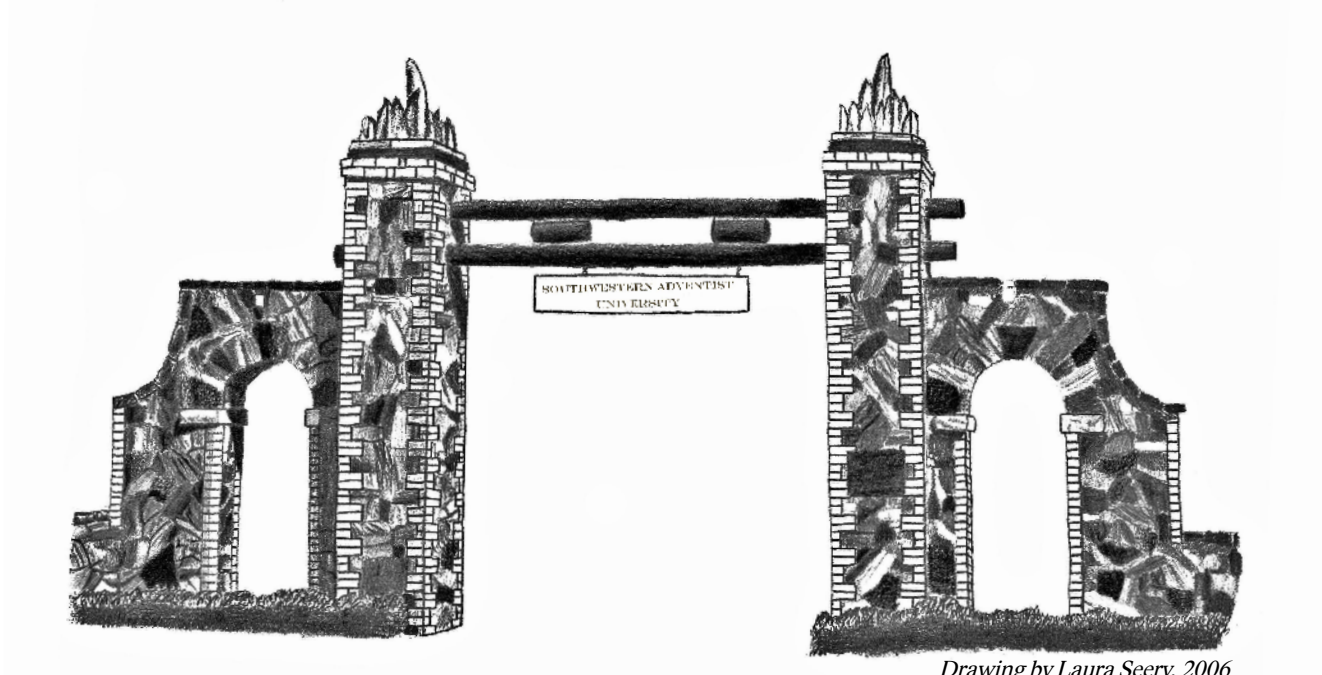




*Graduation*  
*May 5-7, 2017*



## The Mizpah Gate

*May the Lord watch between  
you and me when we are absent  
one from the other.*

*~Genesis 31:49~*

# Graduation Weekend Program

## **Friday**

**May 5, 2017**

- |           |                                |                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 6:00 p.m. | Theology Commissioning Service | Keene Seventh-day Adventist Chapel |
| 8:00 p.m. | Consecration                   | Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church |
- A reception for candidates and their parents will follow at The Gathering Place.*

## **Sabbath**

**May 6, 2017**

- |            |                |                         |
|------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 10:15 a.m. | Sabbath School | Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium |
| 11:30 a.m. | Baccalaureate  | Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium |
- Overflow seating is available in the Keene Church.*
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|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| 3:00 p.m. | Business Administration Recognition & Reception | Mabee Center Wharton Auditorium    |
| 4:00 p.m. | Education and Psychology Dedication             | Evans Hall                         |
| 6:00 p.m. | Nurses' Pinning Ceremony                        | Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church |
- A reception for nursing candidates and their guests will follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

## **Sunday**

**May 7, 2017**

- |            |              |                         |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Commencement | Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
- Overflow seating is available in Wharton Auditorium.*
- A reception for candidates and their guests will follow on the lawn between the Committee of 100 Cafeteria and Pechero Hall.*

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Luis Soria, *President*  
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Donna Berkner, *Associate Professor of Education*  
Amy McHenry, *Associate Professor of Biology*  
Kyle Portbury, *Associate Professor of Communication*

## *Class Gift*

Remodeling of Bathroom Facilities in Findley  
Administrative Building

# Consecration

May 5, 2017, 8:00 p.m.  
Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church

