

Southern Factor

November 2012

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

FUNDS INCREASED FOR STAFF TO HOST STUDENT GATHERINGS

A key part of Southern's Vision 20/20 strategic plan is to create opportunities to positively connect students to faculty and staff. To accomplish this, funds that reimburse Southern employees for hosting student gatherings at their homes have been increased.

The 2012-2013 Student Services Office Southern Student Hospitality Fund was increased this year by \$6,000 to a total of \$10,000. In addition, a LifeGroup Student Hospitality Initiative was created with a budget of \$4,000 for employees who wish to entertain a LifeGroup in their home.

The Student Hospitality Fund offers reimbursement of light refreshments at \$2.25 per student and full meals at \$4 per student. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to host a LifeGroup meeting in their home

once per semester, with reimbursement at \$4 per student.

Reimbursement may be requested no more than once a month and the number of students entertained must be included on the request for reimbursement.

Carl Patterson, associate dean of men at Talge Hall, has been inviting students to his home on Friday nights after Vespers since 2004 when he first came to Southern. He and his wife host from 15-45 students about 12 times per semester.

He says the hospitality fund helps keep the "brownie budget" going, and allows him to make a small difference in a student's life.

"It's great when staff invite students over," he said. "It's a way to give back and give the kids the normalcy of home."

Student Hospitality Fund:

Budget: \$10,000

Reimbursement:

Refreshments:
\$2.25 / student

Full meal:
\$4 / student

LifeGroup Student Hospitality Initiative

Budget: \$4,000

Reimbursement:
\$4 / student

STUDENT INSPIRATION

"I first met sophomore theology major Eric Suarez Vazquez last year while enjoying a free lunch on the President's Account (let this be testament to its effectiveness). Eric had a contagious smile and a great story to tell about what led him to Southern. When I'd see him on campus after that we each remembered one another and exchanged pleasantries. Early this fall while eating outside the Village Market, Eric walked by and struck up a conversation. After briefly sharing some of my specific burdens from the week, Eric offered to pray for me right then and there. I was stunned. After being employed here for more than a year, this was the first time anyone had done such a thing. It was unexpected, completely sincere, and heartbreaking—in a good way. I see God working through this young man and look forward to watching him grow in his ministry." (To read Eric's story, [click here](#))

- Lucas Patterson -



Eric Suarez-Vazquez, sophomore theology major

"I am the coordinator of the Collegedale Church's English as a Second Language classes. Monic Lindsey, an early childhood education major, volunteers to provide childcare for students in the program. She started working with the kids last year as a freshman and has come back to us again this year. Monic has a wonderful way with the children, especially a little boy who is both deaf and autistic. Every week, these children run to hug her because they feel the love of Jesus through her care and attention. I thank God that He brought Monic to our program."

- Lisa Hyder -

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Marcella Morales was appointed to the board of directors for the Collegedale Public Library.

Geovanny Ragsdale recently completed Toastmasters International's requirements for the Competent Communicator award. This achievement recognizes stellar performance in public speaking and leadership skills.

In August, **John Nixon** spoke at the 14th Annual International Day at an Adventist church in Smyrna, Georgia.

Carlos Martin conducted four nine-hour seminars on the Last Day Events in two different Haitian churches in Tampa and West Palm Beach, Florida, at the Collegedale Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, and to all pastors, directors, and administrators of the Honduras Union.

Ed Guthero presented "Conceptual Graphic Design", at the Society of Adventist Communicators Convention which was held this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 18-20.

Carlos Parra and **Liane de Souza** received recognition as international ambassadors at the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce.

Evie Nogales Baker facilitated the annual Social Work Field Fair on October 12 at the Collegedale Church. Both undergraduate and graduate social work students attended, practicing interviewing and networking skills while gaining knowledge of Chattanooga's local agencies.

