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Oakwood University Aeolians Win at World Choir Games with Highest Scores in Tshwane, South Africa

(Huntsville, AL. July 15, 2018) --Oakwood University Aeolians Choir achieves highest scores in two categories to win big at the 10th edition of World Choir Games in Tshwane, in the northern part of South Africa.

Competing in the categories of Spirituals, Musica Contemporanea, and University and College, the Aeolians bested over 14 other choirs from around the world to triumph, not only with the highest score in two of the three categories, but winning three gold medals of which, two were championships at the biennial event. The invited assortment of choirs this year hailed from around Africa, from Europe to Sweden and beyond, as well as further-flung locales like Singapore, Indonesia, Argentina and of course, the United States.

INTERKULTUR, organizers, hosted the world's largest choir competition for the first time on the continent of Africa with Tshwane as the host city. This year marks the 30th year of the games and 11 days of competition, the Aeolians repeated their gold medal wins from the 2012 World Choirs Games in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"We are delighted to acknowledge, to the glory of God, the hard work, and sacrifice of the Aeolians and their leadership," says Dr. Leslie Pollard, President of Oakwood University. "The Aeolians represent a treasure for our Seventh-day Adventist Church, the city of Huntsville, the state of Alabama, and our United States of America. Congratulations to Dr. Jason Ferdinand, our music department, and especially our devoted students, who compose this world-renowned group. Having toured with them in South Africa last week, the message was clear—Oakwood University is all about excellence!"

See more in [this news release](#), or learn more about the Oakwood University Aeolians Choir [here](#).

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Oakwood University, a historically Black SDA institution of higher learning, offers quality Christian Education that emphasizes academic excellence, promotes the harmonious development of mind, body, and spirit, and prepares leaders in service for God and humanity. The school's motto, shared by faculty and students, is: Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve. In everything it does, it believes and practices God First, its current slogan. Consistent with its Mission Statement, Oakwood University is in the business of transforming lives – both for now and, more importantly, for eternity. Founded in 1896, Oakwood University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC). More information about Oakwood can be found on their website at www.oakwood.edu.