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GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST AND DEDICATED TO THE BELIEFS OF THE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, WE EQUIP STUDENTS TO EMBRACE
BIBLICAL TRUTH, EMBODY ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE,
AND PURSUE SPIRIT-FILLED LIVES OF SERVICE.

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 19, 2019



ILES PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER

COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE

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,

Congratulations on your achievement. We are proud of you. What you have done is not easy, but I believe you will find it was worth the time, money, and effort. God planned for you to get your education at Southern, and now He will guide you into the rest of His plan for you.

As you launch into the next phase of your life, consider how well you deal with the unknown, for the unknown may be the most consistent factor in your life. We can't control life, so don't be surprised when, after planning carefully for something, the unexpected happens.

I recall one day, when I was teaching an English class, I felt so great I couldn't help shouting to the class, "I feel great! I have never felt so great in all my life." Within one hour I was so sick that I had to go to bed, where I stayed for three days. Then there was the time I bought a new car. It was perfect—for about 30 days. Then things started to happen. The ignition faltered, and the car shook and rattled. When I took it to the dealer for repair, the only thing they could do was change the speed at which it vibrated. Did I want my car to vibrate between 30-40 miles-per-hour or between 40-50 miles-per-hour? Surreal.

We all face surprises. Your education has prepared you for many things, but nothing can prepare you for everything. Nothing, that is, except faith in God. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

For those times when your education cannot help you deal with life's surprises, remember to trust in the Lord. Just as He has gotten you through your life to this point, He will see you through any and all circumstances in your future.

Wishing you God's guidance and blessings,

David Smith

R E C O R D I N G S



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Please silence cell phones during the service.

C O M M E N C E M E N T

Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7 p.m.



Prelude

Processional.....“Pomp and Circumstance”Sir Edward Elgar

Invocation.....Andrea Sequera
BA International Development

WelcomeSiera Eklund
BA History

Introduction of SpeakerShannon Hill
BA Public Relations

AddressTogetherJeff Bromme
executive vice president and chief legal officer for Adventist Health System

Class ResponseDJ Sommerville
class representative, BS Nursing

Graduate Class ResponseTeresa Eden Jabaley-Coe
DNP Acute Care

Presentation of Degree CandidatesRobert Young
senior vice president for Academic Administration

Dionne Felix
associate vice president for Academic Administration

Tyson Hall
graduate dean

*Conferring of DegreesDavid Smith, *president*
Jim Davidson, *Board of Trustees representative, Southern Union executive secretary*
Karon Powell, *director of Records and Advisement*

Alumni Association WelcomeMoses Maier, '17
Eric Dunkel, '99
Alumni Association presidents

BenedictionConnor Yonkers
BA Theology

**Recessional.....“Rondeau”Jean-Joseph Mouret

Presentation of the Graduating ClassDavid Smith, *president*

Community Brass Ensemble Director: Ken Parsons, *School of Music associate professor*
Grand Marshal: Laura Racovita, *University Senate past chair and School of Social Work professor*
Senior Class Sponsors: Lisa Kuhlman, *School of Business assistant professor*
Tim Trott, *Biology and Allied Health Department, professor*

* A picture of each candidate will be taken by an official photographer. Family and friends wishing to photograph graduates, please be considerate of others when taking your photos.

** The audience must remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional, as the graduates will be dividing at the back and lining the side aisles of the gymnasium for congratulatory applause.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

