**FALL 2016**

**CLASS NOTES**

*Where You’ve Been, Where You’re Going*

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**SCENE AND BE SEEN**

**UP CLOSE**

**AFTER THE AISLE**

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**1937**

Mary “Skip” Longston Boyles of Winston-Salem, NC, turned 100 years old on April 2, 2016, and celebrated with the WMU and prayer group at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, where she has been a very active member for 58 years. The group and her family honored her with 100 roses on the occasion.

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**1939**

A celebration was held February 14, 2016, in honor of the 98th birthday of University of Georgia Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion Robert H. Ayers. Dr. Ayers was former chaplain and head of the university’s philosophy and religion department. He has a number of books available on Amazon.com and has published in the areas of philosophy of religion, Christian thought, and biblical criticism.

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**1963**

Doug Nye was inducted into The State Newspaper Hall of Fame in June 2016. Doug was previously sports editor of The Record, the Columbia, SC, afternoon newspaper, and later was editor of the Entertainment Section of The State, the Columbia morning newspaper. After he retired from the newspaper work, he had a show on ETV of South Carolina.

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**1965**

W. Douglas Ludlum retired January 18, 2016, after 35 years as organist/director of music at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC.

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**1969**

Harold F. Gallivan III has been appointed to the Hollingsworth Funds Board of Directors in Greenville, SC. Gally, the senior vice president of investments at UBS Financial Services in Greenville, will help steward the Funds’ assets in order to invest thoughtfully in highly effective nonprofit organizations and initiatives. Hollingsworth Funds is a charitable support organization focused exclusively on Greenville. It was endowed by the estate of textile executive John D. Hollingsworth, Jr. ’39.

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**1970**

Edward “Butch” Barnhill, Jr., a longtime attorney in Columbia, SC, has joined the law firm of Tighe & Robinson, LLC, where he will focus on real estate, probate, and business. He has practiced more than 40 years in Columbia, is a certified South Carolina Circuit Court Mediator, and is also a licensed real estate broker.

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**1973**

David Head, a professor of history at John Tyler Community College, Midlothian (VA) Campus, has self-published on Amazon a mystery/thriller novel set in South Carolina. The title of the book is The Millennium Child and is a Kindle book on Amazon.

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**1974**

Deborah Carlton Loftis was named a Fellow of the Hymn Society in July 2016 at the organization’s conference in Redlands, CA. This award, the highest honor given by the organization, was conferred because of Deborah’s work as an educator and scholar in the field of congregational song and for her significant contributions as executive director of HISUC and the first woman to hold this position. She has been a professor of church music at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, has taught at Samford University in Birmingham, AL, and McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, and has worked as a music cataloger and reference librarian. She is an ordained Baptist minister who has led congregations in Kentucky and Alabama.

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**1976**

Art Brownlow has been selected as a recipient of the University of Texas System Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award for 2016. He has taught for over 30 years in higher education, currently as a professor of music at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Previously he won the 2014-15 College Music Society Instructional Technology Initiative Award, and he was selected as an Apple Distinguished Educator, Class of 2015. His most recent book, Teaching Music History with iPad, is available for free in the Apple iBooks Store.

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Scene and Be Seen

Furman Across the Country

Furman University held its inaugural Bell Tower Ball at the TD Convention Center in Greenville on April 2, 2016. Attended by more than 500 guests, the event celebrated the extraordinary accomplishments of the Furman family. Dubbed an “evening of excellence,” the Bell Tower Ball recognized alumni, parents, students, and friends for their philanthropic contributions and volunteer service. Four alumni received special honors for distinguished professional achievement and generosity of spirit.

Fran Smith ’78 Ligler was named the Carl F. Kohrt Distinguished Alumni, and Kohrt accepted the award on her behalf. Dave Ellison ’72 was presented the Gordon L. Blackwell Alumni Service Award, Logan Hambrick ’02 the Tom A. Triplitt Outstanding Young Alumni Award, and Peter Griffin ’11 the Wayne and Ruby Reid Award. (The honorees are pictured, left to right, with President Elizabeth Davis.)

1978
Jan Hunt Hollar has been working with Horry County (SC) State Bank in a consulting role in the rescue of the bank from the brink of bankruptcy. She has now been named CEO of this bank.

1982
Anita Burroughs-Price, a harpist with the North Carolina Symphony in Raleigh and a music professor at Furman, dedicates much of her time to her unusual form of charity—playing music for the sick and dying, the incarcerated, and others who might find solace in the strains of the instrument often thought to make heavenly music. She also played for refugees of Hurricane Katrina, and most recently she has been playing for patients with memory problems who often respond in surprising ways to hearing familiar strains of both orchestral and popular music rendered by her harp. A CD she recorded a decade ago has raised more than $20,000 for charity, and her story was featured in its own television special on the Hallmark Channel. She recently presented at a national conference for cancer survivors on the power of music in comforting and supporting cancer patients. A special memory for her from her musical performances is the experience of playing for the Queen of England.

1983
David Allsopp, a member of the University of South Florida faculty since 2001, is assistant dean for education and partnerships in addition to the David C. Anchin Center Endowed Chair and director of the Anchin Center. He is also a professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning – Special Education Programs, teaching at both the undergraduate and doctoral levels. David also engages in teacher education research related to how teacher educators can most effectively prepare teachers to address the needs of student with disabilities and other struggling learners. He began his career in education as a middle school teacher for students with learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral difficulties in Ocala, FL.

