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# P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E T O G R A D U A T E S



Dear Graduates,

On behalf of every Southern Adventist University employee, I congratulate you on completing your courses of study and receiving your well-deserved degrees. We are proud of you!

We pray that as Southern alumni, you will continue to hold dear the Christian values you have experienced here, that you will excel in your occupations, and that you will continue to listen to and be part of God's calling in your lives, resulting in meaningful service in your churches and communities.

To your loved ones who have provided financial, emotional, and spiritual support, we thank them. The renowned scientist Isaac Newton once wrote that he was able to accomplish so much because he was "standing upon the shoulders of giants." I join you in acknowledging the giants in your lives, the ones who have loved, cared about, and supported you.

You have put in the hard work and completed a job well done. You are now equipped to go and lead. "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessings,



Ken Shaw  
President

# G R A N D M A R S H A L F O R A L L S E R V I C E S



Keith Snyder, *University Senate chair, Biology and Allied Health Department chair and professor*

## S P E A K E R   B I O G R A P H Y



Gordon Bietz became the 25th president of Southern Adventist University's in 1997 and retired after 19 years in May 2016. Under his leadership, enrollment increased by more than 1,200 students to 3,500, and facilities experienced record renovations to accommodate that growth.

Before accepting the position as president at Southern, Bietz pastored the 2,300-member Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists and served as president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference

His retirement is a "working retirement." Besides his part-time job as director of Higher Education for the North American Division, Bietz continues to serve as director of the Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities and fulfills speaking appointments for the world church.

He and his wife, Cynthia, have twin daughters who each have provided them with three grandchildren. Retirement gives them opportunity to spend more time connecting with their family.

Due in part to his successful leadership at Southern, Bietz is in high demand as a speaker at workshops and seminars all across the country. But no matter where his travels take him, he always comes back home to Southern!

## S E R V I C E S   O N   T H E   W E B



*Commencement* services can be viewed live online by visiting [southern.edu](https://southern.edu).

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Please do not use airhorns or other noisemakers as they can be harmful and painful to those of our guests with hearing devices.

C O M M E N C E M E N T  
Sunday, May 8, 2022, 9 a.m.



Fanfare..... *Fanfare from “La Peri”* ..... Paul Dukas

Processional..... *Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1* ..... Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation..... Ryan Walker, *senior*

Welcome ..... Anna Mihailov, *senior*

Introduction of Speaker..... Avery Kroll, *senior*

Commencement Address..... “The Value of Ignorance” ..... Gordon Bietz  
*director of Higher Education for the North American Division*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Ken Shaw, *president*

Presentation of Degree Candidates ..... Robert Young  
*senior vice president for Academic Administration*

Dionne Felix  
*associate vice president for Academic Administration and dean of Student Success and Retention*

Tyson Hall  
*associate vice president for Academic Administration and dean of Graduate and Professional Studies*

Faculty Honors..... Ken Shaw, *president*  
Robert Young, *senior vice president for Academic Administration*

Alumni Association Welcome ..... Eric Dunkel  
*Alumni Associaton senior president, class of 1999*

Benediction..... Nick Decker, *senior*

Recessional..... *Rigaudon* ..... André Campra

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, *School of Music associate professor*

Faculty Assisting Graduates: Frances Johnson, *School of Nursing professor*  
Faith Laughlin, *School of Education and Psychology professor*

C O M M E N C E M E N T  
Sunday, May 8, 2022, 1 p.m.



Fanfare..... *Fanfare from “La Peri”* ..... Paul Dukas

Processional..... *Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1* ..... Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation..... Isaac Braun, *senior*

Welcome ..... Shelby Graves, *DNP graduate*

Introduction of Speaker ..... Ken Shaw, *president*

Commencement Address..... “The Value of Ignorance” ..... Gordon Bietz  
*director of Higher Education for the North American Division*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Ken Shaw, *president*

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*senior vice president for Academic Administration*

Dionne Felix  
*associate vice president for Academic Administration and dean of Student Success and Retention*

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*associate vice president for Academic Administration and dean of Graduate and Professional Studies*

Faculty Honors..... Ken Shaw, *president*  
Robert Young, *senior vice president for Academic Administration*

Alumni Association Welcome ..... Eric Dunkel  
*Alumni Associaton senior president, class of 1999*

Benediction..... Edgar Escobar, *senior*

Recessional..... *Rigaudon* ..... André Campira

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, *School of Music associate professor*

Faculty Assisting Graduates: Frances Johnson, *School of Nursing professor*  
Faith Laughlin, *School of Education and Psychology professor*

