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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,

“Unprecedented.” That is the word I keep hearing repeated as people try to express the times in which we are living. As graduates of Southern Adventist University, you are facing unprecedented challenges: COVID-19, job security, societal unrest, political turmoil, very angry people with very strong opinions about divisive issues. From one point of view, it may seem that there is no place to hide from the rage, self-centeredness, and similar traits that increasingly characterize social media posts and news reports.

The good news is that you have an amazing God to support you as you face unprecedented times and challenges. Just as God has helped you succeed here at Southern, He will help you succeed in your future. No matter how difficult that future might seem, remember to turn to Him. Trust Him to do for you what you cannot do for yourself. Trust the light of His love to triumph in your life and in your world, even as the darkness of evil seems to lurk everywhere.

Congratulations on your achievements here at our university. We are proud of you and wish you the very best as we celebrate your graduation today. Our prayer is that the God who promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” will be with you as you leave our campus and launch into the next phase of your life. As Scripture reminds us, with Him, all things are possible.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Smith". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the start of the word "David".

David Smith
President

MISSION STATEMENT



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.

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS



Students of Southern Adventist University will

- **Spiritual Development**
grow in a vibrant relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, while integrating into their lives Bible-based beliefs and values as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- **Intellectual Development**
develop a commitment to lifelong learning and demonstrate a mastery of the cognitive skills of critical reasoning, independent thinking, reflective judgment, communication, and creativity needed to confront the issues, ideas, and values of historical and contemporary civilization.
- **Individual and Social Development**
develop socio-emotional maturity that enables them to be effective leaders and contributing members of their churches, families, groups, and communities in a global society.
- **Physical Development**
take responsibility for their own well-being through a healthy lifestyle.

SERVICES ON THE WEB



Commencement services can be viewed live online by visiting southern.edu/streaming.

Doors will open one hour before all services.
Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

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

Sunday, December 13, 2020, 9 a.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....	.....	Addison Garcia, <i>senior</i>
Welcome .....	.....	Denise Angel, <i>master's graduate</i>
Introduction of Speaker.....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i>
Commencement Address.....	"The Success of All of Us"	Don Sahly <i>Retired University President</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	.....	Robert Young <i>Academic Administration senior vice president</i>
		Dionne Felix <i>Academic Administration associate vice president</i>
		Tyson Hall <i>graduate dean</i>
Conferring of Degrees .....	.....	David Smith, <i>president</i> Ron Smith, <i>Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president</i> Karon Powell, <i>Records and Advisement director</i>
Alumni Association Welcome .....	.....	Eric Dunkel <i>Alumni Association senior president, class of 1999</i>
Benediction.....	.....	Liliana Nuñez, <i>master's graduate</i>
Recessional.....	<i>A Western Fanfare</i>	Eric Ewazen

Faculty Assistants: Laura Racovita, *School of Social Work dean and professor*
Mandy Sharpe, *Physical Therapist Assistant Program*

Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, *University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate professor*

C O M M E N C E M E N T
Sunday, December 13, 2020, 1 p.m.



Fanfare..... *Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion* Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional..... *Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1* Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation..... Jamie Barboza, *senior*
Welcome Andrew Korp, *senior*
Introduction of Speaker..... David Smith, *president*
Commencement Address..... “Relentless” Victor Maddox
VP for Pastoral Ministries and Evangelism, Georgia--Cumberland Conference
Presentation of Degree Candidates Robert Young
Academic Administration senior vice president

Dionne Felix
Academic Administration associate vice president

Tyson Hall
graduate dean
Conferring of Degrees David Smith, *president*
Ron Smith, *Board of Trustees chair, Southern Union president*
Karon Powell, *Records and Advisement director*
Alumni Association Welcome Eric Dunkel
Alumni Association senior president, class of 1999
Benediction..... Cornelle du Plessis, *master’s graduate*
Recessional..... *A Western Fanfare* Eric Ewazen

Faculty Assistants: Cynthia Gettys, *Center for Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning director*
Beth Scott, *School of Nursing professor*

Grand Marshal: Matt Tolbert, *University Senate chair, School of Education and Psychology associate 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, one graduate earned that distinction. The title of his senior research project is listed below:

Daniel Andres Capó

Abolitionism and Early Adventist Education

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.