Prelude ..... Dr. Devon Howard  
*Director of Keyboard and Theory Studies*

Welcome.....Dr. Amy McHenry  
*Associate Professor of Biology*

Opening Prayer..... Van-Dai Ly  
*Class Representative*

Song Service .....Members of the Graduating Class  
University Orchestra Musicians  
Dr. Marc Élysée  
*Director of Orchestral Studies*

Music of Worship ..... Enny Velasquez  
Alexia Jimenez  
*Your Grace Still Amazes Me*  
Craig/Harrington

Scripture..... Rebeca Cunningham  
*I Kings 2:12*

Introduction of Speaker ..... Edgar Infante

Sermon .....Allan Hernandez  
*Class Pastor*  
*Daddy's Last Words*

Benediction ..... Herman Aguilar

Music of Reflection .....Erika Martinez  
Trent Muse  
*The Love of God*  
Frederick M. Lehman

Postlude..... Dr. Devon Howard  
*Director of Keyboard and Theory Studies*

# Sabbath School

**May 6, 2017, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium**

Prelude ..... Erika Martinez

*Finale*  
Janet Correll

Opening Prayer ..... Maria Tax

Welcome ..... Yaridai Casco-Hernandez

Musical Selection ..... Gage Rice

Ryan De La Garza  
Trent Muse

*The Swan*  
arr. Calvin Grooms

Scripture ..... Alondra Zavala

I Peter 2:27

Offering Appeal ..... Sean Aqui

Offertory ..... Villardy Alce

Eva Wang  
Makeda Simmons

*Total Praise*  
Richard Smallwood

Introduction of Speaker and Panel ..... Michael Cerda

Lesson Study ..... Dr. Joaquim Azevedo

*Professor of Religion*

Benediction ..... Andre' Doneskey

# Baccalaureate

May 6, 2017, 11:30 a.m.  
Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium

Prelude .....Dr. Devon Howard  
*Director of Keyboard and Theory Studies*

*Prelude in F Major*  
Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Processional.....Dr. Devon Howard

*Ceremonial March*  
Herbert Sumsion

Invocation.....Wilfredo Vanegas

Congregational Hymn .....Jonathan E. L. Wall  
*Director of Choral and Vocal Studies*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
William N. Runyan

## Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

## Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *refrain*

## Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *refrain*

Welcome.....Dr. Ken Shaw  
*President*

Offering Appeal ..... Cesar Puesan

Offertory..... Janna Baumann-Ream  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
John Rutter

Scripture..... Allenette Acebuche  
*I Kings 19:19*

Introduction of Speaker ..... Casey Lao  
*Class Vice President*

Musical Selection.....Jae-Min Park  
Ann Shaw  
*How Great Thou Art*  
arr. David T. Clydesdale

Baccalaureate Address..... Gabriel Perea  
*A Time for Mantle Casting*

Benediction ..... Hanna Kim

Recessional.....Dr. Devon Howard  
*Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65*  
Felix Mendelssohn

*Audience will please remain seated during processional.*  
*Ana Patterson, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, is serving as Marshal for the graduation services.*

# Commencement

**May 7, 2017 10:00 a.m.**  
**Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium**

Prelude .....	Dr. Devon Howard <i>Director of Keyboard and Theory Studies</i>
	<i>Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572</i> Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional.....	Dr. Devon Howard
	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D Major</i> Edward Elgar
Invocation.....	Dr. Donna Berkner <i>Associate Professor of Education</i>
Welcome.....	Dr. Ken Shaw <i>President</i> Larry R. Moore <i>Chairman of the Board of Trustees</i>
Scripture.....	Jasleen Escudero Philippians 3:13-14
Introduction of Speaker .....	Marcel Jackson
Musical Selection.....	Dhyana Ebanks-Johnson Jonathan Dunchie
	<i>Peace of the Lord</i> Babbie Mason
Commencement Address .....	Keith Gray <i>Knightly Debriefing</i>



Senior Class Response.....Luis Soria  
*Class President*

Presentation of Class..... Dr. Amy Rosenthal  
*Vice President for Academic Administration*

Conferring of Degrees..... Dr. Ken Shaw, *President*  
Dr. Amy Rosenthal, *Vice President for Academic Administration*  
Jason Kowarsch, *Registrar*  
Duane Valencia, *Assistant Vice President Student Finance*

Alumni Welcome and Benediction..... Larry Schneider  
*Alumni President*

Recessional.....Dr. Devon Howard  
*Finale from Symphony 1, Op. 14*  
Louise Vierne

*Audience will please remain seated during recessional.*

*Ana Patterson, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, is serving as Marshal for the graduation services.*

