

# Southern Factor

February 2015

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## Faculty, Staff Set Example Through Community Service

Students weren't the only ones out doing good deeds during Community Service Day on January 19. Faculty and staff also donned blue shirts and bright smiles as they labored alongside the young volunteers.

Although these employees were eager to lend a helping hand, many are no stranger to community service.

"A lot of them already volunteer with Ronald McDonald House and Room at the Inn," said Dora Desamour, Christian Service Program director. "There's a variety of outreach programs our faculty and staff are already taking upon themselves."

Seeing professors, administrators,

and staff members continually engaged in service activities sets a positive example for students to follow.

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hear God's calling to serve others," Desamour said.

Desamour encourages anyone interested in volunteering to visit the Christian Service office, where staff are more than willing to help align employees' hobbies and skills with one of the numerous nonprofits with whom Southern partners.

"Whatever it is you enjoy doing, trust me, there's a need for it," Desamour said. "We can be a light in the community and show people God's love even if you don't mention His name. People will see it through your actions!"

—Myron Madden



Above: Renita Moore, First Year Experience coordinator, helps a homeless man "shop" for clothes at the Street Store that Southern students helped organize in Chattanooga.



Right: Robert Ordóñez, associate professor in the School of Computing, cleans Christmas paintings off a window at the Creative Discovery Museum.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Not just Valentine's Day anymore, February 14 is also the final day of "I Love Southern," a two-week period of special opportunities to connect and interact with Southern and the greater Southern family! Be sure to check your email and social media every day to see what's happening. There's something special for alumni, students, employees, donors, and more, along with a couple of exciting contests! Be sure you're connected to Southern on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or visit [southern.edu/love](http://southern.edu/love).

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

We at the **School of Social Work** are excited about our recent partnership with the Mayor's Office and the Chattanooga Police Department to open the first Family Justice Center in Chattanooga. Our role will be to strengthen services provided in our community through evidence-based practices. This will produce great research and strong internship opportunities for our social work students. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Global Community Development Program is pleased to have **Tayo Odeyemi**, executive director of the ADRA Africa Regional Office, teach our graduate class, Techniques for Project Planning and Capacity Building. He has many years of front-line development experience to share with our Southern co-learners. The students are going to have a great opportunity in this e-learning class to explore and practice the complexity of doing community development across the globe with this highly seasoned professor and practitioner. We are happy to welcome an ADRA leader to our outstanding adjunct faculty team this semester and are thankful for this program blessing!

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Ardelle Dickinson** will be presenting on the topic of best practices for pre-marital counseling of stepfamilies and blended families at the 2015 Christian Association for Psychological Studies international conference in April.

**Michael Cafferky's** chapter "Teaching Ethics in Business Policy (Strategy) Courses" was published as part of the book *Teaching Ethics Across the Management Curriculum: A Handbook for International Faculty*.

**Richard Schwarz**, along with students Adam Johnson and Kaelibeth Caviness, conducted a gymnastic and acrobatic workshop January 9-11 for Dakota Adventist Academy.

## FAREWELL

I want to thank everyone for making Southern such a great place to work. Saying goodbye is not easy because we have such a wonderful team here and I count many as good friends. I wish God's blessings on Southern and look forward to supporting the mission from afar. If ever in Denver, please give me a call.

-Christopher Carey

## PERSONAL NEWS

Elijah Robert Royo, grandson of **Adrienne Royo** and son of Daniel and Danielle Royo, was born January 17, weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

## HATS OFF!

Thank you to **Greg Merchant** for demonstrating incredible patience and courtesy when helping me set up eclass for the semester. No shame, no blame. Just help!

-Linda Crumley

## FACULTY APPRECIATION

As any international student would know, there can be numerous difficulties when travelling from your home country into the United States. Over Christmas Break, I had the wonderful opportunity to spend the holidays with my family in Australia. The difficult part was getting back.

Because of prior engagements, I could not arrive at Southern until Tuesday afternoon. I emailed my professors to tell them I would miss the first class, and each responded to let me know how to catch up. One of my professors, **Robert Ordóñez**, said he would record the lab and talk me through it when I arrived, even though it meant more work for him. In his email, along with the customary "have a safe flight," he wrote, "I'll be praying for a safe trip for you. Be very careful, please!"

I cannot express how grateful I was to have a professor pray for my travels, but not even five minutes later, I received another email from him asking if I had the means to get back to Southern from the Nashville airport. When I said no, he offered to find me a ride.

