

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Need Cash? Grant Writing Help Available on Campus

Grant writing can be a confusing and tedious process, but faculty and staff hoping to receive funding for their projects don't have to go through it alone. The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team works closely with anyone searching for grant money to make the application process less complicated and more effective.

Over the 2014-2015 school year, the team helped the Outdoor Leadership Program and the Christian Service Program secure nearly \$70,000 in grant money. The team continues to work with these two areas after they received their grants to ensure that goals proposed to the funder and grant report deadlines and being met.

"When someone gets a grant, it's in addition to their full-time job," said John Shoemaker, CFR officer. "Faculty and staff already have a full plate. Our job is to help facilitate the relationship and process."

While employees are encouraged to research grants on their own, the CFR team, consisting of the officer and an

intern, is a valuable university resource. A request form is now available to simplify the proposal process, and the CFR team is skilled at developing relationships that lead to further grant opportunities. They are also familiar with the Foundation Directory Online, a database that provides access to in-

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formation on any foundation's interests and giving habits—information that is unavailable on a foundation's website.

"We understand what foundations are looking for," said Ashley Noonan, CFR intern. "It could potentially save faculty a lot of time, energy, and resources."

The team uses these tools and skills to find grant opportunities that match the department's needs with the foun-

dation's mission.

"We are really, in one word, the connector between the foundation and the university," Shoemaker said. "We connect the parties that could potentially benefit from knowing each other."

Though not the ones who use the grant money, Shoemaker and Noonan are both vital to Southern's mission of service.

"We may not necessarily fulfill the mission directly in our day to day operations," Noonan said, "but we're providing opportunities so others can directly be a part of the mission."

The mission includes expanding awareness of the team to all university employees.

"The more the university knows our resources exist," Shoemaker said, "the more that we can work with people, and the more money we can raise."

Anyone interested in applying for a grant or funding a project is welcome to contact John Shoemaker by emailing johnshoemaker@southern.edu.

-Myron Madden

Bietz Announces 2016 Retirement

On April 22, President Gordon Bietz announced to employees that he plans to retire in May 2016 at the conclusion of his 19th year leading the university. Under Bietz's guidance, both enrollment and the university's budget have doubled, leaving Southern in a good position for a leadership transition. Academic programs were also strengthened, specifically graduate offerings that grew from a handful of classes to 14 different degrees.

"[Cynthia and I] love Southern and have enjoyed almost every day of our work here," Bietz said. "You're absolutely a great team of people to work for. I believe the best days are still ahead."

A video from **Bietz's announcement** can be found online (beginning at 34:30 into the recording).



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Michael Cafferky has been chosen to be the next editor of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business* published by the Christian Business Faculty Association.

Rick Norskov, Keith Snyder, Ben Thornton and Tim Trott attended the annual Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Chattanooga April 2-3, along with 18 biology majors. Two students gave oral presentations about their research, and a group of four students presented a poster that illustrated progress made on their ongoing research.

Rick Norskov attended the Resident Research Day at Erlanger Hospital sponsored by the UT College of Medicine on April 17. Former biology major and emergency medicine resident Clint Christiansen, '07, presented a paper.

Linda Crumley and Tara Hargrove led seven students to Tampa, Florida, to present research at the Undergraduate Honors Conference of the Southern States Communication Association. It was the sixth year that Southern students have presented original research.

Melodie Lopez and Joni Zier recently attended the 101st annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Baltimore, Maryland. Zier was a panel presenter at one of the breakout sessions.

Adrienne Royo presented "Languages: A Means of Sharing the Gospel" at the Faculty Showcase on April 8. She also presented "Historia de España e Hispanoamérica: La perspectiva literaria" for Carolina Conference on April 9.

Mikhaile Spence served as primary author for the article "Some Wounds Don't Bleed: An Examination of Unresolved Trauma in Vietnam Veterans and Its Ethical Implications Through the Lens of One Man's Story and Beyond." It will be published in *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry: An International Journal of Critical Inquiry* this month.

Mioara Diaconu and Laura Racovita-Szilagy presented "Biblical Principles in Select Implicit and Explicit Master In Social Work Curriculum: A Case Study" during the Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning Conference March 8-15. **Lorri Merchant** presented "The Biblical Foundation for Social Workers as 'Shepherds' Who Care for God's Flock."

Kristie Wilder and Cornel Rusu attended Social Work and Distance Education in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 15-17. The conference was convened by the Council on Social Work Education and Indiana University School of Social Work.

Ronda Christman and Pauline Westman gave a poster presentation, "Older Adults' Perceptions of Adolescent-aged People Changed Through Participation in ASSIST: An Intergenerational Faith-based Service Program," on April 16 at the 36th annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Jodi Ruf attended Writers at Work, a program hosted by Chattanooga State, April 13-15. It featured interviews and readings with two successful authors best known for their Southern literary focus. On April 16-17 she attended the Celebration of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, a bi-annual conference in Chattanooga that features workshops, readings, and panel discussions by some of the most well known names in current Southern writing.

HATS OFF!

I would like to thank **Plant Services**, the **Service Department**, and **Marty Hamilton** for coming to our aid in Brock Hall a few weeks ago when we had a huge plumbing problem. They worked quickly to identify the problem, fix it, clean it up, and keep classes on schedule.

