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MAY 5, 2024



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COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE



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Dear Graduates,

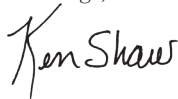
On behalf of every Southern Adventist University employee, I congratulate you on completing your courses of study and receiving your well-deserved degrees. We are proud of you!

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

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

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

Blessings,



Ken Shaw
President

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.

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.

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.
- **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.

GRAND MARSHAL FOR ALL SERVICES



Kristie Wilder, *University Senate Chair, School of Social Work Professor*

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9 a.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for the Lord Mayor of London</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Lauren Chung, MSN graduate
Welcome		Judah Brass, senior
Introduction of Speaker.....		Spencer Boskind, senior
Commencement Address.....	“Who Do You Know?”	John Boskind <i>President of The Surgical Clinic</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Ken Shaw, President
Presentation of Degree Candidates		Robert Young <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Administration</i> Dionne Felix <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Student Success and Retention</i> Frances Johnson <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies</i> Karon Powell <i>Director of Records and Advisement</i>
Alumni Association Welcome		Kris Eckenroth <i>Alumni Council Senior President, Class of 1999</i>
Benediction.....		Renée Hanson, senior
Recessional.....	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, *School of Music Associate Professor*
Faculty Assisting Graduates: Lunelle Bertresse, *School of Social Work Associate Professor*
Candy Dolcy, *School of Social Work Assistant Professor*

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for the Lord Mayor of London</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....	Ellen Galvez, MS graduate	
Welcome	Amelia Zimmerman, senior	
Introduction of Speaker.....	Ethan Jiao, President	
Commencement Address.....	“Is This Enough”	Daniel Jiao <i>President of the Chinese Union Mission in Hong Kong</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Ken Shaw, President	
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Robert Young <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Administration</i> Dionne Felix <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Student Success and Retention</i> Frances Johnson <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies</i> Karon Powell <i>Director of Records and Advisement</i>	
Faculty Honors.....	Ken Shaw, President Robert Young, Senior Vice President for Academic Administration	
Alumni Association Welcome	Kris Eckenroth <i>Alumni Council Senior President, Class of 1999</i>	
Benediction.....	Beatrice Pang, senior	
Recessional.....	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, School of Music Associate Professor
Faculty Assisting Graduates: Lunelle Bertresse, School of Social Work Associate Professor
Beth Scott, School of Nursing Professor

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, two graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Loanette Yenelys Chavez

"The Effect of Different Lactic Acid Doses on Lewis Lung Carcinoma Cells and Cardiac Fibroblasts"

Renée Joelle Hanson

"That's Just the Way I Am: Conscientiousness, Neuroticism, State-Trait Anxiety, and High-Pressure Exam Grades in Undergraduate Students"

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* (reason for existence). The base is of pine from Jones Hall, built in 1917 and razed in 1985. The main staff is of walnut. The seven rings represent completeness. The four-sided ebony segment is seen as Southern's underlying educational philosophy—balanced mental, spiritual, physical, and social development for each student. The brass flames represent the Holy Spirit.

Bearing the mace is the grand marshal, Kristie Wilder, chair of the University Senate and professor in the School of Social Work. Her regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

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.

