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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 your achievement. We are proud of you. What you have done is not easy, but I believe you will find it was worth the time, money and effort. God planned for you to get your education at Southern, and now He will guide you into the rest of His plan for you.

As you launch into the next phase of your life, consider how well you deal with the unknown, for the unknown may be the most consistent factor in your life. We can't control life. So don't be surprised when, after planning carefully for something, the unexpected happens.

I recall one day, when I was teaching an English class, I felt so great I couldn't help shouting to the class, "I feel great! I have never felt so great in all my life." Within one hour I was so sick I had to go to bed, and stayed in bed for three days. Then there was the time I bought a new car. It was perfect—for about 30 days. Then things started to happen. The ignition faltered, and the car shook and rattled. When I took it to the dealer for repair, the only thing they could do was change the speed at which it vibrated. Did I want my car to vibrate between 30-40 miles-per-hour or between 40-50 miles-per-hour? Surreal.

We all face surprises. Your education has prepared you for many things, but nothing can prepare you for everything. Nothing, that is, except faith in God. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

For those times when your education cannot help you deal with life's surprises, remember to trust in the Lord. Just as He has gotten you through your life to this point, He will see you through any and all circumstances in your future.

Wishing you God's guidance and blessings,

David Smith



R E C O R D I N G S



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C O M M E N C E M E N T
Thursday, December 15, 2016, 7 p.m.



Prelude	
Processional.....	“Pomp and Circumstance”..... Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation	Jazmyne Page BS Psychology [Clinical]
Welcome	Andre Garcia BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Music.....	“Un Dia de Noviembre”Composer, Leo Broouwer (b.1939) David Orvek, classical guitar, BS Music [Theory and Literature]
Introduction of Speaker.....	David Smith President
Address	Seize the Moment.....Mike Cauley, '75 Florida Conference President
Class Response.....	Jaren Humphreys Class Representative, BS Business Administration
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Robert Young Senior Vice President for Academic Administration Volker Henning, '77 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.....	Julia Bonney BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]
**Recessional.....	“Rondeau” Jean-Joseph Mouret
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: Julie Hyde, Professor, School of Business
Rick Norskov, Professor, Biology and Allied Health Department

- * 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.

D E C E M B E R 1 5 , 2 0 1 6
B A C H E L O R ' S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Michael Joel Aldrich	BS Animation [Character Animation]
Daniel Alvarez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Tracey Andrade.....	BS Nursing
Ana Louise Bechard.....	BA Religious Studies
Jo-Annalee Bennett.....	BS Nursing
Ellysse Myrja Bertus	BS Nursing
Dorothy Elizabeth Boggess.....	BS Graphic Design [Print Design]
Steffy Pammela Bohorquez	BS Nursing
Julia Phyllis Bonney	BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]
Krista Michelle Bonney, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology
Krantzy Rex Boursiquot.....	BA Religious Studies
Michelle Dawn Bowen, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Aren Michael-Christopher Bruce	BA Religious Studies
Zaire Alizé Burgess-Robinson	BS Nursing
*Sandra Elizabeth Candelario	BA Liberal Arts Education
Luisa Casallas.....	BS Public Relations
Malaika Zharee Cerna, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
*Daniel Bradbury Collins.....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Ryan Avery Collins	BA Computer Science
Stephan Arni Collins.....	BS Business Administration and Public Relations
*Diego Karel Constante.....	BS Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Kaylee Marian Couser, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Da Yeon Dang.....	BA Biology
Hyo (Kevin) Dang	BA Chemistry
CasSandra Christine Dannenberger	BS Sports Studies [Human Performance]
Jonatas DeOliveira.....	BS Nursing
Amit Devaraj.....	BA Religious Studies
Olivia Louise DeWitt, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA History
Briana Ariel Distan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Bradley Stephen Donesky, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Olivia Nevada Donesky, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Financial Management [Accounting]
Franklin Dwight Dorsey, Jr.....	BA Biology
Marshall Tyler Duff, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ana F. DuVall, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Jordan Hope Ela	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Chali L. Enderson	BS Business Administration
Ivelisse Amber Eresmas.....	BS Graphic Design
Chibuikem Kelechi Erondu.....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
*Kassandra Alysse Fernandez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English
Ma. Krezenzia Corinne Fuerte, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Ashley Abigail Furtado, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Joseph Patrick Galabit.....	BS Nursing
Eliud Andre Garcia.....	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Keren Gómez Mora, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Richard Lynn Griggs II.....	BS Business Administration
Dillon Blake Hamilton, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Melissa Ann Harrison, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]

