

Southern Adventist University student Kirsten Elisabeth Wolcott was found dead on the island of Yap, where she was serving as a student missionary volunteer. Kirsten, who was a junior liberal arts education major, had reportedly gone jogging by herself before morning classes on Wednesday, November 18, and did not return. Her body was later discovered, the victim of an apparent murder. A police investigation is underway.

Students and faculty at Southern are deeply saddened by this incredible loss and have begun leaving notes and remembrances in the Student Center, at a table near a map depicting where Southern's 87 active student missionaries are volunteering. Digital remembrances are also being posted online at www.southern.edu/Pages/kirstenwolcottmemorial.aspx.

Those who have been affected by Kirsten's sudden death are receiving counseling in Summerour Hall, where Southern's School of Education and Psychology is housed.

An on-campus memorial service is being planned for the week following Thanksgiving vacation.

Southern appreciates all the prayers that have been shared for those closest to Kirsten. We anticipate with eager hearts the joyful reunion that will take place at Christ's second coming.