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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! Graduates, we are proud of you. You are now joining an elite group; after Commencement, you will be part of the Alumni Association of Southern. This group of individuals share rich and similar experiences and wonderful memories of their time in this special valley called Collegedale.

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 stood on the shoulders of giants. I join you in acknowledging the giants in your lives, the ones who love, care about, and support you.

You have put in the hard work and completed a job well done. You are now equipped to go and lead. May God continue to bless you and keep you as you serve Him.

Blessings,



Ken Shaw, EdD
President

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



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Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

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
Thursday, December 15, 2022, 7 p.m.

Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4.....</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Yvanna Hammen-Alvarez, MS graduate
Welcome		David Glenn, BA graduate
Introduction of Speaker		Sarah Klingbeil, BA graduate
Commencement Address.....		“Life Hacks 101” Chantal Klingbeil Associate Director at the Ellen G. White Estate
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
Conferring of Degrees		Ken Shaw, President Karon Powell, Director of Records and Advisement
Alumni Association Welcome		Moses Maier Alumni Association GOLD President, Class of 2017
Benediction.....		Danielle Aka, DNP graduate
Recessional.....	<i>Rondeau</i>	Jean-Joseph Mouret

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, School of Music Associate Professor

Faculty Assistants: Frances Johnson and Jaclynn Huse, School of Nursing Professors

Grand Marshal: Rachel Williams-Smith, University Senate Chair, School of Journalism and
Communication Dean and 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, two graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Jessica Leal

“Exploration of a Unique Vertebrate Microsite Exposed by Harvester Ants in the Lance Formation (Maastrichtian), Niobrara County, WY, USA”

Aiste Valentavicius

“Analysis of Factors that Impact a Students’ Admission to Medical School”

S T U D E N T L E A R N I N G G O A L S



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.
- **Occupational Development**
exhibit excellence and moral leadership in their chosen field of study and/or profession.
- **Individual and Social Development**
develop socio-emotional maturity that will enable 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 health-promoting lifestyle.

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

Julianna 'toinette Alamo	BS Health Science
Javiera Paz Alquinta	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Gabriela Alvarez	BSN Nursing
Adam Lee Angel.....	BS Computer Science
Jared Gordon Armbruster, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Kara Lanelle Arnold	BBA Accounting
Maison Nicole Baldwin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Emilia Eszter Balogh	BS Business Administration
Judith Adriana Ambriz Barron	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Tariq Adonis Basden.....	BBA Accounting
Alexia Miki Benardo	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Pablo Enrique Bentancurt Ledesma, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Non-Seminary]
Elaina I. Bergondo	BA Chemistry
Noah Christopher Bynum	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Eduardo Campos Hernandez.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Jonathan Joseph Castro, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Stephanie Angelita Chavez Falla	BS Public Relations
Joelle Grace Sunna Chung, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Dominic Mario Ciasca.....	BFA Film Production
Desiree René Clemons, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Seth David Lee Davis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Theodore Seth Joseph Davis	BA Political Science
Kerby Lysias Desamour	BS Business Administration
Nandy De La Cruz Mata	BSN Nursing
Monalisa Anesu Dumbujena	BSN Nursing
Joseph Anthony Fegarido	BSN Nursing
Sarah Ann Fisher, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
*Jailine Flores, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Geoffrey Martin Fowler	BS Public Relations
*David James Glenn, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Religious Education
Rhonda Stoyanova Grakov, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Religious Studies
John Ross Greer	BS Information Technology
Krista Jeanette Griffith	BA English [TESOL]; AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology]
Richard Barry Haynes, II	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Destini Nicole Hufnal, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Ashley Janessa Hunte, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA History; Spanish
Misael Alejandro Iadisernia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management [Management]
Sean Kenneth Ives, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mathematics; Physics; AS Engineering Studies
*Kimberly Allison Kenny-Maclure	BA Liberal Arts Education
Emrys Aejin Kim.....	BSN Nursing
Mugi Kinoshita, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Sarah Klingbeil, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English [TESOL]; Mathematics
Finnian Beck Knauss, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
*Jacob Alexander Kyle, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Colton Dale Lang	BBA Management [General Management]
Jessica Grace Leal, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Alexandra Skye Leonor	BA History
Marla Crystal Liedke.....	BSN Nursing
Christopher Noe Lopez Rivera, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]

