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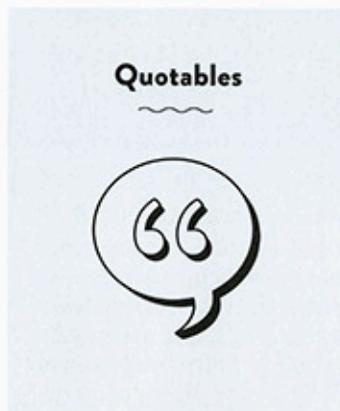
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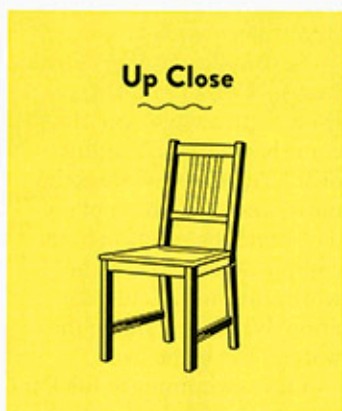
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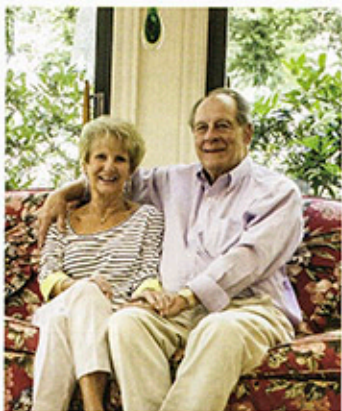
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1956

Aubrey Bessenger of North Vernon, IN, has been inducted into the Hayden Hall of Fame. Bessenger pastored Hayden Baptist Church for 29 years.

Claude "Mitch" Carnell, Jr., of Charleston, SC, has written *Our Father: Discovering Family* published by WipfandStock Publishers. Described as a spiritual autobiography, he writes about his early days at Furman and traces his struggles with racial discrimination, great sorrow, church splits, and finding joy. The book is available from the publisher, Amazon, and most bookstores.

1957

Kindle Digital Press has published **William G. Justice's** 51st book, *An Old Man Remembers Rural East Tennessee in the Mid-1930s*; his e-book *The Women to Whom Jesus Showed Love*; and an e-book trilogy: *The Pastor as Marriage Counselor*, *The Pastor as Grief Counselor*, and *The Pastor as Counselor to the Guilt-Ridden*. More can be found at william-justicebooks.com.

1958

Harry Eskew has received the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference Lifetime Achievement Award. Eskew is a retired faculty member of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

1959

Sidney Bland has been named to the honorary board of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, committed to building a national memorial to commemorate the brave women demanding the right to vote who were jailed and treated inhumanely during

World War I. Completion of the memorial is targeted for the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment in 2020.

1960

Floyd Edwin "Eddie" Ellison, Jr. of Greenville was the 2014 March of Dimes Excellence in Medicine honoree. In April he was given a certificate in appreciation of 49 years as a member of the Greenville Health System Medical Society. He was a former member of the Furman board and was a member of Greenville Ob/Gyn Associates for 45 years. Since retirement, he teaches at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville and he and his wife, Betty, have endowed a scholarship for a Furman student to attend the school.

1966

David Harrill Roberts, a part-time instructor of rhetoric and linguistics at the University of Georgia in Athens, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award from the Alumni Association at Lander University.

1967

Murray Brockman, president of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics in Hartsville, SC, has been awarded the Order of the Palmetto. This is the highest civilian honor a South Carolinian can receive and it was bestowed upon him by Gov. Nikki Haley in May 2015.

Alexia Jones Helsley's latest book, *Columbia, South Carolina: A History*, was released on March 9, 2015. A teacher at USC-Aiken, Helsley lives in Columbia and has written three books on the state's capital city. She has also written

three books about Beaufort, SC; co-wrote with her father *A History of North Carolina Wine: From Scuppernon to Syrah*; and published the *Hidden History of Greenville County*. She worked at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History for 37 years.

1968

Richard Burton of Harrisburg, PA, has founded and is president of the Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Round Table, the only known Vietnam-only oral history group in the country. The organization invites Vietnam veterans monthly to discuss their experiences before, during, and after Vietnam.

Thomas S. Davis, MA '70, retired president and CEO of the New Jersey-based flooring company, Mannington Mills, Inc., has joined the board of ENCORE International. ENCORE has revolutionized the recycled rubber flooring category, and today creates the smartest, highest-performing and most ecologically responsible recycled rubber products made in North America.

1969

Paul Constantine of Greenville, SC, has been appointed to the board of directors for AIM North America. Constantine is president of ScanSource POS and Barcode US/Canada, the leading international value-added distributor of automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) and point-of-sale (POS) solutions, services, and sales.

1971

Donald Brewer's second book, *Thunder Canyon*, has been released by Total Recall Press. The book, which is in the

Mousegate Series, details the investigative actions of U.S. Secret Service operatives in 1900. Brewer spent 26 years with the U.S. Secret Service and is well known for his work in the Counterfeit Division in Washington, DC.

1973

The art of **Denise Fulmer** of Conway, SC, can be found on FineArtAmerica.com. She has also self-published 10 books that can be found at Amazon and in e-book format in the Apple iBookstore. Her most recent book is a poetry and art book titled *Pondering in the Dark: Poetry for the Mystified*.

1975

Theodore "Tom" Faber was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society in 2014, and in 2015 was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology. Also in 2014, he joined Specialists On Call, Inc., in Reston, VA, the world's largest provider of emergency teleneurology services.

In June, former five-term congressman **Baron Hill** filed paperwork to begin his campaign to replace Republican Dan Coats in Indiana's U.S. Senate race, becoming the first Democrat to enter the race.

Richard Wedemeyer has received the 2015 Great Ideas for Teaching Award from the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges, and the 2015 Advocate of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselors Association. Wedemeyer is a professor of psychology at Ross State College.

1976

Judith Anne Blackwell Goodwin recently earned the credential of certified fundraising executive. She was also named the Central Savannah River Area's Outstanding Fundraising Professional of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Goodwin works with university advancement at the University of South Carolina-Aiken.

1977

Tommy Marshall has been inducted into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame, an honor given to coaches who have displayed great leadership and prominence during their career. Marshall, athletics director at the Marist School, has been in athletics administration for 30 years and at Marist for 19 years. In 2004, *Sports Illustrated* named Marist the 15th ranked high school program in America, and Marist has been awarded the GADA Directors Cup for best overall athletics program for 16 consecutive years under Marshall.

1979

Brenda McClain has written *One Good Mama Bone*, which will be published by Pat Conroy's imprint, Story River Books, under the University of South Carolina Press. Publication is slated for spring 2017.

1980

Monte Dutton has written his third novel, *Crazy of Natural Causes*, based in the hills of Kentucky.

Timothy Fitzgerald was awarded an MA in professional counseling from Liberty University in December 2014. He was also ordained to the ministry in No-

vember 2014 by Cedar Creek Church in Aiken, SC, where he serves as a counselor on the pastoral staff.

Robert Flint became pastor of music and worship at Franklin Heights Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, VA, on January 12, 2015. For the past 18 years he was the associate pastor of praise and worship at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers, FL.

