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COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE



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,

On behalf of every Southern Adventist University employee, I congratulate you on completing your courses of study and receiving your well-deserved degrees. We are proud of you!

We pray that as Southern alumni, you will continue to hold dear the Christian values you have experienced here, that you will excel in your occupations, and that you will continue to listen to and be part of God's calling in your lives, resulting in meaningful service in your churches and communities.

To your loved ones who have provided financial, emotional, and spiritual support, we thank them. The renowned scientist Isaac Newton once wrote that he was able to accomplish so much because he was "standing upon the shoulders of giants." I join you in acknowledging the giants in your lives, the ones who have loved, cared about, and supported you.

You have put in the hard work and completed a job well done. You are now equipped to go and lead. "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessings,



Ken Shaw
President

S E R V I C E S O N T H E W E B



Commencement services can be viewed live online by visiting southern.edu.

Please silence all electronic devices during programs.

Please do not use airhorns, confetti poppers, or other noisemakers as they can be frightening, harmful, and painful to those of our guests with hearing devices.

MISSION



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.

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 field of study and/or profession.
- **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.

GRAND MARSHAL FOR ALL SERVICES



Andrew Richards, *University Senate Chair, Nursing Professor*

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 9 a.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for the Lord Mayor of London</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Brian Lee, <i>graduate</i>
Welcome		Brandy Chapman, <i>MS graduate</i>
Introduction of Speaker.....		Braden Gang, <i>graduate</i>
Commencement Address.....	“Forgive Me”	Jeffrey Gang, DMin <i>Associate Professor, School of Religion, Loma Linda University</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Ken Shaw, EdD, <i>President</i>
Presentation of Degree Candidates		Robert Young, PhD <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Administration</i> Dionne Felix, PhD <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Student Success and Retention</i> Corjena Cheung, PhD <i>Associate Vice President for Academic Administration and Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies</i> Karon Powell, JD <i>Director of Records and Advisement</i>
Alumni Association Welcome		Cheryl Torres, BA <i>Director of Alumni Relations, Class of 2005</i>
Benediction.....		Edvan Benitez Mendez, <i>graduate</i>
Recessional.....	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra

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

Faculty Assisting Graduates: Jaclyn Huse, *School of Nursing Professor*
Marlene Kreidler, *School of Business Associate Professor*

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 1 p.m.



Fanfare.....	<i>Fanfare for the Lord Mayor of London</i>	Sir Arthur Bliss
Processional.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No.1</i>	Sir Edward Elgar
Invocation.....		Tiffany Eldorado, MS graduate
Welcome		Denver Nelson, graduate
Introduction of Speaker.....		Landon Asscherick, graduate
Commencement Address.....	“The Adventure Between the Advents”	David Asscherick <i>Speaker/Director, Light Bearers and Founder, ARISE</i>
Conferring of Degrees		Ken Shaw, EdD, <i>President</i>
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Faculty Honors.....		Ken Shaw, EdD, <i>President</i> Robert Young, PhD, <i>Senior Vice President for Academic Administration</i>
Alumni Association Welcome		Cheryl Torres, BA <i>Director of Alumni Relations, Class of 2005</i>
Benediction.....		June Belasco Honore, DNP graduate
Recessional.....	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra

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

Faculty Assisting Graduates: Lunelle Bertresse, *School of Social Work Associate Professor*
Candy Dolcy, *School of Social Work Assistant Professor*

DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE PROJECTS



June Belasco-Honore

Spiritual Community-Based Intervention for Intimate Partner Violence

Amanda McClellan

*Comparing the Effectiveness of Decaffeinated Green and
Black Tea in Reducing Perceived Stress Scores*

Zary Vargas

Is Your Plate Full? A Nutritional Workshop for an SDA Hispanic Community

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, five graduates earned that distinction. The titles of their senior research projects are listed below:

Caitlin Jo Maypa Cordero

“Kinetic study of 1,4-pentadiene-3-ol in sulfuric acid”

Catarina Dasilva Falcao

“Quality of Life of College Students: A Mixed-Methods Study”

Gabriella Celeste Grundy

“Attachment Style and Gender in Relationship Conflict Communication”

Elena Anne Petrie

“Wim Hof Method as Stress Defense in Undergraduate Nursing Students”

Ana Katherine Zelidon

“Crossing Borders: A Narrative Exploration of Migration”

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 of 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. His regalia is evergreen, the university’s traditional color.