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| Sarah Sabry Abouelfatouh..... | BS Business Administration |
| Luis E. Andrade-Alban..... | BA Theology [Non-Seminary] |
| Dominique Meaghan Channelle Anson | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure] |
| Mary Carmen Aquino..... | BS Health Science |
| Sarah Jeanina Baxter, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BBA Marketing |
| Rachel Rebekah Beaver..... | BS Public Relations |
| Bruno Alexander Benna | BS Graphic Design |
| Chandler Alexander Bozarth..... | BA Biology |
| Claire Elizabeth Jane Brewer, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> | BS Biology [Research] |
| Alaina Gladys Burrowes | BA Biology |
| Kristina H. Bussey | BS Nursing |
| Monica Marie Carrick | BS Business Administration |
| Nicole Dionny Carrillo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BBA Management [General Management] |
| Lauren Elise Chaij, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BBA Accounting |
| Paola Charnichart..... | BS Nursing |
| Eunhyo Choi, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BA Chemistry |
| Jared Paul Chung, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BA Chemistry |
| Joana Isabel Claros..... | BS Nursing |
| Joshua Michael Clendenning | BS Business Administration |
| Briana Theresa Cole | BS Nursing |
| Daniel Alan Coon, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i> | BT Auto Service Management |
| Jedidiah James Cooper, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure] |
| Tessa Noel Corbin, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> | BA Art [Therapy] |
| *Audrey Davis Covrig, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BA Liberal Arts Education |
| Devin Arthur Cummins, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> | BS Biology [Biomedical] |
| Jesse Emanuel Darwin..... | BS Business Administration |
| Matthew Joshua Davis | BT Construction Management |
| Sadie Breanne Dixon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BBA Marketing |
| Nicole Jaquelíne Dominguez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | BA English [Literature] |
| Shenider Dufort | BS Nursing |
| Corina Adelaide Durante | BS Nursing |
| Siera Lauren Eklund | BA History; AS Accounting |
| Leonel Espinoza, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i> | BA Chemistry |
| Bryant Rafael Familia | BS Film Production |
| Alec Devin Fernandez | BS Business Administration |
| Adam Alexander Fisher, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BA Chemistry |
| Paola Andrea Flores, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BS Nursing |
| Natanael Fortunato, Jr. | BS Business Administration |
| Sierra Denae Garrett, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> | BS Biology [Research] |
| Christina Farah Gindi, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BBA Management [Entrepreneurship] |
| Sarah Guadarrama, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BS Psychology [Clinical] |
| Janelle Marie Guthrie | BS Nursing |
| José Ramón Hernández Durán..... | BA Theology [Ministerial] |
| Abiezer Taylor Hernandez Geraldino, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BS Nursing |
| Shannon Rush Hill, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BS Public Relations |
| Savannah Ellise Hodgkin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | BA Biology |
| Sunny SeoEun Huh | BA Biology |
| Allison Anne Johnson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | BS Health Science |
| Nathan Wesley Johnson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | BBA Accounting |

*Teaching Certificate

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| Susan McCollough Johnson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | | BS Nursing |
| *Alexis Tenille Jones, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | | BA English |
| Ranica Ishquel Juba, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Nursing |
| HyunWoo Jung | ..... | BS Business Administration |
| Mi So Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Biology |
| Christina Ingeborg Leibold | ..... | BS Chemistry [Biochemistry] |
| Xinpeng Li, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Theology [Non-Seminary] |
| Astrid Danella Lizardo, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure] |
| Michael Nicholi Luchak, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Theology [Ministerial] |
| Anna Deborah Machado | ..... | BS Nursing |
| *Amy Nicole Meadows, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Liberal Arts Education |
| Sergio Emmanuel Monterroso II | ..... | BA History |
| Bruno Manzolli Moura | ..... | BS Business Administration |
| Raissa Stella Mucyo | ..... | BS Psychology [Clinical] |
| Andres Ochoa | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Hyunji Park, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Chemistry |
| Samuel Yun-Chan Park | ..... | BS Health Science |
| Priyanka Pathak | ..... | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure] |
| Stephanie Nichole Perez | ..... | BS Nursing |
| *Kabrina Wren Perkins | ..... | BA Liberal Arts Education |
| Carla Peters | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Julianne Joyce Pictou | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Ximena Ramirez-Guarnizo | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Whitney Marie Recchia, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Kaethe Marie Reichert | ..... | BS Outdoor Leadership [General] |
| Alexander Rey, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BA Theology [Non-Seminary] |
| Deneicia Rorianna Samone Rice | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Cristina Sarai Rico | ..... | BS Psychology [Family Systems] |
| Joseph McKinze Rocha | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Katrina Nicole Rogers, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BBA Management [Human Resources Management] |
| Sherrie Marie Rouse, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Arnie Joy Sarte Salillas | ..... | BS Music Performance [Instrument] |
| Nathan Michael Sarli, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Interdisciplinary: Promotional Filmmaking |
| Tamara Danielle Sarli, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Ricardo Scarfullery, Jr. | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Brett Owen Seasly | ..... | BS Health Science |
| Andrea Roxana Sequera | ..... | BA International Development Studies |
| Genesis Divine Serrano | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Ophelia L. Shaw | ..... | BS Psychology [Clinical] |
| Danielle Shica | ..... | BS Psychology [Clinical] |
| Isabella Sofia Showalter, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Health Science |
| Bradley James Slater, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Business Administration |
| Donald Leslie Sommerville, Jr. | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Caleb Lee Spencer, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BBA Marketing |
| Brandy C. Surrall | ..... | BA History |
| Sandra Edith Tapia | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Dylan Dean Thomas | ..... | BFA Fine Arts |
| Fatima Ayaon Turner, <i>Cum Laude</i> | ..... | BS Nursing |
| Madeline B. Uhrik | ..... | BS Long-Term Care Administration |
| Giovanna Beckedorff Vanucchi | ..... | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure] |
| Abimael A. Vega | | BA Religious Studies |
| Grant Steven Vogel, <i>Cum Laude</i> | | BBA Accounting |

