

# Southern Factor

November 2017

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On September 16, **Barbara James** and **Joelle Wolf** gave a poster presentation at the National League of Nursing Educational Summit in San Diego, California, on “Multi Patient Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Student Perceptions of Team Interactions.” They presented on behalf of their team: **Jill Buchholz, Rhonda Christman, Barbara James, Callie McArthur, Christy Showalter, Christina Shrode, Joelle Wolf, and Sonia Wrate.**

**Annette Heck** has been published in the *Review of Religious Research Journal*. Her co-authored article is titled “Seventh-day Adventist Clergy: Understanding Stressors and Coping Mechanisms.”

**Sonia Wrate, Ronda Christman, and Jill Buchholz** gave a podium presentation on “Multi Patient Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Beneficial for Improved Practice” at the 44th Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 31. **Wrate** and **Christman** also presented “Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Student’s Perceptions of Understanding and Contribution to their Community,” at the convention. They presented on behalf of their team: **Kerry Allen, M. Baksh-Griffin, Jill Buchholz, Rhonda Christman, Cynthia Gettys, Barbara James, Brooks Kirschmann, Faith Laughlin, Callie McArthur, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Beckie Retzer, Beth Scott, Christina Shrode, Joelle Wolf, and Sonia Wrate.**

**Becky Djernes** recently completed her CEAS1 certification covering ergonomics in the workplace from the office environment to a factory setting. She will seek Level 2 certification in 2018. She also attended the annual 2017 Association of University Interior Design conference in St. Louis. This association specializes in the numerous design needs associated with the varied environments on university campuses.

**Daniel Reynaud** co-authored “Faith Education and Touring the Bible Lands: A Case Study,” an article published in the latest edition of the *Journal of Adventist Education*. It analyzes the effectiveness of a Bible lands study tour and makes recommendations for planning and conducting study tours.

## SOUTHERN BITS TO SHARE

### RESIDENT HALL RENOVATIONS

As part of the Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning, Thatcher and Talge halls underwent renovations this summer: **26 rooms in Thatcher and 22 rooms in Talge** now feature new furniture and fixtures for students to enjoy. As part of these efforts, Fixer Upper campaign, held April 24-27, raised more than \$42,000 from 264 donors.

### SOUTHERN SWEEPS COMMUNICATION AWARDS

Southern faculty, alumni, and students earned more than **16 awards** at the annual Society of Adventist Communicators conference, “Building Bridges,” held in Portland, Oregon. Among those awarded were staff members **Jason Bryner, Evonne Crook, Carolyn Hamilton, Janell Hullquist, Lucas Patterson, Ryan Pierce, and Tina Smith**; alumni Myron Maddon, Rosana Hughes, and Madison Johnston; and students Tia Huff, Kaitlin Colon, Sierra Emilaire, and Jacklyn Ruth.

### PRESIDENT’S GALA INCREASES SCHOLARSHIPS

The annual President’s Gala, held on October 5, **raised \$305,113 for scholarships and endowments.** The event, hosted by President Dave Smith, brought together many local Chattanooga businesses that largely contributed to the total amount raised. In addition, Southern recognized three community members for their commitments to service.

### SOUTHERN RECOGNIZED FOR DIVERSITY

Southern ranked number one for diversity among universities in the south by U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges.

“I am happy to see such diversity in our university,” said Bob Young, vice president for Academic Administration “It reflects the culture of the Seventh-day Adventist church.”

On September 14 and 15, **Kristie Wilder** and social work alum, Lauren Souza, presented in Austin, Texas, on their most recent research. Their findings came from focus groups with cadets in the Chattanooga Police Department. Chattanooga's new police chief joined Wilder and Souza and other International Association of Chiefs of Police Enhancing Law Enforcements' Response to Victims of Crimes grant recipients. The objective of the research project is to improve the overall response to victims of crime in Chattanooga and other cities across the country. The project is entering its third and final year.

**Keith Snyder** presented a poster titled "A Unique Polyphyletic Bonebed in the Upper Cretaceous Lance Formation in Wyoming" at the Geological Society meetings in Seattle, Washington. This is one of the results from nine summers of Southern and Southwestern Adventist University working together in the dinosaur bonebeds in Wyoming.

