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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

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

“I loved playing soccer with my dad when I was growing up. It’s a sport that you do together.”
- Estefany Fernandez, junior public relations major

Q: How do you balance your school work and social life?

“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

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 Buetz 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 Buetz Center. Plans for the $300,000 project began moving forward after receiving more than $320,000 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.

- by Tiara Hayes, senior mass communication major
You can find affordable solutions by working out the details with your financial aid counselor. Students have access to a variety of payment plan options throughout the year.

### Online Payment Plans

- **Undergraduate Tuition (12-16 hours)**: $20,300
- **Estimated Room and Board**: $10,250
- **Estimated Food Allowance**: $2,400

### Estimated Total Cost per Year

- **Total Cost**: $33,000

### Additional Plan Options

Additional plan options are available at southern.edu/card. For a more accurate estimate, use our cost calculator at southern.edu/cost-calculator.

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### 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-Church 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.

“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’ baptism at a local Adventist church.

“After a prayer over all three, we exited the lake to cheer, 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 Beater, senior public relations major

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### Professor Profile: Kerry Allen, associate professor, School of Nursing

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

**A:** At Southern, 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 find jobs they are passionate about and serve as missionaries wherever they are.

- by Natalie Boonesa, junior public relations major

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### 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 on 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.