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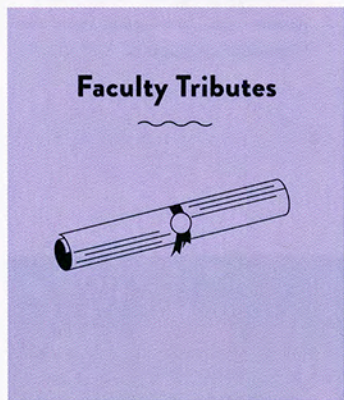
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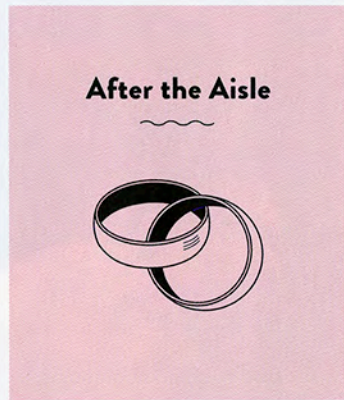
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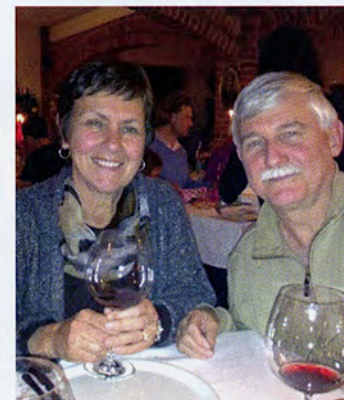


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1964

John P. Cardillo, a founder and partner of the Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist, P.A., law firm in Naples, Florida, since 1972, has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to a three-year term on the board of The Florida Bar Foundation. A Florida Bar Foundation Fellow, John began his second term July 1. Among honors John has received are the Florida Bar's G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award, the Collier County Judiciary's Lion of the Law Award for professionalism, the Collier County Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award, the *Naples Daily News* 2005 Outstanding Citizen Award, and the Jefferson Award for Public Service. He has served on The Florida Bar Board of Governors, and has served as a commissioner on the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.

1967

Kathy Poerschke Stillerman published her second historical novel in March 2017. *In the Fullness of Time* is set in Pickens County, South Carolina, in the era of the Woman Suffrage Movement of 1913–1919. It is a sequel to her 2015 *Hattie's Place*.

1970

Kenneth M. Holland was named president of The American University of Kabul, Afghanistan, in spring 2017.

1977

Nancy Rice Powers, a longtime Greenville development

pediatrician, was awarded the Furman University Baptist Heritage Alumni Award. Nancy played a leading role in helping to create the South Carolina Medical Legal Partnership in Greenville, a non-profit organization that helps low-income residents improve health outcomes through select legal intervention. Nancy was recognized with the award at the university's convocation.

1979

Bruce Lancaster recently accepted a senior director position with NThrive headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia. NThrive is helping to improve health care in the United States through its comprehensive patient-to-patient portfolio of solutions.

In March 2017, **Jeff Beggs** was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame, joining 21 other athletic administrators with this distinction. Jeff, who played football on Furman's first Southern Conference championship team in 1978, has had a 37-year professional career in education in Georgia, 25 as a school and school system athletics administrator.

1986

Susan Mangels of St. Louis, Missouri, has started a new role as SVP Consultant Services at A.C. Fitzgerald & Associates, a firm that specializes in nonprofit solutions and works in the free market and education space. In addition to St. Louis,

she will have an office out of Alexandria, Virginia.

1990

Andy Murphy is principal and senior investment advisor for GENCapital, a new wealth-management firm that has opened with an office in Atlanta, Georgia. GENCapital, founded in the fall of 2016, offers investment management, financial planning and banking advisory services for individuals, families, businesses and institutions.

1991

Noel Painter has been named executive vice president and provost at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. Noel joined the faculty of Stetson University School of Music in 1999 and has served as

associate dean and as interim provost. Prior to his arrival at Stetson, Noel taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester.

1992

Carl Sullivan is a senior content publishing manager with Microsoft in New Delhi, India. He manages the overnight team that programs MSN.com for the United States audience.

John Wilsey is William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life for the James Madison Program at Princeton University for 2017–18. He is also taking a new post this fall as an associate professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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NANCY RICE POWERS '77 was awarded the Baptist Heritage Award by President Elizabeth Davis at Convocation September 7.

Mark Allen '90 first spotted Susan Crowell '91 during her freshman year at Furman, and after learning that Crowell worked part time at the university bookstore, he spent a lot of time perusing the shelves. But Allen never bought a book, and he never got the nerve to introduce himself to Crowell.

Instead, he took to pen and paper, writing Crowell secret admirer notes and leaving them in her school mailbox.