Annette Heck conducted a food drive to benefit residents of a local mobile home community. Over 400 items were donated by Southern students, faculty and staff. On October 6, Annette and **Adam Heck, Arianne and Jonathan Brigner**, and approximately 25 Southern students joined members of the local faith-based organization, Breakaway Outreach, to provide a Fall Festival for the community where the donations were distributed. Cleaning supplies, warm food, free haircuts, face painting, children's activities and Bible stories were also available. The Hecks, **Mioara Diaconu**, and 15 students returned to the community the following Sabbath to complete a needs assessment. They, along with the Social Work Club, intend to use the gathered data to plan future outreach events, one of which includes an upcoming coat and toy drive for this community.

Sharon Rogers attended the National Academic Advising Association conference in Nashville, Tenn. on October 4-7.

HATS OFF!

"Alumni Relations would like to thank all who actively participated in Homecoming Weekend. We appreciate your efforts to help our alumni guests feel welcome on campus, to host meaningful activities within your department, and to volunteer. Thank you for helping strengthen positive relationships between our alumni and the university."

- Alumni Relations -

"We would like to thank all those who prayed for our son, William during his stay in Afghanistan. He returned September 23 to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina safe and sound!"

- Bill and Janice Lyons -

"I would like to express appreciation to Susan Brown for her well-organized approach to recruiting student preachers for Summer 2013. The Evangelistic Resource Center received more than 400 interest cards and more than 200 applications from students who volunteered to preach 19 doctrinal sermons abroad, and pay \$1,200 for the privilege to preach during their vacation time! Susan has already interviewed more than 100 preachers who will go in 2013 to Guatemala, Argentina, Angola, Dominican Republic, and the Philippines."

- Carlos Martin -

"Thank you to the many people on campus who helped make the board of trustees weekend retreat enjoyable, educational, and fun for all who attended. The accommodations, menus, transportation, and presentations richly enhanced their experience."

- President's Office-

"If you weren't able to visit the Bietz Barn-N-Yard on October 14, you missed out on a fun time, good fellowship and yummy apple treats. The Bungee Jump was in high demand along with the fresh-squeezed apple juice, boiled peanuts and balloon characters. This annual event was possible with the help from the Service Department staff, the Social Committee, cabinet members, Lights Volunteers, friends, and neighbors who volunteered their time. Thank you for participating and attending."

- Joylynn Scott -

SAVE THE DATE

November 18 – Run for Reece

Emily Young, a 2010 alumnus, created this event for a co-worker whose baby needs heart surgeries. Even with insurance, the medical bills are beyond the family's means. They are in need of runners and volunteers. Details about the race and the baby it will benefit, how to register, and participant perks can be seen at www.runforreece.com.

PERSONAL NEWS

John and Januwoina Nixon celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in August.

Carlos Martin ran the Seven Bridges Marathon (26.2 miles) on October 21 in Chattanooga.

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

“Southern Professor Bringing Little-Known Language to the Web”

Weekly Community News, October 24

“Lisa Clark Diller Speaks on Pirates, Democracy and Property Rights at 55+ Club”

The Chattanooga, October 17

“Southern Offered Free Vehicle Inspections”

WDEF News 12, October 8

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Candy Reichert to Village Market

Joey Osborne to Village Market

Castwell Fider to Enrollment Services

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Wendy Boyd from Food Services

Carolyn Smith from Food Services

BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Henry Kuhlman , Physics Laurie Minner , Music
November 4	Steven Crosby , Purchasing Services Greg Merchant , Academic Technology
November 5	Liane de Souza , Student Success Center David George , Visual Art and Design
November 6	Astrid Conibear , Education and Psych. Sara Mirucki , McKee Library
November 7	Scott Kornblum , WSMC Classical 90.5
November 8	Yolanda Abril-Ocsai , Food Services
November 9	Adam Brown , Enrollment
November 10	Carolyn Smith , Food Services Alan Parker , Religion Carl Patterson , Talge
November 11	Jim Parks , Plant Services Autumn Wurstle , English
November 12	Rebecca Garvin , Village Market Ruth MacLafferty , Village Market
November 13	Marty Hamilton , Financial Administration Joan Seitz , Plant Services
November 15	Charlotte Athey , Financial Administration Doug Jacobs , Religion
November 16	Tim Cwodzinski , Visual Art and Design Adrienne Royo , Modern Languages
November 17	Lorri Merchant , Social Work
November 18	Marcella Morales , McKee Library Jim Wampler , Student Success Center
November 20	Barbara James , Nursing Bryan Stitzer , Campus Safety
November 21	Russ Orrison , Purchasing Services Sharon Pittman , Social Work Len Raney , Plant Services Bob Young , Academic Administration
November 23	Bert Ringer , Enrollment Services
November 24	Jason Smith , Campus Safety
November 25	Don Hart , Campus Safety Philip Samaan , Religion
November 26	Sarah Shelburne , Human Resources
November 27	Kimberly Miller , Business and Mngmt.
November 28	Joyce Azevedo , Biology Frances Johnson , Nursing Robert Montague , Business and Mngmt.
November 30	Cheryl Des Jarlais , Education and Psych. Taresa Vanderoef , Village Market

