

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Faculty, Staff Welcome New Students at We-Haul

Administrators use the beginning of each fall semester to get their hands dirty and spend some valuable face time with the young people they seek to serve. Students are welcomed to their home away from home by the friendly smiles of volunteers, like Gordon Bietz, who make up the “We-Haul” teams. These employees, alumni, and community members have helped students move into the residence halls of Southern for the last 14 years.

“This is a great way to serve because it makes clear that there is no work beneath any of us,” Bietz said. “We are all in this together to make for a good student experience.”

Alongside Bietz, administrators such as Chris Carey, vice president of Advancement, and Tom Verrill, senior vice president of Financial Administration, also volunteer for the program.

“It’s more than just about the labor; it’s about the personal connections,” said Evonne Crook, Alumni Relations director and We-Haul volunteer coordinator. “The administrators want to build relationships with the new students.”

Carey said he believes We-Haul is a great way to meet students and parents, and to let them know that administrators care. He regularly volunteers with his two daughters, ages 11 and 15.

“Volunteering is just the right thing to do,” Carey said. “It helps me stay centered.”



Bob Young, senior vice president for Academic Administration, helps students move into the residence halls as part of the We-Haul program.

This year’s We-Haul will take place on July 28, August 23, and August 25. Volunteers are needed in all three residence hall locations. **Sign up online** for available time slots or contact Alumni Relations at alumni@southern.edu (ext. 2830). Free T-shirts are available for volunteers.

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM) recently recognized the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum’s “The Battle Over King David: Excavating the Fortress of Elah” exhibit with their annual Award of Excellence under the category for small museum/temporary exhibition.

Read more online.

Southern’s School of Nursing has been recognized for providing one of the top graduate nursing degrees available in the nation by Masters Degree Online, an academic review website. **Read more online.**

Best Colleges, an academic review website, has placed Southern on a short list of colleges and universities that will provide the best intramural sports programs in the country for 2013-2014. **Read more online.**

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Global Community Development Program has been fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. [Read more online.](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Adrienne Royo was interviewed for 30 minutes on Orión, the Seventh-day Adventist radio station in Totonicapán, Guatemala, about the Guatemala-North mission trip that took place May 8-26. She will also be participating in a mission trip to Loja, Ecuador, July 4-19, serving as an interpreter and preaching.

Rick Norskov attended the American College of Emergency Physicians Southeast Chapters Educational Conference in Sandestin, Florida, from June 3-6.

Kimberly Miller and **Cheryl Torres** attended Fundamentals of Fundraising at the Indiana School of Philanthropy. Miller also attended the CASE training for corporate/foundation relation officers in San Francisco this past month.

René Drumm spoke at the 12th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences in Honolulu, on May 31. She presented the findings of a study conducted in conjunction with colleagues from Andrews University titled, "Clergy Stress and Media Addiction: Investigating the Correlates."

Geovanny Ragsdale was accepted into Leadership Chattanooga 2014, a 10-month program that identifies people of promise in early or mid-career, familiarizes them with community issues, and develops their leadership skills to prepare them for prominent business, cultural, and political roles. The program is sponsored by the Chamber Foundation.

Michael Hasel, Martin Klingbeil, Michael Dant, and **Jesse Rademacher** conducted a pilot season with other staff at the site of Tel Lachish in southern Israel. This was the second most important city in Judah after Jerusalem. Full-scale excavations at Lachish are planned for 2014 sponsored by Southern and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Michael Hasel, Greg King, Jud Lake, Carlos Martin, and **John Nixon** traveled to New York in June at the invitation of pastor Mark Finley. Each of them presented a seminar at the international field school of evangelism being offered in conjunction with the Revelation of Hope meetings happening at numerous sites throughout New York City.

Carlos Parra made a presentation titled "Identity Seekers" at Adventist Colleges Abroad's Cultural Exchange Program in Sicily, Italy, on May 18. He also presented "Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Identities Among the First and the One-and-a-Half Immigrant Population Groups in Diaspora Settings" as a panel member at a conference at Mansfield College in Oxford, England, on July 6-8.

Sharon Pittman spent a week in Arusha, Tanzania, in June working on the future project site for the Global Community Development Program. The majority of her time was spent meeting with key stakeholders from World Vision. Discussion topics included the details of the partnership between Southern and World Vision, the project site in Arusha, and program logistics, mission, and values.

HATS OFF!

Congratulations from all of us at the Technology Department to adjunct professor **Steven Oskins** on his marriage to Christie Aguirre on June 16.

Advancement wishes to thank all of the Southern family for their participation in employee giving throughout 2012-2013. We have reached a record level of giving: 76.4 percent. Thank you for being a part of our success. Total giving for Southern in 2012-2013 was \$4,383,581 from 4,490 alumni and friends. [Read more online.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

JumpStart Week Begins	July 21
We-Haul: Smart Start Session	July 28, 10 a.m.
Smart Start Begins	July 29
Employee Picnic	August 18, 6 p.m.
Employee In-Service	August 20

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Ronda Christman to School of Nursing
Dennisse Rios-Blood to Chemistry
Ginger Bently to Campus Safety
Stephen Tsui to Village Market
Delores Franks to Village Market
Oneita Turner to Graduate Studies Office
Magdana Philossaint to School of Social Work
Cristy Pratt to School of Education
Faith Anderson to Food Services
Richard Griffin to Counseling and Testing
Daniel Perez to Religion/Archaeology

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Elaine Jeffers from Student Services
Katherine Holder from Village Market
Pamela Ahlfeld from School of Nursing
Judy Crabtree from Food Service
Sheri Munger from Chemistry

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Joey Osborne from part-time staff to full-time assistant department manager at the Village Market
Don Hart from access manager in Campus Safety to access manager for Plant Services.
Janice Lyons from assistant department manager to department manager at the Village Market.

BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Ben Thornton , Biology
July 4	Carmen Jaecks , Information Systems Barry Tryon , Religion
July 5	Amanda Jehle , English
July 6	Jeremy Moore , Student Success Center
July 8	Steve Cash , Landscape Services Sandy Tucker , Records and Advisement
July 9	Michael Hills , Education and Psychology
July 10	Scott Ball , Music Jonathan Irwin , Information Systems
July 13	James Eason , Village Market Jeff Erhard , Talge Hall
July 14	Leslie Evenson , P.E., Health and Wellness Richard Strickland , Plant Services
July 16	Ben Wygal , President's Office
July 17	Verna Dickerson , Village Market Danny Ford , Plant Services Gary Horinouchi , Audio Visual Jan Wittenberg , Accounting Services
July 18	Brittany Ryder , Nursing
July 19	Christian Patino , Enrollment Services
July 20	Russell Hallman , Technology Josh Rhodes , Information Systems Joni Zier , Records and Advisement
July 21	Cornel Rusu , Social Work
July 22	Kerry Allen , Nursing Kim Sturm , Plant Services
July 23	Debbie Case , Food Services Lauree Fogg , Student Success Center
July 24	Joseph Cripe , Plant Services
July 25	Jon Wentworth , Business Todd Wever , Landscape Services
July 27	Mark Antone , Landscape Services Ginger Bentley , Campus Safety Sharon Rogers , Records and Advisement
July 28	Bill Cruttenden , Plant Services Elaine Hayden , Education and Psychology
July 29	Bonnie Freeland , Nursing Dwayne Gardner , Architectural Services Doug Penner , Music

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