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

HONOR CORDS



Gold Cord—*Summa Cum Laude*—3.90+ GPA

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

Green Cord—*Cum Laude*—3.50-3.74 GPA

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

CULTURAL GRADUATION STOLES



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

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Lilyann Louise Adams, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Jorge Andreive Alvarado.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Stephanie Abigail Amaya, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Chaceun An, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Seoyun An, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
*Lynna Elizabeth Andersen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Brock William Anderson.....	BBA Finance
Sierra Marie Anderson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Daniel Antonio Anez.....	BS Graphic Design [Print Design]
Arron Raya Anugerah, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Samantha Jo Armstrong, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
*Victoria Mackenzie Avila.....	BA Mathematics
Gianna Sofia Bacchiocchi, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Mark Edward Bacon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Ricardo Vernon Bain II.....	BS Health Science
Erick Armani Baltodano, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Luke Santos Bartholomew.....	BS Computer Science
Hailey Arlene Beaver.....	BSN Nursing
Sara Jessica Bedwell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Erin Ellece Belgrave.....	BS Health Science
Adam Samuel Bellis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Natalie Janene Berger, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Sydney Nikole Bischoff, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BFA Fine Arts
Amanda Michelle Blake, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Journalism [Writing and Publishing]
Joseph Stephen Bonilla.....	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Keily Judith Bonilla.....	BS Kinesiology
Martha Patricia Bonilla, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Sarah Elizabeth Borovic.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Spencer John Boskind.....	BBA Finance
Karianna Isabelle Bovaird, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Amber Melissa Bowes.....	BSW Social Work
*Judah DeVaughn Brass, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English
Rachel Sue Brossfield, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Taylor Ann Brossfield, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Alyssa Kierra Brown, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Eduard David Burcea.....	BA History; Political Science
Kevin Edward Burgess.....	BBA Accounting; BT Construction Management
Jasiel Enoc Castro, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Melodie Martha Cha, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Bryce Joshua Eric Chacon.....	BS Business Administration
Jared David Chandler, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Loanette Yenelys Chavez, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Yosemy Chavez.....	BSN Nursing
Audrey Jeanette Cho, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
David Unn Cho.....	BSN Nursing
Joshua Sukhyun Cho, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Lauran Eun Cho, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Woobin Cho, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ana Mariella Chujutalli, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Connor Alan Church, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]

Sophia Michele Cirigliano	BSW Social Work
Alysson Valeria Coa, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Logan Nathaniel Cooper	BS Business Administration
Skylar Alexa Cooper.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jorge Luis Cordero-Jimenez	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Abigail Rose Cornelius, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Sophia Tatiana Couto.....	BA Biology
Thomas Spencer Crabtree, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Alayna LaVette Crawford.....	BSW Social Work
Jordan Nicole Curran	BS Kinesiology
Jake Thomas D' Avanzo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Lauryn René Daniels, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business-Public Relations
Sienna Mauri Day, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Professional Writing]
Ethan David Dee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Miranda Isabelle Delgado	BS Public Relations
Sebastian Jersey DeLorey.....	BA Film Production
Charis Danielle Denton.....	BA Archaeology [Near East Studies]; Museum Studies
Nathan Michael Dickerhoff, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Julia Noelle Dinger, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Abigail Lyzett Bawar Dizon	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Carissa Ariani Djami, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Danica Rachelle Domingo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Cambria Brooke Donato, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Ryan Campbell Downs, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
*Jason Alexander DuBose	BA Liberal Arts Education
Raiden Anthony Eastland	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Tylor Leigh Einhellig	BS Business Administration; AS Accounting
Rachel Lindsay Elliott.....	BS Music
Ethan Joseph Emde, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Andrew Michael Estrada	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Aviella Eliana Lynn Eugene, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Triniti Alexandria Bernice Evans, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Lauren Rebecca Fenwick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business-Public Relations
Evy Naiomi Ferreras Cruz	BA Psychology
Geneva Mapuana Ferro, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Ashley Nicole Finley, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Braxton Thomas Fisher, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BT Construction Management
Tanner James Fisher, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
*Isaac Fortunato, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BMus Music Education [Voice]
Evan Tyler Fox, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Michael D. Francis.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Austin Alexander Fuentes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Sophia Louise Fulbright, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Jessica Jamileth Galdamez Maravilla.....	BSN Nursing
Trey Nathaniel Gettys, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Alexandria Marie Gillard	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]
Kakue Sam Gininwa, Jr.....	BSN Nursing
Esteban Alexis Grajales	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Brielle Denise Grant, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Ana Gabriela Guerrero, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Karen Fernanda Guerra	BS Health Science
Brandon Edward Gustrowsky, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Zachary Edward Zeven Hall, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Michael Whitfield Hanna.....	BA English [Professional Writing]

