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COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

DECEMBER 19, 2024



ILES PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER  
COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE



SOUTHERN  
ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

**Power for Mind & Soul**

# P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E T O G R A D U A T E S



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! Today, as you step into a new chapter of your lives, I want to share a verse that I hope will inspire and guide you: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people,” (Colossians 3:23, GNT).

This verse reminds us that our endeavors, no matter how big or small, should be approached with wholehearted dedication. When we work with all our hearts, we bring passion, commitment, meaning, and excellence to everything we do.

As you embark on your career paths, remember that your work is not just a means to an end. It’s an opportunity to make a difference, to serve others, and to grow spiritually, personally, and professionally. Whether you are entering the workforce, continuing your education, or pursuing other dreams, approach each task with enthusiasm and integrity.

Working as though you are working for the Lord elevates your efforts beyond the mundane, not just to meet the expectations of others but also to fulfill a higher calling. This mindset fosters resilience and perseverance, helping you navigate challenges and setbacks with grace and determination.

Moreover, when you work with all your heart, you inspire those around you. Your diligence and positive attitude can create a ripple effect, motivating your peers and contributing to a culture of distinction and collaboration.

Keep this verse close to your heart, and let it remind you to pour your best into everything you do, to seek fulfillment in your work, and to make a lasting impact. The world needs your talents and unwavering devotion to making it a better place.

Congratulations once again, and may your future be filled with success, joy, and purpose in the Lord.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Shaw".

Ken Shaw, EdD  
President

Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

Please do not use airhorns or other noisemakers as they can be harmful and painful to our guests with hearing devices.

# COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 7 p.m.

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|---|---|---|
| Processional.....                       | <i>Pomp and Circumstance Marches Nos. 1 and 4</i> ..... | Sir Edward Elgar  |
| Invocation.....                         |   | Micah Leonor, BA graduate   |
| Welcome .....                           |   | Youlander Clarke, MSED graduate   |
| Introduction of Speaker.....            |   | Alexandra Leonor, MS graduate   |
| Commencement Address.....               | “Walk by Faith” .....                                   | Sam Leonor, MDiv<br>Chief Mission Officer, Adventist Health   |
| Conferring of Degrees.....              |   | Ken Shaw, EdD, President  |
| Presentation of Degree Candidates ..... |   | Robert Young, PhD<br>Senior Vice President for Academic Administration  |
|   |   | Dionne Felix, PhD<br>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Student Success and Retention       |
|   |   | Corjena Cheung, PhD<br>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies |
|   |   | Karon Powell, JD<br>Director of Records and Advisement  |
| Alumni Association Welcome .....        |   | Cheryl Torres, BA<br>Director of Alumni Relations, Class of 2005  |
| Benediction.....                        |   | Anella Poljak, BS graduate  |
| Recessional.....                        | <i>Rondeau</i> .....                                    | Jean-Joseph Mouret  |

Brass Ensemble Conductor: Ken Parsons, MMus, School of Music Associate Professor

Grand Marshal: Andrew Richards, PhD, University Senate Chair, School of Nursing Professor

## SERVICES ON THE WEB



Commencement services can be viewed live online by visiting [southern.edu/streaming](https://southern.edu/streaming).

# 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 fields of study and/or professions.
- **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.

## 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, one graduate earned that distinction. The title of her senior research project is listed below:

Anella Isabel Poljak

*“Formation of alkenyl cations from  $\beta$ -carbon alkyl substituted  $\alpha,\beta$ -substituted alkyl ketone isophorone”*

# BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Diana Elisa Alarcón.....                                    | BFA Fine Arts; BA International Studies [Italian]        |
| Elan Rachel Anderson.....                                   | BS Biology [Biomedical]                                  |
| Lilyana Crisitina Batin, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....             | BS Health Science  |
| *Anna Magdalena Bennethum, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....     | BA History [History/Government]                          |
| Sharon Janelle Benton, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....               | BS Communication   |
| Selene Emily Bergmann, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....               | BSN Nursing  |
| *Vashti Bethany Summer Brantley, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....     | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]                |
| Lucas Alexander Bueno, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....               | BA Religious Studies                                     |
| Pamela Krishinger Burchard.....                             | BS Business Management                                   |
| Joy Marie Burdick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....             | BS Business Administration                               |
| Joshua Malcolm Burgess .....                                | BBA Finance  |
| Bonin A. Cabrera-Caraballo, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....          | BA Biblical Studies                                      |
| Ronald Peter Campbell-Stewart.....                          | BA Pastoral Care   |
| Elizabeth Graceann Chen, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....             | BS Psychology [Clinical]                                 |
| Anthony Alton Cooper.....                                   | BS Business Administration                               |
| Hunter Thomas Cox, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....             | BBA Accounting   |
| Lily Annalise Crawford.....                                 | BSN Nursing  |
| Kimberly Marie Cuevas .....                                 | BSN Nursing  |
| Myles Austin Dean .....                                     | BS Business Administration                               |
| Sarah Jeannine Grace Delaware, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> ..... | BSN Nursing  |
| Rachel Jeanne DeRose, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                | BSN Nursing  |
| Alexis Paige Dewey, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                  | BS Mass Communication [Writing/Editing]                  |
| Caroline Grace DeWind, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....         | BBA Accounting   |
| Amy Karolyne Dias Nogueira.....                             | BS Business Administration                               |
| Peta-Gaye Jodian Dixon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....        | BSN Nursing  |
| Frederick Duran, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                     | BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene] |
| *Madeline Rose Emde, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....           | BA English   |
| Jeffrey Dohre Filiberto II, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....    | BS Computer Science                                      |
| Olivia Lauren Fisher, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                | BA International Development Studies; Spanish            |
| Colin Joseph Glenn .....                                    | BS Business Administration                               |
| Lisbeth Graciela Gomez Roblero, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....      | BSN Nursing  |
| Spencer Douglas Goolsby .....                               | BS Kinesiology   |
| Francisco Javier Grijalva.....                              | BS Psychology [Psychobiology]                            |
| Wilson Maged Saloum Hannawi.....                            | BS Biology [Biomedical]                                  |
| Juan Harmse.....  | BS Information Technology                                |
| Elora Germania Horsley .....                                | BA Chemistry   |
| Hamilton Joshua Hosteter .....                              | BSN Nursing  |
| William Matthew Howland.....                                | BBA Human Capital Management                             |
| *Natalie Faith Jensen, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....         | BM Music Education [Keyboard]                            |
| Rachael Courtney Johnson.....                               | BSN Nursing  |
| Alexander Christian Klischies.....                          | BS Business Administration                               |
| *Abigail Grace Knowles.....                                 | BA Liberal Arts Education                                |
| Goohyuk Kwon, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                        | BSN Nursing  |
| Eunice Jiwon Lee .....                                      | BSN Nursing  |
| Samuel Micah Leonor, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....           | BA History   |
| Tyler Aaron Lindo .....                                     | BFA Film Production                                      |
| Myranda Jean Littell.....                                   | BSN Nursing  |
| Gracelyn Lloyd.....   | BS Communication   |
| Ashley Cassandra Lopez Rivera .....                         | BSN Nursing  |
| Sharon Calista Lotulung.....                                | BSN Nursing  |

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|--|--|
| Noor Imad Madanat .....  | BBA Marketing  |
| Mia Corina Mandujano .....   | BA Biology   |
| Emmanuel Marte .....   | BS Health Science;<br>AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology] |
| Heidi Martin, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....                           | BIS Integrative Studies  |
| Stephen Hancock Martin .....   | BSN Nursing  |
| Audrey Rose McCord, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                           | BS Psychology [Family Systems]   |
| Macy Jewel McIntosh, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                    | BS Health and Wellness;<br>AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]              |
| Julian Alexis Mercado .....  | BA Religious Studies   |
| *Nicolas Seth Miller.....  | BA History [History/Government]  |
| Catalin Andrei Modiga.....   | BS Computer Science  |
| Maxwell Jordan Moon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                    | BA Biology   |
| Milca Sandra Muñoz.....  | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]  |
| Logan Dale Neal .....  | BS Business Administration   |
| Gunnar Troy Neuman.....  | BA Liberal Arts Education [Non-Licensure]  |
| Jacob Aaron Nevis .....  | BA Journalism  |
| *Stephanie Elizabeth Nieves .....                                    | BA Liberal Arts Education  |
| Christian Alexander Noreus.....                                      | BS Business Administration   |
| Lillyanne Violet Nunnaley, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                    | BS Business Administration   |
| Jacob Carter Oxentenko.....  | BA Psychology  |
| Kristen Rachel Page, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....                    | BSN Nursing  |
| Angel Julian Perez.....  | BBA Finance  |
| Kay Lauren Petrikas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                    | BSN Nursing  |
| Brianna Lauren Pettit, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....                  | BS Psychology [Family Systems]   |
| Anella Isabel Poljak, <i>Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i> ..... | BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]  |
| Jorge Luis Pontarelli.....   | BS Public Relations  |
| Carley Brooke Quintrell, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                | BS Psychology [Clinical]   |
| Allyson Nicole Rasco, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                         | BA International Development Studies   |
| Giovanni Esteban Reed .....  | BBA Finance  |
| Zachariah James Franz Reich.....                                     | BSN Nursing  |
| Elizabeth Paulina Ortencia Reid .....                                | BA Journalism [Digital Broadcast]  |
| *Ruth Rempart, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....                          | BA English   |
| Kerika Yasmine Rice, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                          | BSN Nursing  |
| Hayden Christopher Rigby.....  | BA History   |
| Longino Rodriguez, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                            | BS Communication   |
| Hannah Gabriella Rosenthal.....                                      | BBA Marketing  |
| Kailey Renee Schroer, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                   | BS Psychology [Clinical]   |
| Tatiana N. Silveira.....   | BS General Psychology  |
| Dawson Emanuel Stephens, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....                | BA Theology [Ministerial]  |
| Melany Yasmin Suarez-Rojas.....                                      | BS Business Administration   |
| Tracy Tamara Tambingon .....   | BSN Nursing  |
| Patrick Dwayne Tambingon, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                     | BSN Nursing  |
| Conner Garrett Thall, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                         | BSN Nursing  |
| Madelyn C. Trumbull.....   | BS Psychology [Family Systems]   |
| David Lawrence Conradovich Vine .....                                | BS Business Administration   |
| Philly Gerson Walangitan .....                                       | BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]  |
| Caleb Andre DiMauro Washington, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....         | BA History   |
| Taylor Renee Waterman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....                  | BFA Fine Arts  |
| Tyler Nicholas Whitsett .....  | BFA Film Production  |
| Gillian Kimberly Wong .....  | BS Mass Communication [Media Production]   |