Deborah DuRant Locklair of Florence, SC, has been promoted to senior vice president of McLeod Health and to Regional Administrator for McLeod Health Dillon and McLeod Health Cheraw. Locklair was also recently elected to the board of trustees of the South Carolina Hospital Association and the board of directors for the South Carolina Office of Rural Health Board.

1981

Angela L. Walker Franklin, president and CEO of Des Moines University in Iowa, has written an inspirational book, *An Unconventional Journey... An Unlikely Choice*, in which she shares her journey and leadership lessons. The book is available in softcover and e-book and at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and WestBow Press.

On July 1, **Zach Kelehear** became dean at Georgia Regents University's college of education.

1983

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Independent College and University Association elected **Roger Casey** as chair of the board effective July 1. Casey, the ninth president of McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, and Budapest, Hungary, was named

to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and commended by The New America Foundation for his support of low-income students.

Brad Faxon, winner of eight PGA Tour events and considered one of the most charitable players in golf, was the guest speaker and honored with the 18th Francis Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf at the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's 65th annual banquet in April 2015. Faxon recently signed a contract with FOX Sports to be one of the lead announcers on their new USGA TV package.

Debra Egger LeVorse has become a partner at Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP in Dallas, TX.

1985

David Ouzts co-created and hosted a sacred arts festival, Alleluia Be Our Measure, in May 2015 at Church of the Holy Communion (Episcopal) in Memphis, TN.

1986

Ed Kirby, club professional at Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI, played in the four-day Senior PGA Championship in May at French Lick (IN) Resort's Pete Dye Course. Kirby turned pro after graduating from Furman and then grinded through the professional ranks until 1996, when he decided to take a position at the Alpine Country Club.

1987

Lisa Lee Rust of Lumberton, NC, is currently serving as moderator for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina.

1988

Susan Campbell Schugart is a regent serving on the board of ACHE, the American College of Healthcare Executives.

1989

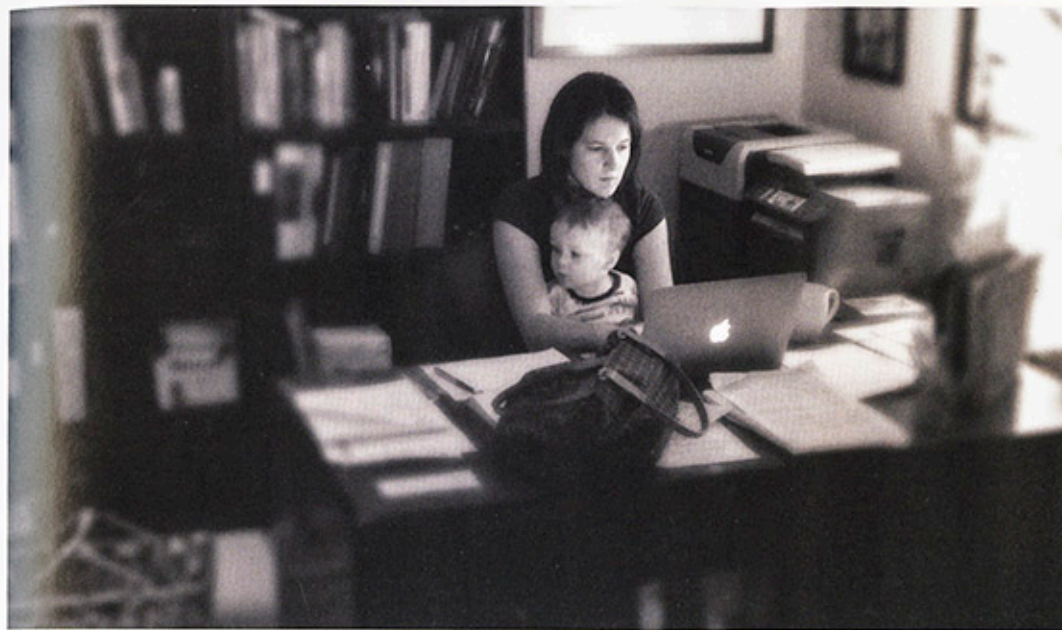
James J. Burks has started a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), his professional organization. He has also been promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force; assigned to the National Capital Region to serve as director of manpower, personnel, and resources; and appointed as chief, Medical Service Corps, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General in Falls Church, VA.

Dollars for Scholars of Lancaster County, SC, has hired **Ann Scarborough Womble** as its first executive director. The organization offers interest-free loans to Lancaster County students enrolled full time in accredited higher education institutions. Womble is past chair of the Republican Committee of Lancaster County and a member of the Council of Trustees at Millersville University.

1990

Lisa Bitting, an international baccalaureate teacher at Palm Harbor, FL, University High School, was selected by the National Federation of State High School Coaches Associations to receive the 2014 South Sectional Coach of the Year Award. She coaches the boys swimming and diving teams at Palm Harbor.

Tod Hyche, partner in charge of the Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP firm in Greenville, has been elected as South Carolina State Chair-Elect for



UP CLOSE

The Rainmaker

The political sphere has a secret weapon with this former sociology major.

Brice Barnes '04 was having a good week. As the recently named finance director for the Florida Democratic Party, she was celebrating the Supreme Court rulings that affirmed the legality of the Affordable Care Act and same-sex marriage in all 50 states. She was also on day 68 of her new gig, which in April had moved her from North Carolina, where she spent the last decade blazing her way through the state and national political scene.

In fact lately, Barnes has been on a roll.

In spring, the 33-year-old was named by the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) as one of the 40 best and brightest campaign professionals under 40 years old currently working in the United States. Not a bad feather in the cap for a

sociology major who originally thought she was headed for law school.

Barnes got her fundraising start at Duke University, where she worked in the development office after graduating from Furman. It was while studying for the LSAT that she decided to get involved with local politics "because I always heard that helps with being an attorney," she says. But when she got a job working for then-Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue, the law school idea became a thing of the past. "I just never left," she laughs.

Barnes went on to serve as the national deputy director for Perdue's campaign for governor, which Perdue won—a source of pride for Barnes since Perdue became the first female governor to take office in her home state. "I believe that taking those leaps of faith

is sometimes what makes you most successful," she observes.

Cracking the glass ceiling has become somewhat of a hallmark for Barnes, who, as a senior adviser to North Carolina's Kay Hagan, helped her leap a gender barrier as the first female Democrat elected to the United States Senate.

In sports, Barnes would be known as "clutch." Her clients have won more than 86 percent of their elections and raised 172 percent more campaign contributions than their respective opponents. Barnes reports helping to raise more than \$30 million throughout her career. With talent like that, one might wonder why Barnes does not take her acumen to the political nerve center of Capitol Hill.

"I went to high school in D.C. and just didn't have the bug to go back. To me, so much

more is done in the state and local districts and you can help more people with the work you are doing," she explains. But being far from the heart of government has not kept her from meeting key leaders. "I've been fortunate to interact with Vice President Biden, former President Bill Clinton, and other key leaders for fundraising events. It is always special to meet the leaders of our country shaping our laws and policy," she says.

Before moving to Florida, Barnes created her own political firm, Greenprint Strategies, to help brand herself and build teams for North Carolina candidates. "The firm is shifting now that I am in Florida, but I will still keep it active," she says.

