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CLASS NOTES



PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE

White House staffer **Maurice Owens '01** mentions the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative in his Class Notes entry (pg. 56); the program has received support from President Obama.

1933 **M.O. Owens** has had a lifetime of golf memories, but he made another one—a pretty big one—when he turned 100 years old. He celebrated in the grandest of ways with a visit to Pinehurst (NC) No. 2 golf course for a round of golf with three friends. The Gastonia, NC, pastor received the round as a birthday gift from the members of his church.

1956 Former Furman president and Travelers Rest (SC) native **J.L. Plyler, Jr.**, was honored in May with the naming of a highway interchange in his honor. This recognition was spearheaded by the Travelers Rest Historical

Society. The ceremony unveiling the sign designating the Dr. John Laney Plyler Interchange south of downtown where highways U.S. 276 and U.S. 25 come together was held at the History Museum of Travelers Rest. After graduating from Furman, President Plyler served in the U.S. Army during World War II; practiced law in Greenville and was named a Greenville County Court judge; and taught law at Furman, becoming dean of the Furman law school. Ten years later, he became president of the university, where he remains in history as the tenured president who served the longest at the school.

1959 **Christopher J. Kapetanakis** of Greenville retired June 17, 2013. After Furman, he graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy and was in practice for approximately 48 years.

1960 **Alice Dean Pugh** is serving as the 2014 president of the Atlanta Botanical Garden docent volunteer group, a 500-strong organization. Alice is a master gardener.

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1961 Tom Lynch was appointed by the Roswell, GA, mayor and city council as a member of the Roswell Historic Preservation Commission. The six-member commission is responsible for the design review of projects proposed for the 760-acre Roswell Historic District.

1963 Pat Wylie has decided to hang up his baton, and in June was recognized by the Camden (SC) City Council for 34 years of service as conductor of the Camden Community Concert Band. He was presented a certificate and a key to the city. He has been a band director at Camden Middle School, a member of the Camden Rotary Club, and conductor of the Rotary Club Singers.

1964 James L. Looper of Pickens, SC, has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of Rosman High School in Transylvania County, NC, where he taught mainly senior English and journalism from 1964 to 1994. He is the second teacher in the school's history to be so inducted.

Sam B. Phillips, Jr., along with his son, Blanton Phillips, were profiled by "Greenville Online" last fall. They own the 45-year-old Phillips Staffing in Greenville. They also own Meridian Resources, an outplacement group; the Eagle Zone Golf Center; the Carolina Springs golf course in Fountain Inn, SC; and Graniteville-based SubAir Systems Technology, which controls moisture on golf courses and sports fields. Other father/son ventures include real estate projects and restaurant franchises.

1966 David Roberts is in his fourth year of part-time teaching in the English department at the University of Georgia. He most often teaches ENGL 4005/6005, History of the English Language.

1969 Kathryn L. Kellar retired in November 2013 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta after a career that spanned 35 years. She managed research laboratories and then moved into upper management positions, retiring as a senior advisor for science in the Division of Scientific Resources. She has moved to Cocoa Beach, FL, to work in real estate, which has been a family business in that area for more than 30 years.

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Maria Hooper Dunham retired in May after teaching for almost four decades, 21 years of which was spent in teaching composition and literature at Alamance Community College in Graham, NC. The school's English department has established a scholarship in her name for future university transfer students.

Ben Hawkins of Raleigh, NC, retired January 1 as dean of the Campbell University School of Business after 37 years in higher education.

1973 James Steve Johnson is chief executive officer of CreatiVasc Medical, a Greenville company that has developed an innovative Hemoaccess Valve System®, which is currently undergoing clinical trials at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Maryland. The device, invented by Dr. David

Cull, a vascular surgeon in the Greenville Health System, will be very important and valuable in improving the quality of life for dialysis patients. According to an Atlanta-based medical device company, "Steve, Dr. Cull, and the entire CreatiVasc team have done an outstanding job in developing this important new technology that will bring innovation to a field that has had very little over the last 30 years."

Frances Smith Ligler has become Lampe Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the NCSU/UNC-Chapel Hill Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering and, with her husband George Ligler '71, has relocated from Potomac, MD, to Raleigh, NC. In May, the National Academy of Engineering elected her to a three-year term on the academy's governing council.

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Beth Harris Brandes of Hickory, NC, retired July 31, 2013, as assistant director of Catawba County Social Services. She was hired by the organization in 1988, where she developed the Teen Up adolescent pregnancy prevention program. She left the agency in 1992 to work for the North Carolina Division of Maternal and Child Health but returned in 1994. In 1997, she became a program manager and in 1998 she was promoted to assistant director.

Pam Weatherly Carter, presently a PhD student at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, has authored a chapter in *A Survival Guide for New Special Educators*, published in 2013 by Jossey-Bass.

Ken W. Head, CLU, of Greenville received the 2013 Carroll H. Jones Award from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-South Carolina. The award, designated as the NAIFA-SC Person of the Year Award, is to honor the outstanding insurance and financial advisor in South Carolina who has made, and is currently making, the most outstanding contribution to the industry. Head is owner of Head Financial Group, Inc., specializing in life and health insurance and financial products for small business and individuals since 1985. He serves with the Better Business Bureau in Upstate South Carolina, the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the National Association of Health Underwriters, and the board of the Furman Paladin Club.

Lucinda Secrest McDowell has been honored at the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, CT, for the launch of her 11th book, *Live These Words—An Active Response to God*. In addition to her writing, Cindy is an international conference speaker. See her author page on Amazon and her blog at EncouragingWords.net.

Pamela Ridge Moran, superintendent of Albemarle County, VA, Schools since 2006, was appointed in August 2013 by Governor Bob McDonnell to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. She lives in Keswick, VA.

Tim Powers, who was chief financial officer and interim CEO of North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding, ID, has become the permanent CEO of the company. Powers has more than 20 years of experience in

health care along with an extensive background in finance. Through the years he has served in a variety of health care positions.

1975 Nancy Cox became dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment effective January 1. She had been the college's associate dean for research for the past 12 years. Cox has served on several national policy boards and organizations. She has close ties to civic and agricultural leaders throughout the commonwealth. She came to the University of Kentucky from Mississippi State University, where she taught and researched.

1976 Andrea Behrman, physical therapist and member of the American Physical Therapy Association, received APTA's John H.P. Maley Lecture Award during the APTA Conference & Exposition held in Salt Lake City, UT, in June 2013. She was nominated for this prestigious award by the Florida Chapter of APTA before moving to the University of Louisville, KY, department of neurological surgery and spinal cord injury research center. She is also codirector of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network. In 2009, Behrman was honored as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of APTA, and she also received the first annual J. Brooks Brown Research Award from the Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Other honors and awards include the Furman Distinguished Alumni Award, the neurology section of APTA's Research Award, first recipient of the Duke University Physical

Therapy Program Alumni Award for Clinical Practice, the doctoral research award given by the Foundation for Physical Therapy, and the Marylou Barnes Doctoral Scholarship Award given by APTA's Neurology Section. She cofounded the neurology section's spinal cord injury special interest group and served as the secretary from 2002–2004 and as secretary of the neurology section from 1990–1994. She is a member of APTA's neurology, pediatrics, and research sections; the Society for Neuroscience; the American Spinal Injury Association; the Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals; and the International Society for Posture and Gait Research.

Robert Harris has written a new book, *Murders by the Book*, a mystery/suspense novel in which a college librarian finds herself tangled in a curious plan to end the lives of three seemingly unrelated individuals. The book has been published as an eBook and is available exclusively on Amazon.

Carol Locher Ransone of Charlotte, NC, has been awarded a PhD in leadership and change from Antioch University. Her dissertation, titled "The Nature and Influence of Relationship on Success in a Virtual Work Environment," explores the importance of relationships that foster individual growth and group cohesion in virtual ways. Ransone, who earned her MBA from Queen's University, is founder and principal of The Ransone Group, LLC, in Charlotte.

1977 Jeffery Deal, director of health studies at Water Missions International, is sole patent holder for

superbug-slaying Robot TRU-D SmartUVC, a 5-foot-5 germ-killing ultraviolet robot. TRU-D is short for Total Room Ultraviolet Disinfectant, the only portable UV disinfection system with Sensor360 technology, which precisely measures reflected UVC emissions and automatically calculates the pathogen-lethal UV dose required for disinfecting health care environments. The TRU-D has been deployed to hospitals across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Tommy Hays, director of the Great Smokies Writing Program at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, has written his fourth novel, *What I Came to Tell You*. Hays writes about Southern people, about family, and each of his four novels is set in the Upstate or in western North Carolina. This is his first book written specifically for middle-grade readers.

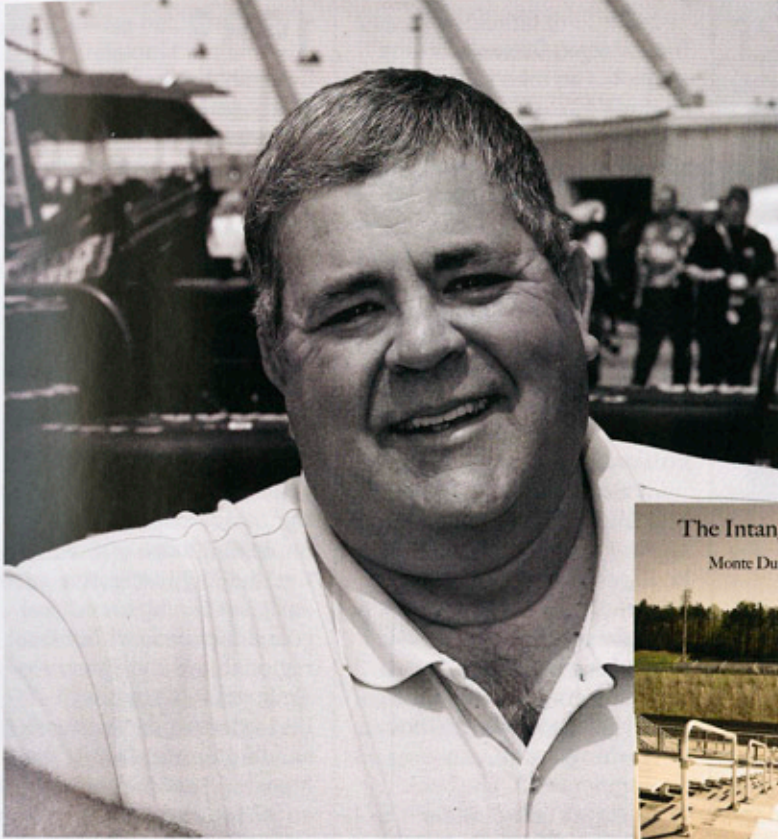
Bradley L. Jolliff has been named the inaugural Scott Rudolph professor of earth and planetary sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. He joined the university in 1988, took a leave to serve in the Persian Gulf War, then returned in 1992. His lab team studies surfaces of the moon, Mars, and other terrestrial planets, and he is involved with such NASA initiatives as the Mars exploration rovers, the MoonRise New Frontiers project, and the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter mission.

Thomas E. Reynolds was recently selected by his peers at Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker, LLC, for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He was selected for the Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and

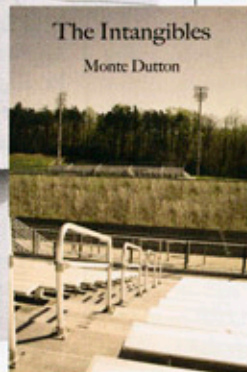
Litigation–Bankruptcy categories.

1978 James Coggins is working at ViaSat, Inc., as senior data scientist solving problems related to future Internet media services for Exede satellite Internet service.

1979 Madeline Rogero, the first female mayor of Knoxville, TN, gave the keynote address in February at the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information's Experience Diversity banquet. She was the recipient of the 2013 CCI Diversity Award. She has made diversity a hallmark of her administration, and has carried through on her commitment to diversity through the staff hires she has made. In her address, she encouraged attendees to take advantage of opportunities to expand their horizons by focusing on the options at hand; "to bloom where you are planted." Rogero worked in the 70s with Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers to seek better pay for migrant farm workers. After moving to Knoxville, she was elected to the Knox County Commission in 1990 and served as head of Dolly Parton's Dollywood Foundation. Later she was executive director of Knoxville's Promise–Alliance for Youth. She traveled to Turkey at the end of January at the request of the U.S. State Department and its International Information Program to speak on the importance of women participating in politics and public life.



