

# Southern Factor

December 2013

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## School of Business and Management Selects Hyder as New Dean



*Mark Hyder, above, replaces the recently-retired Don Van Ornam as dean.*

Search committee members working to fill a dean position in the School of Business and Management voted a recommendation that interim dean Mark Hyder be asked to take on the leadership role full time. He accepted.

Hyder earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting from Southern (1982), a Juris Doctor degree at Emory University (1993), and a Master of Science in accounting at the University of Maryland (2007). He is licensed to practice law in Georgia and Massachusetts and is a certified public accountant, certified fraud examiner, and certified trust administrator.

"I was attracted to apply for the position because this is an institution that I love, with faculty that I love," Hyder said. "This is my college, after all!"

Before coming to Southern as the interim dean this year, Hyder worked for the General Conference Auditing Service as regional manager. He also has experience in higher education as an associate professor at Atlantic Union College, where he taught business courses and served as the vice president for Finance.

Hyder's appointment allows Don Van Ornam, dean for the past 16 years, to transition into retirement.

—Ashley Rich

## New Sabbath Trail Planned as Land on Bauxite Ridge Gifted to Southern

Southern increased its geographic footprint by nearly 25 percent as donors recently transferred 258 acres on Bauxite Ridge to the university, a gift worth several million dollars.

The property, located on the east side of campus opposite White Oak Mountain, was a contribution from two alumni who met as students at Southern in the early 1950s before graduating and getting married. Their children attended Southern, and their grandchildren currently attend.

Plans for the acreage include a new trail system that will provide something different from the Biology Trail. While the



*The Collegedale Church is seen in the distance from this location on the proposed Sabbath Trail.*

Biology Trail offers hikers and cyclists quite the challenge—including a black diamond level of difficulty in some areas—the new trails will be gentler and not as difficult for the average hiker.

Of greater distinction is the fact that the Bauxite Ridge property includes a spiritual emphasis. Southern administrators are already working on details of

the Sabbath Trail, a one-mile loop with stone markers along the way that trace the history of Sabbath from creation to the new earth. Its design is based on a trail by the same name at the Washington Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Hampshire. The new trails will be completed by 2015.

—Rachael Hankins

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

The **Campus Shop** will have a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 10, from 4–6:30 p.m. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater and receive an extra discount!

Are you grateful? Are you thankful? Then pay it forward by stopping at the **Lights Volunteers'** Gratitude Tree located in the lobby of Lynn Wood Hall. Choose a paper ornament or two with suggestions for random acts of kindness (or act on your own idea) that will be sure to bless students, faculty, and staff. Come. Choose. Bless. Be blessed.

Southern's **School of Nursing** and **School of P.E., Health and Wellness** are hosting the Lifestyle Medicine Conference February 3-4, 2014. Guest speakers for the free event include T. Colin Campbell (*The China Study*) and Rip Esselstyn (*The Engine 2 Diet*). For more information, email [jgates@southern.edu](mailto:jgates@southern.edu).

All remaining **Symphony Orchestra** concerts for 2013-2014 that are held in the Collegedale Church sanctuary will be broadcast live at [southern.edu/streaming](http://southern.edu/streaming), beginning with the Christmas Concert on December 13.

Listed below is a response from a '86 Southern alumnus that was received following publication of an [article in QuickNotes](#) about the recent **Meet the Firms** event:

*"When I saw the Meet the Firms segment, I thought, 'Wow, Southern really has improved from when I was there in the 1980s!' At the time, there was next to nothing in the way of networking with future employers other than a few internships. Please pass along [careers.state.gov/students](http://careers.state.gov/students) as a great site for students to check out if they are interested in an internship working at a U.S. embassy or consulate."*

The following employees will receive recognition at the Employee Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 8. The criteria is continual full-time service at Southern based on service hours with a December 31 cut-off date. Contact Human Resources with any questions regarding this list.