## S O U T H E R N   S C H O L A R S



In addition to maintaining a 3.50 GPA and meeting normal degree requirements, *Southern Scholars* complete a special honors curriculum involving interdisciplinary studies, honors courses, and independent study. This semester, four graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Julia Ciasca	<i>“An Evaluation of Effective Fraud Awareness Programs in Current Educational Systems”</i>
Dakota Cookenmaster	<i>“Emblem: A Badge-based Approach to Learning Management Systems”</i>
Sonia Joy	<i>“The Effect of Sex on Venom Composition in the Southern Devil Scorpion, <i>Vajovs Caronliniaus</i>”</i>
Adhey Waworuntu	<i>“An Analysis of the Factors that Affect the Speed of Advancement of Men and Women into Executive Roles in Indonesian-Based Companies”</i>

## T H E   M A C E



The mace is a traditional symbol used to communicate and designate authority. The Southern Adventist University mace was crafted in 1986 by John Durichek, a Southern alum. Southern’s mace represents its heritage and *raison d’être* (reason for existence). The base is of pine from Jones Hall, built in 1917 and razed in 1985. The main staff is of walnut. The seven rings represent completeness. The four-sided ebony segment is seen as Southern’s underlying educational philosophy—balanced mental, spiritual, physical, and social development for each student. The brass flames represent the Holy Spirit.

Bearing the mace is the grand marshal, Keith Snyder, chair of the University Senate and chair of the Biology and Allied Health Department. His regalia is evergreen, the university’s traditional color.

## P H I L A N T H R O P Y   M E D A L L I O N



Graduates are wearing a gold zipper-pull medallion in honor of the alumni, family, and friends who have donated to the class gift this year.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA



The color of velvet trim on the hoods represents the area of study. The color of the silk lining represents the university that conferred the degree. The color of the tassel represents the degree of the undergraduate.

Arts, Humanities, Interdisciplinary, and Letters .....	White	Music.....	Pink
Business.....	Drab	Nursing.....	Apricot
Communication.....	Crimson	Outdoor Leadership.....	Russet
Education.....	Light Blue	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Fine Arts .....	Brown	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Foreign Service and Public Administration .....	Peacock	Social Work .....	Citron
Law.....	Purple	Software Engineering.....	Orange
		Theology .....	Scarlet

## HONOR CORDS



Gold Cord—*Summa Cum Laude*—3.90+ GPA

Silver Cord—*Magna Cum Laude*—3.75-3.89 GPA

Green Cord—*Cum Laude*—3.50-3.74 GPA

All other colors represent honors societies in the various academic areas.

## CULTURAL GRADUATION STOLES



The cultural stoles celebrate Southern's Asian, African/Black Christian Union, European, Latin American, Native American, and Oceania Islanders student groups. They represent the fabric that makes this university a diverse community and spiritual family in faith. "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'" (Revelation 7:9-10, NIV).

## BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Jon Kyree Adams .....	BT Construction Management
Kayley Marie Alonso, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry
Lorena Dutra Alves, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [International Business]
Nestor Daniel Anamuro .....	BS Computer Systems Administration
*Aimee Jessamine Anunciacion, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
*Hana S. Arnott, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Religious Education
Zorobabel Baez, Jr., <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA History; Religious Studies
Brianne Janelle Bakland, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Hannah Gabrielle Baldrige, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Biology
*Gabriel Ballesteros .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Garrett Michael Barnes .....	BS Business Administration
Joshua Christopher Barthelomew.....	BSN Nursing
Logan Thomas Bateman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Computer Science [Embedded Systems]
Somer Joy Batten .....	BSN Nursing
Christian Adrian Beasley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA History
Gavin D.R. Bedney.....	BA Film Production
Mark Arthur Belfort .....	BS Business Administration
Dorothy Victoria Berko .....	BSN Nursing
Seth Robert Bermudez .....	BSW Social Work
Sydney Rae Blackburn, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Nickolas Blagojev, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Medical Lab Science
Garron David Blake .....	BS Computer Science
Ilsia Abigail Bonilla .....	BSW Social Work
Jennifer Christine Bovey, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Jacob Nicholas Bradshaw, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Finance
Gustavo Brasil de Souza.....	BS Mathematics
Isaac Christian Braun, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Computer Science
Amanda Marie Brennan .....	BA Psychology
Jordan Raylene Brown, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Bailey Grace Bryant, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
John Alfred Burdick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA International Studies [Spanish]
Marc Andrew Butler .....	BS Computer Science
Aaron Christopher Buttery, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Roilan Cabrera.....	BBA Accounting
Renny Calcano, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Desther Rey Alcoring Camacho, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Alexandra Candamil .....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Elizabeth Mechele Cannon, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
#Tyra Azaria Castle .....	BS Health Science
Dan Marlo Catangay.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Melissa Larmer Cate .....	BSN Nursing
Ken Markus Cautivar, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Carl S. Celestin.....	BS Computer Systems Administration
Katrina L. Chancey.....	BSN Nursing
Annalisse Makena Chang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Computer Science
Abbey Melissa Charvat, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Hannah Elizabeth Cheneweth, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Zachary M. Cheneweth, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [Management]
Joseph Castror Chery.....	BA Chemistry
Mei Chin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Chemistry
Emmanuel Kyong Cho.....	BBA Finance
Stephen Dohng-Hee Cho, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ellen Jiwon Choe, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Medical Lab Science
Kyeongwon Choo .....	BSN Nursing