Greenprint enabled Barnes to build a niche opening up the field, for women in particular. "I never came out and said I wanted to focus on helping other women run, but it happened naturally and I am glad because we need to figure out how to recruit and engage other women more effectively. Women have such good perspectives to contribute."

Now, Barnes is responsible for leading the party's fundraising efforts for all of Florida—from presidential races to city council elections. As a key electoral state, and one poised for another presidential election, Florida will keep Barnes busy. "We do the bulk of our fundraising for the party during presidential election years," she explains.

Which begs the question: For someone who has been so successful putting others in office, what's the likelihood of Barnes putting herself there? "You never know, but at this point I don't foresee it," she says. A politician couldn't have said it better. **F**

—Kate Dabbs '09



UP CLOSE

Instrument of Change

At a time of racial disharmony, one of Furman's first African-American students found a way through music.

Raymond McGee '71 is a serious man—and never more so than when it comes to music. So much so that each passing year, McGee celebrates his devotion to the art as one would a wedding anniversary. In August, he marked 50 years with his beloved bass by performing a concert at Anderson University that included several of his students and fellow musicians.

He told them it would be a revival of a Furman senior recital he had more than 40 years ago.

McGee was first recognized for his talent in high school in Asheville, NC. At that time, he was introduced to Peter Rickett, the longtime Greenville Symphony Director who died in 2014. Rickett took an interest in the young protégé and began to privately tutor him on

the double bass while McGee commuted back and forth. "It was five dollars for the lessons and five dollars for gas," McGee explains.

By his senior year of high school, the Furman band came to Asheville for a recruitment tour. "They asked me if I would come to Furman. I had a full scholarship to attend Duke and only a partial one for Furman." But the influence of Peter Rickett and **John Duggan '69**, an older member of the band, convinced him Furman would be worth the extra cost.

At Furman, McGee majored in double bass performance and filled his hours playing with the Greenville, Asheville, and Hendersonville symphonies. But the year was 1967, and Furman—only two years into official integration since **Joe Vaughn '68** matriculated in January of 1965—was experiencing both racial division and Vietnam War tension.

"During my freshman year, my roommate and I had gone to bed and were awakened by a disturbance outside," McGee recounts. "It sounded like a bomb went off, and we realized someone threw a Mason jar through the window." He recalls this incident with obvious discomfort but also explains that it was the only act of violence he faced.

Still, there were other racially charged events for McGee. One was intricately linked with his love for music. "I was in the marching band, and in that time the fight song for Furman was *Dixie*. I spoke with our director about not playing it anymore and the next summer, at band camp, it was not in our folder. I thought we'd gotten rid of it. But during the first home game that fall, the band struck it up without the music. I left the game in protest. I was later called into the student band council and dismissed."

Shortly thereafter, President Gordon Blackwell summoned McGee and seven other students over for lunch. "I still remember we had these big hamburgers with bacon, lettuce, and tomato—it was maybe the best lunch I have had. President Blackwell asked how we were doing and brought up *Dixie*. He looked at me and said, 'Ray, you can go back because the students don't have the authority to dismiss you.' I decided I'd rather play in the orchestra and didn't return. But they didn't play *Dixie* after that," McGee says.

McGee was the first African American in Phi Mu Alpha, the music fraternity, and stayed involved while also playing for the ROTC band. It was during his freshman year that he faced another challenge: He learned his mother had passed away. "I was able to come back shortly after the funeral, just in time to play DuPre Rhome's *24 Messiah*," he remembers. Music was once again a refuge.

After Furman, McGee attended graduate school at Florida State University and completed course work for a doctorate in music education. From 1979 to 2011 he was a strings teacher with the Greenville County School District. For 20 years, he was also the director of Honors Orchestra, an after-school orchestra in the school district.

McGee still plays in a string quartet—on the cello, adding another instrument to his repertoire—as part of the Upstate Senior Citizens band, and works part time at Anderson University. Although the term "pioneer" would likely make McGee uncomfortable, his love for his art has propelled McGee through history, and in the process allowed him to make it, too. **E**

—Kate Dabbs '09

the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Following his one-year term as chair-elect, he will assume the role of South Carolina State Chair for five years. Hyche has practiced with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in the wealth transfer planning area since 1995.

It had been 15 years since a non-junior or college golfer had won the Azalea Invitational at the Country Club of Charleston, SC. **Todd White**, a 47-year-old history and government teacher at Spartanburg, SC, High School ended that drought in March 2015 when he finished the 72-hole tournament at 15-under-par 269.

Christine Caputo Winn is one of three Furman graduates currently serving on the board of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

1992

State Bank and Trust Co. has named **Bruce Leicht** as market president in Macon-Bibb County, GA. He will lead the team responsible for growing the State Bank commercial and personal banking lines of business.

Rob Kight's newest book, *Cannabis Business Law: What You Need to Know* (Quick Prep), has been published by Aspatore Books. This authoritative text addresses progressive legal subject matter and considerations for businesses in the growing cannabis industry. A strong believer in cannabis for personal and medical use, Kight is an attorney advocate for NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, and a member of Women Grow, a national organization promoting female leadership in the cannabis industry.



QUOTABLE

Rachelle (Harley) Thompson '92

“Our nation (and all Furman graduates) need to focus on the value of human potential. What is happening to the people with potential who are not on anyone’s radar? We must find that potential and innovation, and develop it.”

Rachelle Thompson grew up working in a tobacco field in Dillon, SC, before attending Furman and graduating first in her class. After Furman, Thompson attended Stanford University, where she became the first African-American woman in the school’s history to receive a PhD in chemistry. She did post-doctoral work in a law firm in San Diego and, 23 years after she began life after Furman, has combined a deep knowledge of science with a passion for law by serving as a law clerk to two federal judges and becoming a registered patent attorney at McGuireWoods in Raleigh, NC. She applies her experience in litigation involving biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, smartphones, and more.

1995

Jody Davidson was named principal at Hand Middle School in Columbia, SC.

Will Williams has been appointed as the national managing partner of KPMG LLP’s tax practice. Before assuming the new role, Williams was a principal and the U.S. National Leader in Economic and Valuation Services practice at KPMG.

1996

After 17 years in education, **Amanda Stone Norton** says she re-invented herself and joined the literary world as a writer and editor. She published her first children’s book, *Muddy Madeleine Meets An Arach-A-Doo*, in December 2014. The book creatively weaves together science and language arts into a bilingual setting, forming a unique and comical adventure that promotes a

love of science and nature for students from diverse cultures and experiences.

1997

Madelyn Cooper Cave has been named principal at Brewton (AL) Middle School for the 2015–2016 school year. She received her EdS in Instructional Leadership and Administration from Troy University.



QUOTABLE

Blaine Hart '08

Iwish I had applied myself [at Furman] like I do today in the real world. I think I actually would have had more fun with the subject matter. I was a 'late bloomer,' but I am cool with that. Furman was the best place for me. I also would have taken more language classes and studied abroad. Our world is becoming increasingly international, and I have had numerous incidences where a stronger understanding of international culture would have helped."

