their witness to others.

Dan Catangay, freshman theology major, joined SALT after a friend recommended the program, and he’s already seeing the difference it has made both in his spiritual life and in his ability to connect with others.

“It’s a practical way for me to break out of my shell,” Catangay said. “I’m a complete introvert. But I’m getting to know new people, which I otherwise wouldn’t. We [the SALT students] are all very close.”

Catangay hopes he can apply what he is learning to his future career as a pastor and teach those in his church how to be good disciples of Christ.

“Our goal isn’t to convert people—it’s about building a connection with them,” he said. “We plant that seed, and then we let God do the rest.”

SALT is also open to those not working toward a degree. Jeremy Clark, a district manager for Gateway, Inc. from Missouri, says the program has taken his relationship with God to the next level.

“The programs have enhanced my personal devotional life, and I have seen God’s hand at work in complete strangers in a way that has grown my faith and allowed me to be a vessel for His work,” Clark said. “I think of

Matthew 5:13: ‘You are the salt of the earth.’ SALT is more than how to do evangelism; it teaches us how to stand for God and gives us real-world opportunities and training on how to effectively share the Gospel with others.”

- by Rachel Beaver



Meet the Student Association President:

An Interview with Rhidge Garcia,
junior theology major

Q: What motivated your decision to run for Student Association president?

A: I felt that God was impressing me to help students discover and use their God-given talents. I want to encourage them to grow in a closer relationship with Him. My mission is to help people know themselves so that they can know God. Sometimes people in high positions can seem intimidating, but I want to break that barrier by investing in people through personal conversations. I want to help other students with any problems they have, big or small.



Q: How do you balance your commitments as president on top of taking classes?

A: The biggest way that I am able to have balance is spending intentional time with God every day. I learned from the example of Solomon that making decisions is easier when you come to God and ask for wisdom. He promises to help answer our questions if we seek His guidance.

Q: Can you name a person who has influenced you as a leader?

A: Following the example of Christ has inspired me, but I feel I’m still growing and learning as a leader. The SA cabinet also inspires me to become a better leader, because they work hard.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?

A: I’ll be the associate pastor of a church in the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. I plan to take with me the skills I have learned in leadership positions at Southern, and I want to continue investing in people.

Enhancing the College Experience

Southern strives to help students feel supported as they navigate rigorous course work. While it is important to study hard, college is also an excellent time to make lasting memories and friendships. Students who are involved in organizations and activities outside the classroom typically have more fulfilling experiences. Following are several ways students can enrich their time at Southern:

Student Organizations

There are more than 40 clubs and organizations on campus. Students can join a club related to their academic department or major, favorite hobby or skill, or even culture and background. These organizations hold several events throughout the year, giving students opportunities to meet new people and get involved. A list can be found at southern.edu/clubs.

Leadership Roles

Students in leadership roles have the rewarding experience of improving student life on campus. There are several organizations through which students can become campus leaders, including the Student Association, Campus Ministries, and the residence halls.

Intramural Participation

More than half of the student body participates in intramurals each year, a program that organizes a variety of sports leagues and competitions. Along with encouraging students to be physically active, the university’s intramurals program creates an environment for social and recreational enrichment with a Christian approach. For details, visit southern.edu/intramurals.

Trips, Tours, and Group Outings

Making college memories is not restricted to campus; the majority of Southern students come from out of state, so they have the opportunity to explore Chattanooga and other surrounding locations. Southern provides many opportunities to go on school-sponsored study tours, music tours, and conventions.

“While my classes gave me knowledge, the additional activities outside the classroom have given me the opportunity to build relationships with people who have shaped me,” said Alexandra Dye, senior public relations and graphic design major. “Though I’ve enjoyed my academic experience, I’ve noticed that the changes I’m most proud of occurred while I was out doing things.”

President of Northern Peruvian Union Takes Classes on Campus

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Southern is growing in diversity, welcoming students not only from the United States but also from a growing list of countries. This fall, Southern is hosting a special international guest; Bill Quispe, the current president of the Northern Peruvian Union of Seventh-day Adventists, is on campus for six weeks attending ESL classes.

Although the university is nearly 3,300 miles from Quispe’s home in Lima, Peru, he decided to enroll after the South American Division recommended that he come to Southern. He is taking a variety of courses that cover reading, writing, and grammar.

The ESL program helps students whose native language is not English develop the writing and speaking skills needed for success in an English-language academic program. While Quispe is not in pursuit of a degree, Southern is helping him reach his personal English-learning goals. Quispe’s wife and two children came with him to Tennessee; while they are not officially enrolled in any classes, they occasionally accompany him to his tutoring sessions, picking up pieces of the language.

“I am always impressed by how well the ESL students fit in, especially Pastor Quispe,” said Laurie Stankavich, associate professor of English, who manages the ESL program. “I admire his willingness to come here, because it must be hard to leave a country where you have a high position to come struggle with basic communication among college students.”

While he knew essentially no English when he arrived, Quispe now estimates that he has reached approximately 20 percent fluency and is aiming for 40 percent before he leaves. He feels blessed to have an abundance of resources available to him through Southern’s ESL program.

When asked about the most difficult part of learning English, Quispe said, “Pronunciation. Nothing is easy, but I am lucky to have great teachers.”

- by Trisney Bocala





Meet the Firms

AND GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Students gathered in Iles P.E. Center to learn about potential internships, jobs, and graduate programs. They handed out resumés while networking with businesses from the Chattanooga area and beyond.





LAC NIGHT

CELEBRATING
TOGETHER

The Latin American Club (LAC) hosted a night of cultural celebration in Iles P.E. Center with food and music as well as the club's rendition of the Broadway musical "In the Heights."