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#Prospective Summer Graduate



Kaylin Mihae Chung, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Biology
Julia Michelle Ciasca, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i> .....	BBA Accounting; AS Business Administration
#Camryn Elizabeth Clark, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Public Relations and Graphic Design
#Alyson Virginia Cole, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science
Hannah Kathryn Cook .....	BSN Nursing
Dakota Charles Cookenmaster, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i> .....	BS Computer Science
#LeRoy George Cox, Jr. ....	BBA Health Service and Senior Living Administration
Alain Arthur Czaykowski, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA History
Liam C. Davidson .....	BS Computer Science [Embedded Systems]
James Dylan Day, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science
Taylor Renee Dean .....	BS Public Relations
Nicholas Cheh Decker, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Political Science
Marisa Isabel DeLong, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
*Dakota Andrew Denius .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Iliana Cherie Dialectakis, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Finance
Callie Dean Dickson.....	BSW Social Work
Joseph David Dietel, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Finance
Kathleen D. Djami, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Lillie Elizabeth Mae Donati.....	BSN Nursing
Bailey Kay DuBose .....	BS Mass Communication [Advertising]
Mark William Dyman, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Leanne Renae Eckhart, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Brandon Michael Edelbach, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Angie Serena Edwards, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSW Social Work
Eric Matthew Eiselstein .....	BA Psychology
Angelica Lizette Elizondo, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Edgar David Escobar, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Kimberly Escobedo, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Jhosuet Esten, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Accounting
Sarah Rebecca Evans, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSW Social Work
Jjanyl Mead Louise Federico, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Psychology
Lora Lea Foraker, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Medical Lab Science
Dakota Sky Futcher, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Film Production
Meaghan Elizabeth Gano .....	BS Medical Lab Science
Carissa Nicole Gibbs, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Bianca Abigail Gomez, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Psychology
*Alyssa Beth Graham .....	BA English
Juan Carlos Grajales .....	BA Theology
Charleah Naomi Grant.....	BSN Nursing
Rielan Marczam Galiego Guarino .....	BS Computer Science
Joel Enrique Guerra, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration; Public Relations
Sang Jin Han.....	BA Biology
Clemence Nishimwe Harelimana.....	BS Medical Lab Science
Madeleine Anne Harrison .....	BA Religious Studies
Mark Alan Harrison .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Daniella Anne Hasel, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Graphic Design
Elizabeth Mae Hawthorne .....	BA English [Literature]
*Jamie Lynn Henderson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English
Berly Janine Hernandez Ortiz, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Graphic Design
Jesse Robert Snow Hines, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Computer Science
Cameron Reaves Hodges .....	BSN Nursing
Elijah Woodrow Hooker, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Barry Vincent Horne, Jr. ....	BA Psychology
#Garrett Donovan Howe, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Accounting, BA History
Aimee Heather Hunt, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA History

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#Jacob Gilbert Hutabarat .....	BSN Nursing
Benjamin James Hodges Hyder, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration; AT Construction Management
#Rachel Ibarbia-Atkinson, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Jamie Ann Jansen, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA International Studies [Spanish]
Sonia Ninglunkim Joy, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> .....	BS Biology [Research]
Rochelle Ireland Juba .....	BSN Nursing
Amanda Julisha Kalumbang .....	BSN Nursing
*Sarah E. Kilroy, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Esther Yejin Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Joshua Seung Yeon Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Matthew Kim .....	BA Chemistry
#Raymond O. Kim .....	BSN Nursing
Susie Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Animation [Motion Design]
Ye Eun Hannah Kim .....	BSN Nursing
Yonghyeon Jonathan Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Connor Alexander Koerting .....	BA Biology
Bailey Elizabeth Krall, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Music
Daniel J. Krall, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Avery Caroline Kroll, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
#Jonathan-Paul Kulicki, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [Management]
Edwin Samuel Kumendong .....	BSN Nursing
*Bailey Rae Labrenz .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Josnel Lache-Veloz .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Erick Steven Lajpop .....	BSN Nursing
Jessica Jeusun Lee, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Levi Jason LeMert, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Hannah Michelle Lewis, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Weiyl Li, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Music
Nicholetta Renee Litten .....	BS Business Administration
Jacob A. Lowry, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Biblical Studies
Dysphan Lumbangaol, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Angie Jhoselyn Luna, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
#Kensley Alina Mace .....	BBA Marketing
#Ethan Baine Madding .....	BFA Film Production
Amber Jane Maddox, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Allie Mae Nicolas Magtanong, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Biology
#Delaney Lauren Malin, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Caroline Joana Markoff, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science; International Studies [Spanish]
James William Marshall, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science
Abigail Melissa Martin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Tahkai Dante Martin .....	BA Psychology
Fredy Martinez Ramirez .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
#Evelyn Marleny Martinez-Alvarado .....	BSN Nursing
Courtlyn Dominica Faith Martino .....	BSN Nursing
Michelle Marie McCurdy, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Hannah Rebekah McLean .....	BFA Film Production
Amy Jo Mejias, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Psychology
Anthony Arnoldo Melgar .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Johnathon Greavu Merrills, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Chemistry
Anna Mihailov, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Fulton Louis Milam .....	BBA Marketing
Jacob Steven Miller, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [General Management]