**Elaine Plemons** helped to facilitate at the September 22-24 Inside Out Retreat in Balikpapan, Indonesia. The weekend focused on personal revival and more than 170 participants from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division attended. The following week she also presented to more than 160 participants at the Schools in Discipleship Seminar held in the same location September 25-28.

**Sharon Rogers** attended the National Academic Advising Association conference October 11-13 in St. Louis, Missouri.

On October 11, **Deyse Bravo-Rivera, Jessica Spears, Sonja Fordham,** and **Tammy Overstreet** presented virtually for the Adventist Online Learning Conference. The team shared some of the ways that Southern seeks to provide the best online learning experiences for professors and students by meeting them at their point of need. Their presentation was titled "Empowering Online Students Through Library Services."

## HATS OFF!

Thank you to **Donny Lighthall** for always being available when I need him for supplies and for quickly fixing all the equipment at the Wellness Center and Iles Gym when needed. He makes my job easier.

-John Muaya

Thank you very much to our **faculty**. Their support helped make the Service Expo a success! I loved seeing them talking with the community partners and finding new service opportunities for their students.

-Jennifer Carter

**Greg Merchant** came to campus very early on a Sunday morning to meet with one of our Master of Social Work students to help with her technology questions before class. Kudos to Greg for his excellence in customer service!

-Kristie Wilder

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Edwin** and **Connie Reynolds** are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild. Jocelyn Joy Villanueva was born to Beth and Jeremy Villanueva on Thursday, October 19, at 10 p.m.

This summer, **Euwayne Bennett** and **Anna (Romuald) Bennett** were married on July 3, in Chattanooga. The highlight of their wedding day was a full worship experience to start their ceremony.

**Scott Kornblum's** first grandchild, Carson, was born on October 8 to Rachael and Zach Green.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

During October Fall Break, the **English Department** welcomed Brian Barnes from the University of Louisville, Kentucky, for in-service training on critical thinking. Invitations to the sessions were extended across campus and a number of other employees attended, including **Renita Moore, Karon Powell,** and **Sonja Fordham.** The sessions were rigorous and rewarding. In addition to providing useful strategies for student learning, the workshop also reminded attendees of the value of intentionally practicing critical thinking in all areas of research, professional development, and pedagogy. If you are interested in participating in upcoming critical thinking faculty events, please contact Keely Tary or Linda Tym.

The **Modern Languages Department** participated in the Lead Chattanooga event, October 12, at the Chattanooga in downtown Chattanooga. The department had a table and **Pierre Nzokizwa** was able to share information about what the department offers, and specifically information about Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA). He was accompanied by Anthony Botticelli, an alum of Southern who participated in ACA - Italy.

## EVENTS

### Community Service Day

As we are getting ready for our big event in January, let me remind you that it will be our 25th community service day and the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, so we will need all hands on deck! I have been working with the city of Chattanooga and they are expecting a much bigger volunteer turnout with plenty of news coverage. We will be working alongside their volunteers in some spots. This year the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is also joining in. I would like to ask for your support in the following:

1. Tell me what activities you have previously participated in and what you would like to do this year.
2. Tell me if you have an idea or connection for a new opportunity.
3. Tell me if you are willing to volunteer to be the leader of a group or project (you can pair up with someone)
4. Share your feedback and ideas with me.
5. Volunteer and encourage others to do so as well.

-Jennifer Carter, jennifercarter@southern.edu, ext. 2205

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION 2017

During the Employee Christmas Brunch on December 3, at 9:30 a.m., the below list of employees will be presented with a gift for completing 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, or 5 years of service at Southern.

Due to possible calculation errors, please contact Human Resources if you have any questions regarding this list. The criteria are “combined years of full-time service at Southern based on service record hours, with a December 31 cut-off date.”

More details about this event will be shared via email, Campus Talk, and inter-campus mail closer to that date.