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

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

Maroon & Navy Blue—Student Missions

All other colors represent honors societies in the various academic areas.

CLASS GIFT



The Class of 2025 has chosen to support a project that will have a lasting impact on future generations of Southern students. In honor of their shared experiences, they've selected a bench and plaque—featuring a duck relief—at the duck pond as their class gift. It will serve as a reminder of picnics, frisbee games, walks down the Greenway, and quiet moments spent by Wolftever Creek. Fundraising efforts will continue until the project is fully funded. Join us in building a lasting legacy at southern.edu/classgift.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Reyna Adame.....	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Emil Marc Alav, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Clarissa Ivette Alberto Rosario, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations
Shania Nohemi Amador Osorto, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Somee An, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Laurentza Elizabeth Anderson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
John Terrence Appel, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA International Studies [Spanish]
Lauren Faith Ann Arant	BS Public Relations
Landon David Asscherick, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Edward V. Backer	BA Psychology
Mila Shay-Ann Bales, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communication [Photography]
*Nyah Mackenzie Banks, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Greta Ann Baraks, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Jared Elijah Barlow	BS Business Administration
Christian Emanuel Barrera	BA Theology [Ministerial]
*Alandria B. Bauer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Nicholas Gavin Belenson	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Edgar Aroddy Benitez Mendez.....	BBA Marketing
Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Lillian I. Bennethum, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Sophia Grace Blackburn, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Andrew Alexander Boggess, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communication [Photography]
Jeremy Vidal Bonilla.....	BSW Social Work
Shannon Grace Bradshaw, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Gabriel D. Brown, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Garik Justin Brown	BSN Nursing
Jordaine A. Broyer, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Talia Zahira Kaisa Burrows, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Joanna Ashley Buttery, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Victoria Elise Cairus	BSN Nursing
Karl Michael Camacho.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Julena Beatriz Camarena.....	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Carson Andrew Daemyung Chang, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Esther Chang, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Logan Scott Chang, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Katherine Alejandra Chavez	BSN Nursing
Justin Brent Childers, Jr.	BS Business Administration
Gordon Gun-Hee Cho, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Ile Choi, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Jay Choi, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Isabela Mae Camay Cinco, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Allison Georgia Connelly, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Caitlin Jo Maypa Cordero, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Elizabeth Katelyn Coronado.....	BBA Finance
Jennifer Corral Yanez, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Graphic Design
Gabriel Marcelo Correa Bublitz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Maria Celeste Cortez	BSN Nursing
Rachel Susann Crutcher, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Barry E. Daly, Jr.	BA Religious Studies
Leilani Grace Darnell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Ethan Caleb David	BS Business Administration
Joshua David Davis, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]