### 40 Years

Bill Wohlers, Student Services

### 30 Years

Barbara Beckett, Records and Advisement

Terry Evans, Food Services

### 25 Years

Richard Johnson, Food Services

Dale Walters, Technology

### 20 Years

Barry Becker, Transportation Services

Don Hart, Plant Services

David Huisman, Accounting Services

Dwight Magers, Talge Hall

Cindy McBryar, Enrollment Services

Dennis Negron, English

Julie Penner, Music

Mary Sundin, Accounting Services

Jim Wampler, Student Success Center

Joni Zier, Records and Advisement

### 15 Years

Robert Bengé, P.E., Health and Wellness

Rachel Byrd, English

Danny Ford, Plant Services

Marty Hamilton, Financial Administration

Michael Hasel, Religion

Philip Samaan, Religion

### 10 Years

Michael Cafferky, Business and Management

Liane de Souza, Student Success Center

Becky Djernes, Financial Administration

Rene' Drumm, Social Work

Dwayne Gardner, Architectural Services

Adolfo Granada, Plant Services

Ryan Herman, Enrollment Services

Michael Hills, Education and Psychology

Hollis James, Institutional Research and Planning

Jay McCubbins, Plant Services

Timothy Mitchell, Plant Services

Yola Noya, Village Market

Russ Orrison, Purchasing Services

Jeri Pewsey, Food Services

Rob Raney, WSMC

Stanley Stevenson, Social Work

### 5 Years

Shawn Engle, Information Systems

Leslie Evenson, P.E., Health and Wellness

Josh Fraker, Campus Safety

Freddy Fuentes, Education and Psychology

Laurie Gauthier, Graduate Studies

Lisa Goolsby, Business and Management

Steve Holley, Plant Services

Isaac James, Marketing and University Relations

Cindy Johnson, Nursing

Frances Johnson, Nursing

Renita Klischies, Student Success Center

Richard Long, Service Department

Don Mathis, P.E., Health and Wellness

JP Mathis, Thatcher Hall

Jason Mitchell, Accounting Services  
Bill Rawson, University Health Center  
Jodi Ruf, English  
Trenton Schwarzer, Campus Safety  
Christy Showalter, Nursing  
Bryan Stitzer, Campus Safety  
Keely Tary, English  
John Thompson, Transportation Services  
Tom Verrill, Financial Administration

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Melodie Lopez** attended the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Regional Conference 2013 October 27-30 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Of particular value was the workshop “Basics of Effective U.S. International Admission.” The conference provided many tools and resources useful as Southern expands its international graduate population.

**Aaron Corbit** is the coauthor of “Poisons, Toxungens, and Venoms: Redefining and Classifying Toxic Biological Secretions and the Organisms that Employ Them” that was recently published in the *Biological Reviews of the Cambridge Philosophical Society*. The lead author, David Nelsen, is scheduled to join the Biology Department faculty next school year.

**Ingrid Skantz** and **Tina Smith** attended the 2013 American Marketing Association’s Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education in Boston, Massachusetts, the week of November 10.

**Jaclynn Huse** attended the Honor Society of Nursing’s 42nd Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in November. She also attended the National League for Nursing Education Summit in Washington, D.C.

**Adrienne Royo** presented the breakout session “Scripture and Prayer in Christian Education—Nurturing, Discipleship, and Retention” at the 2013 Summit on Nurture and Retention. The summit was held at the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland, on November 19.

**René Drumm** presented “Building Congregational Capacity to Respond to Domestic Violence” for the 63rd Annual Convention of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work on October 18 in Atlanta, Georgia. On November 2, she also gave a presentation titled “Conservative Christianity and Sexual Orientation: Privilege, Oppression, and Pursuit of Human Rights” at the Council on

Social Work Education’s 59th Annual Program Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

**Stanley Stevenson, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Lorri Merchant, Mioara Diaconu,** and graduate assistants **Danae Church** and **Brittni Bryan** attended the Council on Social Work Education 59th Annual Program Meeting in Dallas, Texas, October 31-November 3.

**Pegi Flynt, Sharon Pittman, Ryan Harrell,** and **Lisa Hess** presented the new master’s in Global Community Development this month at the Southern Faculty Showcase. Sharon Pittman presented an overview of the program, its purpose and mission, and why it is a unique degree due to its experiential-based perspective. The team in Online Learning presented and discussed the Knowledge-Building Rotation 1 of the program, which is completely online. They showcased the creative ways they designed the online courses and portal for the program. The team detailed their ground breaking solutions to the unusual problems brought on by having a class log in from all over the world.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Robert** and **Holly Gadd** are now the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl, Sarah Elizabeth, born on Friday, November 15, to Barry and Amanda Gadd.

**Jaclyn Pruehs** welcomed her baby boy, Jack, on July 27.

## HATS OFF!

Thank you, **Evonne Crook**, on behalf of our alumni and the employees of Southern for your hard work, patient spirit, comprehensive planning, welcoming arms, and positive attitude in planning and executing Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Congratulations on another successful event. It’s a pleasure working with you. -Jaclyn Pruehs

Thanks to **Bill Lyons** and **Jay McCubbins** for breathing new life into the AC/heating unit that services my office. Even in fall, 80 degrees is too hot. You guys are the best!

-Laurie Gauthier

The Institute of Ethical Leadership hosted the fall virtual conference of the Southern Union ASI chapter in Lynn Wood Hall November 8-9. Media 7 broadcast the event online. We would like to thank **Michael Cafferky, Braam Oberholster, Dennis Steele, Verlyne Starr,** and our former dean, **Don Van Ornam,** for their participation in the two panel discussions presented during the conference.