Long story short, a ticket mix-up and weather delays turned my 19-hour trip into a 42-hour nightmare; but all the while, Ordóñez stayed in contact with me to find out what was happening. When I finally landed in Nashville at 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, he had a friend of his pick me up so I had a place to sleep while waiting for the first available bus to Chattanooga. Ordóñez then picked me up from the bus station, made sure I had all my luggage, and dropped me off at the door of my apartment.

Although I am grateful for all of Southern's faculty and staff, on that day, he was at the top of my appreciation list.

-Jared Powrie, junior computer science major



## COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Southern's accreditation agency 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.

## CHANGING FACES

SOUTHERN WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING:

**Anjanette Brailsford**, cashier, Village Market  
**Jennifer Brown**, food supervisor, Cafeteria  
**Aimee Lalic**, administrative assistant, Student Services  
**Christopher Stiles**, Ledford Lighting Lab assistant,  
School of Visual Art and Design  
**Richard “Wes” O’Ffill**, lead automotive technician,  
Technology Department

FOND FAREWELLS TO:

**Lisa Goolsby**, faculty, School of Business  
**Christopher Carey**, vice president, Advancement  
**Jeremy Moore**, Career Services coordinator,  
Student Success Center  
**Bryce Enevoldson**, database administrator,  
Information Systems

## SAVE THE DATE

February 4 Professor Study Circle  
February 5 CERSSA Convocation  
February 8 Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert  
February 9 University Senate  
E.A. Anderson Lectures Series  
February 11 International Tax Preparation Seminar  
February 12 Graduate Council  
February 22 Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 24 Employee Town Hall

## VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Consider using a Lights Volunteer to assist with organizing, data entry, research projects, inventory, or other supportive roles! Our volunteer pool includes a wide variety of various educational backgrounds, interests and skills. If you would like to meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Robberson** to discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your department this upcoming school year, please call x2555 to set up an appointment.

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

[“Southern Adventist University and Salvation Army Team Up for Street Store”](#) ([wdef.com](#))

[“Center Plans Collective Approach to Domestic Violence”](#) ([nooga.com](#))

## Marketing and University Relations

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## BIRTHDAYS

February 1 **Richard Johnson**, Food Services  
February 2 **Scott Brankshire**, Plant Services  
**Cynthia Gettys**, Ctr. Teaching Excellence  
**Bonnie Hunt**, Nursing  
**John Nixon**, Religion  
February 3 **Ryan Pierce**, Marketing  
**Leon Weeks**, Business and Mgt.  
February 4 **Leslie Ann Schwarzer**, Advancement  
**Derek Sherbondy**, Information Systems  
**Larry Turner**, Plant Services  
February 7 **Stephen Barber**, Food Services  
February 8 **Stephen Ruf**, Journalism and Comm.  
February 9 **Randy Bishop**, Biology  
**Xenia Figueroa**, Advancement  
February 10 **Elisabeth Anderson**, Enrollment Services  
**Robert Coombs**, Education and Psych.  
February 11 **Janita Herod**, Journalism and Comm.  
February 12 **Bonnie Eder**, Education and Psychology  
**Kathy Goddard**, English  
**Ben McArthur**, History and Political Studies  
February 13 **Adolfo Granada**, Plant Services  
**Kent Robertson**, Enrollment Services  
February 14 **Janice Lyons**, Village Market  
February 15 **Michael Dant**, Computing  
February 16 **Delores Franks**, Village Market  
February 17 **Magdana Philossaint**, Social Work  
February 18 **Chamra Anthony**, Thatcher Hall  
**Greg Cook**, Food Services  
**Lisa Diller**, History and Political Studies  
**Ruth Saunders**, Nursing  
February 19 **Genevieve Cottrell**, McKee Library  
**Cheryl Craven**, Social Work  
February 20 **Chad Raney**, Plant Services  
February 21 **Cindy McBryar**, Enrollment Services  
**Jeri Pewsey**, Food Services  
**Keith Snyder**, Biology  
February 22 **Angela Teague**, Accounting Services  
February 24 **Donn Leatherman**, Religion  
February 25 **Lucas Patterson**, Marketing  
February 26 **Tia Flanigan**, Food Services  
**Carol Heath**, Village Market  
**Mike McClung**, Information Systems  
**Laura Racovita-Szilagyi**, Social Work  
February 27 **Michael Cafferky**, Business and Mgt.  
**Pierre Nzokizwa**, Modern Languages