***Immediately following the ceremony, the Alumni Association will host a reception for graduates and their guests on the lawn between the Committee of 100 Cafeteria and Pechero Hall.***

# 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; and 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.



## Tassel Colors

English, History, Literature .....	<i>White</i>
Business Administration.....	<i>Drab</i>
Education .....	<i>Light Blue</i>
Fire Science.....	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Communication .....	<i>Crimson</i>
Kinesiology .....	<i>Sage Green</i>
Music .....	<i>Pink</i>
Nursing .....	<i>Apricot</i>
Science, Mathematics .....	<i>Science Gold</i>
Psychology.....	<i>Golden Yellow</i>
Social Science .....	<i>Citron</i>
Theology, Religion .....	<i>Scarlet</i>
Library Science.....	<i>Lemon</i>

## Distinctions

Bachelor Degree Graduates <i>cum laude (burgundy cord)</i> .....	3.50-3.74
<i>magna cum laude (silver cord)</i> .....	3.75-3.89
<i>summa cum laude (gold cord)</i> .....	3.90-4.00
Associate Degree Graduates <i>with distinction</i> .....	3.60-4.00

# Southwestern Adventist University Candidates for Graduation 2017

## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Luis Daniel Soria Illescas, *President*  
B.S. in Elementary Education  
Casey Lao, *Vice President*  
B.S. in Nursing  
*cum laude*  
Dhyana Ebanks-Johnson, *Secretary*  
Bachelor of Music  
*cum laude*  
Gabriel Castillo, *Treasurer*  
B.B.A. in Finance  
Allan Hernandez, *Pastor*  
B.A. in Theology  
Antonio Rodriguez, *Sergeant at Arms*  
B.S. in General Studies  
Roberta Aguilar, *December Representative*  
B.S. in Elementary Education  
*cum laude*  
Van-Dai Ly, *Class Representative*  
B.S. in Biology<sup>2</sup>  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors Program Graduate*  
*Thesis: Cloning PvDBP-TH5 and -TH6 from the pEGFP Plasmid to the pET21 Plasmid*

## HONORS PROGRAM

Janna Michelle Baumann Ream, *cum laude*  
Bachelor of Music<sup>2</sup>  
*Thesis: Art Songs and Their Uses of Shakespearean Texts*

Sara Joycelyn DeVore, *summa cum laude*  
B.S. in Psychology<sup>2</sup>  
*Thesis: Observational Learning, Gender Roles, and YouTube Video Content*

Renard Andre Doneskey, *magna cum laude*  
B.A. in English<sup>2</sup>  
*Thesis: Poem Series: Theory and Application*

Courney Allynn Hanna, *cum laude*  
B.S. in Biology  
*Thesis: Cloning of the P. vivax Duffy Binding Protein Gene for Protein Expression Studies*

Emily Ann Manzano, *magna cum laude*  
B.A. in Biology<sup>2</sup>  
*Thesis: The Effect of Plastic Pollution Density on Sand Temperature in Utila, Honduras*

Randy Leonides Vera  
B.S. in Biology<sup>2</sup>  
*Thesis: Finding the Susceptibility of Shigella Bacteria to Extracts of Callicarpa americana, Ginger, and Garlic using a Kirby Bauer Test*

## ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Narindra Candys Johanna Rabeloson Medical Laboratory Science<sup>2</sup>

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Nathalie Jessica Mapaliev General Studies

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS

Danielle Ludivina Cantu, *cum laude* Biology<sup>2</sup>  
Roxana Jeter-Marin Biology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adriana Marisol Alvarez, *summa cum laude* Biology<sup>2</sup>  
Edwin Arevalo Biology  
Alvin Sean Aqui, *summa cum laude* Biology<sup>2</sup>/Business  
Cristian Cabrera Biology  
Ryan Matthew De La Garza Biology  
Jasleen Escudero-Rios Biology  
Evelyn Tomasa Gomez Biology  
Gabriela Gutierrez Biology  
Mwape Kalamkata, *magna cum laude* Biology  
Andrew Joshua Jae-Min Park, *summa cum laude* Biology<sup>2</sup>  
Thomas Floyd Wilson Biology

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Ronald Charles Gaban

Business<sup>1</sup>

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alicia Hudson-Scott Accounting Concentration  
Jessica Sullivan Accounting Concentration  
Ginlian Thang Accounting<sup>2</sup> Concentration  
Andrea Suraia Ruben Francisco Finance Concentration  
Jasmin Galloway-Michel International Business Concentration  
Cecilia De Freitas, *cum laude* International Business & Management Concentration  
Nicole Natasha Watler International Business & Management Concentration  
Villarday Alce Marketing Concentration

