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SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY NURTURES CHRISTLIKENESS,
TRADITIONAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST VALUES, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE,
AND A LIFELONG PURSUIT OF TRUTH, WHOLENESS, AND SERVICE.

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E
T O G R A D U A T E S



Dear Graduates,

One of the first college classes I took was World Civilization I. Twenty-seven students started that class. Nine finished. Near the end of the course, students were practically hanging onto each other for fear they would disappear as the other 18 students had.

The university I attended had tried to warn me about my unusual experience. During new-student orientation, a presenter asked each student to look around the large room where we were gathered. He told us that about half of the faces we saw would not be present for graduation. On the day I graduated, I realized the truth of his prediction.

Why do I share this with you? Because you are now graduating from college. You have survived classes, assignments, tests, and experiences that other students did not. Some of you have faced daunting personal challenges such as a broken relationship, the death of someone close to you, a cancer diagnosis, or living with the stress of financial concerns. Yet you have persisted when others have quit. So today we honor you for your achievement.

As you look to your future, I encourage you to follow God's leading. He got you to this point. His strength has carried you. He has a plan for your life, and if you trust and follow Him, He will help you face any future challenge and meet any future goal. May God bless you on this very special day.

David Smith
President

Please silence cell phones during the service.

MISSION STATEMENT



Southern Adventist University nurtures Christlikeness, traditional Seventh-day Adventist values, academic excellence, and a lifelong pursuit of truth, wholeness, and service.

VISION



Southern Adventist University will lead in providing a learning foundation built upon biblical principles, model academic and professional excellence, conscientiously steward university resources, and cost-effectively graduate successful servant leaders guided by faith, integrity, and balance.

NURSING DEDICATION SERVICE



Friday, July 29, at 2 p.m., Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church

The School of Nursing invites you to attend the senior nurses' dedication. Speaker Reginald D. Horton received his B.A. in Theology from Southern College (now Southern Adventist University). While attending Southern he met and married LaShawn (Powell) Horton, and he is now the proud father of Christa and Alonzo. He and LaShawn served for two years in Korea as student missionaries. He earned a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. He currently serves as a chaplain in the United States Air Force, where he holds the rank of major. Reginald states that he loves working for the Lord and has fun working for Him.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Please do not crowd or block the aisle for graduates in an attempt to photograph them. To provide all students with a photograph of their graduation, we have arranged for a professional photographer to record each graduate receiving his or her diploma. A 5x7 photo will be sent to the graduate's permanent address as a gift from Southern. The photographer will provide an opportunity for graduates to purchase extra photos. There is no obligation to purchase.

RECORDINGS



To order DVDs of the service, visit saucampusshop.com or call 423.236.2152.

COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, July 28, 2016, 7 p.m.



Prelude

Processional..... “Pomp and Circumstance”Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation Charissa Goosey
A.S. Nursing

Welcome Shaunda Mejeur
M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Music..... “O Rest in the Lord”Composer, Felix Mendelssohn
Eliana Doze, voice, B.A. Art [Therapy]
Elaine Janzen, piano, adjunct professor

Introduction of Speaker.....David Smith
President

Address Where Calling Begins Rick Norskov
Professor, Biology and Allied Health Department

Presentation of Degree CandidatesRobert Young
Senior Vice President for Academic Administration

Volker Henning
Associate Vice President for Academic Administration

Carleton Swafford
Graduate Dean

*Conferring of Degrees..... David Smith, President
Jim Davidson, Board of Trustees Representative, Southern Union Executive Secretary
Joni Zier, Director, Records and Advisement

Alumni Association WelcomeJay Dedeker
President, Alumni Association, Class of ‘88

Benediction..... Julie Alves
A.S. Nursing

**Recessional..... “Two Elizabethan Madrigals” Thomas Morley
Arranged by Walter H. Barnes

Presentation of the Graduating Class David Smith, President

Director, Community Brass Ensemble: Ken Parsons, Professor, School of Music
Grand Marshal: Tyson Hall, Chair, University Senate and Professor, School of Computing
Senior Class Sponsors: LaShawn Horton, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Greg King, Dean and Professor, School of Religion

* A picture of each candidate will be taken by an official photographer. Family and friends wishing to photograph graduates, please be considerate of others when taking your photos.