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



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, Letters, Humanities	white
Business	drab
Communication.....	crimson
Education.....	light blue
Fine Arts	brown
Law.....	purple
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

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.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

BreeAn Danyel Adams, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Neri Javier Alvarado.....	BS Health Science
Iran Asai Arango	BFA Graphic Design
Gianni Mairie Arroyo.....	BA Journalism [Digital Broadcast]
Timothy Ryan Ashley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Effects Animation]
*Emily Kay Austin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English
Jaime J. Barboza	BA Pastoral Care
Jaude M. Barboza	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Lauren Larissa Barboza.....	BBA Accounting, Long Term Care Administration
*Elizabeth Louise Bell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
*Jonielle Danica Belonio	BA Liberal Arts Education
Ryan Lee Boldman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Daniel Andrew Braun.....	BBA Marketing
China Mae Brisco, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Literature]
Durbin Jeavon Brown Simpson	BA International Studies [Spanish]; BSN Nursing
Sierra Noelle Buck, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Kaleigh Elizabeth Buckner.....	BA History
Jeong Byeon	BS Nursing
Caitlin Cristina Campbell.....	BS Music
Daniel Andres Capo, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA History; BS Outdoor Leadership [General]
Kehiry Y. Castillo.....	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Jisu Chang.....	BA Chemistry
Bethany Esther Cobb, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Haley Montea Coffelt	BS Nursing
Kylee Page Davis, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Lizandra Mercedes Diaz	BS Nursing
Dina Dieujuste	BBA Marketing
Starling Rose Eargle, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Isaac Fernandez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Brian Elliott Fish, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Junior M. Francica	BBA Finance
Stephanie Garcia	BFA Graphic Design
Wyatt Ellis Gardner	BS Health Science; AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Candy Natalie Giron, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Graphic Design
Nick Rolan Taguenca Gonzaga	BS Business Administration
Cameron Ryan Gustman	BFA Film Production
Sun Woo Han	BA International Studies [Spanish]
*Thomas Farrell Hayes Jr.....	BA Religious Education
Aaron Hernandez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Luke Kristopher Hickman	BBA Marketing
Shannon Suzanne Hickman	BS Nursing

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Catherine Alise Hirsch.....	BS Business Administration
Aaron Joseph Hong, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Misheal Kianna Hughes.....	BBA Marketing
Noah Earl Humphrey, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Skyler Gaij Humphrey-Davis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Bradley Jonathan Hutchinson.....	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Ire Ju, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Dahyeon Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ethan Hyunsoo Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Jooyoung Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Yein Kim.....	BA Chemistry
Trevor A. Kondek.....	BS Nursing
Andrew William Korp, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Audrey Lynn Kramer.....	BA International Studies [Spanish]
*Jake Dean Krein, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Jueun Lee.....	BA Art [Therapy]
*Conan Bezael Lizzi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Religious Education
Taylor Jasmine Pauline Maddox.....	BFA Graphic Design
Gordon Mark Marbun.....	BA Biology
Eden Mekennon.....	BS Nursing
Caleb Lane Miller.....	BS Nursing
Hannah Suel Oh.....	BA Biology
Heidi Danielle Oxentenko, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Natasya Panjaitan.....	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
Hyunsoo Park, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Haylee Jan Peterson.....	BA History, International Studies [German]
Austin Matthew Plank.....	BS Nursing
Liliana Mejia Reynolds.....	BS Nursing
Benjamin Connor Rhodes.....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Christian Robert Ries.....	BA Biology
Cynthia Roman.....	BA International Studies [French]; BBA Marketing
Justin Jean Ross, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Arthur James Ruckman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Systems Administration
Andrea Paulina Sanchez.....	BS Nursing
Luis Enrique Sanchez Jr.	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Juan Luis Sanchez Jimenez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Tyler Mateo Segarra, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Lauren Elizabeth Jane Shelby, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
David Jeremiah Siahaan.....	BBA Marketing
Jerson Omar Sical.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Ariana Nicole Smith.....	BS Nursing
Caroline Marek Smith, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Political Science
Samantha Elena Smith.....	BS Nursing
Caleb Ivan Sutherland.....	BBA Management [Entrepreneurship]
Lacey Shannon Talley.....	BS Nursing
Brittany Nichole Thacker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Tahliah Kai Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Austin Parker Tillman.....	BA History
Anaelys Trochez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]
Elise Cosette Uta, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Erin Nicole Van Zyl.....	BS Nursing
Brent Philip Weldemere, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Nursing
Trevor Lane Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Systems Administration
Matthew Avery Wilson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Science
Mitchell Young.....	BS Nursing
Katherine Faith Victoria Zoch.....	BS Nursing