1984
Nicholas Thomas of Vero Beach, FL, recently published The Heart of Atlanta, a novel set at Furman in the 1980s. He wrote the book one lunch hour at a time during the ’90s. Untouched for over 20 years, he determined that the time had come to share his literary fiction with audiences. To learn more, visit www.facebook.com/theheartofatlanta/

1985
Todd Davidson, a corporate and commercial real estate attorney in Nexsen Pruet’s Greenville, SC, location, has been named to the board of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce for 2016. In this role, he will also serve as general counsel to the board. He will also lend his time as a coach for the Chamber’s Minority Business Accelerator Program.

Linda Lee Petrakis of Boca Raton, FL, has again achieved Top 1 Percent International Sales Status with Caldwell Banker. She has been selling and renting real estate in South Florida for the past 16 years.

1986
Donald Polaski has been appointed assistant professor of religious studies at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA.

At the end of May 2016, Lisa Wright transferred to the US Department of Veterans Affairs at McGuire Medical Center in Richmond, VA, where she serves as secretary for the Chaplain Service.

1987
Charles Batson, a professor of French and francophone studies at Union College in Schenectady, NY, is conducting research which has taken him to Montreal and a study of its performance scenes, in particular its circus, of which Cirque du Soleil is a huge presence. He and a colleague have published Cirque Global, just now out from McGill Queens University. It is the first book on this new art form and its international impact. The book launch was timed with the circus festival held in Montreal in July 2016. Charles led at least one of the artist’s talks. Read more at www.mqup.ca/cirque-global-products-9780773546738.php

Former LPGA player Dottie Pepper, who won 17 times in her professional career and joined CBS last fall to be an on-course reporter and analyst, has spent the early part of this year adapting to her new colleagues and learning their system, including spending time in the production trucks. In April 2016 the Golf Writers Association of America honored her with the William D. Richardson Award, given to someone who has consistently made an outstanding contribution to golf.

1990
Ronny Fisher, head women’s basketball coach at Presbyterian College since 2008, has been named head coach at Campbell University. He was assistant coach for the men’s team at PC for 11 seasons. In leading PC to three winning seasons in the last four years, he was named Big South Conference Coach of the Year in 2012-13. He takes over a Campbell program that has reached its conference championship game 10 times since the Big South first crowned a women’s basketball champion in 1987.

Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP has announced that Tod Hyche, a partner in the firm’s Greenville, SC, office, has been named as South Carolina State Chair for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC®). Tod has been an ACTEC Fellow since

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A life-saving light
Deal's invention, which uses ultraviolet light to disinfect hospitals, has saved thousands.

Dr. Jeffrey Deal '77 has had his share of watershed moments.

"The first time I saw Dinka patients in South Sudan sleeping on clean sheets and getting IV therapy was one of those moments," said Deal, a retired ENT who is involved in humanitarian medical work around the world. "The first time my cochlear implant patients talked to me was a great moment."

But one particular moment in an Ebola hospital is hard to top.

The year was 2014, and the epidemic in Western Africa that would claim more than 10,000 lives had gripped the world. The Liberian government had made a very specific request: They wanted a doctor with a unique skill set that included experience with tropical diseases and knowledge of Tru-D Smart UVC disinfecting units that had been donated to the country to help in its fight against Ebola.

Deal had spent months in other African countries. He had training in tropical medicine. And he knew how to use Tru-D. He was, after all, its inventor.

Years earlier, in his Charleston, SC, garage, Deal had begun work on the machine, which uses ultraviolet light to disinfect spaces in a way chemical cleaning can't.

Tru-D (the "D" refers to disinfection) met every need in that Liberian hospital that day: its waves were contained by the makeshift sheeting walls; its remote control could be immersed to be sanitized; its power supply was universal; it killed the Ebola virus. "It was like it was designed for that moment," Deal said. He felt like Jeff Deal of 2014 had consulted with Jeff Deal a decade earlier, telling him every feature that would be needed in the future.

"I had this one moment of insight... a flash from God," he said. "And that flash, it felt like it was for that very moment."

Deal first came to Furman on a basketball scholarship, transferring in as a junior. At the end of that academic year, he decided he wanted to be a pre-med student. The program advisor wasn't sure he could handle the sciences. But Deal looked up some of the classes and talked to the professors. They told him he could do it—if he was willing to work.

"That career path took off because some Furman professors took an interest in encouraging me," he said. "I have a tremendous debt to them."


In the '90s, he began using his medical skills on mission trips around the world, eventually spending much of each summer in South Sudan. One of his Charleston patients gave money to build a hospital there.

Then Deal was diagnosed with retinal disease in 2006 and a specialist told him he needed surgery immediately. But Deal put it off a few weeks—he needed to be in Sudan where hospital construction was underway.

He delayed too long. In a year of "bone-jarring changes," Deal lost his vision to the extent that he could no longer perform surgery and had to retire from his practice.

"The wonderful things, that freed me up," he said.

He studied tropical medicine at the University of London and earned a master's degree in anthropology. And he kept working on a problem that had been bothering him for years: the tens of thousands of people in the United States who become ill or die each year from hospital-acquired infections.

"That's got to be a solvable problem," he said.