Hart is vice president of CBRE, Inc.'s Greenville office, the largest commercial real estate firm in the world. What started as an internship through Furman after his junior year became "great exposure to change and movement in the Upstate." Hart is also involved in the United Way as chair of the YP20's program (Young Philanthropists in Their 20s), and in 2012 was recognized for his volunteerism and leadership in Greenville Business Magazine's Best and Brightest Under Age 35. "Greenville is growing and I want to make sure it grows the right way," he says. At Furman, Hart was a member of the baseball team and a business major. "One thing I took from my Furman experience was from my coach, Ron Smith. I won't ever settle and I just try to get a little better each day."

1998

Christopher Lassiter, an associate professor of biology at Roanoke College, was recently appointed as director of undergraduate research for the college.

1999

Melissa Branchetti Atkin is working in the manuscript editorial department at W.W. Norton & Co. in New York City. She anticipates having the opportunity to work on former Furman President **David E. Shi's** ('73) 10th edition of *America, A Narrative* to be published early in 2016.

Stephen B. Long has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of political science and international studies at the University of Richmond (VA).

2000

Laura Wahoske Benz has opened her law firm, Laura W. Benz, LLC, which specializes in environmental law.

2001

On May 1, 2015, **Kelly Ownby** was welcomed to the full-time, on-site psychiatric team of Brookhaven Retreat®, LLC, a unique residential treatment facility in Knoxville, TN, exclusively for women with emotional and mental health challenges and/or substance abuse issues. She brings nearly a decade of psychiatric experience to Brookhaven Retreat's team.

Allison Sullivan, a partner with Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgado in Columbia, SC, has been named chair of the 2015-2016 Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Advisory Board. Leadership

Hot off the success of Olivia Esquivel's latest business venture, Southern Pressed Juicery—a cold-pressed juice bar and raw restaurant from Table 301 in Greenville—the Esquivels are busy. And that may be the understatement of the year when the very interview for this story was defined as a “date” by the couple.

But when you take the dreams of a first-generation American (Olivia's parents are Cuban immigrants) and a fourth-generation Mexican-American on Anthony's side, add in the rigor of a shared Furman experience, and spike it with a wicked dose of entrepreneurial energy, you have quite the dynamic duo.

“I accidentally became a serial entrepreneur,” explains Olivia. “I just can't sit still.” In addition to Southern Pressed Juicery, Olivia has two other businesses that keep her bouncing between Miami and Greenville: A Public Affair PR, a public relations firm; and Petite Parade, a children's store. Not to be outdone, Anthony, as the associate head coach for Furman men's soccer, is also always on the move—from game to game, as well as from coast-to-coast to recruit promising talent.

The couple, going on year three of marriage, added Luca, their son, to the mix almost two years ago. But what now is a joyous, entropic existence was not always a done deal. “You could not find two more opposite people. Anthony is type A, and I am type B,” says Olivia. “Even for the simple act of going to the grocery store, you would see us going in two completely different directions to accomplish the same task.”

The two met when Olivia's older sister, **Karen Lopez Jordan '01**, attended Furman and was a classmate and friend of Anthony's. “I met her when



Anthony '03 & Olivia '06 Esquivel

Three businesses, a high-level coaching job, an almost two-year-old—and the marriage that balances it all.

By Kate Dabbs '09

she was this 16-year-old high school girl. After Karen graduated, she asked me to keep an eye on Olivia,” Anthony says.

“Too close of an eye, I guess,” laughs Olivia.

A close friendship formed but romance did not enter the equation until 2011, when Olivia was living in Miami and Anthony was in Austin, Texas, running the largest youth soccer club in the country. “We had been talking and decided to meet up in Denver while Olivia was there for work,” Anthony says.

“And when I saw him,

I immediately knew,” says Olivia.

“I always tell my guy friends ‘when you know, you know’ because in that moment, my whole future with her was clear,” adds Anthony.

“By the end of the day, we were figuring out where we were going to live [in order] to be in the same city,” says Olivia.

There was a six-month engagement, a wedding at the Biltmore Coral Gables in Miami, and 11 months later, a Luca.

With only 24 hours in a day and four jobs between the two of them, one quickly wonders how they do it all. “The one

thing we have certainly learned in being married is how to really help each other. Luca is always with me, too, so we have to balance taking care of him with family in different parts of the country,” says Olivia.

“On our days off, we support each other in the environments we work,” Anthony says. “I come to Southern Pressed when I am off and she will come to the soccer field when she is free.”

“The secret really is about communication, time management, and being smart—Anthony is really good at that,” Olivia reports. Anthony acknowledges that it may come naturally. “As a coach, I have to be organized and on time so I set up that structure as a father.”

After knowing each other as friends for so many years, there were not too many surprises once the two merged their lives in Greenville. Becoming parents was perhaps a bigger defining moment. “The birth of our son and seeing my wife as a mother—it was this amazing experience to see her connection with Luca. She had a natural birth and I was so proud and had so much respect [that] I immediately called my mother to tell her I love her,” Anthony says. “And I tell all moms I see how much respect I have for them.”

“He really does,” Olivia laughs.

“But all in all, it is always about just growing together. We were two single people living in big cities. I mean, I was living on the 42nd floor in Miami, and now we are this little family of three living in Greenville balancing it all,” Olivia says before bouncing to a meeting about bringing Southern Pressed Juicery to the Pala Den this fall.

From one observer's perspective, they seem to be balancing quite well. **F**



UP CLOSE

The Farmer and the Sell

Is it possible to help the green movement through capitalism?

Iwant GrowJourney to be the big name—what people immediately think of when they're thinking of organic gardening," says **Aaron von Frank '00** of the company he began with his wife, Susan, a little more than a year ago.

Most people don't associate big companies and capitalist dreams with sustainable practices, but most people aren't Aaron von Frank. With his well-coiffed hair and sparkling smile, von Frank walks out of his suburban home with his pet duck toddling behind him. This is not your stereotypical "tree hugger," and that might be exactly what von Frank wants.

Von Frank does not disparage the word "sustainability," but he has begun to feel it is not an adequate term. "It implies stasis," he argues, "and stasis is insufficient given

the level of global ecosystem disruption we're causing via an extractive economic modus operandi." If you're not entirely sure what von Frank means, he puts it more simply: "We're eroding one pound of soil for every pound of food we create with our 'biotechnology.' We've lost 75 to 95 percent of our seed agrobiodiversity over the past century."

That loss is a big problem, according to von Frank, because a genetic diversity of crops is necessary in order for survival. Von Frank gives the Irish potato famine as an example: one potato contracted a disease, and the result was blight across the region, as all of the potatoes were the same breed.

What's more, the nutritional quality of modern food crops has diminished over the years, as quantity has been valued

over quality. This is where GrowJourney steps in, and where the von Franks's own journey began.

A few years ago, Aaron and Susan were at a friend's home for dinner. The friend walked the couple through her backyard garden, where they spotted ground cherries, small fruits similar in appearance to a cherry tomato. After tasting them, they were blown away by the interesting flavor—something they never knew existed.

Shortly thereafter, the couple began researching the "secret world of wacky and unusual heirloom foods," and broke ground on their own plot at their home. Before they knew it, they had transformed their backyard into a horticulture oasis full of heirloom tomatoes, strawberries, and grapes, but also other non-traditional crops such as chufa

("earth almonds"), horseradish, three different varieties of elderberries, and Tromboncino squash.

It's all a part of the permaculture philosophy to which the von Franks have become avid followers. Permaculture—derived from "permanent" and "agriculture"—is a method for designing systems that are sustainable, and in turn, low-maintenance.