## COMMUNICATION BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Herman Aguilar, *magna cum laude* Communication emphasis in Journalism  
Jordan K. Shelton-Greene Communication emphasis in Journalism  
Matthew Scott Forner Communication emphasis in Radio/TV/Film  
Gavin EJ Neal Communication emphasis in Radio/TV/Film

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Aisheh Yousef Abunijmeh, *cum laude* Computer Science<sup>2</sup>  
Rebeca Cunningham Computer Science  
Robert Dominguez Computer Science  
Marcel Shayanne Jackson Computer Science  
Branislav Muntag Computer Science

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Karla Fernanda Cisneros Elementary Education  
Madilyn Kristine Gendke, *cum laude* Elementary Education<sup>2</sup>  
Celeste Roxanne Haro Elementary Education  
Alexia Anali Jimenez-Urena, *cum laude* Elementary Education<sup>2</sup>  
Hanna Kim, *magna cum laude* Elementary Education<sup>2</sup>  
Estephania Phelps Elementary Education  
Amy Michelle Reyes, *magna cum laude* Elementary Education<sup>2</sup>  
Taylor Brooke Rogers Elementary Education  
Jessica Lynn Wallin Elementary Education<sup>2</sup>

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English<sup>2</sup>

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Enny Marina Velasquez

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Jonathan Matthew Dunchie<sup>2</sup>  
Erika Elise Martinez<sup>2</sup>

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Pastor Keith L. Gray, who grew up in Houston, is a two-time graduate of Southwestern Adventist University, earning first a B.S. in education and then a B.A. in theology. He later attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, receiving a Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor Gray has been preaching the gospel since he was 16 years old. He has preached all over the United States as well as Australia, Taiwan, and South Africa. He has a reputation as a riveting speaker, able to make the word of God come alive for his audiences.

He has served in a variety of roles, including pastor, teacher, chaplain, and administrator. Currently, he is the Dean of the School of Leadership for North Dallas Adventist Academy. He is also a talented musician.

Pastor Gray claims that his “greatest earthly achievement” was persuading Charmaine Hylton of Jamaica to change her last name to his. They have been married for almost 25 years, and have one daughter, Carissa.



Pastor Gabriel Perea is a native Texan. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Southwestern Adventist University in 2005. He obtained a Master of Divinity from Andrews University in 2009. He is currently working on a Doctorate in Ecclesiology and the Millennial Church at Andrews University.

He works currently as the Planting and Lead Pastor of “Advent Project”, a Millennial Adventist Church which is located on the campus of Scenic Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Pastor Perea has been married to Jessica for 12 years and she is also a graduate of Southwestern Adventist University. They have four awesome, smart, beautiful, and godly children.

This couple has pastored in English, Spanish, and Korean churches and they believe that Jesus is not only coming soon, but in this generation! “Even so Come Lord Jesus!”



Dr. Joaquim Azevedo was born in Brazil and raised in Paraguay. He graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist College in Sao Paulo in 1988. He then pastored in that same city. He graduated in 1994 with a Master of Arts emphasis in Biblical Languages and Archaeology from Andrews University. In 1999 he obtained a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Andrews University.

From 2000 until 2014 he held various positions including Professor of Theology at Northeast Brazilian College, Academic Coordinator of the Religion Department at Amazon Adventist College, Professor of Theology at Peruvian Union University, and from 2014-present he holds the position of Associate Professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Adventist University.

Dr. Azevedo has authored several academic articles and chapters in books and is currently writing a commentary on the book of 1 Chronicles for the Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary.

He is married to Marcia Azevedo, M.S. RN, and they have five children.



Allan Hernandez was born and raised in Brownsville, Texas. He attended Valley Grande Adventist Academy in 10th through 12th grades. He then came to Southwestern Adventist University where he began as a biology major. This did not feel right to Allan, so after a week of fasting and prayer petitioning God for guidance, Allan changed his major to Theology and felt peace.

In 2012 Allan worked in the Dinosaur Laboratory where he was able to rub shoulders with Dr. Chadwick. In 2014 he was promoted to “Bone lab Manager,” which meant he had the challenge of hiring and managing his peers. In 2013 he also became a tutor for the Dr.’s Peter and Amy McHenry. In 2014 to the present he has worked as a Men’s Residence Hall Assistant where he has learned a lot from Dean Iverson. These people are a few that influenced his time at Southwestern.

This year, Allan was voted Senior Class Pastor, which added another job to his list. His Pastoral Internship was done at the Garland Spanish Church in Garland, Texas where he spoke on most weekends throughout this school year. In spite of a very busy schedule, you will find Allan smiling and enjoying life.

# *Southwestern Adventist University*

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