Deal envisioned a machine that would use non-ionizing radiation to disinfect rooms. His brother David helped him identify UVC as the most germicidal wavelength. The first remote for his device was a modified garage door opener. Early experiments were conducted using spore samples acquired from microbiologist friends at local labs.

"Pretty quickly we realized, 'Holy cow, this really works,'" Deal said.

He hired an engineering team to build a prototype. Then spent years showing hospitals first that the device worked and, second, that they needed it. Ultimately, a Tennessee company agreed to market the machine. It was so successful so quickly that it soon spun off into an independent company.

Tru-D Smart UVC now encompasses both the device and the company that makes it. Deal isn't involved there.

"I like being the mad scientist, but the business and sales part just doesn't interest me," he said.

Still, he's emotionally attached, specifically forbidding any R2-D2 references in the machine's presence. (The machine's cylinder-like shape does bear a remarkable resemblance to the Star Wars robot though.)

Tru-D can speak multiple languages and warns users when it is about to activate so they can leave the room. The machine doesn't shut off until sensors measure the light reflected back from the darkest corners at a germcidal level.

"Antibacterial resistance has nothing to do with it because we're physically damaging the DNA," Deal said.

Duke University recently received a grant to study Tru-D. It found that adding the device to the disinfecting process reduced hospital infection rates by 30 percent.

"The machine's saved thousands of lives already," Deal said.

— by Kelley Bruss
Marguerite Hays guided university communications and edited Furman Magazine for 35 years.

Marguerite Hays would likely not have been terribly pleased that a service was held in her memory at Furman’s Daniel Chapel July 3.

Oh, she would have been delighted to see the many family members, friends, and colleagues who were there. It’s just that she was never comfortable being the center of attention. Which meant, as her son Tommy said, she was probably looking on, shaking her head, rolling her eyes, and muttering, in her characteristic fashion, “Good grief.”

For those in attendance, however, the gathering provided an opportunity to celebrate a woman whose compassionate nature, gentle charm, and good humor touched them all—and whose influence, both direct and behind the scenes, was a major factor in Furman’s rise in regional and national prominence.

It was fitting that the service for Marguerite, who died June 21 at the age of 84, was held on the campus. A 1954 graduate, she edited Furman Magazine for 35 years, from 1963 until her retirement in 1998. For most of that time she also served as director of university relations, with responsibility for all communications and public relations efforts. She was one of the first women, if not the first, to head a high-level administrative department at the university.

Her work in all areas was top-notch, but the magazine was her passion, and it earned awards and recognition for its depth, integrity, and professionalism. Her early background in journalism (newspapers and television) no doubt helped develop the objectivity and perspective that she brought to her job.

Under her direction, the magazine struck a balance. While it published the feel-good stories, it also frequently delved into more sensitive areas, offering insightful analyses of Furman’s strengths and struggles, and exploring how the university was affected by and responded to world events—as any liberal arts school worth its mission teaches its students to do.

Marguerite believed the best way to promote the institution she loved was to tell its stories—all its stories—openly and truthfully, then trust the readers to draw their own conclusions. So her magazines examined the on-campus impact of such issues as the war in Vietnam, student activism, the women’s movement, the concerns of African-American students, and the separation from the South Carolina Baptist Convention. When detractors who preferred a more sanitized publication occasionally questioned this approach, she responded respectfully and diplomatically, even if she was not always afforded the same courtesy.

I am fortunate to be one of five people—with Vince Moore, Nell Smith, Terry Walters, and Gayle Warth—who have worked in the same office with Marguerite, and with each other, for a combined total of more than 100 years. She led by example, championing collaboration and insisting on the highest standards.

Totally lacking in pretense or self-importance, she was one of us. She encouraged a free exchange of ideas, and her trusting nature fostered an atmosphere of camaraderie and loyalty. Make no mistake; we knew who had the final word, and Marguerite always called it as she saw it. But her leadership style united us, both as a team and as friends.

When she retired in 1998, Furman lost an irreplaceable blend of civility, wisdom, talent, graciousness, and class. She remained a valued advisor and confidante for many years, but after dementia began to take its toll, she moved to Asheville, NC, to be near Tommy (Class of ‘77) and his family. For Tommy and his brother Chris, this was an especially cruel blow, as the same disease had claimed their father in 2000.

Still, in their remarks at the service, the brothers spoke of how their mother’s personality—her intelligence, her sly wit, her love for and pride in her family—never completely disappeared. Tommy closed his talk with a story about her time at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, where she would often interrupt conversations to ask staffers if they knew how to spell the word they’d just used. When they responded yes, she would say, in her matter-of-fact way, “All right then, let’s hear it.”

— by Jim Stewart ’76

(by the writer served as editor of Furman Magazine from 1998 to 2013)
2009. As the South Carolina chair of the organization, he is responsible for attending national and Southeast regional meetings, planning and coordinating the Southeast regional meeting, managing the state membership committee, engaging and mentoring prospective members, and more. He has practiced at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP since 1995 in the wealth transfer planning area.

Osian Roberts accepted an honorary degree from the University of South Wales earlier this year in reward for all the work he has done with students at the Football Association of Wales Trust's higher education partner.