Monte Dutton '80 and his new book, *The Intangibles*.



1980

The Intangibles, the latest novel by **Monte Dutton**, debuted in October 2013. Also a singer/songwriter, Dutton is from Clinton, SC, and has had a far-reaching and varied writing career. He has been a feature columnist for the *Gastonia (NC) Gazette* and has covered NASCAR for more than 16 years. His NASCAR writing has been syndicated by King Feature Syndicate. He was named writer of the year by the Eastern Motorsports Press Association (Frank Blunk Award) in 2003, and writer of the year by the National Motorsports Press Association (George Cunningham Award) in 2008. Dutton is working on a third novel, *Crazy by Natural Causes*.

Edward L. Kinman has been promoted to professor of geography

and earth science at Longwood University in Farmville, VA. He also serves as assistant dean for assessment and program improvement for the Cook-Cole College of Arts and Sciences at Longwood, and in January assumed the role of coordinator for the Virginia Geographic Alliance.

David A. Merline, Jr., a shareholder in the firm of Merline & Meacham, PA, in Greenville, was recently elected by his professional peers for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in several practice areas. He has also been named as family business law "Lawyer of the Year."

In May, Georgia senator **Cecil Staton** (R-Macon) resigned from the State Senate to accept the position of vice chancellor for extended education with the university system of Georgia effective June 1. Staton was elected in 2004 to serve the

18th district. Prior to his political involvement, he was a college and university faculty member and administrator for nearly 15 years. During his Senate tenure, he served as vice-chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus and as Majority Whip, a position he held for four of his 10 years in the Senate.

1981 **Jack N. Brown** has joined the Greenville office of M.B. Kahn Construction as vice president of sales. Brown has more than 30 years of experience in sales and marketing for the real estate and construction industries, primarily in the Upstate of South Carolina. He is an active member of the South Carolina Economic Developer's Association, and for the past 20 years has been a Meals on Wheels volunteer driver and route coordinator through Greer Community Ministries.

1982 **Elizabeth Baker** has been promoted to the rank of professor in the department of learning, teaching, and curriculum at the University of Missouri (Columbia) School of Education. Baker was one of five faculty members recently named a Kemper Fellow, an endowed fellowship considered the most prestigious at the university. In 2012, she received the President's Award for Innovative Teaching, the highest teaching recognition among the four campuses in the Missouri system; and in 2011, she received the Award for Innovation Excellence in teaching, learning, and technology and the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in teaching, learning, and technology at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. She also received the university's Excellence in Teaching with Technology for Graduate Teaching Award and has been recognized by the International Reading Association as a preeminent researcher in the integration of literacy and technology.

Quotable



Karen Parks '83, PhD

“Academically, Furman prepared me for a master’s degree, a PhD, and a Fulbright scholarship at La Scala, the world’s most prestigious opera house. In performance, it prepared me to sing in 12 languages in 15 countries. It also prepared me to teach at a university in Atlanta, then in Greenville’s performing arts high school, which I attended from age 13, and now at New York University. The entrepreneurship I learned at Furman enabled me to found my own business, Ottimavoce, Inc., which provides master-classes in six genres of music. I am thrilled to see my students succeed on Broadway in The Lion King, in opera, in film, and in venues throughout the country.”

Karen Parks is a professional soprano and professor of voice at New York University. She received her doctorate from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and was awarded a Fulbright scholarship for voice to study with Maestro Gabriele Pisani at La Scala in Italy.

Tricia Morgan Carswell was the subject of an interview last fall for *FACE of Nashville* by Style Blueprint. She talked about her family and her time as a Furman student; her busy career as a professional fundraiser; her volunteer role as president of The Women’s Fund; what she likes about living in Nashville; and her favorite restaurants, vacation spots, books on her bedside table, beauty products, and fashions.

The South Carolina State Library’s Center for the Book selected *How I Became a Pirate*, a children’s book published in 2003 by **Melinda Brown Long** of Greenville, to represent the state at the 2013 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., in September 2013. The book is the state’s selection for the National Book Festival’s “Discover Great Places Through Reading Map.” Each state selects one book about the state or by an author from the state that is a good read for children or young adults.

Mike Phillips has the “largest collection of telephones,” according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Guinness shows that his collection, housed in Greenville, had consisted of 1,135 telephones in 2011. Phillips and his wife, Mary, started the collection in the early 1980s with a Superman statue telephone produced in a limited number. The collection includes race cars, musical instruments, candlesticks, animals, cartoon characters, one-of-a-kind, recognized business brand novelty phones, and others. Some of the phones have special ringers and movements, with the potential for hands-on interaction by children.

1983 University of Central Missouri President **Chuck Ambrose** was honored last September by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon for his contributions to what the governor has termed a “national model for strengthening the ties between what students learn in the classroom and the skills they will need in the workforce.” He received the Governor’s Economic Development Advancement Award. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in the implementation of an innovative and highly effective action designed to address critical economic needs within local, regional, and state business. Ambrose was honored for his leadership in the creation and implementation of the Missouri Innovation Campus, an initiative that attracted the attention of President Obama and resulted in him visiting UCM in 2013.

Gregory Butler of Las Cruces, NM, has been promoted to full professor in the department of government at New Mexico State University.

J. Ligon Duncan III has been named chancellor and chief executive officer of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He had been the John E. Richards professor of systematic and historical theology at the school and the senior minister of First Presbyterian Church. He is the president of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, and was president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals from 2004–2012. He will continue to serve as senior minister at First Presbyterian Church until the end of the year.

David E. Loving became chief executive officer at Central Carolina Hospital, a 137-bed facility located in Sanford, NC, on March 3. He came to the hospital with more than 24 years in executive positions at various hospitals throughout the Southeast, most recently at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin, NC. Loving earned his master's degree in business administration from Indiana State University and he is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Rep. Mark Sanford's (R-SC) climb back up the political ladder was the subject of a feature in the *Miami Herald* in June. He answered questions about his life, the events of the past five years, his rise from the political dead, emerging from a crowded Republican primary last year, easily winning the general election, and returning to Washington. However, the self-described skinflint of the past did admit in the story that he has bought at least one new suit since his return but he still has his futon in his office.

1984 In October 2013, **Phyllis Parlier Graydon** was named a managing partner in Scott and Company, LLC, a Greenville accounting, tax, and consulting firm. She is a CPA, a member of the firm's tax and advisory services group, and has more than 25 years experience serving both closely held and publicly traded organizations. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the South Carolina Association of Public Accountants and is licensed in the state of South Carolina. Her civic involvements include volunteer with Brandon Hall School (Atlanta) and J.L. Mann Academy, the Mauldin Recreation

Department, and the United Way of Greenville County.

Steve Harmon is professor and chair of the learning technologies division of Georgia State University. He is also president of the Association of Educational Communications and Technology.

On July 1, **Cathy Jamieson-Ogg** was appointed as Columbia District Superintendent (United Methodist). She is senior pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood, SC, where she has served since 2001.

1986 **Randy Johnson** of Charlotte, NC, is now practicing dentistry at Smile Starters, and recently became a licensed massage therapist.

Lisa Wheeler, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve, is stationed with the 80th Training Command, serving as human resources sergeant and as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Personnel Actions Center. She previously served as a human resources officer in another assignment and was a member of the 380th Army Band for 15 years. She was recently awarded an Army Achievement Medal for excelling in her human resources reclassification training course last summer, earning her a place on the Commandant's List in both phases. And she received the Achievement Medal for civilian service for her work as a unit administrative technician.

1987 **Peter Chesney** earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in March.

1988 **Ruthie Reynolds Delk** had her first book, *Craving Grace-Experience: the Richness of the Gospel*, published by Moody Publishers and released in January.

In March, **Robin Lee Howell** published her first book, *I Remember*, a book to help children understand Alzheimer's disease and create memories with ones they love. She wrote the book in honor of her father, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2006.

Jennifer D. Malinovsky has been elected to Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's executive committee, the governing body of seven partners who oversee standing committees, strategic initiatives and firm operations for the law firm. She practices in the areas of health care, finance, and corporate law, and also assists commercial lenders and investors with various types of financing transactions.

Lance Richey was recently named dean of the school of liberal arts and sciences at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, IN.

1989 **Elizabeth Bishop's** opera career has taken her far from her hometown to perform with top opera companies such as the Metropolitan Opera and the Atlanta and San Francisco operas, but she occasionally returns to perform locally. One such performance came last fall, when Bishop was a featured soloist in Greenville Chorale's concert *From Broadway with Love* at the Peace Center under the direction of her former teacher and chorale director, Bingham Vick.

Lisa Elliott Grose was scheduled to travel to Uganda in June as

a community health technical advisor for the Pallisa Community Development Trust, an NGO operating in Northeast Uganda. Since 2009 she has been an online volunteer for the group through the United Nations volunteers program, working for the organization as a grants writer and project developer. She will be in Uganda for seven months and will be leading a small business project for women with HIV/AIDS.

George W. Quarles III of Maryville, TN, who coaches the Maryville High School football team, has been recognized for winning more games in the past 10 years than any coach in the country, with a record of 143 wins in 10 seasons.

In 2013, **Robert Moody** made his European debut with the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra in Ljubljana, and in recent months he has had two significant orchestra conducting debuts. He conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic in an all-Tchaikovsky concert at the Hollywood Bowl last August, and in February he conducted the Chicago Symphony's *Music Now!* series. In July he is scheduled to lead the Chicago Symphony in their summer home, the Ravinia Festival. Moody is the artistic director of the Arizona Musicfest and music director of both the Portland Symphony Orchestra and the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Rand Wallis was appointed last year by the governor of Florida to the position of district judge of the Fifth District Court of Appeals. Prior to this appointment, he served as a circuit judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Florida from 2008 to 2013.

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The 2013-2014 chair of the 1,800 member Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar handed the gavel to **Jana Henry McConaughay** on July 1. She will serve as chair for 2014-2015.

In September 2013, **Leif Murphy** was appointed chief financial officer of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., in Brentwood, TN. Murphy previously served as president and chief executive officer of DSI Renal, Inc., and senior vice president and treasurer at Caremark, Inc. He has also held leadership roles at Renal Care Group, Inc.; National Nephrology Associates, Inc.; and HealthSouth Corporation.

Michael Todd White was one of the five men named to the U.S. Walker Cup squad last fall on the final day of the U.S. Amateur at the Country Club in Brookline, MA. The squad joined four others on the U.S. team slated to try and regain the title at National Golf Links in Southampton, NY. In Furman record books, White's 73.85 career stroke average ranks fifth; he was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

1991 **Randall David Cook** returned to Furman in the 2013-2014 academic year for a semester as an artist-in-residence. He taught a course on playwriting and also developed a new work, *Pomp and Circumstance*, which received its world premiere on November 13, 2013. The play centers on a group of students at a liberal arts college, and is based loosely on Randall's Furman experiences.

When the InnoVision Awards Program held its annual dinner in Greenville last December, **Braddock Cunningham's** company, Network Controls & Electric, Inc., was recognized as one of the top 25 fastest growing companies in South Carolina for the fourth time in the past five years. The company was also selected as a finalist for the 2013 InnoVision Awards in the Community Service category.

After five years as general manager of the Golden Corral Restaurant in Rocky Mount, NC, **Kyle Eickhoff** walked into the restaurant as a franchise owner. He did this under Golden Corral's Operating Partner Program, which helps managers become owners, thus giving them a vested interest in the success of their business. After Furman, Eickhoff gained 28 years of experience in the food service industry, most of which was with Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Tennessee, where he stayed for 17 years before being recruited by Golden Corral. At the Golden Corral convention and trade show in 2013, he was honored as the "best of the best" when he was named the top company manager for the second time.

