

Southern Factor

April 2016

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Gym-Masters Home Show** takes place in Iles P.E. Center on April 9 at 9 p.m. and April 10 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Hulsey Wellness Center for \$5. The Gym-Masters acrobatic team is a tight-knit group of Southern students who promote positive lifestyle choices by performing for assembly programs, halftime shows, parades, fairs, and other events.



McKee Library invites employees to hear presentations by faculty and students during **Campus Research Day** on April 12. The keynote speaker is Duane McBride, Andrews University professor and author. McBride has received numerous awards for his teaching, research, and academic contributions. More than 370 presentations are scheduled on a variety of topics in multiple locations around campus. For times and other specifics, [visit McKee Library's website](#).

You are invited to the **Employee Retirement Celebration** on April 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Collegedale Church fellowship hall. Come honor the following retirees and their years of service to Southern: Richard Erickson, Shirley Rumsey, Verlyne Starr, and Jon Wentworth. Yolande Burrus and Jan Wittenberg are also retiring, but will not be at the event. **RSVP** by April 12.

You are also invited to the **Bietz Retirement Celebration** on April 28 at

6 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Come honor Gordon and Cynthia Bietz's 53 combined years of service to Southern. **RSVP** by April 21 for this employee-only event.

The School of Religion's **British Reformation and Christianity Tour** is fast approaching and there are a handful of spots left. Visit London, Oxford, Island of Iona, St. Andrews, Edinburgh, and Dublin, Ireland, from May 12-24 to gain an enhanced understanding and appreciation for the reformation of Christianity in the British Isles and the translation of Scripture into English. Participants will learn more about their own spiritual roots while traveling to various sites of related significance, noting spiritual lessons connected with these sites, and having group worships on location. The \$3,300 trip includes all airfare (from Atlanta), bus transportation in Europe, lodging, breakfasts at hotels, and admission fees to various attractions. Call x2975 for more information.

The **Global Community Development** program is hosting a forum on Southern's campus July 14-16 to discuss what mission work looks like in the 21st century. Come be part of the crucial conversations and connect with people from across the North American Division, gain actionable knowledge in sustainable models of mission work, and become equipped to make a greater difference in your local communities and abroad. Jesus gave it all for us, so let's do our best for Him! Visit GCD's [Facebook page](#) for more information.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

March was **Social Work Month** and several events were held on campus, including information booths, awareness signs on the promenade, and a

special university-wide convocation. The National Association of Social Workers theme for March was "Forging Solutions Out of Challenges" and Southern's School of Social Work hopes that the events of this past month helped inform others about this beautiful profession that reflects Christ's ministry of service.

On March 20, Southern's **School of Computing** hosted Southern Challenge 2016, a local iteration of First Lego League (the national organization whose competitions are held on Saturdays). There was a large crowd in Iles P.E. Center as approximately 30 teams participated, some traveling from as far away as Florida and Ohio! Southern Challenge brings a lot of young people (grades 5-8) to campus that the university hopes will one day become students here, and history has proven this to often be the case.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Evie Nogales Baker attended the International Conference on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence held March 22-25 in Washington, DC. She also attended the 33rd annual Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, "Promoting Excellence in Undergraduate Social Work through Education and Leadership," held March 30-April 3 in Dallas, Texas.

Rick Halterman, Michael Dant, and

Robert Ordonez attended a technical symposium by the Association for Computing Machinery's special interest group for education March 2-4 in Memphis, Tennessee. They connected with colleagues from sister institutions (Andrews University, in particular) while learning more about the latest pedagogical techniques in their field.

Rick Norskov attended the Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians' annual scientific meeting March 14-15 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Cheri Durst and **Daniel Olson** attended the National Academic Advising Association meetings at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tennessee. The daylong event in March was titled "Talk the Talk" and included sessions on partnerships between advising and career services, how to better communicate with international students, and how to influence leadership that inspires change.

Beth Scott and **Ronda Christman** attended the Southern Nursing Research Society's conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the end of February.

Alan Parker preached an evangelistic series in Gweru, Zimbabwe, as part of It Is Written's 60th anniversary. Between 1,200-1,500 people attended each night and approximately 300 people were baptized as a result.

Donald Martin attended the 2016 ILLiad International Conference March 15-17 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

HATS OFF!

Donnie Lighthall in the **Service Department** is a go-to kind of guy! Lately, it's been the deliveries of dozens of boxes of Fenton Forest books that he and his team have shuttled all around campus. I simply send an email and know that it's taken care of—usually the same day. The Marketing and University Relations team continues to value and appreciate exceptional support and customer service from the Service Department. ~Tina Smith

PERSONAL NEWS

Tyson Hall and his wife, Kristy, announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Lynn Hall, on March 22. Mom and Tori are home and doing well.

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Consider using a Lights Volunteer to assist with data entry, inventory, or other supportive roles! To meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** and discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your department, call x2555.

'SUCCESS STORY' LISTSERV

Southern has created an listserv for employees to share success stories of students, staff, alumni, and donors in variety of areas (academic, spiritual, financial, social, etc). This is an important tool for collecting these testimonies. We need to remind others—and be reminded ourselves—about the numerous ways God has blessed Southern. To be added to this listserv, email **Lucas Patterson**.

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Regulations require that the university records complaints and makes sure they are responded to in a timely manner. Share the concern by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository."

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

Bradley Adams, accounting clerk

Michelle Younkin, Records and Advisement asst. director

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Daniel Perez, archaeology museum coordinator

BIRTHDAYS

April 1

Jana Dietsche, Enrollment Management

Andrew Myaing, Risk Management

April 4

Lorella Howard, Nursing

April 8

Randy Craven, Visual Art and Design

Carlos Lopez, Enrollment Management

Greg Wilson, Religion

April 9

Genevieve Brown-Kibble, Music

Nancy Soapes, Food Services

Amy Steele, Human Resources

April 10

Lisa Hess, Global Community Development

April 13

Ryan Harrell, Online Campus

April 14

Michael Liedke, Nursing

JP Mathis, Thatcher Hall

April 15

Terri Fillman, Transportation Services

April 18

Lucinda Hill, Biology

April 19

Cathlyen Robertson, Food Services

April 20

Carol Raney, Biology

April 22

Debbie Strack, Biology

Ruth Williams, Education and Psychology

April 23

Dale Walters, Business

April 25

Shirley Menhennett, Food Services

April 26

Diane Proffitt, Nursing

April 27

Dana Krause, Nursing

April 28

Gary Sewell, Information Technology

Osmin Yanes, Village Market

April 30

Scott Clukey, Plant Services

Marc Grundy, Enrollment Management

Faith Laughlin, Education and Psychology

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