-School of Business and Management



On November 2, the School of Business and Management held its fall retreat at Laurelbrook Lodge, and we would like to thank **Verlyne Starr** and **Leon Weeks** for leading our Sabbath School study, and **Bob Gadd** for providing us with such wonderful food.

-School of Business and Management

On October 27, the School of Business and Management hosted the annual alumni breakfast. We would like to thank **Jerilyn Pewsey**, **Sherri Schoonard**, and the **food services staff** who prepared a beautiful room with decorated tables and a wonderful breakfast for our alumni. We had several positive comments as to the wonderful job they did. We also want to thank our students, Natalia Gomez and Kayla Ewert, for the tasty homemade candies they prepared for each place setting. We want to thank **Lisa Kuhlman** for her assistance in planning this event.

-School of Business and Management

The Accounting Club Bonfire Vespers was held on Friday, November 15. We want to thank **Julie Hyde** for sponsoring the Accounting Club and making last-minute arrangements to relocate the event due to weather.

-School of Business and Management

Thank you to **Katie McGrath** who led two dynamite research discussions on the Freedom of Information Act for the Advanced Reporting class. -Kendra Stanton Lee

Thank you to **Doug Frood** and **Tara Hargrove** whose dedication and encouragement as sponsors of Studio 4109 make it a wonderful experience for all involved. -Kendra Stanton Lee

I'd like to thank **Donald Lighthall** and his team for consistently providing excellent customer service, and doing so with a smile. -Stephanie Sheehan

## SAVE THE DATE

December 1	12 Days of Wellness begins
December 3	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 6	Kirsten Wolcott Memorial 5K Run
December 8	Employee Christmas Brunch
December 9	University Senate
December 10	Employee Departmental Fellowship
December 16	Undergraduate Council
December 18	Winter Commencement
December 19	Christmas Break begins
December 24	Academic Review Committee

## BIRTHDAYS

December 3	<b>Verlyne Starr</b> , Business and Management
December 4	<b>Donavan Davis</b> , Visual Art and Design
December 6	<b>Judy DeLay</b> , Information Systems
December 7	<b>Barbara Beckett</b> , Records and Advisement <b>Brenda Flores-Lopez</b> , Academic Admin. <b>Hollis James</b> , Institutional Research <b>Beverly Rawson</b> , Thatcher Hall <b>Bill Wohlers</b> , Student Services
December 8	<b>Christopher Carey</b> , Advancement <b>Ken Caviness</b> , Physics <b>Beth Snyder</b> , Nursing
December 9	<b>Lisa Goolsby</b> , Business and Management <b>Becki Wilson</b> , Service Department
December 10	<b>Teresa Adams</b> , Transportation Services <b>Dan Boyd</b> , Food Services
December 11	<b>Januwoina Nixon</b> , Student Success Center <b>Laurie Stankavich</b> , English
December 12	<b>Elizabeth Hankins</b> , Thatcher Hall <b>Carol Harrison</b> , McKee Library <b>Tim Korson</b> , Computing <b>Fred Turner</b> , Architectural Services
December 13	<b>Tyson Hall</b> , Computing
December 14	<b>Cliff Olson</b> , Business and Management <b>Ken Parsons</b> , Music
December 15	<b>Hendel Butoy</b> , Visual Art and Design <b>Julie Hyde</b> , Business and Management
December 16	<b>Loren Barnhurst</b> , Chemistry <b>Josh Fraker</b> , Campus Safety <b>Greg King</b> , Religion <b>Timothy Mitchell</b> , Plant Services <b>Beverly Orrison</b> , Modern Languages <b>John Willis</b> , Thatcher Hall
December 17	<b>Jennifer Enevoldson</b> , Human Resources <b>Jan Haluska</b> , English
December 19	<b>Lee Spencer</b> , Biology
December 20	<b>Kevin Kibble</b> , Chaplain's Office
December 22	<b>Callie McArthur</b> , Nursing
December 24	<b>Jodi Ruf</b> , English <b>Oneita Turner</b> , Graduate Studies
December 26	<b>Jeff Gates</b> , Nursing <b>Lillian Loza</b> , Enrollment Services
December 27	<b>Judy Glass</b> , Music <b>Harold Mayer</b> , P.E., Health and Wellness <b>John Youngberg</b> , Technology
December 29	<b>Jon Crabtree</b> , Transportation Services <b>Don Mathis</b> , P.E., Health and Wellness <b>Susan Pennington</b> , Thatcher Hall
December 30	<b>Barry Becker</b> , Transportation Services
December 31	<b>Michele McFarlane</b> , Institutional Research <b>Jason Stone</b> , Campus Safety