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**Southern Adventist University Commencement Program**

**December 19, 2019**

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Southern Adventist University

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
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

Recordings

To view the recording of the service, visit southern.edu/events/archives.

Please silence cell phones during the service.
Commencement
Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7 p.m.

Prelude

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

Invocation..........................................................Andrea Sequera
                                  BA International Development

Welcome ..........................................................Siera Eklund
                                  BA History

Introduction of Speaker ..........................................................Shannon Hill
                                  BA Public Relations

Address ..................................................Together........................................Jeff Bromme
                                  executive vice president and chief legal officer for Adventist Health System

Class Response ..........................................................DJ Sommerville
                                  class representative, BS Nursing

Graduate Class Response ................................................Teresa Eden Jabaley-Coe
                                  DNP Acute Care

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

Dionne Felix
                                  associate vice president for Academic Administration

Tyson Hall
                                  graduate dean

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

Alumni Association Welcome ........................................Moses Maier, ’17
                                  Eric Dunkel, ’99
                                  Alumni Association presidents

Benediction ..........................................................Connor Yonkers
                                  BA Theology

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

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

*Teaching Certificate
Susan McCollough Johnson, Magna Cum Laude ................................................................. BS Nursing
Alexis Tenille Jones, Magna Cum Laude ................................................................. BA English
Ranica Ishquel Juba, Cum Laude ...................................................................................... BS Nursing
HyunWoo Jung ........................................................................................................ BS Business Administration
Mi So Kim, Cum Laude .................................................................................................... BA Biology
Christina Ingeborg Leibold .......................................................................................... BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Xinpeng Li, Magna Cum Laude ................................................................................... BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Astrid Danella Lizardo, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Michael Nicholi Luchak, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BA Theology [Ministerial]
Anna Deborah Machado ............................................................................................. BS Nursing
Amy Nicole Meadows, Summa Cum Laude .......................................................... BA Liberal Arts Education
Sergio Emmanuel Monterroso II ................................................................................... BA History
Bruno Manzoli Moura ............................................................................................... BS Business Administration
Raisa Stella Mucyo ....................................................................................................... BS Psychology [Clinical]
Andres Ochoa ........................................................................................................... BS Nursing
Hyunj Park, Cum Laude ............................................................................................... BA Chemistry
Samuel Yun-Chan Park .............................................................................................. BS Health Science
Prianca 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 Pichtou ............................................................................................... BS Nursing
Ximena Ramirez-Guarnizo ...................................................................................... BS Nursing
Whitney Marie Recchia, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BS Nursing
Kaethe Marie Reichert ............................................................................................. BS Outdoor Leadership [General]
Alexander Rey, Magna Cum Laude ........................................................................ BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Deneicia Rorianna Samone Rice ................................................................................ BS Nursing
Cristina Sarai Rico ...................................................................................................... BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Joseph McKinzie Rocha ............................................................................................ BS Nursing
Katrina Nicole Rogers, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BBA Management [Human Resources Management]
Sherrie Marie Rouse, Cum Laude ............................................................................ BS Nursing
Armie Joy Sarte Salillas ........................................................................................... BS Music Performance [Instrument]
Nathan Michael Sarli, Magna Cum Laude ............................................................. BS Interdisciplinary: Promotional Filmmaking
Tamara Danielle Sarli, Cum Laude ........................................................................ 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, Magna Cum Laude ...................................................... BS Health Science
Bradley James Slater, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BS Business Administration
Donald Leslie Sommerville, Jr. .............................................................................. BS Nursing
Caleb Lee Spencer, Magna Cum Laude ..................................................................... BBA Marketing
Brandy C. Surrall ....................................................................................................... BA History
Sandra Edith Tapia .................................................................................................... BS Nursing
Dylan Dean Thomas ................................................................................................. BFA Fine Arts
Fatima Ayaon Turner, Cum Laude ........................................................................ BS Nursing
Madeline B. Uhrig ..................................................................................................... BS Long-Term Care Administration
Giovanna Beckedorff Vanucchi ........................................................................ BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Abimael A. Vega ...................................................................................................... BA Religious Studies
Grant Steven Vogel, Cum Laude .............................................................................. BBA Accounting

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Jordan Danielle West ..................................................................................................... BS Nursing
Michael Nicolai Williams, Cum Laude .............................................. 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]

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES**

Kassi Danielle Adams .......................................................................................... AS Nursing
Melodie Rachel Álvarez ................................................................................. AS Nursing
Jillian Grace Barnett .................................................................................... AS Nursing
Evan William Barron, Cum Laude .................................................................. 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 Flaig, Cum Laude ........................................................................ AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Eliana Gemelus .......................................................................................... AS Nursing
Brent Alan Hildebrand ................................................................................ AS Nursing
Ashlyn Rose Howell, Summa Cum Laude .................................................. AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Amari Johnson .......................................................................................... AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Melodie Danielle Johnson, Cum Laude ......................................................... AA Religion [Bible Instructor]
Erin Elisabeth Jones .................................................................................... AS Nursing
Amanda Mechelle Layne ............................................................................. AS Nursing
Ruth Stephany Lazo Quintanilla, Cum Laude .............................................. AS Nursing
Ryleigh Alesie Lewis .................................................................................. AS Nursing
Eduardo Martinez Alvarado, Cum Laude ..................................................... 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 Sates ....................................................................................... AS Nursing
Tanya Faye Marie Shelton .......................................................................... AS Nursing
Ena D. Slavik ............................................................................................... AS Nursing
Sydney Prickett Watts ................................................................................ AS Nursing
William Jonathan Weimer, Cum Laude ...................................................... AT Construction Management
Ashley Nicole Wilkins ................................................................................ AS Nursing
Joshua Taeyang Yi ..................................................................................... AA Religion [Bible Instructor]

*Teaching Certificate
Master’s Degree Graduates

Angela E. Anderson ................... MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Matthew Vern Anderson ................ MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jacquelyne Renee Baker ................ MSN/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 Ozuona 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
Lucy 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 ................................ MSN/MBA Health Care Administration
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 Macin ................ MSW Social Work [Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment]
Marjorie Menardy Magloire ........ MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
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
Olumide Oloruntoba ........................................ MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Nicolas Leon Owens ........................................................................ MSEd Instructional Leadership
Karen C. Norrod ...................... MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
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Nicolas Leon Owens ........................................................................ MSEd Instructional Leadership
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 ................................................ 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

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.
**Southern Scholars**

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*

**Academic Regalia**

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.

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

**Philanthropy Medallion**

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

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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Photographs

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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

The Mace

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.

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Southern’s Mission, Vision, and Core Values

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