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

Lacey Davis Banther.....	AS Nursing
Jeremy B. Bernhardt.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Keven Passos Brito.....	AS Nursing
Megan LeAnn Buffington.....	AS Nursing
Stacey Danielle Campos.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Sarah Elizabeth Castleberg.....	AS Nursing
Kimberly Michele Clark.....	AS Nursing
Jonathan Daniel Clifford.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Alyson Virginia Cole, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Keshia Renee Daniels.....	AS Nursing
Pamela Machele Fox.....	AS Nursing
Addison Jed Garcia.....	AS Nursing
Andrea Elise Garcia.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Aisha L. Hambrick.....	AS Nursing
Candice Childers Henderson.....	AS Nursing
Hannah Elizabeth Hoey.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Patience Araba Hutchful, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Robert Andrew Johannes.....	AS Nursing
Shelby Page Lewellen.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Sophie Marie Linhares, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Joseph Lisboa.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Elena Miguel-Felix.....	AS Nursing
David A. Nunley.....	AS Nursing
Nancy Ochoa.....	AS Nursing
Betzany Ortiz.....	AS Nursing
Audrey Beatriz Panjaitan.....	AS Nursing
Julie Jane Manhaes Pereira, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Crystal Michelle Powell-Johnson.....	AS Nursing
Carrie A. Rayburn.....	AS Nursing
Alexandra Maria Rima.....	AS Nursing
Isabel Hart Robinson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Ivan Nathaniel Snyder, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Engineering Studies
Rebecka Danielle Tennant.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Ayana Uono.....	AS Business Administration
Jomy Varghese, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Megan Lou-Ann Willerson.....	AS Nursing

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

Seth Allen Alford.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Denise Angel.....	MSW Social Work [School]
Yvonne Elizabeth Biggs.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jeffrey Powers Blaisdell.....	MBA Management
Laura Rebekah Boldman.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Brianna B. Cheever.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Darcee Tiana Christensen.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Austin Taylor Cooper.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Nicole Ann Cullins.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Susara Cornelia Du Plessis.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Allison La'Sha Durham Grady.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]

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Brenda Garcia	MS Global Community Development
Wesley Steven Gennick	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Stephanie Heath Nash	MSEd Literacy Education
Amanda Althea Hershberger	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Stephanie Rose Hill.....	MS School Counseling
Tammy Lynn Hirsch Korn.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Diana Hutchings.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Nataliia F. Irwin	MS Global Community Development
Deborah Ester Kibwage.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Teresa Lynn King	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jewell Dominique Elena Lavalas	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Lindsay Ellis Hevron Lloyd.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Shannon D. McShan	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Logan Chandler Meacham	MBA Management
Liliana Nunez.....	MBA Management
Annah Kemunto Okari.....	MS Global Community Development
Jasmine Shaune' Patton.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Eric Brown Payne.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Teri Kay Reutebuch	MBA Management
Lynda Maria Salguero	MBA Healthcare Administration
Thomas Hancock Scoggins.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Donald Allen Smith	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Angela Lynn Stutz	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Kerri Lynn Thomason.....	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Kelley McCutcheon Tracy.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Kristin Trammell.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Laurie Beth Tucker	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Tiffany Tae Eun Yi.....	MSW Social Work [Trauma/Emergency Management]
Michelle Sherrod Youngblood.....	MSN Primary Care-Family 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

BRYAN COLLEGE

Karlin Sewell..... Master of Business Administration

NORTHCENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Cynthia Johnson..... EdD Nursing Education

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Victor Maddox..... D.Min. Ministry

S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES—133
(7 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES—39

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	12	Journalism and Communication.....	3
Business.....	17	Modern Languages.....	5
Chemistry.....	2	Music.....	1
Computing.....	2	Nursing.....	24
Education and Psychology		Physical Education, Health, and Wellness.....	7
Education.....	2	Religion.....	9
Psychology.....	2	Social Work.....	1
English.....	2	Visual Art and Design.....	8
History and Political Studies.....	5		

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	4	Physical Therapist Assistant.....	11
Business.....	1	Physics and Engineering.....	1
Nursing.....	21		

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business.....	6	Global Community Development.....	3
Education and Psychology		Nursing.....	14
Counseling.....	2	Social Work.....	7
Education.....	7		

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 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, Matt Tolbert, chair of the University Senate and associate professor in the School of Education and Psychology. His regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

S P E C I A L T H A N K S



Academic Administration	Landscape Services
Advancement	Marketing and University Relations
Alumni Relations	President's Office
Audio Visual	Quick Print
Blluum Floral and Event Design (stage centerpiece)	Records and Advisement
Campus Safety	School of Journalism and Communication
College Press	School of Music
Energy Management	Service Department
Financial Administration	Student Services
Food Services	Village Market
Graduate Studies	

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

H O M E C O M I N G W E E K E N D



October 28 to October 30, 2021

Alumni Honor Classes:

1940, 1941, 1950, 1951, 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011

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