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SUMMEROUR HALL

Renovation Complete!



Summerour Hall is home once again

The School of Education and Psychology is home once again in the newly renovated Summerour Hall. The renovation took three years to complete, and students and faculty alike are impressed with the outcome, which means that the time away from Summerour was well worth the wait! Summerour Hall now has office pods for Psychology, Education, Counseling, and Outdoor Education; a spacious departmental...

From the Dean's Desk

Three years later and we have finally moved in! Summerour Hall is home once again to the School of Education and Psychology, along with Counseling, Family Studies, and Outdoor Education. Students are commenting weekly on how nice the building is. I find it to be extremely



John McCoy, Ed.D.

comfortable for faculty and students. From the chairs in the halls to the individual thermostat controls in every office and classroom, the remodeled building is truly a place where folks can work in comfort and style. State-of-the-art technology provides professors with unbelievable ease of access, and students now experience 21st century technology at its finest. It may be a long walk up to our front door, but it is well worth the effort.

We are thankful for the fine planning and workmanship that went into updating Summerour and we thank all of those involved, as well as the many folks who donated funds for this project.

Many are inquiring about the "I Am the Way" statue project. The statues of Jesus and the college student are in the bronzing stage in Wyoming and should be finished sometime in December or January. We plan to have an unveiling ceremony once it is installed. If you haven't toured our building, please feel free to stop by anytime and we will arrange a personal guided tour. God is good, all the time!

Psychology Symposium: A Resounding Success

By: Dr. Ruth Williams

An annual affair, this year's Psychology Symposium was the first held in the new and improved Summerour Hall. Coinciding with Southern's annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend, the theme of the symposium was "Where Have They All Gone? Career Journeys of Southern Psychology Alumni." On Friday, October 24, 2014 alumni were invited by the School of Education and Psychology's Psi Chi chapter and the Psychology club to share stories of their journeys from bachelor's degrees in psychology to their current professional positions and careers. The participating psychology alumni were Danny Treiver, M.D., Cristy de Souza Pratt, M.S., Tron Wilder, Ph.D., and Amanda Soapes, M.S. The four-hour symposium included three phases: keynote address and alumni presentations, a tour of the new Summerour building, and poster presentations from students enrolled in the psychology's capstone course, History and Systems of Psychology.

Dr. Treiyer offered an inspirational keynote address that was generously sprinkled with biographical nuggets, sage advice, and encouraging anecdotes. One student in attendance recalled, "The one thing that really stood out to me from his speech was to let God guide you." The presentations by the History and Systems of Psychology class were well appreciated. George Cook II, a junior psychology major, stated, "I enjoyed the diversity of the projects, as the students had unique ways in which they approached the subjects of Psychology and the Bible, E.G. White, the SDA Church, and Adventist Higher Education." Kaylee Couser, junior psychology major, added, "I really enjoyed being a part of the Psychology Symposium. The poster presentations were very insightful and interesting." Gisele Aszalos, senior psychology major, summed it up best: "The symposium was a wonderful way to bring all areas of the psychology community together. Presenters, alumni, students, faculty, researchers, and observers were able to come together and share great experiences and knowledge."

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Summerour Hall

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...office; seven classrooms; an education technology lab; a psychology lab; two conference rooms; a kitchen; an updated counseling clinic; and an expanded Teaching Materials Center. The spacious layout has become increasingly beneficial to the evergrowing group of students pursuing School of Education and Psychology majors. Now Summerour not only provide ample space, but also offers students and faculty the opportunity to use upgraded technology in the classrooms, office pods, and counseling clinic. Additionally, there is now a digital touchscreen in the main lobby to provide information to students and visitors.

After all the improvements students and faculty were eager to share their opinions of the new Summerour Hall.

"The Teaching Materials Center provides a pleasant and comfortable area for students to study and work on projects." – Professor Olson

"I like the office pods because they are more convenient for the students to interact with all of their professors. In addition, the building creates a sense of community even with all of the different concentrations that the School of Education and Psychology offers." – Reneze Trim

"I definitely like that it is more spacious, and I like the new TMC which has a lot of room to work. The classrooms are in good condition and there are also a lot of seating options." – Astrid Rodriguez

"The counseling clinic provides a professional atmosphere." – Francisco Ortiz

"I think it's very classy and sophisticated."

