Summerour Hall boasts a beautiful new face as its renovation nears completion.

Southern was approached about renovating Summerour Hall a few years ago by a member of the Summerour family. “This dialogue, along with their interest in helping, sparked plans to renovate and expand the current building,” said Christopher Carey, vice president for advancement. These plans were put into motion in the summer of 2011 when the School of Education and Psychology (SEP) moved to Herin Hall, its temporary home during the overhaul. The much-needed renovations and expansions are nearing completion, and the faculty, staff, and students will return to the new and improved Summerour Hall in May.

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From the Dean’s Desk

It has been a long, cold winter, even here in Collegedale! Snow days, hot chocolate for our students, and a slow spring have created a different atmosphere here on campus. The seniors aren’t the only ones filled with anticipation as we wait for spring to arrive. The faculty members of the School of Education and Psychology are eager to get into their newly renovated building, Summour Hall. The weeks of May 5 and 12 have been set aside as moving-in days, as the updates and renovations will be completed.

I am thrilled to announce that we successfully raised the funds needed to purchase the digital touch screen and the statue of Jesus with the college student. The touch screen has been purchased and is being programmed. The statue is being created in a studio in Atlanta, and installation will take place in late summer or early fall. A heartfelt thank you to the many donors to the “I Am the Way” project, which is sure to leave a lasting, spiritual impression on all who see it.

We wish our graduates success as they pursue the careers for which they have been most excellently trained. Almost weekly I hear about the accomplishment of a graduate of ours who has found his/her niche in the field of his or her study. We certainly welcome these stories and wish to hear more, perhaps from our new batch of graduates. God’s blessing to each one.

Reynolds Symposium
The Next Generation: Will It Be Adventist?
Mining the Adventist Connection Study

Working toward the mission of using research and training events to further the development of religious values in education, the Reynolds’ steering committee and chair Cheryl Des Jarlais, associate professor of education, organized the first Reynolds Symposium on September 21, 2013. The Reynolds Honor Chair was established for the purpose of enhancing Christian concepts of education in honor of Maurine Reynolds’ parents, Clarence and Elva Reynolds.

The Reynolds Symposium was designed to be a venue for interdisciplinary discussion of qualitative data from the Adventist Connection Study. Overseen by the Pierson Institute, this research project examines how young adults perceive the church and choose to identify themselves as Adventist. The Adventist Connection Study focuses on the millennial generation and currently includes extensive data from graduates of Southern, Oakwood University, and Pacific Union College.

The Reynolds Symposium featured interdisciplinary answers to the question “How and why are our Adventist young people connecting with or disconnecting from the church?” The collaborative forum offered a venue for scholars from a variety of backgrounds to examine data, integrate it with other research, and discuss practical implications.

Along with panel-led group discussions, speakers gave short, interactive presentations on their scholarly papers addressing the guiding question. At the close, a youth panel offered their views on youth spiritual development and their relationship to the church.

“We were very pleased with the turnout; approximately 90 people attended,” said Shanni Corros, the counseling graduate assistant who aided Des Jarlais in coordinating the symposium. Based on this success, Des Jarlais hopes to further develop and expand for a second Reynolds Symposium in the future.

The papers presented at the Reynolds Symposium were also shared in November 2013 at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Anyone interested in obtaining an electronic or paper-bound copy of these papers is invited to visit www.southern.edu/edpsych.
Looking up from the promenade, one can’t help but admire the dramatic changes to Summerour Hall. The expanded face of the building now showcases impressive two-story tall glass windows and stately columns. The windows and columns are illuminated by light at night, and although unplanned, these lights create a series of crosses that reflect the school’s commitment to serving in Christ’s example.

Colorful plantings accentuating the porch and tall columns of the entrance are part of Mark Antone’s vision for landscaping. Antone, director of Landscape Services, said his goal is for the landscaping to accent the beautiful new exterior of Summerour Hall. To this end, the outdoor space around Summerour Hall is now maximized with a patio, porches, and wider stairs and walkways. A garden will showcase a bronze sculpture of Jesus and a student, called I Am the Way.

Arranged by program area: education, outdoor education, psychology, and counseling. This increased space is made possible by expansion on both sides of the building. Also, a newly installed elevator improves the building’s accessibility.

The Teaching Material’s Center (TMC) and the counseling suite are two areas with especially dramatic upgrades after the renovation. On the second floor, the TMC is now showcased by floor-to-ceiling windows that look out across campus. The TMC is also equipped with additional space that will enhance the resources it offers to professors, students, and teachers in the community. The renovated counseling suite offers four counseling rooms designed to accommodate individuals, groups, families, and play therapy with children, all with faculty supervisors’ offices nearby. A private entrance and reception area will provide a comfortable atmosphere for clients from Southern and the community.

