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

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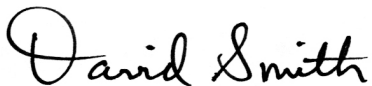
Congratulations on successfully completing the requirements for a Southern Adventist University degree. Whether you have earned an undergraduate or a graduate degree, you have worked hard, prayed much, paid much, and endured much. Now we celebrate with you the achievement of your goal.

I trust that in the process of earning your degree you have learned new things and improved valuable skills such as how to follow directions, how to motivate yourself, how to work well with others, how to think, how to communicate and so much more. But I hope is that you have learned one of the most important things of all: how to learn.

Knowing how to learn and being motivated to continue as a lifelong learner are crucial to your future success. From now on there may not be someone to instruct you, to grade you, to tell you what to do. You will need to navigate on your own, without the benefit of a teacher, a course syllabus, a college catalog, or support staff.

I believe that you will be able to face whatever life presents provided you have learned how to learn and are motivated to continue learning. People who are lifelong learners are not only more successful than their peers, they are also more interesting. They love learning. They love applying what they learn. They are driven to become more and to do more as opportunities present themselves.

I wish you the very best as you begin the next stage of your life's journey. As you do, let your love of learning empower you to succeed in all your future goals.



David Smith

R E C O R D I N G S



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COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 7 p.m.



Prelude

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

Invocation Trina Pyke
MSN Nurse Educator

Welcome Hannah Odenthal
BA Psychology

Music..... “Find Us Faithful” Composer, Jon Mohr
Cassie Cookenmaster, *soprano, BS Music*
Daniela Monzon Villegas, *soprano, BMus Music Education (Voice)*
Esther Ferras, *piano, AS Nursing*
Josué Loyola-Roncal, *violin, BA Global Policy & Service Studies*

Introduction of Speaker..... David Smith
President

Address The Measure of All Things Philip Samaan
Professor, School of Religion

Class Response..... Lindsey Conkle
Class Representative, BBA Marketing; AS Accounting

Presentation of Degree Candidates Robert Young
Senior Vice President for Academic Administration
Tyson Hall
Associate Vice President for Academic Administration
Carleton Swafford, '75
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 Welcome Jay Dedeker, '88
President, Alumni Association

Benediction..... Jenee Lee
BA Psychology

**Recessional..... “Rigaudon” André Campira

Presentation of the Graduating Class David Smith, *President*

Director, Community Brass Ensemble: Ken Parsons, *Professor, School of Music*

Pianist: Peter Cooper, *Professor, School of Music*

Grand Marshal: Chris Hansen, *Chair, University Senate and Professor, Physics and Engineering Department*

Senior Class Sponsors: Joyce Azevedo, *Professor, Biology and Allied Health Department*

Alan Parker, *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.

B A C H E L O R ' S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Ana Karla Aguilera, <i>Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Mara Aguirre Rodriguez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
LaTia Rose Allain, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing; Management [Entrepreneurship]
*Alexandra M. Alvarez	BA Spanish; BS Health Science
Luis Eduardo Andrade, Jr.	BS Sports Studies [Recreation]
Juanita Littlefield Baker	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Matthew Christian Baker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Astrid Carolina Banegas	BS Nursing
Kevin Emmanuelle Batres	BBA Accounting
Thomas Abner Beneche	BA History [European Studies]
Alexandra Danielle Bermudez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Linnetta Dawn Boshers	BS Nursing
Krantzsy Rex Boursiquot	BA Religious Studies
Alexander Kyle Brady, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Sean Curtis Bryant	BS Physics; Computer Science [Embedded Systems]
Nicholas Lee Bunch, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
David Matthew Bunzey	BS Film Production
Nadege Darlene Anne Emere Caro, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Maeva Monica Chandler	BS Graphic Design
Chao Chen	BS Animation [Character Animation]
Rachel Nicole Clark, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Lindsey Janelle Conkle, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing; AS Accounting
*Amanda Kei Cook, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
Cassie Faye Cookenmaster, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Katara Lynn Dorsia Cooper, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Ana Copaceanu	BS Nursing
Erica Morgan Cosgrove, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Paige Nicole Cosgrove, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Lexie Nicole Crone, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Elaine Lois David	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
John Baptiste Davilmar, <i>Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Timothy E. Davis	BA Computer Science
Scottie Lee Deal, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Religious Studies
Emily Marie Deedrick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
*Charisse Ann Dube, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Jolene Lanae Dumitrescu, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
*Dustin Lee Evans	BA Mathematics
Andrew Rani Gindi	BS Business Administration
Arianne Gabrielle Goff	BS Health Science
Mariana Victoria González	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Timothy Evan Gosser	BA Religious Studies
Stephen Anthony Hall II	BA Religious Studies
*Rachel Elizabeth Halterman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
*Jade Amanda Henry	BA Liberal Arts Education
Savannah Mae Herrod	BS Business Administration
Shelby Elyse Hustad	BA Religious Studies
Joshua Justin Bermudez Imperio	BS Nursing
Alicia Shanti James, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Rolf R. Jean Louis	BA Theology [Seminary]