Industry veteran **Christy Carter Swink** was welcomed to AT&T's mid-Atlantic market last fall to manage mobility and consumer markets in the states of North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Before being named vice president and general manager for the mid-Atlantic market, Swink was AT&T's assistant vice president of sales operations for the southeast region.

1992 Senior vice president of Southeast Mortgage

of Georgia, Inc., **John David Crowe**, has been promoted to president of the full-service Atlanta mortgage company. Crowe will also assume the position of president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Georgia later this year.

Kathryn Tyson Petralia is co-founder and chief operating officer of Kabbage Inc., an online lending company based in Atlanta. Kabbage advances cash to eBay, Amazon, and Yahoo! sellers so they can buy inventory and grow.

Michael Osborne, founder of North Carolina-based Ship Transportal, was recently honored by *CIO Review* magazine. The transportation logistics company was recognized as one of the 20 most promising logistics consultancy companies of 2013. It has also been designated as a "supplier of excellence" by the nation's largest phone media company.

1993 **Alexander Stubb**, who has been serving as Finland's minister for European affairs and foreign trade, won his party's leadership to succeed Finland's current prime minister. He had held his former position in the Finnish government since 2011, and has been a member of the Finnish parliament since March 2011. He was minister for foreign affairs of Finland from 2008 to 2011. Prior to his political career, Stubb was adviser to the president of the European Commission, visiting professor of the College of Europe in Belgium, and counselor and researcher at the permanent representation of Finland to the European Union.

Fred Sturgis has joined Accel-KKR as a managing director based in the firm's Atlanta

office. Accel-KKR is a leading technology-focused private equity firm, and Sturgis's focus will be on the firm's investment efforts at the lower end of its historical majority investment size range.

1994 **Kelly Jackson Davis** has joined Riggs Partners, a creative marketing consultancy in Columbia, SC, as director of public relations. She is the former principal of Davis Public Relations and Marketing.

Millicent Weldon Ruffin, program manager for Corning Product and Process Development, received *Women of Color* magazine's Outstanding Technical Contribution-Industry Award at the 18th Annual Women of Color Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Conference in Dallas. Ruffin has also served as vice president of the Corning Society of Black Professionals. The Women of Color STEM conference is a multicultural event for women in scientific and technical careers.

1995 **Jeff Montgomery** has been appointed as the public information officer for the Athens-Clarke County, GA, Unified Government.

1996 **Nicole Mazzoni James** is the new senior vice president of Multi-Bank Securities. Her experience includes working at Incapital LLC as vice president, and she spent 11 years at LaSalle's Broker Dealer Services Division.

Amy Love, an employee of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, has been named to launch and direct



UP CLOSE

THE “PALM OUT” STATE

Derek Snook '08 extends a hand to the poor in Charleston and ends up finding a business solution to homelessness.

A collective anxiety for today's graduates—who for the past six years have been leaving the Ivory Tower only to enter the Great Recession—usually distills to a single image: sleeping on their parents' couch mired in existential crisis. But what if the new graduate chooses something even more unsettling than a return to his childhood home? What if he chooses no home at all?

Shortly after graduation in 2008, Derek Snook spent a year living at the Star Gospel Mission—transitional housing for the homeless population in Charleston, South Carolina. “I had just spent a few months in Kenya teaching orphans and made a promise to God that if He gave me something purposeful to do, I wouldn't quit,” he says.

“I began to realize there is this disconnect between people who want to help and the people they

are actually helping. You can't understand what they are going through until you walk in their shoes.

“All I can say is that living at the mission, brushing my teeth at night, climbing in my top bunk and listening to the other men snore—I realized I would never feel more successful in my entire life than I did in that moment.”

Snook worked day labor with the men from the Mission, and the experience inspired him to create a social enterprise called In Every Story (IES) Labor Services. The name derives from one of Snook's favorite sayings: “In every story there is conflict, but also God's hope, love, and redemption.”

IES adapts the temp agency model for those who are homeless. It focuses on providing labor opportunities, but it also guides the homeless toward self-sufficiency “by providing laborers with competitive wages, as well as opportunities to save money and develop life disciplines.”

The “competitive wages” aspect of IES's mission is key. Minimum wage in Charleston County is \$7.25 per hour, but thanks to IES's Rewards Program, Snook can supplement incomes beyond minimum wage to \$8.75 per hour. The long-term goal is \$9.74 an hour, which according to an MIT study is the living wage for the county.

During the year Snook spent living in the Star Gospel Mission, fellow alumnus, Stanford Law graduate, and best friend **Pete DeMarco '08** joined him.

“Derek had been talking to me for a few weeks about his decision to move into the Mission, and eventually he convinced me. My time at Furman had helped develop my commitment to social justice, and Derek cast a compelling vision

of serving the poor. I remember thinking that I would move down to Charleston for a few weeks. You see how that worked out,” DeMarco laughs.

The two formed a brain trust and took a cross-country road trip to understand similar operations. The trip was over almost before it began, however, thanks to a blown transmission on the second day.

“We weighed out the options of buying bus tickets and going home or buying a car and continuing on. We realized that while going home would be the reasonable and even responsible thing to do, we just couldn't. If we did, we'd be setting a pattern for our lives where every time the car broke down we'd go home. Neither of us wanted our future children to have fathers who told stories like that.”

Instead, Snook and DeMarco bought a new car and allowed their travels to show them what was possible and what was not working among nonprofits for the homeless.

Snook started IES in 2011 with \$3,000 and a single job assignment: hiring three workers for trash pick-up at the local fair. Today, IES places up to 110 workers each day and has added more than \$100,000 to workers' wages through the Rewards Program.

“We plan to start our second branch in 2015, and then all across the country. We also intend to start other services and products that benefit those who are marginalized, to use this as a platform to talk about living your best story.”

In spite of his success, Snook remains humble and focused on improvements. “We are not going to pretend we're turning homeless people into attorneys, but we are making a marginal difference that is noticeable. And it takes time. We'll see what God does.”

—Kate Dabbs '09

the department's new Office of Innovation. She will lead South Carolina's state effort to support and further grow an innovative, technology-based, and entrepreneurial business environment. Previously, Love was a marketing and communications director at the department, and was part of a start-up team that launched New Carolina—South Carolina's Council on Competitiveness, serving as deputy executive director. She is a graduate of Leadership South Carolina (LSC) class of 2007, served on the LSC Board of Trustees, and is a fellow of the seventh class of the Liberty Fellowship.

Sara Mays Nastopoulos has been promoted to executive director of the Ernst & Young accounting firm in Atlanta. She has more than 11 years of experience with the firm.

1997 **A. Parrish Clark, Jr.**, executive vice president, Guardian Bank, Valdosta, GA, has been elected by his peers as president-elect of the Leadership GBA Executive Committee of the Georgia Bankers Association, an organization created in 1958 and committed to developing the future leaders of the banking industry.

Jason W. Searl, an attorney with GrayRobinson in Orlando, FL, has been reappointed to the City of Orlando Municipal Planning Board.

Richard Sizemore has returned to Macon, GA, to join the Sell & Melton law firm as a partner. He began his career at King & Spalding LLP.

1998 Last November,

Michael Hix was presented the Thomas Hampson Award by the American Musicological Society. Provided by the Hampson Foundation, the award supports research in the area of art song. He also received a grant given by the German Academic Exchange Club. The award and the grant will assist him in his research on DDR composer Paul Dessau and his residency at the music archives of the Akademie der Kuenste in Berlin. He made his Carnegie Hall solo debut singing the baritone solos in Rutter's *Mass of the Children*, followed by operetta performances. Recent performances included solo appearances with the New Mexico Philharmonic, Santa Fe Desert Chorale, CanticumNovum, and Tucson Chamber Artists.

J. Austin Hood has been named managing member of the Columbia, SC, office of the Clawson & Staubes law firm.

1999 **Daniel Carter** has been named a principal at Ascendent Healthcare Advisors, with offices in Durham, NC, and Washington, D.C. He has been a managing consultant at Ascendent, one of the nation's 50 largest firms in health care management consulting, since 2001.

Wayne Gregory, Jr., is economic development director for the city of Columbia, SC, after having served in a similar capacity in Georgetown County, SC, since 2005. He also worked in Greenville County's development corporation.

2000 **Ellen Culbertson Abramo** of Gilbertsville, PA, released a new single, "Rise (Above the

Flood)," in July 2013. The song was also performed as a choreographed ballet dance by Premiere Dance Studio in Pennsylvania.

Walter L. Booth, Jr., has joined the Atlanta office of Stites & Harbison, PLLC. Booth earned his J.D. from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law in 2013, where he was a member of the mock trial team and student government, and was southern region director of corporate relations of the National Black Law Students Association. Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, he worked in the financial services industry.

Greenville businessman and athlete **Drew Parker** completed two iron-distance triathlons over the weekend of October 10–12, 2013. Donations for the challenge through his charitable organization, YouthOutpost, were in support of the Frazee Dream Center, a free preschool, after-school, and summer program serving Greenville's underprivileged youth ranging in age from 3-16.

2001 **Dodd Caldwell** has partnered with his friend Ryan Wood to launch MoonClerk, an all-in-one solution to accepting recurring and one-time online payments via the payment processor Stripe. Their concept allows small-business owners, not just developers and technically gifted people, to work with Stripe. Caldwell also serves as president of his family's faith-based nonprofit Rice Bowls, which helps organizations collect money to feed the hungry around the world.

When Barack Obama spoke at the White House in February to announce the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, he spoke of **Maurice Owens**, who works

Quotable

Chuck Meisel '84

"Don't be afraid to fail and deal with that failure. Pursue that which challenges and stimulates you as well as what puts you in the company of those you enjoy being around. While a history degree didn't prepare me for what I do today, the examination, exploration, and debate of what took place years ago gave me an appetite to explore and challenge conventional thinking with ammunition. I encountered failure at Furman but didn't let it stop me; it was only a new hurdle."

Chuck Meisel '84 is the vice president of business development at Poplar Healthcare. Meisel has been gathering with fellow 1984 alumni, led by **Mark Crosby** and **John Allen**, for an annual reunion in Arkansas for more than 30 years.



in the White House as special assistant to chief of staff Denis McDonough. The "My Brother's Keeper" initiative is an effort to improve the expected educational and life outcomes for boys and young men of color. President Obama spoke about how Owens had overcome some difficult challenges in order to achieve success in the world. Owens started work at the White House under President George W. Bush, then assumed the role of Situation Room communicator under President Obama, and, in February 2013, became the special assistant to McDonough.

Country songwriter **Jesse Rice** has signed a Worldwide Publishing deal with ole, one of the world's foremost rights management companies.

ole is engaged in IP acquisitions, creative development, and worldwide rights management. The deal includes Florida Georgia Line's hit single "Cruise," which was cowritten by Rice and sold nearly seven million copies as of April 2014. The track also spent 24 weeks at the top of *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs Chart, the longest reign in the chart's 69-year history.

Erin Kelley Sammis, executive director for the Pensacola (FL) Opera, has been named a certified fundraising executive by CFRE International. CFRE is an independent organization dedicated to the certification of fundraising executives by setting standards in philanthropic practice. Sammis previously worked at Chicago Opera Theatre

Ellen Abramo '00 recently released a new single, "Rise (Above the Flood)."

in Chicago and Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council in Bloomington, IN. Before transitioning into the field of fundraising, she trained as a singer, pianist, and performer, and participated with Opera Theatre St. Louis as a Gerdine Young Artist.

The board of the Greenville County Schools approved the hiring of **G. Bryan Skipper** to take over as principal at Hillcrest High School in Simpsonville, SC. He assumed his duties on July 1.

Allison Paige Sullivan, a partner with Bluestein Nichols Thompson and Delgado, LLC, was named "Young Lawyer of the Year" by the South Carolina Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Division (YLD) in April. She has been selected as a 2013 South Carolina Rising Star by Super Lawyers and was named one of the 2014 "Top 40 Under 40 Litigation Lawyers in South Carolina" by the American Society of Legal Advocates. She is an active volunteer with the South Carolina Bar and Special Olympics South Carolina.

