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Available at the registration table in the church atrium.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the members of these university support groups as indicated by the ribbons on their nametags. Southern very much appreciates your gifts of time, talents, and treasure.

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**Membership information is available at the registration tables in the Church Atrium, or by calling Planned Giving at 423.236.2832.*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Convocation (V)

Collegedale Church, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

(streaming at southern.edu/streaming)

Guest speaker: Chantal Klingbeil

Join students for an inspiring convocation presentation on Adventist Heritage.

Alumni Faculty/Staff Reception

Lynn Wood Hall, historic Dollhouse, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Current university employees who graduated from or attended Southern Adventist University are invited to attend this come-and-go event in recognition of your investment of time, talents, and treasure in your alma mater. A campus-wide study indicated that more than 50% of staff members are also Southern alumni.

Alumni Awards Dinner (V)

Wright Hall, Presidential Banquet Room, 6 p.m., in person by invitation only

(streaming at southern.edu/streaming begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer Alumni Association Co-Presidents:
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

E.O. Grundset Lecture Series (V)

Lynn Wood Hall, Chapel, 8 p.m.

Presented by the Biology Department and Kappa Phi Chapter of the Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society

Guest speaker: Jonathan Geach, '01, MD

Topic: "Comfortably Numb" - Dr. Geach will discuss the anatomy and physiology of nerve blocks and his career as a pain specialist.



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Explore Campus

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Take a self-guided tour of campus and visit with academic areas. Visit Lynn Wood Hall, the Dollhouse, and the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum.

Psychology Symposium

Summerour Hall, 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Visit southern.edu/homecoming for more information.

Smart Planning Workshop – How to Reduce Taxes and Leave More to Heirs (V)

Collegedale Church South Wing, Lead Room, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (continental breakfast provided from 9:15-9:30 a.m.)

Presenter: Ken Turpen

In almost every estate are hidden taxes that one can avoid. Learn how to reduce or eliminate taxes and leave more to heirs. Recent legislation regarding transferring estates to the next generation will also be discussed.

Bietz Center for Student Life Tours

11 a.m. and 2 p.m., meet in the lobby

Join Joey (Norwood) Tolbert, '01 and '07, facilities manager, and students for tours of the new student center. We are grateful to alumni and friends for their financial contributions that made this building a reality!

School of Business Luncheon (V)

Presidential Banquet Room, Wright Hall, 3rd floor, 12 noon

School of Business alumni and former faculty who wish to connect with former colleagues are invited to an executive luncheon recognizing distinguished alumni.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Math Department Virtual Reunion (V)

2-3 p.m., hosted on Zoom

Math alumni and former staff are invited to attend virtually.

Physics and Engineering Department Open House (V)

3-4 p.m., Hickman Science Center, 1st floor, hosted on Zoom and in person

Physics and Engineering alumni and former faculty and staff are invited to attend virtually or in person.

Picnic in the Park

Student Park, 5:30 p.m.

Alumni and their families, faculty, and staff are invited to attend in person.

Southern Scholars 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner and Vespers (V)

Location McKee Library and via Zoom, 6 p.m.

Southern Scholars alumni are invited to join current students in the academic honors program in person for dinner, or virtually, to celebrate 40 years of critical and creative thinking, leadership development, and lifelong learning since the program was founded by Professor Wilma McClarty in 1981.

Guest presenter: Ryan Thurber, '10, JD

Topic: *Zealous Advocacy: The Role of the Biblical Principle in Secular Law*

Registration/Check-in

Collegedale Church, Atrium, 7-8:30 p.m.

Nametags, recognition ribbons, maps, programs, and announcements can be picked up here.

Vespers (V)

Collegedale Church, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Anthony WagenerSmith, '03

Alumni are invited to join students in welcoming the Sabbath during this long-standing, meaningful Southern tradition followed by Afterglow, an opportunity to engage in deeper conversations and experience community.

BCU Reunion Vespers (V)

7:30 p.m., Lynn Wood Hall Chapel

Black Christian Union alumni are invited to join students in person or virtually to welcome in the Sabbath together.

