Congratulations!

On May 6, 424 undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students graduated from Southern Adventist University, beginning a new chapter of life. We wish them God's abundant blessings, and for those of you parents who just celebrated this pinnacle moment with your child, congratulations!

You can view recordings of the programs and other graduation information online here.
Check out Southern's graduation album on Flickr, [here](#).

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**Southern Welcomes New Associate Vice President for Academic Administration**

Dionne Felix, PhD, has 17 Years of Higher Education Work Experience

Dionne Felix, PhD, is the newest member of the Southern Adventist University administrative team.

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**Calendar**

**Summer 2018**

1st Summer Session  
May 7-June 1

Memorial Day  
Offices Closed  
May 28

2nd Summer Session  
June 4-July 20

Independence Day  
Offices Closed  
July 4

Summer Graduation  
July 6

3rd Summer Session  
July 23-August 14
As the associate vice president for Academic Administration, Felix will oversee institutional research, online learning, and much more as she works closely with Senior Vice President for Academic Administration Robert Young, PhD.

“I am delighted Dr. Felix has agreed to join the administration of the university,” Young said. “She brings a passion for faculty development and student success that will be very helpful in her daily work. She is also a gifted communicator and good listener. These abilities will serve her and Southern well.”

Felix has 17 years of experience working in education at Capella University in Minnesota, University of Alabama, Oakwood University, and most recently Calhoun Community College in Alabama. She has a doctorate in education, a master’s degree in English, and a bachelor’s in communication.

In her free time, Felix enjoys cooking, painting, and reading. She and her husband, Ron Felix, have one daughter, Saiuri, who is a sophomore clinical psychology major at Southern. Felix looks forward to the challenges ahead as she transitions to her new position.

“All my life, I have watched God order my decisions, my steps, and my reality; He has never disappointed me,” she said. “My journey to Southern was quite unexpected, but I covenanted with God that if Southern was the direction in which He was leading, I would go; however, He would have to be in the details. I am thrilled beyond words to be joining the Southern family because I know that even as I...
partnering with the Southern family as, together, we walk into God's purpose."

—Staff Report

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