"I thought they were a joke," recalls Crowell. "I thought some girls on my hall wrote them, so I just tossed them in the trash and didn't think twice about them."

"I kept waiting for her to realize they were from me and instantly fall in love with me," laughs Allen. "That didn't happen."

Eventually, a friend set up the couple for Homecoming. And they finally had a conversation.

"It was so easy," says Crowell. "We just talked and talked late into the night."

The relationship grew, Allen graduated, and he began to pursue a career in business. Crowell, on the other hand, found her path pointing toward the church, a decision influenced by her work with Collegiate Educational Service Corps—now Heller Service Corps—as well as an internship with a hospice program.

"And," Allen says, "that's when we hit our first real-world snag. I didn't go to church at all growing up; I had no idea what life in the church was like."

"And," Crowell remembers, "I thought to myself, 'If I can't convert my husband, then there's no way I can



Message on a Notecard

*Mark Allen '90 and Susan Crowell '91
stay grounded in their written words.*

By Lindsay Niedringhaus '07

ever convert anyone!' It was a definite time of pause in our relationship."

But instead of sending mail-order Bibles to Allen, who at the time was in business school at the University of South Carolina, Crowell gave him space.

"To me, it was simple. If he couldn't love God, then I couldn't love him," explains Crowell.

For Allen, it was simple, too. He didn't want to lose Crowell. So, if that meant serving as a pastor's husband, he'd jump right in. They were married July 30, 1994. Soon

after, Crowell accepted a position as the associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Greenville.

"I was pleasantly surprised, actually, at how much I ended up enjoying serving as a pastor's husband," says Allen. "I'd never experienced that sort of church community."

Allen did, however, like to remind Crowell of what a dedicated new church member he was. So, he returned to pen and paper, beginning what is now a Christmas gift tradition: He writes out an index card listing the number of times Allen attended worship,

number of volunteer hours he spent at the church, and any other "good churchly duties" he'd completed that year.

"It was half-joke, half-reminder to Susan that I was completely in support of her ... just in case she ever forgot!" he laughs.

But Crowell would never forget, because soon after, Allen committed to another big change for their family. He would quit his job in the restaurant business and be a stay-at-home father for their new daughter, Elizabeth, who now attends Furman.

There were adjustments for Crowell as well: "I would come home from work and think that the house would be clean and dinner would be on the table. Instead, the dining room would be full of every type of soft thing we owned in our house—pillows, bedspreads, blankets—and Mark and Elizabeth would be jumping on pillow mountains. I would think, 'What the heck?' But then Elizabeth would say, 'I had the best day ever with Daddy,' and it would confirm every decision we made about Mark staying at home."

Family time, to the Allens, is dinner around the table, weekends in the mountains and trips to Furman to watch their daughter in the marching band. It's a check-in of the soul ... many times, not complete without putting pen to paper.

"On my 40th birthday, Elizabeth and Mark gave me a list of '40 Reasons Why We Love You.' It was the best gift ever," says Crowell. "This is us, and we love it this way. We've built a really beautiful life together—a sanctuary of our own." ●



Furman gate gets a AAA name

Three generations of Atkinsons have passed through the iconic gates of Furman University.

Dr. J. Thomas “Tom” Atkinson, a member of the class of 1958, was followed by his son, **Dr. Tom Atkinson Jr. ’84**, grandson, **Trey Atkinson ’09**, and granddaughter, **Katie Atkinson ’12**. Atkinson, a retired dentist from Greenville, and his wife Sherry Atkinson honored Furman and their family’s legacy by recently naming the front gate. Atkinson Gate is now named for the longtime benefactors of the university. The Atkinsons are also longstanding members of the Richard Furman Society and Paladin Club, enthusiastic fans of athletics, and benefactors to the Herring Center for Continuing Education. Atkinson also participates in OLLI classes.

1999

Megan Fischer Weis has joined the board of Eat Smart Move More South Carolina (ESMMSC). With the three-year term, she will contribute to ESMMSC’s mission of advancing community-led change to reduce obesity by making the healthy choice the easy way choice for South Carolina.

2001

Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe has been appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court in Tampa. At the time of her appointment, she was an equity shareholder at Bush Ross, P.A., in Tampa, where her practice focused on commercial litigation. She previously clerked for the Honorable Virginia M. Hernandez Covington, United States District Judge, Middle District of Florida.

2002

Allison C. Aiken, a research scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, was recently promoted to manage the operations of three aerosol observing systems for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate Research Facility. Read more at <https://i.am.gov/content/2017/profile-allison-aiken>.