Everaldo Paim De Araujo, Jr., *Magna Cum Laude* BS Biology [Biomedical]
 Zabdiel Jonathan De Pena BA History
 Kaitlyn Nicole DeLong BS Physics
 Emma Noel Desco, *Magna Cum Laude* BS Mass Communication [Advertising]
 Lucca Anthony Despirito BS Business Administration
 Leonel Zvikomboro Dewe BSN Nursing
 Christopher James Dietel, *Cum Laude* BS Computer Science
 Charlynneth Bardago Dizon BA Psychology
 Trevor Alexander Djami BSN Nursing
 Jeremiah Tyler Domingo BSN Nursing
 *Kaitlyn Cherie Dunbar, *Magna Cum Laude* BA Liberal Arts Education
 Colton Matthew Edelbach, *Summa Cum Laude* BS Biophysics
 Claire Madalie Elias, *Magna Cum Laude* BS Biology [Biomedical]
 Richard Alfred Elvin, *Magna Cum Laude* BS Business Management
 Lancelot Arthur Erickson, *Cum Laude* BS Computer Science
 Margaret Ellen Qiüyè Ermer, *Summa Cum Laude* BA Computer Science; Spanish
 Lorena Escalera BS Strategic Communication [Advertising]
 April Johanna Espinoza BS Public Relations
 *Anna Marie Estep, *Summa Cum Laude* BA Liberal Arts Education
 Jenifer Estrada BSW Social Work
 Danyla Myrlie Etienne BIS Integrative Studies
 Catarina Dasilva Falcao, *Summa Cum Laude, Southern Scholar* BSW Social Work
 Lorena Sofia Feliciano Ramos, *Magna Cum Laude* BFA Fine Arts
 Jarod Yakumo Fernander, *Cum Laude* BA Biology
 Marie Anne Fernandez, *Magna Cum Laude* BSN Nursing
 Emelia Claire Fiess BSN Nursing
 Kiran Grace Finley, *Magna Cum Laude* BS Biology [Biomedical]
 Hector Andres Flores BBA Marketing
 Lucas Nathaniel Freed BA Psychology
 Naomi Carolina Fulgencio Cedeno, *Magna Cum Laude* BSN Nursing
 Martin Elliott Funada, *Cum Laude* BS Health Science
 Braden Jeffrey Gang BSN Nursing
 Donovan Philip Gano, *Summa Cum Laude* BBA Accounting
 Marissa L. Garlock, *Cum Laude* BSN Nursing
 Emily Alyssa Garrett, *Magna Cum Laude* BA Psychology
 Christina Joy Gibbs, *Summa Cum Laude* BSN Nursing
 Daniela Yarel Gonzalez-Juarez, *Cum Laude* BS Psychology [Clinical]
 Mark Anthony Granados, *Cum Laude* BA Theology [Ministerial]
 Connor Everett Grant, *Summa Cum Laude* BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
 Tyler Scott Griffin BBA Accounting
 Gabriella Celeste Grundy, *Cum Laude, Southern Scholar* BS Business-Public Relations
 Muang Thangsian Gualnam, *Cum Laude* BSN Nursing
 *Hannah Noelle Guenin, *Summa Cum Laude* BA Liberal Arts Education
 Allen Michael Gustrowsky, *Summa Cum Laude* BS Computer Science
 Hannah Nichole Hagan, *Cum Laude* BS Business Administration
 Isabella Meeae Han, *Summa Cum Laude* BS Biology [Biomedical]
 Elias Andrew Hanson, *Summa Cum Laude* BA Chemistry
 Selina Patricia Hanson BA Religious Studies
 Seth Daniel Whitman Hare, *Magna Cum Laude* BA Psychology
 Mason Gray Harmon, *Summa Cum Laude* BBA Marketing; BS Business Administration
 Joshua David Harrington, *Summa Cum Laude* BSE Engineering [Mechanical]
 Annaliese Chen Le Haugen, *Magna Cum Laude* BSE Engineering [Mechanical]
 Trinity Lynn Hayden BS Music in Worship [Voice]
 Janelle Alexis Heredia, *Cum Laude* BS General Psychology

Angel Manuel Hernández, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Maria Paula Hernandez.....	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Cindy Abigail Hernandez Nino, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Rolando Miguel Herera	BA Biology
Liana Hillebert, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Jensen Ryan Hoffman	BS Business Administration
Danielle Alexis Howell.....	BSW Social Work
Yo Tha Htoo, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Keris Yonrae Hudley	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Ella Janae Huffman, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Jaden David Hutchinson	BS Kinesiology
Rachel Ashley Hutubessy, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Rexy Johan Hutubessy	BSN Nursing
Juho Hwang,	BS Health Science
Cheyenne Cassandra Hyde, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jared Kenneth Ing, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Anna Ivashchenko.....	BS Business Administration
Nathalie Sofia Jacome-Santistevan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Mauricio Tito Jaldin.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Stephanie Ribeiro Jaqua, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Graphic Design
Hannah Emily Margaret Johnson.....	BS Mass Communication [Photography]
Tianyi Ju, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Benjamin Juarez Mendez III.....	BS Biophysics
Kedrick Leander Jubanski Larson	BS Kinesiology; BA Religious Studies
Everett Aaron Kendall.....	BSN Nursing
David Nolan Keyes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
Dan A. Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Science
Emma Elizabeth Miyoung Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Minhyung Kim.....	BSN Nursing
Sungrae Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biophysics
Young Min Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Yuna Kim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Matthew Tyler Kimbley, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music [Theory & Literature]; Music Performance [Piano]
*Linda Louise Kirby, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BM Music Education [Keyboard]
Abigail Que Kishihara, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Brett Austin Klasing	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Janelle Faith Ko	BA Psychology
Micah Emmanuel Kontes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance; BS Music
Ana Katarina Korac, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Sue San Meredith Kwon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Brian Jihan Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Eunkyul Lee, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Joonbum Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Michael Jaekyung Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Sooheon Lee, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Michael Albert Liga, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Rebecca Bo-Kyung Lim, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Psychobiology]
Elizabeth Grace Livergood.....	BA Political Science
Jonathan Daniel Kaleonahenahe Lohn.....	BS Health Science
Michaela Lohr, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Susana Abigail Lopez Noyola, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Sahyii Ymeli Lozano, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Makenna Elyse Lunde, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing

*Teaching Certificate

Wen Jun Ma.....	BS Medical Lab Science
Sydney Paige MacLachlan, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Stephanie Kae Maeda.....	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Daniel Timothy Manns.....	BA Theology [Ministerial]
Aron Murchante Mariano, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Daniel Antonio Marquez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSE Engineering [Mechanical]
Carson Alan Mastrapa.....	BBA Finance
Isadiel Matos Carvajal	BSN Nursing
Riley Faith Mayer, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Dana Mari McGrew, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Aspen Dain Meadows.....	BSN Nursing
Agustin Bernabe Mego	BA Psychology
Andre Renato Abreu Menezes	BA Chemistry
Larissa Renata Menezes, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Arabella Faith Merryman, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Lourdes Gabriella Miner, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Bethany Elise Mitchell, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Mathematics
Taylor Grace Monday, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Tatianna Isabel Montenegro, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA International Studies [Spanish]; Political Science
James Gorden Moon, Jr.....	BS Business Administration
Maggie Lynn Moon, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Ashley De Jesus Morales-Inzunza	BFA Graphic Design
Arianna Ludim Moretta	BSW Social Work
Hannah Elizabeth Maya Mortenson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Management [Management]
Abishur Marvin Moses-Pakkianathan.....	BS Computer Science [Web Development]
Jephter Emilio Damm Moura.....	BFA Film Production
Brant Alden Muhlenbeck.....	BFA Web and New Media Design
Amaris Murillo-Mena, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Joby C. Nash, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Finance
Keyla Diana Navallo Martinez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Health Services and Senior Living Administration
Vallery Rose Nehvatal, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BFA Graphic Design
Denver Levi Nelson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Interdisciplinary Teaching and Educational Studies
Joshua Isaac Norris.....	BSN Nursing
Victor Isaac O'Dala.....	BS Mass Communication [Media Production]
Eunice Obispo.....	BS Music Performance [Instrument/Wind]; BA Political Science
Esther Kerubo Ogoti	BS Mass Communication [Advertising]
Jeanette Olayo	BA Psychology
Ian Adam Olson	BFA Film Production
Teva Liat Olstad, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Chidiebere Chiagoziem Onyeije, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Matthew Kaleb Orquia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Professional/Writing]
Mark Steven Kihapiilani Oskins	BT Automotive Service Management
Elijah Anorue Oyoyo.....	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Sydney Ha-Eun Pak, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Andrew Matthew Park, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Joseph Joonsoo Park, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Justin Jung-Soo Park, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Sanghak Park, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Music Performance [Organ]
Somin Park, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Gabrielle Ray Patrick, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Evona Paunganwa.....	BA Biology
Raisa Shelby Perchik, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Kevin Gabriel Perez	BBA Accounting

