

# Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## Sauder Selected as New President of Union College

Vinita Sauder, vice president for Strategic Planning since 2011, has accepted the position of president for Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. The move comes after 25 years of teaching and administrative work for Southern, 16 of which were at the cabinet level. She began her duties at Union College July 1.

During her time at Southern, Sauder was instrumental in affecting many positive changes. Among these are an unprecedented increase in enrollment and the creation of a Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan.

There was no shortage of kind words to be shared by Sauder's former coworkers:

"Vinita tirelessly strove to make Southern's campus a welcoming environment where students and their success were valued. She is the whole package: thorough, gracious, productive, kind, attentive, Godly, detailed, politically savvy, motivating, and knowledgeable."

—Barb Edens, project assistant  
Strategic Planning

"Vinita is a star! She is among the most conscientious, thoughtful, humble, driven, farsighted individuals I know. She grasps the big picture and gets the details done in a way



Vinita Sauder

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—GORDON BIETZ

that exemplifies Christian leadership. She will be missed."

—Christopher Carey,  
vice president for Advancement

"Vinita's leadership strengthened the look and brand of the institution and played a key role in the strategic planning for Vision 20/20."

—Geovanny Ragsdale, director  
Advancement

"Vinita is gifted at processing a problem and working hard to resolve it. Always willing to think outside the box, she researches a problem and then finds strategic, creative solutions to the issues that the university needs to resolve—and then leads out on taking actions to successfully resolve those issues. She is incredibly dedicated with both time and talent to furthering her organization, pouring herself into her work at Southern just as she will at Union. She not only leads passionately with her heart and mind, but also actively with her hands and feet. I feel privileged to have worked for her and to have been mentored by her, and I will miss her tremendously."

—Ingrid Skantz, director  
Marketing and University Relations

"Vinita's long legacy at Southern is full of quality teaching, leadership, and innovation. She will be greatly missed, particularly by myself, for she worked closely with me on keeping strategic initiatives moving forward and providing guidance for my work with the Board of Trustees. I wish her much success, as I am sure she will have, as she provides leadership for Union College."

—Gordon Bietz, president

### VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project this summer? Why not consider using a Lights Volunteer to assist with organizing, data entry, research projects, inventory, or other supportive roles. Volunteers includes a wide variety of individuals from various educational backgrounds, interests and skills. To meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Robberson** about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your department, please call x2555 to set up an appointment.

### SOUTHERN IN THE NEWS

[Students Preach to El Salvador Gang Members](#)  
*Record*, June 23, 2014

[Symphony Orchestra Performs Concerts in Argentina](#)  
*southern.edu*, June 25, 2015

[The Daniel Fast: Applying Wholistic Nutrition](#)  
*Center for Nutrition Studies*, June 27, 2014

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Global Community Development** graduate student Bernadette Loloju was reunited with Agnes Tiamiron, a girl she helped save from female genital mutilation and early marriage six years ago. Tiamiron is now teaching in one of the schools in her village, as she waits to join college later in the year. Loloju helped to write a grant proposal last year for a dormitory to be built at this school. They now have a sponsor to start construction on the dormitory.



*Bernadette Loloju (left) stands with Agnes Tiamiron (right) in front of the school Tiamiron teaches at in Kenya.*

Before **Global Community Development** graduate students Jeremy and Lindsay Weaver left for their field rotation in Tanzania, they raised money for a project to fund in their village and then conducted classes for the locals on how to write simple business proposals. Unbeknownst to those attending, one of the proposals would be chosen to receive the previously raised funds. Nyoto Njema (“good star”) Women’s Sewing Group was selected based on the excellent sustainability plan in their proposal.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On April, **Shannon Trecartin** and **Ronda Christman** presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Society, Building the Bridge to the Future: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The title of their presentation was, “Perceptions of ASSIST Health Care Facility Program Directors: Describing the Benefits of an Intergenerational Faith-based Service Program.”

On May 16 **Barbara James** and **Ronda Christman** presented at the 10th Annual Faculty Development Workshop, Innovations in Engaging Learners with Technology in 21st Century, at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. The title of their presentation was, “Student’s Perceptions of Content Delivery in Nursing Education in the BS-Completion Program.”

