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# PANORAMA

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## Student Q&A

**Q:** *What is the best advice your parents have given you about school?*

“My parents always told me to use my time wisely. They said there is a time and place for everything, so they never discouraged me from being social and encouraged me to pursue a broad spectrum of activities outside the classroom, like traveling, music, investing in meaningful friendships, etc.”

- Jonathan Rodney, senior music performance major

“My mom always tells me that education is something nobody can take away from you so it’s best to take full advantage of it while you can.”

- Ashley Stirewalt, freshman nursing major

**Q:** *What is your favorite sports memory with your parents?*

“I loved playing soccer with my dad when I was growing up because I learned so much from him. My mom would also come play with us sometimes and be my goalie. It meant a lot to me to have people to practice with, and we had so much fun together.”

- Estefany Fernandez, junior public relations major

## NOV

- 9 **AcroFest Show**
- 10 **Symphony Orchestra Concert**
- 22 **Home Vespers**
- 23 **New York Study Tour Begins**
- 24 **Thanksgiving Break Begins**

## DEC

- 1 **Thanksgiving Break Ends**
- 3 **Danú: An Emerald Isle Christmas Concert**
- 7 **Wind Symphony Christmas Concert**
- 8 **Student Association Christmas Party**
- 14 **School of Music Christmas Concert, Department Christmas Parties**
- 16 **Semester Exams (16-19)**
- 18 **School of Business Commissioning Service, School of Nursing Dedication**
- 19 **Winter Commencement**
- 20 **Christmas Break Begins**

## Improvements Scheduled for McKee Library and Wright Hall

Southern’s Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning initiatives are coming to fruition around campus. Shortly after the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, donors exceeded the monetary goal by reaching \$50.8 million and counting.

These financial gifts are going to many projects around campus including the Bietz Center for Student Life, which is quickly taking form despite seasonal delays.

One of the newest additions to the campaign is the upcoming facelift of McKee Library, adding much-needed space and better coordination with its nearest neighbor, the new Bietz Center. Plans for the \$500,000 project began moving forward after receiving more than \$300,000 in gifts from both corporate and individual donors. New additions will include an enclosed front entrance, an extra 2,000 square feet of space, and a new side entrance with large windows facing Hackman Hall.

Additionally, there’s good news ahead for those whose age, injury, or disability make

navigating stairs problematic. Soon they’ll be able to get from the second to the fourth floors of Wright Hall using a new elevator with exterior access directly from street level on Cafeteria Drive.

The \$250,000 project began in late summer and is scheduled for completion this fall.

Along with brick-and-mortar projects, the Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning also includes a strong focus on student scholarships and Southern’s endowment. To learn more, visit [southern.edu/webelieve](http://southern.edu/webelieve).

- by Tierra Hayes, senior mass communication major



**“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

**John 16:33, NKJV**  
*favorite Bible verse of  
Tim Trott, biology professor*



## Student Life:

### Three Students Baptized After Taking Summer Class

Sometimes one class can change the direction of a student's life; this summer, three Southern students made the decision for baptism as a result of taking a religion course. Taught by David Hartman, DMin, associate professor of religion, the four-week Christian Beliefs course covered various aspects of the Adventist-Christian faith such as the narrative of creation, the fall, and God's ultimate plan to restore all things. The class also provided understanding of the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as they are found in scripture.



Cindy Ashley (right) was baptized by her professor, David Hartman (center) after taking his Christian Beliefs class.

“In every doctrine, we looked at what it reveals about the character of God and how it addresses a human need and longing,” Hartman said. “So, the biblical truths hit not just the head but also the heart. In all this, I want students to see God in a fresh new light and fall in love with Him.”

With this goal, Hartman was particularly thrilled to have the privilege of baptizing three of his students at the conclusion of the summer term. On Sabbath, August 24, approximately 60 friends, classmates, faculty, and family members came together to witness and support the students' baptisms at nearby Harrison Bay State Park.

“After a prayer over all three, we exited the lake to cheers, tears, and hugs. I can't help but believe that all Heaven was celebrating as well,” Hartman said. “This whole event reminded us that the true purpose of Adventist Christian education is for each student to be brought into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.”

- by Rachel Beaver, senior public relations major



## Professor Profile:

### Kerry Allen, associate professor, School of Nursing



**Q:** Why did you decide to work at Southern?

**A:** I received both my undergraduate and graduate degrees in nursing at Southern. Before I started teaching here in the skills lab, I worked in hospitals teaching practical skill, and I realized I have a passion for passing on knowledge to others. I joined the nursing faculty at Southern in 2009, and I am so grateful to work at a school where I can pray with my students and talk about God freely. I am passionate about nursing and helping others, and I want to encourage my students to be passionate as well.