1991

Trevor Knott has joined BSG Financial Group of Louisville, KY, as senior vice president for business development as of March 1, 2016. A strategic marketing veteran, he is now working with BSG in the northeast, forming strategic partnerships across the country, and advising corporate marketing activities. He most recently was head of marketing services with Salient Technologies in Franklin, TN, prior to which he held several management positions in a 12-year career at Citizens Financial Group in Boston.

Matthew Lee, a partner in Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia, PA, has received the 2016 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award. Serving as a Philadelphia VIP volunteer attorney for the past 16 years, he previously was a member of Philadelphia VIP's board and served as the board president in 2013 and 2014. He concentrates his practice on all aspects of white collar criminal defense and federal tax controversies. He has developed a unique practice that focuses on advising clients with bank accounts and financial assets outside the United States.

Matthew Morris has joined the Atlanta-based William Mills Agency, a financial public relations and content marketing services company, as an account coordinator. He previously served as a communications assistant in the Scottish Parliament and held various marketing and communications positions at Furman.

1993

The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority appointed Derek Waugh as its president and CEO effective July 1, 2016. Derek earned his law degree at Wake Forest (NC) University and went on to practice with the Atlanta firm of Schreeder, Wheeler and Flint. A year later he traded law books for playbooks when he became assistant coach for men's basketball at Stetson University in Florida in 1997. He was named the program's head coach in 2000 at age 29, becoming the youngest NCAA Division 1 head coach in the country. He later became an assistant athletics director and finished his career as the second winningest coach in the university's history. He became the first full-time athletics director at Dalton State University in northwest Georgia in 2012. Under his leadership, the Dalton program Roadrunners won the 2015 NAIA national basketball championship. The athletics program also won eight conference championships and had seven different teams ranked in NAIA national Top 10.

1998

In June, when major league baseball and the MLB Players Association decided the Atlanta Braves and Miami Marlins would play a game in a 12,500-seat stadium on the Fort Bragg (NC) Army Base, they did so to honor service members like Lt. Col. Kenneth Dwyer. With his wife (Jennie Randall '97) and their children looking on, Ken was interviewed by a columnist for MLB.com during the activities. Ken was with Special Forces in 2006 when he was injured in a grenade attack in Afghanistan. He is a Special Forces officer today, has deployed back to Afghanistan, has maintained airborne status in jumping out of airplanes while wearing a prosthetic arm – and plays catch with his son.

Michael Oubre was recently elected to the American Band Directors Association at the National Convention in Lexington, KY. He has been teaching for 16 years and is currently band director and fine arts chair at Pickens (GA) High School. He is also state chair for the National Band Association.

1999

Kate Holly Conkey was scheduled to become a professor of military science at the University of Hawaii this summer.

David Ilben has become director of development and annual giving at Cannon School, an independent school near Charlotte, NC.

2001

When Darren E. Grem was a history student searching for a topic for his doctoral dissertation, the ideas behind how Christian evangelicalism and big business entered into a tentative marriage in the early 20th century caught his attention——so much so that it became the topic for his doctoral paper. As a further result, the professor of history and Southern studies at the University of Mississippi in Oxford wrote The Blessing of Business: How Corporations Shaped Conservative Christianity, published by Oxford University Press and now on bookshelves. The book traces the stories of business moguls like Truett Cathy (Chick-fil-A); heavy equipment manufacturer R.G. LeTourneau; Cecil B Day (Days Inn); and many others, along with the formidable influence of evangelist Billy Graham, to explain how alliances were formed that, in various degrees, remain even today to encourage Christian practices in the workplace. It is a historical look at the role American businesses played in shaping the nation's religious, cultural, and political marketplace in the 20th century.

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Laura Waters Hinson's latest film “Many Beautiful Things” was released this spring and was shown at the Cherrydale Point theater in Greenville. The film is an acclaimed documentary on the life of Victorian artist and missionary Lilias Trotter. It explores the artist’s life, art, and why her legacy was nearly lost to history. For more information, go to www.tugg.com/titles/many-beautiful-things
Jessica Carter ’05 & Russell Sanford ’05

A courtship of near-misses that happily didn’t miss out.

By Kate Dabbs ’09

Jessica and Russell Sanford’s relationship is like a fine wine—a bottle that had to age 10-plus years before even considering a taste. What seemingly started as the idyllic Furman romance—brother/sister hall, meeting at an ice cream social, My Tie dates—just wasn’t ready to be something more. “I didn’t know what I wanted,” Jessie says with a giggle, the first of many in our hour spent together on a rain-swept night in October.

The winding tale of their overlapping paths has the makings of a rom-com blockbuster. They went to two Furman homecomings together. They both moved to different parts of Florida but met up a few times to hang out as friends. It was a Ben Folds concert during the romantic heyday of “The Luckyest” that made Jessie finally see Russell in a slightly different light.

“But of course, he started dating someone else,” she explains. Thankfully, the relationship didn’t last, and while with a group of friends at the Islands of Adventure in Florida, Russell announced plans to take a trip to Europe. Jessie dropped everything and decided to tag along at the last minute. Still, the magic didn’t happen.

After completing law school, Russell moved back to Greenville while Jessie’s freshman-year roommate convinced her to move back as well. “He had a new girlfriend as soon as I moved,” Jessie says. “But they only lasted a month before we finally started to date.” The year was 2012. They met in 2001.