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Anthony WagenerSmith, D.Min.

Anthony WagenerSmith joined the North American Division Evangelism Institute in 2017 as Associate Director. Prior to that, Anthony served in the Florida Conference for twelve years pastoring existing congregations, planting new churches, and developing training and resources for a church planting support system. Prior to that he spent time in a variety of ministries within North America including youth and young adult ministry, literature evangelism, and international missions in Taiwan and Guam-Micronesia. He is married to Liánro, a School Psychologist originally from South Africa, and they have two adventurous elementary-aged kids, Levi and Sage. He earned an undergraduate degree in Theology from Southern Adventist University (2003), a Master of Divinity from Andrews University with an emphasis in Theological Studies (2006), a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Missional Church Planting (2016), and is pursuing further studies in Missiology.



Anthony develops mission focused leaders through the integration of theology and practice. Intentional areas of focus he brings to equipping leaders in the North American Division and beyond include: church planting, evangelism, disciple-making, writing and research, and coaching systems. Anthony is grateful to be a part of God's mission, serving in dependence upon His power, and in a spirit of collaboration with members, leaders, and organizations.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Parking and physically distanced seating are very limited for all three worship services. Overflow parking is available at Hulsey Wellness Center, Village Market, and Hickman Science Center.

Registration/Check-In

Collegedale Church, Atrium, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-7:15 p.m.

Iles PE Center, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Names, recognition ribbons (church only), maps, programs, and announcements can be picked up here.

Worship Services

Collegedale Church, Sanctuary

Speaker: Don Keele Jr., '81

Adoration (first service): 9 a.m. – (V)

A family-oriented traditional worship experience built around Christ-centered preaching. (streaming available at southern.edu/streaming)
Program bulletins will be available prior to the service.

Renewal (second service): 11:45 a.m. – (V)

(streaming available at southern.edu/streaming)

Alumni are invited to join students and local church members for this student-led service. Program bulletins will be available prior to the service.

Don Keele Jr.

Don Keele Jr., '81, lives in Calhoun, Georgia, where he currently serves as the Young Adult Ministries and Adventist Christian Fellowship Director at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

He has spent his entire career pastoring children, teens and young adults and plugging them into active ministry in the church.



Through the years, he has answered to many titles, but the one most of his friends and parishioners know him by is simply Pastor Don. He lives with his lovely wife of 40 years, Sandy (Rowe), attended. He is also father to two incredible adult children: Andrea, '06, and Donnie III, '08; and one awesome daughter-in-law, Rachel (Hopkins), '10.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Sabbath School

Collegedale Church - schedule of specific times and locations available in the Atrium
Alumni guests are invited to join local church members in their regular meeting locations.

BS Nursing Class of 1976 Reunion – (V)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Collegedale Church fellowship hall

Meet in person for Sabbath School at 10 a.m. and a special church service at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 p.m. A virtual reunion via Zoom will start at 6 p.m.

Archaeology Presentation – (V and in person)

Hulsey Wellness Center, Rms. 3145 and 3149, 2nd floor, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Topic: From Script to Scripture: Continuing the Reformation

Presenter: Michael Hasel, PhD; Director, Institute of Archaeology; professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology; co-director, *The Fourth Expedition to Lachish*

This topic will focus on the unique exhibit *From Script to Scripture* in Southern's Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum containing some of the rarest Bibles and Reformation documents, including an original Bifolium of the Gutenberg Bible, an original 1611 King James Bible, the first two Waldensian Bibles translated into French (1500, 1534), a first edition of Luther's 95 Theses, and the Bible of the Revolution (1782). Rediscover the sacrifices of the early Reformers and the legacy they have left us today.

The **Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum** will be open for in person tours this afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Exhibits review the collection of rare Bibles and other documents with a special focus on the Protestant Reformation and Catholic Counter-Reformation. Learn about some of the rarest items including the Olivitan Bible, Erasmus' Greek New Testament, the Coverdale Bible, Luther's September New Testament, Foxe's Book of Martyrs, and Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises* that still shape our world today.