2005

After completing a master’s degree in international development and

1993

Pat Patrick of Nashville, Tennessee, is a co-founder of The Humanity Project, an organization with one simple goal: to spread, teach and model empathy in today’s stark society. Employing the arts as a catalyst, the project’s focus is set on creating conversations about empathy in Nashville and across the country. Seeing so many acts of hate-fueled violence, the project founders hope to make a positive impact, both locally and nationally, in the wake of such monstrous actions.

1996

Kate Little Morgan has written her first book. *Thirty Thousand Days* was published this winter by Christian Focus Publications. She writes that the average human lifespan is about 30,000 days and asks how can we spend those days well in a broken world?

1997

John Gray of Canadian Lakes, Michigan, a philosophy professor at Ferris State University, has been selected

to receive the school’s 2017 Distinguished Teacher Award. John has been on the faculty of Ferris College of Arts and Sciences since 2006.

1998

Kimberly J. Simms has published *Lindy Lee: Songs on Mill Hill*, a collection of history-inspired poetry. She is participating in a Homecoming author-signing event 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

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UP CLOSE

Moving the Needle

McClarty leads recruiting efforts in Baltimore area.

As President and CEO of Maryland's Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Leonardo McClarty '96 gets to fulfill an ambition for shaping and improving communities through public and private partnerships, an interest he developed as a political science major at Furman.

He also gets to do something else: live below the Mason-Dixon Line again.

After a brief stint in York, Pennsylvania, as the city's director of economic and community development, it was a bonus for the Georgia native when he took the job nearly three years ago—even if the outskirts of Baltimore barely count.

"I guess technically I'm in the South, although it doesn't really feel like it," he says with a laugh.

Leaving a family that has lived in the Atlanta area for generations was difficult, but the opportunity is what McClarty had been working for since he was an undergraduate. A pair of courses

taught by Furman Political Science Professor Glen Halva-Neubauer exposed him to urban studies, and from that point "it was always a goal to be a director of economic development or to run a chamber," McClarty says.

McClarty went on to earn a master's degree in city planning from Clemson University, where he realized he was "fascinated about why certain communities prosper and others don't." Barely a year after landing his first job as a project manager for DeKalb County in Georgia, McClarty was named the president of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce at 31.

"One of the things that I enjoy about my job is I feel like I'm making a difference," he says. "In the end, it's that feeling that I'm moving the needle."

Difficult to find on his impressive professional bio is that McClarty was an outstanding college football player and hosted a weekly two-hour radio show on WPLS, the campus radio station. ●

— by Ron Wagner '93

humanitarian assistance, **Jessie Cochran** is a logistics officer with the World Food Programme (a United Nations agency) in South Sudan.

Allen Mendenhall's newest book, *Of Bees and Boys: Lines from a Southern Lawyer* (Red Dirt Press), was released in June. Allen is the associate dean and executive director of the Blackstone & Burke Center for Law and Liberty at Faulkner University and is the author of *Literature and Liberty: Essays in Libertarian Literary Criticism* (2014). He has been featured in publications such as *Forbes*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *Newsweek*, and has appeared on the BBC World News, Al Jazeera, and Alabama Public Television. He has a monthly show on Fox News Affiliate WFLA 1400 AM and is editor of the *Southern Literary Review*.

2006

Patrick Arnett recently purchased a dental practice located in Greenville, South Carolina. He maintains a teaching position with the Veteran's Affairs hospital in Augusta, Georgia, where he mentors residents in implant dentistry.

2008

Grant Roberts, CFP®, a financial consultant in Hilliard Lyons' Roberts & Kohler Group in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the Certified Financial Planner™ and CFP® certification marks.

The extra training to earn the use of these certification marks equips Grant to provide an even higher level of client service as he helps clients to build, manage, protect and transition their assets. Grant has worked at Hilliard Lyons since 2013.

William Rosenblatt completed his medical residency and chief residency in internal medicine at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in June 2017. He and his wife, **Myra Dennis Rosenblatt '09**, an optometrist, are both in practice in Columbus, Mississippi.

2011

Konrad Mugglestone received his Ph.D. in government and politics from the University of Maryland in May 2017 and is now working as a senior policy analyst for Education Reform Now, the Washington think tank.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS



Christopher and Jennifer Barone Gunn '94 adopted a son, six-year-old John Julian Matias Gunn, from Columbia, South America, February 2017

Daniel R. and Carroll Burt Carter '99, a daughter, Elizabeth Louise Carter, Sep. 15, 2016

Jeremy and **Megan Fischer Weis '99**, a son, Logan James Weis, Feb. 20, 2017

Glenn "Buddy" Jr. and Sarah-Ann Turpen Davis '04, a son, William Turpen Davis, Sep. 29, 2016

