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For Parents of Southern Adventist University Students

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Students Participate in Life-Changing Meetings



Over the Thanksgiving break, 30 Southern students traveled to Cancun, Mexico, to conduct an evangelism series, leading to more than 50 individuals choosing to be baptized. The trip was part of the [Soul-winning And Leadership Training \(SALT\)](#) program, which is a

Calendar

December

- 17 | Christmas Break Begins
- 23 | University Offices Close (*re-open January 4*)
- 24 | Christmas Eve Service

January

- 2 | Residence Halls Open
- 10 | Winter 2022 Classes Begin
- 15 | SA Mid-Winter Party
- 17 | MLK Community Service Day (*no classes*)
- 22 | Latin American Club Night

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The students each led out in their own churches, preaching for seven days. Earlier in the semester, the SALT students had gained valuable experience while assisting with a local evangelistic series held by John Bradshaw, director of It Is Written.

“The students went out into the community and gave Bible studies and then invited those people to the meetings,” said Douglas Na’a, SALT program director. “It was a great experience for them to be able to participate in the series from the very beginning to the end.”

More than 10 individuals from the Chattanooga community were baptized as a result of those meetings. Additionally, three Southern students requested baptism, including Prem King, who comes from a Hindu family and came to Southern specifically for the SALT program.

Participating in evangelism through SALT helped to grow King’s faith as he shared it with others, and he eventually decided to fully put his trust in Christ and become a member of the church.

“I kept telling myself that I didn’t need to get baptized, but I began to realize how important it is, and I couldn’t wait any longer,” King said. “I just decided to follow Jesus and not turn back.”

By Staff Writer

30 | Symphony
Orchestra Concert

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FAFSA Deadline Reminder:

Students were able to begin filling out the 2022-23 FAFSA as early as October 1, 2021, by visiting fafsa.gov. Southern's priority deadline for the FAFSA is January 31, 2022. Parents must have their own FSA ID to sign and submit the FAFSA for their dependent children. The student also must have an FSA ID. To create an FSA ID or reset a password for an existing ID, students and parents can [click here](#). The 2022-2023 FAFSA is based on tax year 2020.

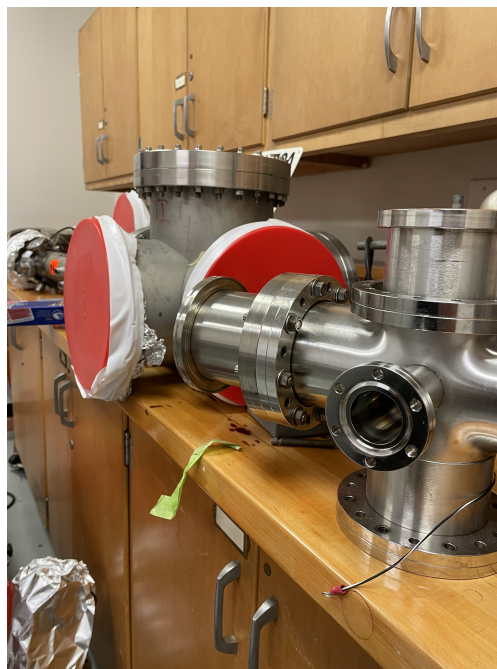
Expands Research Potential

Southern acquired new laboratory equipment this school year, expanding the scientific research possibilities. For students preparing to enter a competitive job market or graduate school application process, this type of hands-on training provides a valuable advantage.

Students now have access to a beamline device in the [Physics and Engineering Department](#)—worth more than \$280,000—on loan from Professor Vola Andrianarijaona, PhD, who joined Southern's faculty in 2020. According to Andrianarijaona, this equipment can replicate interstellar physical conditions and create particles of astrophysical interests by guiding an ion beam through a vacuum.

"You can see what happens between stars when these kinds of particles collide," Andrianarijaona said. "There are so many applications, so many things we can do."

Physics Club President Arian Dovald, junior physics major, is excited to work on the beamline: "It will be challenging, but we'll learn so much from the experience."



The [Biology Department](#) also acquired new equipment, upgrading its centrifuge. This device, which separates substances based on their density, will be useful for other departments on campus as well.

