

# Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Edwin Reynolds** will be giving four presentations at the 2017 Annual Secrets Unsealed Summit in California October 25-29. Secrets Unsealed, a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church, is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. His presentations will focus on biblical hermeneutics, especially the historical-grammatical approach to biblical interpretation, one of the important contributions of the Reformation.

**Rachel Williams-Smith** wrote an article about the recent eclipse for *Adventist Review*, "Musings on a Total Eclipse: This Little Light of Mine."

**Tyler Rand** attended the Nonprofit Management Institute at Stanford University. The conference is conducted by Stanford Social Innovation Review and focuses on "leading social change in turbulent times."

**Elaine Plemons** and **Cynthia Gettys** spent September 11-14 with more than 110 faculty from our sister institution in Ghana, Africa. They were responsible for training the faculty and shared the Higher Education Biblical Foundation Course Design Model for the annual colloquium at Valley View University. First developed here at Southern, the biblical foundation course design model has generated a great deal of interest from higher education faculty after being featured in the December 2016 *Journal of Adventist Education* article.

## HATS OFF!

The first floor of Hickman Science Center has a new look. With so many people to thank, it is hard to know where to start. **Plant Services** folk—electrical, carpet, paint, woodwork, signs, and probably more—did a great job! In particular, **Becky Djernes** worked closely with the Hickman departments in creating the design, and she made it all happen. Thank you!

-Chris Hansen, on behalf of the faculty in Hickman

Thank you to our morning Wright Hall receptionist, **Stephanie**. She always has a greeting each morning that comes with a smile. I am glad she is here and is so pleasant to everyone she sees.

-Sharon Rogers

## SOUTHERN BITS TO SHARE

### ENROLLMENT NUMBERS UP

Southern's enrollment numbers are once again seeing growth. The student population reached **3,035** this year, climbing from last year's population of 2,959. It has been five years since Southern has seen an increase this substantial. An additional benefit of higher enrollment is an increase in regional and racial diversity among students.

### SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS WIN LOCAL CHALLENGE

Three School of Social Work alumni who began the Master of Social Work program this fall entered the sixth Causeway Challenge over the summer and won. Causeway is a local nonprofit from Chattanooga that empowers the community to make a difference in their home town. This year's challenge was to tackle the question, "How can we use creativity to increase civic engagement in Chattanooga?"

### STUDENT LEAVES POSITIVE IMPRESSION

After Hurricanes Irma and Harvey swept across the gulf states, Southern students sprang into action. **One group raised \$3,553 for the impacted communities.** All proceeds were donated to the Samaritan Center. Senior nursing majors Alexandria Martin and Jennifer Vigil coordinated the efforts by organizing a bake sale. Martin and Vigil also arranged for Blood Assurance to come out for the benefit—60 people donated blood to the cause. Casey Goldring, sophomore elementary education major, designed a T-shirt for the fundraiser. The student body participated by providing baked goods for the bake sale, volunteering, and donating blood. The event raised community buzz with the local television news stations and *Chattanooga Times Free Press* all reporting on the event.

Martin said she and her housemate were inspired to hold a bake sale after seeing photos of the devastation left in the wake of the hurricanes, but she was amazed by how much response they received.

McKee Library would like to thank all the individuals from **Architectural Services, Financial Administration, Plant Services, and Service Department** who worked so hard in the last couple of months to improve our main floor by giving us new ceiling panels, new lighting, and new light fixtures.

-Deyse Bravo

A big thank you to **Shannon Martin** for helping me navigate the first weeks of the semester as a new faculty member and being a kindred spirit!

-Katie Sheffield

## PERSONAL NEWS

This summer, three babies were added to the **Plant Services** family! Benjamin Caleb was born to **Omar** and Soraya **Murdock** on July 27; Zion Malcolm to student worker Anthony Burrell and wife, Avery, on July 29; and Landon Scott to **Scott** and Chantel **Brankshire** on August 23. Welcome, little ones, and best wishes to all!