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John Luke Monday, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [General Management]
Phil Hyung Moon .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]; Chemistry [Biochemistry]
*Brianna Renee Moore .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Robert Henry Moore, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Corporate Community Wellness Management
Raven-Simone Jamice Morgan .....	BA Psychology
Michael Evan Moyer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Film Production
#Giana Nicole Muchiutti, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Noah Daniel Muhs, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Aaron Mumu, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Silviane Rae Myers, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Nursing
Lynna Nanyondo, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Kevin Darrel Nathanael, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Nathan Daniel Nelson, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Ashley Lynnette Ocampo .....	BSN Nursing
Justin Gregory Odle .....	BSW Social Work
Charity Monyangi Ogoti .....	BBA Finance
Nicole Onciulescu, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
#Jennisha P. Patel .....	BS Long-Term Care Administration
*Kendra Jeanine Pauls, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Joel Skyler Peckham .....	BS Computer Science
Ruth Carmela Perez .....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Nadine Rae Peteros, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [General Management]
Violet Petrikas, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Lesley Philip Pheng .....	BSN Nursing
#Jonathan Richard Pinero .....	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Leilani Adyanez Pollock .....	BS Sports Studies [Human Performance]
#Jenny E. Pontarelli .....	BSW Social Work
Nicole Olivia Pustea, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Sid Dulnuan Ramirez .....	BFA Film Production
Kathleen Hilda Randol .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
*William Colin Reed, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English
#Allysa Toni Lynn Reid .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Andrew Chae Sung Retz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Cindy Rivera, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Erica Elisheva Robinson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Music [Theory and Literature]
Felipe Mateus Rocha Poblete .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Nicole Vanesa Rodriguez Fernandez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Evelyn Rose Roman .....	BSN Nursing
*Samantha Nicole Romashko, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BM Music Education [Instrumental]; BS Music Performance [Instrumental/Percussion]
Minda Jo Ruba .....	BSW Social Work
Jennard Florenz Sevilla Sacres .....	BA Mathematics
Patrick Elie Sagage, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Sydney Summerlyn Sagala .....	BSN Nursing
Kelly Marie Sandel, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Allen Vijaey Sangar, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Alexandra Eileen Santich, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Cindy Cristal Santillan .....	BA Spanish
Ian Aleksander Sayles .....	BS Business Administration
#Annelise Joy Pangan Scales .....	BS Health Science
Paul Alexander Schafer .....	BBA Marketing
Skyler Alonso Schiff, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Ryan Michael Schmid, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Psychology
Derek Logan Schroer .....	BBA Management [General Management]
#Julia Claire Scriven .....	BS Public Relations

