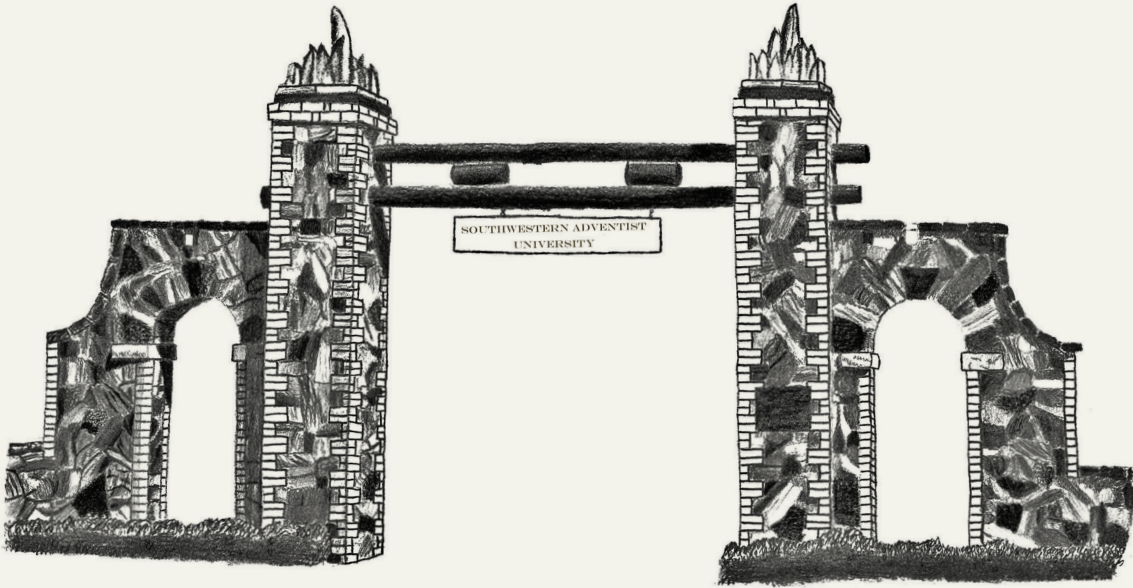




GRADUATION

DECEMBER 11-12, 2024



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THE MIZPAH GATE

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Pastor Kent Rufo, M.Div.

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SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

7:00 p.m. **Nurses' Pinning Ceremony**
Keene Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:00 p.m. **Commencement**
Keene Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Sanctuary

COMMENCEMENT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Keene Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Sanctuary

PRELUDE	Dr. Marcin Parys, piano <i>Adjunct Professor of Piano</i>
FACULTY PROCESSIONAL	<i>Suite No. 2 in D Major, HWV 349: II</i> Dr. Marcin Parys, piano <i>Alla Hornpipe I</i> George Frideric Handel
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Dr. Marcin Parys, piano Sir Edward Elgar
INVOCATION	Pastor Michael Gibson <i>Lead Pastor, Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>
WELCOME	James The <i>Vice President for Student Services</i>
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	Ana Patterson <i>President of Southwestern Adventist University</i>
SCRIPTURE	<i>Numbers 6:22-26</i> Destinee Knott <i>Class of 2024</i>
MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>I'll Walk With God</i> Jonathan E. L. Wall, baritone Nicholas Brodzsky Dr. Marcin Parys, piano
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Tatianna Zelaya-Youngberg <i>Class of 2024</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	"How Blessed am I?" Pastor Angelo Grasso <i>Spiritual Care and Community Director for Light Bearers</i>

SENIOR CLASS RESPONSE Cindy Josselyn Velasquez
December Class Representative

PRESENTATION OF CLASS Dr. Cheryl The
Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Administration

CONFERRING OF DEGREES Ana Patterson
President of Southwestern Adventist University

Dr. Marcel Sargeant
Vice President for Institutional Research and Effectiveness

Dr. Jason Kowarsch
Registrar

Duane Valencia
Assistant Vice President for Student Financial Services

ALUMNI WELCOME George Vander Veer
Vice President for Advancement

BENEDICTION Russ Laughlin
Vice President for Spiritual Development

RECESSIONAL *Procession of the Nobles from Mlada* Dr. Marcin Parys, piano
Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov

Dr. Renard Donesky, Ph.D., English Professor, is serving as Marshal for the graduation services.
Elizabeth Niua, Enrollment Counselor, is presenting the University flag for the graduation services.