Olin and **Dorothy Powers Gorman '04**, a son, Conor Joseph Gorman, Nov. 23, 2016

Becky Lane '04 and Caitlin Ritchie-Lane, a daughter, Maggie Hazel, Dec. 4, 2016

Carson and **Ashley Smith Alexander '05**, a son, Thomas Carson Alexander Jr. May 4, 2017

Adam and Diana Estes Ligler '05, a son, Luke Adrian Ligler, March 11, 2017

Nathan and Elizabeth Alexander Brown '06, a son, William Henry Brown, April 14, 2017

Ryan and Dixie Clayton McClure '06, a daughter, Hadley McClure, May 2015

Niko and **Erica Nesselroad Medved '06**, a daughter, Alexa Ann Medved, March 1, 2017

William '08 and Myra Dennis Rosenblatt '09, a son, Lyle Henry Rosenblatt, April 17, 2016

Jacob and **Jade Lawson Fountain '09**, a son, Jack David Fountain, March 11, 2017



Curry receives major honor from the Manhattan Institute

Ravenel B. Curry III '63, president and co-founder of Eagle Capital Management in New York City, was honored with the Manhattan Institute's Alexander Hamilton Award during the Institute's 40th anniversary celebration in May.

Former New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton also received the Hamilton award during the ceremony, which included a highlight reel of interviews with Manhattan Institute scholars over the past 40 years. Past Hamilton award winners include Jeb Bush, Henry Kissinger, Tom Wolfe, Mortimer B. Zuckerman and Edward Koch.

According to Manhattan Institute President Larry Mone, the award "was created to honor individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the nation's civic and intellectual life. This year's honorees are paragons of the Hamiltonian virtues the award sets out to recognize: civic leadership, entrepreneurial spirit and intellectual dynamism."

Curry, president and co-founder of Eagle Capital Management, sits on the Manhattan Institute's Board of Trustees. He has been a major philanthropic figure in New York City, supporting the New-York Historical Society, where he also sits on the Board of Trustees. He is a trustee of the American Enterprise Institute, The Duke Endowment, the New York Hall of Science and The New York Historical Society. Curry is a former member of the Furman Board of Trustees.

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Zachary and **Charlotte Bissell Garner '11**, a daughter, Mary Claxton Garner, Jan. 27, 2017

Charles and **Shannon Cantwell Nadd '11**, a daughter, Mary Margaret Agnes Nadd, Dec. 6, 2016

MARRIAGES



Brian Edens '94 and **Cindy Walsh '08**, March 28, 2017, Greenville, SC

Erika Grace Powell '07 and **Nelson Arthur Faerber III**, Feb. 19, 2017, Scottsdale, AZ

Bobby Yawn '08 and **Leah White**, Aug. 13, 2016, Nashville, TN

Rebecca Garrett '11 and **Jeff Pace**, Jan. 21, 2017

Michael James MacGuidwin '13 and **Alexandria Lesesne Panuccio '14**, May 6, 2017, Charleston, SC