** The audience must remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional, as the graduates will be dividing at the back and lining the side aisles of the gymnasium for congratulatory applause.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Asha Chutei	B.S. Nursing
Shelly Rae Davis.....	B.S. Nursing
Jose Ramon Deschamps.....	B.S. Nursing
Eliana Mari Rojas Doze	B.A. Art [Therapy]
Ashley Shay Eaton	B.S. Nursing
Dorothy Gilbert Edgemon.....	B.S. Nursing
Louise Nara Gedeon.....	B.A. Religious Studies
Nathan N. Grunder.....	B.S. Medical Laboratory Science
Stefanie Anna Harvey, <i>Cum Laude</i>	B.S. Nursing
Karina Hernandez.....	B.B.A. Financial Management [Accounting]
Emily Suzanne Kurtz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	B.S. Nursing
Michelle Maier	B.S. Nursing
Crystal Lynn Sepulveda	B.S. Nursing
Jessy Raydel Suero.....	B.S. Nursing

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Mara Aguirre Rodriguez	A.S. Nursing
Julie Kay Alves, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Elizabeth Anna Beem	A.S. Nursing
Helen Blanco	A.S. Nursing
Marc Damon Brooks	A.S. Nursing
Jessica Elizabeth Ann Bryan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Joshua Lee Calhoun	A.S. Nursing
Nadège Darlene Anne Emere Caro, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Alivia Miyon Chang, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Krysta Nickola Charles, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Marie W. Darisme.....	A.S. Nursing
Kelian Andrew De Guzman, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Lydia Maranatha Eason	A.S. Nursing
Zachary James Eller.....	A.S. Nursing
Amber Renee Enochs	A.S. Nursing
Sarah Caroline Evatt.....	A.S. Nursing
Belinda Franchestá Fisher.....	A.S. General Studies
Charissa Ann Marie Goosey, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Wendaly Gutierrez	A.S. Nursing
Alysia Nashaé Harden.....	A.S. Nursing
Abiezer Taylor Hernandez	A.S. Nursing
Cory J. Herthel	A.A. Religion [Bible Instructor]
Aidan Rebecca Dupree Hubert	A.S. Nursing
Joshua Justin Bermudez Imperio.....	A.S. Nursing
Caroline J. Kim.....	A.S. Nursing
Ryan Nicholas Kim	A.S. Nursing
Christian Moisés Lazo Quintanilla	A.S. Nursing
Bianca Elineth Lopez.....	A.S. Nursing
Lacie Lachelle Moore.....	A.S. Nursing
Lindsay Jayne Nelson	A.S. Nursing
Mary Lynn O'Reilly	A.S. Nursing

Emily O. Peixoto	A.S. Nursing
Katherine Cook Pinchak	A.S. Nursing
Julia Ruth Pottle.....	A.S. Nursing
Justin Scott Riebow.....	A.S. Nursing
Jillian Elaine Romero, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Jessica Marie Rosales, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Fernando Rosendo	A.S. Nursing
Perla Ruiz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Alicia Cristina Salazar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Sydney Amber Sinclair, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Lara Rebeca Esteves Soares.....	A.S. Nursing
David Winicholas Soeharsono	A.S. Nursing
Priscilla Sarah Sopandi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Elisabeth Rebecca Taylor	A.S. Nursing
Praise Him Tinungki	A.S. Nursing
Sonya Deanne Underwood, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Carie Oakes Whitaker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing
Vanessa Odeth Zelaya, <i>Cum Laude</i>	A.S. Nursing

