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The Measure of a Mentor

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Reggie Corley, a shareholder in Rogers Townsend & Thomas in Columbia, has been recognized as one of South Carolina's "Emerging Legal Leaders" by *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly*. The magazine selected 10 attorneys based on their contributions to the legal profession and to their communities. Reggie is operations attorney for Rogers Townsend & Thomas' default services department. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar's House of Delegates and past president of the Lexington County Bar Association.

BIRTH: David and **Elizabeth Bell Boyd**, a daughter, Isabel Holland, March 28, 2010. Elizabeth is the head of Upper School at Charleston Collegiate School on Johns Island, S.C.

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David Ibsen of Charlotte, N.C., is a consultant for Patton McDowell & Associates, a firm that offers philanthropic counsel and organizational strategy to non-profit organizations in the Southeast.

Scott '97 and **Jennifer Moseley Saunders** have opened a Great Clips hair salon franchise in Greenville. They own two other Great Clips salons in upstate South Carolina and are planning to open three more.

MARRIAGE: **Shannon Farida Smoak** and Andrew Jacobs Dunn, February 19. She is employed by the Richland County (S.C.) Register of Deeds and he by AllSouth Federal Credit Union. They live in Lexington.

BIRTHS: **Greg** and Virginie **Gimenez**, a son, Elijah, December 22, 2009. Greg received his law degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in December 2010.

Ben and **Margaret Slowikowski Smith**, a son, Thadeaus Cleveland, November 15. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Ben is an emergency medicine physician.

Win and **Stephanie McClelland Walstad**, twin daughters, Caroline Wilkes and Katherine Sibley, June 19, 2010. They live in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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MARRIAGES: **Emily Roberts** and Jeff Wilson, May 22, 2010. They live in Washington, D.C.

Tracy Towle and Jeff Humphrey, November 20. They live in Miami Beach, Fla.

BIRTHS: **Mark** and Carmela **Batluck**, a daughter, Chloe Ailsa, November 12, Mohrsville, Pa.

Thomas and **Amy Stout Cullen**, a son, Richard Gray, September 20. They live in Roanoke, Va., where Thomas is deputy criminal chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Mark and Amanda **Gomsak**, a son, Jonas Conrad, July 30, Louisville, Ky.

Michael '95 and **Christine Powell Kellett**, a daughter, Marian Lyre, December 2. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Alana Biggers was scheduled to graduate from the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine in May with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Richard Venton Bridges III of Fort Mill, S.C., recently earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University.

David Koysza has been made a member of Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham law firm in Greenville. He practices business litigation and commercial bankruptcy.

Edward Waller is company commander of the 1221st Engineer Clearance Company currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

BIRTHS: **Heyward** and **Whitney Goodwin Bouknight**, a daughter, Ellsworth "Ellie" Julianne, December 9. Heyward is an attorney at Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C.

THE MEASURE OF A MENTOR



I JUST WANTED TO THANK you for including the article on Lt. Gen. John Mulholland in the winter *Furman* magazine. John is most definitely a larger-than-life guy and a leader we all have to thank for our ongoing success against those who would do the world harm.

I also wanted to comment that, even though John says he was a "square peg in a round

hole" at Furman, he is definitely a "square peg in a square hole" in the Army — and we even used that term back then in Furman ROTC. I was part of a small but lucky group of military cadets within John's Ranger Battalion my freshman year (1977–78). We were amazed at his having already completed Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger schools.

I didn't realize it at the time, but looking back I believe I learned more from John that year about being a leader, being persistent, being committed, and doing the honorable thing than I have from any other person or organization since. I am now a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, and I still frequently think back to that year with gratitude and appreciation. In fact, from that small group came one general and three colonels, maybe more. Not a bad measure of a mentor.

Furman has a strong history of great officers coming out of its Army ROTC program, and I hope the university continues to support it. There are many ways to learn and serve, and the military continues to lead the way with great examples like Lt. Gen. John Mulholland.

— COL. CHRIS LAUCHNER '81
U.S. Army Reserve, Wrightstown, Pa.

GOOD ISSUE

I AM A 1984 FURMAN GRADUATE and just read the winter *Furman* magazine cover to cover. Every article was so fascinating and informative. I work at an elementary school and we are working on our magazine now, so I know how much work goes into writing, proofing and finishing a magazine.

Thank you for your outstanding work. The magazine makes me an even prouder FU alum.

— JULIE KRUG DILWORTH '84
Nashville, Tenn.