Merge Worship Service (V)

Lynn Wood Hall Chapel or stream online, 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

A student-led and community-led soulful place of praise.

Streaming link available at southern.edu/homecoming

Alumni Lunch

Iles PE Center, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Honor class members and former missionaries are encouraged to sit together at designated tables. Please enter the gym through the front foyer.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Departmental Open Houses/Activities

Thatcher Farm (in person)

Sunkist Terrace (past Collegedale Academy, turn right, continue up the hill, farm is on the right), 2-3 p.m.

Tour the campus farm that uses organic methods to produce vegetables and fruits year round with the primary focus on offering agriculture training so students, faculty and community members can learn to garden.

Bietz Center for Student Life Tour

3 p.m., meet in the lobby

Join Joey (Norwood) Tolbert, '01 and '07, facilities manager, and students for a tour of the new student center. We are grateful to alumni and friends for their financial contributions that made this building a reality!

Biology Department – Origins Exhibit Tours (in person)

Hickman Science Center, 2nd floor, 3-4 p.m.

School of Nursing – (V and in person)

AdventHealth Hall, Rm. 1210, 3-4:30 p.m.

The School of Nursing will recognize alumni achievements during their annual awards ceremony. Following the program, honor classes will be able to reconnect via Zoom in breakout rooms available for online chat.

School of Music Virtual Reunion – (V)

Hosted on Zoom, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Alumni, former ensemble members, and former faculty are invited to this come-and-go virtual event to reconnect with classmates and professors.

BCU Panel Discussion: *The Color of Christianity* – (V)

Thatcher Hall Chapel or via Zoom, 4:30 p.m.

The Black Christian Union club on campus invites alumni to join current students for this panel discussion.

Chemistry Department Virtual Reunion – (V)

Hosted on Zoom, 5-6 p.m.

Alumni and former faculty are invited to this come-and-go virtual event to reconnect with classmates and professors. The department will also recognize those who have served others under challenging conditions during the pandemic.

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English Department Virtual Reunion – (V)

Hosted via Zoom, 5-6 p.m.

Alumni and former faculty and staff are invited to this come-and-go event to reconnect with classmates and professors.

School of Journalism and Communication Virtual Reunion – (V)

Hosted on Zoom, 5-6 p.m.

Alumni and former faculty are invited to this come-and-go virtual event to reconnect with classmates and professors.

Classes of 1970 and 1971 Reunion (V and in person)

Collegedale Church, LEAD Room, south wing, 5:30 p.m. in person; 6 p.m. virtually on Zoom

Hosts: Ben, '71, and Mary "Weasy" (Holmes) Maxson, '70, invite members of these classes and their families to reconnect and reminisce. Supper will be provided.

Evensong (V and in person)

Collegedale Church, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

A sacred concert will be performed by Deep 6, an alumni low brass ensemble, to close the Sabbath hours. Members: Darin Bissell, '03, and Brian Dickinson, '97, (Horns), Ron Johnson, '79, (Trombone), Reggie Thomas, '00, (Bass Trombone), Shane Nelson, '92, (Euphonium), and Shawn Nelson, '89, (Tuba).

Classes of 1995 and 1996 Reunion (V and in person)

Collegedale Commons, 4950 Swinyar Drive, Collegedale, TN 37363, 7:30 p.m. in person; 8 p.m. virtually on Zoom

Hosts: Rob and Angi (Ascher) Howell, '95, invite members of these classes and their families to reconnect and reminisce. Refreshments will be provided.

Southern Shuffle (in person)

Mabel Wood Hall (parking lot near front entrance), 8 p.m.

The 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk is open to all ages and skill levels on a cross-campus course. On-site registration will be available beginning at 7 p.m. Event day participation fee is \$15 per person.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Alumni Golf Tournament

The Ooltewah Club, 7502 Snow Hill Road, Ooltewah, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
(pre-registration required)

Proceeds provide tuition assistance through the Dave Cress Memorial Scholarship for students attending Southern Adventist University.

