

Southern Factor

July 2016

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

DEPARTMENT NEWS

A team of students from the **School of Business** was accepted as a finalist in the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) student case competition and presented in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the IMA annual conference on June 19. As part of the Cost Accounting course, students are required to prepare a video that offers a solution to a management accounting problem selected by IMA. Out of 28 video entries, Southern's team was chosen as one of four finalist groups and received a \$3,000 reward. They traveled to Las Vegas and presented live in front of 70 individuals, including judges and accountants. The American University in the Middle East, located in Kuwait, won the competition. Other finalists included Brigham Young University and Southern Indiana University. Past winners have included Brigham Young University and the University of Georgia.

Southern's **Enactus team** was a league winner at Regional Competition this year, securing the right to present at the organization's National Competition in May. Student team members

took advantage of this opportunity and, for the first time ever, Southern placed in its league at the national level!

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.

Advancement staff hosted four regional events during June in North Carolina, Michigan, and California. During these meetings, Southern was able to connect and strengthen relationships with more than 300 alumni and friends. Additional alumni events will be hosted in Florida, Arizona, Georgia, and Tennessee during the next few months.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cynthia Gettys and **Elaine Plemons** presented at the Summer Institute for Biblical Foundation Course Design, June 6-10. The event was attended by 24 professors from multiple institutions. Due to increased demand, an additional 20 professors have enrolled for a second session, July 11-15.

Edwin Reynolds gave a seminar titled "The Mission of the Church in the Book of Revelation" on May 28 for pastors and elders near Cancun, Mexico. He was there to help supervise 18 Southern students who were holding evangelistic meetings May 14-28 in conjunction with the Evangelistic Resource Center and School of Religion.

Adrienne Royo attended the Council of Independent Colleges' workshop for deans and chairs in Portland, Oregon, June 13-15. The program was titled "Joys and Challenges of Leading from the Middle." Royo also attended the Center for Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and
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Southern Family Sets Giving Record

Southern's family came together in a most significant and visible way during 2015-2016, contributing the largest amount ever to the university during a single fiscal year – more than \$12 million. The record giving is, in part, due to excitement from the April 28 public launch of Southern's Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning. The campaign includes a heavy focus on scholarship and academic endowments, the new Bietz Center for Student Life (see picture from groundbreaking, left), improved residence hall rooms, and other campus and academic enhancements. The campaign is transformational for Southern.

It is amazing how God has moved hearts to invest in the lives of Southern students, faculty and staff, and our community. At the same time, we must continue to challenge ourselves to complete a campaign three times larger than anything the university has attempted previously. Though we have raised approximately \$33 million through gifts and pledges toward a visionary goal of \$50 million, we still have \$17 million to go before completing the campaign and realizing its full impact on our mission. -Carolyn Hamilton

Learning's Summer Institute, June 6-10, at Southern.

Harold Mayer and 10 students presented research conducted in Southern's Human Performance Lab during a poster presentation at the American College of Sports Medicine national convention in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 3. The title of their research was "Unforeseen Energy Balance Metabolic Efficiency Success in Overweight/Obese 25 to 54 Year Old Females."

Joelle Wolf attended Primary Care Update: Type 2 Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome and Obesity, a cruise conference on the Baltic Sea, May 24 through June 2.

Stephanie Sheehan has had a book review accepted for publication in the up-coming issue of the *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business*. She has authored a review of the book *Biblical Perspectives on Leadership and Organizations* (J. Lee Whittington, 2015).

English Department faculty attended the Adventist English Association conference in Keene, Texas, June 16-19. Several faculty presented papers at the conference:

Rachel Byrd, "Players, Patron, and Crown: The Alliance Against the City of London: What the Documents Reveal about Changing Control of the Drama in the Reign of Elizabeth I"; **Kathy Goddard**, "Redesigning College Composition: a Biblical Foundation Course Design Model"; **Laurie Stankavich**, "Literacy in a Changing World: A Prototype Approach"; **Keely Tary** and **Linda Tym**, "Slowing the Action: The Politics of Time and Money in the Adventist English Department"; and **Autumn Wurstle**, "Grey Matters: Navigating Literature's Trendiest Genre from a Seventh-day Adventist Perspective." In addition, two faculty were elected to serve a three-year term as officers of the Adventist English Association: Linda Tym as President and **Clarise Nixon** as Communications Officer.

HATS OFF!