Their two-and-a-half year courtship before getting engaged was filled with travel (Italy, Amsterdam, Belgium, and Paris); date nights at Monterrey’s; and fine cuisine at home—Russell can casually rattle off his inventory of perfected reductions, gastriques, and all things gourmet.

Fittingly, he proposed at the Bell Tower. “I told Jessie my mom wanted a picture of me in front of the Bell Tower. I let her take some awkward solo pictures of me before I proposed,” Russell says. And the wedding that was more than a decade in the making, finally happened June 27, 2015.

“If we had dated back then, I wouldn’t have been mature enough. I still had to grow up,” Russell confirms. But the beauty of a long friendship laying the foundation for their marriage was evident when it took them a full two minutes to think of any challenges faced in the first few months of being married.

“Having known each other for so long—we were teenagers when we met, and we are now in our thirties—we knew a lot about each other already,” Jessie says. “But the surprises now are little things that make us laugh. He makes up random songs about anything and everything all day long,” she elaborates.

“And she talks in her sleep,” Russell chuckles. “We will have a conversation back and forth and she will remember nothing. We do laugh a lot. I don’t have to search for a friend who might get it, and that might be the very definition of why we love being together.”

“Well, I think you are funny, and I always laugh,” Jessie swoons. “And I know that you always will,” Russell replies.
2002
Jeff Gibson has become an associate in Nashville, TN, office of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC. He represents clients in litigation and government investigations, conducts internal investigations, and defends individuals and companies facing white collar criminal charges, quasi-criminal civil claims, and compliance violations. He previously practiced at the law firm of Neal & Harwell, PLC, and clerked for Judge Susan H. Black on the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Eugene “Jay” ‘03 and Anne Marie Tominack Sibal live in the Upstate where Jay practices dentistry at Family Dental Care in Powdersville and Anne Marie is an estate planning attorney. Anne Marie is also an officer in the US Air Force JAG Corps. Prior to attending dental school, Jay was an officer in the US Army.

2003
Christine Denhardt, ASLA of Memphis, TN, has been selected to serve as director of communications with Agricenter International, the world’s largest urban agricultural research and education facility. Tasked with sharing the mission of the Agricenter with the public through outreach, event planning, grant writing, and fundraising, her duties began January 25, 2016. Christine served for nearly five years in the Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability and led the effort for Memphis-Shelby County to receive a 4-STAR Award for national excellence in sustainability. She was appointed to the Collierville Design Review Commission, and is an elected officer for the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (TANSLA), and serves on the national ASLA Historic American Landscapes Survey committee.

2004
Upstate musician and composer Robby Davis was the featured artist on SoloPiano.com’s national podcast “Going Solo” released January 1, 2016. Robby’s newest instrumental album, “Blue Skies Ahead,” was released worldwide in September 2015. Listeners can find his music on Pandora Radio, Apple Music, Spotify, Whisperings Solo Piano Radio, and SoloPiano.com. Go to www.goingsolo.me/2015/12/30/podcasts

Andrew Carson has been named a Rising Star for the first time. The Rising Stars lists are published nationwide in Super Lawyers magazine and in leading city and regional magazines across the country. Andrew has been an associate with Clawson and Staubes in Charlotte, NC, for five years. His practice focuses on business litigation and personal injury.

Ashley Carroll Layba of Fremont, CA, has been promoted to head of the School for BASIS Independent – Fremont.

2006
Heather Prince Doss is serving as pastor of Eliot Presbyterian Church, a multicultural, urban congregation in Lowell, MA. She is also owner of Progressive Pilgrimage, a company providing group travel that is intellectually stimulating, spiritually enriching, and builds cross-cultural relationships.

Victoria Ridgeway completed an anesthesiology residency at Largo Medical Center in 2015 and a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship at Akron Children’s Hospital June 30, 2016. She currently works as a pediatric anesthesiologist with Carolina Anesthesiology Associates in Columbia, SC.

2007
Todd Arant of Apex, NC, is serving on the board of directors for Choristers Guild, a nonprofit organization committed to nurturing the spiritual and musical growth of children and youth.

Erica Giovanni Baez was recently sworn in for her second term as secretary of the Chesterfield Bar Association. She is an attorney with the Midlothian, VA, law firm of Owens & Owens.

2008
Katie Prevost of Nashville, TN, had a good day when she ran the Boston Marathon in April 2016. She was the top finisher in her age group at a time of 3:07:09, good for 185th among females and 158th in the female 18-39 division.

Tracy Michelle Wright of Dickson, TN, has accepted a position as branch director of auxiliary programs in the School Nutrition Division of the Tennessee Department of Education.

2009
Jade Lawson Fountain was recently awarded CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) certification by CFRE International. Earning this certification is accomplished by meeting a set of standards which include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement, and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations.

Marian White moved from Boston to Palm Beach County, FL, last fall after being hired by a local publisher to write a relocation guide titled “Moving to Palm Beach County: The Un-Tourist Guide.” She researched and wrote the 150-page guide in four months. Read about it at www.wpbmagazine.com

2010
Cary Fontana joined the Peace Corps after he graduated from Furman and served nearly two years in Mali, until he was evacuated at the end of his stint because of a military coup. He then was accepted for a full scholarship to get his doctorate at the University of Oregon. He is a year away from graduating and is the first University of Oregon political science graduate to receive a prestigious Fulbright EU Fellowship. He will spend 10 months studying and working on his doctorate in Edinburgh and Barcelona.