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Distinguished Service

A. David Jimenez, '75

After a distinguished career in healthcare spanning over 35 years, A. David Jimenez retired as President and COO of Cincinnati's Bon Secours Mercy Health System in 2010. With hospitals and affiliated healthcare operations in nine midwestern and eastern U.S. states, David was responsible for all healthcare operations in addition to several corporate functions including finance, information technology, supply chain, human resources and strategic planning.



Prior to joining Bon Secours, David was Vice President of Operations for AdventHealth. His responsibilities included serving as Board Chair for hospitals in Texas, Puerto Rico and AdventHealth's long-term care division. In 1987, David was appointed President and CEO of Hialeah Hospital in south Florida. David started his career in healthcare in 1975 as AdventHealth's first finance resident.

As a result of his extensive background in healthcare and business, David has had the privilege of serving on the boards of Bon Secours Health System in Baltimore, Presence Health System in Chicago and the Benevolent Medical Foundation, which uses a unique model to create a faith-based health network in developing countries.

David is a lifetime Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a recipient of the prestigious Greater Cincinnati Health Council's Leadership award and recognized as a Top 25 Minority Executive by Modern Healthcare, also naming him an "Up and Comer" in 1990 and one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare in 2007.

In retirement, David started Desarrollo, Inc. a real estate development firm with projects in Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. He also became

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founding partner of the CEO Advisory Network, a healthcare management consultancy, providing services to the healthcare industry in the United States and Puerto Rico. MD Anderson Cancer Center, AdventHealth, Sisters of Charity Health System and NCH Health System were among its clients.

David earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with an emphasis in Management from Southern Adventist University in 1975, and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Loma Linda University in 1983. In 1980, he completed an advanced degree in Healthcare Finance from the University of South Carolina.

Today, David serves on the Southern Adventist University Board of Trustees, where he chairs the governance committee and is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

David lives in McDonald, Tennessee with his wife Carolyn and enjoys spending time with his two daughters and two grandsons living nearby in Ooltewah. They are members of the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists.

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor David Jimenez for his outstanding professional contributions to healthcare management, the advancement of Christian education, and a life dedicated to serving his church and community.

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Alumna of the Year

Esther (Kim) Liu, '02

Esther Liu, MD, is currently Chair of Pediatrics and Director of CenteringParenting(r) at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center, where she oversees the Pediatric Emergency Room, Special Care Nursery, inpatient pediatric unit, and their award-winning Centering-based pediatric primary care practice. Since the beginning of COVID-19 crisis, she has been an active member of the University of Maryland Incident Command, providing support and recommendations to state/regional committees and local organizations.



Being the first to graduate from Southern Adventist University with a Bachelor of Science in Biophysics under the mentorship of one of her professors, Chris Hansen, PhD, she would go on to receive her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and complete her pediatric residency at Golisano Children's Hospital at the University of Rochester.

Esther has been passionate about children's health and safety since pursuing her dream of becoming a pediatrician. She is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics as well as the Society of Hospital Medicine. She has extensive media experience including TV, radio, online, and print as she believes that ensuring families have access to reliable and relevant information is an important responsibility of those in the medical field. She also serves on multiple local and state committees tasked with ensuring children's safety and health.

She was honored by the Baltimore Business Journal's 40 under 40 as the "best and brightest of Greater Baltimore" and is consistently named by Chesapeake Family Magazine in their "Favorite Doctors." Also a treasured colleague, she has also been voted by her peers as Physician of the Quarter

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as well as receiving nursing and patient recognition awards for her exceptional service and care displaying compassion and respect. Esther met her husband, Brian Liu '00, in chemistry class at Southern and they have two wonderful children, Caitlin and Joshua and a tiny poodle named Violet. They currently reside in Columbia, Maryland when not traveling the world (in non-COVID times).

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor Esther Liu for her outstanding professional contributions and a life of service dedicated to providing exceptional patient care through pediatric medicine.