**Tina Smith** and her husband, Bo, celebrated 28 years of marriage on September 24. They met here on Southern's campus 30 years ago during the Student Association's back-to-school mixer. Their son, Tré, works part time in the Service Department, and both he and his sister, Carolina, attend Collegedale Academy.

The **School of Social Work** is celebrating **Nina Nelson's** marriage to DaRon Barfield. The couple married on July 8 and held a second ceremony in Jamaica with family.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

**McKee Library's** first floor is now re-opened after months of construction. The library has a new LED lighting system throughout the first floor as well as three beautiful new light fixtures in the foyer. To register for one of the library's 11 workshops this semester, please visit the library's website and click on "Instruction and Workshops Schedule." Now through December, the "Celebrating 125 Years of Adventist Education at Southern" exhibit is now on display on McKee Library's first floor.

The **Modern Languages Department** held its Global Citizen Seminar September 14-15 for 19 students who are pursuing majors in international studies. With emphasis in French, German, Italian, or Spanish. This one-credit course completes the core academic work during the two-day retreat and continues throughout the semester with weekly conversation groups in the target languages. The conversation groups are essential to each student maintaining and enhancing their conversational skills in their chosen language. **Claryce Caviness** teaches this class. During the retreat, **Pierre Nzokizwa** led out the focus language group in French, **Ken Caviness** in German, **Leslie Morrow** in Italian, and **Adrienne Royo** in Spanish.

## EVENTS

### Service Expo Convocation

Southern's nonprofit community partners will be in Iles P.E. Center on October 19 networking and raising awareness of their organizations for the Service Expo Convocation. The booths will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and then partners have the option to stay for lunch in the dining hall. A short program from 11 to 11:20 a.m., will feature Leroy Abrahams, '12, as guest speaker. *[Faculty and staff are invited to not only encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity, but also attend and show support for the university's community partners.]*

### Fruition Lab Seminar

Southern is hosting a one-day seminar by Fruition Lab for the first time on November 2. Fruition Lab's mission is to inspire, connect, and educate impact-driven entrepreneurs. Participating students, alumni, and other entrepreneurs will hear inspiring stories from Adventist business owners as they identify their mission, and learn how to sustain a business. Additionally, the event provides an opportunity for networking. Visit [southern.edu/fruitionlab](http://southern.edu/fruitionlab) for more information and to register.

### Homecoming Weekend

Our campus community is preparing to welcome more than 1,000 alumni and former staff back to Southern November 2-5 for Homecoming Weekend. Many special activities are planned for celebrating the school's 125th anniversary as well as Southern's legacy of missions and community service. Academic departments will engage their alumni through open houses, symposiums, networking events, and presentations. Homecoming Weekend provides opportunities to demonstrate Southern hospitality, showcase student accomplishments, strengthen relationships with alumni, and celebrate historic milestones. Learn more and RSVP for specific events at [southern.edu/community](http://southern.edu/community) or [southern.edu/alumni](http://southern.edu/alumni).

### Feed My Starving Children

Alumni and students will be going global during Homecoming Weekend at a November 5 event in Iles P.E. Center, impacting childhood hunger through a partnership with Feed My Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit. Be the hearts, hands, and feet of Jesus by actively packing 100,000+ meals to ship around the world, including countries in the Caribbean devastated by Hurricane Irma. Employees are encouraged not only to participate but also to be event ambassadors by posting about the event on social media and inviting alumni participation (see Southern's Alumni Relations Facebook page for related posts you can "like" and "share"). Thank you for your help! For event times and more information, visit [southern.edu/fmsc](http://southern.edu/fmsc) or email Lucas Patterson at [lucasppatterson@southern.edu](mailto:lucasppatterson@southern.edu).

