

Southern Factor

August 2013

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Employee Picnic, Colloquium Jumpstart 2013-14 School Year

As the last month of the summer break begins, faculty and staff are preparing for the return of students to campus. But as they do, there is still time for employees to spend at least one more fun-filled summer day with their families at the annual Southern employee picnic. This year's gathering will take place at local amusement park Lake Winnepesaukah on August 18 from 12-8 p.m.

Free tickets to both the amusement park and its newly opened SOAK-YA water park will be issued to employees and their families. At 6 p.m. employees from Southern will gather for a complimentary picnic dinner of veggie chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and ice cream.

"This is a great way for Southern employees to usher in a new school year," said Joylynn Scott, administrative assistant in the President's Office. "We not only get the chance to socialize with friends, but also welcome new employees into the Southern family in a fun way."

All Southern employees who wish to attend the picnic must RSVP by August 5.

Also occurring in the month of August is colloquium, a series of in-service and new employee orientation meetings designed to inspire staff for the upcoming academic year. The August 20-28 meetings are focused on the theme of "Follow Jesus, Share Jesus."

"Following Jesus may mean different things to different people, but at its heart it must mean loving God and loving our neighbor," said Gordon Bietz, university president. "We are all called to service and every day we have opportunities to serve those around us."

The guest speaker for this year's faculty in-service will be Nancy Pearcey, evangelical author. A colloquium



(Above) Carlos Parra, chair of the Modern Languages Department, and Gordon Bietz, president, enjoy conversation with other employees during last year's picnic at the Chattanooga Zoo.



(Left) Darin Bissell, office manager for the School of P.E., Health and Wellness, and his son were all smiles at last year's picnic. "Isaiah and I had a great time looking at the animals and spending time with other employees and their kids."

schedule will be sent out at the beginning of the month with information on what programs employees are expected to attend.

For more information on colloquium or the employee picnic, contact the President's Office.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Affordable Colleges Online, an academic review website, just recognized Southern in a list of schools identifying Tennessee colleges that provide the greatest lifetime return on investment. Graduates from these schools have enjoyed the largest earnings gap between non-degree holders for more than 30 years. [Read more online.](#)

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Global Community Development Program welcomed Jonathan Duffy, ADRA president, and Mario Ochoa, ADRA vice president, to campus on July 31 and August 1. The leadership team met with employees and students to discuss new options for partnering around their common goal of advancing Christ's love. [Read more online.](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ray Hefferlin attended a National Science Foundation workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah, from July 7-12. Topics covered included how to design molecules from knowledge of the atoms and bond types, and how to obtain properties of molecules using computers. There were 20 participants, all but a few from colleges with less enrollment than Southern.

Rick Norskov and his wife, Jeanne, taught a weeklong series of nature classes at the Michigan Conference's Cedar Lake Camp Meeting from June 14-22.

Linda Potter Crumley, with co-authors Nathan Sturgess and Shanna Crumley, presented research on the perspectives of Ethiopian students who received gifts from mission visitors at Gimbie Adventist Hospital. **Mindi Rahn** took the survey to Ethiopia. The research was presented at the International Academy of Intercultural Research Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Kendra Stanton Lee has a spiritual memoir manuscript under contract with D.C. Jacobson, a Christian literary agency.

Kathy Goddard conducted "Schools in Discipleship" training at Solusi University in Zimbabwe, Africa, from February 26-March 4. She instructed around 30 participants who were teachers or administrators from elementary schools, high schools, and universities, as well as conference and union educational directors. She also attended the Adventist English Educators Convention at Andrews University which met from June 26-30. She led a presentation titled "English Educators as Disciple-Makers," which gave methods that teachers can use to embed discipleship principles into literature classes.

Ray Carson attended a workshop for department and division chairs in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from June 4-6.

Michael Cafferky presented a paper for the International Association of Jesuit Business Schools/Colleagues at the Jesuit Business Education World Forum on July 16. The paper title was "Sabbath: The Theological Roots of Sustainable Development." The World Forum is held every five years. This year it was hosted by St. Louis University.

John and Januwoina Nixon conducted a weeklong family life seminar for the five Adventist churches in Wolverhampton, United Kingdom, from July 6-13. The seminar included lectures and workshops on spiritual parenting, marital relationships, sexual attraction, and relationship issues for Christian singles. Additional activities included personal and couples counseling, along with Sabbath worship services.

