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Oakwood University Aeolians Wins Three Gold Medals at the World Choir Games in Tshwane, South Africa

(Huntsville, AL. July 13, 2018) --Oakwood University Aeolians wins three gold medals in the Spirituals, Musica Contemporanea, and University and College categories at the 10th edition of World Choir Games in Tshwane, in the northern part of South Africa this week among stiff competition.

Competing in the categories of Spirituals, Musica Contemporanea, and University and College, the Aeolians makes a clean sweep of gold, besting over 14 other choirs from around the world to win the biennial event in beautiful Tshwane. 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.

Tshwane hosted the first-ever World Choir Games on the continent of Africa, and the organizers of the world's largest international choir competition, INTERKULTUR, is celebrating its 30th years. After 11 days of competition, the Aeolians repeated their win 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.