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Michael Segobiano .....	BS Health Science
Jessica Leigh Shelton .....	BIS Integrative Studies
Adam Li Shim.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Avner Jin Shryer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Kiara Jocelyn Sierra, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Sarah Alexandria Smith .....	BS Health Science
Saria Marie Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Fine Arts
Anabella Kaitlyn Stevens, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Andrea Esther MeiYu Stevens.....	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Emily Maria Suci, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Amber Dawn Sullivan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Timothy Suzuki, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Mathematics; Physics
Marco Alexander Noah Swaisgood, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Biomedical]; BA International Studies [Spanish]
Emily Grace Tan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Medical Lab Science
David Micah Tanner, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Computer Science
#Christian Alain Teal, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Archaeology [Near Eastern Studies]; Biblical Studies; History; International Studies [German]
Rebecca Leela Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Chemistry
Jennifer Leigh Thompson .....	BSN Nursing
Kara Michelle Thompson, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science
Verle B. Thompson IV, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Research]
Stephen M. Thorpe, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BFA Fine Arts
Luz Daniela Trejos, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Casey Andrew Tull, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
Daniel Turcios.....	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
Calle Lorraine Turk, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Josue E. Vega Gonzalez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
*Giselle Alexandra Velasquez, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education; Spanish
Stephanie Velazquez .....	BBA Accounting
Sarah Consuelo Velez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Rica Yzabel Veluz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science
Nicholas Jeffrey Viar, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Nathanya Vidal.....	BSN Nursing
Evana Vivas Palacios, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Dylan Jun Vogel, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BBA Accounting
*Heather Grace Wahlen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BM Music Education [Instrumental]; BS Music Performance [Brass]; Music Performance [Piano]
Ryan Landon Walker, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Elise Noelle Watts, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Biology [Research]
Adhey Bernika Waworuntu, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> .....	BS Business Administration
Cynthia Wen .....	BS Medical Lab Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Amariah Lee White, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Regine Zenia Wijaya, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Graphic Design
Brandon Keane Wilcox, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Music Performance [Organ]
Cameron Reide Wilcox, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Music Performance [Instrumental/String]
Dominique Cchayal Williams .....	BFA Film Production
Abrianna Raye Wilson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Destiny Cheyenne Wilson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Chris Jongjin Won.....	BBA Accounting
Paphonpat Wongwaiwit, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
*Miranda Jean Wood, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Religious Education
Tara Nicole Worley.....	BSN Nursing
Joel Stephen Wright, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]

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Ethan John Wu .....	BS Computer Science
*Alicia Renee Wyatt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Megan Kazue Yoshioka, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]
Damaris Madai Yoxom-Sontay, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	BSN Nursing
Alyson Daniel Zapara, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	BS Business Administration

## A S S O C I A T E   D E G R E E   G R A D U A T E S

#Michelle G. Adalbai .....	AS Business Administration
Anai Vanessa Aguilera.....	AS Nursing
Yaretzy Elizabeth Almaraz.....	AS Nursing
Sierra Marie Anderson, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Gysel Hadasa Avendano, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics]
Sara Jessica Bedwell, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Katherine Melissa Berrios .....	AS Nursing
Ashley Katherine Bowes, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Melissa Reneé Buck, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Anny Adamaris Cordero Arias.....	AS Nursing
Andrew Scott Cousins .....	AS Nursing
#Ryan Thomas Cox, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Business Administration
Shelby Jane Crutcher.....	AS Nursing
Nandy De La Cruz .....	AS Nursing
Kendall Leon Deaton.....	AS Nursing
Autumn Brooke Dekle.....	AS Nursing
Carissa Ariani Djami, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Kevin A. Djami.....	AS Nursing
Dara Storm Domingo.....	AS Nursing
Alexandra Victoria Dornburg, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Elisabet Espinoza .....	AS Nursing
Jack Franklin Farrow, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Engineering Studies
Joseph Anthony Fegarido .....	AS Nursing
Marie Anne Fernandez, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Sarah Ann Fisher, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Brittany Leann Franks .....	AS Nursing
Isabely Aleska Garcia .....	AS Nursing
Valden Jonathan Gardiner.....	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Graciela Elissa Gonzales Serrano.....	AS Nursing
Bethany D. Grant, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Sabrina Leann Guerrero, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics]
Jeremy Reese Gustman .....	AS Nursing
Joshua A. Hahn .....	AS General Studies
Sarah Sarli Hasel, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Meghan Mackenzie Hedges, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Brandon Robert Kyle Houghtaling.....	AS Nursing
Sun Joon Kim.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Carlee Elyse Knecht.....	AS Nursing
Jason Charles Lalaki .....	AS Business Administration
Taylor Brooke Madaris.....	AS Nursing
Jacquelyn Esther Mannerberg.....	AS Nursing
Marisela Martinez .....	AS Nursing
Felechia Ann Matthews .....	AS Nursing
Rebecca Anne Meert.....	AS Nursing
Jordan A. Milano, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Tahli Jamica Miller .....	AS Nursing