"Everyone thinks that gardening is time-consuming," he explains, "but those who think that are also the ones who believe you have to plow the soil and spray for pesticides and put down fertilizer. You don't have to do any of that. In fact, you're making it harder for yourself if you do."

Rejuvenated by their experiences with their own heirloom garden and aware of the dangers of a world with decreasing biodiversity, the von Franks decided to begin their own organic "seed of the month" business.

GrowJourney now distributes USDA-certified organic seeds to subscribers in 45 U.S. states, as well as Puerto Rico and Canada. Members receive five packs of seeds each month as well as access to online guides, tips, and plans for organic gardening—all promoting the permaculture method of growing.

Von Frank envisions building a global company with GrowJourney, but he is careful to note that the business will remain collaborative and supportive of smaller businesses. In fact, GrowJourney would help cultivate and "feed" other companies, bolstering them in an otherwise "dog eat dog" economy.

"Big companies don't have to be bad," he says. "It's all in how they use their size." **F**

—Lindsay Niedringhaus '07

Columbia is a program of the Columbia Chamber that helps emerging leaders connect more deeply with their community.

2002

Lori Guinn (MA), who has been principal at Liberty (SC) High School since 2011, has been named the new director of secondary education in the Pickens (SC) school district. She is working toward a doctorate in the field of education, specifically curriculum and instruction, from the University of South Carolina.

2003

Emily Hull McGee of Louisville, KY, became the 12th pastor of First Baptist Church in downtown Winston-Salem, NC. She is the first woman pastor in the church's history.

Susquehanna Financial Group, LLLP (SFG), the institutional broker-dealer member of the Susquehanna International Group of Companies (SIG), recently appointed **Shyam Patil** senior analyst covering the Internet sector. He will be based out of SFG's New York office.

2004

Cal Hurst has joined TD Bank in Greenville, SC, as a regional vice president for the Upstate market. He will be responsible for TD Bank's day-to-day commercial banking activity in a 10-county area that includes Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, and Clinton.

Latoya M. Mitchell began a new position in July 2015 as senior medical writer for Pharma Write, LLC, of Princeton, NJ.

2005

Carolyn Wahl Edwards has become a senior account executive with strategic public relations and crisis communications firm Lovell Communications, Inc.

Anne Wager's novel *Borrow-A-Bridesmaid* is scheduled to be published by Pocket Star/Simon & Schuster. It is the story of a recent college graduate who decides to rent herself out as a bridesmaid.

2006

John Dickson enrolled in the MD-PhD program at Harvard Medical School in 2006. While working on his PhD, he conducted research into Alzheimer's disease and other dementias with his research being published in the *Journal of Neurochemistry* in 2013. He completed his PhD from Harvard in 2013, and this May, Dickson received his MD.

On June 5, 2015, **Rod Kelley** was promoted to assistant dean of

students and director of student rights and responsibilities at Florida State University.

Emily Hutchinson Morgan recently accepted a position as assistant band director at Frost Middle School in Fairfax, VA. She has taught elementary band in Fairfax County Public Schools for seven years, while maintaining a thriving private clarinet studio. She performs with the Virginia Grand Military Band, the Fairfax Wind Symphony, and Wind Works of Washington.



A NOTE FROM CHERRYDALE

Over the last year, our team in the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement has planned more than 20 receptions for folks to meet President Davis in cities across the country. These events have been a hit with Furman alumni and parents as they have had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Davis and engage with other Paladins in their region.

Alumni often express their desire to have more gatherings or functions in their respective cities. Some have even offered to help plan or lead an effort to establish more regional alumni functions. Our office has heard you, and as a result we will be launching a new regional engagement plan this year. **Leo Fackler '03**, associate director of alumni and parent engagement, will be leading this effort.

We are excited to bring more events and programming to our alumni. In fact, excitement is the key word here. When we meet as a Furman community and reconnect, network, and help each other with career issues and business connections we all begin to realize the power and potential of the Furman network.

Please watch for communications from our office in the coming months concerning our regional engagement plan rollout. This fall, we will pilot the effort in several key cities and expand to a broader audience in 2016. For this effort to be truly powerful and enduring, we will need the support of dedicated local volunteers.

If you have an interest in crafting what the movement will look like in your city, feel free to contact Leo at leo.fackler@furman.edu. When Paladins come together in alumni gatherings, the spirit and energy in the room are amazing. We want to offer this spirit and energy in more cities across the country!

Mike Wilson '88

Mike Wilson '88
Executive Director, Alumni and Parent Engagement

Janice Ward is the new director of program evaluation and accountability in the Pickens County (SC) school district.

2007

C. Taylor Geraldson has received his MD degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and will begin his general surgery residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham.

Lindsay May graduated from the University of Florida in April 2015 with a doctor of audiology degree.

Khanjan Baxi Shah completed a chief residency in internal medicine at Case Western Reserve University and began a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in July.

2008

Justin and Hailey Carmichael Domeck moved to Zurich, Switzerland, in July 2015. Justin accepted a position with PwC Switzerland.

2009

Mary Lindley Carswell graduated from Vanderbilt Owen School of Management in May with an MBA degree.

Brita Long recently became a regular contributor for *The Huffington Post* after her feminist satire on women changing their last names went viral.

Cody Morelock received his PhD in chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology in December 2014. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Georgia Tech.

2010

Jennifer Barnhardt is working in the manuscript editorial department at W.W. Norton & Co. in New York City. She anticipates having the opportunity to work on former Furman President **David E. Shi's** (73) 10th edition of *America, A Narrative* to be published early in 2016.

Jonathan Britt has been ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Britt now serves as the associate pastor of St. Thomas Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX.

William Gyauch is currently working as the Baldus Scholar at the University of Iowa College of Law, helping to launch the Darrow Baldus Death Penalty Defense and Juvenile Advocacy Training College in Iowa City.

2011

Amanda Hassen earned her doctorate in occupational therapy from Belmont University in May 2015. She returned to Greenville, SC, and joined the pediatric therapy team at Advanced Therapy Solutions. While in Nashville, she created and implemented the Phin's program for Dolphin Aquatics, a nonprofit swim organization for individuals with special needs. The Phin's program is a sensory learn-to-swim program for children with autism.

Meredith Yingling graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN, with a doctor of optometry and *cum laude* honors. She has joined Seaside Ophthalmology on St. Simons Island, GA.

2012

Warren Creavalle has been acquired by the Philadelphia Union in exchange for a second-round draft pick in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft. He was the 37th pick in the 2012 MLS SuperDraft by the Houston Dynamo and made 54 appearances for Houston in three years before getting traded to Toronto FC for the No. 1 spot in the MLS allocation rankings in July 2014.

Teddy Dozier of St. Louis, MO, is a founding member of Selequity, an online commercial real estate crowdfunding platform that connects accredited investors to commercial real estate projects across the country.

Christopher McCants is the new principal of Beech Springs Intermediate School in Duncan, SC.

Chris Pagliaro graduated in May 2015 from the University of South Carolina School of Law.