Elena Anne Petrie, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> . <i>Southern Scholar</i>	BSN Nursing
Jennifer Rosa Pheng.....	BSN Nursing
Keeley Renee Phillips, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Jared Robert Binnington Piliero, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA History; Political Science
Christopher Arun Pillgreen.....	BA Computer Science
Evelyn Pineda, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Family Systems]
*Judeline Marixa Pineda.....	BA Liberal Arts Education
Hannah Rebekah Piroski, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Helen Elizabeth Pizarro.....	BFA Graphic Design
Amanda Beckedorff Poças Leitão, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Anne Awene Pondi, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Chloe Grace Popkow, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA History
Phillip Hyden Radulea.....	BA History; Psychology
*Tristan Alexander Ramey, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA English
JM Rigel Isturis Razon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Medical Lab Science
Hailey Elizabeth Reams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]
Briana Marina Reed.....	BS Information Technology
Edwin Frank Regalado	BS Information Technology [Security]
Lucas Tyler Reutebuch.....	BA Religious Studies
*Gamaliel Ernesto Reyes	BA English
Alyssa Natalia Rivas, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Graphic Design
Isaac Obed Rivas.....	BSN Nursing
Nathan Andrew Ro	BA Biology
Joseph Albert Roberts, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Theodore William Rogers, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Communication; History
Thomas George Rogers.....	BS Mathematics
Emily Rubi Rojas, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Ashelen M. Rojas Zubieta	BFA Film Production
Shelby Elizabeth Romashko, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Marketing
Katie Marie Rose, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BFA Graphic Design
Benjamin Ezra Rouse, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BBA Computer Information Systems
Nicholas Andrew Rouse	BS Computer Science
Kailani Maria Pereira Rugan	BA Psychology
Mia Bernadette Sabala, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Lilyan Hope Saliba, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Trevor John Samples.....	BSN Nursing
Felicia Lee Sanders, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology; Religious Studies
Andrew Micheal Sangar, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Alani Leticia Santa Cruz	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Lesieli N. Savelio, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Public Relations; BA International Studies [Spanish]
Katelyn Marie Savino, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Caeden Dean Scott.....	BS Computer Science
Olga Waleska Sepulveda Jara	BS Business Management
Megan Kalena Sewell	BS Health Science
Xin Shen	BSN Nursing
Caleb James Shim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science
Elizabeth Kerstin Shrode, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Benjamin Luke Shull, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
*Izabel Ann Sigulinsky	BA Liberal Arts Education
Eimy Alexandra Silvestre de la Cruz, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Tabitha Audina Simbolon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Tyler Marc Simpson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Business Administration
Aliyah E. Sisler, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
Olivia Joy Slabbert, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing

Jirehka Gulnaz Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Lukas H. Smith, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Katelyn Renae Snyder, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Music
Kristen Joy Sobrepena, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Jacqueline Rebecca Sopandi	BSN Nursing
Rylan Matthew Spencer	BA Psychology
Ethan Garrett Leroy Stephens, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Bradley Richard Stern	BBA Marketing
Kristina Elena Stojanovic, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Oscar Eduardo Tass Coral, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Mathematics; Physics
Danielle Elizabeth Taylor	BFA Graphic Design
Jader Teixeira Dutra Mendes	BFA Animation [Character Animation]
Siosiu Tyler Telefoni	BS Health Science
Nicholas John Thompson	BSN Nursing
Spencer L. Tobing	BS Psychology [Clinical]
Himari Tono	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Nutrition/Dietetics]
Nuriah Chianne Tracy, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Thao Kristine Tran	BA Religious Studies
Alfredo Trevedan, Jr., <i>Cum Laude</i>	BBA Accounting
*Brianna Lynn Trott, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
*Kelsie Anne Magsombol Tucker, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Liberal Arts Education
Jocelyn Daniela Urrutia, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Health Science
David Ethan Uta, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Chemistry [Biochemistry]
Ivan Andriiovych Vakal	BA Computer Science
Amy Joy Van Arsdell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA History; Spanish
Lauren Else Van Zyl, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Tyler Marc Vaudreuil, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSE Engineering [Electrical]
Millie Vazquez-Pacheco, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science
Mikko Yvann Em Villarin, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Health Science; AS Allied Health [Pre-Physical Therapy]
Lauren Stacie Vitangcol, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Elizabeth Victoria Vollmer, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BA Psychology
Caroline Ellie Wagner, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Jennifer Marie Watkins, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BFA Animation [Character Animation]; BA Biology
Ashton Kenneth Rowland Weiss, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Interdisciplinary [Business, Economics, and Film]
Corbin Virgil Weiss, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BS Computer Science; Mathematics
Shannon Rachel Wijaya	BS Business Administration
Madison Montague Wilcox, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA English [Literature]
Trenton David Wilkens, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Biology [Biomedical]
Alyssa Marie Stojkic-Williams	BS Business Administration; Public Relations
Jenna Faith Williams, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BSN Nursing
Jeffrey Thomas Yaste, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Biology
Sarah Sehee Yoon, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	BA Chemistry
Ana Katherine Zelidon, <i>Cum Laude, Southern Scholar</i>	BA English [Literature]
Benjamin David Ziesmer, <i>Cum Laude</i>	BS Psychology [Industrial/Organizational]

