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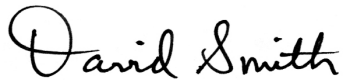
Dear Graduates,

“Unprecedented.” That is the word I keep hearing repeated as people try to express the times in which we are living. As graduates of Southern Adventist University, you are facing unprecedented challenges: COVID-19, job scarcity, societal unrest, political turmoil, very angry people with very strong opinions about divisive issues. From one point of view, it may seem that there is no place to hide from the anger, rage, self-centeredness, and similar traits that increasingly characterize social media posts and news reports.

The good news is that you have an amazing God to support you as you face unprecedented times and challenges. Just as God has helped you succeed here at Southern Adventist University, He will help you succeed in your future. No matter how dark or challenging that future might seem, remember to turn to Him. Trust Him to do for you what you cannot do for yourself. Trust the light of His love to triumph in your life and in your world, even as the darkness of evil seems to lurk everywhere.

Congratulations on your achievements here at our university. We are proud of you and wish you the very best. And we are glad that belatedly we can celebrate your graduation at a formal campus program. Our prayer is that the God who promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” will be with you as you leave our campus and launch into the next phase of your life. As Scripture reminds us, with Him, all things are possible.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Smith". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent initial "D".

David Smith
President

MISSION STATEMENT



Grounded in Jesus Christ and dedicated to the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we equip students to embrace biblical truth, embody academic and professional excellence, and pursue Spirit-filled lives of service.

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS



Students of Southern Adventist University will

- **Spiritual Development**
grow in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- **Intellectual Development**
develop a commitment to life-long-learning and demonstrate a mastery of the cognitive skills of critical reasoning, independent thinking, reflective judgment, communication, and creativity needed to confront the issues, ideas, and values of historical and contemporary civilization.
- **Individual and Social Development**
develop socio-emotional maturity that enables them to be effective leaders and contributing members of their churches, families, groups, and communities in a global society.
- **Physical Development**
take responsibility for their own well-being through a healthy lifestyle.

SERVICES ON THE WEB



Commencement services can be viewed live online by visiting southern.edu.

Doors will open one hour before all services.
Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

C O M M E N C E M E N T
Sunday, August 9, 2020, 9 a.m.



Fanfare..... *Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion* Sir Arthur Bliss

Processional.....*Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1* Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation..... Michaela Lewin, *senior*

Welcome Melody-Joy Drummond and Rodny Aquino, *seniors*

Introduction of Speaker.....David Smith, *president*

Commencement Address..... “So Now You’ve Got Power”Ron Smith
Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president

Senior Class Response Michael Baranda, *senior class president*

Presentation of the Class of May 2020 Robert Young, *Academic Administration senior vice president*

Presentation of Degree Candidates Robert Young
Academic Administration senior vice president

Tyson Hall
graduate dean

Conferring of Degrees.....David Smith, *president*
Ron Smith, *Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president*
Karon Powell, *Records and Advisement director*

Alumni Association WelcomeMoses Maier
Alumni Association president, class of 2017

Benediction..... Carolyna Depkin, *senior*

Recessional.....*A Western Fanfare* Eric Ewazen

Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, *University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor*

C O M M E N C E M E N T

Sunday, August 9, 2020, 1 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....	.....	Madeline Mace, <i>senior</i>
Welcome	Tate VanEgmond and Ashton Crone, <i>seniors</i>	
Introduction of Speaker.....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i>
Commencement Address.....	“So Now You’ve Got Power”	Ron Smith <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
Senior Class Response .....	.....	Michael Baranda, <i>senior class president</i>
Graduate Class Response .....	.....	Patricia O’Shea, <i>MSW graduate</i>
Presentation of the Class of May 2020 .....	.....	Robert Young, <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	.....	Robert Young <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees .....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i> Ron Smith, <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i> Karon Powell, <i>Records and Advisement director</i>
Alumni Association Welcome .....	.....	Moses Maier <i>Alumni Association president, class of 2017</i>
Benediction.....	.....	Victoria Manurung, <i>senior</i>
Recessional.....	<i>A Western Fanfare</i>	Eric Ewazen

Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, *University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor*

C O M M E N C E M E N T

Sunday, August 9, 2020, 4 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....	.....	Chelsea Henry, <i>senior</i>
Welcome	Sharlyn Rumambi and Nadchen Aralquez, <i>seniors</i>	
Introduction of Speaker.....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i>
Commencement Address.....	“So Now You’ve Got Power”	Ron Smith <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i>
Senior Class Response .....	.....	Michael Baranda, <i>senior class president</i>
Graduate Class Response.....	.....	Karley Moon, <i>MSW graduate</i>
Presentation of the Class of May 2020 .....	.....	Robert Young, <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	.....	Robert Young <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees .....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i> Ron Smith, <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i> Karon Powell, <i>Records and Advisement director</i>
Alumni Association Welcome .....	.....	Moses Maier <i>Alumni Association GOLD president, class of 2017</i>
Benediction.....	.....	Samir Khalil, <i>senior</i>
Recessional.....	<i>A Western Fanfare</i>	Eric Ewazen

Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, *University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor*

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



President Michael Baranda
Vice President Emily David
Pastor Josh Dietrich

Class Sponsors: Cynthia Gettys, *Center for Teaching Excellence professor*
Tim Trott, *Biology and Allied Health professor*

SOUTHERN SCHOLARS



In addition to maintaining a 3.50 GPA and meeting normal degree requirements, *Southern Scholars* complete a special honors curriculum involving interdisciplinary studies, honors courses, and independent study. This semester, six graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Michael Baranda *Arboretum Development on the Campus of Southern Adventist University*

Suny Cardenas-Gomez *Coming of Age in the Cuban Revolution:
A Dialogic Analysis of Gerzom Gomez's Memoir*

Chase Czaykowski *Preliminary Investigation of the Effects of Sex and Electrical Venom Extraction
on Venom Composition in the Southern Devil Scorpion, *Vaejovis carolinianus**

Tierra Hayes *The Government Has Information FOIA (For Ya): An Analysis of Requesting
Police Records in Collegedale, Tennessee and Athens, Georgia*

Eli Robinson *Quantifying the Effects of Trail Traffic on Nearby Plant Communities
and Implications for Trail Users*

Jonathan Shephard *Does Devotion to God Push You Away from Science?: Using Religiosity to Assess
the Impact of the Religion/Science Conflict Perspective on the Choice
of Academic Major Among Undergraduate Students at a Religion Institution*

PHILANTHROPY MEDALLION



Graduates are wearing a gold zipper-pull medallion in honor of the alumni, family, and friends who have donated to the class gift this year.