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Young Alumnus of the Year

Chris Stiles, '14

Chris Stiles graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2014 with a BS in Film Production. His interest in video began from a young age, when his parents entrusted him with using the family video camera starting at age 6. Chris enjoyed capturing family events and silly games between his sister and himself with the 8mm videotape camcorder. As he became a teenager, his subject matter changed to creating skateboarding, snowboarding, and wakeboarding videos with friends. Action sports films, especially Warren Miller ski movies, became Chris' favorite inspiration.



Chris had very little idea what he wanted to do in college until his class visited the campus of Southern Adventist University. It was on that trip that he discovered the Film Production program offered by the School of Visual Art and Design, and was instantly drawn to the top-of-the-line equipment and resources that the program offered. He enrolled in the program and never looked back.

Chris' years at Southern remained consistently fast-paced as he worked through the program. He chose to work alongside his classmates on every student project he could afford to be on, learning as much as he could from each role he played on set. Chris quickly found a home in the camera department, finding the most fulfillment from camera assisting and camera operating on the professional-grade, "RED One" digital cinema camera platform that Southern offered.

Aside from classwork and student film projects, Chris maintained multiple jobs on-campus, including serving with the Audio-Visual department. He worked for the film department's lighting lab, managing the fleet of camera equipment and assisting students with their lab projects. As

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an upperclassman, Chris often worked with the School of Visual Art and Design's in-house production company, serving Leif Ramsey, '05, the creative director of the production company. Leif and Chris worked together on many local commercial projects with clients that included Southern's Marketing department and the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce.

In fall of 2011, Chris took a semester hiatus from Southern to work on his first feature film, titled "Old Fashioned." Chris served as A-Camera 1st Assistant Camera, under David George, '98, who was the cinematographer on the film, and Coordinator of the film program at Southern. Chris fell in love with the movie-making process, gained valuable on-set experience, and got to watch his professor apply classroom-taught skills to the big screen.

Chris spent his summer months working exclusively as a staff member at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, for four summers as a boat driver, audio-visual tech, and eventually as Waterfront Director. Cohutta Springs is where he met his future wife, Anji Rogers, a fellow staff member.

"Chris pours his spare time into young people," shared a close friend.

Since 2014, his last year as a paid staff member, Chris has continued to make time to volunteer as a camp boat driver each year. He keeps up with campers he had as a young counselor and as an adult volunteer and regularly checks in to see how they are doing in their personal lives. Some of these kids have experienced brushes with the law, struggled with sexuality, or battled substance abuse. Using personal funds, he buys tickets to praise music concerts and sets up caravans of cars to drive these kids to concerts performed in distant locations like Knoxville. He welcomes young people into his home, gives Bible studies when needed, and is always ready to have the hard conversations at a level to which most kids respond. He teaches tolerance, kindness, hard work, and selflessness.

After his best friend died, he had a dream to build a cable park in his name so that more kids could have opportunities to experience wakeboarding. He partnered with Cohutta Springs Youth Camp in fundraising for and installing the cable park on their campus. He treats wakeboarding and watersports as ministry and uses them in ways that provide positive

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experiences for young people. He has served on church boards and shares his musical gifts at church on the weekends.

After graduating from Southern, Chris spent the next year working as a freelance camera operator and camera assistant in the Chattanooga area. In spring of 2015, Leif Ramsey invited Chris to join forces in a new production company. They became business partners and Pathfinder Films was born as a result. Later that year, Leif's wife, Lucky (Rouse) Ramsey, '10, joined them as an additional partner. The trio has been growing Pathfinder Films over the last six years while clientele expanded from local businesses to include national brands and ad agencies.

Alongside the growth of the business, Chris and Anji grew their family by welcoming boy/girl twins into the world in the spring of 2020. The Stiles family continues to reside near Chattanooga, enjoying the miracle of children and looking forward to what God has planned for them in the future.

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor Chris Stiles for his professional contributions to the film production industry and passion for ministering to young people in his church and community.