*Teaching Certificate

Jeremy Franklin Scott Luedtke, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Archie Delano Mattox	BFA Fine Arts
Emily Anne Mayfield, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
John Michael Moldovan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Claudine Rosemarie Morana	BS Kinesiology [Exercise Science]
Madison Alexis Morgan, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Jared Andrew Nelson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Ariana Elizabeth Neverson	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Gabrielle A. Newman, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Anthony Anh Thong Nguyen	BSN Nursing
Natalia Nino, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Alexander Ian O'Connor	BS Computer Science [Security]
Talia Kay Oeftger	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Sydney Dawn Ohm, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Benjamin Michael Olivier	BBA Management [General Management]
Caleb Noah Olmedo	BSW Social Work
Mikayla Jaelle Olmedo	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Justin Myles Patterson	BA Psychology
Misael Polanco Baez	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Randolph Wayne Rahming	BS Nursing
Caleb M. Raymond	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Ashley Marie Rivera	BSN Nursing
Jonathan T. Rodney	BS Music
Mina Girgis Saed Mosaad	BS Business Administration
Eduardo Natanael Saldivar	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Karina Isabella Sanchez	BS Health Science; BSN Nursing
Mariddy Celeste Sanchez Ramirez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Ailsa Evelina Serban	BA Psychology
Preston James Sopandi	BSN Nursing
Adriann Markus Stahl, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration; International Studies [Spanish]
Scott Alejandro Stewart-Tapasco, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Joseph Yamikani Tembo, Jr.	BS Business Administration
Tyler Jonathan Thomas	BA Computer Science
Juan Luis Toc Casia	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Samantha Lucia Utz	BSN Nursing
Aiste Eugenia Valentavicius, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Leticia Jayne Venegas, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Victoria De Paula Waegle, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA International Development Studies; Psychology
Gabriel Scott Willis	BS Business Administration
Drew Michael Willson	BBA Marketing
Xiaotong Zheng	BSN Nursing
Kapila Nkosi Zulu	BBA Marketing

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

Ambar Melissa Acevedo Santana, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ashley McKinney Allen	AS Nursing
Olaniyan Isaiah Amatrading	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Pauline Adjo Ameletse	AS Nursing
Tiffany Annette Arrvia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Travis Andrew Bailey	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Erin Ellece Belgrave	AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]

Kristen Shea Boyd.....	AS Nursing
Isaak Everett Brunkow.....	AS Nursing
Cira Nicole Buffington	AS Nursing
Draven Illyssa Burrage	AS Nursing
Yosemy Chavez	AS Nursing
Randy Javier Cherena Gonzalez	AS Nursing
Lily Annalise Crawford.....	AS Nursing
Dante Javier Dornburg.....	AS Nursing
Isaac Eh	AS Nursing
Breanna Renee Ermshar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Abel Espinoza	AS Nursing
Robert Nicholas Estrada, Jr.....	AS Nursing
Joshua Alexander Fernandez	AS General Studies
Alyssa Kane Fickett	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Katherine Grace Frykman, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Nyton Isaac Fullmer.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Jeremy Michael Hall, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Zoe Kilgore Hamilton	AS Nursing
Sho Hatano.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Dulce M. Hernandez.....	AS Nursing
Hamilton Joshua Hosteter	AS Nursing
Carole M. Innocent	AS Nursing
Grace Marie Jenkins	AS General Studies
Ashley Nicole Johnson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Esther Minji Kang.....	AS Nursing
Elsa Amado Kordas	AS Nursing
Marco Alejandro Lopez Flores.....	AS Nursing
Sadie Karel Lujan.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Josh Kelly Mapes.....	AS Nursing
Bryan Oliveira Melo	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Camilla Renata Menezes	AS Nursing
Isabella Alma Miranda	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Karen Suzanne Mooneyham.....	AS Nursing
Justin Thomas Moore	AT Construction Management
Ellen Elizabeth Morris, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Christopher Arun Pillgreen.....	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Maria Veronica Milana Powell.....	AS Nursing
Arceo Raphael Andre Primero.....	AS Accounting; AT Construction Management
Yekaterina S. Radovenchuk.....	AS General Studies
Bailey Elizabeth Reams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Margoski Joachim Saintinus	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Evelin Yulisa Sanchez	AS Nursing
Calvin Fitzgerald Scott, II, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Melanie Marie Shields.....	AS Nursing
Gottfried Gadiel Sianipar	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Fermin Alfonzo Geovanni Siberon	AS Physical Therapist Assistant
Helen Annielis Silvestre.....	AS Nursing
Sean Rodney Slabbert.....	AS Nursing
Javon Janice Sonnier-Sellers	AS Nursing
Gillian Renae Stevenson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Tracy Tamara Tambingon	AS Nursing
Othello Dale Thomas	AT Technology [Auto Service]
Lauren Christine Thompson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Physical Therapist Assistant