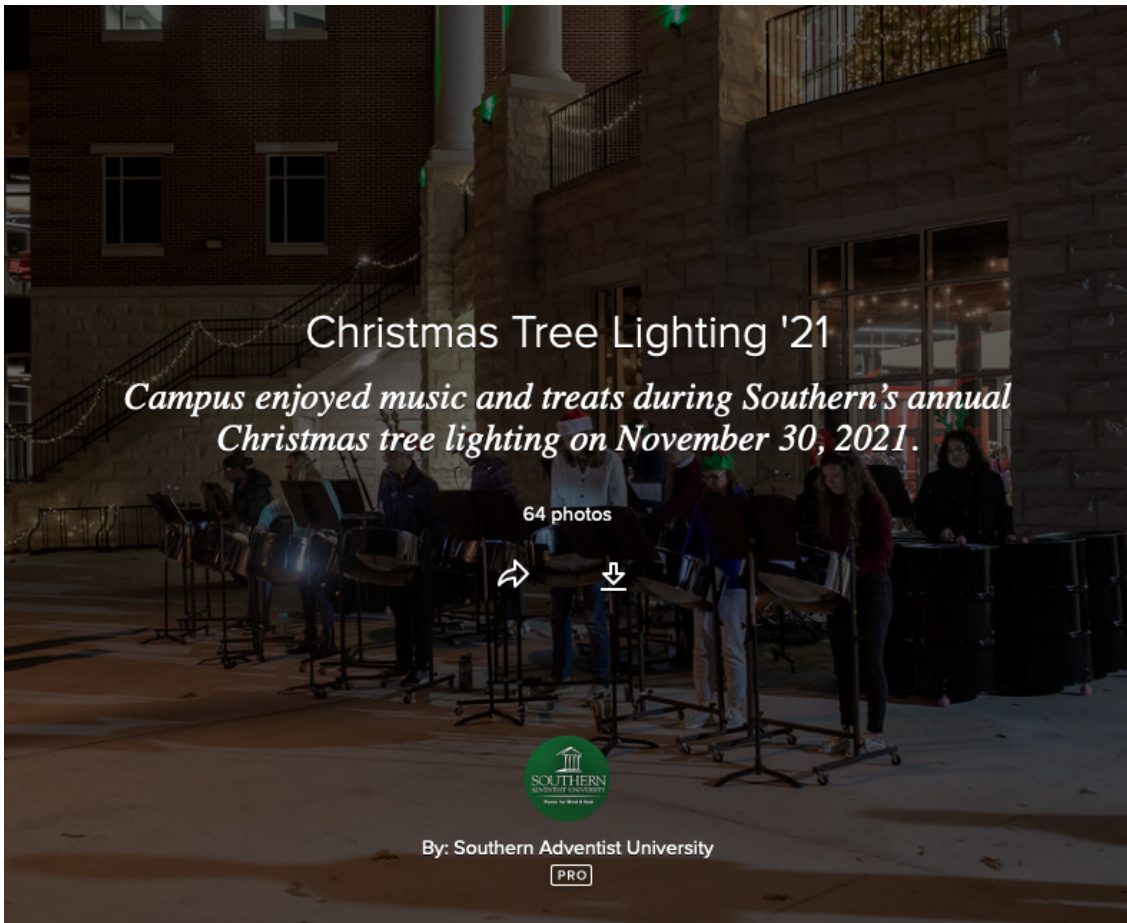
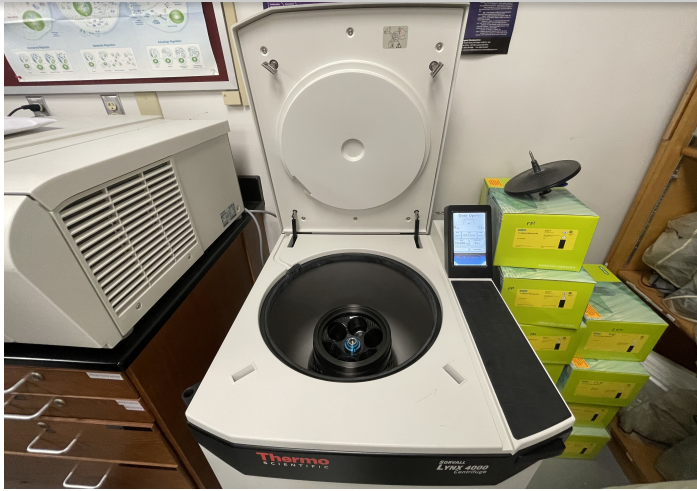
"The centrifuge is a critical instrument in biological and biochemical research," said Rhonda Scott, PhD, chemistry professor. "It is important to have new equipment for students to use."

By Amanda Blake, sophomore journalism major

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Check out the Christmas Tree Lighting album on Flickr [here!](#)

Merry Christmas!

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updated on exciting events, stories, and happenings here at Southern. We wish you a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and peace.

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Look for the next edition of *Panorama* in the new year. Thank you for your support!

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