Blake Baldwin '15 and **Annie Brasington '15**, Nov. 12, 2016, Woodruff, SC

OBITUARIES



Isabel Ruth Allgood Hunt '39, March 10, 2017, Powder Springs, GA

Alberta Dickson Odom '41, April 14, 2017, Greenville, SC

Virginia Garrison Lindler '42, Feb. 10, 2017, Greenville, SC

Marion Floyd Leach '43, Feb. 21, 2017, Beaufort, SC

Frances Bailey Conway '44, March 9, 2017, Greenville, SC

Katherine Heidt Dobson '44, June 14, 2017, Greer, SC

Martha Cockfield Richardson '44, March 14, 2017, Florence, SC

John Champ Scott '45, Feb. 27, 2017, Greenville, SC

Theron Otis Walker Jr. '45, Feb. 12, 2017, Greer, SC

Dorothy Mae Hunter Teal '46, Feb. 5, 2017, Cheraw, SC

Basil Manly IV '47, Feb. 21, 2017, Greenville, SC

Whitfield Brooks Wharton '48, April 17, Greenville, SC

Beverly Bull Evans '48, March 16, 2017, Vance, SC

Hazel Martin Owings '48, March 15, 2017, Owings, SC

James W. Pendergrass Jr. '48, Jan. 30, 2017, Fork Union, VA

Whitfield Brooks Wharton '48, April 17, Greenville, SC

R. Cooper White '48, April 22, 2017, Greenville, SC

Fred Charles Brooks '49, Feb. 6, 2017, Greenville, SC

William Garrison McCuen '49, March 10, 2017, Greenville, SC

Mary Helen Hilton Moen '49, June 4, 2016, Dousman, WI

Walter James Moorhead '49, April 5, 2017, Crossville, TN

Ethan Ogilvie Todd Jr. '49, March 7, 2017, Jacksonville, FL

Don Baldwin '51, March 18, 2017, Taylors, SC

Othello Davis Ballenger '51, March 30, 2017, Wellford, SC

Mary Elizabeth Cochell '51, Feb. 7, 2017, Scottsdale, AZ

Furman Ray Gray '51, March 13, 2017, Greenville, SC

Mary Louise Howell Willis '51, April 17, 2017, Honea Path, SC

Patten Jackson Jones '52, April 12, 2017, Mount Pleasant, SC

Betty Jo Parkins '52, Feb. 2, 2017, Greenville, SC

Wanda Bost Lee '53, April 13, 2017, Kernersville, NC

William Welborn Brailsford III '54, March 12, 2017, Manning, SC

Myrtle Seigler Spell '54, April 15, 2017, Round O, SC

Richard William Arcilesi Sr. '55, April 15, 2017, Charlotte, NC

Sammy Holman Brant '55, Feb. 21, 2017, Goose Creek, SC

Betty Sparks Thomason '55, Jan. 22, 2017, Spindale, NC

Norma Louise Richardson Klockener '56, April 11, 2017, Greenville, SC

Robert Talmadge Roper Jr. '56, Feb. 6, 2017, Fountain Inn, SC

Douglas Wayne Cooper '57, March 15, 2017, Greenville, SC

Graves Lewis Boylston '58, Feb. 26, 2017, Huntsville, AL

Angela Sutherland Brown Burger '58, March 24, 2017, Wausau, WI

Fredda Dean Wood Boroff '59, May 20, 2016, Fountain Inn, SC

Rodney Eugene Davis Sr. '59, March 16, 2017, Raleigh, NC

James William Boroff '60, Nov. 7, 2016, Fountain Inn, SC

Maxwell Terry Watson '60, April 8, 2017, Greenville, SC

James Mitchell Sharp '62, Jan. 20, 2017, Greensboro, GA

Amelia Findley Meadors '63, Feb. 10, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC

Stuart B. Skadden '63, Feb. 20, 2017, Santa Clara, NM



Randall David Cook '91 is a successful playwright who lives in Manhattan.

UP CLOSE

Letting plays (and life) surprise you

Each day, Randall David Cook '91 carves out time to sit at his desktop computer in his Upper West Side apartment and write.

On special days, he takes dance classes—hip-hop, jazz, ballroom, even Bollywood.

As a professional playwright working in Manhattan for the past 18 years, Cook works to keep the creative juices flowing and maintain a consistent ingredient in his writing—the element of surprise.

“You have to give people the unexpected. You can’t be boring,” says Cook, who presented his latest work in

Alaska this summer at the Last Frontier Playwrights Conference, co-founded by renowned playwright Edward Albee. “At the same time, you have to be honest to your material. If you try to force something, it won’t work.”

Cook discovered his love of theater as a business major at Furman when, on a whim, he decided to put down his tuba and audition for the Department of Theatre Arts’ production of *All’s Well That Ends Well*.

After writing a host of successful plays produced off-Broadway and around the world, Cook found his

way back to Furman in 2013 and 2017 as a Duke Endowment Fine Arts Initiative Artist-in-Residence. During these semester-long stints he taught courses and directed the on-campus premier of two of his works: the comedy *Pomp and Circumstance* (2013) and the thriller *Kappa Kappa Scream* (2017). One play is set on a southern college campus. The other takes place during a sorority retreat.

“I wanted to write shows for and about college students, and those plays allowed almost everyone involved to stretch artistic muscles

heretofore unexplored,” says Cook.

Those experiences also stretched Cook’s boundaries as a mentor, and he developed a newfound passion for teaching.

My experience at Furman has been a game-changer for me, a real discovery. I love being a playwright and a professor, so I think my future is going to include both of those titles and responsibilities.”

How and when might that happen, Cook doesn’t exactly know yet. He’s found that it’s best when life surprises you.”

— by Erikah Haavie

Martha Catherine Goode Byrd '65, March 24, 2017, Hawkinsville, GA

Malcolm H. Shealy Jr. '67, March 14, 2017, Charleston, SC

Anne Miley Bray '68, May 21, 2017, Canton, GA

Wendy Ruth Locke '69, March 1, 2017, Brentwood, TN

Huel Dew Adams Jr. '71, March 15, 2017, Charleston, SC

Stephen E. Cockrum '71, March 9, 2017, Sacramento, CA

Suellen Hudson Foxhall '72, April 7, 2017, San Antonio, TX

William Elton Bonner '73, March 17, 2017, Newnan, GA

Joyce Jordan Keel '81, Feb. 9, 2017, Greenville, SC

Caroline Margaret Eschenberg Brown '82, April 5, 2017, Greenville, SC



Mary Peace Sterling, 92, June 23, 2017. A lifelong resident of Greenville, Mary was a Furman trustee emerita, a former member of the Furman Advisory Council and provided the naming gift for the Charlie Peace wing of the James B. Duke Library. The addition is named in honor of her father who was a longtime executive with The Greenville News-Piedmont Co.