Isaac Joel Hanson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Renée Joelle Hanson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BA International Studies [Spanish]; Psychology
Ethan Ricky Andreas Hasibuan.....	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Etienne Hein, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Ricardo Ezequiel Hernandez Garcia	BS Kinesiology
Scott Randall Hill.....	BA Theology
Ryan Patrick Howell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Anna Lee Hunt, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Matouš Hýbl, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Melanie Alejandra Illescas	BSN Nursing
Alexis Hyuna Im, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Research]
Yein Im, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BFA Graphic Design
Shaleinah Kei Inalvez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Valeria Paola Izaguirre, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business-Public Relations
Holly Carissa Janzen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Branyi Isaias Javier-Pimentel.....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Seungwon Jeong, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Meng Di Ethan Jiao, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Yuna Joe, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Roman D. Johnson, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management
Angelina Marie Jones	BSW Social Work
Soleil Danyelle Joseph, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Jane Ji Woo Jung, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Nina Ina Kang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Jehlyssa Karina Junei Kennedy	BSN Nursing
Jackson Taye Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Kaitlyn Heeyun Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Marcus Guhn-Ju Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Olivia Jaden Kim, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Randall Tyler Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Zachery Wesley Kirstein, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Braden Dale Knapp.....	BS Corporate/Community Wellness Management
Katherine Eunbee Ko, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Makenna E. Koberstine	BS Health Science
Aiden Christian Kroll, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Ariel Lantigua.....	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
Nacor Lantigua	BS Music
David Antonio Lazcano, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ellen Jisoo Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Jose Daniel Lizardo-Martinez.....	BBA Marketing
Atzy Quetzalli López-Avila.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Joel López Villarreal, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Sabrina Aurora Lopez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Natalie Brook Luttrell, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Khloe Annabelle Mace.....	BA Psychology
Gabrielle Faith Macri, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Olivia Kay Mairs, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Kayla Nomatempa Maplanka	BBA Health Services and Senior Living Administration
Natalie Vel Marden, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Lauren Grace Martin	BSN Nursing
August Joseph Martz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Stephen Lloyd Mascoe II	BBA Management [International]
Robert Ryan McCorkle.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]

Jonela Mercedes McLean.....	BA Biology
*Jeffrey Michael Meadows, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
James Joseph Mendez.....	BBA Accounting
Johanne Iris Garcia Mendoza	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Justin Eric Mertz, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
*Kaitlyn Lee Mertz	BS Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Reyes Miguel-Perez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management [Management]
*Helen Georgia Miller, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Logan Nelson Miller, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA History
Shayla Surisaday Moguel Coronel.....	BA Psychology
Erin Mackenzie Moore, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Tania Mooroooven, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Samuel Elias Mora Zepeda, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA History; Political Science
Melanie Perrotta Moraes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Political Science
Cindy G. Mugiraneza.....	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Htet Lynn Myint, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Megan Jenica Nieto, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Lila Belinda Aldinyi Odhiambo	BS Mass Communication [Photography]
Kirstene Inah Delas Alas Pagarigan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Beatrice Jae An Pang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Music; BA English [Professional Writing]
Serafina Danbi Park, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Esther Christine Peden	BS Information Technology
Braden Michael Peeke, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Brianna Perdomo	BSN Nursing
Daniel Alejandro Perez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Fine Arts
Kamryn Brianna Perez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Benjamin Sheer Perkin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Literature]
Brisa Nicole Petravicius, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Brainne Piyebulmal.....	BSN Nursing
Joshua Shwe Pongsitiphon	BSN Nursing
Nicholas Christian Radivojevic	BA Film Production
Elennie Jeanelle Ramirez	BFA Graphic Design
Gabrielle Ansley Razzouk, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Brandon Emil Lionel Reese	BS Business Administration
Kari Lauren Remmers, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Levi Oliver Renner	BA Psychology
Jade Olivia Reuben	BSN Nursing
Kyla Sage Robbins	BSW Social Work
Lizbeth Rodriguez-Diep, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations
Celeste Joy Rogers.....	BS Mass Communication
Carlos Jin Hoon Romero, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Tyler James Ronto.....	BBA Finance
Cooper James Roth	BBA Finance
Austin Giorgio Rotinsulu, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Parker Andrew Rufo	BBA Marketing
Casey Grayne Rumambi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Kilah Danielle Runnels, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Nicole Edisa Djirah Sabot	BA Film Production
Kenneth C. Salmon	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Genesis Jireh Sanchez.....	BSW Social Work
Deicy Sanchez-Martinez, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Danielle Nati Santana	BS Business Administration
Mary-Katherine Elizabeth Schmidt, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing

*Teaching Certificate

Chelsee Cheree Scott, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Michael Cornel Scribner, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition and Dietetic]
Madison Kirsteen Michelle Sewell	BFA Graphic Design
Kristen Retta Shields, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Hannah Jane Shull	BA Mathematics
Maxwell Christian Shull, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Simon Daniel Sierra	BS Computer Science [Web Development]
Kristen Pardamean Sihotang	BS Business Administration
Alina Simmons, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Holly Noel Singletary, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Archaeology [Near Eastern Studies]
Dexter Matthaeus Bastian Smith, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music Performance [String]; BA Theology [Ministerial]
*James Larry Smith III, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
Marcus Christopher Tryggve Stokes, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Savanna LeeAnn Stowell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSW Social Work
Macaela Ruth Strother	BSN Nursing
Joshua Michael Sutherland, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Film Production
Colton Hamilton Taylor, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Calen Maure Thomas	BS Business Administration
Karissa Annelise Thomas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Abby Nichole Tishaw, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Joelle Myka Toews, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Archaeology [Near Eastern Studies]
*Daniel Wolfgang Toppenberg, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Blake J. Tousignant, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communication [Advertising]
Linda Nicole Trinidad-Saldia	BSN Nursing
Natalie Rene Tsai, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Emilie C. Updegrave.....	BA Psychology; AS Biology
Joseph Kapigeno Urbin.....	BS Kinesiology
Ilcias Geiel Vargas, Jr., <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Abigial Vega.....	BSN Nursing
Rebecca Vega	BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Liscense]
Jordy Nikolay Velinov	BS Computer Science
William Blake Wallace, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Jahsoulay W. Walton.....	BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]
Dylan Mitchell Waters, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
April Mizuko West, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Isabelle Chloe White, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
*Sydney Nicole Whitmill.....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Mikhaila Dai Whitsett, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Graphic Design
Stephen Vaughn Williams.....	BSN Nursing
Aaron Hanjin Wolf.....	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Allyson Boyce Wolf.....	BS Outdoor Leadership [Adventure Therapy]
Satoshi Yamashita.....	BS Medical Laboratory Science
Christopher Il Joon Yon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Russell Doowon Yoon, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Kevin Miguel Zapata.....	BS Health Science
Kamea Jane Calla Zarate, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology; AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology]
Amelia Renee Zimmerman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Communication
Mikayla Rose Zimmermann.....	BA English [Literature]
Jordan Michelle Zinke, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]; Music Performance [String]

*Teaching Certificate

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Jaycee Sayuri Alves, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Kristin Loay Antwan	AS Nursing
Sailie Annalyn Asscherick, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Selma Suguey Ayon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Serena Christine Beckham, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Brianna Danae Bell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Selene Emily Bergmann, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Christian Andrew Bivens	AS Nursing
Allen Harrison Bland, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS General Studies
Kaitlyn Elise Bowman, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kenneth Matthew Bunton	AS Nursing
Victoria Elise Cairus, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Fiora Rita Carmona, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Deane Charles Charlson.....	AT Construction Management
Hannah Kaye Coffin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ana Maria Cornejo Vallejos.....	AS Nursing
Kendal Marcus Dehart	AS Nursing
Rachel Jeanne DeRose, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Leonel Zvikomborero Dewe	AS Nursing
Tiffany Rebecca Dien, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Trevor Alexander Djami.....	AS Nursing
Jeremiah Tyler Domingo.....	AS Nursing
Lara Jessica Dyman, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Mizael Espinoza	AS Nursing
Shanthi Hope Filinovich.....	AS Nursing
Jo Ann Aiko Fukuda.....	AS Nursing
Tiffany Sarah Fuller	AS Nursing
Marissa Lee Garlock, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Mikaela Germosen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Christina Joy Gibbs, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Helen Mariana Gordon	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Bryce Douglas Haloviak, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Melanie Rose Hansen, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Katherine Elizaeth Harter.....	AS General Studies
Liz Raynet Hilario.....	AS Nursing
Payton Michael Hodges.....	AT Construction Management
Annicka Kristina Hoffman	AS Nursing
Jared Kurt Houghtaling, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Rexy Johan Hutubessy	AS Nursing
Amy Renee Ikeda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Luchae Jang.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Kaitlyn C. Johnson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ana Katarina Korac, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Sandra Montaperto Kuhlman.....	AS General Studies
Hannah Lynn Langford.....	AS General Studies
Ethan Li-Ren Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Sharon Calista Lotulung.....	AS Nursing
Emma Elizabeth Macomb	AS Nursing
Joshua David Martinez.....	AT Construction Management
Kobe Robert Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Riley Faith Mayer, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing

Anderson Grace Mills, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Taylor Grace Monday, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Byron Jose Montenegro	AS Nursing
Hannah Joy Moravetz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Accounting
Holly Kate Morrison	AS Nursing
Denver Levi Nelson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Allora Star Ovdenk	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Somin Park, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Elena Anne Petrie, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kay Lauren Petrikas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Gloriana Angela Phan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Cherise Mari Piotrowski, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Miranda Rose Prieto	AS Nursing
Victoria Ellen May Ranney, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Kerika Yasmine Rice, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Isaac Obed Rivas	AS Nursing
Matthew Scott Rogers, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Victor Manuel Roman Jr.	AS Nursing
Chantal Danielle Ross, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Mia Bernadette Sabala, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Jessica Denise Saing	AS Social Work
Brett Owen Seasily	AS Nursing
Bruce Allen Seasily	AS Nursing
Jaiden McKenzie Shear	AS Nursing
Kevin Armstrong Simamora	AS Nursing
Olivia Joy Slabbert, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Aicha Staheli, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ethan Garret Leroy Stephens	AS Nursing
Kent Michael Hilton Suddarth, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Katryna Gail Sulit, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Heidi Katrina Supit	AS Biology
Nicholas Gordon Ullom, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AT Construction Management
Sophia Elise Williams-Marlow, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Keli Alvarez	MS Clinical Mental Health
Alexis Amayra Amaya	MS Clinical Mental Health
Kailey Ellis Ankar	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kellie Dianne Azor	MSN Primary Care-Adult Gerontology, Nurse Practitioner
Joy Lynne Bruner	MSN Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandy Lee Canterbury	MSW Social Work [School]
Misael Alejandro Chavez	MS Clinical Mental Health
Lauren Mihyun Chung	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Jenna Linnea Comeau	MBA Marketing Management
Nicholas Andrew Cunningham	MS Computer Science
Candace Elena Drake	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Sarah Rebecca Evans	MSW Social Work [School]
Andrea Danielle Galindo	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Ellen Rachel Galvez	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Wendy Roxanne Rittenbach Harris	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ashley Noelle Hill	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Matouš Hýbl.....	MS Computer Science
Matthew Louis Jensen.....	MS Computer Science
Stephanie Killingsworth	MS Clinical Mental Health
Yissy Coralia Martinez	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Daniel James McFeeters.....	MMin Church Leadership and Management
Carolyn Ann Meyer.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Tabitha Odell Sparks	MBA Management; MSW Social Work
Willem Andries Oosthuizen	MA Theology [Theological Studies]
Lucy Amanda Richardson	MSN Acute Care-Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Kaylie Shelton	MSW Social Work, Mental Health in Social Work
Nozomi Tajiri	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Zachary Paul Uttinger.....	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Amber Lynn Vaudreuil	MSW Social Work [School]
Allessandra Anne Vitrano.....	MSN Nurse Educator
Heidi G. Will	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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

GUEST GRADUATES

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

William C. Kovach	BS Arch Architecture
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EMORY UNIVERSITY - ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Jeavanie Desarmes	MPH Environmental Health [Global Environmental Health]
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UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Adam Heck	PhD Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning
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WEIMAR UNIVERSITY

