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John William McCoy is Dean of the School of Education and Psychology at Southern Adventist University.

He graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA, in 1981 with a master's degree in Human Development and Learning from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and in 1987 from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a doctoral degree in Educational Administration.

John has extensive experience in public and private educational institutions in the United States, and is in his 38th year as an educator, having served as a teacher and administrator.

With the varied experiences John has had, he continues to hone his skills as an administrator in his current position as Dean and his skills as a teacher delivering graduate level courses online, hybrid, and face-to-face. Students enjoy his presentations that include references to work in inner city settings, rural education, and high-end suburban school districts. Colleagues appreciate his can-do spirit and his ability to relate to them because he can speak from first-hand experience.

John is often invited to speak at meetings across the United States, to present information to constituents on educational matters of interest, as well as provide a spiritual message when asked. His diverse background equips him to face issues of concern with confidence and vision. He is currently heavily involved in a complete restoration and renovation of his School of Education building scheduled to re-open in May, 2014.

He has been happily married to his high school sweetheart, Janette, whose ancestral roots are in Italy. They have two adult children, a daughter Grace who is a nurse and a son Scott who is a teacher.