Mary graduated from Randolph-Macon College and was very active in civic and church affairs. She served on the board of directors of the Historic Greenville Foundation, the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, Christ Church Episcopal School and the YMCA Endowment Corporation. Mary often visited Furman and enjoyed seeing her father's library bust adorned with student-selected seasonal items including scarves, hats and sunglasses. The university awarded her an honorary doctor of humanities degree in 2002.

Basil Manly IV '47, February 21, 2017. A Greenville native and physician, Basil attended Furman for two years before entering the U.S. Army. He served until March 1946 and received a Combat Infantry Badge and two Bronze Star Awards.

After returning from the war, he graduated from Furman and attended the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and Wills Eye Hospital. He practiced ophthalmology in Greenville for 33 years and served as a staff member of the Greenville Health System, Saint Francis Hospital and Shriners Hospital. Basil is survived by his wife, Genevieve Leake Sakas Manly, his children, **Sherri M. Cornish '69**, **Basil Manly V '76**, Jean M. McDowell and husband, Michael, and Mary M. Mounce. Basil's first wife, **Sarah Gillespie Manly '47**, died in 2007.

Basil Manly's great-grandfather, Basil Manly Sr., helped found Furman Academy and Theological Institute, which later became Furman University, in 1826. Basil Manly's great uncle, Charles Manly, served as Furman's second president from 1881 to 1897. Basil's father, brother, aunt and multiple other relations were Furman grads, and he was a proud lifelong supporter.

CLASS NOTES POLICY

We welcome your submissions to Class Notes. Due to the amount of material Furman receives for this section—and the time needed to edit that material—items are often not published until six months after they are submitted. However, please be advised that we rarely publish items more than 18 months old and no announcements of things that have not yet occurred. When sending news of births, please include the parent name(s), child's name, birthdate, and city of birth; for marriages, include the city and date of the event, the new spouse's name, and his/her year of graduation if from Furman. News about couples who graduated from Furman in different years is listed under the earliest graduation date. It is not listed with both classes. Incomplete information for any of the above may result in the submission remaining unpublished. The magazine reserves the right to edit submissions.

Reflection



A Long Life Gives the Treasure of Reflection

BY PANSY RIDGEWAY '53

A life of experience is exactly that. I am a Furman graduate who has had the wonderful honor of a long life and the treasure of reflection.

What did I learn? Well, I must say that the guidance and actions of my humble and remarkable parents were my insurance to becoming a person who is ever-present yet responsive to choices in life's paths. My father was a farmer. As he and I leaned on our fence and looked out toward his fields, he told me how proud he was that I was graduating from high school.

"See that cow over there?" he asked. "She is how I am going to get your class ring."

This will ground you like no other remark. I had eight siblings who chose military

or business courses, and I was the one who chose to go to college. This was not a right—it was an honor. I guess I soaked in so very much at an early age. Dad had me drive him to local political meetings at the age of 14. I sat in the back of the room, as his chauffeur, and listened to all the adults assess the large and the small. I could not have known as a teen that this would be the true foundation for my life's work.

Furman was still in my state, but the old campus in downtown Greenville seemed like a country unto itself to me. The women were on one campus, and the men were on the other end of downtown. The war years were over, and we were headed into the 1950s. We wore "proper

clothes" and perhaps gloves. We women were bonding and finding out what matters while Furman studies filled in all the blanks on our canvas of knowledge. Today, as then, I firmly believe that Furman's contributions made my life and career what it became, and I see it most clearly today.

I hold my four years at Furman quite tightly in my hands. It has been more than six decades, and I am indeed startled by that number. You are reading this as a current student or a graduate, a parent or grandparent, and we can all say that there are regrets intertwined with our accomplishments. Yet, Furman has adapted to each decade.

Students do not wear dresses or gloves on the "new" campus today. T-shirts may now become passé, but the constant will be what we are given through respectful knowledge mixed with the opportunity for deep reflection. That is what has and will provide growth and flexibility to a seasoned life. Today's national politics can test our core values as no other time. My decades have created a person with a moral center, and this makes me fearless and calm against the shifting winds and bellicose rhetoric.