B A C C A L A U R E A T E D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Kade Marken Ackerman.....	BBA Marketing
Jenna Nicole Aguila, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Ulysses Rene Aguilar	BS Long-Term Care Administration
#Alexander Thomas Allison	BBA Finance
Arley Raquel Ambriz Barron	BBA Marketing
*Taylor Desirée Anderson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Richard Joseph Anthony	BS Mass Communications [Media Production]
Elena Marissa Anunciado, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphic Design
Rodny Aquino, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management [General Management]
Nadchen Cyrill Aralquez	BS Medical Lab Science
Bethany Jolene Ashton.....	BA Archaeology [Near Eastern Studies]
Alexander Edward Bahn, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Matthew Edwin Baker, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Michael Joshua A. Baranda, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA Religious Studies; BS Biology [Research], Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Britni Reneé Barlow, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
*Cynthia Paige Barney, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Jenica Lynn Barrett, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Nathan Stanley Batres, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Hannah Beth Baxter.....	BS Business Administration
Jessica Ellen Bell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Tiffany Lucinda Benson	BSW Social Work
Emily Suzanne Black.....	BS Health Science
Denise Caroline Blandon	BS Nursing
John Robert Wilson Boggess, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Tori Lynn Bolin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Rebecca Lauren Borne	BA Museum Studies
#Chardonnee Brown.....	BS Nursing
James Carl Brown, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Samuel David Bruntz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Sophia Ann Bruso.....	BSN Nursing
Angelia Danielle Butts, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Effects Animation]
Ryan Michael Byford	BS Long-Term Care Administration
Timothy Adrian-Vuk Caran	BFA Graphic Design
Suny Cardenas-Gomez, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA Communication Studies [Intercultural], Spanish
Christopher Kongton Cartwright	BFA Animation [Effects Animation]
Melantha Athalea Cash	BS Nursing
#Savanah Antonia Chacon.....	BA Graphic Design
Joseph Chang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Lianette Vanessa Chavez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Enyi Chen, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
James Vernon Chin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Julia Eunji Cho	BSN Nursing
Young Hyun Choi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Nolan Christopher Chu, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Josiah Chung.....	BA Chemistry
Lauren Mihyun Chung, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Tyler Kyle Clayburn.....	BA Computer Science
Bailey Jordan Click	BSN Nursing
Norma Melissa Conde	BS Nursing
Janae Eden Christina Cornwall	BS Health Science
Aileen Lynniece Corrigan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Victoria Caroline Cowley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Ashton James Crone.....	BBA Management [General Management]
Brandon L. Cummings.....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Chase Alain Czaykowski, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Brittany Nichole Danese	BFA Film Production
Marissa Nicole Danville	BS Health Science
Emily Marie David, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Olivia Maria Stencel De Paula.....	BBA Finance; AS Business Administration
Sherri Anne Fajardo Dela Cruz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
*Carolyna Jo Depkin	BA Liberal Arts Education
#Joshua Frank Dietrich, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Namgyeong Do	BBA Accounting
Elizabeth Eileen Dodd, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Elizabeth Karen Dresser.....	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Melody Joy Plantijn Drummond, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Autumn Mackenzie Dunzweiler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communications [Advertising]
Alexandra D. Dye, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphic Design
Macinna Kerstin Farnsworth, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Alexander Jacob Federowski.....	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
#Neson Santiago Mascarenhas Ferreira.....	BA International Development Studies
Rebecca Santos Ferreira, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Computer Science
Brittney Lanae Finck, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
#Jacob Brian Fisher.....	BA Journalism [Digital Broadcast]
*Keren Gabriela Flores	BA Spanish
Daniele Elizabeth Fonseca	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Elisa Dali Fuentes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
#Mark Christopher Galvez	BA Theology [Ministerial]
#Emil Jose Garcia.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Laura Araceli Garcia, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Michelle Garza.....	BS Nursing
Brian Wei Ming Goh	BA Psychology
Eveling Grajales.....	BA Biology
Benjamin Gair Gueck.....	BS Music
Karen L. Guerrero.....	BSW Social Work
Kye Allan Sherwood Hache, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Zach Peter Elias Hagen.....	BS Music
Edwin Matthew Hall.....	BA Film Production
Matthew Ryan Hamerly, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Cheryl Martin Hand.....	BS Nursing
Victoria Marie Hansbury, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Andrew James Hansen.....	BFA Film Production
Rachel Delaney Harris.....	BA Psychology
Tierra Briana Jeané Hayes, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Mass Communications [Writing/Editing]
Mariaelena Cristina Hays	BS Public Relations
Chelsea Rosita Henry, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Daria N. Hibbler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Communication Studies [Intercultural]
Tessa Jo Hildebrand	BS Nursing
*Jesse Carl Hoffman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Joseph McCharlie Hyde.....	BS Mass Communications [Photography]
Christian Taehyun Im, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Giselle Ann Imperio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
#Andreas Janzen	BS Computer Science [Embedded Systems]
Kristi Michelle Jensen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Jaideen Margau Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Rachel Elise Johnson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science

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#Prospective Summer Graduate