Charles Reese graduated cum laude in May 2016 from Harvard Law School where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He has accepted a position as an associate attorney with Fish and Richardson in Atlanta, scheduled to begin this fall. After receiving her postgraduate in medical school from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, his wife, Megan Butler, is currently in private practice.
2011

Furman alumni Peter Griffin, Roe Morris, Philip Mabry, and Zack Rosen from 2011 and Jeff Broad and Max Dutcher from 2012 founded Furman Metropolitan Fellowship (FMF). FMF is a grant program established to “create a bridge between Furman students and large city (especially New York City) internship connections and community.” Furman students who apply and are accepted from a rigorous, two-month application and interview process for FMF come to know how important the mentorship aspect and community aspect of the program is, how important networking is in job search.

Martin Eguiguren and Sarah Saba from Furman’s class of 2017 have been named the inaugural recipients of the Fellowship.

In 2009, Grace Church in Greenville, SC, started Nasha Lending, a nonprofit that collects funds from investors and issues those funds as microloans up to $5,000 to under-resourced entrepreneurs. According to Taylor Beard, who became director of the organization in 2011, the no-interest loans are paid off in one to three years. The loan is written off if the business fails; if repaid, it is re-loaned to another entrepreneur. In addition to overseeing the program, Taylor established a 10-week project-based learning class to teach entrepreneurial skills and business basics to local students. She also reached out to Mill Village Farms in West Greenville and assembled a group of nine students to start a business using produce from the farm. The class was restructured in 2014 and joined Mill Community Ministries, an outreach program also affiliated with Grace Church. This spring Taylor took the program a step farther and started Business Entrepreneur Academy to help aspiring adult entrepreneurs learn the ins and outs of the business world.

Martin Leathers has been named director of student ministries at The Gathering United Methodist Church in St. Louis, MO.

Adam Mims has joined the Presbyterian College football coaching staff as wide receivers coach. He spent last season as an offensive analyst coach at Samford University after spending time in professional football. Prior to his time at Samford, he was involved with a number of different football camps as an instructor, including the Dabo Swinney Football Camp and Butch Davis Volunteer Football Camp. He was involved with the Carolina Panthers’ Joe Webb Football Camp, the Chris Hatcher QB School, and the Bobby Lamb Football Camp at Furman. After graduating from Furman, Adam signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent and attended training camp, before later signing a two-year contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL.

Angela Zeigler has received a “Double HOO” research grant at the University of Virginia. These grants fund pairs of researchers, a graduate student and an undergraduate, to pursue a common research project. They receive funding to examine local mentoring programs, women’s health, and ion channels immune cells, among other projects. Each project is awarded up to $6,000 toward research expenses, plus $500 to compensate a faculty mentor. Angela is a fifth-year scientist training program student and a third-year graduate student in the biomedical engineering program looking to identify drugs that could have a therapeutic effect on heart failure after a heart attack.

2012

John Richard Moesch of Savannah, GA, was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Georgia Campus-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2016. He is continuing his medical training in a traditional rotating internship with a track in dermatology at the Largo (FL) Medical Center.

Keene Nettles graduated the B-52 Weapon Systems Officer Training Course with the 11th Bomb Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA, in April 2016. He graduated at the top of his class in both the academics and flying portions of the training.

2013

Wilkerson Given’s dream to run in the Olympics began to come true when he first ran track and cross country in high school and then became a goal when he earned a scholarship to Furman. His path to the Olympic trials continued as he earned All-Southern Conference honors in cross country and indoor and outdoor track, and set a Paladin record for the 3,000-meter run. After graduation, he joined a professional post-graduate running program—Furman Elite Olympic Development Group—to train with top runners from across the country. He ran in the Houston Half-Marathon in January 2015 and, despite having never run a half-marathon for time, he completed the course in 1:03.33 and qualified for the Olympic marathon trials in Los Angeles in February 2016. He and others from the Furman Elite group did run those trials but failed to earn a qualifying time for the Games in Rio.

2014

Melissa Caitlin Stewart was recently awarded a master’s degree by the School of Social Work at Florida State University. She is employed by the Leon County (FL) District Attorney’s Office where she was honored with a nomination as victim witness advocate of the year for the multi-agency/court judicial district. Collins Warren completed a master’s degree in history and museum studies from Tufts University in May 2016.

2015

Natalia Arenas of Simpsonville, SC, has been selected as a Fellow in the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program. She was one of only 30 Fellows to be selected for the program in a highly competitive nationwide process. The Rangel Program is a collaborative effort between the US State Department and Howard University to prepare outstanding young people for careers as diplomats in the Foreign Service of the US Department of State. Natalia will learn of her first post assignment following graduate school in 2018 and after she completes the Foreign Service Officer exam. She can be placed anywhere in the world.
**BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS**

Nathaniel and Kate Holly ‘99 Conkey, a son, Grayson James, April 3, 2015

Richard and Louise Stokes Duval ‘99, a daughter, Savannah Louise, April 3, 2015

Christopher and Heather Coffey ‘99 Farmer, a daughter, Everley Faith, January 12, 2016

Samuel and Jennifer Coates ‘00 Solorzano, a daughter, Maren Mina, January 31, 2016