Julie Ruminson-Dias	MA Counseling, Psychology and Wellness
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S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES – 343
(15 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER’S GRADUATES – 31 (7 HAVE TWO EMPHASES OR DEGREES)

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	44	History and Political Studies	6
Business	38	Journalism and Communication.....	12
Applied Technology.....	2	Mathematics	4
Chemistry.....	5	Modern Languages	1
Computing	8	Music	6
Education, Psychology and Counseling		Nursing.....	46
Education	8	Religion.....	14
Psychology.....	17	Social Work	10
English.....	6	Visual Art and Design.....	16
Health and Kinesiology	25		

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Biology and Allied Health.....	12	Health and Kinesiology	4
Business	2	Nursing.....	63
Applied Technology.....	4	Social Work	1
General Studies.....	3		

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER’S DEGREE GRADUATES

Business	2	Nursing.....	12
Computing	3	Religion.....	2
Education, Psychology and Counseling		Social Work	5
Counseling	14		

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



Dedicated to the success of her students, **Noemi Gonzalez, MS**, has been an associate professor in the Biology and Allied Health Department since 2018. Students appreciate her desire to help them understand class content, as well as the personal interest she takes in each individual.

Gonzalez is known for her caring personality and is described as “extremely personable and an amazing professor,” “patient, kind, and caring,” and “a very kind woman of God” who “shows interest” in students’ lives. As an extension of her caring attitude, Gonzalez is “very interactive with the class” and “passionate about the success of her students.” One student notes her thoughtfulness: “She sees the needs of her students and tries her best to serve them to the best of her ability.” Another student describes her attentiveness: “She always has time for questions, and her enjoyment of the science she teaches is palpable. I truly feel she cares about our success.”

Gonzalez also demonstrates a deep understanding of her field and a gift for instructing students, facilitating critical thinking in her courses, presenting lectures that are “well-structured and clear,” encouraging questions, and going “the extra mile in creating learning tools.” Students appreciate that she “has a proficient understanding of the material and she knows how to explain difficult concepts.”

A fellow faculty member shares, “I have never seen someone with more students in her office, with each student still receiving the utmost care, as I routinely witness with Noemi. She embodies teaching excellence.”

Gonzalez is originally from Puerto Rico, where she obtained bachelor’s degrees in biology and secondary education from Antillian Adventist University and a Certificate in Medical Technology from Interamerican University. She graduated with a Master of Science in Biology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where she researched immunology and parasitology. Being a licensed medical technologist has allowed her the privilege of combining academic, research, and clinical work opportunities for approximately 30 years. Additionally, Gonzalez holds certification with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She finds her greatest joy in sharing life with her husband, Jose Vega, and their two adult children.

Celebrating her enthusiasm for teaching and the encouragement she offers to students, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Noemi Gonzalez with the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP



Known for the quality and quantity of his scholarly output, **Harvey Alférez, PhD**, joined the School of Computing in 2022, where he serves as professor and director of the Center for Innovation and Research in Computing (CIRC). While his scholarly publications are impressive on their own, Alférez also embraces a dedication to teaching and sharing his expertise. He is committed to “facilitating student involvement” and “sharing across disciplines.” In addition, his research is described as “high quality and publishable,” among other notable merits.

“Harvey doesn’t just publish—he includes every student willing to tackle research with him. He has submitted multiple papers with students in the two years he’s been here,” notes a fellow professor. “He shares his passion for research on and off campus, and he does so with a beautifully mission-minded approach. He blends research with other academic experiences within a biblical worldview that frames exploration and sharing our findings as a God-given calling. He’s an inspiration!”

Another peer shares, “He is really enthusiastic about disseminating and helping others learn about his research findings as well as how to be better researchers themselves.”

Alférez holds a PhD in Computer Science from Universitat Politècnica de València in Spain, a MSc in Information and Communication Technology from Assumption University in Thailand, and a BSc in Computer Science Engineering from Universidad EAFIT in Colombia. He also engaged in postdoctoral research at the Geoscience Research Institute in collaboration with Loma Linda University. He is certified in data science and big data analysis by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in statistical analysis by the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, and in Geographic Information Systems by the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

His research interests include data science, artificial intelligence, services computing, model-driven engineering, models at runtime, autonomic computing, and dynamic software product lines.