Andrew Aaron Jones	BS Nursing
Hannah Diane Jones.....	BSN Nursing
Laila May Khalil, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA International Development Studies
Samir Nagi Khalil, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Chelsea Sabrina Khargie, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ana Pamela Kim.....	BSN Nursing
Hannah Arang Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Preston June-Ho Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Sungeun Kim	BS Nursing
Yeji Lillian Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Yong Bin Kim.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Bryan Paul Knuppel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Joel Andrew Knuppel	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jacob Thomas Kollar.....	BSN Nursing
*Jessica JoAnne Elisabeth Kovach, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Victoria Danielle Kratzke	BS Mathematics
John Michael Landis.....	BA Religious Studies
Merypaula Arias Lara.....	BS Business Administration
Yulissa Yaneth Lara	BS Business Administration
Benjamin David Lawson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Charles LaMont Lawson.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Ruth Stephany Lazo Quintanilla, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Amber Ji Eun Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Jung Yeob Lee.....	BA Biology
Matthew S. Lemon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Michaela Aaliyah Lewin.....	BS Public Relations
Tiffany Ann Litchfield	BA Psychology
Abigail Leigh Long	BSN Nursing
Carolina Andrea Lopez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ester Viviana Lopez Garrido.....	BSN Nursing
Jiexin Cindy Ma, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
#Madeline Gabrielle Mace, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Fine Arts; BA Religious Studies
*Pheobe Kathryn Maciel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English
Jonathan Esteban Mairena Arce	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Sarah Elizabeth Mann, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Victoria Fiona Manurung, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
McKenzie Rose Martin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Eduardo Martinez Alvarado, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Tori Danielle Mattox	BSN Nursing
Azzi 7 Mayes	BBA Finance
Joi Elyse McClellan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
#Elizabeth McDuffie.....	BS Nursing
#Stephanie Elise McElheney-Lee	BS Business Administration
Carli Lynne McKeown, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
#Hannah Rachel McNelly.....	BSW Social Work
Julianne Beth Meier, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Emely Susana Mejia.....	BA Art Therapy
Jannine Ivy Garcia Mendoza, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Kimberly Jo Mertz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Taylor Ann Mikel-Casey	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Emily Claire Miller	BBA Accounting
*Kevin Miller.....	BA Liberal Arts Education
James Logan Milliron.....	BA Computer Science
Kiana Alyssa Ley Mopera, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science;
	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]

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Alexa Bjork Muchiutti, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ivan Atli Muchiutti, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Daisy Esther Munoz	BSN Nursing
Mathilda Susan Nafie, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Matheus Tsuyoshi Nanbu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
#Adriana Napitupulu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Joel Dean Negrillo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
#Anthony M. V. Nelson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Professional/Writing]; Film Production
Chaden Izabel Noriega-Reyes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
*Annika Janae Northrop, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English; AS Accounting
Cody Alan Cole Ogan	BS Outdoor Leadership [General]
David Johnathan Olivo, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Régine Kerry Owens, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Rebecca Sharon Oxentenko	BBA Accounting
Thalia Palomino	BS Medical Lab Science
Sarah Abigail Zhen-Zhen Pan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
*Evelyn Haein Park, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Hetal Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Niraj Patel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance; AS Accounting
Shirali Pathak	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Spurgeon Daniel Anders Pauliah	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Zailin Peña	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Efileni Perez-Ortiz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Reyna Shai Pergerson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Yasmin Nadiyah Phillip, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Emmalina Katherine Pleshka, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Brenna Carrin Potter, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BFA Graphic Design
Emily Beth Ramirez	BSN Nursing
Kimberly Ann Ramirez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English [TESOL], International Studies [French]
Melanie Mildred Ramirez	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Brenda Karolina Ramos Nieves	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Amanda Katherine Reed, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA French, Psychology
Allison Eunhee Retz	BS Nursing
*Jayson Curtis Rhea, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics; AS Business Administration
Indiana Kaelan Rhodes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Physics
#Elizabeth Anne Riley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Almys Rivera Abreu	BS Business Administration
#Priya Kalyani Roberts	BSN Nursing
Megan Maria Robertson	BSW Social Work
Christina Julianne Robinson	BS Public Relations
Eli Michael Robinson, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Ada Ivanessa Rodriguez	BS Nursing
Angelica Rakel Rodriguez	BSW Social Work
Yeimy Rodriguez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Justin Alexander Rogers	BT Construction Management
#Madelyn R. Rogers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Film Production
Sharlyn Kimberly Rumambi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Joshua Jeremiah Salguero, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Alejandro J. Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Systems Administration
#Taylor Page Schepers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations and Graphics Design
*Jacqueline Marie Seek, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Moriah Jochebed Shadley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Andrew Paul John Sharley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]