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Alicia Marie Almeida Anderson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Katelynn Marie Appel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Daniel Howard Amann	AT Construction
Reagan Elizabeth Arner	AS Allied Health [Pre-Speech Language, Pathology and Audiology]

Ronnell Rubianes Cabacungan, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Maria Alejandra Camacho, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Joshua Jeriel Castro, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AT Construction Management
Kaitlin Natalie Chandler, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Emily Sophia Cook	AS Nursing
Anna Isabella Correa	AS Nursing
Kristina Rose Courtney.....	AS Nursing
Julianna Ailynn Cuellar, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Angela Marie DeLaVega, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Reid Fisher Dempsey, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Graphic Design
Shealynn Marie Foote.....	AS Nursing
Shanley Nicole Caballero Gunida, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Beauty Blessing Gurning.....	AS Nursing
Madison Paige Gwin.....	AS Nursing
Arionna Joy Haakenson, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health
[Pre-Speech Language, Pathology and Audiology]	
Sydney Rae Halvorson, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS General Studies
Steven Kyle Hansen, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Media Technology
Avana Victoria Taelyn Im, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Johanna Tinoco Juarez, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Ashannon Edmary Kelly.....	AS General Studies
Renee Elizabeth Kendall, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Haejin Kim, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Meaghan Eileen Kuczma, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Giovanna Marques Lucasin, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Wen Qian Ma	AS Nursing
Elizabeth Hadassah Mapp, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Giselle Denise Marsollier, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health
[Pre-Speech Language, Pathology and Audiology]	
Daryen Angel Matheson.....	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Brendan Thomas McLaughlin	AS Business Administration
Joshua Miguel, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Madison Kayli Molina, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Mercy Ilene Mosher, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Business Administration
Marin Narikawa, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Micah Marie Norwood, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS General Studies
Jamil Abraham Perez	AS Nursing
Eric Rivera	AT Construction Management
Crystal Rodriguez.....	AS Nursing
Amelia Monica Rossell, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Paige Mckenzie Rufo, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Anne Miyuki Rupert, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Allied Health [Pre-Dental Hygiene]
Lily Kiyoko Sakata, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Benjamin Matthews Santos Dos Santos, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Brynna Davene Scarbrough, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Anna Lee Smith	AS Vegetarian Culinary Arts
Matthew Gordon Smith	AS Nursing
Georgia Estep Tankersley, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Josemy Lizeth Velazquez-Coutino.....	AS Allied Health
[Pre-Speech Language, Pathology and Audiology]	
Michael Jean Villasante, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Raelynn M. Wolery.....	AS General Studies
Kaitlyn Marie Wright, <i>Cum Laude</i>	AS Nursing
Joonhyeok Yeom	AS Nursing
Alaina Marie Zill, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	AS Graphic Design

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Abigail Morgan Akridge.....	MS School Counseling
Hana Arnott	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Ivonne Nicole Bisono	MSEd Outdoor Teacher Education
Tamara Lynn Cardenas	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Melissa L. Cate.....	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
Brandy Marie Chapman	MS School Counseling
Rachel Beth Coffin	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Eric Matthew Eiselstein	MS School Counseling
Tiffany Eldorado.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Samuel George Fisher	MAT Teaching [Secondary]
Leah Breann Hall.....	MSW Social Work [Mental Health in Social Work]
Eugene Erwin Hope	MSN Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner
José A. LaPorte, Jr.	MA Theology [Theological Studies]
Kylie McMahan	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Yvens Darius Melidor.....	MMin Evangelism and Ministry
Storyie Dawn Miller	MS School Counseling
Irma Peden	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Cory David Reeves	MMin Biblical Counseling
Shannon Scott	MSEd Instructional Leadership
Joseph Andrew Tallant	MSN Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Dtrik Viehmann.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling
Dylan Mitchell Waters	MAT Teaching [Secondary]
Cynthia Alejandra Woodrum.....	MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling; School Counseling