*Teaching Certificate

Jaren Taylor Humphreys	BS Business Administration
Megan Elizabeth Jewell	BA Biology
Breanna SusAnn Johnson	BA International Studies [Spanish]; AA General Studies
Joshua Taylor Kalvoda	BBA Marketing
Zachary Dietrich Kast	BS Film Production
Holly Paige Keener.....	BBA Financial Management [Accounting]
Barbara Petrovna Kulakov.....	BA Journalism
Melissa Ledezma	BS Nursing
Eunjin Lee.....	BS Nursing
*Sarah Lynn Maine, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Carrie Lynn Mallory	BBA Financial Management [Accounting]
Jose Daniel Mata.....	BS Animation [Character Animation]
Denee Mary McClain, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Computer Science
*Chelsea Renee McMullen, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Briana Michele Morgan	BS Nursing
Tess Lindsay Morgan.....	BBA Marketing
Daniela Noelle Muñiz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Outdoor Leadership [Adventure Therapy]
Jessica Rose Myers.....	BA Global Policy and Service Studies; AA General Studies
David Ellis Orvek, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Music [Theory and Literature]
April Elizabeth Owen, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Jazmyne Jenea Page	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Rincy P. Rajan	BS Nursing
Zeiza Ramos	BS Nursing
Kyle Jeffrey Raymond.....	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Carl Eugene Reiter, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Graphic Design
Ashley Marie Rich.....	BS Public Relations
April Ann Risley	BSW Social Work
David Peder Rittenhouse, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Josephine Diana Rivas	BS Nursing
Brandon Kyle Robinson	BBA Management [General Management]
Stephen Isaak Rodacker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Kirsty Flynn D. Rosendo	BS Nursing
Josue I. Sanchez	BA Pastoral Care
Lauren Michelle Sauder.....	BS Nursing
Benjamin Thomas Schuen	BS Business Administration
Jeffrey Carlyle Shafer	BBA Marketing
Myung Shik Shin	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Ferdinand Sihotang	BS Nursing
Nicholas Stephen Simons, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Peter McRyan Simpson.....	BS Computer Systems Administration
Olga Slobodyanyuk.....	BS Nursing
Tara Chavon Stitzer	BS Nursing
Erin Nicole Tablang.....	BS Nursing
Laura Myers Tanner.....	BS Nursing
*Noemi Terrazas.....	BA Spanish
*Sarah Christian Theus, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Rashida Becky Tsoka.....	BA Chemistry
Casey Noelle Vaughn, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Seminary]
Missy M. Walden, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Shelby Ann Webb, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Katarina Tiffany Weekes.....	BS Business Administration and Public Relations
Holly Lee Whiting, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing

*Teaching Certificate

Alyssa Nicole Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Global Policy and Service Studies
Erica Lynn Winter	BS Nursing
James Stephen Wright II.....	BS Family Studies
Angela Jeanny Yoon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry

D E C E M B E R 1 5 , 2 0 1 6
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

Michelle Pinheiro Abreu	AS Nursing
Alesska Acosta.....	AS Nursing
Sean David Ancheta-Reinhardt	AS Nursing
Taryn Victoria Atchley.....	AS Nursing
Genaida Irene Benson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Sarah Margaret Bradley.....	AS Nursing
Brandalynn Paige Bunch	AS Nursing
Raeann Mae Butala.....	AS Nursing
Moises N. Cabrera-Lucar	AS Nursing
Chelsea Adair Campbell, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Cristian Fabian Canales.....	AS Nursing
Alexander Joshua Collins	AT Technology [Auto Service]
John Derrick Couch	AS Nursing
Esteban David Covarrubias	AS Nursing
Emily Marie Deedrick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Lizandra Mercedes Diaz.....	AS Nursing
Shenider Dufort.....	AS Nursing
Amanda Karen Evans	AS Nursing
Wendaly E. Gutierrez.....	AS Nursing
Stephen L. Hays	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Lisamarie Heldzinger	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Ruth Ibuado, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Joshua Justin Bermudez Imperio.....	AS Nursing
Elizabeth Antonette Johnson.....	AS Nursing
Martin Tyler Klinner	AS Nursing
Greg Ryan Learned	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Bruce Alan MacDougall	AS Nursing
Esther Reed Mattson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Cody Dean Morford	AA General Studies
Lindsay Jayne Nelson	AS Nursing
Mikaila Danielle Santos Ocampo.....	AS Nursing
Zachary Aaron Pauls	AS Nursing
Emily O. Peixoto	AS Nursing
Elizabeth Brianna Penner	AS Nursing
Angela Isabel Ramirez.....	AS Nursing
Deneicia Rorianna Samone Rice.....	AA General Studies
MacKenzie Leigh Richardson	AS Nursing
Justin Scott Riebow.....	AS Nursing
Dwaine Geovonnie Robinson	AA General Studies
M. Florencia Rodas.....	AS Nursing
Elyse Michelle Ross.....	AS Nursing
Dyani Eliana Sanchez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing

Samantha Elena Smith	AS Nursing
Susana Victoria Sodeman.....	AS Nursing
Rachel Michelle Tolliver	AS Nursing
Tiffany Shunatae Watkins	AS Nursing
Kamesha Erica Weekes	AS General Studies
Misty Triva Williams.....	AS Nursing

D E C E M B E R 1 5 , 2 0 1 6
M A S T E R ' S D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Faith Jacqueline Aguirre	MSW Social Work
Julie Melissa Hill Alvarez	MBA Healthcare Administration
Nathalie Andre	MS Global Community Development
Joey Baham	MBA Healthcare Administration
Hayley Baker	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Jamie Elizabeth Bird	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Angela D. Boothby	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Melissa Lynn Bopp	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Alexander Bowen.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
James Augustus Bowen	MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Amber Rei Buchanan	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Joshua Aaron Carithers	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Leila Thomas Clark	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Coker	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Olivia Lynn Cole	MSW Social Work
Emily Elizabeth Durichek.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Christal Dawn Frerichs.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Brittany Nicole Glass	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Marie Goode.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Lana Beth Goodman	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Guy Kulumanu Goodness	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Atura Lee Grant.....	MSW Social Work
Donnovan Timothy Ervin Greaves	MBA Healthcare Administration
Austin Taylor Greenwood.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Charinette Dee Yleanor Lumanlan Guerrero.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner; Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology
Roshmoti Lenora Halder.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Rebekah Teresa Harris.....	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Sharon Kay Hart	MSN and MBA Healthcare Administration
Brooke S. Henson	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Megan Henson.....	MSW Social Work
Jessica Elenor Hill.....	MSW Social Work
Kandace D. Hixson.....	MSW Social Work
Kimberly Mechele Hoots	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Elizabeth Marie Jackson.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Destiney Alise Johnson	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Kimberlynn Patrice Johnson.....	MS School Counseling
Lisa P. Kahana-Naipo	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Dara Marie Laing.....	MBA Accounting

Lillian Tamara Loza	MSA Customized
Jeremy Evan Manasco	MBA Healthcare Administration
Katie Renae Masters	MSW Social Work
Chad Thomas Mejeur.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Josue B. Mendoza	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Danielle Marie Miller	MSW Social Work
Sally Fay Moss	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Noelle Marie Murphy	MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology
Tricia Lee Nelson	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelly Erin Neufeld	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Francisco Javier Ortiz.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Michael Drew Philpott.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Martin Pita.....	MSW Social Work
Lizeth Rego Cortes.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
James Reynaert.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
John Charles Rogers	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner; Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology
Eliseo Sanchez.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Magdalena Santos	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Otilia Schimbischi	MSW Social Work
Amy Nicole Scott	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
James Robert Slatton	MSN Primary Care Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Lynne Ann Smith	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
April Michelle Summers.....	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
Bernard Earl Taylor.....	MS Global Community Development
Victor Carson Vaughn.....	MMin Evangelism and World Mission
Justin Lloyd White.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Christopher John Wilhelm	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Kathy Willenborg.....	MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
LeRoy Wombold.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Sommer Wright	MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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

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Undergraduate Graduates – 151 (four have two majors)

Master's Graduates – 68 (three have two majors)

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology	4	Journalism and Communication.....	6
Business.....	14	Modern Languages.....	2
Chemistry.....	6	Music.....	1
Computing.....	3	Nursing	34
Education and Psychology		Physical Education, Health, and Wellness	5
Family Studies.....	1	Outdoor Leadership	1
Liberal Arts	5	Religion	6
Psychology.....	6	Social Work.....	1
English	1	Visual Art and Design	6
History and Political Studies	3		

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

Biology/Allied Health	1	Nursing	40
General Studies.....	6	Technology.....	3

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOLS

Business.....	10	Global Community Development.....	2
Education and Psychology		Nursing	35
Education.....	2	Religion.....	1
Counseling.....	7	Social Work.....	10
Outdoor Teacher Education.....	4		

PHILANTHROPY CORD



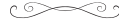
Students wearing a royal blue cord have donated to the class gift and received the Philanthropy Cord.

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

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. 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.

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:

Olivia DeWitt

“Red Masters and Black Slaves in a White Man’s War”

Denee McClain

“Investigating Language With Artificial Intelligence”

David Orvek

“Ex Nihilo: An Inquiry Into the Nature of Musical Creation”

P H O T O G R A P H S



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.