I left Furman with no finite plan, but my love of country steered me into local politics. I do recognize that Furman made me understand that it is my duty as a person and citizen to make a difference. I am confident I have done so, and I see those contributions within my community even now. Local efforts do provide that important interaction and learning

curve about what needs will reflect the community as a whole. This is critical even if you enter a wider arena.

As citizens, we have the duty to provide support and action. The act of volunteering could be just that. I have a firm belief in the rights of each person in the United States and the strength created by our diversity. We are unique in the world because we welcome all who come to our shores, and we are tolerant to different skins and religions. The entire world looks to see if we have succeeded in our quest, and they hold our country to be their beacon of joy and also peace. If each small community follows this creed—then nothing will break us. Our enemies wish us to flounder and turn on ourselves. They wish us to cull the herd and separate anyone who is different, but our education and compass will never let this happen.

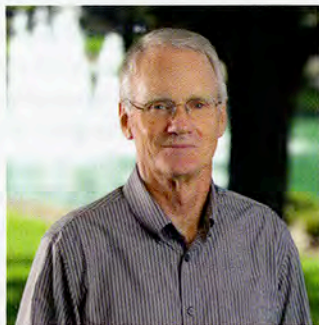
Thank you, Furman.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Pansy Ridgeway '53 was the first female mayor of Manning, South Carolina, and held this office for 26 years after serving eight years as its first councilwoman. She was the first female president of the South Carolina Municipal Association, chair of the Santee-Lynches Council, and received the state's Governor's Order of the Palmetto. She is a recipient of the Farlow Award of the Municipal Association and received Furman's MM Sullivan Award.

Faculty Tributes

At the close of the 2016–17 academic year, Furman said farewell to three faculty members who have worked at Furman for a combined 82 years. As a tribute to the retirees, we asked their former students and colleagues to comment on their careers and contributions.



BILL PRINCE

*Dazzling Teacher,
Thoughtful Advisor*

I came to know Bill Prince in many capacities over my time at Furman, first as my advisor, then as my modern languages professor, mentor and co-author, but most importantly as a friend. I would like to address his exceptional skills in each of these areas.

As a teacher, Dr. Prince was not only passionate and exceptionally thorough,

but also lighthearted. I remember taking Advanced Spanish Oral and Written Expression with him, a course that became one of my favorites and set me on the path to a doctorate in Spanish linguistics and a career as an applied linguist and professor. At the time, I had already begun to drop by Dr. Prince's office on a regular basis with a variety of questions related to the structure of Spanish. In those meetings, I gained a sense of Dr. Prince's depth of knowledge on the subject as well as his sense of humor.

I suspect nearly all of Dr. Prince's students would characterize him as a dazzling teacher. But in my view, what set him apart from other exceptional educators was his unique ability to guide me in my interest in language and linguistics through thousands of small acts of academic wisdom and kindness, including selecting materials for additional study, seeking out accessible academic articles for us to read and discuss and serving as a mentor as I researched and applied to graduate programs in Spanish.

As a junior, I had the opportunity to translate a book from Spanish to English, facilitated by Dr. Erik Ching, professor of history, and with the help of Dr. Prince.

As in all our interactions, Dr. Prince's approach was characterized by thoughtful guidance as he let me take the lead on the project. I provided initial drafts of the chapters, and we would subsequently meet to work through them together, at times spending an entire afternoon on a paragraph or even a single sentence.

I often think back to the skill with which Dr. Prince was able to deliver precisely the right guidance, in the right amount and at the right time. I think back to the jokes and the plays on words that revealed both his incredible wit and mastery of the Spanish language. These are the qualities that distinguished Bill Prince over his 37-year tenure at Furman University and the qualities I strive to emulate in my own work as an educator.

This short tribute is far less than Bill Prince deserves, but I hope he realizes the tremendous impact he has had on me and countless other students over the years.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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KIRK KARWAN
*Creative Disruption and
Innovation*

Kirk Kawan came to Furman in 2005 after spending 19 years at the University of South Carolina. He was excited to be at a smaller university that focused on providing students with a broad education in liberal arts and sciences.

In addition to leading the newly formed Department of Business and Accounting as its chair, he quickly became involved in Furman's sustainability initiatives and study away. His belief that our students needed a world view from both an environmental and

cultural perspective, led to the creation of a course in sustainable corporations and in study away opportunities that exposed students to organizations and cultures across the globe.

From May Experiences in New York City, China, Singapore and Malaysia, to the internship program in Brussels, Kirk treasured the time he spent with students outside of the traditional classroom. He never seemed to tire of thinking about the next opportunity for enriching the education of our students.