Cyanna Renae Toney.....	AS Nursing
Linda Nicole Trinidad-Saldia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Juliana Lauren Wolf.....	AS Nursing
Haley Christine Wolters.....	AS Nursing

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

Chekunda Alexander.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Brittany Amanda Bailey	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Bryan J. Banos.....	MBA Healthcare Administration
Kristen Ann Brown.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Gina M. Bucy.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Kylee Page Davis.....	MBA Accounting
David Fagre	MMin Evangelism and Ministry
Fallon Brittany Fields.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Maria Danielle Foley.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Samantha Jo Gagliano.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer Michelle Geiger	MA Old Testament Studies
Jaclyn Marie Cecilia Griffith	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Michael Sebastian Gusky	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Yvanna Giselle Hammen-Alvarez	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Elise L. Harboldt	MMin Biblical Counseling
Jay Calvin Hickman.....	MSN Health Care Administration
Jennifer R. Hicks.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Chelsea English.....	MA Religious Studies
Ruth Hadassah Jackson.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Kheera Rochelle Joe	MS Clinical Health Counseling
David Andres Kavistan.....	MBA Accounting
Luis Antonio La Porte	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Caleb John McQuistan	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Samuel Isaac Menendez.....	MMin Evangelism and Ministry
Miracle Mikyla Miller.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Melissa Ramos Mota.....	MBA Management
Alisa S. Nater Torres.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Beatrice Wanjiru Ngugi	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Shirali Pathak	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Yerling Quispe.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Melissa G. Rader.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Valentina Raney	MSN Primary Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Matthew Remorio Ross.....	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Travis Scurlock.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Melanie Seiber	MSW Social Work [Crisis/Emergency Management]
Kiesha Nicole Shelton.....	MSN Acute Care-Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Mariah Jane Smith.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Garnette Denise Thomas.....	MSW Social Work [Crisis/Emergency Management]
Tiffany Brooke Thomas	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Janae Thompson	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Belinda Thornton	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Melissa Tornel Packard.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Breanna Urena.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Breanne Vander Hill.....	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Joshua Blake Viar.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

Andrea L. Viehmann.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Emily Webb.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Alysia Zoe-Blanche Wright.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Mariko Danielle Aka.....	DNP Lifestyle Medicine; Nurse Educator
Marcelle Ann Angall-Leonce.....	DNP Nurse Educator
Brian Scott Hustad	DNP Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult/Gerontology; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Mark Winfield Owen.....	DNP Acute Care Nurse Practitioner-Adult/Gerontology; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

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

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

HONOR CORDS



Gold Cord— <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> —3.90+ GPA
Silver Cord— <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> —3.75-3.89 GPA
Green Cord— <i>Cum Laude</i> —3.50-3.74 GPA

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

PHILANTHROPY MEDALLION



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.

S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES—156
(7 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES—48
(1 HAS TWO EMPHASES OR DEGREES)

DOCTORAL GRADUATES—4
(3 HAVE TWO EMPHASES)

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	4	Journalism and Communication.....	4
Business	19	Mathematics	2
Chemistry.....	2	Modern Languages	2
Computing	4	Music.....	3
Education and Psychology		Nursing.....	20
Education	7	Religion.....	8
Psychology	7	Social Work	1
Health and Kinesiology	4	Visual Art and Design.....	3
History and Political Studies	3		

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	4	Health and Kinesiology.....	1
Business and Applied Technology	5	Nursing	43
Engineering	1	Physical Therapist Assistant	11
General Studies.....	3		

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business	4	Nursing.....	16
Education and Psychology		Religion.....	5
Counseling	10	Social Work	9
Education	5		

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing.....	4
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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.

THE VISION



Southern Adventist University's vision is to:

- Model the love of Jesus in every interaction.
- Invite each student 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 the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 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, Wholistic Learning Experience

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, Rachel Williams-Smith, chair of the University Senate and dean and professor in the School of Journalism and Communication. Her regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

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



Academic Administration
Advancement
Alumni Relations
Audio Visual
Blluum Floral and Event Design
(stage decor)
Campus Safety
Collegedale Police Department
College Press
Energy Management

Financial Administration
Food Services
Graduate and Professional Studies
Marketing and University Relations
President's Office
Quick Print
Records and Advisement
School of Music
Service Department

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 26-29, 2023

Alumni Honor Classes:

1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2013

Visit southern.edu/homecoming for updated information throughout the year.