



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 10   | <u>Campus First Aid Training</u> (9-11AM)                        |
| July 14   | Admission deadline for First Semester                            |
| July 19   | <u>Wellness Fun Run 2026</u> (5:30AM)                            |
| July 24   | <u>Little Chefs, Big Health!</u> (1:30-4:30PM)                   |
| July 31   | <u>Theological Seminary Forum</u> - Proposal Submission Deadline |
| Aug 3-6   | English Placement Test (online)                                  |
| Aug 5-11  | <u>Term Break</u>                                                |
| Aug 5     | Allias Academy - School Year 2026-27 Classes begin               |
| Aug 6     | English Placement Test (on campus)                               |
| Aug 12    | GS and Seminary Classes Begin                                    |
| Aug 16    | Cultural Night                                                   |
| Aug 27-29 | <u>AATS Annual Forum</u>                                         |

## WELCOME - Dr. Daniël (Danie) Potgieter



We would like to welcome our new Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Daniël (Danie) Potgieter and his wife Sanet, who are arriving from South Africa on July 9, 2026.

Dr. Potgieter holds a DMin in Church Growth and Evangelism, with specialization in Urban Mission, from the Adventist University of Africa. He has over 30 years of experience in church work, all in South Africa. He began by serving as men's dean at Helderberg College for four years, then as a district pastor for 23 years, teaching Greek at Helderberg College for 6-1/2 years, serving in the Cape conference as Executive Secretary, and as Human Resources Manager for the Cape Conference.

Dr. Potgieter and his wife Sanet (a long-time first grade teacher) have three grown sons who are supportive of their parents accepting a call to missionary work.

## WELCOME - Dr. Feliks Ponyatovskiy



We would like to welcome our new Dean for the Theological Seminary Dr. Feliks Ponyatovskiy, his wife Dr. Liliia, and daughter Tereza, who are arriving from Kenya on July 17, 2026. Dr. Feliks Ponyatovskiy served as the Dean of the Theological Seminary at the Adventist University of Africa

in Kenya. Originally from Ukraine, he studied at Zaoksky Adventist University in Russia, earned his MA in Religion from Andrews University, his PhD in Old Testament at Allias, and a post-doctoral program at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

He is married to Dr. Lilia Poniatovska, who holds a BA in Religion, an MA in Music, and a PhD from Allias in Educational Administration. They have two children, a son who is studying at Southern Adventist University and a daughter who will be studying in Allias Academy.

## CHAPEL - The Financial Plan for His Mission

*Haldeman Tampubolon, DMin Student*

Dr. Jorge Montero spoke during chapel on July 6, 2026 and he reminded the students that Christian stewardship is about more than managing money. He explained that everything belongs to God and that we are only stewards of His gifts. He connected tithes and offerings with faith, gratitude, justice, mercy, and mission. He also presented about the history of systematic giving in the Adventist Church. The church carefully studied the Bible and developed practical ways to support pastors, missionaries, schools, and other ministries. This system allows church members to take part in God's mission through faithful and responsible giving.

## SOUTH PACIFIC COMMUNITY - Solomon Islands

Hillary Casper, PhD in Education Student



Students from the Solomon Islands commemorated the 48th Independence Day of their nation on July 7, 2026, with a day of worship, reflection, and fellowship. This year's celebration embraced the national theme, "Our Nation, Our Responsibility

and Accountability - Building a GREAT Solomon Islands," reminding citizens at home and abroad of their shared duty to contribute to the nation's progress through responsible leadership, integrity, and unity. Their observance of Independence Day served as a meaningful reminder of their enduring connection to their country and their commitment to contributing to its future.

## INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

On Sunday, July 5, 2026, the AIIAS Indonesian Community (AIC) visited the home of former AIIAS Business professor and current Southern Asia Pacific Division (SSD) Associate Education Director Dr. Leroy Ruhupaty and his family at their home at SSD. They had heard that both Dr. Leroy and his wife Ruby, lost their fathers recently, so they visited to hold a simple worship service to support the family during their time of grief. AIC continues to pray that God will give strength and comfort to Dr. Ruhupaty, Mrs. Ruby Wijaya, and their family.



**Note:** AIIAS on-campus students have **cultural communities** that serve as their social support systems. These are: Filipino, Indonesian, Myanmar, Korean, Chinese, Latin America, Africa, Europe and North America, South Asia, and South Pacific.

**Underlined words are links.**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AIIAS is seeking suitably qualified and experienced persons to serve as the **Faculty of the Education Department**, Graduate School. The positions are:

- **Faculty (Curriculum & Instruction)**
- **Faculty (Educational Administration)**

If you know anyone that might be interested in teaching at AIIAS, please forward these information to them.

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **LAUNDRY & DELIVERY** - Drop off your dirty clothes at the store and pick them up the next day. It costs P205 per load (7kg per load). Request laundry pick-up or canteen products delivery by clicking: [Daily Tread Canteen](#) or [Laundry Service](#)
- **MANDATORY FIRST AID TRAINING** - All Gym Marshalls, Security Guards, and 2 department / building representatives are invited to attend on July 10, 2026, at 9-11 AM at the Function Hall.
- **WELLNESS FUN RUN** - Register now for the 1K, 3K, or the 5K events on July 19, 2026 at 5:30AM by messaging the [Clinic](#).
- **AIIAS SOUVENIRS** - We have the new AIIAS Tote Bag available at the PR Office, for P500. Other available souvenirs are: P200 - black cap, green visor, journal, AIIAS shirt (green, red, black, & white), One Voice shirt (purple), tumbler (black & white), and umbrella; P400 - AIIAS polo shirt (navy blue); thermos (black & white); AIIAS necktie; and Malachi and friends (plush toy carabao).
- **PROMOTE AIIAS!** - Do you want to share about AIIAS with your church or organization! Here is a [slide show presentation](#) and some [promotional videos](#) that you can customize and use!

## FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: [Dr. G. T. Ng](#))

"A German psychologist says that women talk more than men because they have a bigger vocabulary. But, it evens out because men only listen half the time." Jay Leno