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Elizabeth Dawn Mills, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Business Administration
#Scott Daniel Moore, Jr. ....	AS General Studies
Jorge Samuel Napoles Moreno, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Megan Jenica Nieto, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Nathan Alexander Norris.....	AT Construction Management
Destiny Jasenda Nuñez .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Gideon S. Nyambiya III, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Rachel Elizabeth Patton, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Alexander Michael Peppard.....	AS Nursing
Julianne Nicole Plank, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
James Nicholas Pressley .....	AS Nursing
Sydney Jain Raitz-Buhl.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Kari Lauren Remmers, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Karina Isabella Sanchez .....	AS Nursing
Grace Gabrielle Scoggins, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics]
Kristina Nicole Shakespeare.....	AS Nursing
Katie Marie Shelley, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Gideon Situmorang .....	AS Nursing
Preston James Sopandi.....	AS Nursing
Kyler Joseph Soper.....	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Amarildo Lemes de Souza, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Geisha Lee Sulsona Alamo.....	AS Nursing
Ian Christoff Svendsen .....	AS Nursing
Sofie Helene Svendsen .....	AS Nursing
Cindi Lee Tallant.....	AS Nursing
Sarah Jane Minar Tobing.....	AS Nursing
Marizelda Elizabeth Francisco Tomas .....	AS Nursing
Natalee Susan Townsend, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Natasha Enid Varela .....	AS Nursing
Tierra Rene Washington, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing
Amanda Katelyn White .....	AS Nursing
Jason Michael Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....	AS Nursing

## M A S T E R ' S   D E G R E E   G R A D U A T E S

#Claire Elizabeth Ashcraft.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Ziniah Beasley.....	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Sherri G. Beatty .....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Bobbi J. Beavers .....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Leigh Donna Bennett .....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Roderick Chase Bennett.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#Emily Kate Boring.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Sheri Lynn Buffington.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Serena Sue Cardwell.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
#Shawnessey Keith Cargile.....	MSW Social Work [School]
#Crystal Jailene Carranza Guerra .....	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Hannah Elizabeth Cassetty.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
#Mia Chedalavada .....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Katie Cramer.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Kimberly Daniel.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Elani Marie Dodd.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
#Chedly Don Dorival-Lafrance .....	MBA Management
Michelle Denise Doucoumes .....	MMin Evangelism & World Mission
#Prospective Summer Graduate	

Megan Ann Felts ..... MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 #Jacy Carreen Ford ..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 #Brittany Nicole Franklin..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 Evan Gagnon ..... MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 Renee C. Hall ..... MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
 #Peter Christopher Hernández III ..... MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]  
 #Kevin Joseph Hughes ..... MBA Management  
 Tracey-Ann Nadine Hutchinson..... MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Cameron DeWayne Johnson ..... MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner  
 #Monya Gilliam Khan ..... MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Nicholas Glen Laney ..... MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner  
 #Lori Ann Mitchell ..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 Meg Elizabeth Nyweide ..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 Erika Victoria Ariel Puzanov ..... MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 William James Reichert ..... MEd Outdoor Teacher Education  
 Jon Remitera ..... MMin Biblical Counseling  
 Paige Retkowski ..... MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 Ophelia Shaw..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 Megan Elizabeth Teeter ..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 David Michael Tolliver..... MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]  
 Natalie Bearden Tucker ..... MSW Social Work [School]

## D O C T O R A L D E G R E E G R A D U A T E S

Mark E. Childress..... DNP Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 Kami Dawn Dykes..... DNP Lifestyle Medicine; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 Shelby Lee Graves ..... DNP Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 Rebecca Catherine Parker ..... DNP Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult Gerontology;  
 Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner  
 #Herline Raphael..... DNP Lifestyle Medicine  
 #Melissa Mann Stuntz ..... DNP Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

*The Commencement program does not constitute an official list of graduates.*

## G U E S T G R A D U A T E S

### KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Ronaldo Nelson Adam ..... BBA Marketing

### WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

Pamela Silaban..... BS Nursing

#Prospective Summer Graduate

# S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES – 349  
(14 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES – 39 (6 HAVE TWO EMPHASES OR DEGREES)

DOCTORAL GRADUATES – 6 (4 HAVE TWO EMPHASES)

## DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	34	Integrative Studies.....	1
Business.....	41	Journalism and Communication.....	7
Technology.....	1	Mathematics.....	3
Chemistry.....	13	Modern Languages.....	7
Computing.....	14	Music.....	10
Education and Psychology		Nursing.....	55
Education.....	12	Physics.....	1
Psychology.....	15	Religion.....	16
English.....	8	Social Work.....	8
Health and Kinesiology.....	16	Visual Art and Design.....	16
History and Political Studies.....	7		

## DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	13	General Studies.....	2
Business.....	5	Health and Kinesiology.....	1
Technology.....	4	Nursing.....	59
Engineering.....	1	Physical Therapist Assistant.....	1

## SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business.....	2	Nursing.....	14
Education and Psychology		Religion.....	2
Counseling.....	8	Social Work.....	17
Education.....	2		

## DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing.....	6
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## P R E S I D E N T ' S   A W A R D   F O R T E A C H I N G   E X C E L L E N C E

A lifelong educator, **Kathy Goddard** joined the English Department at Southern in 2010 to teach composition and creative writing. She earned her undergraduate degree at Andrews University in Michigan and master's degree at John Hopkins University in Maryland and received the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Alumni Academy Achievement Award.