2002 Allison Aiken was recently hired as a research scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in the earth and environmental sciences division. Her expertise is in ambient aerosol measurement for pollution and climate change research. At LANL she is now running the Mobile Aerosol Observing System (MAOS) and is currently deployed in Brazil for two years. She has been named to "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2014," a report released by Thomson Reuters (of Impact Factor fame), spotlighting some of the standout scientific researchers of the last decade.

Greenville Business Magazine and Southern First Bank once again recognized local talent at their "2013 Best and Brightest: 35 and Under" awards event on September 24. **Lauren Killey Briles** and **Melanie Masten Gearhart** were among those

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FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION

Katy Wynn '09 found magic in Hollywood but “invincibility” at Furman.

“**A**t Furman, I always had a love for the outdoors. I explored the Swamp Rabbit Trail with the Outdoors Club when it was still a railroad, and I completed a

summer research project related to business and sustainability when ‘sustainability’ was still a buzz word.

“I also loved Conan—O’Brien, that is. Well, really, I loved all late-night television, but Conan was always my favorite.

“My senior year, I still wasn’t 100 percent sure what I wanted to do with my life. This was right when the economy tanked and jobs were few and far between, so I thought, ‘Why not just go for it? Why don’t I try to work for Conan?’

“Maybe it was the confidence that being a Furman student had given me. Maybe it was my 22-year-old mentality. Whatever it was, I knew I wouldn’t fail, and I knew this was the time to take risks. Thankfully, Furman also had connections, and I found a great one through Career Services.

“So after graduation, I was off to Reveille Productions in

L.A., where **Chad Bennett '03** was the vice president of brand development. There, I began as a production coordinator at the studio responsible for shows like *The Office* and *The Biggest Loser*.

“I got the initial knowledge that I needed to work in this industry at Reveille. Conveniently, the studio was also on the same lot as Conan O’Brien’s show, so I made contacts there and applied for a position as Conan’s production coordinator when it became available. Before I knew it, I had landed my dream job—just like that.

“Working for Conan was amazing. But soon I realized I wanted to learn more and wanted the experience of working on a network show, learning the macrobusiness side of things. I was also at a position in my life where I could ask myself honestly, ‘What do I care about?’ My answer was the outdoors. This led me to my current job as associate producer for National Geographic Television.

“Now I’m combining the two worlds I loved at Furman—marketing/business and sustainability—and enjoying the best career I could imagine.

“What’s funny is I never once doubted myself or my capabilities. I never considered failing. Furman made me feel invincible.”

—As told to

Lindsay Niedringhaus '07



selected. Briles is owner and broker-in-charge and oversees the real estate side of the Briles Company. She also owns the Primrose School of Greenville, an accredited preschool, which is set to open this summer. Gearhart is jobs connection manager for Goodwill Industries Upstate/Midlands. She manages 11 employment

resource centers.

Minda Larsen was a member of the ensemble of *Live from Lincoln Center's Carousel* in New York in April 2013. The production was nominated for three Emmy awards.

Peter C. Netzler has joined AnMed Health Arrhythmia

Specialists in Anderson, SC. He did fellowships in general cardiology and cardiac electrophysiology at the Medical University of South Carolina, where he completed an internship in internal medicine. He also worked in the emergency department at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Bailey and Amber Brock Player live in Smyrna, GA, where they both teach high school English. Amber is also a novelist, writing as A.L. Player. Her debut novel, a time-travel romantic comedy titled *Class of '98*, was published in December 2013.

Anne Marie Tominack Sibal and her husband, **Eugene Sibal**

'03, are living and working in Greenville. Anne Marie is an attorney in the Upstate and also a USAF Reserve Judge Advocate General, and has been selected for promotion to the rank of major. Eugene earned his doctor of dental medicine degree in May and is a general dentist with Greer (SC) Dental Care.

Brian W. Ticknor has become an R&D staff scientist in the chemical sciences division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and lives in Knoxville, TN.

Andrew Valkanoff is among those winners earning a place on the *Triangle Business Journal's* 2014 class of 40 Under 40 Leadership Awards, which recognizes outstanding professionals for their contributions to their organizations and to the community.

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Neely Anderson of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton law firm in Atlanta has been selected as a member of the 2014 class of fellows to participate in a landmark program created by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity to identify and advance the next generation of leaders in the legal profession.

Monica Bell is a Climenko fellow and lecturer on law at Harvard Law School, where she will teach legal research and writing from 2014-2016. She is also working toward a PhD in sociology and social policy at Harvard, writing criminal law, family law, and social welfare policy.

Colleen Carson became a partner in the Florida trusts and estates law firm of Baskin Fleece on January 1. She has been practicing at the firm in the areas of estate planning,

corporate law, probate and trust administration, and guardianship administration since 2007. In February, she joined the board for Lighthouse of Pinellas, a non-profit organization providing rehabilitation and training to blind and visually impaired individuals with the county. She is a trustee for the Clearwater Bar Foundation.

Nathan Hanna received the director's choice award at the Benefitfocus Engineering Summit held in Charleston, SC, last fall. Hanna joined Benefitfocus in 2011 as a senior interaction engineer and currently holds the position of user experience (UX) engineering manager. Benefitfocus is a leading provider of cloud-based benefits software solutions for consumers, employers, insurance carriers, and brokers.

Amy Schiera, assistant vice president of operations/administration at SANDLAPPER Securities was among those selected for "2013 Best and Brightest: 35 and Under" awards from *Greenville Business Magazine* and Southern First Bank. At SANDLAPPER she serves as the head of investor processing and service operations, and provides management and oversight of investment fund operations for affiliate Sandlapper Capital Investments, LLC.

Natalie The received a \$2.6 million, four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to advance research in diabetes among children and young adults. The project, SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth, is the largest study of youth with diabetes in the United States and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National

Quotable



Ryan Boblett '00

"I found my love for design during my last quarter at Furman in a .5-hour elective class called 'Introduction to the Macintosh.' I looked forward to that class every week, to sitting at the computer and creating. After a few weeks, my professor (Ross McClain) gave me his keys so I could come back after hours and work at night. I couldn't get enough. He saw my passion and told me to check out the Portfolio Center, a finishing school for design, where I went for two years after Furman. I never got to thank Ross for changing the course of my life. So, Ross, if you're reading this, thank you. Your guidance opened the door to a new career. You also unknowingly introduced me to my future wife, whom I met at Portfolio Center. Our two kids thank you."

Ryan Boblett '00 is art director at FITZCO, an advertising agency, where he is currently developing the new campaign for Coke Zero and ESPN College Gameday. At his previous agency, Boblett helped create the campaign for the 2013 NFL sponsorship for McDonald's®. The campaign produced three national TV spots, which aired throughout the NFL season—including in the Super Bowl.

Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The, who joined the Furman faculty in 2011 and is a member of the health sciences staff, has continued her work on childhood obesity by examining how policies have influenced obesity levels in elementary school students. Her research has been featured in *USA Today*, *TIME*, and on NPR.

2004 Sean Atkinson has accepted a position as assistant professor of music at Texas Christian University, which he began in February. He had previously been on the music faculty at the University of Texas-Arlington since 2009.

Jon Crane has had his first book published. The book, a Charleston ghost story, is titled *The Crying Truth*.

Upstate pianist and composer Robby Davis was nominated for the 2013 Album of the Year Award by SoloPiano.com for his instrumental album *Hymns of Our Fathers*. This is Davis's second nomination from SoloPiano. *A Love So Divine*, his debut, was nominated in 2012.

David M. Johnson graduated with Alpha Omega Alpha honors from Emory University School of Medicine, and is currently a resident in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Sarah E. Klapman has joined Miller & Martin's Atlanta office as an associate in the litigation department. As a student in law school at the University of Virginia, Klapman was the business and development editor for the *Virginia Journal of Law & Technology*. Prior to joining Miller & Martin, she was a staff attorney with the

Federal Defender Program, Inc.

Jeremiah Van Dora has joined his father in the Van Dora Law Firm, LLC, in Hartwell, GA. The Van Dora firm specializes in workers' compensation, employment law, personal injury, and business formation.

2005 Bert Beard has been named the first-ever chief operating officer at the Wilson (NC) Medical Center. He served as associate administrator at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, FL, before joining Wilson in April.

Jessica Cochran is pursuing a master's degree in international development with a concentration in humanitarian assistance at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

On a Monday in June when the World Cup soccer games began in Brazil, Clint Dempsey captained a 2-1 U.S. victory against Ghana with a goal in the game's first 32 seconds, making him the first American to score in three consecutive World Cups. After his junior season at Furman in 2004, Clint was drafted eighth overall by the New England Revolution. He went to the English club Fulham in 2006, where he experienced the greatest success in the English Premier League of any American soccer player. That same year he was named the 2006 Player of the Year, an award given to the best American soccer player.

Augusta, GA, lawyer Keith B. Johnson became a juvenile court judge for the Augusta judicial circuit in December. He will serve part time on the juvenile court bench. Johnson is an associate at the Trotter

Jones law firm and from 2009 until this year, he worked as an assistant district attorney.

Allen Mendenhall has published the book *Literature & Liberty: Essays in Libertarian Literary Criticism* (Rowman & Littlefield / Lexington Books, 2014). He is a staff attorney to Chief Justice Roy S. Moore of the Supreme Court of Alabama. He is also managing editor of *Southern Literary Review* and is a doctoral candidate in English at Auburn University.

Greenville Business Magazine and Southern First Bank recognized local talent at their "2013 Best and Brightest: 35 and Under" awards event; Joseph P. Waters was among those selected. Waters is vice president of policy and communications for the Institute for Child Success for which he oversees and implements all advocacy, public policy, and communications programs and leads their research efforts in social impact finance.

2006 *Greenville Business Magazine* and Southern First Bank once again recognized local talent at their "2013 Best and Brightest: 35 and Under" awards event; Nalisha Henry and Kimberly Witherspoon were among those selected. Henry is Upstate community outreach manager for Girl Scouts of South Carolina, Mountains and Midlands. She promotes and enhances awareness of Girl Scouting and its programs in low-income, rural, and Hispanic communities across the Upstate, and develops community partnerships with government officials to create more Girl Scouting opportunities. Witherspoon is an attorney with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, where she represents

municipalities, counties, nonprofits, and others as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, credit enhancer's council, and corporate counsel in financial structures.

Tracy O'Brien Mainieri is an assistant professor at Illinois State University in the recreation and parks administration program. She received her PhD in parks, recreation, and tourism management from Clemson University, where she received the Marge Scanlin Outstanding Research Award from the American Camp Association, two outstanding graduate student awards from the PRTM department, and the Dr. Fran A. McGuire Excellence in Teaching Award.

2007 Abigail L. Gaddis has earned her PhD in civil engineering with a concentration in environmental engineering and an interdisciplinary graduate minor in computational science from the University of Tennessee. She is a postdoctoral research associate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where she is continuing her research in climate modeling.

Laura Godfrey Morris is the choral director at Blue Ridge High School in Greer, SC. In March, the Blue Ridge Honors Men's Chorus, under her direction, won the AAA State Choral Championship. The Honors Concert Choir won the state championship in 2004 and 2009.

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REINVENTION 101

What happens when the smart plan gives way to the ideal plan?

It was her senior year at Furman, and **Martha “Marty” Wicks Müller ’04** had her career mapped out. Except her plan didn’t excite her. In fact, the more she thought about it, the more burdened she felt.

“I was going to get my master’s in chemistry, and then work in the pharmaceutical field for a couple of years before I applied to med school,” she explains.

Her advisor, Dr. Laura Wright, called a meeting.

When Wicks Müller recited her plan, Wright sensed something was off. Wright looked at her, said,

“Okay, well, idealistically, what would you like to do?”

In truth, Wicks Müller couldn’t imagine working in a lab. It didn’t suit her laid-back personality. Growing up, family friends had been wine importers, so she knew something about the industry. She asked Wright if a person could study the chemistry of wine—never believing it was possible.

“Absolutely, you can,” Wright said. At that moment, a “huge weight” lifted from Wicks Müller’s shoulders.

“I had another direction,” she says.

Following graduation, Wicks Müller worked in a clinical lab at the University of North Carolina as she took the biology courses she needed for grad school. She earned her master’s degree at the University of California-Davis, world-renowned for its viticulture program.

