

SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY ENACTUS TEAM PLACES THIRD IN TOP TIER OF NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Enactus chapter at Southern Adventist University won third place at the 2023 Enactus United States National Exposition, ranking in the elite 1 percent of more than 300 teams in the country. This marks the second time Southern's student team, which is housed in the School of Business, has advanced through the competition to the final round with the top four U.S. schools.

Junior management major Roman Johnson, Southern's chapter president, described the expo as "an incredible experience. My team and I had the opportunity to grow in our commitment to Christ-centered service through our projects this past year and then showcase His work through our team in the competition."

Along with creating a video, the Southern team prepared an annual report detailing all five of their current projects with statistics and finances to share with judges. The presentation focused on Akuna Soap Industry's production of natural, affordable soap that equips women and youth in Zambia to open their own businesses and BringIt's empowerment of student entrepreneurs. Other Chattanooga-based projects include: Tomorrowpreneurs's focus on inspiring underserved children with business knowledge and confidence; HIRE's job network and training targeting unsheltered individuals; and Illuminate Marketing's promotion assistance for struggling small businesses.

—Tina Smith, Southern Adventist University



↑ Southern Adventist University Enactus team poses for a photo after placing third nationally in 2023 national exposition. Photo provided by Southern Adventist University



↑ Walla Walla University Enactus Club team poses with the Community Impact Prize they earned this spring for their energy innovation project Bionova, a biogas production process. Photo provided by Walla Walla University

Walla Walla University Enactus Club Earns Prize for Energy Innovation Project

This spring Walla Walla University's Enactus Club entered the Alaska Airlines 2023 Environmental Innovation Challenge alongside 20 other teams, and took home the \$5,000 Community Impact Prize for their project on energy innovation.

The team of five students is developing Bionova, a biogas production process to provide a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to wood and charcoal for cooking fuel. Nyasha Pazvakwambwa, a junior accounting and finance major, explained it was Zimbabwe's need for a cost-efficient and environmentally friendly energy source that served as the motivation for the project. "We aim to utilize waste from animals to create a network of bioreactors producing biogas in nylon-coated bags and distribute it to propane tanks for local use in cooking stoves and generators," says Pazvakwambwa.

The Community Impact Prize recognized the project's priority of justice while providing an innovative way to improve community resilience in the face of climate change. Elizabeth Hernandez, a junior business major, said the \$5,000 of prize money will go toward bringing the project to life.

—Kayla Hastings, Walla Walla University Relations student writer

Union College Launching Three New Graduate Programs

Union College is significantly expanding its graduate offerings with three new master's degrees. Two of the new degrees, a Master of Public Health and a Master of Science in Leadership, will begin in August 2023, while the Master of Occupational Therapy Program will launch in 2024.

"These new degrees signal a broadening of Union College's scope as we continually strive to add value for our current students and anyone seeking additional higher education to advance their careers," said Vinita Sauder, Union College president. "The programs build on Union's strengths and continue our legacy of training top leaders in health care, the nonprofit sector, and many other fields."

These three programs will significantly expand Union's graduate offerings. Since 2008 the Master of Physician Assistant studies has been the college's lone master's degree. The 33-month program currently graduates approximately 30 students per year into a field consistently ranked one of the best careers by *Forbes* magazine and other publications.

—Ryan Teller, Union College Integrated Marketing Communications