

# Southern Factor

September 2018

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Brent Hamstra, Rhonda Scott, Bruce Schilling, Mitch Menzmer, and Loren Barnhurst** attended the 25th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at the University of Notre Dame from July 29-August 2. Several gave presentations:

**Menzmer**, "Naturally-Occurring Easy-to-Learn Visualization Tool for Multiple Acid-Base Concepts"

**Barnhurst**, "Fostering a Self-Motivating Culture of Study: the halbe Stunde program"

**Schilling**, "Teaching About Crystal Structures in General Chemistry Using 3-D Printed Cubic Unit Cells"

**Pamela Harris** attended the Frederick Buechner Writer's Workshop at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, on June 5-8.

**Adrienne Royo** attended the Future of Adventist Higher Education: Chicago Summit 2018, August 9-12.

Five professors from the **School of Religion** attended and made presentations at the recent 4th International Bible Conference in Rome, Italy:

**Hyunsok John Doh**, "The Gospel in the Messages of the Three Angels in Revelation 14:6-11: An Eschatological Proclamation"

**Michael Hasel**, "History and Prophecy: An Archaeological Perspective of Biblical Eschatology"

**Greg King**, "No Middle Ground: Why Theistic Evolution and Biblical Creation Are Mutually Exclusive (with Some Implications for Eschatology)"

**Wilson Paroschi**, "Jesus' Eschatological Legacy: The Tension Between the Nearness of the Second Coming and the Mission of the Church"

**Edwin Reynolds**, "Is Babylon the Papacy in the Book of Revelation?"

**Rick Norskov** lead a three-hour seminar on calling and career at Washington Adventist University Colloquium on August 16.

In August, **Clarise Nixon** and **Linda Tym** completed certifications for Unconscious Bias and Cultural Intelligence I and II at the Cultural Intelligence Center in Chicago. They are grateful to the administration for investing in faculty development and the campus community.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The **School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness'** Outdoor Adventure Programming team hosted 35 Mount Pisgah Academy seniors for their senior survival activity. By the end, half of the guests said they are planning to attend Southern when they graduate. Other highlights this August included a student welcome back party at Southern's Outdoor Education center that drew more than 400 students, 80 fifth graders from Snow Hill Elementary participating on the high ropes course, and a new partnership with Focus Treatment Centers, which will offer teambuilding and therapy at the Outdoor Education facility.

## HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT



Many Southern employees participated in the North American Division's Future of Adventist Higher Education: Chicago Summit 2018. Pictured are (front) **Dionne Felix, Bonnie Eder, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Carolyn Hamilton, David Smith, Cynthia Gettys, Donald Gettys, Tammy Overstreet, Laurie Gauthier, Ingrid Skantz, Beth Snyder, Polina Kadatska, Rachel Williams-Smith, Faith Laughlin**, (back) **Ronda Christman, Marty Hamilton, Richard Halterman, Isaac James, Greg King, Tom Verrill, Bob Young, Keith Snyder**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Philanthropy** is offering financial literacy workshops with convocation credit for students. The programs will be hosted by First Tennessee Bank and take place in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. on September 12 ("Budgeting for Success") and October 3 ("Your Financial Journey").

**School of Business** and **School of Nursing** are partnering with Morning Pointe Foundation to educate Southern students and the community about career opportunities with the "third age sector" industry. Convocation credit will be offered for students. Workshops will be held in Lynn Wood Hall chapel at 7 p.m. on September 24 and 25.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Kenny and Lauren Turpen**, along with Molly Mae, are happy to announce the arrival of Nolan James Turpen! He was born on August 13 at 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

## HATS OFF!

A huge thanks to the **McKee Library** personnel who provided us with accreditation information within hours.

-School of Nursing

I would like to give a big shout out to **Amy Steele** in Human Resources for the wonderful coordination and assistance she gives to all of us with our new insurance requirements, retirement monies, and all other questions that we might have. Her knowledge is topnotch! These things can be very confusing at times, but she always answers questions with a cheerful attitude and a smile!

-Debbie Strack

Thank you to **Marketing and University Relations** for their assistance in launching the *Southern Connector*. This is our first e-newsletter sharing with businesses in the Chattanooga area about Southern and our alumni, informing them of Southern's involvement and contribution to the community.