\*Teaching Certificate

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

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|--|---|
| Somee An, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....               | AS Nursing  |
| Nataly Arredondo Batista.....                        | AS Nursing  |
| Isabelle Grace Berecz, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....  | AS Nursing  |
| Jared I. Brewer, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....              | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Joel Paul Brown, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....              | AS Nursing  |
| Weston Cole Brown.....                               | AS Nursing  |
| Katherine Alejandra Chavez .....                     | AS Nursing  |
| Anyang Chen, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                  | AS Nursing  |
| Jaegwang David Chi .....                             | AS Nursing  |
| Roy Inhyeok Cho.....                                 | AS Nursing  |
| Maria Celeste Cortez .....                           | AS Nursing  |
| Hannah N. Crittenden .....                           | AS Nursing  |
| Pricilla Lynn Eckright, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> ..... | AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts                                     |
| Emelia Claire Fiess.....                             | AS Nursing  |
| Ashton Chapman Figueiredo .....                      | AT Construction   |
| Delma Ruby Garcia.....                               | AS Nursing  |
| Eian Josh Rielle Gonzaga Dumanon.....                | AS Nursing  |
| Muang Thangsian Gualnam .....                        | AS Nursing  |
| Abraham Hernandez.....                               | AS Nursing  |
| Anneliese Elizabeth Howard .....                     | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Rachel Ashley Hutubessy, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....      | AS Nursing  |
| Yolanda Theresa Inniss .....                         | AS Nursing  |
| Ethan Reece Johnson.....                             | AS Nursing  |
| Ashton Reily Kilmer.....                             | AS General Studies  |
| Yuna Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....                     | AS Nursing  |
| Shaulene Diana Kimbley, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....       | AS Nursing  |
| Dwight Joseph Marbun.....                            | AS Nursing  |
| Andrea Serena Meza.....                              | AS Nursing  |
| Mia Stormie Mitchell .....                           | AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]                         |
| Sarah Caroline Moody, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....   | AS Allied Health<br>[Pre-Speech Language Pathology & Audiology] |
| Isabella Beckedorff Nardi, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....    | AS Nursing  |
| Isabella Barbara Nelson .....                        | AS General Studies  |
| Ismael Enrique Nunez Kasdanouche, Jr. ....           | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Dain Andre Ochoa .....                               | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Zackery William Ottati, <i>Cum Laude</i> .....       | AS Nursing  |
| Rebeca Tamayo Perez.....                             | AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts                                     |
| Manuel Louis Ramos.....                              | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Isabella Renteria Manzanilla .....                   | AS Nursing  |
| Tyler Chase Ritterskamp.....                         | AS Nursing  |
| Brianna Marie Self, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....     | AA General Studies  |
| Kristen Joy Sobrepena, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....  | AS Nursing  |
| Hartuelle Kleive Sullano .....                       | AT Construction Management                                      |
| Josefa Vences Nunez .....                            | AS Nursing  |
| Morgan Mattea Wilcox, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....   | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Ingrid Gisell Yanes.....                             | AS Physical Therapist Assistant                                 |
| Julia Ehab Seddik Youssef.....                       | AS Nursing  |

## MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Logan Thomas Bateman.....        | MS Computer Science   |
| Summer Nicole Biggs.....         | MSEd Literacy Education                                       |
| Hannah Michelle Borstad.....     | MSW Social Work [Crisis/Emergency Management]                 |
| Rachael Andrea Clark.....        | MSEd Literacy Education                                       |
| Rachel Lauren Clark.....         | MAT Teaching [Secondary]                                      |
| Youlander Wiggins Clarke.....    | MSEd Instructional Leadership                                 |
| Hannah Coon.....                 | MSEd Literacy Education                                       |
| Janice Diaz Reyes.....           | MSEd Instructional Leadership                                 |
| Stephanie J. Evans.....          | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Chariss Marie Fields.....        | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]                |
| Catherine J. Gaddis.....         | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]                |
| Sarah Elizabeth Gorby.....       | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Alysia N. Harden.....            | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Ronald Gabriel Herman III.....   | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Jesse Carl Hoffman.....          | MSEd Instructional Leadership                                 |
| Susan Mary Holt.....             | MSEd Instructional Leadership                                 |
| Jacob Alan Johnson.....          | MBA Management  |
| Alexandra Skye Leonor.....       | MSW Social Work [School Social Work]                          |
| Angie Jhoselyn Luna.....         | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Graham Charles Massot.....       | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Heidi Jenee Matthews.....        | MAT Teaching [Elementary]                                     |
| Annette Metz.....                | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]                |
| Catalin Andrei Modiga.....       | MS Computer Science   |
| Lauren Elizabeth Rasar.....      | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Andrew Thomas Reed.....          | MSEd Instructional Leadership                                 |
| Ryan Francis Paul Robertson..... | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Anjan Sapkota.....               | MS Computer Science   |
| Sydney Megan Marie Shaw.....     | MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]                |
| Katherine Charity Thiele.....    | MAT Teaching [Elementary]                                     |
| Kristopher Martin Thompson.....  | MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner |
| Sadie Paige Triplett.....        | MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling                          |
| Olivia Kaziah Wilson.....        | MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner                    |

## DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Cynthia Ann Queen Shuler.....   | DNP Acute Care; Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner |
| Lara Rebeca Esteves Soares..... | DNP Acute Care; Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner |

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



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

## 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.

# S U M M A R Y



UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES—144

(6 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES—32

DOCTORAL GRADUATES—2

## DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

|                                |    |                                     |    |
|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|
| Adult Degree Completion .....  | 6  | Health and Kinesiology .....        | 5  |
| Biology and Allied Health..... | 4  | History and Political Studies ..... | 7  |
| Business .....                 | 19 | Journalism and Communication.....   | 5  |
| Chemistry.....                 | 2  | Modern Languages .....              | 2  |
| Computing .....                | 3  | Music.....                          | 1  |
| Education and Psychology       |    | Nursing.....                        | 22 |
| Education .....                | 5  | Religion.....                       | 5  |
| Psychology .....               | 9  | Visual Art and Design.....          | 4  |
| English.....                   | 2  |                                     |    |

## DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

|                                |   |                                    |    |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----|
| Applied Technology.....        | 2 | Health and Kinesiology.....        | 2  |
| Biology and Allied Health..... | 5 | Nursing .....                      | 30 |
| General Studies.....           | 3 | Physical Therapist Assistant ..... | 7  |

## SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

|                          |    |                   |   |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Business .....           | 1  | Computing .....   | 3 |
| Education and Psychology |    | Nursing.....      | 5 |
| Counseling .....         | 6  | Social Work ..... | 6 |
| Education .....          | 11 |                   |   |

## DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Nursing..... | 2 |
|--------------|---|

# MISSION STATEMENT



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.

# THE VISION



Southern Adventist University's vision is to:

- Model the love of Jesus in every interaction.
- Invite each student into a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Inspire each student to engage with God's Church and the world through service and witness.
- Provide each student with an exceptional learning experience that equips them to thrive in a fluid, global job market.

# CORE VALUES



As Southern Adventist University employees, we:

- Embrace the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Worldview and Fundamental Beliefs
- Love Others as God Loves Them
- Act with Integrity
- Live Prayerfully
- Serve Others Generously
- Follow God's Calling
- Pursue Excellence
- Exercise Responsible Stewardship
- Offer an Exceptional, Wholistic Learning Experience

# 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 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, Andrew Richards, chair of the University Senate and professor in the School of Nursing. The marshal's regalia is evergreen, the university's traditional color.

# SPECIAL THANKS



Academic Administration  
Advancement  
Alumni Relations  
Audio Visual  
Blluum Floral and Event Design  
(stage decor)  
Campus Safety  
Collegedale Police Department  
College Press  
Energy Management

Financial Administration  
Food Services  
Graduate and Professional Studies  
Marketing and University Relations  
President's Office  
Quick Print  
Records and Advisement  
School of Music  
Service Department

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

# SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND



October 23-26, 2025

Alumni Honor Classes:

1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2015

Visit [southern.edu/homecoming](https://southern.edu/homecoming) for updated information throughout the year.