Within a space of five years, **Steve Grant '80** lost his two sons, Kelly and Christopher, to drug overdoses. Devastated but undaunted about helping families to overcome addiction, Grant established Chris and Kelly's HOPE Foundation. Grant, named one of seven "outstanding philanthropists" in 2013 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and his foundation support programs and initiatives that treat teen and young adults who struggle with substance abuse. The foundation recently launched Chris and Kelly's HOPE Fitness Park on the Greenville Health System Swamp Rabbit Trail, which will become a key part of the treatment program at White Horse Academy, a residential facility for adolescent males and families impacted by substance abuse. To learn more about the foundation's other activities and how you can help, visit www.chriskellyhope.org.

George Short '54 and Cathy Hunter Hightower '55 have been married for 107-and-a-half years. That was the first thing they had to say on a balmy Thursday afternoon as we walked into their elegantly appointed foyer in Greenville. This statement is clearly a one-liner that always gets a laugh or at least a look of bewilderment, but George quickly explains it is the combination of their years of marriage to their first spouses plus the year and a half of their own. At age 80 and 83, the Shorts are newlyweds of a different sort.

Cathy and George were both married to their Furman sweethearts, **L.G. Hightower '55** for Cathy and **Jackie E. Horne '54** for George. The foursome were dear friends and tailed for years with the same group of loyal Paladin football fans. Both lost their spouses to illness.

While they are quick to tout those 107.5 years mastering marital bliss, the Shorts are also two people trying to figure out life together as a new couple. Except in this stage of life, George is busy trying to keep track of Cathy's eight great-grandchildren. And Cathy, a transport from Ridgeland, SC, is "still getting used to finding things around here"—"here" meaning George's home and Greenville.

When George talks about his B.C. life ("Before Cathy"), he says the two were never really unconnected. In this way, theirs is not a love story about two people who found each other after a long absence. They were always in each other's lives.

Cathy had been a widow for 10 years after she lost L.G. to cancer. Although she still made sure she attended annual Furman games and reunions, she says she was at peace with



George O. Short, Jr. '54 & Catherine Hunter '55 Hightower

*A couple finds new love after
longtime marriages to others.*

By Kate Dabbs '09

remaining single. "But then, along came George," she says in a wistful way that only a Southerner from the Low-country can.

George's wife Jackie died in 2012 after a long battle with sickness and shortly thereafter, "dinner invitations [from women] began to increase significantly," he jokes. The two reconnected during George's class of 1954 Furman reunion.

"We were asked to sit with someone of the opposite gender and learn something about them that few would know. I learned Cathy had

eight great-grandchildren and I didn't have one. She got a standing ovation for her impressive procreation," he says.

The first date for George and Cathy took place in Ridgeland, where he showed up with a bouquet of roses and, ever the gentleman, motel reservations. While they joke about it now, a year and a half into marriage the two are clear about their proper courtship. "My 10-year-old granddaughter Ella was our designated chaperone," George says.

They quickly knew they wanted to be married, and

HE SHOWED UP WITH ROSES, AND EVER THE GENTLEMAN, MOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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George asked Cathy's cousin for her hand. "He told me that I more than had it, but no tradebacks." The two report that they sealed it with a kiss under the Bell Tower and, after a family ceremony in Ridgeland and a Caribbean honeymoon, they began their new life together in Greenville.

"Even though we both had long marriages, there are still things you just have to learn when you are a newlywed," says George.

"But we are more mature and less anxious than we were the first time. There is no nervous tension," Cathy adds.

"Well, we knew each other for years, too," George says, confirming the validity of the adage "friends first."

Together, they exercise daily, garden, play bridge, read, and travel with friends. "We are actually planning a trip to China," Cathy reports. "I just got my new passport."

While religion might be a lightning rod for some couples, the Shorts have a comfortable agreement, or perhaps decided they were both too seasoned to ponder conversions. "We go to Catholic church on Saturday night [for Cathy] and Presbyterian Sunday morning [for George]," he explains.

And if this sweetest depiction of marriage and love for one another is not enough, both Cathy and George continue to speak of their first loves with respect and adoration.

"I was lucky enough to marry up twice," George smiles. **F**

Caitlin Elizabeth Whalan graduated from William and Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA, in May 2015 with her *juris doctorate* degree. Known for the beauty of her voice, Whalan continued to share her musical gift while pursuing her law degree. She sang with The William and Mary Botetourt Chamber Singers and Law Capella, serving as president of the former the past year. She has relocated to Charlotte, NC, where she is studying for the North Carolina Bar examination.

2013

Nate Smith spent three weeks in July representing the United States at the Pan Am Games in Toronto. He described it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, one he "will cherish forever. I was pretty humbled to wear USA across my chest and represent our country."

2014

Whitney Becker and **Sarah Jordan Holcomb** are working as interns at the Children's Museum of the Upstate in Greenville, SC. Whitney oversees the middle school youth program and Sarah is a development intern.

Corey Dalton Hart performed premieres of works by composers twice in April 2015, the first at the Morgan Library in New York City and the second at the Longy School of Music in Boston. The concerts featured works by Bard College undergraduate and faculty composers, as well as other composers in the New York area.

2015

In May 2015, **Danielle Car** joined Community Journals as the digital content manager.

She will maintain content in *UBJ*, *TOWN Carolina*, and *Greenville Journal*, as well as manage social media accounts.

International kicker **Ray Early** signed a contract in summer 2015 to join the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Gary (IN) SouthShore RailCats re-signed rookie RHP **Matt Solter** in July 2015. Matt appeared in two games during his five-game stint with the team earlier in July.

Grace Tuttle is working in the manuscript editorial department at W.W. Norton & Co. in New York City. She anticipates having the opportunity to work on former Furman President **David E. Shi's** (73) 10th edition of *America, A Narrative* to be published early in 2016.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The university would like to welcome the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

Donald Corbin '64
Dennis Smith '79
Amy Bobb Breaux '84
Charles Meisel '84
Sarah Armacost Holliman '86
Todd Callaway '89
Caroline Dillard Brownlee '97
Rodney "Doug" Webb '02

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS



Mark and Christa Bailey '97 Allen, a daughter, Sara Grace, January 28, 2015

Jim and Amy Pattillo '97, a son, Andrew Forrest, April 2, 2015

Kris and Elizabeth Ellis Keilhack '00, a daughter, Louisa Elliott, March 2, 2015

Matthew Boyleston '01 and **Abby Heller**, a daughter, Carys Aideen Boyleston, June 18, 2015

Joe and Gretchen Middour '01, a daughter, Ada Mae Olesen Middour, June 23, 2015

Jeffrey G. '03 and **Kelly Moffitt '02 Adkisson**, a son, Luke Thomas, February 9, 2015

Mike '02 and **Ashley Callahan '03 Baisley**, a son, Graham Callahan Baisley, July 14, 2015

Adam and Danielle Logan '02 Conrad, a daughter, Darcy Lyn, November 30, 2014

Trevor and Megan Theiling '02 Draper, a daughter, Shelby Jane, January 24, 2015

Andy and Michele Muro '02 Heck, a son, Michael Muro Heck, March 28, 2015

Brian and Peyton Greenfield Ticknor '02, a son, Bridges Wesley, March 11, 2015

Andy and Christina Valkanoff '02, a daughter, Anna Claire, March 29, 2015

Andy and Emily Hall '03, a daughter, Caroline Grace, March 19, 2015

Brian and Stephanie Morris '03 Kelly, a son, Daniel Edward, May 18, 2015

Rad and Adrienne Neale '03 Lowery, a son, Kane Radcliff, August 25, 2014

Jeremy '05 and **Jane Haddow '03 McLaughen**, a son, James Henry, March 4, 2015

Daniel and Meridyth Lybrand '03 Robinson, a son, Luke Mac-Millan, August 28, 2014