In June of this year, she finished a two-year stint as winemaker for Barren Ridge Vineyards in Virginia, where she used her science background year-round.

“Wine pH is really low,” she says. “Your wine wants to go to vinegar. You’re trying to prevent that. You want a solid pH between 3.2 and 3.6 before you start fermentation because your pH will go up. You’re monitoring your fermentation using chemistry. Not just chemistry, but biochemistry and microbiology. There are a lot of corrections you can make to lower or adjust the pH and to help the taste and mouthfeel of the

wine later on.”

This year, several of Wicks Müller’s wines earned silvers and bronzes in the Governor’s Cup competition for Virginia wines. And much as she hoped, she feels at home in the field (and fields) of wine.

“The whole industry is very grounding because when it comes down to it, we’re farmers,” says her husband, Jonas Müller. “We’re dependent on the weather. This is what Marty likes about it, what suits her personality well. You can do all the science you want, but it’s a very humbling, very grounding thing.”

The Müellers recently moved to Germany so that Jonas, a native of that country, can pursue a PhD in winemaking. While in Germany, Wicks Müller plans on learning about biodynamic winemaking, which is more stringent than certified organic farming. The game plan is for husband and wife to run a winery together someday.

“I really hope that chemistry majors and microbiology majors can see that there are many fields out there that don’t necessarily have to be in a lab,” she says.

—Lynn Tryba

Quotable



Josh Tutterow '08

"I loved my four years at Furman and looking back, Furman offered so many opportunities to be involved with and have leadership roles in different organizations on campus. My experiences in these roles—from being hall staff on a freshman hall to being president of my fraternity—helped to develop my sense of leadership and responsibility, which are crucial in both my everyday life and career."

Josh Tutterow '08 is a release manager at Benefitfocus.com, a provider of benefits technology. He was recently named to Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity's "Thirty Under 30" list. Tutterow is also the head coach for South Carolina's tennis team participating in the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, which take place every four years.

and host. She works nationally and locally with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She is active in the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and she serves on the South Carolina Board of the campaign.

2008 Blair Barton has graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, and has started an otolaryngology residency at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

Mason Freeman has joined Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Raleigh, NC, as a litigation associate.

Kimberly Hoover is employed by Smoak Public Relations in Greenville. Among her duties are writing articles for publications, distributing press releases, managing social media accounts, and organizing special events.

Justin Lowe earned his medical degree from the University of South Carolina in May 2013, finished an adult neurology residency program at the University of Cincinnati, and is currently a PGY1 resident neurologist with interest in neurooncology and neurocritical care.

Megan Slemons earned a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and is employed as a research library fellow at Emory University in Atlanta. She provides geographic information systems services as part of the Emory Center for Digital Scholarship, which works with faculty, staff, and students to incorporate digital technologies into projects, teaching, publishing, and research.

In late 2013, Pi Kappa Phi put into motion a new initiative to recognize young alumni for their achievements after their undergraduate careers have come to an end. All alumni of 25 different Pi Kappa Phi chapters were included in the initial class, and after a Herculean effort to review all nominations, the first class of "Thirty Under 30" honorees have been selected. **Josh Tutterow** was among those nominated. Josh works for Benefitfocus in Charleston, SC, as a release manager, responsible for coordinating all deployments of new software. He is a regular volunteer and coach in a number of area programs, and was named South Carolina Recreation and Park Association Volunteer of the Year. He has also been recognized by South Carolina Special Olympics as the Adult Volunteer of the Year.

Xavier Woods (aka Austin Watson) has become a World Wrestling Entertainment performer, working for the largest wrestling promotion in the world. He has launched a show titled "Xavier Woods WWE 2K14 World Tour," featuring himself traveling to various electronic stores around the world and competing against fans on the WWE 2K14 video game. He is currently continuing his education at Walden University and working on his dissertation. His passion in education is based on his focus on children with autism, and his goal is to use his degrees to work with autism-affected youth.

Kyle Wilkins was appointed in November 2013 by Governor Pat McCrory to serve on the North Carolina Historical Records Advisory Board.

2009 **Christopher Becker** is working as a senior investment banking analyst and team leader with National Corporate Banking-Southeast in Atlanta. His responsibilities include capital market originations for middle market clients in the southeastern United States.

Evan Bohnenblust has graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and became an anesthesiology resident at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Jessie Bowers graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in May, and will complete her internal medicine residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Casey Crisp recently accepted a position at George Washington University as the coordinator for leadership and training at the Center for Student Engagement.

Greenville Business Magazine and Southern First Bank recognized local talent at their "2013 Best and Brightest: 35 and Under" awards event. **John Gabbard** was among those selected. Gabbard is a senior tax advisor with Ernst & Young, where he is responsible for planning and managing tax compliance engagements with an emphasis on international, state, and local tax returns.

Jaycelyn Holland received her doctor of medicine degree from Vanderbilt Medical School in May, and begun a residency in pediatrics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Lily Mallory House reports she was the subject of a feature in BlueRidgeNow.com Hendersonville (NC) Times-

News Online last October. House is a licensed acupuncturist at Acu-Na Wellness Center. After four years of studying Chinese medicine and 800 hours of intensive clinical internship, she received her master's degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine from Daoist Traditions College of Chinese Medical Arts in Asheville, NC.

David Mathis has had two books published recently: *Acting the Miracle*, co-edited with John Piper, and *How to Stay Christian in Seminary*, authored with Jonathan Parnell.

Melody McGowin received her *juris doctor* degree from Columbia Law School in May, and has accepted an associate position at McKool Smith PC in the firm's New York office.

Kerianne Springer earned her doctor of medicine degree from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She is in a residency program in internal medicine at Wright State University. She has traveled to Ecuador and the Dominican Republic as part of a medical brigade that brings services to outlying areas.

2010

Emily Bone presented research about neurofeedback therapy as a treatment option for veterans with PTSD, depression, and anxiety at the annual European-Branch of the American Counseling Association conference in Bad-Herrenalb, Germany, last fall. She was also accepted to present at the American Counseling Association's 2013 conference. Bone is pursuing her master's degree in school counseling at the University of Central Florida.

Brian Gardner has passed the Georgia Bar exam, and works

as an associate with the Asbury Law Firm, with a focus on tax controversy, business tax planning, and estate planning. He earned his law degree from Villanova University, and won the Federal Tax Clinic Award for his work in the law school's federal tax clinic.

2011 **Shannon Cantwell** finished her master's degree and took a position on the Washington, D.C., staff of Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL). In April, Cantwell was promoted to work as the senator's military legislative assistant.

Brann Fowler graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May and is applying for clerkships with judges in the Upstate.

Claire Garst received a master's degree in higher education administration from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, and now works as a counselor in Furman's Office of Admission.

Monty Turner was promoted to consultant with Global Location Strategies (GLS), a site selection and economic development firm. He joined the Greenville office of GLS in 2010 as a business analyst providing research, analysis, and support services to GLS's portfolio of international site selection and incentive negotiation clients.

Patrick Wallace was promoted to assistant vice president with McGuireWoods Consulting in February. He joined the firm in June 2011 as a research assistant in the Virginia State Government Relations group.

Dan Weidenbenner is director of Mill Village Farms, a rooftop farm that has been in the development stage for the past

several months. The half-acre farm will be located above the old Windstream building at 2 N. Main Street, and a variety of produce will be grown to sell to local restaurants and used for Mill Village Farms' Good to Go Mobile Market.

2012 **Alexandra Bimonte** is now director of social media for The Buzz Agency in Delray Beach, FL. She has also attended and graduated from the prestigious Leadership Boca program run by the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

Drew Dezen has joined Jeff Dezen Public Relations (JDPR) in Greenville as an account executive. He will work primarily with IRWIN Tools and JDPR's sports/lifestyle clients. Dezen most recently served as marketing and communications coordinator at Baseball Australia in Queensland. Before that, he was marketing and communications assistant for the Australian Baseball League in Sydney.

Alec Kann, former Furman men's soccer standout, has signed a contract to join Major League Soccer's Chicago Fire. He joins the Fire from USL-PRO side Charleston Battery, where he spent the 2012 season.

Summer 2013 was a busy and exciting time for **Brooke Mosteller**. As Miss Mount Pleasant, she competed and was named Miss South Carolina 2013, then moved on to compete with 52 other women in the five-day one-shot Miss America Pageant. She also worked as an intern in Attorney General Alan Wilson's office. When all her obligations to the two pageants have been met, she plans to return to her pursuit of a law degree at the University of South Carolina.

In General

For a small school, Furman has had a striking record of military service—and at the highest levels. We list below the generals across the generations who once called Furman home:

Brigadier General
Christopher S. Ballard '84

Lieutenant General
Daniel G. Brown '68

Brigadier General
C. David Estes '78

Major General
William A. Gantt, Jr. '59

Brigadier General
George W. Goldsmith, Jr. MA '71

Major General
Richard C. Longo '80

Rear Admiral
Steven W. Maas '72

Brigadier General
James H. Mason '86

Vice Admiral
J. Michael McConnell '66

Major General
John F. Mulholland, Jr. '78

Major General
James F. Pasqualette '83

Brigadier General
Steve Scott '82

Major General
David L. Stanford '50

Major General
Joseph G. Webb, Jr. '67

Major General
Kevin R. Wendel '79

2013 **Rachel Donaldson** is a medical student pursuing a career in emergency medicine. She is part of a new partnership between Furman and the Greenville Health System (GHS) that designates Furman as GHS's primary undergraduate partner for health care education in the Upstate.

Julie Jarriel teaches English at Wade Hampton High School's Freshman Academy. She was recently named the secondary school winner of the 2013 Alfred and Marybeth Bunting Childers Foundation Teaching Excellence Award, presented by Furman to two promising recent graduates who teach in local schools.

2014 In June, Furman All-America offensive lineman **Dakota Dozier** was selected by the New York Jets in the fourth round of the National Football League draft. He was the 37th pick of the fourth round, the 137th overall selection in this year's draft, and the 31st player in Furman history to be drafted. Dozier received the Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award this past year, played in the East-West Shrine Game in January, participated in the NFL Combine in February, and was named Furman Male Athlete of the Year in April.

Having completed her softball playing career at Furman in May, **Hannah Pace** is already about to begin her coaching career. In early June, she was introduced to the players she will be coaching at Greenville's Berea High School. Pace started 174 games at Furman, most as the Paladins' catcher. She has also been offered a fourth-grade teaching position at Welcome Elementary School.

Kristina Pardo received a prestigious 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation, and is pursuing a PhD in astrophysics at Princeton University. The fellowship provides a three-year, annual stipend of \$32,000, a \$12,000 education allowance for tuition and fees, and opportunities for international research as well as professional development. Pardo was selected as a Furman Fellow and Blackwell Scholar, and was named a minority scholar by the American Physical Society.