*Teaching Certificate

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| Jordan Danielle West..... | BS Nursing |
| Michael Nicolai Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i> | BBA Management [General Management] |
| Mason Alexander Wing..... | BBA Finance |
| Michelle R. Wise | BS Nursing |
| Tiffany Tae Eun Yi..... | BSW Social Work |
| Connor Joseph Yonkers | BA Theology [Ministerial] |

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

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| Kassi Danielle Adams | AS Nursing |
| Melodie Rachel Álvarez | AS Nursing |
| Jillian Grace Barnett..... | AS Nursing |
| Evan William Barron, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AS General Studies |
| Melissa Ann Blach..... | AS Nursing |
| Denise Caroline Blandon | AS Nursing |
| Melantha Athalea Cash | AS Nursing |
| Elizabeth Ceja Lopez..... | AS Nursing |
| Norma Melissa Conde | AS Nursing |
| Desirée Marie Dardy | AS Nursing |
| Aryn Bailey Flraig, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts |
| Eliana Gemelus | AS Nursing |
| Brent Alan Hildebrand..... | AS Nursing |
| Ashlyn Rose Howell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> | AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology] |
| Amari Johnson..... | AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts |
| Melodie Danielle Johnson, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AA Religion [Bible Instructor] |
| Erin Elisabeth Jones | AS Nursing |
| Amanda Mechelle Layne..... | AS Nursing |
| Ruth Stephany Lazo Quintanilla, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AS Nursing |
| Ryleigh Aliese Lewis..... | AS Nursing |
| Eduardo Martinez Alvarado, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AS Nursing |
| Ryan Brentley Melvin..... | AS General Studies |
| Jazmin Betsabe Nunez..... | AS Nursing |
| Milagro D. Polo Cardenas..... | AS Nursing |
| Shantel Dominique Ray | AS Nursing |
| Allison Eunhee Retz | AS Nursing |
| Patricia Rebeca Sanchez | AS Nursing |
| Sarah Beth Scates | AS Nursing |
| Tanya Faye Marie Shelton | AS Nursing |
| Ena D. Slavik | AS Nursing |
| Sydney Prickett Watts | AS Nursing |
| William Jonathan Weimer, <i>Cum Laude</i> | AT Construction Management |
| Ashley Nicole Wilkins..... | AS Nursing |
| Joshua Taeyang Yi | AA Religion [Bible Instructor] |

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

Angela E. Anderson..... MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Matthew Vern Anderson MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jacquelyne Renee Baker MSEd Literacy Education
Ryan Matthew Bellomy MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;
Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Callie Jean Borgialli MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Heather Sunshine Bossie MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner;
Family Nurse Practitioner
Eva Bound MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Timothy Wilson Burton MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Jesse Alfonso Calderon MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Daniel Ozuna Camacho MBA Healthcare Administration
Clinton Craig Carvill MSEd Instructional Leadership
Selina Mansoor Charaniya MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Chett Thomas Clayton MSN/MBA Health Care Administration
Alexis Dionne Cooper MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Cathleen Cornett MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Lacy Elizabeth Cushman MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Claudia Ayo Davies MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Jessica Marie Denton MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;
Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Ashley Shay Eaton MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;
Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Tracy Elias MBA [Customized]
Lindsey May Ellsworth MBA Healthcare Administration
Tadia Foster MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Melissa Faith Garner MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Justin Douglas Gorsline MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Latonya Greaves MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Rebecca Spivey Harris MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Heather Amanda Hayes MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;
Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Stephanie Gabrielle Hittle MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner;
Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
April Howell MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Anna Ibrahim MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Jessica Irvin MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
John Gaylon Jones MSN Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Carrie Lynn Kirkpatrick MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Kirby Lee Edward Kirschmann MSEd Instructional Leadership
Danielle Hope Kizziah MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Rachel Krumrie MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Amy Elizabeth Ladd MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Lupe Lazarine MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Rita Louise Lee MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Anna Elaine Machin MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Marjorie Menardy Magloire MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Joyce Ann Marshall MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]

