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We are at the end of the year here at Southern Methodist College. This is a very busy time of year for we are trying to do several things. First of all, to wrap up the previous year, and second, we are setting up the records for the coming year.

As we wrap up the records from the previous year, we have a lot of things going on from settling our accounts, doing inventory on our equipment, and seeing where students are in their current progress. All of these things come together to help us evaluate how the past year went, and that is our hope, and I think I can safely say this, that we will end in the black this year.

The preparations for the year to come include things like setting up new spreadsheets for our student progress, setting up new spreadsheets for our accounts receivable and accounts payable, so that we can keep track in the coming year of everything. We're also in the process of renewing our contracts with our faculty and staff and recruiting new faculty and staff for the year to come.

In fact, I would like to introduce to you Reese Daniel, a new member of our staff. He will be helping us by maintaining contact with students and helping new applicants go through the application process. He

will be a great help to us, especially with our asynchronous students, ensuring that things are going well with them or ensuring that we know what's going on in their lives, so that we will be able to deal with problems before they become detrimental to the students' academic progress.

Reese Daniel states that he is happy to join the Southern Methodist College as the new Student Services Coordinator, assisting President Battle in helping our students and prospective students with their needs. Reese grew up in Columbia, SC before attending Clemson University, where he graduated in 2000 with a BS in Finance. Following school, Reese lived in Greenville until 2007 before moving his family to Charleston, where he lived until last month. He and his family now reside in Cameron, SC and attend Cameron Southern Methodist Church. He is married to the former Olivia Summers of Cameron, and they have two children, Jacob, 18, and Marie, 12.

He comes to us very well qualified. His career background is primarily in finance, having been a Private Client Advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors and Merrill Lynch for 13 years before moving into Real Estate Development. Recently, Reese has gone to work in the family business at Golden Kernel Pecan Company in Cameron.

Reese's spiritual life has grown in the last several years since he made a decision to devote his life to God. Reese credits the Lord and the Lord alone with helping him overcome challenges in his life and those challenges helping him to grow spiritually. Being active in church and helping others who may have some of the same challenges he has faced are the centerpiece of Reese's life and he is very much looking forward to his work at Southern Methodist College expanding his spiritual horizons.

Join me and welcome Reese to our college family.