BRUCE BROWN

Providing Emotional Support and Educational Guidance

Bruce Brown's willingness to continually invest in his students' growth during his 33-year tenure at Furman is one of his greatest assets as a professor and mentor. Within the classroom, Dr. Brown taught a broad portfolio of courses in macroeconomics, growth theory, money and banking, financial institutions, business finance and personal

finance. Beyond Furman's campus, he facilitated study away programs in Brussels, Edinburgh and the British Isles that exposed students to the vibrant cultures and complex histories of these places. Most importantly, Dr. Brown has remained a steadfast presence in the lives of his students well after they complete his courses.

As members of the Brussels study away trip led by Dr. Brown in the fall of 2010, we had an opportunity to benefit from his intellectual curiosity, thoughtful mentorship and wry sense of humor. Many of our favorite memories from the trip center on the weekly check-ins hosted by Dr. Brown and his wife, Dr. Lynne Shackelford (professor of English). As we all crowded together into their living room, Dr. Brown and Dr. Shackelford would encourage us to share our experiences from the previous week. Together we discussed readings from our courses on European history and politics, shared stories from our internships and exchanged tips on our favorite travel destinations.

After our semester in Brussels came to an end, Dr. Brown and Dr. Shackelford helped our study away cohort stay connected by graciously welcoming us into their home to reminisce and share updates on our transitions back into campus life.

Several months later, when Fiona Bloom lost her father to cancer, she

was touched but not surprised when Dr. Brown and Dr. Shackelford attended her father's wake. Their willingness to drive hours to demonstrate their support during one of the toughest periods of Bloom's life is something she can never forget. After a heartbreaking summer, Dr. Brown and Dr. Shackelford's willingness to be present for Bloom and her family helped make her transition back to Furman possible.

At many happier occasions in later years, including Bloom's wedding, Dr. Brown has continued to serve as a source of support and guidance. In short, while Dr. Brown's professional accomplishments are impressive, perhaps the highest compliment we can bestow is this: He always shows up for his students.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The authors are both 2012 graduates living in Washington, D.C. Robin Lewis is a research analyst and associate fellow at the Brookings Institution. Fiona Bloom is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Two of Kirk's greatest legacies at Furman may be his leadership in the development of what is known as The Block, which meshed accounting, finance, marketing and operations into a single semester-long course, and his tireless efforts in making the analytics lab a reality.

His vision of making Furman's business and accounting programs excellent and enviable included the transformation of the business curriculum and the building of relationships with stakeholders who, through their

generosity, made the Business Analytics Lab a reality.

Kirk envisioned a program of study for the business major that would be recognized as unique, rigorous and grounded in the liberal arts and sciences. He always informed students on the first day of the block that "we are taking you out of college for a semester" as fair warning of the rigor facing them for 20 hours each week.

Now, the program is highly regarded by employers and graduate schools seeking Furman students. And its suc-

cess is the result of the creative disruption and innovation that Kirk brought to the department over a decade ago. Kirk was a wonderful colleague, mentor and teacher. Although we will miss his sense of humor, his creative energy and his dedication to Furman students, we wish him well in retirement.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Suzy Summers is chair and a professor of Furman's Department of Business and Accounting.

Postings From the Interwebs



We loved it from the minute we walked in, now my son is starting in the fall! Couldn't be happier and grateful! -[@karinal98](#) on Instagram (Karina L. Shapiro)

It was a rainy day when my son and I visited Furman for the first time and he said,

"This is my college!"

-[@serafnamacdonald](#) (Sue)



AARON RODGERS MENTIONS FURMAN:

([@AaronRodgers12](#)) Big thanks to all the great fans out there who walked with me most of the day! Especially Griffin and his Dad! [#BMWCharityProAm](#) [#Furman](#)



[@3amjosh](#) shares a 360 degree view of campus while attending the Scottish Games.



[@adventurewithmeclif](#) shares a photo from his MayX trip to Italy, flying the Furman flag with pride.



OUR TOP TWEET:

We are so proud of these graduates. Congratulations class of 2017! [#FurmanGrad](#)



We visited your university and love following this fb page. Hope my daughter will choose Furman!

-Lisa Rosfelder Preikszas

It's a gorgeous college campus. Not many other campuses come close to the gardens and beautiful water features...it's a fabulous place from which to graduate! My son loved it! -Virginia Shelley

Furman is awesome any day and every day 365 days a year!! So glad our son is [#furmanbound](#).
-Jules Richie Soapes

I spent a couple of weeks on campus in the summer of 1972. I still remember the beauty. The bell tower. The swans. AND the Falcons in training! Most of all though, I remember sitting in the rose garden one afternoon, reading and praying. There was a gardener tending the roses, deadheading. He clipped one perfect Peace rose, my favorite rose of all time, and brought it over to give to me. I'll never, ever forget that special, superb moment of my life.

Thank you, Furman University.

-Donna Trotter Brumby