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| Antonia Teyana Martin | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Amber Gipson Matheney | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Katie Marie Meert..... | MSEd Literacy Education |
| Nelson Mercado..... | MMin Evangelism and World Mission |
| Crystal W. Moore..... | MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Kabrella Marnese Moore..... | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Karen Abigail Napoles Moreno..... | MBA Finance |
| Randy Ichiro Nomura..... | MSEd Instructional Leadership |
| Karen C. Norrod | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Oluamide Oloruntoba | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Nicolas Leon Owens | MSEd Instructional Leadership |
| Nancy Vu Pham..... | MSEd Literacy Education |
| Edward Pino..... | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Summer D. Poteet..... | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Jennifer Renee Potter | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Carisa Ozell Powell | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling |
| Jennifer Danielle Reed..... | MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment] |
| Kim Janelle Robertson..... | MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management] |
| Jeffrey Robert Rogers | MBA Management |
| Zachary Kent Sharpe | MBA Accounting |
| Jamie Lee Sherlock | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Rafael Alejandro Souchet..... | MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Brittani J. Stephenson | MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management] |
| April Swanger | MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management] |
| Wendell Rutendo Isakani Tavuyanago..... | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work] |
| Erika Lynn Trimm | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Tiffany Victoria Vincent..... | MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment] |
| Addriene Warfield-Rhodes | MSEd Instructional Leadership |
| Kimberly A. West | MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner |

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

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| Nissa Elizabeth Berbawy | DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Teresa Eden Jabaley-Coe..... | DNP Acute Care |
| Alyssa Jewel Larson..... | DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner |
| Marie Rachel Previlus..... | DNP Lifestyle Therapeutics |

The commencement program does not constitute an official list of the December graduates.

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 title of their senior research projects are listed below:

Claire Elizabeth Jane Brewer *Determination of Berberine Concentration in Commercially Available Brands of Hydrastis canadensis (Goldenseal) Herbal Supplement Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography*

Tessa Noel Corbin *A Visual Translation of The Process of Healing for Women after Sexual Abuse*

Devin Arthur Cummins *Comparative Analysis of Three DNA Preparation Kits for Quercus falcata, Quercus palustris, Quercus rubra DNA Extractions and Subsequent DNA Sequencing*

Sierra Denae Garrett *The Phytoremediative Effects of Cilantro (*Coriandrum sativu*) in Lead Contaminated Soil*

A C A D E M I C R E G A L I A



The color of the velvet trim on the hood 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.

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

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



Students wearing a gold zipper pull medallion have donated to the class gift and received the Philanthropy Medallion.

S U M M A R Y



Undergraduate Graduates — 141 (one has a double major)

Master's Graduates — 71 (eight with two emphases)

Doctoral Graduates — 4

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

| | | | |
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| Biology | 8 | Interdisciplinary..... | 1 |
| Business | 21 | Journalism and Communication..... | 2 |
| Technology..... | 2 | Music..... | 1 |
| Chemistry..... | 6 | Nursing..... | 29 |
| Education and Psychology | | Physical Education, Health, and Wellness..... | 6 |
| Education | 8 | Religion..... | 7 |
| Psychology | 5 | Social Work | 1 |
| English..... | 2 | Visual Art and Design..... | 4 |
| History and Political Studies | 4 | | |

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES BY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

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| Biology/Allied Health..... | 1 | Nursing..... | 26 |
| Business | 1 | Physical Education, Health, and Wellness..... | 2 |
| Technology..... | 1 | Religion..... | 2 |
| General Studies..... | 2 | | |

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOLS

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| Business | 7 | Nursing..... | 30 |
| Education and Psychology | | Religion..... | 1 |
| Counseling | 1 | Social Work | 32 |
| Education | 8 | | |

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES BY SCHOOL

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| Nursing..... | 4 |
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H O N O R C O R D S



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

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*. 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, Laura Racovita, past chair of the University Senate and professor in the School of Social Work. Her regalia is green trimmed in white, the university colors.

P H O T O G R A P H S



Please do not crowd or block the aisle for graduates in an attempt to photograph them. To provide all students with a photograph of their graduation, we have arranged for a professional photographer to record each graduate receiving his or her diploma. A 5x7 photo will be sent to the graduate's permanent address as a gift from Southern. The photographer will provide opportunity for graduates to purchase extra photos. There is no obligation to purchase.

S O U T H E R N ' S M I S S I O N , V I S I O N , A N D C O R E V A L U E S



The Mission

Grounded in Jesus Christ and dedicated to the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we equip students to embrace biblical truth, embody academic and professional excellence, and pursue Spirit-filled lives of service.

The Vision

Southern Adventist University's vision is to:

- Model the love of Jesus in every interaction.
- Invite students into a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Inspire each student to engage with God's Church and the world through service and witness.
- Provide each student with an exceptional learning experience that equips them to thrive in a fluid, global job market.

Core Values

As Southern Adventist University employees, we:

- Embrace a Seventh-day Adventist Worldview and Fundamental Beliefs
- Love Others as God Loves Them
- Act with Integrity
- Live Prayerfully
- Serve Others Generously
- Follow God's Calling
- Pursue Excellence
- Exercise Responsible Stewardship
- Offer an Exceptional Learning Experience