

# Southern Factor

November 2018

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Claryce Caviness, Ken Caviness,** and **Adrienne Royo** took a group of 11 students to “Lessons From Abroad,” the fifth annual study abroad returnee conference at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, on September 30. This conference is a component of the Global Citizen Seminar I class.

**Laura Racovita-Szilagyi** participated in the Michigan Crisis Response Association Annual Conference and Training in Tustin, September 17-18. This year she attended “Managing School Crises: From Theory to Practice,” which focused on preparedness for managing school crises of any magnitude. The training was an International Critical Incident Stress Foundation course.

**Evie Baker** and **Annette Heck** gave a talk titled “Building Strong Brains” to Cleveland State Community College on October 4. The audience consisted of 50 students and faculty from the fields of sociology, social work, criminal justice, nursing, and education.

**Matthew Tolbert** presented on the topic of innovative pedagogies and utilizing engaging classroom environments at the Tennessee Association for Student Success and Retention in Gatlinburg on October 5.

Beginning this summer, **Kimberly Bobenhausen** of Planned Giving began coordinating the Lights Volunteer program. She and **Carolyn Liers** enjoy working with this very special group of volunteers who serve the university in meaningful ways.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Southern’s Symphony Orchestra, conducted by **Laurie Redmer Minner**, performed for the 50th Birthday Celebration of the City of Collegedale at Founders Hall on October 21.

The **School of Social Work** partnered with the Community Action Network and the Chattanooga Police Department to host a poverty simulation on October 3. Of the 75 participants, 30 were Cadets in training with the Chattanooga Policy Academy.

Four pre-medical and four pre-dental Southern students attended the 51st Southern Union Medical Dental Health Professionals convention in Stone Mountain, Georgia, September 28-29. **Rick Norskov** arranged for a physician or dentist to mentor each student while in attendance.

On October 18-20, 30 students and three faculty from the **School of Journalism and Communication** attended the annual Society of Adventist Communicators Convention at the North American Division headquarters in Columbia, Maryland. The event concluded with an awards ceremony, with nine awards going to Southern students, employees, and alumni. **Alva James-Johnson** received Best in Class in the Writing: News category; **Pablo Fernandez** received Honorable Mention in the Video: Broadcast category; and **Janell Hullquist** (editor) and Sheann Brandon (writer) received the Best Student award in the Writing: Feature (Longform) category.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Melissa** and **Willis Moore** welcomed Alexander Ellis into their family on September 9. He was born at Erlanger East at seven pounds, one ounce, and 20 inches long.



# “feed my sheep.”

John 21:17

## ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AT SOUTHERN.

Food insecurity is a growing problem among college students nationwide. Based on a recent survey, more than **eight percent of students at Southern suffer from moderate to severe food insecurity**. Feed My Sheep (formerly The Pantry) helps students on our campus who struggle to afford adequate food. You can make a difference by contributing nonperishable food items to the project, including:

- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned veggie meat
- Cornmeal
- Dry beans
- Flour
- Grits
- Oats
- Pasta
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Soups

To donate, please contact [feedmysheep@southern.edu](mailto:feedmysheep@southern.edu) or visit the drop-off location in the School of Social Work office in Daniells Hall.

**Daniel and Heidi Olson** welcomed identical twin daughters into their family on October 3. Piper Grace was born at 6:37 a.m. weighing four pounds, five ounces. Her sister, Quinn Mackenzie, was born three minutes later at four pounds, 11 ounces.

### **HATS OFF!**

Thank you to all of our campus partners and colleagues for sharing their time and talents to help our nearly 1,000 alumni guests feel welcome and comfortable during Homecoming Weekend. Building life-long relationships with alumni on behalf of Southern can only be successful when each one of us does our part to provide outstanding customer service and hospitality for those we serve.  
-Alumni Relations and Advancement

Thank you for the prayers and support of our administrative team and colleagues across campus during Nursing's recent accreditation visit. Although the final decision comes in March 2019, we are thrilled and thankful that the most desirable outcome was delivered by the team: affirmation of reaccreditation for eight more years (the maximum allowed). I would also like to thank the **School of Nursing** faculty and staff. Our accreditation teams were formed early in 2017 followed by steady work on this project since then. We praise God for His leading and strength during a stressful time!  
-Barbara James

Special thanks to **Marty Hamilton, Dennis Clifford, Dwayne Gardner,** and **Lawrence Saxon** for purple light bulbs in and around Daniell's Hall, signage out front, and purple tulle around the porch columns, drawing attention to domestic violence awareness month. Thank you to administration and department deans and chairs who invited the campus family to wear purple on October 18 in solidarity with victims and survivors of domestic violence.  
-School of Social Work

Thank you, **Rachel Williams-Smith** and **Arlene Leavitt** in the School of Journalism and Communication for helping secure thank you notes from the students who received endowed scholarships this year.  
-Kenny Turpen