Graduate Studies Alumnus of the Year

K. Jamal Hopson, '09

Kenneth Jamal Hopson is an advocate for youth and an authentic voice for change. As a mental health therapist and school counselor, Jamal works with individuals and families to understand and navigate the difficulties of life. He uses his formal education, combined with his Christian faith and life lessons learned while growing up in East Baltimore, to tackle complex issues in unique and compelling ways. He is currently serving as the department chairperson of a middle school in Baltimore, Maryland.



Jamal is a 2009 graduate of the School of Education and Psychology's School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health programs. He started his career after graduating from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore as a mechanical engineer. He worked on projects outside of Baltimore City, where he was born and raised. While working on projects outside of the City, Jamal felt a pull to serve and build up families within his own community. This started his path from working with things to working with people.

Jamal started working as a middle school math teacher in Miami, Florida. It was there that his work with students and their families began to come into focus. He noticed that he had a passion for teaching and a knack for connecting with students beyond their academic concerns. Some days he noticed that students weren't quite ready to focus on building their math skills because of other things occupying their minds. So before teaching sessions began, he would hold group discussions until they were ready to focus on the lesson at-hand. Conversations like these led Jamal to pursue training in school counseling.

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After graduation, Jamal began work as an elementary and middle school counselors in Tennessee and North Carolina before going back to his hometown of Baltimore. It was there in the schools where he recognized the need for boys, particularly, African American boys, to have a variety of role models in their circles. He established his first leadership program where boys had the opportunity to connect with mentors from various backgrounds, improve their academics through literacy, and build lasting relationships. Jamal made this initiative a priority and set up mentoring/ leadership programs wherever he worked.

While working with families in the school system provided him some fulfillment, Jamal still had a desire to serve and build up his community. In March of 2021, he completed his Maryland professional counselor's license and began developing his private counseling practice, Part of the Plan Counseling Center. Part of the Plan was established to help people from all walks of life to have a deeper understanding of how their lives play a part in the bigger world, at large.

He has had the opportunity to present some of his strategies and best practices with colleagues at the North Carolina and South Carolina School Counselor Conferences, as well as the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation World Congress.

Jamal is married to his friend and life partner Ronnette and is the proud father of Kaden and Gavin. He desires more than anything else to live a life of service to God while demonstrating unconditional love to his family and commitment to his community.

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor Jamal Hopson for his outstanding professional accomplishments in the fields of school counseling and youth leadership development.

Southern Lady of the Year

Holly (Jones) Greer, '92 & '17

Holly Greer was raised in the Collegedale, Tennessee area and is a product of the Collegedale Academy school system and Southern Adventist University. She graduated from Southern in 1992 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree and in 2017 with a Master of Science in Instructional Leadership.



From 1980 to 1983, she was a member of the Collegedale Caroliers, the select-voice choir of Collegedale Academy Middle School, formerly known as A.W. Spalding Elementary. It was during these years that her love for choral music began to grow. While attending Collegedale Academy High School, Holly sang a duet with a classmate, “If I Loved You,” for the talent show. They wowed the audience, and that was the moment when family and friends recognized her voice was no ordinary gift. Holly, along with her parents and siblings, sang at various church and other events.

As a student at Southern, Holly was a member of the Gym-Masters acrobatic team. During this time, the team performed three NBA half-time shows; twice for the Atlanta Hawks and once for the Carolina Hornets. Holly was honored to sing the National Anthem before each of these games. Other highlights of her college career included singing and traveling with the choral groups: Southern Singers, Something Special, and Schola Cantorum. During her junior year, she was a soloist for Schola Cantorum’s performance of Handel’s *Messiah*.

Upon graduation, Holly moved to Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina, where she began her teaching career. During that time, she served as choral director, private voice teacher, development director, and recruitment director. While at MPA, Holly married Cary Greer (attended), and had two beautiful children, Thomas (attended) and Hayley (graduating December 2021).

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In July of 2000, she and her family moved back to the Collegedale area. One month later, Holly accepted the directorship of the Caroliers, following Jeff Lauritzen and founder Marvin Robertson.