Anja Smith has been named chief executive officer of Sabai Technology, a cutting-edge router firmware company. Before starting at Sabai, Smith provided Web design and marketing services for about 20 clients. She also worked as captain of the banquet staff at the Greenville Country Club, and took up distance running and participating in several marathons.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Jonathan '92 and Kathryn Wooten '91 Sobel, a son, Christopher Roby Wooten, May 21, 2013

Ligon and Julie Ann Stuart '91 Williams, a son, James Ligon V, January 23, 2013

David and Catherine L. Myus '93, a son, Keaton Russell, February 21, 2013

Claude and Jewel Giesy '94 McRoberts, a son, Edgars, June 25, 2013

Ernest and Lidia Abisellan '95, a son, Eduardo, February 6, 2013

Glenn and Heather Willis Allen '95, twins, a daughter, Nina Celeste, and a son, James Heath, May 5, 2013

Todd and Kim Kramer '95, a daughter, Kathryn Mary, August 11, 2013

Mark and Emily Ellis '97 Richardson, a daughter, Lynda Elaine, January 9

Chris and Alison Cunnold '99 Boivin, a son, Ryan Derek, April 22

Charles and Sarah Thomas '99 Clemmons, a son, Andrew John, August 30, 2013

Reagan and Suzanna Wellman '99 Combs, a daughter, Elliot Kate, April 28

Christopher and Heather Coffey '99 Farmer, a daughter,

Lillian Grace, May 7, 2013

Daniel and Stacey Rose '99 Harris, a son, Jacob Grayson, July 2013

Peter and Emily Newton '99 Murphy, a daughter, Mary Louise, October 25, 2013

Christopher and Abby Carpenter '00, a son, Hudson Richard, May 31, 2013

Rob and Jackie Smith '00 Carson, a daughter, Lathyn Ellea, October 8, 2013

T.J. and June Mee '00 Clark, a daughter, Emily Hayes, May 24, 2013

Chris '00 and Megan Pinniger '10 Colvin, a daughter, Gracyn Reece Colvin, February 22, 2013

Mark Saunders and Alison Kraigsley '00, a daughter, Sloan Aberdeen, March 21, 2013

Joseph Bolick and Sarah Lang '00, a daughter, Lucia Lily, February 8

Justin and Shelby Huie '00 McNinch, a daughter, Caroline Kay, September 15, 2013

Stephen and Kelly Rodriguez '00, a daughter, Maxine Pearl, September 2, 2013

Philip and Cathy Lane '00 Watson, twin daughters, Alyssa Lane and Abigail Christina, May 31

Michael and Emily Smith White '00, a daughter, Nora Elaine, June 1, 2013

Jason and Mary Beth Wilson '00, a son, Bradley Thomas, April 5

Jeff and Emily Roberts '00 Wilson, a daughter, Mattie Reynolds Wilson, November 13, 2013

Dan '01 and Amanda Moseley '04 Atkinson, a son, Charles, September 23, 2013

Chris and Carlyn Bale '01, a daughter, Hadley Beryl, October 23, 2013

Bill and Jennifer Kempth Booth '01, a daughter, Ansley Brooke, July 21, 2013

Morgan and Megan Palmer '01 Camp, a son, Harrison Palmer Camp, March 17

Kevin '01 and Amanda Ballard '02 Crean, a son, John Henry, August 12, 2013

Chris and Jeny Bishop '01 Kerscher, a son, Noah Andrew, November 4, 2013

Ben and Anne-Leigh Gaylord '01 Moe, a son, Wilder Gaylord Moe, May 30, 2013

Brent and Meghan Scoggins '01, a daughter, Abbott Georgia, October 1, 2013

Ashley and Danielle Summer '01, a daughter, Arabella Rose, March 8

Ryan and Kelly Harrison '01 Teague, a daughter, Emma Grace, April 25, 2013

Dustin and Amy McEwan '02 DiChiara, a daughter, Vivian, May 5, 2012

Justin and Crystal Streuber Garrick '02, a son, Connor

Justin, March 18, 2013

Bradley '04 and Elizabeth Coker '02 Hamlett, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, October 10, 2013

Joe and Teresa Leerssen '02 Hoover, a son, Joseph Porter, March 18

Kevin and Megan Dunigan Klein '02, a son, Parker Thomas, February 28

Jeffrey and Karen Jones '02 Kung, a son, Benjamin James Shiang Kung, November 30, 2012

Matt and Lauren White '02 Steele, a son, Marshall William, June 17, 2013

Joshua and Sara Mayfield '02 Tiegreen, a son, Simon Warner, May 30, 2013

Jonathan and Jessica Brown '03, a son, Maxwell Jon, July 14, 2013

Jon and Katie Dumitru '03, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, August 22, 2013

Anthony '03 and Olivia de Castro '06 Esquivel, a son, Luca Andrés Esquivel, December 8, 2013

Eric and Heidi Hill Fisher '03, a daughter, Grace Taylor Fisher, February 26, 2013

James '04 and Sara Burnett '03 Granberry, a daughter, Eleanor Nell, February 18

Jake and Katherine Tumbleston '03 Kransteuber, a son, Luke Richard, November 19, 2013

Wes and Elizabeth Snipes '03 Rochester, a daughter, Margaret Anne, April 1, 2013

Peter and Stephanie Whitener '03 Tecklenburg, twin daughters, Catherine Frances Estelle

and Charlotte Mary Elizabeth,
April 28, 2013

John and **Courtney Schinke '04
Cashman**, a son, Mark Aidan,
May 31, 2013

Jason and **Erica Sutton '04
Culbertson**, a daughter, Sutton
Ella, March 31

Richard and Lauren Monk '04, a
daughter, Kathryn Ellis Monk,
February 3

**Derek '04 and Rebecca Bulkeley
'05 Norman**, a daughter, Claire
Evelyn, June 10

Samuel M. III and **Katie Grubbs
'04 Price**, a son, William
McCarey, May 9

**Thomas '05 and Dorothy
Freeman '04 Self**, a son,
Freeman Cuthbert Self, March
9, 2014

**Barrett '04 and Meghan Giles
'05 Tullis**, a daughter, Sadie
Elizabeth, September 10, 2013

Kenneth and **Kristen Fischer '05
Anthony**, a son, James Fischer
Anthony, January 30

**Frederick L., Jr. '05 and Erin
Sigmon '06 Henderson**, a daugh-
ter, Eliana Leigh Henderson,
September 3, 2013

Peter and **Heather Wilson '05
Morash**, a son, Grant Thomas,
October 3, 2013

Mark and **Erin Fortenberry '05
Presley**, a daughter, Caroline
Elizabeth, July 7, 2013

**Sam '06 and April Raymer '05
Tooker**, a son, Samuel Hobbes,
April 1

**Wes '06 and Claire Wilson
'07 Bray**, a daughter, Marley
Lillian, October 29, 2013

**Jeremy and Jessica Bolden
Spencer '06**, a son, Garrison

Rhys, May 23, 2013

Tom and **Lauren Ourt '06
Wieme**, a daughter, Anna
Katherine, July 2, 2013

Paris and **Jennifer Ward '07
Cornwell**, a son, Bennett Asher,
October 29, 2013

Matthew and **Amy McKinney
'07 Luff**, a son, Boone McMillan
Luff, December 15, 2013

**Bartley and Katie Carlson Sides
'07**, a daughter, Lowry Camille,
July 22, 2013

Shawn and Jennifer Tyrell '07,
a son, Caleb Michael, July 1,
2013

**Sam and Linda Ketsche
Williamson '07**, a daughter,
Clara Aven, April 16

Matt and **Melanie Anderson '08
Goehle**, a daughter, Norah Mae,
August 15, 2013

Daniel and **Melissa Mabry '09
Cline**, a son, Andrew David,
June 12

David and Heather Wooten
Edison '09, a daughter, Kaitlyn
Marie, November 1, 2013

Nicholas J. and Hart Milam '09,
a son, Wesley, March 4

Jeff Vitkun and **Rachael Parrish
'09**, a daughter, Ava Nguyen
Vitekun, June 23, 2013

**Corey and Kelsey Salava
Gheesling '10**, a son, Parks
Duvall, November 2, 2013

MARRIAGES

**George Short '54 and Catherine
Hunter '55 Hightower, Jr.**
January 11, 2014

**Rivanna Hill Barrow '58 and W.F.
Ward, Jr.**, February 16, 2013

**Donald Spencer '73 and David
Warren**, May 17

**James Casteel '75 and William
Hopkins**, October 22, 2013

**Lauren Cobb '84 and Alfred Paul
Joseph, Jr.**, December 28, 2013

**Fred D. Grove '87 and Robin
Spiller**, September 3, 2013

**Rachel MacNabb '97 and
Charles "Chip" Davis**,
December 21, 2013

**Brian Greene and Virginia Van
Skiver Wallace '98**, September
14, 2013

**Meg Calnon '99 and Jonathan
Peavey**, April 27, 2013

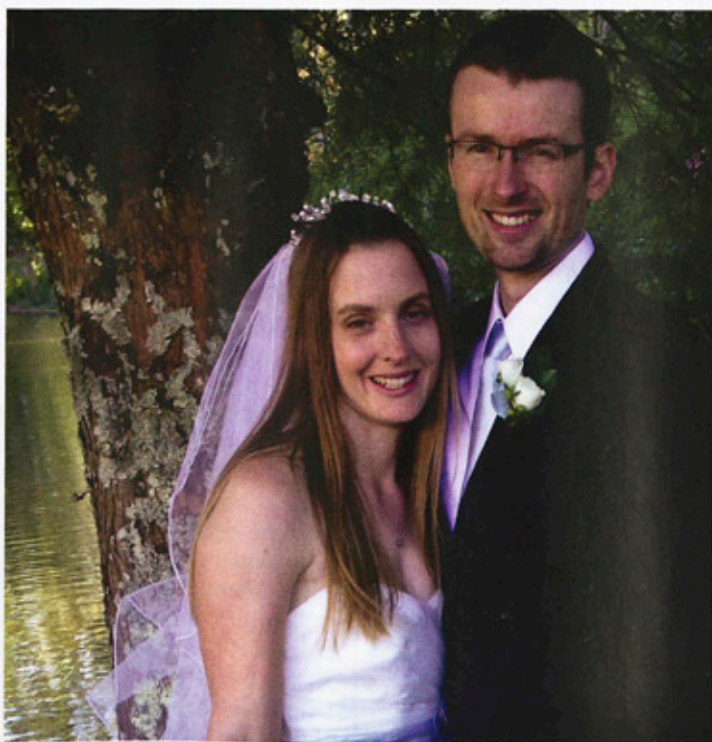
**Meredith Crowell '02 and David
Strange**, May 10

**Wesley Keele '02 and Holly
Towle '03**, October 11, 2013

**Kelly Frances Davidson '04 and
Jerry Devall**, December 28, 2013

**Lindsey Michelle Perkins '05
and Chris Landon**, November
2, 2013

Kenneth Surkin '05 and Lyndy





Chad Boring and Kelly Stevens '11, April 20, 2013

Meghan Christine Kelly '11 and Jordan Daniel Robinson, September 20, 2013

Andrea Claire Triplitt '11 and James Lancaster Bridgeman III '12, October 12, 2013

Christian Baker '12 and Rose Murrell Senn, May 26, 2013

Heather Basehoar '12 and David Wynn '13, October 19, 2013

Leah Marie Cochran '12 and Robert Wesley Woodcock, July 27, 2013

Daniel Dixon and Kirsty Ubermuth '12, May 19, 2012

Kelly Kirby '12 and Robert Picardi '13, July 6, 2013

Whitney McGreevy '12 and Mary Patricia Bradshaw '13, June 15, 2013

Joseph Hall and Perrin Thompson '13, September 22, 2013

Sarah Rebecca Prickett '13 and Charles Pate, Jr., December 21, 2013

Wilcox '07, February 8, 2013

Dan Ennis '06 and Frances Flowers '09, July 13, 2013

Penn Garvich '06 and Marissa Coffers '10, April 12

Margaret Elizabeth Meeker '06 and Michael Allen Murphy, September 21, 2013

Eric Helms '07 and Emily Villemaire, August 11, 2013

Amanda Keating '07 and William Taylor, March 22

Holly Wegman '07 and Nick Karakos, July 6, 2013

Elizabeth Britton Wetmore '07 and Scott Trenor, October 26, 2013

Kylie Kotowski '09 and Justin Felker, May 18, 2013

Robert Layton Wells '09 and Melissa Kristin Summer '09, MA '10, June 14

Andrew Arrendale '10 and Cherise Quamme '12, January 4

Jonathan Britt '10 and Allison Davis '10, June 15, 2013

(Above) **Andrew Arrendale '10 and Cherise Quamme '12**

(Left) **Wesley Keele '02 and Holly Towle '03**

Anna Barriault Coté '10 and Aaron Clayton Hall, April 27, 2013

Michael Erwood '10 and Marybeth Graham Marchman '11, June 21

Nicholas A. Karow '10 and Sarah Mostofi, August 3, 2013

Lauren Oschman '10 and Pierre-Antoine Levillain, January 13

RETIRED FACULTY

Kenneth Abernethy
(Computer Science)

Charles Brewer
(Psychology)

Jane Chew
(Modern Languages and Literatures)

Mary Jean Horney (Economics)

Patricia Pecoy
(Modern Languages and Literatures)

Shirley Ritter
(Education)