Becky Djernes, interior design coordinator, worked with faculty and staff as they selected their individual color schemes. In line with her mission statement, to honor God by creating quality environments that augment learning, ignite creativity, promote wellness, and enhance social opportunities, Djernes aims for the interior design of Summerour Hall to turn each student’s focus to the Master Teacher. Djernes said she prays that “everyone who walks these halls will get a clearer glimpse of Jesus and will be inspired to place their faith and trust in Him.”

The I Am the Way Jesus sculpture and a digital touchscreen are special touches to Summerour Hall. The digital touchscreen in the entryway will offer directions on- and off-campus, information about student missionaries, and a list of donors. Funds for the Jesus sculpture and the digital touchscreen were supplied by generous donations from alumni and friends of SEP.

The Summerour Hall ribbon cutting is scheduled in April 2014. Faculty, staff, and students are excited to return to the new and improved Summerour Hall in May and are looking forward to utilizing the enhanced training opportunities and resources.
School of Education and Psychology

2014 Spring Graduates

Photos courtesy of Southern Memories, Southern’s website, and graduates

Name: Roger Alvarez
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Miami, FL
Future Plans: Work for Vikus and pursue my master’s degree.

Name: Sarah Bonet
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: High Springs, FL
Future Plans: Work in elementary schools then get a master’s degree in special ed or counseling.

Name: Rich Clark
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: Lincoln, DE
Future Plans: Work as a middle school counselor then get my Ed.S. in school psychology.

Name: Callie Escarza
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Redlands, CA
Future Plans: Teach and travel.

Name: Amber Gathje
Major: M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Future Plans: I would love to be a foster parent and allow God to direct my path.

Name: Chelsea Glass
Major: Spanish Ed
Hometown: Barboursville, WV
Future Plans: Teach Spanish and then work toward a master’s degree in Spanish after I’ve taught for a year.

Name: Emmanuel Aragon
Major: Psychology
Hometown: San Francisco, CA
Future Plans: Take a year off to be an Au Pair in France before getting my master’s degree in counseling.

Name: Gabriela Bonilla
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Silver Spring, MD
Future Plans: Work at an elementary Adventist school in my home area.

Name: Austin Cole
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: Maryville, TN
Future Plans: Work in a high school as a guidance counselor, showing students love and acceptance.

Name: Destiney Farley
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Ooltewah, TN
Future Plans: Marry in May and move to Hawaii to get my Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Name: Nicole Fisher
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Mechanicsburg, PA
Future Plans: Pursue my career, advance, and live an adventurous life.

Name: Dustin Gold
Major: Music Ed
Hometown: Orlando, FL
Future Plans: Teach music.

Name: Haley Baker
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Boonsboro, MD
Future Plans: M.S. in Clinical Mental Health at Southern. After that, I would like to counsel abroad.

Name: Melissa Boyd
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Ooltewah, TN
Future Plans: Be a teacher who opens the hearts and eyes of young children to God’s creation.

Name: Shannon Corres
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: Loma Linda, CA
Future Plans: Enjoy the summer and find a job as a school counselor.

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Congratulations, Graduates!

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—Nelson Mandela

Name: Ashley Miller
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Future Plans: Teach in Hamilton County while pursuing my master’s in English.

Name: Allison Mitchell
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Tulsa, OK
Future Plans: Move back to the best part of the country: OKLAHOMA!

Name: Jamie Howell
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Niles, MI
Future Plans: Work in the Adventist school system, eventually go into the mission field.

Name: Carrie Jones
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Great Falls, MT
Future Plans: Get my master’s in counseling in Idaho.

Name: Christopher Hudson
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Knoxville, TN
Future Plans: University of Tennessee Chattanooga I-O psychology program.

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Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
Future Plans: Work as a school counselor in an elementary school.

Name: Cheryl McCray
Major: Psychology
Hometown: McDonald, TN
Future Plans: Marry in June and start my doctorate in psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Name: Kelly Li
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Hong Kong
Future Plans: Gain work experience before proceeding to graduate school.

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Name: Erica Keeton
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Name: Brittany Nelund
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Orlando, FL
Future Plans: Master's degree, work in an integrated practice, and be involved in research.

Name: Jasmine Quailey
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Queens, NY
Future Plans: Law school in the fall.