For the next several years, Holly taught private voice lessons and continued her part-time work with the Caroliers. In July of 2011, she began teaching full time between Collegedale Academy and the elementary and middle schools. She feels privileged to teach and direct the Collegedale Caroliers, CAMS Ringers (hand bell choir), 5th grade choir, 3rd and 4th grade classroom music, and 33 private voice lessons. She was honored to join Southern's School of Music as an adjunct voice teacher in the Fall of 2021.

During her tenure in the Collegedale Academy school system, she has worked with five different Broadway musical productions at the high school, directing the last two, Hello Dolly and the Music Man. Each of these productions gave students the full Broadway musical experience, including months of rehearsals and three to four nearly sold out performances.

Through the years, Holly has enjoyed other areas of ministry in the Collegedale community including teaching Junior Division and adult Sabbath School classes, facilitating bible studies, and singing for church services, women's retreats, weddings, and funerals. These days her happiest musical moments occur when she is singing with her daughter, Hayley.

When she is not teaching, Holly enjoys her family and friends, reading, traveling, and just about anything that includes God's amazing outdoors.

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor Holly Greer for her commitment to developing strong choral programs focused on quality choral literature, abundant ministry opportunities, and enriched spiritual and musical growth for students.

Honorary Alumni

Eric and Sherri Schoonard

Eric was born and raised in Ohio, while Sherri grew up in southern Georgia. Eric attended two years at Mount Vernon Academy and two years at Laurelbrook Academy. Sherri attended one year at Collegedale Academy and three years at Laurelbrook Academy. They both earned AS degrees in Small School Administration from Laurelbrook Junior College, which was at that time affiliated with Southern. Sherri also went to Andrews University for their Food Service Managers Certification Program.



Sherri and Eric were married on May 29, 1985. They consider each other their best friend and soulmate. Soon afterward, they moved to Maine. They both worked for Poland Spring Health Institute. Eric served as Vice President over new construction and facility maintenance. Sherri worked part time in Food Services and then home schooled their children. They soon started a church company in Poland and Eric found himself preaching on many Sabbaths. They also traveled to other churches throughout the state of Maine where he was invited to preach.

When their children were ready to attend academy, the family moved to Laurelbrook Academy in Dayton, Tennessee. While there, Eric managed a 250-acre farm, that included 30 acres of gardens for produce sales, and assisted with facility management. He also taught Bible, Basic Residential Construction, and Agriculture for academy students. In addition, he taught classes for the staff on Student Supervision, Principles of Education, and Principles of Vocational Training. Sherri was the Food Service Director, which included running the cannery in the summer and using the garden produce that Eric had grown to preserve frozen and canned foods for the winter. Eric and Sherri have always worked well together as a team. In her free time after work, Sherri would often be seen on the tractor helping him in the gardens.

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In September of 1999, Eric and Sherri moved to Collegedale. Sherri began working as a supper supervisor in the Cooks department of the cafeteria on December 27, 1999. Because of the leadership abilities she displayed and her ability to manage students, she was promoted to Assistant Director in September of 2000. In 2006, she accepted the position of Food Service Director. In 2016, she chose to change positions and became the Associate Director, focusing on catering events for the university and also for the public.

Some of her contributions to Southern include:

Her first year as director she had her budget running in the black, making a significant profit for most years and kept it running in the black. She worked with Plant Services to remodel the serving area and to expand the loading dock and adding a roof over it. She wrote job descriptions for each foodservice staff position. She designed and started the Kayak eatery in the new Hulsey Wellness Center. When the Village Market Deli was placed under her department, she reorganized every part of it and had the kitchen area remolded. She also wrote job descriptions for the Deli workers positions. She purchased a catering software and spent many hours inputting data and designing it to make the catering department more efficient and profitable.

When they moved to Collegedale, Eric started his own building and repair business. Through a client who was very happy with his work, Eric became acquainted with Chuck Lucas, then Plant Service Director. After Eric contracted a few jobs for Southern, Chuck asked Eric if he would be interested in working for Southern. After some time, Eric finally told Chuck that he had a good employee who needed work to support his family so he could not quit his business and leave this guy without a job. Chuck said, I'll hire both of you if you will come work for us. Chuck hired Eric's employee, so that left Eric by himself to finish several jobs he had already started and promised to do. It took a while for Eric to wrap up his business, but in February of 2002, he was finally able to start working in the Cabinet shop. He was soon asked to help out in the office some. Because of the organizational and leadership abilities he displayed and his ability to manage students, he was promoted to Assistant Director in 2003. He became the Associate Director in 2005 and Director in 2013.