Chris and Jeny Bishop ‘01 Kerscher, a son, Blake Christopher, March 29, 2016

Sterling ‘02 and Johanne McKeeta ‘05 Frierson, a son, Aaron Jamahl, February 4, 2016

John E. and Anne Sinke ‘03, a son, Elihu, January 2016

Brian ‘04 and Kelly Shedd ‘05 Geppi, a son, William Jackson, May 6, 2016

Luke and Alice Martin Barbour ‘05, a son, Dean Henry, February 4, 2016

Matt and Melissa Jimenez ‘06 Nocks, a son, Charles Coleman, April 18, 2016


Barney and Sarah Van Gent ‘09 Green, a daughter, Blakely Faith, May 12, 2016

Todd ‘08 and Sally Heckethorn ‘09 McClure, a son, Grady Thomas, August 27, 2015

David and Megan Mullinax Solomon ‘09, a daughter, Ansley Catherine, April 8, 2016

**OBITUARIES**

James Martin Edwards, Jr. ‘39, February 8, 2016, Johnston, SC

Grigg Thompson Fountain ‘39, February 14, 2016, Albuquerque, NM

Janet Phillips Harrison ‘41, March 12, 2016, Virginia Beach, VA

Angelina Bradwell West ‘42, January 17, 2016, Cross, SC

Lina B. Berrier ‘44, February 7, 2016, Columbia, MO

Lula Gray Harris Cline ‘44, April 6, 2016, Greenville, SC

Jennie Horton Chalker ‘45, February 27, 2016, Anderson, SC

Elizabeth “Libba” Fleming Watson ‘45, February 12, 2016, Finchur, NC

Mary Gulick Wardlaw ‘46, July 19, 2016, Greenville, SC

McAdams Christopher, Jr. ‘47, July 26, 2016, Greenville, SC

K. Lee “Chuck” Atkinson ‘48, February 5, 2016, Elberton, GA. For 30 years, “Coach Atkinson” was an on-going inspiration to the youth of Elbert County, through his leadership as head football coach and as school superintendent. The Elbert County Board of Education named the playing field of the Granite Bowl football stadium Atkinson Field and erected a five-foot black marble marker in his honor. He served in the US Navy Air Force during World War II and played football under coach Bear Bryant. After the war, his career continued with service as superintendent of Elbert County Schools, as which he facilitated construction of Elbert County Comprehensive High School—the first school ever to be built without support from increased taxes. Known as “the motivator” for Elbert County football squads for 18 years, he provided the connection between football and life that prepared young men for adulthood. Following his distinguished career in education, he went on to a successful second career of more than 10 years in the granite industry.

Charles Benjamin Barnett ‘48, April 22, 2016, Greenville, SC

**MARRIAGES**

Stuart “Bo” Kersey ‘82 and J.D. Gladney, December 5, 2015

Greg Campbell ‘95 and Richard Smith, February 12, 2016

Helene Herbert ‘07 and Tyler Roe, April 9, 2016

Mason Freeman ‘08 and Richard Lowe Cox, Jr., June 4, 2016


Elizabeth Anne Wood ‘12 and James Michael Covington, May 14, 2016

Sarah Jordan Holcombe ‘14 and Andrew Ryan Schwartz ‘16, June 11, 2016


BEHIND THE SCENES

For 32 years RaeNae Nay tended to your milestones

BY SHON HERRICK, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Chances are you never knew RaeNae Nay, but she knew you. She knew when you married and had children. When you moved or were promoted, RaeNae received a notice.

Alumni are the lifeblood of any university. And for 32 years—working under five presidents—RaeNae worked anonymously to take care of our alumni updates. These files were her work child. She nurtured and protected them and kept them fed with updates. In so doing, she ensured you received Furman, the university magazine, post cards, and, of course, an occasional call to give. In every way she was meticulous, overly competent, and caring.

After a courageous fight, RaeNae succumbed to cancer in May. She is most remembered for her work outside the office. Volunteering at Sunday school and teaching English as a second language, RaeNae was a servant to others. In a gentle but persistent way, she championed the Holiday Giving Tree at Furman. Sponsored by the Heller Service Corps, the tree is festooned with ornaments that are inscribed with requests from local non-profits. RaeNae encouraged her colleagues to select the ornaments or contribute to a fund that would be used to meet their need. After her passing, friends and family created an endowment to support the Giving Tree to continue her legacy for years to come.

RaeNae insisted on anonymity and never being photographed. (We could not find one to accompany this story.) She revealed in working behind the scenes. But just this once, we wanted to give her a slight spotlight. Looking ahead, we encourage you to keep RaeNae’s baby well nourished. Continue to send us your updates.