I would like to thank **Mark Guild** for organizing and leading the very first School of Business Study Tour to Europe. Nearly 30 students spent more than three weeks visiting businesses in London, Paris, Geneva, Berlin, and Prague. Two of our business connections have offered internship opportunities to our students. One student proclaimed: "It truly was the best trip of my life!" This does not happen without a lot of effort, and Mark worked diligently to make this trip a success. We all appreciate it. -Mark Hyder

Julie Hyde did an wonderful job sponsoring the student team who participated in the Institute of Management Accountants' case competition in Las Vegas, Nevada (see news brief on prior page for details). Congratulations to your team and a special thanks to you personally for supporting our students' success. -Mark Hyder

Congratulations to **Lisa Kuhlman** who has been elected to serve as treasurer of the Collegedale Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for representing the School of Business through your service to our community. -Mark Hyder

Robert Montague hosted the True Education conference in Southern's School of Business June 27-30. This event brought in 54 attendees from the self-supporting and home school communities of our denomination. I want to thank Robert for connecting our university to that important segment of the church. -Mark Hyder

The Technology Department would like to thank Service Department's **Richard Long** for the outstanding job he has done in not only cleaning, but also polishing the floors of Ledford Hall. He embodies this Martin Luther King, Jr. quote: "If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.'" -Mark Hyder

Several faculty and staff contributed to the success of Southern's Enactus team this year, and I appreciate your investment in their learning and growth outside of the classroom. A special thanks to **Mark Hyder, Rob Montague, Leon Weeks, Mark Guild, and Lisa Kuhlman**. -Stephanie Sheehan

A huge thank you to **Don Martin** in McKee Library. He successfully obtained an article I needed for a research project which seemed impossible for either of us to locate for nearly a year. I appreciate his commitment to securing what was needed. -Stephanie Sheehan

Many thanks to **School of Education and Psychology** for donating its facility during the Summer Institute for Biblical Foundation Course Design, and to **Elaine Hayden** and **Asti Conibear** for their unselfish help! -Elaine Plemons

PERSONAL NEWS

Thank you for the support my family and I have received with my mom's passing. We were touched by the outpouring of support through cards and flowers as well as the presence of friends and colleagues at the memorial service. I am honored to work with such a caring campus community at Southern. -Andrew Myaing

Sonja Fordham (McKee Library) will marry to Robert Buice on July 8 in California.

Kaitlin Ann Laughlin, '16, daughter of **Faith Laughlin** (Education and Psychology), will marry Ryan Roberts, '16, on July 31 in Frederick, Maryland.

Rhonda Scott (Chemistry) bicycled from Washington, D.C. to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her brother and sister-in-law. They traveled 335 miles May 31 through June 12.

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:

Craig Perez, patrol officer, Campus Safety
Yora Roberts, office assistant, Human Resources
Chris Stewart, director, Physical Therapist Asst. program
Aubrey Wallin, office manager, Thatcher Hall

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Andrea Anderson, supplies buyer, Campus Shop
Rick Anderson, enrollment counselor and ministry director, Enrollment Management
Adam Brown, admissions director, Enrollment Management
Sharon Robberson, director, Conference Services
John Shoemaker, corp. and foundation relations, Development

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

Liane de Souza, from Counseling Services coordinator to associate professor in School of Education and Psychology
Bonnie Musgrave, from Food Services cook to assistant professor in Vegetarian Culinary Arts department
Kenny Turpen, from regional relationship mgr. to relationship and engagement programs mgr. for Advancement

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 **Ben Thornton**, Biology
July 2 **Kim Armitage**, Food Services
July 2 **Beckie Retzer**, Nursing
July 3 **Mark Comberiate**, Visual Art and Design
July 4 **Tammy Overstreet**, Online Campus
July 4 **Barry Tryon**, Religion
July 5 **Amanda Livanos**, English
July 8 **Sandy Tucker**, Records and Advisement
July 9 **Carolyn Hamilton**, Advancement
July 10 **Scott Ball**, Music
July 10 **Jonathan Paul Irwin**, Information Technology
July 11 **Daniel Perez**, Religion
July 11 **Linda Tym**, English
July 13 **James Eason**, Village Market
July 13 **Jeff Erhard**, Talge Hall
July 14 **Leslie Evenson**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
July 14 **Richard Strickland**, Plant Services
July 16 **Ben Wygal**, President's Office
July 17 **Danny Ford**, Plant Services
July 20 **Josh Rhodes**, Information Technology
July 20 **Ellen Vitorino**, Food Services
July 20 **Joni Zier**, Records and Advisement
July 21 **Dora Desamour**, Christian Service Program
July 21 **Corneliu Rusu**, Social Work
July 22 **Kerry Allen**, Nursing
July 22 **Kim Sturm**, Plant Services
July 23 **Lauree Fogg**, Student Success Center
July 24 **Joseph Cripe**, Plant Services
July 25 **Todd Wever**, Landscape Services
July 27 **Mark Antone**, Landscape Services
July 27 **Sharon Rogers**, Records and Advisement
July 28 **Bill Cruttenden**, Plant Services
July 28 **Elaine Hayden**, Education and Psychology
July 29 **Bonnie Freeland**, Nursing
July 29 **Dwayne Gardner**, Architectural Services
July 29 **Doug Penner**, Music

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