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1 Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church
- 2 Archaeology Lecture, 7 p.m., Lynn Wood Hall Chapel
- 4 Teach^3, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- 5 Presidential Gala, 6 p.m., Iles P.E. Center
- 7 LAC Night, 9 p.m., Iles P.E. Center
- 8 Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., Church
- 10-11 Duck Walk, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Track
- 11 Faculty Showcase, 12 p.m., Presidential Banquet Room
- 13-15 Midterm Break
- 15 Flea Market, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 17 MidTerm grades due
- 18 Faculty Tech Bytes, 12 p.m., Presidential Banquet Room
- 19 Leadership Training Series, 3:30-5 p.m.
- 24 Anthony Trionfo Concert, 7 p.m., Ackerman Auditorium
- 27 Faculty Winter Textbook Adoptions Due, Campus Shop
- 27 "I Am They" Concert, 8 p.m., Iles P.E. Center

## CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

- Brenda Davis**, supper supervisor, VM Deli
- Thaddeus Lozensky**, patrol officer, Campus Safety
- William Jones**, patrol officer, Campus Safety

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

- Kelly Hauge**, shift supervisor, KR's Place
- William (Billy) Freck**, staff, Purchasing; supplies buyer, Campus Shop
- Anthony Nix**, customer service supervisor, Village Market

## ECO-FRIENDLY TINY HOUSE FOR SALE!

The School of Business' Technology program is selling a tiny house completely designed and built by Southern students under the direction of the program's licensed faculty. Their new tiny-house initiative integrates construction theory with a real-life opportunity for students to develop hands-on experience. Proceeds will help students continue to gain valuable skills needed for a career in construction management. For more information, call 423.236.2537.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Troy DeWind**, Landscape Services
- 1 **Linda Lechler**, Nursing
- 1 **Marcus Sheffield**, English
- 2 **Kim Armstrong**, KR's Place
- 2 **Barb Edens**, Strategic Planning
- 2 **Mariella Pechero**, Counseling Services
- 2 **Paulette Sandefur**, Village Market
- 2 **Jessica Spears**, Library
- 3 **Vivian Grabiner**, Village Market
- 4 **Jill Buchholz**, Nursing
- 4 **David Huisman**, Accounting Services
- 5 **Christalee Crary**, Admissions
- 5 **Bill Lyons**, Plant Services
- 5 **Daniel Olson**, Counseling
- 6 **Cindy Johnson**, Nursing
- 7 **Miguel Rivas**, Information Technology
- 7 **Joylynn Scott**, President's Office
- 7 **Dennis Steele**, Business
- 8 **Stephanie Guster**, Social Work
- 9 **Faith Anderson**, Student Finance
- 9 **Matt Barclay**, Student Finance
- 9 **Linda Williams**, Guest Services and Lodging
- 10 **Scot Anderson**, Computing
- 10 **Rodney Bussey**, P.E., Health and Wellness
- 11 **Ronda Christman**, Nursing
- 11 **Blake Laing**, Physics
- 11 **Rayna Robinson**, Modern Languages
- 13 **Judy Sloan**, P.E., Health and Wellness
- 14 **Chris Hansen**, Physics
- 15 **Ric Griffin**, Counseling Services
- 17 **Dwight Magers**, Talge Hall
- 18 **Braam Oberholster**, Business
- 18 **Elaine Plemons**, Center for Teaching Excellence
- 18 **Keely Tary**, English
- 18 **Cindi Young**, Financial Administration
- 19 **Stephen Bauer**, Religion
- 20 **Amelia Laneville**, Kayak
- 23 **Douglas Na'a**, Religion
- 23 **Yola Noya**, Village Market
- 23 **Carol Plank**, Talge Hall
- 25 **Seth Shaffer**, Library
- 27 **Kevin Brown**, Mathematics
- 29 **Dennis Clifford**, Plant Services
- 29 **Ron Johnson**, Mathematics
- 31 **Teri Klinger**, Thatcher Hall

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