Name: Nichole Sampson
Major: Outdoor Leadership
Hometown: McDonald, TN
Future Plans: Find a job working outdoors, preferably with kids and/or animals.

Name: Wyntre Stout
Major: M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Hometown: Lenoir, NC
Future Plans: Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at Lehigh University

Name: Alyssa Vallieres
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Carmel, IN
Future Plans: A career in elementary education and foreign missions.

Name: Aubrey Wallin
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Centralia, WA
Future Plans: M.S. in school counseling, then dean of women at the academy or college level.

Name: Jashira Nieves
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Ooltewahs, TN
Future Plans: Marry the love of my life on June 15 and be a first-year teacher wherever God leads.

Name: Conrad Reichert
Major: M.S.Ed., Outdoor Education
Hometown: Berrien Springs, MI
Future Plans: Work in the field of adventure ministries/adventure education.

Name: Savana Seals
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Asheville, NC
Future Plans: Western Carolina University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's program.

Name: Tara Thompson
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Cumming, GA
Future Plans: Work as an elementary school teacher, then a special ed master’s.

Name: Karize Vieira
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Hometown: Boston, MA
Future Plans: Be a successful teacher by changing students’ lives and bringing them closer to God.

Name: Hannah Zackrison
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Knoxville, TN
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Name: Ludine Pierre
Major: M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Hometown: Leominster, MA
Future Plans: Obtaining licensure and then going on a very long vacation.

Name: Carlos Rosales
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Naugatuck, CT
Future Plans: Master's in applied psychology (IO), then go into the workforce.

Name: Allysaa Sharpe
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Silver Spring, MD
Future Plans: To be teaching where God places me.

Name: Raquel Valentin
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Malden, MA
Future Plans: Give back to the Lord for all His many blessings in my life.

Name: Sam Voigt
Major: Outdoor Leadership
Hometown: Auckland, NZ
Future Plans: Continue in my current job at Litespeed and Quintana Roo.

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Also graduating:
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Kelly French - Liberal Arts-Ed
Tyler Morgan - Outdoor Leadership
Anna Muller M.S.Ed. - Outdoor Education
“Dr. Bishop and Dr. Fuentes taught in our literature and science block that in order to truly teach children, we must first reach their hearts and then teach their minds. This has really stuck with me and inspired me as a teacher to always connect and ensure that my students feel loved and cared for. If we care, then consequently they care!”
- Ruth (Urdaneta) Voigt, Liberal Arts-Ed, 2011

“In my work at Youth Villages as a family intervention specialist, I work with various families with a variety of mental health needs. Many times family relationships have been severed due to poor communication and years of built-up resentment. I am thankful for Dr. Coombs’ Marriage and Family Therapy class that provided me tools I use daily to diffuse physiological flooding in my families and begin to rebuild rapport and trust between them.”
- Gabriel Trujillo, M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 2013

“Working at a camp year-round keeps me very busy! I think back over my time at Southern and to my advisor and teacher Marty Miller: he always had a smile on his face and was willing to fit his students into his schedule no matter how busy he was. Knowing him and the life he leads has helped me keep a smile on my face no matter how busy I get!”
- Jessica Ewing, Outdoor Leadership, 2013

“During my first semester at Southern, Dr. Bishop invited me and three other students to Sabbath lunch at her house. She picked us up, cooked and served us a very nice meal, fellowshiped with us, then drove us back to the dorm. Our hearts were warmed, and we were impressed by how much she cared for her students.”
- Ashley (Taylor) Brude, Liberal Arts-Ed, 2010

“In my work as a school counselor, I often think of many of the lessons learned from my professors at Southern. In particular I remember Dr. Freeman saying that often times the school counselor is the student’s only advocate. This lesson has taught me to look at my students through a different lens.”
- Trevor Stout, Outdoor Leadership 2011, M.S. School Counseling 2013

“I constantly draw on the knowledge and skills that Dr. WilliamsMorris taught us in Research Design and Statistics I & II. Her dedication to her students and making sure they learn research and statistics has given me a head start in many of my graduate classes. Also, Dr. Coombs taught me so much about people and relationships, which really changed my way of thinking. I still draw on his encouragement and strive to meet his challenge to do great things as I progress in my graduate studies.”
- Michael Milmine, Psychology, 2013

“Don’t for a minute think that you will never use something you are learning. Working as an administrator of a psychiatric hospital, I am reminded often of the lessons I learned in Summerour Hall.”
- Julianne Mobley, Psychology, 2008
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