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## National Finalists

A team of students from Southern Adventist University was recently selected as one of four finalists from among 28 video entries in the Institute of Management Accountants' (IMA) national student case competition.

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## Business European Study Tour

30 students participated in the 2016 School of Business European Study Tour. The tour ran from May 16 through June 6, and was attended by students from Southern Adventist University, Southwestern Adventist University, and Union College.

The tour commenced in England, then proceeded through four additional countries: France, Switzerland, Germany, and the Czech Republic. The students were exposed to both urban and rural life in all of the countries visited. Notable cities visited were London, Paris, Geneva, Prague, and Berlin. Villages included Blois, in the Loire Valley in France; Gruyere, in the foothills of the Swiss Alps; and Meersburg, on Lake Constance in Germany.

The trip was a unique combination of sight-seeing and touring businesses to

become familiar with European business practices. Students were able to obtain up to six (6) credits of coursework during the tour, including International Studies and Ethical, Social, and Legal Environment of Business.

The business meetings, in particular, were tremendous. In several cases, very high level executives spent significant amounts of time with our students. This includes CEOs, Vice-Presidents, Business Owners, Marketing and Sales Directors, PR Directors, Product Managers, etc. The students had very good exposure to European businesses and practices, and it was an eye opening experience for many. Additionally, some made personal contacts with these companies, and if they choose to pursue the contacts, internships and jobs could materialize.



# IMA National Accounting Competition Finalists

Comprised of Olivia Donesky, Karina Hernandez, Katherine Pohle, and Tiffany Whitney, the team is the first from Southern to become a finalist in the annual competition. Past competition winners include nationally ranked accounting programs Brigham Young University and the University of Georgia.

The students won \$3,000 and presented with the other three finalist teams during the IMA annual conference held in Las Vegas on June 19. This year's winning team was from American University of the Middle East. Southern's team performed well and learned much about the competition process through this experience. As a finalist, Southern received a plaque with the names of the participating students that is displayed in the School of Business. Accounting professor, Dr. Julie Hyde, is already enthusiastic about the potential for Southern's entry next year.

Left to right: Professor Julie Hyde, Ph.D., Katherine Pohle, Olivia Donesky, Karina Hernandez, Tiffany Whitney



Student, Lucas Karpiuk in Kyrgyzstan

## Student Mission Report: Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyz what? Kyrgyzstan — an ex-soviet union country located under Kazakhstan and to the west of China, in the 10/40 window. Located in this country with around 6 million people, 87 percent of which is Muslim, is Christian School Nasledie. During a time in the year when leaves start turning red and yellow and people give thanks in the US, snow falls in Kyrgyzstan, temperatures drop, and Christian School Nasledie gives thanks as well. It is the ONLY Adventist school in all of Central Asia and teaches Adventist life principles. Amazingly, although 70 percent of the students are from Muslim families, parents still send their children to our school because of the high level of education (The Kyrgyz Education Index is 88th in the world).

However, Christian School Nasledie has a problem that is also a blessing. Our school has a capacity for 220 students, but we have more than 330 students; excluding 40 students that are not admitted each year. Therefore, we have a need to expand our school. In this time of appreciation we thank God first of all for the amazing blessing He has given us, the doors He has opened, and the hearts He has touched. If He would not have touched the heart of donors to help our school, the dream of expanding our school would not be reality that is happening. We have started construction on a new school building next to the current building that will have a capacity for 300 more students; the walls for two of the three floors which the new building will have are completed. Currently, we do not have enough funds to complete the building. We are asking for your help both prayerfully and economically, in making this dream come true. If you would like to help our school, you may do so through philoscare.com, or through your church. God has provided for us already and we trust that He will continue to do so. Happy holidays and may God bless you greatly.

# Alumni Weekend Celebrations

Alumni and professors were honored at the School of Business Alumni Breakfast during alumni weekend. The Alumnus of the Year award was given to Franklin Farrow, Nathan McKee received the New Alumnus of the Year award, and Anton Demenchuck received the Graduate Alumnus of the Year award. Additionally, The Board of Trustees presented the Distinguished Service Award to Richard Erickson and Jon Wentworth, were awarded the Faculty Emeritus awards, and the three professors that are retiring this year received awards for Distinguished Service. Current student, Imani Hamilton, was awarded with the Randy White Scholarship.



## SouthEast Bank Scholarship

It is no secret that paying college tuition can be a hardship for some students. Thankfully Southern is surrounded by an engaged community that is invested in Southern's students. SouthEast Bank has been helping fund business students for 10 years. The scholarship was started in 2007 and is a four-year renewable scholarship benefitting one new Tennessee freshman on the Collegedale campus annually. The scholarship is of \$7,000 per year, adding up to a total of \$28,000 total scholarship award to the student.

Current students receiving the scholarship are Caitlyn Bartlett, Joelle Kanyana, Jesse Darwin, Lauren Chaij.