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#Jonathan Franklin Shephard, <i>Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Alina Marie Sherman	BFA Graphic Design
Andrea Tupas Silos, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
#Ethan W. Simler.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Raina Alexandra Simon	BSN Nursing
Paul Lorenzo Lee Simons, Jr.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Ashley Angélica Simpson Herrera	BFA Graphic Design
Loyda Ester Simpson.....	BS Nursing
Ena Daniela Slavik	BS Nursing
Grace Anne Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Thyrell Alford Jonathan Smith	BS Business Administration
Reiner J. Sokolies.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Michael Anthony Specht, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
#Matthew Stephen Steinke.....	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Edyn-Mae Stevenson	BS Music [Theory and Literature]
Kyler Thomas Stock	BBA Management [International Business]
#Daijah Azenté T. Stowe	BA Graphic Design
#Roberta Lewis Gwathmey Strickler, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Andrew Donald Suckert	BS Business Administration; AT Technology [Auto Service]
Charity L. Sutherland.....	BSW Social Work
Hudson Brady Sutton, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Sakari Tiana Tallmadge	BS Medical Science Lab
John Chandler Tarbox	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Brenden Alan Teal, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Joshua Daniel Tefft, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Cosette Nicole Teschke	BA Psychology
#Daniella Patricia Thomann	BSN Nursing
#Ryan Edward Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA History
#Aaron Lee Trelfa, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Joshua Julien Trevilcock	BFA Film Production
Jacob Christian Jer-wen Tsai, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Jamison Genki Tsuchiya	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language and Pathology]
*Brady Alexander Tull, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Ana Beatriz Valdes.....	BA Graphic Design
#Emily Marie Valdez.....	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
William Tate VanEgmond	BBA Management [General Management]
Rudson Nadal Varona, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
#Timothy M. Verduzco	BS Business Administration
Allison Rose Verrill, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Brayden Connor Viehmann, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BT Construction Management
#Marco T. Vigil-Echeverria, Jr.	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Fabiana Beatriz Viteri Ruiz	BSW Social Work
Huy Quang Vo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Isabella Rose Voignier.....	BSW Social Work
Joshua Timothy Wade.....	BS Computer Science
Scott Erik Walker	BA English [Literature]
Cheryl Megan Wang, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Rachel Elaine Watkins	BSN Nursing
Samuel Alston West	BBA Management [General Management]
Gabrielle Yasmin Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
#Bradley Roger Wilmoth.....	BA Physics
Hannah Mahal Wilson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Adison Forbes Wood.....	BS Health Science
Lachlan Chandler Wood	BS Health Science

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Heather Nicole Wooten, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Abigail Grace Wright	BSN Nursing
Cassandra Ann Wright	BS Nursing
Sara M. Wu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mathematics
Campbell Reece Wurl	BS Nursing
Tao Yang, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Susan Louise Yates, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Everett Daniel Young, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Imeelyn Paula Zarzuela, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing

A S S O C I A T E S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Gabrielle Hope Amick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AA General Studies
#Dustin Robert Blake Battenberg	AS Nursing
Kaitlyn Ann Beisiegel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Robert Lee Bell, IV	AS Nursing
Marry Melany Bright	AS Nursing
Durbin Jeavon Brown-Simpson	AS Nursing
Tatum Elizabeth Buchanan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kaitlin Joy Callahan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Heather Nicole Carr, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kevin David Gozo Carty, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Melissa Larmer Cate	AS Nursing
#Breanna Pertricia Cenecharles	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Jennifer Leah Cho	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
#Sohee Chung	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Haley Monteá Coffelt	AS Nursing
Jamia Simmons Cole	AS Nursing
Jaimee Elizabeth Connor	AS Nursing
Caleb Johnathan Quest Cook, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Business Administration
Nathan Ike DeWind	AA Religion [Bible Instructor]
Marcus Barry Donesky, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Nicole Marie Donesky, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
D'Toria Shantel Elder West	AS Nursing
Sarah Rebecca Evans, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS General Studies
Sonya LaDean Fisher	AS Nursing
Chesther Marc Gamayo	AS Nursing
Emma Kate Gibson	AS Nursing
Britney Michele Goldsmith	AS Nursing
Jonathan Elias Gonzalez	AS Nursing
Amy Lizbeth Herrera	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
#Brianna Marie Howard	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Shelby Lynn Huse, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Mary Skelly Jackson	AS Nursing
Julia Cherie Johnson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Ryan Michael Kamieneski, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
John Benjamin Kaplan	AS Engineering Studies
Esther Yeseul Lee	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Jeong Hee Lee	AS Nursing
Megan S. Manuel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Eden Mekonnen	AS Nursing
Caleb Lane Miller	AS Nursing
Joann Shannon Niere	AS Nursing
Rachel Natsumi Oda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Rachael Courtney Olson	AS Nursing

*Teaching Certificate

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Maria Ordonez-Eargle.....	AS Nursing
Janelle Marie Osvold, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Javan Othniel Owens.....	AS Nursing
Donna J. Padgett, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Austin Matthew Plank.....	AS Nursing
Hannah Lynlee Bowman.....	AS Nursing
Enoch Rindra Razafindrabe.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Sherley Registe.....	AS Biology
Sable Lakeisha Robinson.....	AS Nursing
Andrea Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Angela Eve Yap Santos.....	AS Nursing
#Lauren Elizabeth Jane Shelby.....	AS Nursing
Astacia Sigarlaki.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Stephanie Sara Siliezar.....	AS Nursing
Ariana Nicole Smith.....	AS Nursing
Chase Nicholas Smith.....	AS Nursing
Fryant Gem Camagay Sulit, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
#Fely Yirehel Tapia.....	AS Nursing
Courtney Paige Taylor, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Meredith Brooke Taylor.....	AS Nursing
Mahayla Ruby Toews, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Maki Claire Tsuchiya, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Erin Nicole Van Zyl.....	AS Nursing
Clayton Robert Vance, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Aheesha Fayola Watkis.....	AS Nursing
Sydney Tyler Westerbeck, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Tara Nicole Worley.....	AS Nursing
#Candence Alexandria Wright.....	AS Graphic Design
Mitchell Ray Young.....	AS Nursing
Katherine Faith Victoria Zoch.....	AS Nursing

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

#Kiana Jael Alexander.....	MS Global Community Development
#Marlin Calvin Allen.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Nora Amador-Vieyra.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Jacob Anderson.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
#Xinia Marisol Arana.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#George Justine Banyenza.....	MS Global Community Development
Eric Matthew Barber.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Liliana Esther Barrios.....	MS School Counseling
#Erin Ashley Barthle.....	MBA [Customized]
Tyree J. Berlin.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
#John Robert Wilson Boggess.....	MS Computer Science
Michelle Dawn Bowen.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Taylor Ann Bryant Bowen.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Ashley Nichole Brude.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Jennifer Pursley Bryan.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Benjamin Burkhardt.....	MMin Church Leadership and Management
#Cornelia Ecatharine Campbell.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Leslie Torchick Casteel.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

