



HIGHLIGHTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17	<u>Mandatory First Aid Training - 9-12am</u>
July 19	<u>Wellness Fun Run 2026 (5:30AM)</u>
July 19-27	Mission Trip - Evangelistic Meeting in Sabah, Malaysia
July 24	<u>Little Chefs, Big Health!</u> (1:30-4:30PM)
July 31	<u>Seminary Forum</u> - Submission Deadline
	The Biggest Loser - Culmination
Aug 3-6	English Placement Test (online)
Aug 5-11	Term Break
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 15	International Potluck
Aug 16	Cultural Night
Aug 27-29	<u>AATS Annual Forum</u>

WELCOME - Dr. Susan Chand



We would like to welcome our new Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Susan Chand and her husband Dr. David, who are arriving from Trinidad and Tobago on July 17, 2026.

Dr. Susan originally comes from India. She holds a PhD in Anthropology with specialization in medical anthropology from the University of Pune. She has worked at University of the Southern Caribbean for 20 years, having taught prior to that at Spicer Adventist University and Roorkee Adventist College in India. Dr. Susan has also served as chair of dissertation committees for Andrews University PhD students in the USC extension program.

Dr. Susan's husband, Dr. David, completed his PhD in Education from Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica, with a specialization in Curriculum & Instruction. The Chands have one adult son, Jason.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW VPSS

Dear Students,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I'm delighted to welcome you to Allias. Some of you are arriving for the very first time. Others are back for another semester of this shared journey. Either way, you're now part of a community that seeks truth together and tries, in its own imperfect way, to grow in wisdom and serve with humility.

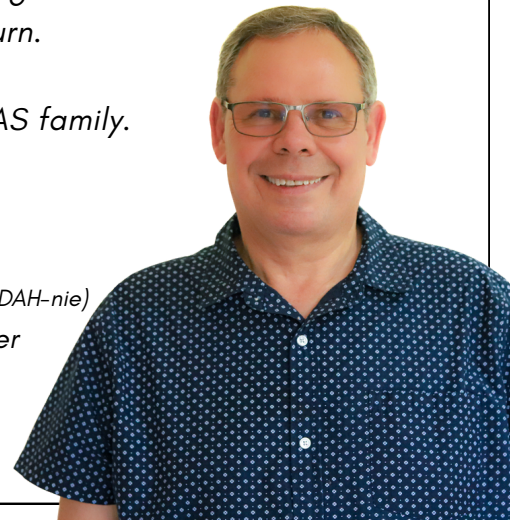
God raised up Allias to prepare men and women for lives of service to His church and to the world. That's still why we're here. Ellen White wrote that true education develops the physical, the mental, and the spiritual together, not one at the expense of the others. So amid your research, your deadlines, and your exams, don't set your walk with God aside. Keep prayer, Scripture, and worship close. You'll need them more than you think.

As your Vice President for Student Services (VPSS), my door is open, and so is my heart. I want to support you, celebrate your growth, and walk with you through whatever this season of student life brings, the good and the hard. May we reflect Christ's character together and hasten His soon return.

Welcome home, Allias family.

In His service,

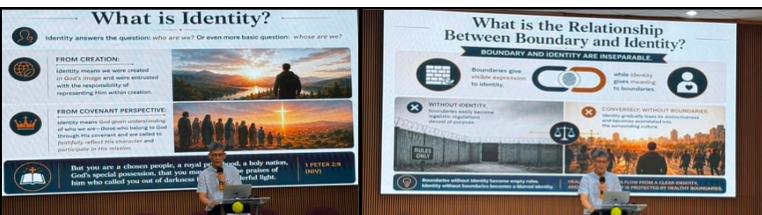
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Student Services*



CHAPEL - Boundary Define Identity

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Dr. Chuan Shan Liang, the Chair of Applied Theology Department, spoke during chapel on July 13, 2026 on the topic "Boundary Making and Missional Identity". Dr. Liang challenged the premise that less boundaries equal more freedom. He countered it by saying that a culture without boundaries results in uncertainty and a crisis of identity. He stressed that boundaries are not walls in life, but God-ordained structures that bring order, support relationships and define His covenant people.



One of Dr. Liang's key messages is that boundaries and identity are inseparable. Boundaries define identity, and identity defines boundaries. Boundaries without identity are legalistic; identity without boundaries is indistinct and absorbed by culture. Mission was clear, too. The church must cross boundaries in love and witness without losing its God-given identity. Jesus exhibited this balance beautifully, calling us to be sent into the world, but to remain separate (John 17:16-18).

STUDENT ASSOCIATION - FIFA World Cup Final

The SA is inviting all interested individuals to watch the **FIFA World Cup Final** on July 20th, 2026 at 2:30 AM at the Amphitheatre. No entry fee required, only the spirit of unity for the love of soccer/football!

Please note that the following guidelines **MUST** be upheld as we use the amphitheater:

1. Strictly no EATING or DRINKING inside
2. Cleanliness of the venue during and after
3. No jumping up and down on chairs

SA will provide warm & cold drinks with biscuits during half-time out on a table set-up in the car park (if the weather permits) or at the ARK pavilion .

Underlined words are links.

AIIAS CLINIC HEALTH ADVISORY

10 Easy Tips to Prevent Cough, Colds & Flu

Prepared by Dr. Monalisa E. Acero-Xavier

1. Always wash your hands
2. Cover every cough and sneeze - use tissue
3. Wear mask if you are sick
4. Stay home when ill
5. Stay hydrated - drink plenty of water
6. Eat nutritious food - to support immune system
7. Get enough sleep - at least 7-9 hours
8. Keep air flowing - open windows when possible
9. Don't share personal items - avoid sharing drinking bottles, utensils, or lip products
10. Seek medical care early - visit the AIIAS Clinic when you have
 - a. Fever > 39 degrees celsius
 - b. Difficulty breathing
 - c. Chest Pain
 - d. Persistent or worsening symptoms
 - e. Symptoms lasting more than 10 days

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AIIAS is seeking suitably qualified and experienced persons to serve as the **Faculty of the Education Department**, Graduate School. These International Service Employee (ISE) positions are:

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

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

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **LIBRARY** - The roof of the library is currently undergoing some repairs in preparation for the rainy season. Please expect some noise and temporary inconvenience during this time.
- **WELLNESS FUN RUN** - Register now for the 1K, 3K, or the 5K events on July 19, 2026 at 5:30AM by messaging the Clinic.

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: Dr. G. T. Ng)

"I never go for physical checkups. My doctor is a devout Christian who takes the Bible literally when it says, 'Seek, and you shall find.' Invariably, he manages to find something that wasn't even there in the first place."

Author unknown