On May 29-31, **Kristie Wilder** attended Policy Conference 2.0 in Austin, Texas. On June 3-5 she attended The Coun-

cil of Independent Colleges Workshop for Department and Division Chairs in Spokane, Washington.

**Michael Cafferky** participated in an invitation-only seminar on the Hope College campus in Holland, Michigan, along with 11 other national scholars. The event was sponsored by The Council for Independent Colleges, Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE). The seminar was titled “Integrating Vocation Across Diverse Fields of Study” and covered the topics of calling and vocation. Cafferky represented business and economics, and Seventh-day Adventist higher education.

## HATS OFF!

Special thanks to **Diane Proffitt**, graduate enrollment counselor for the School of Nursing, for her last-minute recruiting help at the Erlanger Trauma Symposium when I was double-booked. Thanks, also, to **Mike Liedke**, professor in the School of Nursing, for his help at the same event. Liedke is held in the highest respect and esteem by the nursing community, as evidenced by the flood of people who stopped by Southern’s booth to talk with him. I couldn’t have done this event without these two wonderful supporters of Southern’s graduate programs!

-Laurie Gauthier

It’s the small things that make hectic days more manageable. For months, my campus clients have been complaining about the visitor chairs in my office as they’ve worried about breaking off the legs while trying to scoot up to my desk to discuss projects and review proofs. Now our conversations roll on without a snag—in the carpet or otherwise! This shout-out of appreciation goes to **Tom Moores** for listening to my plea and taking care of business quickly and efficiently. I arrived back in my office a few days later to find a job well done and exceeding my expectations. Now that’s what I call service!

-Tina Smith

I’d like to give a shout out to the IS team that worked so diligently to develop an amazing First Year Advising database! Not only have they carefully considered our needs and given us the capability to work more efficiently, they offered extensive support as we rolled out the summer First Year Advising program. We are now able to easily track the communication we have with incoming freshmen and report important data to various areas on campus. There are likely more people involved in the process, but I worked directly with **Herdy Moniyung**, **Bryce Enevoldson**, and **Miguel Rivas**. Thank you so much!

-Cheri Durst

## PERSONAL NEWS

Jeremiah Weeks, son of **Leon Weeks** and 2001 Southern graduate, was ordained during the Carolina Conference camp meeting.

**Tyson Hall** and his wife, Kristy, joyfully announce the birth of their sons, Caleb Lewis Hall (4 lbs. 13 oz., 19 in.) and Enoch Lewis Hall (4 lbs. 11 oz., 19 in.), on May 19. After several days in the Erlanger and Erlanger East NICUs, both babies and mother are at home and doing well.

## CHANGING FACES

**Southern welcomes the following employees:**

**Soraya Murdock**, accounting clerk in Accounting  
**Omar Murdock**, alarm technician in Plant Services  
**Carmen Jaecks**, dispatch supervisor in Campus Safety

**Fond farewells to the following employees:**

**Ruben Muriente**, patrol officer in Campus Safety  
**Kimberly Miller**, senior gift officer in Advancement  
**Vinita Suader**, vice president for Strategic Planning

## COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

SACS and federal regulations require that the university records complaints received and works to make sure they are responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. If you receive a complaint, please share the information (and your response) by visiting [southern.edu/marketing](http://southern.edu/marketing) and clicking on "Complaint Repository." Your efforts here help us watch for trends where the university can improve services provided.

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## BIRTHDAYS

July 1 **Ben Thornton**, Biology  
July 4 **Carmen Jaeks**, Campus Safety  
**Barry Tryon**, Religion  
July 5 **Susan Landon**, Biology  
**Amanda Livanos**, English  
July 6 **Jeremy Moore**, Student Success Center  
July 8 **Sandy Tucker**, Records and Advisement  
July 10 **Scott Ball**, Music  
**Jonathan Paul Irwin**, Information Systems  
July 11 **Daniel Perez**, Religion  
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 19 **Christian Patiño**, Enrollment Services  
July 20 **Josh Rhodes**, Information Systems  
**Joni Zier**, Records and Advisement  
July 21 **Dora Desamour**, Academic Administration  
**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 and Management  
**Todd Wever**, Landscape Services  
July 27 **Mark Antone**, Landscape Services  
**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