

Southern Factor

March 2018

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rick Norskov led an interactive seminar and shared personal stories on February 2 and 3 at the annual Commitment to Adventist Education weekend. The seminar was titled “Has God Chosen You? How Will You Know?” Around 40 Southern students and staff created life mission statements that later were posted in the School of Education and Psychology.

Tina Smith joined members of the Advancement team—**Robert Bovell, Carolyn Hamilton, Lucas Patterson, Geovanny Ragsdale,** and **Kenny Turpen**—in attending the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III Annual Conference in Atlanta, February 11-14.

Krystal Bishop, Ken Caviness, and **Phillip Samaan** spoke during the E.A. Sutherland Education Association 2018 Education Symposium, February 7-11. The title of the conference was “Education For Such a Time as This.” Samaan delivered daily inspirational devotional messages. Bishop spoke on “Teaching Reading Using Scripture,” explaining and modeling her own

Bible-based approach. Caviness gave two presentations: “Faith and Science” and “Why Science Doesn’t Weaken My Faith.”

HATS OFF

I would like to show my appreciation for **Tyson Hall**, the interim associate vice president for Academic Administration and professor in the School of Computing. He has valiantly managed both positions with patience and understanding for all employees and students. In addition, he plays a key role in ensuring we are compliant and on schedule with our Southern Association of Colleges and Schools fifth-year accreditation report due mid-March. Please pray for all contributing to this important accreditation report but especially for Tyson as he brings everything together.
-Anonymous

I wish to say thank you to **Kim Sturm** in Plant Services and **Cindi Young** in Financial Administration. They both have gone above and beyond many times in my 10 years of renting faculty housing. However, in this past move, they were especially gracious! They both have represented Christ in action.
-Elaine Plemons

Thank you to **Dwayne Gardner** for helping the Center for Teaching Excellence get the signs we needed. We appreciate the job he does and his personal help on our projects!
-Elaine Plemons

We wish to share our appreciation for the 12 schools and departments across campus that have reached 100 percent giving participation so far! Fifty-nine percent of full-time employees have made a gift this fiscal year. Thank you for making a difference for our students through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

Academic Administration
Advancement
Center for Teaching Excellence
Chemistry Department
Global Community Development
Mathematics Department
Physics and Engineering
Department
Records and Advisement
School of Computing
School of Nursing
School of P.E., Health, and
Wellness
School of Social Work
-Advancement

SOUTHERN WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Southern is excited to announce the selection of the new Associate Vice President for Academic Administration, Dionne Felix, PhD. With a doctorate in education, a master’s degree in English, and a bachelor’s in communication, Felix has 17 years of experience working in education at Capella University, University of Alabama, Oakwood University, and most recently Calhoun Community College.

In addition to student achievement, she has an expressed passion for faculty development and

success. She has published and presented at numerous conferences on topics such as education and leadership. In her free time, Felix enjoys cooking, painting, and reading. She and her husband, Ron Felix, have one daughter, Saiuri, who is a sophomore clinical psychology major at Southern.

Felix looks forward to the new challenges ahead as she transitions to Southern. She will be joining our staff on this June. Please join us in welcoming her to the Southern family!

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

Amy DeWind, assistant housekeeper, Thatcher Hall
Alva Johnson, assistant professor, Journalism and Communication (*effective June 2018*)
Ruth Tillman, cashier/customer services, Village Market

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

Anji Brailsford, student employment coordinator, Human Resources (*effective June 2018*)
Steven Crosby, production manager, Quick Print
Tara Hargrove, associate professor, Journalism and Communication (*effective May 2018*)
Jaclynn Huse, professor, Nursing (*effective May 2018*)
Dustin Johnson, event supervisor, Information Technology (*effective May 2018*)
Susan Sardar, bookkeeper, Village Market

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

Matt Barclay, from third party billing coordinator to billing and collections coordinator, Student Finance
Lauren Turpen, from student statement coordinator to billing and statement coordinator, Student Finance



“As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” - *Hosea 6:3*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Dee Dee Boyce**, Landscape Services
- 2 **Dennis Schreiner**, Service Department
- 3 **David Armstrong**, Plant Services
- 3 **Brian Wilson**, Village Market
- 4 **Richard Long**, Service Department
- 6 **Nathan Erickson**, Plant Services
- 6 **Tami Navalon**, Education and Psychology
- 7 **Darren Boyd, P.E.**, Health, and Wellness
- 7 **Kathy Davis**, Student Finance
- 8 **Alan Simonds**, Technology
- 11 **Randi Buhl**, Information Technology
- 11 **Belinda Fisher**, Food Services
- 11 **Michael Rumsey**, Student Finance
- 12 **Penny Ball**, Village Market
- 14 **Bruce Schilling**, Chemistry
- 14 **Dennis Smith**, Village Market
- 17 **John McCoy**, Education and Psychology
- 18 **Janell Hullquist**, Marketing and University Relations
- 18 **Cathy Olson**, Education and Psychology
- 18 **Richard Schwarz, P.E.**, Health, and Wellness
- 19 **Jennifer Fisher**, Nursing
- 19 **Stephanie Lozensky**, Guest Services and Lodging
- 19 **Herdy Moniyung**, Information Technology
- 19 **Kristie Wilder**, Social Work
- 20 **Lisa Hyder**, English
- 20 **Star Stevens**, Religion
- 21 **Sandra McCollough**, Plant Services
- 22 **Andy Nash**, Journalism and Communication
- 22 **Stephanie Peel**, Transportation Services
- 23 **Dorothy Turner**, Quick Print
- 26 **Melodie Lopez**, Graduate Studies
- 26 **Tom Moores**, Plant Services
- 27 **Brenda Blackburn**, Health Services
- 27 **Christina Shrode**, Nursing
- 28 **Sandra Garcia**, Village Market
- 29 **Christine Moniyung**, Nursing
- 29 **Marggie Pittman**, Risk Management
- 30 **Patti Anderson**, Mathematics
- 30 **Marty Hirschhorn**, Plant Services
- 31 **Anna Bennett**, Chaplain's Office
- 31 **Tisha Looby**, Thatcher Hall
- 31 **Ingrid Skantz**, Marketing and University Relations

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