René Drumm and **Stanley Stevenson** presented "'Love Jesus or We'll Restrain You:' Spiritual Controversy and Coercion in a Residential Treatment Facility" for the North American Society for Spirituality and Social Work Conference at the University of Puerto Rico on June 21.

Elizabeth and **Dag Pontvik** participated in "Beyond Walls 2013," a public art project in Tunis, Tunisia, during June and July. It was a cross-cultural collaboration between Tunisian artists and other young international artists with the goals of celebrating the Tunisian culture and empowering young people to envision new possibilities.

HATS OFF!

I just want to express my appreciation for the great job that is being done by Landscape Services. They do a fine job keeping our campus looking well groomed. I am especially thankful for their extra effort to help us with wood for the woodshop. There was a need to cut two large trees on campus this summer and we saw a great opportunity to use these trees for lumber in our woodworking classes.

Troy DeWind arranged for the trees to be loaded and delivered to a sawmill where they will be cut into lumber for our students. This gives us the ability to sell students lumber at a cheaper price.

- Ray Carson

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CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Douglas Donohue to Plant Services
Karen Glassford to Student Missions
Dora Desamour to Academic Administration
Lauren Brooks to Enrollment Services
Daniel Isaac to Food Services
Lindsay Wood to Advancement

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Bert Ringer from Enrollment Services
Angelica Batista from Food Services
Lela Duvall from Food Services

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Kim Armstrong from part-time Salad Supervisor in the
Café to full-time Salad Supervisor in the Cafe

SAVE THE DATE

August 18 **Employee Picnic**
August 20 **Employee In-Service**
August 21 **Employee Wellness Assessment**
BRIDGE Luncheon
August 22 **New Professor Orientation (Part 1)**
August 23 **New Professor Orientation (Part 2)**
New Employee Reception
We-Haul
August 24 **Employee Departmental Fellowship**
August 25 **We-Haul**
August 26 **Academic Department Orientation**
August 27 **Faculty In-Service**
August 29 **Classes Begin**

BIRTHDAYS

August 2 **Valerie Lee**, Biology
Ken Lehmann, Plant Services
Troy Walker, P.E., Health and Wellness
August 3 **Donna Watson**, Food Services
August 5 **Marty Miller**, Education
Mark Peach, History and Political Studies
August 6 **Krystal Bishop**, Education
Evonne Crook, Advancement
Jay McCubbins, Plant Services
August 7 **Margarita Sanchez**, Village Market
Marge Seifert, McKee Library
Sonia Wrate, Nursing
Daniel Brown, Plant Services
August 8 **Ileanna Freeman**, Psychology
August 10 **Renita Klischies**, Student Success Center
Geovanny Ragsdale, Advancement
Christy Showalter, Nursing
Donald Lighthall, Service Department
August 11 **Jeff Ball**, Plant Services
August 12 **Joey Osborne**, Village Market
Tron Wilder, Education and Psychology
August 13 **Deyse Bravo**, McKee Library
August 14 **Brent Hamstra**, Chemistry
Pamela Harris, Journalism
Freddy Fuentes, Education
Pamela Gammenthaler, Nursing
August 17 **Nick Livanos**, Visual Art and Design
Mike Boyd, P.E., Health and Wellness
Ruben Covarrubias, Enrollment Services
Jamie Thompson, English
Tom Watson, Village Market
August 18 **Robert Benge**, P.E., Health and Wellness
Rhonda Scott, Chemistry
Ryan Herman, Enrollment Services
August 19 **Regina Bailey**, Student Success Center
Mark Hyder, Business and Management
Cindy Rima, Nursing
August 20 **Pegi Flynt**, Online Campus
August 22 **Sherri Schoonard**, Food Services
Andy Compton, Accounting Services
Jaclynn Huse, Nursing
August 23 **Andy Langshaw**, Landscape Services
August 24 **Emiko Miyagi**, Technology
August 25 **Jesse Rademacher**, Visual Art and Design
August 26 **Tina Smith**, Marketing
Giselle Hasel, Visual Art and Design
August 27 **Sylvia Mayer**, Nursing
John Sager, Talge
August 28 **Oliviya Pleshka**, Food Services
August 29 **Lilly Tryon**, Nursing
August 30
August 31