– Lachelle Rada

"I really like the memory verses on the walls. It's a really good reminder." – Kandyce Harris "The new Summerour provides a fantastic learning environment for education and psychology students. The tools available should greatly enhance the learning process." – Bryce Schalk

"I enjoy the modern environment Summerour provides for learning. The extra space in the TMC has allowed for additional resources that have been particularly helpful to me during my student teaching semester." – Gabriella Tenold

"As a tutor, I love our psychology lab. We have more room to help people, which we didn't have in the old building. I also really like the outside patio." – Thiffany Reynoso

"I like all of the scriptures that are on the wall. It is a good reminder for the day. I especially like the clinic area because it gives the counselors an area that functions like a real clinic." – Dr. Dickinson

"I like that the new building is a lot more open. The designs and decoration make it a lot more inviting." – Rochelle Clark

"I really like that the new building provides more space for students to interact with each other and professors outside of the classroom." – Dr. Wilder

"We were really cramped in Herin Hall so the amount of space we have in the new Summerour building is wonderful. In the TMC there is an entire wall lined with windows, which makes doing homework a lot more enjoyable."

- Ashleigh Sciulli

"I enjoy the office pods, because they provide an intimacy that we did not have before. It's a nice work environment to be in, and I believe that it provides a level of comfort for students and faculty." – Dr. Eder

School of Education and Psychology 2014 December Undergraduates

Photos courtesy of Southern's Website, and Graduates



Name: Gisele Aszalos Major: Psychology & AS Allied Health Hometown: Richmond, VA Future Plans: Become an occupational therapist.



Name: Justin
Braman
Major: PE, Health,
& Wellness Ed
Hometown: Paradise, CA
Future Plans: To get
a PE teacher position
and coach basketball.



Name: Christopher Busche Major: PE, Health, & Wellness Ed Hometown: Asheville, NC Future Plans: Wherever God leads!



Name: Rochelle Clarke Major: Psychology Hometown: North Port, FL Future Plans: Go to graduate school and puruse a Ph.D. in school psychology.



Name: Trevor Culp Major: Psychology Hometown: Bowling Green, KY Future Plans: To help those with learning disabilities



Name: Rachel duBois Major: Liberal Arts-Ed Hometown: Nashville, TN Future Plans: Find a teaching job in Nashville



Name: James Gearing Major: PE, Health, & Wellness, Ed Hometown: Sonora, CA Future Plans: Teaching and coaching



Name: Sean Hadley Major: Liberal Arts - Ed Hometown: Placerville, CA Future Plans: Obtain my Master's degree in counseling



Name: Caleb Minty Major: PE, Health, & Wellness, Ed Hometown: New Market, Virginia Future Plans: Begin my career in teaching wherever God may lead.



Name: Angie Ochoa Major: Family Studies Hometown: Fresno, CA Future Plans: Obtain my Master's degree in social work.



Name: Jordan Reichert Major: History Ed Hometown: Cedar Lake, MI Future Plans: Teaching, pastoral work, mission work, writing, and speaking.



Name: Thiffany Reynoso Major: Psychology Hometown: Miami, FL Future Plans: Be accepted into a Ph.D. clinical psychology program and focus on child/families.



Name: Eliseo Sanchez Major: Psychology Hometown: Dallas, TX Future Plans: Pursue graduate school



Name: Richard
Sassone
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Lowell,
MA
Future Plans:
Pursue a Master's
degree in industrial/
orgazational
psychology



Name: Courtney Smith Major: Psychology Hometown: Bermuda Future Plans: To attend graduate school in the fall where I will study clinical social work

Congratulations, Graduates!

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

-B.B. KING



Name: Trevor Sutherland Major: Psychology Hometown: Siloam Springs, AR Future Plans: Work at a mental health facility for a year, then attend graduate school.



Name: Gabriella Tenold Major: Liberal Arts - Ed Hometown: Battle Creek, MI Future Plans: Teach abroad



Name: Lauren White Major: Early Childhood Education Hometown: Gerrardstown, WV Future Plans: Serving Christ to the best of my ability.