## Fairwell to Professors

### Michael Cafferky, Ph.D



Professor Cafferky has spent 14 years at Southern Adventist University and has taught 14 courses in both the undergraduate and graduate level. He has many memories with his students at Southern, including one where he tried to subliminally message them with an image of cherry pie, but what he has learned from them is how to think of concepts and ideas differently. One of his never fail ways to get students involved in conversation is breaking them into small groups, something I can attest to. When looking back at his time teaching he is proud of what he has accomplished, especially his way of bringing a scriptural perspective into his classes. Professor Cafferky is very positive about his upcoming retirement and everything it will soon entail. Nothing is yet set in stone, as he believes that life is a journey God leads us and we can't see around the corner. He does have plans of visiting a friend in Cambridge, where he once did a sabbatical. He hopes to travel the UK and volunteer with the church or the genealogical society. Professor Cafferky also hopes to keep writing and taking music lessons. He might even teach again. We wish Professor Cafferky the best and maybe a postcard or two from Britain.

### Robert Montague, Ph.D



Robert Montague has been teaching at Southern Adventist University for 17 years. He has taught a range of subjects including marketing, management, accounting, nonprofit, and Christian Missionary Entrepreneurship. He has been a faculty representative for a number of clubs and initiatives, including the Nonprofit Club, a preaching club, the Long-term Care Club, and SEYC. Robert Montague is leaving his teaching career at Southern to move to the mission field in Matagalpa, Nicaragua with his wife. They have work in India and the Democratic Republic of the Congo also. In these places, and in Nicaragua, they do not water down their commitment to the Bible and the writings of Ellen White. Instead, they amplify their importance. Big changes occur. Children who have grown accustomed to an almost animal-like subsistence become thoughtful, refined, and gracious. That's because Jesus works miracles for them.

Though he is leaving campus, Professor Montague will continue to teach a few online courses for the School of Business and the School of Nursing. In parting Montague reflects on not only what he has taught students but what students taught him "I've learned that students, like the rest of us, admire Christ when He is presented to them. And they are young enough to dream big dreams. And some of these students go out trusting Christ. They leave wakes of blessings behind them".

### Cliff Olson, Ph.D



Cliff Olson, Ph.D. is completing his 28th year of teaching at the end of this school year.

He started the BBA Marketing degree in 1989 and helped found the MBA when it started. He has taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in the fields of marketing, management, human resources, leadership, and entrepreneurship. He feels blessed to have a career that he loved, and felt called by God to teach. In addition to teaching, Olson was involved with student and faculty organizations such as Marketing Club, Business Club, HR committee, Online Learning Committee.

He says he has learned that all students are special and unique and we are blessed that they are here. He also mentioned that he could write a book on interesting excuses.

He is both happy and sad about leaving; sad that that part of my life is over, but blessed to be able to do some new things. He has plans to spend more time with his beautiful wife and 7 grandchildren, and son and daughter. More time to write, and think. He is really happy to have had this blessed opportunity! He feels like the richest man in history.

## Helping the Community

Twice a year, our technology department services the community by offering free vehicle inspections. Both students and staff volunteer to inspect vehicles and educate people on the maintenance issues with their cars. These events are held in April and October every year and are planned in conjunction with National Car Care Day and Fall Car Care Day, respectively. The volunteers check fluids, filters, lights, tires, wipers, hoses, and belts for community members, a service that would typically cost \$30 in the shop.





# December 2016 Graduates

## Undergraduates

Stephan Arni Collins  
 Olivia Nevada Donesky  
 Chali L. Enderson  
 Richard Lynn Griggs II  
 Jaren Taylor Humphreys  
 Joshua Taylor Kalvoda  
 Holly Paige Keener  
 Carrie Lynn Mallory  
 Tess Lindsay Morgan  
 April Elizabeth Owen  
 Brandon Kyle Robinson  
 Benjamin Thomas Schuen  
 Jeffrey Carlyle Shafer  
 Katarina Tiffany Weekes

B.S. Business Administration  
 B.B.A. Financial Mgmt-Accounting  
 B.S. Business Administration  
 B.S. Business Administration  
 B.S. Business Administration  
 B.B.A. BMKT Marketing  
 B.B.A. Financial Mgmt-Accounting  
 B.B.A. Financial Mgmt-Accounting  
 B.B.A. Marketing  
 B.S. Business Administration  
 B.B.A. Management-General Mgmt  
 B.S. Business Administration  
 B.B.A. Marketing  
 B.S. Business Administration

## Graduates

Julie Alvarez  
 Joey Baham  
 Donovan Timothy Ervin Greaves  
 Dara Marie Laing  
 Lillian Tamara Loza  
 Jeremy Evan Manasco  
 Chad Thomas Mejeur  
 Leroy Wombold

M.B.A. Healthcare Administration  
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 M.B.A. Healthcare Administration  
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## Letter from the Dean

As we look back over the 2016 and forward to 2017 one important lesson for all of us to learn will be how to handle change. Just as our country is experiencing change brought about by recent elections so too is our University with a new President and our School of Business with its recent merger with the Technology program and the retirement of three faculty in 2016 and another three faculty in 2017. Whether you look forward to change with eagerness and as an opportunity or with dread and fear it is important to consider the following biblical pillars as you consider how you will approach change.

God is in control

*He changes the seasons and guides history, He raises up kings and also brings them down, he provides both intelligence and discernment, He opens up the depths, tells secrets, sees in the dark—light spills*

*out of him! God of all my ancestors, all thanks! all praise! Daniel 2: 19-23*

God loves you with a deep, mighty and powerful love

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

God is with you and will help you.  
*His very name is God with us*

*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10*

It is my hope that as you contemplate all of the changes you have experienced in the past and anticipate in the new year that you will remember these three pillars as a source of comfort and strength.



Mark Hyder  
Dean, School of Business