-Geovanny Ragsdale

I would like to give a special thank you to **Michelle Younk** in Records. Time after time, she has unselfishly shared her time, energy, and expertise to help us provide our students with the best service possible. Her help with resolving advisement issues and assistance with our graduate students in general has been amazing, and we are grateful to have her as part of our School of Education and Psychology team!

-Mikhaile Spence

Many thanks to the **School of Nursing** faculty who taught 1,889 student credit hours over the summer! I am grateful for their commitment to teaching, even through the summer months. Thursdays were a highlight for nursing students over the summer, because **Kari Shultz**, Student Association Vice President Thyrell Smith, and crew brought lunch! Homecooked or catered, the food was always delicious and served with a smile. Students, staff, and faculty enjoyed some downtime together while feasting on the yummy food. Thank you!

-Barbara James

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## CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

**Ashley Brooks**, office nurse, University Health Center

**Arlene Leavitt**, office manager, Journalism and Communication

**Sieghart Mayr**, lead programmer/analyst for CIRC, Computing

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

**Avery Botticelli**, office manager, Journalism and Communications

**Brennon Kirstein**, chaplain, Campus Ministries

**Zach McDonald**, ministries coordinator/admissions counselor, Admissions (effective September 30)

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:

**Sarah Bonet**, from part time student production manager to fulltime Dining Hall food service student liaison, Food Services

**Angela Edwards**, from assistant, Quick Print, to museum coordinator, Archaeological Museum

**Amelia Laneville**, from Kayak food prep supervisor to Deli manager, Food Services

**Shana Michalek**, from enrollment counselor, Admissions, to digital engagement manager, Marketing and University Relations

**Mariana Salter**, from ASSIST program manager to ASSIST/PFE director, Enrollment Management

**Abigail White**, from part time Dining Hall floater to fulltime cook coordinator, Food Services

## STUDENTS AND FACULTY DEVELOP ADVENTIST GIVING APP

Southern's Center for Innovation and Research in Computing (CIRC) developed a mobile giving app for the North American Division this year. The goal was to increase the ease of giving tithe and offering.

The app, called Adventist Giving, is currently available for download from the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store. Church members from any participating NAD church can utilize this tool.

Run by the School of Computing, CIRC is a learning opportunity for students to gain internship-level computing skills while still on campus. According to Michael Babienco, lead programmer for CIRC during the app's development, this is a great way for students to reinforce what they are learning in class.

"Students go through the whole process, from starting with an idea to watching it being used by others outside of our organization," Babienco said. "This helps provide context for things that they learn in class, while making them better programmers, ready for the workforce."

CIRC has produced many projects for various organizations, such as a devotional app for the Pacific Press Publishing Company and a website for the School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Tyler Rand**, Classical 90.5 WSMC
- 1 **Teri Reutebuch**, Student Development
- 1 **Nick White**, Information Technology
- 2 **Zach Gray**, Visual Art and Design
- 3 **Justin Brooks**, Purchasing and Mail Services
- 3 **Wes O'Fill**, Technology
- 5 **John Beckett**, Computing
- 6 **Frank Mirande**, Village Market
- 8 **Donald Martin**, McKee Library
- 10 **Tim Burgess**, Landscape Services
- 10 **Maddie Wade**, Guest Services and Lodging
- 11 **Mindy Jamieson**, Visual Art and Design
- 12 **Jason Bryner**, Marketing and University Relations
- 12 **Candy Reichert**, Philanthropy
- 13 **Doug Brown**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
- 13 **Doug Frood**, Financial Administration
- 13 **Evie Nogales Baker**, Social Work
- 14 **Michelle Doucoumes**, Business
- 15 **Tim Trott**, Biology
- 16 **Jennifer Brown**, Food Services
- 16 **Teshia Price**, Business
- 17 **Rick Anderson**, Admissions
- 18 **Janelle Dietrich**, Religion
- 18 **Eric Schoonard**, Plant Services
- 19 **Michael Hasel**, Religion
- 19 **Billy Jones**, Campus Safety
- 22 **Eve Knight**, Academic Administration
- 23 **Jud Lake**, Religion
- 24 **Terry Evans**, Food Services
- 25 **Rachel Byrd**, English
- 26 **Maria Valenca**, Nursing
- 27 **Judy Dedeker**, Nursing
- 28 **Annette Heck**, Social Work
- 28 **Stephen Smith**, Admissions
- 29 **Sukie Myers**, Campus Shop
- 29 **Paula Walters**, Student Finance

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