Also graduating:

Matthew Gunther - Family Studies

School of Education and Psychology 2014 December Master's Students



Name: Brian Arner Major: M.S. Outdoor Ed Hometown: Collegedale, TN



Name: Pamela Arner Major: M.S. Outdoor Ed Hometown: Collegedale, TN



Name: Heather Carver Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Cleveland, TN



Name: Ranae Chambers Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Miami, FL



Name: Sunmi Choi Major: Literacy Ed Hometown: Seoul, Korea Future Plans: I want to be a better teacher in Christ



Name: Kimberly Colen Major: School Counseling Hometown: Chattanooga, TN Future Plans: Work as a mental health & disabilities coordinator.



Name: Charity
Davey
Major: M.S.. School
Counseling
Hometown:
Ringgold, GA
Future Plans: To be
a school teacher



Name: Hasan El-Tayyeb Major: M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Ooltewah, TN



Name: Duane Fernandez Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Ooltewah, TN Future Plans: Start a mental wellness vlog and travel



Name: Karen Fortuno Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Lake Wales, FL Future Plans: Start a private practice and a family



Name: Mark Grice Major: M.S. Outdoor Ed Hometown: Alabaster, AL



Name: Dawn Jones Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio Future Plans: Continuing my education in genetic counseling



Name: Leslie Kay Major: M.S. Clinical Mental health Counseling Hometown: Ooltewah, TN Future Plans: Ultimately to have my own counseling practice.



Name: Nilsa Lebron Major: M.S. School Counseling Hometown: Avon Park, FL Future Plans: Become a school counselor



Name: Mishala Mundall Major: M.S. Outdoor Education Hometown: Cleveland, TN Future Plans: Be a stay-at-home mom.



Name: Kristi Roberts Major: MSED Literacy Hometown: Vienna, VA Future Plans: Continue teaching elementary grades.



Name: Caleb Robinson Major: M.S. Outdoor Ed Hometown: Staunton, VA Future Plans: Teach outisde in the Shenandoah Valley.



Name: Bryce Schalk Major: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Anderson, Indiana Future Plans: Pursue a doctorate in counseling education.



Name: Jeremy Steinkraus Major: M.S. Outdoor Ed Hometown: Dade City, FL



Name: Charles Velez Major: Clinical Mental Health Counseling Hometown: Ringgold, GA Future Plans: Get my license and become a registered play therapist.



Name: Amanda Young Major: M.S. Outdoor Education Hometown: Chattanoga, TN Future Plans: To continue teaching art to middle school students.

Also graduating:

Janet Ayala Walter - M.S. Outdoor Ed

Faculty Update:

The Pratt Family Welcomes Newest Edition



Faculty baby shower celebrating Xander Pratt

On August 6th the Pratt family welcomed the newest edition to their home - Xander de Souza Pratt. Professor Cristy Pratt, who was born in Brazil, said that both she and her husband, Shawn, wanted a name that would be bilingual. "We had heard the name Xander as a nickname for Alexander in both English and Portuguese." However, the Pratts did not care for the fact that Alexander had been one of the top 20 most popular names for the past 14 years; they really wanted a name that would be original. They decided to keep the name Xander instead of using it as a nickname. The Pratts are very intent on incorporating Professor Pratt's Brazilian culture while raising Xander. Professor Pratt only speaks Portuguese to him, as do her other family members who are in the United States. "We will incorporate Brazilian traditions in holidays, birthdays, and different events throughout the course of his lifetime."

When asked about her transition into the role of a mom, Professor Pratt said "It's been everything I've ever dreamed it would be and more." She agreed that there are difficult times but "the love I have for him is so overwhelming, it overshadows it

all."

A major concern for many women is balancing work and motherhood. Professor Pratt was able to give her insight into this formidable challenge. She believes that no matter who you are, maintaining that balance between work and home life is daunting. Willing to face this challenge as a family, she, with her husband's full support, has decided to return to Southern in her role as a full-time professor next semester. "I am concerned about balancing my life, but I definitely think it's possible. I have a lot of friends who do both, and I think they are amazing moms." She went on to explain that sometimes it is not the *quantity* of time one has with their child, though that is important, but the quality of interactions. A parent can spend a lot of time with their child and never fully be present. Although it can be a challenge to balance work and home, Professor Pratt believes she can handle it through the support of her husband and family. The Pratt family is excited to watch his continual growth and development and are ecstatic about the addition of Xander to their family.



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