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

June Belasco-Honoré	DNP Primary Care-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
Amanda McClellan	DNP Primary Care-Family Nurse Practitioner

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

GUEST GRADUATES

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Nathaniel Oregon.....	MA Pastoral Ministry
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BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Jealyna Desarmes, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	BA Interdisciplinary Music Studies [Music Composition]
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CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

Michelle Adams.....	EdD Reading and Literacy
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LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

Anastasia Oliver	MA Art and Design
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UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATES – 368

(20 HAVE TWO MAJORS OR DEGREES)

MASTER'S GRADUATES – 23 (2 HAVE MULTIPLE EMPHASES)

DOCTORAL GRADUATES – 2

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Adult Degree Completion	4	History and Political Studies	10
Applied Technology	1	Interdisciplinary Studies	2
Biology and Allied Health	38	Journalism and Communication	16
Business	42	Mathematics	5
Chemistry	12	Modern Languages	5
Computing	14	Music	9
Education and Psychology		Nursing	59
Education	9	Physics	5
Psychology	34	Religion	13
Engineering	4	Social Work	5
English	7	Visual Art and Design	15
Health and Kinesiology	18		

DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Applied Technology	3	Health and Kinesiology	1
Biology and Allied Health	11	Journalism and Communication	1
Business	2	Nursing	37
General Studies	4	Visual Art & Design	2

SCHOOLS WITH MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Education and Psychology		Nursing	6
Counseling	12	Religion	3
Education	5	Social Work	1

DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Nursing	2
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P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D
F O R T E A C H I N G E X C E L L E N C E



Gennevieve Brown-Kibble, DMA, is described by her choral students as devoted, gracious, inspiring, kind, down to earth, and funny. She makes young vocalists feel seen as well as heard and elicits a musical response from groups that has been characterized as “unmatched.” While her passion for stellar performances is undeniable, she is equally committed to the spiritual growth and well-being of those under her direction.

Testimonies from her classroom include: “Being in her choirs impacted my spiritual growth more than anything else on campus;” “Dr. Kibble creates a space for us to talk about what God is doing in our lives;” “She teaches us to not just sing the lyrics but also reflect on the messages of hope, faith, thanksgiving, and joy, and hold them in our hearts;” and “I’ve learned how to find peace, strength, and meaning through music because of her.”

Joining Southern’s School of Music in 2005 to conduct the Bel Canto women’s chorus, Die Meistersinger men’s chorus, and I Cantori chamber choir, Brown-Kibble became known as a “bright light” in the department because “her love for Christ is so profoundly beautiful,” says one faculty member. Her worshipful and diverse concerts model how to connect with God through music and community, and her heartfelt desire is to serve the Lord and give Him all the glory.

Well-respected outside of Collegedale, Brown-Kibble is currently president of the Tennessee chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and committed to promoting choral excellence across the state as well as the nation. She is frequently invited to serve as a guest clinician and conducted the highly competitive and prestigious Washington Music Educators Association All-State Treble Choir on the West Coast in 2022.

To honor the gift of fostering a lifelong love for music in her students and motivating so many to lift their voices in praise to God, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Gennevieve Brown-Kibble with the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D
F O R E X C E L L E N C E I N S C H O L A R S H I P



Serving in Southern's School of Religion for 28 years, **Professor Jud Lake, ThD, DMin**, is heartily endorsed by students in his classes focused on theology, preaching, and church studies. His expansive knowledge and engaging style of lecturing draw young and old alike into stimulating discussions on worldviews, the applications of faith, and the heritage of Adventism. Evaluations show that his beloved courses rank as the most favorite for many seniors.