Two of Goddard's passions are teaching and writing. Goddard enjoys helping her students perfect their writing craft and earn their first by-lines. As a writer, she is published in multiple genres from short stories to scriptural textbooks.

Goddard's commitment to quality has been a key part of the success of students across Southern's campus. Other professors share that "she is incredibly patient, kind, and clear in her teaching practice." Goddard bases her courses on Biblical foundations and integrates critical thinking skills so that students learn how to reflect, write, and believe carefully and with a firm foundation for serving others.

Most impressive is Goddard's mentorship and support of both students and colleagues spanning many academic areas. She finds deep joy in recruiting and equipping the next generation of teachers and consistently spends extra time helping learners who are struggling. Additionally, she sponsors the department's Writer's Club, which gives aspiring authors a platform for sharing literary creations and publishing poetry, prose, and art.

Another English professor on campus describes how "generous care for people is evident in Kathy's daily walk, and her spiritual insight and wisdom provide a strong example for others to aspire to!" From supporting the university's band-aid fund for students' unexpected emergencies to leading Sabbath School classes and volunteering at the Interfaith Homeless Network, "Kathy's love for God and others overflows outside of her classroom and into the Southern community and beyond."

**In recognition of her exemplary pedagogy and her Christlike heart of service, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Kathy Goddard with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.**



An alumna of Southern's undergraduate psychology program, **Cristy Pratt** earned her master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Walden University in Minnesota. She worked as an adjunct instructor in the School of Education and Psychology at Southern for three years before becoming a full-time associate professor in 2013.

Getting to know her students in and outside of the classroom is Pratt's passion, and she frequently is described as an "amazing," "devoted," and "compassionate" professor, adviser, mentor, and friend. One student gushed: "I can't compliment her enough; she's just that great!"

Pratt's personal relationship with God is cited as one thing that sets her apart as a professor and impacts her thoughtful and effective approach to each and every course. "She has a special talent for capturing interest and interaction, no matter the topic," with organized and clear expectations that allow students to look forward to learning from her while achieving academic success. Known for bringing "a calming but enthusiastic energy to even early morning classes," Pratt is generous in small kindnesses, such as sending emails to wish students good luck at the beginning of a semester.

A native of Brazil, Pratt sponsors the Latin American Club on campus as well as the Psychology Club. Her professional affiliations include the American Psychological Association, the International Honor Society in Psychology, the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

**To honor her remarkable success in engaging with and caring for students, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Cristy Pratt with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.**

## P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D F O R E X C E L L E N C E I N S C H O L A R S H I P

After graduating from Pacific Union College in California with a bachelor's degree in biology, **Aaron Corbit**, PhD, planned to pursue a career in medicine. Instead, God led him to teach science and math at a small church school in Chicago, Illinois. Later he returned to the West Coast to complete his doctorate in biology at Loma Linda University, focusing his research on rattlesnake conservation biology and the epidemiology of snakebites in Southern California. He joined Southern's Biology Department in 2012.

Described by his peers as an "amazing biostatistician" and "exemplary researcher" who is "perpetually helpful," Corbit not only publishes his own research but also evaluates student and faculty research projects and analyzes the data of others. He is hands-on in conducting research with and lending guidance to many students, including those who are pursuing a biology research degree as well as senior students in other academic disciplines. "Always open and willing" to assist, he is constantly "helping someone with his or her data."

"Aaron sets a high standard of excellence and demonstrates how and why research is such an integral part of ensuring that relevant and significant practices are used in the classroom," notes a fellow professor. "His willingness to go above and beyond normal requirements really sets him apart as a scholar scientist."

Another biology professor who frequently teams up with Corbit for research cites Corbit's major contributions to multiple publications in just the past two years with more work already underway. Recent projects include looking at the defensive behavior of black widow spiders and assessing the impact of human traffic on wildlife abundance in hiking trail systems. Conservation biology, behavioral ecology of venomous animals, and the intersection of science and faith are his broader research interests.

**Acknowledging his own research accomplishments and his gift of helping students while holding them to exceptional statistical analyses, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Aaron Corbit with the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship.**



**Ben Thornton**, PhD, joined Southern's faculty in 2010 and holds degrees in biology, conservation biology, and environmental toxicology. Recognition for his work is noted as "long overdue," and peers describe him as going "above and beyond" and embodying "what excellence in scholarship is all about."

Thornton's research with students has included differential protein expression during limb regeneration in lizards, atrazine-induced changes in glutathione transferase activity, detection of microplastics in sea turtles, dendrochronology on White Oak Mountain, effects of MCHM from coal mining on fathead minnows, and detection of estrogen in wastewater effluents.