**Q:** What do you think makes a good professor?

**A:** A good professor needs to enjoy teaching and be able to relate to each student with compassion and understanding and meet his or her individual needs. All students learn differently, and a good teacher will meet them where they are, with creativity for each learning style. Especially in a field like nursing, it's important to teach critical thinking skills. It's important to be able to look at each patient or case from multiple perspectives.

**Q:** What stands out from your time at Southern?

**A:** The thing that has made a huge impact for me is interacting with students outside the classroom. I am a sponsor for the Nursing Club, and I play intramural sports every year. I love building relationships with students outside of the regular class times or setting. Those moments are so rewarding!

**Q:** What do you hope students leave with after taking a class from you?

**A:** I hope my students leave Level 1 nursing classes and the skills lab with a passion to continue learning more. Even after graduation, nurses continue to learn at their jobs. I hope my students find jobs they are passionate about and serve as missionaries wherever they are.

- by Natalie Boonstra, junior public relations major



## Did You Know? Beyond the Classroom

At Southern, learning extends beyond the typical classroom setting. Not only does this expand the knowledge gained but it also accommodates different learning styles. Here are just a few of the unique academic opportunities available at Southern:

### Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

This school year, the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics and Engineering departments have been hosting monthly joint research lunches in which students and faculty present the projects they have been working on. This provides the students with interdisciplinary exposure to other projects and feedback on their research from multiple perspectives.

### Journalism and Communication

Students studying public relations and similar fields are assigned to work with organizations in the local area, creating real-world advertising or PR campaigns that the organizations can then incorporate into their marketing strategies.

### Music

Private lessons for instruments such as guitar, piano, and harp, are not limited to music majors. Any student can sign up for private music lessons and receive credit toward their degree. These courses are designed to accommodate students of any level of understanding, from those who have never played an instrument before, to those who are already proficient and wish to fine-tune their skills.

### P.E., Health, and Wellness

For a practical, hands-on experience that can set life-long habits, any student can sign up for a food preparation class. Exchanging the classroom for the kitchen, they learn how to create a balanced plate for each meal. Students not only learn a variety of recipes, they also practice creating healthy and delicious meals.

### Visual Art and Design

Students from any discipline can enroll in Art Appreciation during the Fall Semester, which includes take a field trip to New York City over Thanksgiving break. There they visit museums such as the Met and the MoMa and tour the city. Students work on a research essay about their artwork of choice throughout the semester, and this trip gives them the opportunity to view the work in person and reflect on in through journal entries.



## Message from the President: Drawn by Love

A number of years ago, I met a young pastor—we'll call him Jim—who told me a remarkable story. A few years before I met him, Jim had been a drug addict hanging out with other addicts. Out of the blue one Friday evening, one of his buddies suggested that they go to a church the next day. The following morning, the rag-tag group showed up at a small, rural Adventist church where the average age was around 65.

Each of the young men—filthy and hung over from the previous night—was greeted warmly. In fact, Jim told me that the elderly church greeter gave him a hug and then said, “God loves you, I love you, and we're glad you're here.” This young man decided he would continue to attend the church, where, each time, he received a hug and a reminder of God's love for him. After a couple years attending the church, Jim decided that he wanted what these church members had.

During that time, not one of them had criticized or judged him. They had simply loved him with the love of God, and now he wanted that love for himself. So, Jim was baptized, attended seminary, and at the point he was telling me his story, he was pastor of his own church. He told me, “If you walk into my church on a Sabbath morning, someone will hug you and let you know that they love you, God loves you, and they are glad you are there.”

This is the type of love we hope that our students experience across Southern's campus every day. Our goal is that the love of God lived out here will be so evident and so compelling that the Holy Spirit can draw the hearts of our students to Him—a God who loves them with an everlasting love. Join us in praying that God will continue to help Southern be the God-loving campus He desires.

- by David Smith, PhD





## 423 NIGHT MARKET

During this second annual Student Association night market, Southern students and employees showcased and sold original artwork, yummy recipes, and other creations to fellow students, faculty, and the community of Collegedale.



# SPORTS AT SOUTHERN

Throughout the year, students, faculty, and staff join together to participate in intramural sports on campus. In the fall, softball and flag football provide an opportunity for friendly competition.