Eric's primary goals and contributions to Southern were:

He improved the organizational structure of Plant Services by revamping

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and reorganizing the work order, stock room, and records keeping systems. He established departmental policies and weekly planning meetings with the various departments within Plant Services, so there would be clear communications. This was a necessity because the campus maintains three times the square footage of campus facilities as when he first came in 2002, but with approximately the same number of full-time employees.

He increased the number of student employees in Plant Services, creating opportunities for students to learn hands-on, practical skills. He also encouraged them in their walks with God.

He worked hard to break down barriers with other departments on campus so all could enjoy working comfortably together, happy to help each other whenever possible without feeling the need to compete with other departments.

Eric was the recipient of the Community Service Award in 2011 for his leadership and organization of tornado relief for the local community. Projects included re-building a house for a couple whose home had been destroyed, as well as building sheds for many other victims using the Plant Service team in coordination with other community volunteers.

Both Eric and Sherri have considered their positions at Southern more as callings to service rather than as jobs. They both credit their successes to God's leading, through Biblical principles, in understanding methods for effectively managing people. They believe it is important to have integrity in all of their dealings with others. They continue to care deeply for the wellbeing of their former student and staff employees. They tried to help employees be good contributors to the management processes. They listened well to their employees because they feel that the Holy Spirit speaks through multiple sources for management and, therefore, their employees are the best source for problem solving and guidance within the departments. They wanted their employees to feel valued. They tried to encourage their employees in their walks with God, helping them to understand the right view of God and the value of forgiveness and having a forgiving spirit. Their greatest joy has been when they have witnessed the Holy Spirit working in someone's heart, whether staff or student.

Eric has served in his church for many years as a Head Elder, Sabbath School Teacher, Building Committee Chairman, and School Board Chairman. Sherri has served as Sabbath School Teacher, Sabbath School

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Superintendent, Vespers Leader, and Fellowship Lunch Coordinator. They have participated in three mission trips to Belize, Central America; one to Lavidia Mission in Farmington, New Mexico; and three to New Start Children's Home in Zimbabwe, Africa.

Eric and Sherri have three grown children. Their daughter Cheri, their oldest, is a 1998 graduate of Southern and works for Child Impact in Ooltewah. In her spare time, she also does medical insurance billing for a doctor in Chattanooga. Her husband, Dwayne, works at Southern managing the sign shop. Their son, Richard, works for Washington Adventist University in the transportation and maintenance department and his wife Juanita is a medical translator at a medical clinic. They have given them two beautiful teenage granddaughters that attend Shenandoah Valley Academy. Ryan, their youngest, teaches math in a private school in Atlanta. He has enjoyed ten years of teaching in international schools in both Vietnam and Korea and also at a boarding school in Connecticut for teenagers with Aspergers. His wife, Dowan, is in the process of getting her doctorate in Special Education.

Eric and Sherri recently sold their home in Collegedale and built a house on 10 acres in South Cleveland near Red Clay State Park. He is currently in the process of planning and building a house for their daughter on the same property. They enjoy traveling, camping, hiking, and biking, which they plan to do more of in retirement.

Southern Adventist University alumni, faculty, and staff honor Eric and Sherri Schoonard for their many years of dedicated service to Christian education, students, and colleagues while sharing the love of Jesus in their workplaces and community.

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming Weekend 2022, October 27-30

Honor Classes: 1942, '52, '62, '72, '77, '82, '92, '97, '02, '12

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: President's Gala

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Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers for helping make this weekend a very special occasion and to the Homecoming Planning Committee members for the many hours spent in planning. We also appreciate the support of the Collegedale Church pastoral staff and church members in helping our guests feel welcome in the facilities.

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