With the support of colleagues, Thornton envisioned and implemented the first undergraduate research program for Southern's biology students. As biology research coordinator, he established courses for a research degree, created an undergraduate research lab, and wrote the Biology Writing Guide to standardize writing requirements for both classes and research.

Thornton also serves as director of the Southern Arboretum and was the driving force behind this initiative, tagging specimens across campus while creating a website database for identification. To date, 1,200 trees and woody plants and 84 species (53 native) are catalogued and showcased, offering visitors an organized source of information about the aesthetic beauty and nature surrounding campus.

Additionally, Thornton has mentored students on Southern's Evangelistic Resource Center mission trips to the Philippines, Zambia, and Zimbabwe and during international biology field classes. His photography is used to promote future trips as well as various departments' efforts and achievements.

**With great esteem for his defining leadership in biology research, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Ben Thornton with the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship.**

## D I S T I N G U I S H E D   S E R V I C E   M E D A L L I O N

**Krystal Bishop**, EdD, has served as a professor in the School of Education and Psychology and director of the Teacher Education Program since 1996. Her commitment to students' personal and academic success is unparalleled. In 2010, she received the Adviser of the Year Award, and in 2011, she was presented with the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Bishop has authored numerous articles in the *Journal of Adventist Education* on teaching literacy and presented countless training sessions to teachers nationwide. She also served as a liaison between Southern's educator preparation program and Hamilton County, the state of Tennessee, and the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

Over the years, her love for children has motivated leadership in Primary and Earliteen Sabbath Schools and fundraising and mission trips to the Living Waters Orphan Feeding Center in Kenya. She also participates in Feed My Starving Children.

**For her grace, passion, and tireless work in Christian education, Southern Adventist University is pleased to recognize Krystal Bishop as a worthy recipient of the Distinguished Service Medallion.**



**Sylvia Mayer** completed her undergraduate nursing degrees at Southern and later returned to join the teaching faculty in 1981 for four years, and then again in 2004. As director of Admissions and Progressions for the School of Nursing, Mayer meets with many prospective students and families, even on weekends and breaks. Seemingly on call around the clock, she is a welcoming personality and voice for the program.

Coworkers describe her gracious "can do" spirit as a powerful motivator that consistently finds ways around problems. "Sylvia knows people and resources" and "seems to be a magnet for students and community members who are in trouble and needing assistance. She raises money; gets food, furniture, places to live, and vehicles; organizes work bees; and provides emotional support to many."

Mayer is also a visionary who coordinated with area hospitals to build the Nursing Consortium, a respected, off-campus Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program. She champions affordable, work-and-family-friendly, RN-to-BSN education and assures a curriculum geared to adult learners. For students and contacts who may not share or understand the Adventist faith, Mayer is known for gently explaining the Sabbath and other doctrines in a thoughtful and engaging way.

**Because of her beautiful representation of Jesus to everyone in her sphere of influence, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present the Distinguished Service Medallion to Sylvia Mayer.**



**Candace Wing**, director of the University Health Center, led her team and the campus through the COVID-19 pandemic in which the approach and efficacy of hands-on care gifted students, parents, employees, and the broader community with reassurance and safety.

Wing oversaw the development of the COVID-19 response and worked tirelessly to maintain the overall health of the university, forming liaisons with state and local health officials to ensure an evidence-based and effective approach and adjustments. In spite of her own tremendous workload, she also found time to lend a hand to her coworkers, who describe her as "an amazing leader."

Upon graduating from Southern with her associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing in 1985 and 1986, Wing worked in labor and delivery, pediatrics, home health, and infertility and reproductive medicine. In 2007, she came back to her alma mater as a nurse in the health center and was promoted to director six years later. Her current responsibilities span primary care, travel medicine, and patient education.

Lasting relationships that develop during interactions at the health center are what Wing treasures most about her work on campus. She's happiest with a house full of college students and also volunteers in children's Sabbath schools.

**Because of her steadfast commitment to the highest standards of health care, Southern Adventist University honors Candace Wing with the Distinguished Service Medallion.**

## SPECIAL THANKS



Academic Administration

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Campus Safety

College Press

Energy Management

Financial Administration

Food Services

Graduate and Professional Studies

Landscape Services

Marketing and University Relations

President's Office

Quick Print

Records and Advisement

School of Journalism and Communication

School of Music

Service Department

Student Development

Village Market

We extend our gratitude especially to parents, fellow students, and guests.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND



October 27-30, 2022

As the Southern Adventist University community continues to grow and evolve, Homecoming Weekend is changing too. This special weekend will still feature many of the traditional events that you know and love plus several new experiences for reconnecting with fellow alumni, professors, and current students!

Mark your calendar and join the Alumni Association in person or virtually for the ultimate Southern family celebration.

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

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