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The Partners Program

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A partner is one who shares. For decades, alumni, parents and friends of Furman have been partners with our great institution. Our partners have helped provide access to a world-class education and opportunities for thousands of graduates.

Twenty years ago, the Partners Program at Furman was born. Many dedicated donors made scholarship gifts and were paired with students. During this time, almost 700 students have had a partner who has supported their dream of earning a Furman degree. In many cases, these special relationships have turned into lifelong friendships. Donors have helped students network and have provided invaluable guidance. Recipients have invited their partner to special life events like commencement and weddings. This program is truly inspirational.

The Furman Advantage promises to provide an individualized pathway for every student. To do this it is important to continue building deeper relationships among all of our constituents. All students will have an opportunity to participate in meaningful engaged learning including research, study away and internships. Some of these opportunities will be for an entire semester or summer, and some will be through a May Experience. Other life-changing experiences include involvement in organizations or athletics. Each experience will be meaningful and will prepare our graduates to be successful in so many ways.

So why am I sharing this with you? Because we have an opportunity to build upon the Partners Program like never before and show the power of Furman and the connections we share. We are expanding the opportunities for alumni, parents and friends to invest in the success of our students by supporting their personalized pathways. Donors can now partner to help provide each student with these individualized experiences.

You can become a partner and support scholarships, internships, research and study away through annual investments or by creating an endowment that will support students in perpetuity. And, now, through the generosity of The Duke Endowment, you can double your impact. The Duke Endowment will match your investment in students turning our partnership into opportunities for each Furman student. As a partner, you will have an opportunity to meet your student through on- and off-campus events.

Together, we can ensure that students have unique relationships that strengthen what it means to be a Paladin.

Let’s continue to increase the power of the Furman community by not only creating more opportunities, but also by building individual, long-lasting relationships that show our commitment to Furman and each other.

If you would like to learn more about the match from The Duke Endowment and how you can become a partner, please do not hesitate to contact me at 864.294.3436 or at shon.herrick@furman.edu.

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