

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

The Gestalt Effect of Service and Learning

I'm very pleased with the Christian Service Program we launched last fall because it is an innovative blend of service and learning. Faculty members are working with students to create meaningful projects that benefit a wide variety of people.

The new curriculum component requiring students to actively participate in service-learning experiences is designed to acquaint them with service now—doing projects relevant to their career paths. We're convinced this could help prepare students for a life of service—a key element of Southern's mission.

Habit of Service

The idea is that, after graduation, students will be empowered to identify the needs in their communities and use the skills they've learned at Southern to meet those needs. We want to give them opportunities to develop a habit of service—and a love for humanity—that lasts the rest of their lives.

"Southern Adventist University as a learning community nurtures Christ-likeness and encourages the pursuit of truth, wholeness, and a life of service." That's our mission.

We encourage a life of service because we want students to know that service is a fundamental part of really living!



SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person. Click on the title to be directed to the story:

"In Search of the Perfect Reed"

Timesfreepress.com, January 19

"Hours and Tides Exhibit on Display at SAU"

Chattanooga.com, January 19

"SAU Professor and Student Develop Text App"

WRCBtv.com, January 17

"Celebrating Martin Luther King in the Community"

WRCBtv.com, January 16

"Chattin-Carter Is Behind the Scene and In the Scenes"

Chattanooga.com, January 16

"Volunteers Make MLK, Jr. Day a Day of Service"

WDEF News 12, January 16

"Veteran Awareness Run"

WDEF News 12, January 16

"SAU Students Volunteer at St. Andrews Center"

Chattanooga.com, January 16

"Volunteers Spread Spirit of MLK Jr. Day"

News Channel 9, January 16

"Southern Students to Volunteer on MLK, Jr. Day"

Chattanooga.com, January 13

"Business Makes Treasures Out of Discarded Objects"

Timesfreepress.com, January 13

"Chattanooga Businesses Helping Charities"

Timesfreepress.com, December 25

"Program Opens Eyes to Human Trafficking"

Timesfreepress.com, December 10

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Norman Gulley's article "Why Is God So Misunderstood" was published in the December 2011 issue of the journal *Ministry*.

On December 18-23, **Adrienne Royo** was an off-site judge for FEA (Future Educators of America) Moment, a national competition for high school students leading to the choosing of three finalists to present at the FEA Convention in Baltimore, MD, February 17-18, 2012.

John Nixon's first book, *Redemption in Genesis: The Crossroads of Faith and Reason*, was published by Pacific Press and is now available in the Adventist Book Center. It is a study of the revelation of Christ in the stories and characters of the book of Genesis.

Adrienne Royo attended the Modern Language Association Convention in Seattle, WA on January 5-8.

School of Business and Management professors **Richard Erickson** and **Julie Hyde** were awarded Hometown Heroes medals by wounded Iraqi war veteran student Homer (Stan) Keirse for their inspiration as he returned to school for the fall semester.

John Nixon conducted a marriage seminar in the Trinity Seventh-day Adventist Church of Knoxville, TN.

PERSONAL NEWS

Joylynn Michals married Jeff Scott on November 11 in a private ceremony.

HATS OFF!

Kari Shultz, we appreciate so much your help each graduation with the lineup of our students. You being there helps to lower the stress level for us all.

- Melodie Lopez and Brenda Flores -

A huge thank you to Lisa Hess in Online Learning for all of her help with my class last semester. I really appreciated her willingness to investigate problems and assist wherever she could in a very timely manner. It helped make my experience as a first-time professor very positive!

- Carrie Harlin -

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

from Energy Management

- ✦ Unplug phone, MP3, PDA and laptop chargers when they are not in use. They use electricity even when not attached to devices.
- ✦ The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. No more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days is needed. Anything more simply wastes fuel and increases emissions. After all, idling gets you 0 miles per gallon.
- ✦ Check for holes or cracks around your walls, ceilings, windows, doors, lighting and plumbing fixtures, switches, and electrical outlets where air can leak into or out of your home.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Ryan Harrell to Southern Online Campus

Rocky Emig to Campus Safety

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Tina Ehrlich from Enrollment Services

Judy Crabtree from Food Services

Dan Boyd from Food Services

Jennifer Nestell from School of Social Work

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Dennis Pettibone from full-time chair of History Department to fulltime professor

Lisa Diller from full-time history professor to full-time chair of History Department

Marty Hirschhorn from full-time maintenance technician to full-time HVAC master technician in Plant Services.

Eric Baerg from donor recognition coordinator to database manager.

Marketing and University Relations

editor | **Raquel Levy**

We welcome your comments and news.
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PHOTOS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Southern's Community Service Day



Today we honored the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday by working on various projects in the community. I worked with a team that rebuilt a handicap access ramp at the Barger Academy of Fine Arts in Chattanooga. It is nice to get out of the office and do some physical activity that helps our neighbors.

Diversity Education Exchange Program



I am attending the Diversity Education Exchange Program (DEEP) with Oakwood University this weekend. In this picture Leslie Pollard is leading out in a Sabbath School program.

- Gordon Bietz -

BIRTHDAYS

- February 1 **Wendy Boyd**, Food Services
Casey Henson, Campus Shop
Richard Johnson, Food Services
- February 2 **Bonnie Hunt**, Nursing
John Nixon, Religion
- February 3 **Clayton Greenleaf**, Plant Services
Ryan Pierce, Marketing
Leon Weeks, Business and Mgmt.
- February 4 **Leslie Ann Schwarzer**, Advancement
Derek Sherbondy, Information Systems
Larry Turner, Plant Services
- February 7 **Emily Kurlinski**, WSMC Classical 90.5
- February 8 **Stephen Ruf**, Journalism and Comm.
Faye Steen, Village Market
- February 9 **Randy Bishop**, Biology
- February 10 **Elisabeth Anderson**, Food Services
Robert Coombs, Education and Psych.
Patrice Hieb, Advancement
- February 11 **Janita Herod**, Journalism and Comm.
- February 12 **Bonnie Eder**, Education and Psych.
Kathy Goddard, English
- February 13 **Adolfo Granada**, Plant Services
Samson Chama, Social Work
Kent Robertson, Enrollment
- February 14 **Janice Lyons**, Village Market
- February 15 **Michael Dant**, Computing
- February 16 **Delores Franks**, Thatcher
- February 18 **Chamra Anthony**, Thatcher
Greg Cook, Food Services
Lisa Diller, History
Ruth Saunders, Nursing
- February 19 **Genevieve Cottrell**, McKee Library
Cheryl Martin, Social Work
- February 20 **Chad Raney**, Plant Services
- February 21 **Cindy McBryar**, Enrollment
Jeri Pewsey, Food Services
Keith Snyder, Biology
- February 22 **Angela Teague**, Accounting
- February 24 **Eden Koliadko**, Enrollment
Donn Leatherman, Religion
- February 25 **Lucas Patterson**, Marketing
- February 27 **Mike McClung**, Information Systems
- February 28 **Pierre Nzokizwanimana**, Modern Lang.
Michael Cafferky, Business and Mgmt.