David Rutledge
(Religion)

OBITUARIES

Mildred Pollard Holcomb '35, August 21, 2013, Simpsonville, SC

Dwight A. Smith, Jr. '36, October 25, 2013, Fort Pierce, FL

James Haynesworth Boyd '37, July 3, 2013, Pendleton, SC

Evaline Nash Smith '37, October 19, 2013, Greenville, SC

Dorothy Ann Bobo Adams '38, February 22, Hartsville, SC

William Joseph Nunnery, Sr. '38, April 8, Houston, TX

Charles Walters Whitworth, Sr. '38, February 1, Rome, GA

Lucille Smith Clayton '39, November 22, Clemson, SC

Catherine Loadholt Copeland '39, April 1, Bamberg, SC

Ruth Ellison Davis '39, August 9, 2013, Easley, SC

Maude Ives Douglass '39, June 17, 2013, Winnsboro, SC

Frederick D. Kesler '39, December 31, 2013, Nashville, TN

William Adolph Klauber, Jr. '39, March 3, Greenwood, SC

Georgina Rabb Powell '39, August 11, 2013, Columbia, SC

Billie Little-Tedards Austin '40, December 28, 2013, Tucson, AZ

Evelyn Sandel Boyd '40, MA '41,

May 6, Greenville, SC

Dave Crosby Gunter, Sr. '40, September 20, Greenville, SC

Ruth Cochran Wilkins '40, December 10, 2013, Greenville, SC

Julia May Taylor Burr '41, April 14, Columbia, SC

Joyce Towles Barnwell Cave '41, August 8, 2013, Hollywood, SC

Elija M. Hicks, Jr. '41, December 25, 2013, Marietta, GA

Oscar J. Small '41, June 15, 2013, Charleston, SC

Frances Jones Ashmore '42, August 16, 2013, Lyman, SC

Thomas Edward Burgess, Jr. '42, November 7, 2013, Belle Glade, FL

Jincie Ballenger Davis '42, April 1, Spartanburg, SC

Richard Morgan Gaffney '42, December 20, 2013, Greenville, SC

James Marshall Gardner '42, November 6, 2013, Greenwood, SC

Jean Bauer Benney Jones '42, October 21, 2013, Springfield, MA

Elvin Shuford Sandel, Jr. '42, February 19, Greenwood, SC

Dora Pennington Carpenter '43, December 21, 2013, Greenville, SC

Dorothy Chiles Foral '43,

In Focus

Johnnie Mac Walters '43, June 24, Greenville, SC.

After serving in the Army Air Force as a navigator on more than 50 combat missions in Europe and winning the Purple Heart, among other medals, Walters enrolled in the University of Michigan Law School. Following law school, he worked briefly for the IRS, then joined the tax department of Texaco of New York. In 1961, he returned to Greenville to practice tax law, and in 1969 was appointed an assistant attorney general.

Walters was a commissioner of the IRS under President Richard M. Nixon, and he left office after refusing to prosecute people on Nixon's notorious "enemies list." When he became an IRS commissioner, he was handed the "enemies list" for the purposes of investigation, but several days later Walters took it to his immediate boss and recommended that the IRS do nothing.

The report was locked in a safe until Walters was told to give it to the chief of staff of Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation, who wrote in a 2011 book that this was the most important thing Walters did, "because then it could be said with absolute certainty that the IRS never began any audit or investigation of any name on that list."

September 14, 2013, Greenville, SC

Roy C. McCall, Jr. '43, August 16, 2013, Easley, SC

James Ervin Payne '43, October 4, 2013, Greenville, SC

Paul Edmond Seaman '43, October 13, 2013, Greenville, SC

Mildred Virginia Long Wages '43, May 27, Merritt Island, FL

Kathleen DeLoris Wilson Crooks '44, October 28, 2013, Sierra Vista, AZ

Betty Jeanne Elletson '44, November 21, 2013, Greenville, SC

Mabel Doggett Lindholm '44, June 23, Madison, WI

Lillie Fuller Simonsen '44, April 6, Greenwood, SC

Helen Lucile Bowen Tedards '44, February 28, Greenville, SC

Peggy Wright Tedards '44, December 20, 2013, West Columbia, SC

Carolyn Flynn Brady '46, January 12, Tryon, NC

Helen Ruth Jordan Craine '46, February 9, Greenville, SC

Catherine Foxworth Griggs '46, June 13, 2013, Holly Hill, SC

Nancy Lillie Reeves '46, May 20, Vero Beach, FL

Frances Landrum Weathers '46, August 27, 2013, Bowman, SC

Carolyn Auld Greyard '47, October 23, 2013, Greenville

Ross Carter King '47, April 8, Atlanta, GA

In Focus

Ernest Q. Campbell '45, July 28, 2013, Nashville, TN. Campbell was professor emeritus of sociology, former chair of the department of sociology and anthropology, and dean emeritus of the graduate school of Vanderbilt University. He began his teaching career at Berea College in Kentucky, then took a position at Mississippi Southern and later at the College of Wooster in Ohio. He earned his PhD at Vanderbilt in 1956, taught at Florida State University, pursued postdoctoral studies at Harvard, and accepted a faculty position with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He returned to teach at Vanderbilt and in 1973, and he became dean of the Vanderbilt graduate school until 1983 when he returned to teaching. Campbell retired from Vanderbilt in 1993.

One of the most pivotal experiences of his personal and professional life came in

1968, when the Rockefeller Foundation invited him to travel to what was then the University of East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, as visiting chair in sociology. Campbell was also president of the Southern Sociological Society at the time of Martin Luther King's assassination and in charge of rearranging the group's agenda in response to King's death. He also served as president of the Association of Graduate School Deans, and on the Council of the American Sociological Association.

In 1964, he co-authored *Equality of Educational Opportunity*—often called the Coleman Report—alongside head researcher James S. Coleman and others, commissioned by the U.S. Office of Education as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He remained active in social, political, and environmental causes in retirement.

Beecher Edward Morton, Jr. '47, October 20, 2013, Greenville, SC

Mattie Jane Hood Stroud '47, October 31, 2013, Greer, SC

Marjorie Owings Nelson Adamson '48, September 8, 2013, Mauldin, SC

Lynn Speegle Huffman '48, October 28, 2013, Greenville, SC

Irene Kuykendall Johnson '48, August 15, 2013, Spartanburg, SC

Betty Reid McCollum '48, May 4, Piedmont, SC

Jean Kelley Milford '48, July 12, 2013, Anderson, SC

Hal C. Norman '48, March 22, Greenville, SC

Frances Jones Rish '48, June 5, Greenville, SC

Dorothy Vaughan Schmidt '48, May 14, Van Buren, IN

Ruth Evangeline Walker '48, July 29, 2013, Columbia, SC

Mabel Copeland Barton '49, August 22, 2013, Greer, SC

Ethel Reed Buck '49, November 2, 2013, St. Augustine, FL

Thomas Milton Hughes '49, February 9, Greenville, SC

Nancy Jane Bell Martin '49,

August 17, 2013, Canton, OH

William Ross Montague '49, May 20, Columbia, SC

Garl Lynn Revis, Jr. '49, June 5, Greenville, SC

Bobbie Jeanne Stewart '49, March 8, Greenville, SC

Willie Love McMinn White '49, November 16, 2013, Tunnel Hill, GA

Lynn Moya Backus '50, December 28, 2013, Jacksonville, FL

David Lawrence Berry '50, June 29, 2013, Atlanta, GA

Ed Blakeney '50, February 21, Greenville, SC

Malcolm DeWitt Bragg '50, August 26, Taylors, SC

Benjamin Lewis Dorrity '50, June 22, Greenville, SC

Frances Elizabeth Neely Durham '50, April 29, Greenville, SC

Owen Moore Evans '50, March 23, Georgetown, SC

Jenelle Brannon Gallman '50, April 22, Mount Holly, NC

Blanche Garner Hall '50, April 29, Snellville, GA

Wendell Martin Houston '50, August 2, 2013, Hanahan, SC

Betty Jane Shirley Howie '50, April 6, Rock Hill, SC

Faye Nix Jay '50, March 20, Greenville, SC

Bill Jordon '50, February 10, Greenville, SC

Thomas Oliver Kay '50, June 24, Pawleys Island, SC

Walter H. Kneece, Jr. '50,

February 3, Columbia, SC

Margaret Ann Smith Lista '50, August 10, 2013, Aiken, SC

Marion Patricia Roberts May '50, January 6, Fort Mill, SC

Mary Jane Smith Peden '50, February 7, Greenville, SC

Bette Bain Bush '51, September 6, 2013, Isle of Palms, SC

John Canada Cosby, Jr. '51, September 29, 2013, Roanoke, VA

Eugene E. Johns '51, July 26, 2013, Belmont, NC

Arthur Talmadge Mason '51, September 9, 2013, Mauldin, SC

In Focus

Johannah Elizabeth King Bell '46, April 3, Greenville, SC. Bell began her professional career at S.D. Leidesdorf (now Ernst & Young). She served in leadership positions and on the boards for numerous Greenville charities, including the YWCA, Child Abuse and Neglect Committee, Pendleton Place, and Rosewood House of Recovery. She was a chair and founding board member of Greenville's Child. In 1998, Bell was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Palmetto State, for contributions to local and state communities. She had an eight-year appointment to the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board by Governor **Dick Riley '54**. She was named one of the most influential people in Greenville by *The Greenville News* and received the AAUW Leader of the 21st Century Award.

Melvin Eugene Mullikin '51, June 23, 2013, Columbia, SC

Jack Porter '51, March 19, Raleigh, NC

Edith Hatchell Rogers '51, June 29, North Augusta, SC

Caroline Arrington Tompkins '51, June 18, 2013, Greenville, SC

Esma Shelton Ussery '51, August 21, 2013, Mount Pleasant, SC

Frank Buxton, Jr. '52, December 10, 2013, Orlando, FL

William Eldridge Donald '52, August 11, 2013, Greer, SC

Ernest Milton Horton '52, February 21, Greenville, SC

Perry Cooper Ouzts '52, May 21, Woodruff, SC

Gene Dillard Phillips '52, October 9, 2013, Laurens, SC

Arthur R. Schiffer '52, August 20, 2013, Greenville, SC

Robert H. Cowan '53, January 24, Rogers, AR

Mona Ruth Looper Davis '53, July 26, 2013, Greenwood, SC

Betty Galloway Eklund '53, June 27, 2013, Greenwood, SC

Frances Smith Fraley '53, February 17, Spartanburg, SC

Allie Mack Haywood Pazdan '53, March 7, Greenville, SC

Linda June Messer Cantrell '54, July 24, 2013, High Point, NC

Robert E. Cashion '54, May 26, Simpsonville, SC

Betty Nelson Chernock '54, April 26, Milford, CT

Charles Donald Harrell '54, February 19, Roanoke, TX

In Focus

B.J. Townes '54, October 9, 2013, Greenville, SC. Townes earned master's degrees in banking from the Rutgers School of Banking and the American Banking Institute, followed by a long and distinguished professional career with Peoples National Bank, Community Bank, Piedmont Travel, Townes Properties, Piedco Associates, and Long Beach Properties. He also helped develop the concept and implemented the first project in the revitalization of downtown Greenville with Bergamo Plaza and the Bank of America Tower.

He served on the boards of numerous organizations in Greenville, such

as the American Red Cross, Greenville Cancer Society, Greenville Heart Association, United Way of Greenville, and Greenville Little Theatre. And he received many business awards: Junior Chamber of Commerce of America "Outstanding Young Men of America," and Eastern Airlines "The Leaders Award," to name two. He was listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Business and Industry*, named Carolina's Ernst & Young "Entrepreneur of the Year," and Mars Hill College's "Fundraiser of the Year."