With a unique blend of intellect and compassion, Lake projects a passion and enthusiasm for truth that broadens his influence well beyond campus. He is considered one of the foremost authorities on the life of Ellen White and her prophetic ministry in the Adventist Church, and he is frequently invited to speak at camp meetings and other spiritual gatherings around the country.

Ellen White Under Fire, Lake's first published book, was peer reviewed by 12 theologians, and A Nation in God's Hands: The Civil War Visions of Ellen G. White was evaluated by 10 historians and five theologians. He also coauthored The Pocket Ellen G. White Dictionary and contributed numerous articles in the Encyclopedia of Ellen G. White as well as the forthcoming Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia. He writes for a variety of magazines and other publications and is contributing to a collegiate textbook on White's prophetic ministry while also authoring a book on preaching.

Lake's life mission is to advance the Kingdom of God, and he is excited about the prospect of full-time research in his retirement, which begins this summer.

In recognition for extensive research, writing, teaching, and speaking to affirm the pillars and tenets of our church, Southern Adventist University is pleased to present Jud Lake with the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship.

D I S T I N G U I S H E D S E R V I C E M E D A L L I O N



Professor **Dale Walters**, a Southern alum, completed his bachelor's degree in industrial education with a business minor in 1981, along with teaching certifications in woodworking, drafting, welding, printing, machine shop, and auto mechanics. Several years later, he earned a master's in technology at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

Joining Southern's teaching faculty in 1988, Walters has served as the head of Applied Technology (formerly the Technology Department) for 34 years. He consistently works shoulder-to-shoulder with students, and his teaching style is described as "well balanced between lectures and hands-on labs," "open to answering questions and clarifying information," and "leading by example." Cited by one graduate as "the 'Who's Who' of master technicians worldwide," Walters holds more than 50 certifications from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, ranging from engine repair and brakes to suspension, steering, and exhaust systems, to name a few.

With continuing education credits from more than 70 different automotive seminars, Walters keeps abreast of industry trends, including electric cars. Years ago, he turned the classroom auto shop into a campus business for student mechanics to learn on the job while repairing cars for community customers, and profits are reinvested in the program to purchase state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment.

Walters has a heart for Christian service and consistently encourages students to serve locally as well as in their home communities and abroad. In 2005, he began a department tradition of offering free car inspections for the communities around Southern twice each year, providing safety information and maintenance awareness that continues today. Personally, he's responded to students', staff, and customers' vehicles crises at all hours of the night through all seasons, and he repairs buses for nonprofit groups for minimal fees or even free of charge. Active as a deacon and elder in his local church, Walters also teaches adult Sabbath School classes.

Since his college days, Walters has supported efforts to aid the Mosquito Indians in Nicaragua, serving as president and treasurer of the Tasba Raya Mission Board and inviting students and peers to join him on frequent trips to the Caribbean coast.

In addition to earning Southern's Distinguished Service Medallion in 2008, Walters was honored with the President's Award for Community Service Excellence in 2015. He has contributed to numerous university councils, committees, and boards during his long tenure, also serving as a sponsor for the students' Technology Club.

Recognizing his decades of selfless and devoted service to campus, the community, and the world, Southern Adventist University is pleased to again present Dale Walters with the Distinguished Service Medallion.

SPECIAL THANKS



Academic Administration
Advancement
Alumni Relations
Audio Visual
Blluum Floral and Event Design (stage florals)
Campus Safety
College Press
Energy Management
Financial Administration
Food Services
Graduate and Professional Studies

Landscape Services
Marketing and University Relations
President's Office
Quick Print
Records and Advisement
School of Journalism and Communication
School of Music
Service Department
Student Development
Village Market

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

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND



October 23-26, 2025

We're excited to invite you back to Southern Adventist University for a weekend of reminiscing, reconnecting, and celebrating. This fall, join fellow alumni from near and far to relive your favorite memories, enjoy beloved Homecoming traditions, and experience a few exciting new events we have in store!

Mark your calendars for Homecoming Weekend 2025.

Learn more and register at southern.edu/homecoming.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, congratulations to our newest graduates, the Class of 2025!