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Mckinzie Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Robert Eric Johnson	BS Computer Systems Administration
Caleb Joshua Johnson-Siaw	BBA Marketing
Caroline J. Kim	BS Nursing
Ha-Eun Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Hannah Jihae Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Steven Sukyoung Kim	BS Business Administration
*Kimberly Jane Knowles	BA Liberal Arts Education
Samantha Ruth Landau.....	BS Health Science
Aubrey Kelly Lang.....	BS Business Administration
Chae Soo Lee, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Jeneé Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Victor Ji Sung Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Stacy La-Toya Leonard	BS Nursing
Gelissa Ednise Leveille Michel	BS Film Production
Wann Darnell Lindsey III.....	BFA Fine Arts
Bianca Elineth Lopez	BS Nursing
Jonathan Mitchell Lowery	BS Long-Term Care Administration
Josue Albert Loyola-Roncal, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Global Policy & Service Studies
Bridget R. Marschner.....	BS Nursing
*Caleb John McQuistan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA History
Jacob Daniel Mertz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Religious Studies
Cynthia Darlene Michals.....	BS Nursing
Christopher D. Miller, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Graciela Stephanie Molina	BA International Studies [French]
Alberto José Montes	BA Religious Studies
*Daniela Elena Monzon Villegas, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> ...	BMus Music Education [Voice]
Renee Elizabeth Morales-Castillo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Abel Morrobel.....	BA Theology [Seminary]
Samson Cadiente Napod.....	BS Business Administration
Noelia Milena Oase, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Mikaila Danielle S. Ocampo	BS Nursing
Hannah Kristine Odenthal, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Philip J. Paik.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Bumsoo Park, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jorge Alberto Perez.....	BA International Studies [Spanish]
Dailin Portelles.....	BA Art [Therapy]; International Studies [Italian]
Martha Isabel Portillo	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Griffin Tate Prusia	BS Business Administration
Judson Reid Prusia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Financial Management [Finance]
*Elizabeth Pujols, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
Abri Elise Ranzinger, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Justin Christopher Rhea.....	BS Computer Science
MacKenzie Leigh Richardson	BS Nursing
Evan Joseph Robinson.....	BS Animation [Effects Animation]
Jefferson Ricardo Rodrigues, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Film Production
Jose Omar Rodriguez	BA Religious Studies
*Kevin Gabriel Rojas, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Dyani Eliana Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
*Melissa Sue Schiffbauer	BA Liberal Arts Education
*Sarah Marie Schoultz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Spanish