It is requested that the audience remain seated during the processional and recessional.

MACE

Traditionally, the mace is a symbol of authority. Early ones were used as weapons of offense, capable of breaking through the strongest armor. The first ceremonial maces were borne by sergeants at arms in the courts of Philip II of France and Richard I of England. By the 14th century, royal maces had become items of great beauty, decorated with precious metals. The academic mace also goes back a long way; Oxford University's, for example, was constructed in the 16th century.

Southwestern Adventist University's four-foot brass-and-wood mace is a symbol of authority, as it represents education's ability to break through ignorance, poverty, and prejudice. Made of wood from the original building on campus, Heritage Hall, the mace is crowned by the cross of Christ, the basis of Christian education. Other symbols incorporated in the design are the law of God; the biblical passage of love, I Corinthians 13; an Olympic runner, which represents growth; and the lamp of learning.

The mace declares Southwestern's heritage and is used on all ceremonial occasions to represent the University's authority. It is a perpetual symbol of the University's reason for existence. It is also a symbol of the qualities that motivate students to love God and to serve others.



Gabriel Venegas, 2006

TASSEL COLORS

Business Administration—*Drab*
Communication—*Crimson*
Education—*Light Blue*
English, History—*White*
General Studies—*Black*
Kinesiology—*Sage Green*
Music—*Pink*
Nursing—*Apricot*
Psychology—*Golden Yellow*
Science, Mathematics—*Gold*
Social Science—*Citron*
Theology, Religion—*Scarlet*

DISTINCTIONS

Bachelor Degree

cum laude (burgundy cord) | 3.50–3.74
magna cum laude (silver cord) | 3.75–3.89
summa cum laude (gold cord) | 3.90–4.00

SPEAKERS



Angelo Grasso

ANGELO GRASSO serves as the spiritual care and community director for Light Bearers, a ministry dedicated to help people reimagine God and live a better story. Angelo is a trained chaplain and ordained minister with a passion for campus ministry, having served as the Adventist representative to the Harvard Chaplains, Cambridge, MA as well as chaplain for Adventist campus ministries at the University of Florida. Angelo is blessed by the companionship of his wife, Kathy, and two children, Elish and Emma.

FACULTY

SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Nathaniel Adu, Ph.D.
Heather Archer-Wilson, M.Ed.
Joaquin Azevedo, Ph.D.
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Adrian Cecotto, M.S.
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Emily De La Garza, M.S.
Jayne Ann Doneskey, M.A.
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Jonathan Duarte, Ph.D.
Erica Francis, D.N.P.
Lakicia Foster, M.P.H.
Lindsey Gendke, Ph.D.
Terri Gibson, D.N.P.
Pablo Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Elisane Grellman-Almeida, M.S.N.
Richard Brett Hadley, M.F.A.
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Chad Hutchinson, M.S.Ed.
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Nicholas Madhiri, Ph.D.
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Jonathan Mamora, M.M.
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Lance Millam, M.L.S.
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Jared Rice, Ph.D.
Jorge Rico, Ph.D.
Zaira Rico, M.S.
Heidi Saenz, M.A.
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Arthur Schwarz, Ph.D.
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Andrew Stojanovic, M.Div.
Tevita Tameifuna, Ed.D.

Cheryl The, Ph.D.
Daryl D. Thomas, Ph.D.
Simangele Tshuma, D.N.P.
Jonathan Turk, M.B.A.
Jonathan E. L. Wall, M.Mus.
Tony Zbaraschuk, M.L.S.
Licci Zemleduch, M.B.A.



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And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”’

NUMBERS 6:22–26

THANK YOU

CLASS OF 2024