Marketing and University Relations

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We welcome your comments and news.
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EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

The following employees will receive recognition at the Employee Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 2. The criteria for service recognition is continual full-time service at Southern based on service hours with a cut-off date of December 2. **Due to the possibilities of computer and/or human errors, please contact Human Resources if you have any questions regarding this list.**

40 Years

Linda Marlowe, Nursing

35 Years

Sharon Rogers, Records and Advisement

Jan Wittenberg, Accounting

30 Years

Judy DeLay, Information Processing

25 Years

Rick Halterman, Computing

Kassy Krause, Thatcher Hall

Shirley Menhennett, Food Services

Mark Peach, History and Political Studies

Dorothy Turner, Quick Print

20 Years

Joyce Azevedo, Biology

Dana Krause, Nursing

Donn Leatherman, Religion

Kathy Pires, Student Finance

Kim Sturm, Plant Services

Carl Swafford, Graduate Studies

15 Years

Gordon Bietz, President's Office

Conni Cash, Nursing

Steve Cash, Waste Management

Jeff Erhard, Talge Hall

Clarice Esquilla, Risk Management

Marc Grundy, Enrollment Services

Jud Lake, Religion

Doru Mihaescu, Digital Networking

Kimberly Muaya, Accounting Services

Cathy Olson, Teaching Materials Center

Dennis Schreiner, Service Department

Joylynn Scott, President's Office

Rhonda Scott, Chemistry

Sheila Smith, Learning Support Services

Sandy Tucker, Records and Advisement

Don Van Ornam, Business and Mngmt.

Jon Wentworth, Business and Mngmt.

10 Years

Regina Bailey, Learning Support Services

Lorraine Ball, Journalism and Comm.

Loren Barnhurst, Chemistry

Daniel Brown, Plant Services

Asti Conibear, Education and Psych.

Lisa Diller, History and Political Studies

Ed Guthero, Visual Art and Design

David Houtchens, Campus Safety

Doug Jacobs, Religion

Willard Munger, Computing

Andy Langshaw, Landscape Services

Len Raney, Plant Services

Judy Robertson, Information Processing

Eric Schoonard, Plant Services

Mikhaile Spence, Education and Psych.

Richard Strickland, Plant Services

Becki Wilson, Service Department

5 Years

Patti Anderson, Mathematics

Scot Anderson, Computing

Chamra Anthony, Thatcher Hall

Mike Boyd, PE, Health & Wellness

Tim Cwodzinski, Visual Art and Design

Jennifer Enevoldson, Human Resources

Mike Fisher, Plant Services

Pegi Flynt, Online Campus

Rebecca Garvin, Village Market

Giselle Hasel, Visual Art and Design

Casey Henson, Campus Shop

Marty Hirschhorn, Plant Services

Brian Laneville, Cafeteria

Sylvia Mayer, Nursing

Mitch Menzmer, Chemistry

Kimberly Miller, Business and Mngmt.

Jeremy Moore, Counseling and Testing

Alan Parker, Religion

Kevin Penrod, Campus Safety

Carol Plank, Talge Hall

Elaine Plemons, Academic Technology

Kevin Pride, Talge Hall

Sharon Robberson-Luke, Advancement

Derek Sherbondy, Digital Networking

Crystal Stitzer, Risk Management

Jamie Thompson, English

Tom Watson, Village Market

Jillian Wills, Nursing

Bob Young, Academic Administration