Allen and Katherine Winstead Suttle '03, a son, Will, January 25, 2015

Matt Davidson '04 and **Natalie The '03**, a son, Wesley The Davidson, February 3, 2015

Russell and Mary Beth Lemmons '03 Young, a daughter, Reese Elizabeth, April 19, 2014

Erin Caldwell '03 and **Jeff Zellmer '04**, a son, Grayson Allen, June 7, 2014

Glen "Buddy" and Sarah Ann Turpen Davis '04, a daughter, Anna-Bea Sandlin Davis, February 14, 2015

Trey and Yancey Greene '04 Fouche, a son, Oliver Sterling, July 9, 2015

Ryan and Lisa McCarthy '05, a daughter, Claire, February 22, 2015

David and Andrea Setters Wright '05, a son, Caleb Monroe, February 12, 2015

David and Elizabeth Marler '06 Armstrong, a son, Samuel

Jennings, May 17, 2015

Craig and Jessalyn Davis '06 Garvey, a son, Pierce Davis Garvey, December 19, 2014

Allen '07 and Whitney Bost '09 Curtis, a daughter, Lucy Eleanor, June 6, 2015

Champ and Megan Jaudon '07 Mann, a son, Jon Austin, August 23, 2014

Will and Susan Braik '07 Taunton, a daughter, Olivia Rose, March 13, 2015

Daniel '09 and Courtney Stewardson '08 Leagans, a son, Colton James, July 1, 2015

Ryan and Lauren Tomory '09 Evans, a daughter, Alta Christine, January 7, 2015

Taylor and Sally McKinney Hall '09, a son, Houston McKinney Hall, July 9, 2015

Carter and Molly Parker Wallace '09, a daughter, Anna Wells Wallace, June 20, 2015

MARRIAGES



Lee Knight '76 and Kay Wilson, March 15, 2014

Lisa Parsons Herndon '81 and James Reed Wilson, Jr., April 18, 2015

John Avery "Skip" Kirst, Jr. '83 and Eric Deem Hogan, May 16, 2015

Lisa Wheeler '86 and Alan

Wright, January 31, 2015

Peter Wesley Lord '02 and Leah Marie Zimmerman, August 7, 2015

Kelly Rebecca Rook '02 and Michael Elliott Wolfensperger, May 30, 2015

Jessica Carter '05 and Russell Sanford '05, June 27, 2015

Stephen Highsmith Adams '07 and Lindsey Courter Evans, June 27, 2015

Ashley Beltz '07 and Mark Rose, March 14, 2015

Matt Alexander '09 and Virginia Adkins, August 8, 2015

Mary Catherine Burgess '09 and Kevin Hearn, October 4, 2014

Cody Morelock '09 and Julian-na Hendley, June 13, 2015

Jessica Stewart '09 and Roohan Jabbar, June 7, 2014

Sara Anne Cone '10 and Brian Blake Fitzpatrick, October 4, 2014

Margaret Lewis Rosebro '10 and Charles Wesley Sprewell '10, June 6, 2015

Jenn Betts '11 and Austin Reeves '11, August 1, 2015

Sara Elizabeth-Anne Reynolds '11 and Matthew Ross Crider, June 27, 2015

Raleigh Kent Francis '12 and Ann Tipton Lesslie '12, June 5, 2015

Erin Catherine Frazer '12 and Joshua Adam Schardt, June 13, 2015

Chandler Barton '13 and Elizabeth Koppang '13, December 27, 2014

Wesley Gillette '14 and Sarah

Killebrew '14, June 6, 2015

Sarah McKenzie Williams '15 and Conner Rusk Dalton, June 13, 2015

OBITUARIES



Wade Thomas Batson, Jr. '34, February 14, 2015, Greenville, SC

Judson Carey Segars '35, April 1, 2015, Hartsville, SC

William Smith Hawkins '37, February 26, 2015, Greenville, SC

Mary Catherine Rhame Horger '38, March 29, 2015, Orangeburg, SC

Mary Lou Mims Reid '38, June 25, 2015, Greenville, SC

Frances Ligon Watson '39, February 6, 2015, Greenville, SC

Alice Cunningham Abercrombie '40, January 15, 2015, Columbia, SC

Elizabeth Smith Alford '40, March 28, 2015, Charlottesville, VA

Phillips Lancaster Bates '40, February 13, 2015, Greenwood, SC

Sue Garvin Howard '40, January 13, 2015, Charleston, SC

Mable Wannamaker Leadley '40, April 20, 2015, Orangeburg, SC

William Mann Broadwell, Jr. '41

June 16, 2015, Calhoun Falls, SC

Lucy Swearingen Good '41, June 9, 2015, Rock Hill, SC

Virginia McKiever McLaurin '41, April 24, 2015, Dillon, SC

William G. McLees '41, July 4, 2015, Dublin, GA

Aiken Brooks Holtzclaw, Jr. '42, January 21, 2015, Charlotte, NC

Obera McGee Reed '42, April 6, 2015, Easley, SC

Mary Ellen Griffin Gould '43, January 9, 2015, Winston-Salem, NC

Ruth Hood Knisley '43, July 9, 2015, York, PA

Jerome Petrizzi '43, January 29, 2015, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Cynthia Knight Cooke '44, February 22, 2015, Greenville, SC