Martha Anne Miller Epperson ’48, March 17, 2016, Atlanta, GA
Nannie Elizabeth Haywood Rogers ’48, January 29, 2016, Greenville, SC
Jeanette Anderson Botts ’49, July 16, 2016, Mount Pleasant, SC
Jimmye Ruth Partee Thompson ’49, February 7, 2016, Greenville, SC
Ernest “Woody” Bell, Jr., ’50, February 18, 2016, Langley, VA
Alvin Earl Clark ’50, April 4, 2016, Greenville, SC
Jean Hancock Curtis ’50, July 17, 2016, Charlotte, NC
William Harvey Hale, Jr. ’50, April 3, 2016, Athens, GA
Billy G. Rivers ’50, February 7, 2016, Chesterfield, SC.
Ordained into the ministry at the age of 17, he served as a Baptist minister and pastor for 50 years throughout North Carolina. He was a member of the board of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Gardner Webb University, and Campbell University. He served as a trustee of Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC, for many years, and had the distinct honor of attending nine Presidential Prayer Breakfasts in Washington, at the invitation of the President of the United States.
Frank Zedick ’50, April 3, 2016, Durham, NC
Linwood E. Butler, Sr., ’51, July 3, 2016, Reck Hill, SC
Anne Christine “Pug” Holbrook Wynne ’51, April 13, 2016, Greenville, SC
Wilma Hewin Dingley ’52, February 28, 2016, Greenville, SC
Margaret Kendrick Cannon ’53, May 6, 2016, Clemson, SC
Chauncy W. Jones ’53, April 25, 2016, Greenville, SC
Roy Paul Mullinax ’53, January 23, 2016, Newton, KS
Frankie Way Bennett ’54, July 20, 2016, Holly Hill, SC
JoAnn Anderson Lovelace ’54, June 30, 2016, Bradenton, FL
Louise Bailey Carter Monds ’54, March 14, 2016, Savannah, GA
Mary Eva Bruce Mullins ’54, February 2, 2016, Columbia, SC
William Boyd Reeves ’54, January 18, 2016, Mobile, AL. Sworn into the US Army upon graduating from Furman and discharged as a captain in 1956, Boyd earned his law degree from Tulane University and became a law clerk for a US District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama. He entered private practice in Mobile, AL, in 1961 and during his legal career tried over 300 jury and non-jury cases in state and federal courts. He successfully argued the maritime jurisdiction case of Victory Carriers, Inc. v. Law before the US Supreme Court; he served as president of both the Mobile Bar Association and the Alabama Defense Lawyer’s Association; and his fellow lawyers ranked him as one of the best defense attorneys around.
Along the way in his stellar career, he endured a tough medical procedure—a heart transplant—but practiced his profession the remainder of his 83 years.
JoAnn Rankin Wiginton ’54, February 6, 2016, Easley, SC

Carlos B. Watson ’55, February 22, 2016, Greenville, SC

Virginia Coleman Dixon ’56, January 29, 2016, Gainesville, GA

Almon Leroy Way, Jr., MA ’56, May 28, 2016, Mount Pleasant, SC

Charles L. Floyd ’57, January 26, 2016, Havre, MT

Harold Patrick Perry ’57, March 10, 2016, Simpsonville, SC

Charles Greed Cannon, Jr. ’58, February 17, 2016, Nashville, TN

Barbara Jean Holbrook Parham ’58, February 2, 2016, Greenwood, SC

Carolyn Louise Cooper ’59, July 11, 2016, Sanford, NC

Proctor Bonham Hawkins, Jr. ’59, February 7, 2016, Lexington, SC

Charles Earl Heyward ’60, February 8, 2016, Piedmont, SC

Kenneth Dwight Gaines ’60, July 8, 2016, Anderson, SC

William Thurman Anthony ’61, March 5, 2016, Easley, SC

Evan Arnold Powell ’61, January 27, 2016, Greenville, SC

Virgil Ronald Trotman ’61, February 1, 2016, Montgomery, AL

Paula Blanton Cribb ’62, February 24, 2016, Hemingway, SC

Joseph Willard Davis, MA ’62, February 16, 2016, Laurens, SC

Jerry Fay Jolley ’63, July 25, 2016, Rocky Mount, NC

Elmer Udean Burke ’64, February 21, 2016, Maiden, NC

Hugh Aldrich Burlington, Jr. ’67, February 25, 2016, Cary, NC

Sara Mcall Wallace Payne, MA ’67, July 23, 2016, Greenville, SC. Sara’s career was steeped in education, having taught at Greenville High School for 27 years, during which time she was selected Greenville County Teacher of the Year and then South Carolina Teacher of the Year. One student said of her, “She taught people— not classes.” She served as president of the Greenville County Education Association, as secretary of South Carolina Education Association, and as parliamentarian of South Carolina Education Association. She served on the boards of several organizations in the community and volunteered her time especially to programs focused on education and mental health. She was a representative to the South Carolina Mental Health Association Board, along with being a member of the steering committee for Mental Health Needs Assessment of Greenville. She organized and was chair of Greenville County’s first Mother’s March of Dimes in 1965. As a supporter of the aging community, she participated on the Community Resource Awareness Task Force on Aging in Greenville County, served on the Greenville County Conference on Aging to make recommendations for the White House Conference in 1995, and served on the Planning Committee for the Board of Senior Action. Her love of teaching extended to an adult Sunday school class at her church, Westminster Presbyterian, for 46 years, followed by writing the History of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1947-1987.

Roy F. Griffith ’79, January 15, 2016, Anderson, SC

Clifton Harris McCormick ’79, June 23, 2016, Cary, NC

Michael J. Onufer ’79, July 16, 2016, Fort Atkinson, WI

Donna Daniel Teague ’81, July 30, 2016, Greenville, SC

Loren Matthews Collins ’85, March 22, 2016, Clemson, SC

Michael Shane Arnes ’91, February 11, 2016, Greenville, SC

Kristina Lynn Waters, MA ’13, February 20, 2016, Gray Court, SC

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