-Janita Herod

Big thank you to **Robert Bovell** and **Kenny Turpen** for their work and leadership in creating small alumni gatherings to better engage healthcare professional on behalf of Southern. Big thank you to **Lindsay Wood** and **Cheryl Torres** for their leadership in the Advancement call center this year, which raised cash and pledges totaling \$125,705 on behalf of Southern. We congratulate **John Shoemaker** on obtaining a number of grants these past months in support of outdoor leadership and origins.

-Geovanny Ragsdale

The Physics and Engineering Department experienced a rough time in the middle of this semester, starting with a flood before spring break and then the loss of our colleague and friend, Ray Hefferlin. We have so many of you to thank for helping us through that it is hard to know where to start.

In particular, we want to thank **Dennis Schreiner**, **Donny Lighthall**, and their team, as well as **Nick White** and the **Audio Visual** folk, who jumped on things quickly and helped minimize damage during the flood. Also an enormous thank you to the swarms of **Plant Services** folk who got us back into our classrooms, staging repairs so we could get into the most important rooms more quickly.

Special thanks to **Lucas Patterson** for going the extra mile by using his writing and public relations skills in the wake of Hefferlin's death. Thanks to the library staff, **Deyse Bravo** and **Jessica Spears** in particular, for helping with the superb research display. You probably don't realize the impact it had on family, students, and friends. Thanks to **Sherri Schoonard** and the **Food Services staff** for making more food during an already busy day. It made a huge difference. Also, a special thanks to our colleagues in Hickman Science Center for your support, and to the families who helped with food. I don't even know who you all were, although **Becca Barnhurst** did some coordinating.

This is a great place to work!

-Chris Hansen

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There are many members in the School of Business and Management I would like to recognize.

Stephanie Sheehan, Verlyne Starr and **Sharon Roberson** did outstanding work in making our Beyond the Bottom Line Seminar such an outstanding success.

I would like to thank **Dennis Steele** for all the work he has done on updating our IACBE assessment plan and to congratulate him on being selected as the faculty representative to the School of Business Advisory Board. I would like to thank **Julie Hyde** for her excellent representation of the School of Business in the faculty senate. Her reports kept us all informed and up to date on the issues facing our university.

I would like to congratulate **Michael Cafferky** on being the Triple Crown Winner of the School of Business. He has recorded the highest student evaluation rating for full-time faculty, the highest advisor rating by students, and has contributed the most scholarly articles and publications to our profession for the school year 2014-2015. We honored him as the School of Business Educator of the Year at our departmental convocation.

I would like to welcome **Luceta McRoy** to our faculty. She has a PhD in health services administration from the University of Alabama Birmingham and an MBA from Kent State. She has recently been published in *Journal of Asthma*, *Health Marketing Quarterly*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and *Journal of Men's Health*. She currently has a post-doctoral fellowship with Morehouse School of Medical where she does research and provides research training to 25 medical doctors. She will be joining us June 1 as our professor of marketing.

-Mark Hyder

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

John Wagner, interim vice president, Advancement

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Carlos Parra, chair/professor, Modern Languages

Elizabeth Pontvik, assistant professor,
School of Visual Art and Design

Dale Benoit, dispatch supervisor, Campus Safety

Jeff Gates, professor, Nursing

Margarita Sanchez, office assistant, Village Market

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Regulations require that the university records complaints and works to make sure they are responded to in a timely manner. Please share the concern (and your response) by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository."

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Lights Volunteers are available to assist with organizing, data entry, inventory, and other supportive roles. If you would like to meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Roberson** to discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your school or department, please call x2555 and set up an appointment.

BIRTHDAYS

May 1

Gordon Bietz, President's Office

Richard Erickson, Business

Emily Freck, Enrollment Services

Gary Shockley, Village Market

May 2

Amanda Tortal, Enrollment Services

Tami Wery, Records and Advisement

Ray Artigas, Transportation Services

Becky Djernes, Financial Administration

Shawn Haas, Campus Safety

Joe La Com, Visual Art and Design

Kelly Sanchez, Computing

Tricia Foster, Social Work

Jason Gates, Information Systems

Richard Halterman, Computing

Thaddeus Lozensky, Food Services

Stanley Cottrell, McKee Library

Tara Hargrove, Journalism and Comm.

LaShawn Horton, Nursing

Doru Mihaescu, Information Systems

Eric Baerg, Advancement

Julie Norton, Chaplain's Office

Kevin Penrod, Campus Safety

Shirley Rumsey, University Health Center

Jackie Rose, Village Market

Mikhaile Spence, Education and Psych.

Aimee Lalic, Student Services

Peter Cooper, Music

Steve French, Education and Psych.

Kevin Pride, Talge Hall

Ginger Cheney, Enrollment Services

Steve Holley, Plant Services

Shelly Kalvoda, Campus Shop

Lisa Kuhlman, Business

Carolyn Liers, Advancement

Lorraine Ball, Journalism and Comm.

Jessie Helm, P.E., Health, and Wellness

Jackie Price-Walters, Food Services

Ardelle Dickinson, Education and Psych.

Ron Miller, McKee Library

Lisa Hall, Thatcher Hall

John Holley, Village Market

Maggie Mendoza, Enrollment Services

Holly Gadd, Nursing

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