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# Furman alumni news

## Join the FAN club!

As the fall term comes to an end at Furman, those of us in the Admissions Office are hard at work recruiting prospective students for the Class of 2007. Our counselors are traveling all across the United States, attending college fairs, hosting information sessions, visiting high schools and meeting with students as we try to secure a class that is the equal of this year's first-year students.

We do not work alone, however. For more than 20 years, the Admissions Office has benefited from the help of the Furman Admissions Network (FAN) in identifying, recruiting and enrolling top students. FAN members — 200 alumni and parent volunteers across the country — serve as Furman's eyes and ears in their communities and play a key role in the university's ongoing efforts to attract a strong freshman class.

During my travels on behalf of the Admissions Office, I'm often asked, "How can I help Furman?" "How can I stay connected to the university?"

My response: "Join FAN." But I'm somewhat biased, because I'm the FAN coordinator.

FAN representatives assist the university in a variety of ways, including:

■ **Student Referral.** FAN members provide Furman the names of strong prospective students.

■ **Receptions/Summer Send-offs.** FAN members host or help with receptions for prospective students in their areas, typically in the fall and spring of each year. In the summer they host parties for incoming freshmen.

■ **College Fair Programs.** After training, and with admissions materials in hand, FAN members represent Furman at college fairs in their areas.

■ **Local Resource.** FAN members allow the Admissions Office to give their name and telephone number to a prospective student or



family who might have questions about the university.

■ **Contact for Prospective and Accepted Students.** FAN members contact and encourage students in their area to consider Furman, and extend congratulations to those who are accepted.

■ **Take a Student to Dinner.** FAN members help personalize the recruiting process by taking prospective students out for a meal.

FAN work is easy. We simply ask volunteers to talk about their own Furman experiences. People who are upbeat and who are good listeners tend to really enjoy this work, and they take pride in knowing how much their efforts benefit the university.

To help Furman continue to compete effectively for students, the Admissions Office plans to enlarge and expand the Furman Admissions Network. So if you are interested in learning more about FAN, please contact me. I'd love to sign you up for the FAN club!

You may reach me via e-mail at [lynn.osment@furman.edu](mailto:lynn.osment@furman.edu) or by phone at 704-362-4116.

— Lynn Shirley Osment '88

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## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

### Furman Clubs in full swing

During the fall, Furman Clubs have been busy cheering on the university's athletic teams.

More than 550 alumni and parents attended a tailgate party prior to the Furman-Vanderbilt game September 7 in Nashville, Tenn. Alumni also enjoyed a barbecue before the Furman football game at Richmond September 21, and the St. Louis Furman Club cheered on the men's soccer team when the Paladins traveled to St. Louis University October 5.

Furman Clubs also enjoyed visits with Furman professors. On September 28, art professor Olof Sorensen led the Triad (N.C.) club on a tour of the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem. The Boston Furman Club welcomed William Lavery, professor of history and director of international education, to a luncheon November 9 at House of Blues.

December 12 is the date for the seventh annual Charleston (S.C.) Holiday Gala, a yearly favorite for area alumni. Another annual favorite is the Atlanta Winter Gala, which is scheduled February 1, 2003. Speaking of February, Keith Lockhart '81 and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will be performing at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center on February 14.

The Furman Singers will begin their annual concert tour in February and will be performing in Birmingham, Ala., and all over South Carolina, from the Upstate to the coast. Alumni will receive a mailing with details.

To learn more about Furman Club events, call Melanie Krone '94, associate director of the Alumni Association, at 1-800-PURPLE3, or e-mail [melanie.krone@furman.edu](mailto:melanie.krone@furman.edu).

### Travel programs set for 2003

The Alumni Association has partnered with Alumni Holidays International® to offer these exciting trips to Europe in 2003:

■ **Rome Escapade, January 30-February 6:** The Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, Michelangelo's Pieta and the beautiful Sistine Chapel are just a few of the sites on this trip's itinerary. Enjoy six wonderful nights at the five-star Excelsior Hotel at a cost of approximately \$1,995 per person, based on double occupancy.

■ **Alumni College in Tuscany, April 8-16:** Experience Pienza, Assisi, Florence and other areas. All meals, seminars and excursions are included in the cost of approximately \$2,595 per person, based on double occupancy.

■ **Alumni College in Kinsale, Ireland, September 28-October 6:** Journey to the massive Blarney Castle (with its world-famous stone), enjoy a picturesque boat trip to Garinish Island and travel to other exciting spots on this spectacular adventure. Cost is approximately \$2,495 per person, based on double occupancy.

For more information about these travel packages, visit <http://www.ahitravel.com/furman> or call the Alumni Association at 1-800-PURPLE3.