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Lik Man She.....	BS Sports Studies [Human Performance]
Seo Young Christina Shin	BS Nursing
Nathan D. Shires	BA Religious Studies
Cheyenne D. Silvers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations
Matthew Elias David Smith.....	BS Business Administration
*Rachel Angelique Marie Smith.....	BA English
Lara Rebeca Esteves Soares.....	BS Nursing
Christian Soeharsono, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Michael Steinke.....	BBA Marketing
Susana Stevenson.....	BS Nursing
Matthias Joshua David Tenold	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Natalie Rose Tielves, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Rebeca Torres.....	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Sara Beth Turner	BS Animation [Character Animation]
Nathan Eric Umali.....	BBA Financial Management [Finance]
Zachary Paul Uttinger.....	BS Nursing
Lucas Gonzaga Valenca.....	BS Nursing
Zachary Leighton Vance, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
*Alexis Marie Vince, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Kaitlin Maye Waterstradt.....	BS Animation [Character Animation]
Cassie Janae White	BS Sports Studies [Human Performance]
Brandon Leslie Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Jimin Yu	BS Health Science
Zhenghao Zhang	BS Nursing

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ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Jessica Jean Weaver Beans, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Graphic Design
Giselle Marie Bird, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Richard James Boyd.....	AS Nursing
Austin R. Brackett.....	AS Nursing
Paola Charnichart.....	AS Nursing
Joana Isabel Claros	AS Nursing
Dennis Larry Clifford III.....	AS General Studies
Bethany Esther Cobb, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Autumn Fawn Cofield.....	AS Nursing
Leonardo Barreto Da Silva, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Savannah Michele Daffron.....	AS Nursing
Caitlin Campbell Davidson.....	AS Nursing
Timothy Reed Doss.....	AS Nursing
Delcy Janel Eman	AS Nursing
Angela Grace Fears	AS Nursing
Esther Rose Ferraz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Paola Andrea Flores	AS Nursing
Marcia Ilene Frederic.....	AS Nursing
Michael Joel Garland.....	AT Construction Management; Technology [Auto Service]
Geralda Barbosa Goodin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Sarah Marie Haas.....	AS Nursing
Shannon Suzanne Hickman.....	AS Nursing

Rachel Lynn Jacobs, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Soh Rin Jeon.....	AS Nursing
Marcus Leandro Jimenez	AS Nursing
Jessica Haley Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Susan Lois Johnson	AS Nursing
Barbara Ann Keltch	AS Nursing
Alice Young Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition & Dietetics]
Kassaundra Ruth Kirschmann	AS Nursing
Kate S. Landon	AS Nursing
Kathy Ann Lavertue.....	AS Nursing
Mary Hannah Limone, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Brittany McCall Lively-Reynolds	AS Nursing
Tatiana Elena Lopez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Michaela Nicole Mahlo.....	AS Nursing
Chelsea Marshall.....	AS General Studies
Elizabeth McDuffie.....	AS Nursing
Cierra Raine Miller.....	AS Nursing
Jocelin Morales Gutierrez	AS Nursing
BillyPrince Esparmonangan Nababan.....	AS Nursing
Genesis Seth Napod	AS Nursing
Ellen Nelton.....	AS General Studies
Emily Noel	AS Nursing
Ashley Lynnette Ocampo.....	AS Nursing
Rebecca Sharon Oxentenko, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Bailey Nicolé Park	AS Nursing
Hetal Patel.....	AS Nursing
Phillip Alexander Pritchett	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Debbie Rojas Reed.....	AS Nursing
Ada Ivanessa Rodriguez	AS Nursing
Karen Michelle Varona Sardar, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Genesis Divine Serrano	AS Nursing
Makenzie Nicole Sherman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Thomas M. B. Sherman.....	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Ruth Sihombing	AS Nursing
Catherin Steffani Silva, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Alana Denise Simanton, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kristel Joy Stewart.....	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Annabelle Suleiman.....	AS Nursing
Jeanine Lorenzo Tacaca.....	AS Nursing
Madison Leigh Trubey, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Devon Janel Valenzuela	AS Nursing
Cassandra Kari Veluz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health
	[Pre-Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology]
Kiara Chanel Wilson	AS Nursing