David W. Johnson, Jr. '54, July 1, 2013, Encinitas, CA

Lewis Earle Jones, Jr. '54, August 10, 2013, Greenville, SC

Gaylord L. Lehman '54, November 15, 2013, North Carolina

Hampton Irvin Perry '54, February 13, Andrews, SC

Lucius Henry Weeks, Jr. '54, July 4, 2013, Travelers Rest, SC

William Albert Boyd, Jr. '55, January 5, 2013, Tryon, NC

Lynn Crook '55, July 17, 2013, Asheville, NC

Nancy Ross Goldsmith Dendy '55, April 28, Laurinburg, NC

Abraham G. Ferris '55, June 15, Concord, NC

Billy Milan Hendrix, Sr. '55, June 19, Chickamauga, GA

Eugene McElhannon '55, March 10, Fountain Inn, SC

Sara Frances Jones McGowen '55, June 23, 2013, Mount Pleasant, SC

Deloris Robinson Mullwee '55, February 24, Spartanburg, SC

Barbara Ann Eskew Murphy '55, November 6, 2013, Denton, TX

Bernett Monroe Waitt '55, March 31, Summerville, SC

Mickey Walker '55, June 4, Anderson, SC

Carolyn Martha Corley Aurich '56, July 3, 2013, Clemson, SC

Andy Bielecki '56, January 2, Keowee Key, SC

James C. Britton, Jr. '56, June 27, 2013, Manning, SC

J. William Burnett '56, June 7, Greer, SC

Hugh Hawkins Donnan '56, June 10, Opelika, AL

John E. Elliott '56, January 28, Rock Hill, SC

Lewis Randall Evington '56, June 19, Statesboro, GA

Jacquelyn Todd Waldrop Herndon '56, March 29, Laurens, SC

Adrienne Raines Hilley '56, July 26, 2013, Greenville, SC

Frances Skelton Jenkins '56, August 10, 2013, Raleigh, NC

William Dent Leeke '56, July 17, 2013, Columbia, SC

Daniel Bennett McGee '56, April 19, Waco, TX

Wardlaw Mardre Warnock '56, August 3, 2013, Yorktown, VA

Robert Lawton Arnette, Sr. '57, April 2, Kingstree, SC

Betty Jean Hudson Boyle '57, September 4, 2013, Cumming, GA

Alex H. Hancock '57, November 8, 2013, Oxford, NC

Carl J. Hedrick, Jr. '57, July 10, 2013, Henderson, NC

Nelle Mitchell McWilliams Hinkle '57, August 15, 2013, Pickens, SC

William A. Stroud '57, April 6, Boiling Springs, NC

Frances Lillian Thompson '57, December 30, 2013, NY

Charles Blacknall Weaver '57, December 21, 2013, Lansing, NC

William F. Bishop, Jr. '58, April 30, Charleston, SC

Robert Johnson '58, September 4, 2013, Lake View, SC

George Wallace Kilpatrick '58,
June 28, 2013, Mableton, GA

Benjamin Franklin Lowe, Jr. '58,
April 26, Murfreesboro, NC

Marvin Willie Murphree '58,
August 2, 2013, Winston-Salem, NC

John D. Penell II '58, June 9,
2013, Charlotte, NC

Jerry David Penland '58,
February 9, Greenwood, SC

Billy W. Rigsby '58, April 5,
Greenville, SC

Robert C. Stewart '58, January
20, Fuquay Varina, NC

Larry Joseph Bass '59,
November 22, 2013, Columbia,
SC

Donald Franklin Bolt '59, April
18, Greenville, SC

Betty Revan Cook, MA '59,
January 18, Johnson City, TN

Oleta Sanders Farr '59,
December 13, 2013, Liberty, SC

Michael Erwin Hammett '59,
December 3, 2013, Seneca, SC

Oliver L. Hunt '59, July 13, 2013,
Waynesboro, VA

Janice Whitlaw Patterson '59,
July 19, 2013, Jefferson City,
TN

Charles L. Tidwell, Jr. '59, July
28, 2013, Laurens County, SC

Gail Lollis Edge '60, September
7, 2013, Columbia, SC

Jo Bolding Kay '60, April 15,
Easley, SC

Ann Howard Moretz '60,
October 17, 2013, Cornelius, NC

**Harriette Whitworth Talley
'60**, November 25, 2013,

Summerville, SC

James D. Brooks '61, February 2,
Duluth, GA

Christine Jeffords Conrad '61,
May 18, Winston-Salem, NC

Donald Paul Davis '61,
December 17, 2013, West
Columbia, SC

Nancy Hughes Hagan '61,
December 13, 2013, Greenville,
SC

Gail Martin Mayfield '61,
December 17, 2013, Grayson,
SC

Edwin D. Moore, Sr. '61, March
3, Columbia, SC

Derrick W. Brown '62, August
10, 2013, Ellenton, FL

Martha Joan Hartness Guinn '62,
April 13, Greenville, SC

Ann Murphy Johns '62, August
13, 2013, Simpsonville, SC

James E. Kelly '62, July 23,
2013, Williamston, SC

Carol Cole Kennedy '62, October
15, 2013, Columbia, SC

Jack Earl Neal '62, April 15,

In Focus

Gerald Ray Glur '63, February
3, Greenville, SC. Glur
excelled in basketball in
high school and at Furman,
and was inducted into the
Furman Athletic Hall of
Fame in 2006. He was drafted
by the New York Knicks
but chose instead to serve his
country in the Army Corps
of Engineers in Vietnam, and
then was a successful realtor
for more than four decades.

Seattle, WA

Renee Miller Scheil '62, June 22,
2013, Mission Viejo, CA

Joe R. Babb '63, April 25,
Arden, NC

Sally Harbin Long '63,
November 27, 2013,
Westminster, SC

H.T. Shearin '63, February 26,
Johnson City, TN

Susan Parris Sheffield '63, April
13, 2013, Durham, NC

Edward John Flynn, Jr. '64, June
8, 2013, Cary, NC

**Floyd Eugene Chandler, Jr.
'65**, November 20, 2013,
Greenville, SC

Jeri Ann Prestwich Crain '65,
August 13, 2013, Waco, TX

William Marion Gilfillin '65,
April 21, Greenville, SC

Dana Janet Beck Barrett '66,
June 27, 2013, Louisville, KY

Charles B. Hill '66, August 9,
2013, Moncks Corner, SC

**Elizabeth Huffman McConnell
'66**, September 5, 2013, Easley,
SC

Martha Jean Hogg Allen '67,
July 15, 2013, Decatur, GA

Julia Elizabeth Babb '67, April
12, Greenville, SC

Mary Elizabeth Fox Hall '67, July
23, 2013, Raleigh, NC

Rush Donnon McGee '67,
September 5, 2013, Marietta, SC

Jean Marie Curry Moran '67,
March 10, Lakeland, FL

**Helen Christine McElroy Reid
'68**, October 6, 2013, Woodruff, SC

In Focus

Gene Funderburk '67,
November 10, 2013, Taylors,
SC. Funderburk was a re-
search physicist for 32 years
at what is now Mitsubishi
Polyester Film. He retired
from the plastics industry
in 2001. He was chair of bal-
loon events for Greenville's
Freedom Weekend Aloft
from 1985 to 2003 and
2007 to 2008, considered
to be the "weather guru"
for the event, and he acted
as the "weather prognosti-
cator" for the Christopher
Columbus Rediscover
American Balloon Quest,
which featured hot-air
ballooning events from
Washington to Florida in
1992. Ballooning adventures
led him across the globe,
to Italy and India, and his
expertise was such that an
American balloon team, "The
Wild Bunch"—who aimed
to be the first Americans to
fly a balloon over the North
Pole in 1997—commissioned
Funderburk to design a spe-
cial basket that could handle
the freezing arctic tempera-
tures and could collapse to
be transported cheaply and
efficiently.

**Lloyd Watson Willingham
'69**, November 21, 2013,
Crawfordville, FL

Edward Dudley Allen, MA '70,
July 3, 2013, Chesnee, SC

Wilma Rodgers Gault, MA '71,
April 23, Greenville, SC

William Samuel Trakas '71,
September 27, 2013, Danville,
VA

Barbara Ann Watrous '71, August
5, 2013, Yakima, WA

Leona Moses Brooks, MA '72,
August 7, 2013, Mauldin, SC

John Steven Warren '72,
September 22, 2013,
Greenville, SC

Millie Hearn Dillard, MA '73,
August 29, 2013, Denver, NC

Billy C. DuRant, MA '73, April 7,
Hartwell, GA

Larry Bradford Lane '73, October
23, 2013, Charlotte, NC

**David Harrison Williamson
'73,** December 29, 2013,
Walterboro, SC

Loretta Shuler Barker '74,
November 18, 2013, Columbia,
SC

**Jane Hawkins Dover Bondurant,
MA '74,** May 14, Greenville, SC

Rebecca L. Coggins '74, MA '81,
May 16, Greenville, SC

Furman Eugene Richards, Jr. '74,
December 2013, Atlanta, GA

Margaret Albenesius Bryant '75,
February 1, Greenville, SC

Martha Farmer Beard '76, March
22, Inkom, ID

Nathan Kenneth Gilstrap '76,
May 7, Simpsonville, SC

Daryll R. Purvis, MBA '76,
January 30, Anderson, SC

Reba Green Keller, MA '77,
November 18, 2013, Travelers
Rest, SC

Patrick Louis Patten '77,
September 8, 2013, Las Vegas,
NV

James Paul Rogers '77, February
7, Greenville, SC

**Ellen Cabaniss Jones Donkle
'78, MA '81,** July 16, 2013,
Charleston County, SC

Larry Pittman '78, August 14,
2013, Taylors, SC

**Cynthia Jamieson Hall Ploof
'78,** September 22, 2013,
Greenville, SC

**Brenda Gail Hale Snyder, MA
'78,** September 24, 2013,
Greenville, SC

Rebecca Corbitt Baker '79, July
28, 2013, Pennington, NJ

**Linda Faye Landers Barnett, MA
'80,** June 22, Greenville, SC

Douglas Edward Ford, BGS '80,
November 11, 2013, Anderson, SC

Jeffrey Craig Hamic '80,
September 19, 2013, Houston,
TX

**Loretta Mae Johnson Padgett,
MA '80,** January 12, Charlotte,
NC

**Eugene Huddleston Howe, Jr.
'81,** July 15, 2013, Clemson, SC

Cynthia Knight Bowen Page '81,
February 5, Columbia, SC

Samuel Michael Ogburn '82,
December 8, 2013, Camden, SC

John Frederick Shuford '82,
April 24, Columbia, SC

Charles W. Morris, Jr. '83,
January 11, Greenville, SC

**Suzan Marie Brookhardt
McKinney, MA '84,** March 4,
Chattanooga, TN

Harold Jerry Breazeale, Jr. '85,
October 1, 2013, Greenville, SC

Carol Stapleton Sylvester '87,
October 9, 2013, Duluth, GA

Ethlyn Sims Byrd, MA '88,
March 21, Hendersonville, NC

Jerrene Robertson Verdin '88,
September 19, 2013, Little

River, SC

Kathy Irwin Hamilton, MA '90,
August 9, 2013, Greenville, SC

Michelle Bonacci Marks '95,
November 11, 2013, Southern
Pines, NC

Erin Crittenden Shook '04, July
6, 2013, Greer, SC

Erin Cranford Williams '04, July
10, 2013, Fernandina Beach, FL

Nicholas Anthony MacKain '13,
March 15, Suwanee, GA

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Eugene Milton Johnson,
November 11, 2013, Greenville,
SC. Johnson taught at Furman
from 1966 to 1993, serving
as chair of the sociology
department and director of
urban studies. He was also
active in the Baltic studies
travel abroad program, a
program in which he focused
on urban design and archi-
tecture. He was active in the
life of his community, serving
on the boards of Greenville
County Social Services and
Furman-Greenville Fine Arts.
He taught in the Greenville
Literacy Program, especially
ESL and GED courses, and

he volunteered with Meals
on Wheels. Johnson received
his undergraduate degree in
music from Louisiana College,
with an emphasis on playing
the organ, and prepared for
the ministry at Southern
Seminary. He served as a
chaplain in the Navy Reserve.
He had a great variety of in-
terests, as expressed in his ac-
ademic degrees: bachelor's in
music, bachelor's of divinity in
theology, and an MA and PhD
in sociology. Before joining
Furman, he taught at Punahou
School in Honolulu, Hawaii,
and Georgetown College in
Kentucky.