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#Lindsey Paige Clark MSW Social Work [School]
 Patricia Ruth ClassMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 John Derrick Couch.....MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Laura Elizabeth DalleyMSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
 Amanda Brooke DavisMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Sarah Lynne Davis MS School Counseling
 #Gergana DininaMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Dalton James Doolin..... MBA Accounting
 Michael EdmistonMSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
 #Lauren Nicole Epperson MS Global Community Development
 #Kimberly M. Ford..... MSW Social Work [School]
 #Elisha Charles FowlerMSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
 Alicia Ann Irene Fulbright.....MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Zamaria Davion Louise GainsMSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
 Yulonda Mashell Garth..... MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 #Thomas Jefferson Gephart IIMBA Management
 #Dylan Kyakuwa GibbonsMSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 #Karissa May Goodman.....MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 #Kenneth Derrel Gott IIIMBA Management
 #Morgan Joy Granberry MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
 Brandon Christopher Grentz MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 #Savannah Lynn GrignonMSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
 #Leslie HakunaMSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 Jenae Camille HennesseyMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Stephanie Rose Hill..... MS School Counseling
 Julie A. Hook MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
 #Shannon Leah Hutchison.....MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
 #Adriana Ines Izquierdo.....MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 #Mabel Javier-Garcia.....MBA Marketing Management
 Kayla Louise JohnsMS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
 #Nicolas Caleb JohnsonMBA Management
 Briana Abigail Mariah KeizerMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Stephanie Marie Kibble.....MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 #Debora Cynthia Kim.....MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 Susanna Joy KingMSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
 Winnie Warun Kiri MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
 Kayla Lee..... MS School Counseling
 #Katie Lauren Lindsay MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
 #Kirenia Castillo LorenteMBA Healthcare Administration
 Kennedy Carl Lockett..... MMin Evangelism and World Mission
 #Elizabeth Maureen Mair MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
 Bernardo Israel Martinez.....MBA Management
 #Paola Areli Mendez.....MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 #Kirsten Charlene Meneses..... MSW Social Work [School]
 #Amanda Janine Mertz.....MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
 Madai Lugones Miller MS School Counseling
 #Joseph Stewart Mixon..... MS Global Community Development
 #Annissa Edianys Monteso.....MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 #Karley Michelle Moon.....MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
 Brandie Geren MooreMSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
 #Savanah Lee Nichols MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
 #Ugochi Nwachukwu MS Global Community Development
 #Ugochukwu Austin Nwachukwu..... MS Global Community Development
 #Patricia O'Shea MSW Social Work [School]
 #Grace Allison Patchett.....MBA Management
 #Eldriana Marika Pierre-Louis..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]

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#Anna Kathleen Plank	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Rennae Andella Ralph	MBA Customized
Vidal Ramirez, Jr.	MBA Finance
Candra Maria Ravariere	MBA Healthcare Administration
#Brooklyn Marie Ray	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Alan Lewis Roberts	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Anouchith Romero	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Debra E. Ruff	MBA Healthcare Administration
#Brianna Marie Salsi	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Whitley Tiara Sampler	MS School Counseling
#Rebeca Santos	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Darian Raquel Seals	MS School Counseling
#Mariah Ashlee Sharp	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Jocelyn Taylor Shear	MSW Social Work [Trauma and Emergency Management]
Jamie Renee Slagle	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Mia Ophelia Slocumb	MS School Counseling
Samantha Jo Sopata	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Christopher Michael Strothman	MS Computer Science
Jessica Marie Swallows	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Hairline Sylvestre	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Lyndsay N. Terry	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
#Emmanuel Tawiah Tetteh	MS Global Community Development
Douglas Alan Tilstra	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Vincent Adam Turner, Jr.	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Carol J. Wilbanks	MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Family Nurse Practitioner
#Cleo Blakely Wilde	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Cassie Ann Williams	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kari Lynn Williams	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
#Karen Joy Williams	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Erica Lynn Winter	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
#Rachel Marie Wood	MSW Social Work [School]
#Sarah Madeline Wu	MS Computer Science
#Jeffrey Zaremsky	MMin Church Leadership and Management

D O C T O R A L D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Warren Dwight Burke	DNP Acute Care
Stephanie Jinright	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandy Shay Kirstein	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Julie Beth Kretschmar McKinney	DNP Lifestyle Medicine; DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelli Lynn Noble	DNP Lifestyle Medicine
#Ailin Li Puckett	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Samantha Logan Spinks	DNP Acute Care
Michelle Lynn White	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

The Commencement program does not constitute an official list of graduates.