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

Christina Mellert Aguila.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Donna Elizabeth Allison	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Marcelle Ann Angall-Leonce	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Kristi June Argenbright	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Christopher Gerard Ban.....	MS Computer Science
Patrice Nadine Boyd	MSW Social Work [Mental Health]
Kyle Lawrence Casey.....	MSN Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Savannah Megan Clark.....	MS School Counseling
Anna Marie Ferris.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennie Michelle Foster	MSN Acute Care Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Akeisha Leanna Fraser.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health]
Sheila Annette Green	MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology
Wendy Kay Green.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Holly Ann Greer.....	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Sonya Christine Grice	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Stephanie Areli Guerrero	MS School Counseling
Joshua Duane Harris	MBA Management
Jamie Lynn Haswell	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Lindsay Michaela Hicks	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandi Angel Hoback	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Shanti Enkruma Hollis.....	MS School Counseling
Donita Janine Jensen.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Sharon Rena Johnson.....	MSW Social Work
Regina Marie Lankford.....	MSN Nurse Educator
Elaine Lee-Bradway.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Kristen Alexa Leger.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Matthew Ryan Liepke	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Tamara Alexandra Malakhov.....	MBA Finance
Whitney Roy May	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Adriana M. Meyer.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
James Neal Micheff.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Melissa Louise Mitchell	MSW Social Work [Mental Health]
Myckal Allen Morehouse.....	MA Evangelism & World Mission
Brittany Elizabeth Nelund	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kurt Justin Tanwangco Osen.....	MBA Marketing Management
Jeannette Padilla	MSW Social Work
Sarah Elizabeth Parker	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Xiomara Peña.....	MS School Counseling
Julie Marie Phillips	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Trina Escobar Pyke	MSN Nurse Educator
Thiffany Lizbel Rambana.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Shasmine J. Rice	MBA Management
Taylor M. Rupp.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Jonathan Sanchez.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Victoria Tinashe Seibert.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Kimberly Dawn Slatton	MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; Family Nurse Practitioner
McKenzie Brooke Smartt.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Elizabeth Snyder	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner

Amber Nycole Talley.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Nathan William Thomas.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Michelle Alysia Timpson	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Anna Edwards Turner	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Leisha Anne Haveman Wade	MBA Healthcare Administration
Robert Mark Wade	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Andria Karetha Wilson	MSW Social Work [Child/Family Advocacy & Treatment]

The commencement program does not constitute an official list of the winter graduates.

A C A D E M I C R E G A L I A



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 O U T H E R N S C H O L A R S



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, three graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Ana Karla Aguilera	<i>“Traditional Gender Roles in American and International College Students”</i>
John Baptiste Davilmar	<i>“The Relationship between Health and Academic Achievement at Southern Adventist University”</i>
Alicia Shanti James	<i>“The Spirit Moves You, but How? Exploring the Physiological Correlates of Spiritual Experience”</i>
Daniela Monzon Villegas	<i>“El amor y la muerte: Love, Death, and Nationalism in the Interpretation of Goya and Grandados”</i>

S U M M A R Y



Undergraduate Graduates – 190 (seven have two majors or degrees)
Master’s Graduates – 55 (two have two emphases)

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology/Medical Technology.....	7	Mathematics.....	3
Business.....	21	Modern Languages.....	5
Chemistry.....	3	Music.....	2
Computing.....	5	Nursing	27
Education and Psychology		Physical Education, Health, and Wellness ..	12
Education.....	7	Physics and Engineering	1
Psychology.....	7	Religion.....	13
English	1	Visual Art and Design	11
History and Political Studies	3		
Journalism and Communication.....	1		

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology/Allied Health	3	Nursing	54
Business.....	1	Physical Education, Health, and Wellness	3
Technology.....	3	Visual Arts	1
General Studies.....	3		

MASTER’S DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOLS

Business.....	6	Nursing	29
Computing.....	1	Religion.....	1
Education and Psychology		Social Work.....	9
Counseling.....	8		
Education.....	1		
Outdoor Teacher Education.....	2		

PHILANTHROPY MEDALLION



Students wearing a gold zipper pull medallion have donated to the class gift and received the Philanthropy Medallion.

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

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*. 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, Chris Hansen, chair of the University Senate and professor in the Physics and Engineering Department. His regalia is green trimmed in white, the university colors.

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 opportunity for graduates to purchase extra photos. There is no obligation to purchase.