### 40 Years

Sharon Rogers      Records and Advisement

### 35 Years

Susan Brown      Religion  
Judy DeLay      Information Technology

### 30 Years

Rick Halterman      Computing  
Mark Peach      History and Political Studies  
Dorothy Turner      Quick Print

### 25 Years

Joyce Azevedo      Biology  
Kathy Davis      Student Finance  
Dan Krause      Nursing  
Kim Sturm      Plant Services  
Carl Swafford      Graduate Studies

### 20 Years

Conni Cash      Nursing  
Jeff Erhard      Talge Hall  
Marc Grundy      Enrollment Management  
Jud Lake      Religion  
Doru Mihaescu      Information Technology  
Kimberly Muaya      Accounting Services  
Cathy Olson      Teaching Materials Center  
Dennis Schreiner      Service Department  
Joylynn Scott      President's Office  
Rhonda Scott      Chemistry  
Sandy Tucker      Records and Advisement

### 15 Years

Regina Bailey      Counseling and Testing  
Lorraine Ball      Journalism and Communication  
Loren Barnhurst      Chemistry  
Daniel Brown      Landscape Services  
Asti Conibear      Education and Psychology  
Lisa Diller      History and Political Studies  
Doug Jacobs      Religion  
Andy Langshaw      Landscape Services  
Len Raney      Plant Services  
Judy Robertson      Information Technology  
Eric Schoonard      Plant Services  
Mikhaile Spence      Education and Psychology  
Richard Strickland      Plant Services

### 10 Years

Patti Anderson      Mathematics  
Scot Anderson      Computing  
Chamra Anthony      Thatcher Hall  
Mike Boyd      P.E., Health, and Wellness  
Tim Cwodzinski      Visual Art and Design  
Mike Fisher      Plant Services  
Pegi Flynt      Online Campus  
Giselle Hasel      Visual Art and Design  
Marty Hirsch Korn      Plant Services  
Brian Laneville      Cafeteria  
Mitch Menzmer      Chemistry  
Kimberly Miller      Assist/PFE  
Alan Parker      Religion  
Kevin Penrod      Campus Safety  
Carol Plank      Talge Hall  
Elaine Plemons      Center for Teaching Excellence  
Kevin Pride      Talge Hall  
Derek Sherbondy      Information Technology  
Jamie Thompson      Nursing  
Bob Young      Academic Administration

### 5 Years

Teresa Adams      Academic Administration  
Jeff Ball      Plant Services  
Scott Brankshire      Plant Services  
Tim Burgess      Landscape Services  
Scott Clukey      Plant Services  
Aaron Corbit      Biology  
Steven Crosby      Purchasing and Mail  
Michelle Doucoumes      Business  
Vivian Grabiner      Village Market  
Ryan Harrell      Online Campus  
Monya Khan      Thatcher Hall  
Blake Laing      Physics  
Ken Lehmann      Plant Services  
Nick Livanos      Visual Art and Design  
Greg Merchant      Online Campus  
Lorri Merchant      Social Work  
Clarise Nixon      English  
Carol Raney      Education and Psychology  
Miguel Rivas      Information Technology  
Gary Sewell      Information Technology  
Jason Smith      Campus Safety  
Lori Thompson      Advancement  
John Willis      Thatcher South

## EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### 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. Visit [southern.edu/community](http://southern.edu/community) or [southern.edu/alumni](http://southern.edu/alumni) to learn more and RSVP for specific events.

### Southern Union Annual EC3

For the second year in a row, the Southern Union will be holding its annual evangelism conference, known as EC3, at Southern from November 5-8. Pastors and administrators from all over the Union will enjoy inspiring messages, practical workshops, and service to the community. Guest speakers include well-known Adventists such as Alejandro Bullón, James Doggette, Dante Gebel, Jose Rojas, and Ed Schmidt. All presentations will be given in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. There will be two open sessions for anyone who wishes to attend:

**November 5** at 7 p.m. – One Praise and James Doggette

**November 6** at 7 p.m. – Amanecer and Dante Gebel  
Brad Griffin, director of the Fuller Youth Institute and co-author of *Growing Young*, will present twice on Monday. Junior and senior theology and pastoral care majors are required to attend these sessions, but other students and staff may request to attend. Email Alan Parker at [parker@southern.edu](mailto:parker@southern.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your **2017 United Way Campaign Team** urges you to respond to their emails by pledging today to improve the community, helping children succeed in school and life; building strong, stable families; and supporting the vulnerable who need help. And remember, President Smith is offering a special prize at the end of the **United Way Campaign**. There will be a random drawing from the names of all those who participated. The prize: **two airline tickets worth up to \$1,000!**

## CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

**Janice Cosme**, human resource assistant, Human Resources

**Raul Rivero**, Evangelistic Resource Center coordinator, Religion

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

**Carol Heath**, bookkeeper/customer service manager, Village Market

**Laura Perez**, breakfast cook, Food Services

**Paulette Sandefur**, cashier clerk, Village Market

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

**Marilyn (Penny) Ball**, from part-time to full-time cashier clerk for the Village Market

**Barbara Beckett**, from full-time to part-time administrative assistant/transcripts in Records and Advisement

**Ruth Bonet**, from temporary to full-time prospective student financial adviser in Enrollment Management

**Sandra Garcia**, from customer service supervisor to customer service manager for the Village Market

**Stephanie Lozensky**, from temporary to part-time receptionist in Wright Hall

**Sukie Myers**, from lead textbook buyer to assistant manager of the Campus Shop

**Stephanie Peel**, from receptionist for the University Health Center to office assistant for Transportation Services



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Laurie Minner, Music
- 1 Zachary McDonald, Enrollment Management
- 2 Donald Keefe, Visual Art and Design
- 2 Shannon Martin, History and Political Studies
- 4 Gregory Merchant, Online Campus
- 4 Steven Crosby, Purchasing and Mail
- 5 Liane de Souza, Education and Psychology
- 5 Robert Bovell, Advancement
- 5 David George, Visual Art and Design
- 6 Astrid Conibear, Education and Psychology
- 6 Tamara Mallory, Accounting Services
- 7 Scott Kornblum, WSMC Radio
- 8 Jennifer Carter, Academic Administration
- 8 Lisa Patterson, Talge Hall
- 9 Minodora Perchik, Food Services
- 10 Carl Patterson, Talge Hall
- 10 Alan Parker, Religion
- 11 James Parks, Plant Services
- 11 Autumn Schilleman, English
- 13 Martin Hamilton, Financial Administration
- 15 Charlotte Athey, Enrollment Management
- 15 Jamile Jacobs, Religion
- 16 Adrienne Royo, Modern Languages
- 16 Rachel Williams-Smith, Journalism and Communication
- 16 Timothy Cwodzinski, Visual Art and Design
- 17 Lorri Merchant, Social Work
- 18 Jim Wampler, Student Success Center
- 18 Galina Chikivchuk, Food Services
- 19 David Smith, President's Office
- 20 Barbara James, Nursing
- 20 Shaina Mercer, Information Technology
- 21 Russel Orrison, Financial Administration
- 21 Robert Young, Academic Administration
- 21 Len Raney, Plant Services
- 22 Lauren Turpen, Student Finance
- 23 Stevenson Pangkey, Campus Safety
- 24 Jason Smith, Campus Safety
- 25 Philip Samaan, Religion
- 25 Donald Hart, Plant Services
- 26 Sarah Shelburne, Human Resources
- 26 Shana Michalek, Enrollment Management
- 27 Kimberly Miller, Assist/PFE
- 28 Frances Johnson, Nursing
- 28 Joyce Azevedo, Biology
- 30 Taresa Vanderoef, Village Market

## 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](https://southern.edu/marketing) and clicking on "Complain Repository."

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

It's not too late to help impact childhood hunger through the Southern Serves event, November 5, in Iles P.E. Center. We will be the hands and feet of Jesus, actively packing 100,000+ meals to ship around the world, including countries in the Caribbean devastated by Hurricane Irma. For more information visit [southern.edu/fmsc](https://southern.edu/fmsc) or to join a group email Lucas Patterson at [lucaspatterson@southern.edu](mailto:lucaspatterson@southern.edu).



*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."  
Micah 6:8*

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