Thank you to **Omar Mendez** for his help with nursing admission data. He has written a program that we were told wouldn't be possible, and it has cut our prep time dramatically. We are so grateful for his help and expertise.  
-Beth Snyder and Sylvia Mayer

Thank you to the **Disaster Relief Planning Team** for your dedication and tireless work in organizing the relief rotations to North Carolina! Also, a big thank you to disaster relief group sponsors **Elaine Hayden, Michael Dant, Nuvia Saucedo, Renita Moore,** and **Allison Maitland** for their dedication to our mission and service to our students, and the New Bern, North Carolina community!  
-Laura Racovita-Szilagy

# ITALY:

## 12 DAYS OF DISCOVERY

### *Southern Adventist University Alumni Association Tour 2019*

#### **May 26 to June 7**

Join alumni and friends of Southern on this unique tour of Italy. Explore lakes, mountains, and cities with experienced tour leader Bill Wohlers, PhD. Highlights will span Lake Garda, the Dolomites, Da Vinci's "Last Supper," Milan, Venice, Rome, Florence, and the Tuscan countryside. Tour price of \$3,995 includes air fare, coach travel, lodging, and two Italian meals per day. Contact Alumni Relations by emailing [alumni@southern.edu](mailto:alumni@southern.edu) or call 423.236.2830 to learn more and to reserve your space on the tour by January 1.

Thank you to all the members of the Meet the Firms and Graduate Schools Committee (**Daniel Olson, Evonne Crook, Joelle Wolf, Laurie Gauthier, Linda Lechler, Pamela Harris, Randy Bishop, Rick Norskov, Stephanie Guster,** and **Tricia Foster**) for reaching out to firms, schools, and organizations to connect with our students! A special thank you to **Donnie Lighthall** and his wonderful crew for setup and take down, as well as **Linski Cherisol** and **Nick White** for setting up the wireless microphone, projectors, and sound. We had 61 firms registered and 55 attended, as well as a wonderful turnout of students. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and extra time to make this event a success!  
-Lisa Kuhlman

### **CHANGING FACES**

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

**Onita Turner**, receptionist, University Health Center (effective December 14)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Laurie Minner**, Music
- 2 **Donald Keefe**, Visual Art and Design
- 2 **Shannon Martin**, History and Political Studies
- 4 **Greg Merchant**, Online Campus
- 5 **Robert Bovell**, Philanthropy
- 5 **David George**, Visual Art and Design
- 5 **Liane de Souza**, Education and Psychology
- 6 **Astrid Conibear**, Education and Psychology
- 7 **Scott Kornblum**, WSMC Radio
- 8 **Jennifer Carter**, Academic Administration
- 8 **Lisa Patterson**, Talge Hall
- 9 **Minodora Perchik**, Dining Hall
- 10 **Carl Patterson**, Talge Hall
- 10 **Alan Parker**, Religion
- 11 **Jim Parks**, Plant Services
- 11 **Autumn Schilleman**, English
- 13 **Marty Hamilton**, Financial Administration
- 15 **Charlotte Athey**, Guest Services and Lodging
- 15 **Doug Jacobs**, Religion
- 16 **Rachel Williams-Smith**, Journalism and Communication
- 16 **Adrienne Royo**, Modern Languages
- 16 **Tim Cwodzniski**, Visual Art and Design
- 17 **Lorri Merchant**, Social Work
- 18 **Jim Wampler**, Student Success Center
- 19 **David Smith**, President's Office
- 20 **Barbara James**, Nursing
- 20 **Shaina Mercer**, Information Technology
- 21 **Russ Orrison**, Financial Administration
- 21 **Len Raney**, Plant Services
- 21 **Bob Young**, Academic Administration
- 22 **Lauren Turpen**, Student Finance
- 23 **Stevenson Pangkey**, Campus Safety
- 24 **Jason Smith**, Campus Safety
- 25 **Don Hart**, Plant Services
- 26 **Sarah Shelburne**, Human Resources
- 26 **Shana Michalek**, Marketing and University Relations
- 27 **David Bijou**, Campus Safety
- 28 **Joyce Azevedo**, Biology
- 28 **Frances Johnson**, Nursing
- 30 **Taresa Venderoef**, Village Market and Mail Services
- 31 **Teri Klinger**, Thatcher Hall

## CHANGES COMING TO SOUTHERN FACTOR

A new group called “**Southern Factor**” is now available on Workplace. You can post professional development, department news, notes of appreciation to fellow employees, and announcements to this group. We will also post comings and goings as well as birthdays there. The Workplace group called “**Employee Life**” will continue to be the place to post personal updates such as weddings, births, hospitalizations, etc.

Beginning in January 2019, the PDF of Southern Factor will no longer be emailed to employees, so we encourage you to utilize Workplace.

To access Workplace, visit [southern.edu.facebook.com](https://southern.edu/facebook.com) and use your **Southern login** information.

## Marketing and University Relations

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