In recognition of his dedication to pursuing knowledge and sharing his research and talents with others, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Harvey Alférez with the President’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship.

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



Professor **Bruce Schilling, PhD**, has served as a faculty member at Southern Adventist University for nearly 28 years, joining the Chemistry Department in the summer of 1996. During that time, he has not only devoted his time to creating an exceptional academic environment, but he has also been an outstanding example of service and hospitality.

As a sponsor of the Chemistry Club for more than two decades, Schilling is known on campus for opening his home for club events, “legendary” vespers services, Sabbath lunches, and graduation parties. Students particularly love the homemade pumpkin bread he bakes each year, his homemade ice cream, how he “never hesitates to donate food and treats,” and that he “goes out of his way to make great memories with students and help them have a home away from home.” One individual shares, “Dr. Schilling and his wife are awesome! They are part of my best memories, and I’m sure many other students’ as well.”

Schilling is also involved in the local community and is described as having “a heart of service.” He is active at Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he has served as “a deacon, a leader and teacher in adult and children’s Sabbath Schools, and a singer in the Master Chorale.” He “helps out at the children’s Sabbath School every week” and “often plays the piano.” In addition, he completes puzzles for the Samaritan Center to make sure each piece is accounted for. In this area of service, he has also “enlisted the help of the Chemistry Club, increasing the service contributions of the club and providing additional opportunities for socializing and building relationships.”

Known for his “outstanding teaching,” Schilling’s General Chemistry course is “one of the most popular, and always has a waitlist.” Attentive to the needs of students, he “holds extra review sessions for the exam on the weekend before a test” and adeptly leads students “through the transition from high school thinking to university thinking.” Success in his courses is said to be “foundational for students’ continuing success at Southern, and afterward in graduate school, medical school, dental school, pharmacy school, and other professional programs.”

As described by fellow faculty, Schilling “never stops, learning, growing, and improving.” He is said to have “combined high academic standards with an ability to build strong relationships with his students.” He is dedicated to his field, develops character in his students, and excels at incorporating a Biblical foundation in the courses he instructs. One of Schilling’s desires is for each student at Southern to learn more about God through his or her studies and interactions with faculty, staff, and other students.

Schilling obtained his bachelor’s degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 1981. He continued his education at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena and received his PhD in Physical Chemistry in 1987. His doctoral research focused on experimental and theoretical studies of the reactions and bonding between gas-phase transition metal ions and small hydrocarbons.

After graduation, Schilling worked at Amoco Corporation in the mass spectrometry area for five years. He then worked for the U.S. Department of Energy at Argonne National Laboratory applying extraction, separation, and mass spectrometric techniques to environmental analysis problems.

Schilling enjoys sports, outdoor activities, gardening, and spending time with his wife, Nancy, and their two grown sons and their families.

In recognition of his unwavering hospitality to students, dedication to excellence in education, and continued commitment to Christian service, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Bruce Schilling with the Distinguished Service Medallion.

SPECIAL THANKS



Academic Administration
Advancement
Alumni Relations
Audio Visual
Blluum Floral and Event Design (stage florals)
Campus Safety
College Press
Energy Management
Financial Administration
Food Services
Graduate and Professional Studies

Landscape Services
Marketing and University Relations
President's Office
Quick Print
Records and Advisement
School of Journalism and Communication
School of Music
Service Department
Student Development
Village Market

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

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND



October 24-27, 2024

We are excited to welcome you back to the campus of Southern Adventist University to remember your fondest experiences, relive your best memories, and reconnect with fellow alumni from near and far. This fall, we look forward to hosting our featured speaker, Pavel Goia, '99, and welcoming all of our alumni back to campus to enjoy some of your favorite Homecoming activities, as well as several new events!

Mark your calendars for Homecoming Weekend 2024.

Learn more and register at southern.edu/homecoming.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, congratulations to our newest alumni, the Class of 2024!