M A S T E R ' S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Candace Nicole Abrom	M.S.W. Social Work
Tara LaTricia Anderson	M.S.W. Social Work
Alicia Angrand.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Amanda Lee Arceneaux.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Roderick Chase Bennett.....	M.S. School Counseling
Kristen Michelle Bohannon	M.S.W. Social Work
Joshua Asa Boyd Cash	M.S. Ed. Outdoor Teacher Education
Wendy Lee Coker	M.S.W. Social Work
Lynda Clydene Colburn	M.S.A. Customized
Stahl Osmane Comete.....	M.B.A. Healthcare Administration
Tamra Lynne Cox	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Vanessa Emilie Daniel	M.B.A. Marketing Management
Sinshaw Desta.....	M.S. Global Community Development
Jenny Nicole Dixon.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Amaad Rashaad Dowdell	M.S.W. Social Work
Fred Fatake.....	M.S. Global Community Development
Lindsey Joy Gagnon	M.S.W. Social Work
Amy Laurel Hamlin	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Courtney Renee Harris.....	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Timothy Dean Harrison, Jr.....	M.B.A. Management
Shawn L. Hickey, Sr.	M.S.W. Social Work
Tiffany A. Hickey	M.S.W. Social Work
Melanie J. Hubbard	M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kenia Ledezma.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Zhi Liu.....	M.B.A. Marketing Management; Financial Management
Cecilia Anne Luck	M.S. Global Community Development
Malori Vickers Marks.....	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Mason	M.S. Ed. Outdoor Teacher Education
Shaunda Mejeur.....	M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Frank Muhwezi	M.S. Global Community Development

Jean de Dieu Ndacyayisenga	M.S. Global Community Development
Fidele Nindagiye	M.S. Global Community Development
Samuel Tetteh Oyortey	M.S. Global Community Development
Jessica Evans Patrick.....	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Sparka J. Perry.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Carol Raney	M.S. Ed. Instructional Leadership
Myesha Shadae Petra Rolle	M.B.A. Healthcare Administration
Alice Rugerindinda.....	M.S. Global Community Development
Barratt Schichtel	M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner
Antonio L. Simpson	M.S.W. Social Work
Ingrid Skantz.....	M.S.A. Customized
Sonia Arnett Smith.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Sarah Taylor Smithey.....	M.S.W. Social Work
Cheri Angela Snowden.....	M.S.N. Nurse Educator
Branda Blue Snowman	M.S.N. Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult/Gerontology; Family Nurse Practitioner
Danielle S. Stephen	M.S.W. Social Work
Alisha Lee Strayhorn.....	M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Michelle Baldwin Turner.....	M.B.A. Marketing Management
Oswald Weston Walker, Jr.....	M.S. Global Community Development
Kieara Williams	M.S.W. Social Work

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Beth Nichole Jordan	D.N.P. Acute Care Adult/Gerontology
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The commencement program does not constitute an official list of the summer graduates.

HONOR CORDS



- Gold Cord—*Summa Cum Laude*—3.90+ GPA
- Silver Cord—*Magna Cum Laude*—3.75-3.89 GPA
- Green Cord—*Cum Laude*—3.50-3.74 GPA

ACADEMIC REGALIA



The color of the velvet trim on the hood represents the area of study. The color of the silk lining represents the university that conferred the degree. The color of the tassel represents the degree of the undergraduate.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Outdoor Leadership.....	Russet
Business.....	Drab	Physical Education	Sage Green
Communication	Crimson	Public Admin./Foreign Service	Peacock
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work.....	Citron
Music.....	Pink	Software Engineering	Orange
Nursing	Apricot	Theology.....	Scarlet

S U M M A R Y



Undergraduate Graduates – 63
Master’s Graduates – 50 (two have double emphases)
Doctoral Graduates – 1

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology/Medical Technology.....1	Nursing10
Business.....1	Visual Art and Design1

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

General Studies.....1	Physical Education, Health and Wellness1
Nursing46	Religion.....1

MASTER’S DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOLS

Business.....9	Global Community Development.....9
Education and Psychology	Nursing9
Counseling.....4	Social Work.....18
Education.....3	

SCHOOL OF DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing1

T H E M A C E



The mace is a traditional symbol used to communicate and designate authority. The Southern Adventist University mace was crafted in 1986 by John Durichek, a Southern alum and retired professor. Southern’s mace represents its heritage and *raison d’être*. The base is of pine from Jones Hall, built in 1917 and razed in 1985. The main staff is of walnut. The seven rings represent completeness. The four-sided ebony segment is seen as Southern’s underlying educational philosophy—balanced mental, spiritual, physical, and social development for each student. The brass flames represent the Holy Spirit. Bearing the mace is the grand marshal, Tyson Hall, chair of the University Senate and professor in the School of Computing. His regalia is green trimmed in white, the university colors.