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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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