#Prospective Summer Graduate

GUEST GRADUATES

LA GRANGE UNIVERSITY

Caleb Brown, *Summa Cum Laude*..... BS Biology
BA Music

PRESCOTT COLLEGE

Douglas Alan Brown.....PhD Sustainability Education

SOUTHERN'S VISION AND CORE VALUES



The Vision

Southern Adventist University's vision is to:

- Model the love of Jesus in every interaction.
- Invite students into a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Inspire each student to engage with God's Church and the world through service and witness.
- Provide each student with an exceptional learning experience that equips them to thrive in a fluid, global job market.

Core Values

As Southern Adventist University employees, we:

- Embrace a Seventh-day Adventist Worldview and Fundamental Beliefs
- Love Others as God Loves Them
- Act with Integrity
- Live Prayerfully
- Serve Others Generously
- Follow God's Calling
- Pursue Excellence
- Exercise Responsible Stewardship
- Offer an Exceptional Learning Experience

S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES – 371
(19 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES – 106 (3 HAVE TWO EMPHASES)

DOCTORAL GRADUATES – 8

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	40	Journalism and Communication.....	14
Business.....	36	Mathematics.....	3
Technology.....	2	Modern Languages.....	4
Chemistry.....	10	Music.....	4
Computing.....	10	Nursing.....	54
Education and Psychology		Physical Education, Health, and Wellness.....	26
Education.....	9	Physics and Engineering.....	2
Psychology.....	14	Religion.....	15
English.....	7	Social Work.....	11
History and Political Studies.....	3	Visual Art and Design.....	20

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	22	Nursing.....	53
Business.....	5	Physical Education, Health, and Wellness.....	3
Technology.....	1	Religion.....	1
Engineering.....	1	Visual Art and Design.....	1
General Studies.....	2		

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business.....	13	Global Community Development.....	7
Computing.....	3	Nursing.....	31
Education and Psychology		Religion.....	3
Counseling.....	12	Social Work.....	33
Education.....	9		

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing.....	8
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ACADEMIC REGALIA



The color of velvet trim on the hoods 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
Business.....	Drab
Communication.....	Crimson
Education.....	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Law.....	Purple
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Outdoor Leadership	Russet
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Admin./Foreign Service	Peacock
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Software Engineering.....	Orange
Theology	Scarlet

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

All other colors represent honors societies in the various academic areas.

THE MACE



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. Southern's mace represents its heritage and *raison d'être* (reason for existence). 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, Matt Tolbert, chair of the University Senate and associate professor in the School of Education and Psychology. His regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

SPECIAL THANKS



Academic Administration	Landscape Services
Advancement	Marketing and University Relations
Alumni Relations	President's Office
Audio Visual	Quick Print
Blluum Floral and Event Design (stage centerpiece)	Records and Advisement
Campus Safety	School of Journalism and Communication
College Press	School of Music
Energy Management	Service Department
Financial Administration	Student Services
Food Services	Village Market
Graduate Studies	

We extend our gratitude especially to parents, fellow students, and guests.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2020 GOES VIRTUAL



October 29 to November 1, 2020

Southern Adventist University recognizes the responsibility to provide a safe environment for alumni, students, employees, and the local community during the COVID-19 pandemic. With safety as the highest priority, Homecoming Weekend is going virtual this year.

Many creative and exciting activities are being planned to provide meaningful connections for you with former classmates and professors, current students, and the campus:

- McKee Library 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Bietz Center for Student Life Virtual Tour
- Awards Presentations:
 - » Alumni of the Year - recognizing alumni who serve others with courage during COVID-19
 - » Young Alumni of the Year - recognizing the Class of 2020 who persevered to overcome challenges faced with moving to virtual classes
- Cooking Class
- Southern Shuffle 5k and 10k
- Alumni Golf Tournament – November 1, in-person at The Bear Trace Golf Course at Harrison Bay

Honor Classes and Symphony Orchestra Reunions: We look forward to celebrating with you in person in 2021!

Learn more and register at southern.edu/homecoming. We can't wait to "see" you!