Charles Hubert DeLoach '44, May 21, 2015, Wauchula, FL

Albert Alba Young '44, February 17, 2015, Hickory, NC

Emily Elizabeth Feaster Champion '45, January 17, 2015, Cartersville, GA

Betty Ross Pope Jolly '45, May 9, 2015, Union, SC

Virginia Eleanor Greer Smith '45, April 3, 2015, Charlotte, NC

Benjamin Lewis Barnett, Jr. '46, April 16, 2015, Kennesaw, GA

Sue Ellen Cobb Crews '46, July 21, 2015, Greenville, SC

Sally Sullivan Clinkscales Hubbard '46, July 9, 2015, Greensboro, NC

Rachel Palmer Waggoner '46,
January 29, 2015, Gastonia, NC

Frances Harmon Whitley '46,
July 29, 2015, Raleigh, NC

Anne Moore Wilson '46, June
13, 2015, Lake Lure, NC

Joyce Fowler Bridges '47, Febru-
ary 24, 2015, Colorado Springs,
CO

Ruth Easterby Hilton Little '47,
January 27, 2015, Greenville,
SC

Constance Gloria Morgan '47,
March 12, 2015, Westminster,
SC

James W. Bailey, Sr. '48, July 1,
2015, Hendersonville, NC

Eugene F. "Breezy" Breazeale
'48, March 4, 2015, Green-
wood, SC

Margaret Earle Ellison '48, Feb-
ruary 19, 2015, Greenville, SC

Mary Wilburn Norris '48, March
13, 2015, Bluffton, SC

Jean Robbins Poole '48, January
9, 2015, Greenville, SC

Elizabeth Winn Thompson '48,
March 12, 2015, Milledgeville,
GA

Ruth Trowell Watson '48, June 7,
2015, Greenville, SC

Mary Ann Rawlings Williams '48,
March 9, 2015, Hendersonville,
NC

William Herbert Barton '49,
February 25, Lilburn, GA

Harry M. Goewey '49, June 15,
2015, Fountain Inn, SC

Robert Lionel Morgan '49, April
29, 2015, Huntersville, NC

Robert Eddie Johns '50, April
24, 2015, Emporia, VA

Roy T. Loyd '50, February 25,
2015, Columbia, SC

Jeff Roland Richardson, Jr. '50,
August 1, 2015, Simpsonville,
SC

Carolyn Hunter Shirley '50,
April 25, 2015, Charleston, SC

Betsy Lucille Sowell Sims '50,
January 14, 2015, Lancaster,
SC

Emily Jean "E.J." Garrett Smith
'50, January 20, 2015, Green-
ville, SC

Walter F. Chapman, Sr. '51,
January 11, 2015, Riverview, FL

James Rudolph "Rudy" Cox '51,
April 17, 2015, Travelers Rest,
SC

Carl Grayson Ellison '51, May 10,
2015, Anderson County, SC

James Wilburn Gentry '51,
March 15, 2015, Travelers Rest,
SC

Joseph Leonard "PJ" Thorpe
Stone '51, February 25, 2015,
Greenville, SC

Hewlett Kelly Sullivan, Jr. '51,
August 5, 2015, Greenville, SC

John H. Davis '52, January 7,
2015, Culpepper, VA

Margie Cain Humphries '52, July
4, 2015, Pawleys Island, SC

Ann Grayson Bozeman '53, June
29, 2015, Greenville, SC

Ruben Paul Clark, Jr. '53, June
5, 2015, Greenville, SC

Fred Samuel Miller, Jr. '53, Feb-
ruary 5, 2015, West Columbia,
SC

Nannie Gullede Price '53, Feb-
ruary 28, 2015, Greenville, SC

Fred Hammett Brown '54, May
16, 2015, Greer, SC

Henry Alex Cummings '54, May
2015, Ruffin, SC

Paul Justice '54, March 25,
2015, Centralia, WA

James Douglas McClain '54, Oc-
tober 22, 2014, Donalds, SC

Edward Evelio McCollum '54,
March 12, Walterboro, SC

James Augustus Moody '54,
April 11, 2015, Summerville, SC

William Penn Morrow, Jr. '54,
February 3, Greenville County,
SC

Jane Donald Prichard '54,
March 22, 2015, Greenville, SC

McDuffie "M.D." Putnam, Jr.,
MA '54, February 15, Roebuck,
SC

Jane Ruth McColley Gross '55,
January 10, 2015, Madison, ME

Margaret Marie Jones Howell '55,
May 8, 2015, Taylors, SC

James Byrnes Senn '55, MA '71,
February 19, 2015, Greenville,
SC

Patty Wiggins Brock '56, MA
'80, July 6, 2015, Greenville,
SC

Alan Herbert Kyber '56, July 10,
2015, Rock Hill, SC

Charles Ray Ruth '56, July 2015,
Pawleys Island, SC

Margaret Jameson Waldrop '56,
January 23, 2015, Lynchburg,
VA

Walter Marion Adams '57, April
5, 2015, Shelby, NC

Wayne Jerry "Shag" Barnett '57,
February 9, 2015, Greenville,
SC

Benjamin Ronald Cook, Sr. '57,
March 27, 2015, Dillon, SC

Edgar Eugene Dobbins '57, May
13, 2015, Greenville, SC

J. Edwin Hendricks '57, March
27, 2015, Winston-Salem, NC

Mary Louise Cothran Southern
'57, June 15, 2015, Pelzer, SC

James Bailey Watts '57, April 6,
2015, Camden, SC

Carolyn Littlejohn Ballew '58,
March 1, 2015, Spartanburg,
SC

Shirley Tucker Campbell '58,
January 27, 2015, Greenville,
SC

Jackie Travis Foster '58, March
2, 2015, Greenville, SC

Kenneth Woodrow "Woody"
Moore, Sr. '58, April 30, 2015,
Taylors, SC

Mary Evelyn Green Oltman '58,
July 15, 2015, Columbia, SC

Bob G. Sherman '58, April 13,
2015, Paducah, KY

Robert Montgomery Trammell,
Sr. '58, January 10, 2015, Fair-
hope, AL

Elbert D. Hutto '59, February
11, 2015, Columbia, SC

Dan Warren Wilson '59, Febru-
ary 24, 2015, Greenville, SC

Margaret Annetta "Peggy" Fant
'60, March 15, 2015, Camden,
SC

Kenneth Ridings '60, March 5,
2015, Hendersonville, NC

James Keith "Chief" Johnson '61,
September 5, 2014, West Palm
Beach, FL

Emmett Edwin Deitz '62, June
23, 2015, Taylors, SC

Irene Smith Hartjen '62, January 10, 2015, Atchison, KS

Mary Pat Arnold Reddick '62, November 26, 2014, Columbia, SC

Ellen Jean Ainslie '63, May 2, 2015, West Palm Beach, FL

Frank Howard Altman '63, January 9, 2015, Columbia, SC

Jenny Porter Farrar '63, June 9, 2015, Greenville, SC

Gladys Cannada Vernon '63, April 21, 2015, Travelers Rest, SC

Joseph Warren Clapp '64, February 10, 2015, Grand Island, FL

Shelba Powell Couch '64, April 10, 2015, Pickens, SC

Delle Wilder Gasque '64, January 19, 2015, Greenville, SC

Frank Orr Keener '64, March 9, 2015, Nashville, TN

Joseph Anthony McAlister '64, March 27, 2015, Newton, NC

Wilbur Jesse Rush '64, June 22, 2015, Woodruff, SC

Evelyn "Eve" Waldrop Shelnett '64, April 7, 2015, Athens, GA

John F. Robinson '65, May 14, 2015, Blowing Rock, NC

William James Barnes '67, March 13, 2015, Anderson, SC

George Wilburn Johnson III '67, June 8, 2015, Irmo, SC

Owen Franklin Cardell, Jr. '68, July 8, 2015, Greenville, SC

Greeta Yvonne Granger Peden '68, April 9, 2015, Pendleton, SC

Paul Corbett Tomlinson '68, June 28, 2015, Columbia, SC

Beverly Brabham Oki '69, July 2015, Greenville County, SC

Ned Lewis Watson '69, June 3, 2015, Mount Pleasant, SC

Clovie Julia Etta Heaton '70, January 20, 2015, Easley, SC

Brenda Mullis LaCount, MA '70, April 28, 2015, Greenville County, SC

James Rainier Anderson '72, June 27, 2015, Hutto, TX

J.E. Earle, MA '73, July 26, 2015, Hilton Head Island, SC

Laura Anne Henry '73, April 11, 2015, Latta, SC

Melanie O'Neal Cavanaugh '74, April 22, 2015, Kingwood, TX

Elizabeth Kirby Connolly '75, March 20, 2015, Eutawville, SC

Patty Dellinger '75, April 14, 2015, Anderson, SC

William Henry Dilling III, MA '75, July 28, 2015, Greenville, SC

Kaliopé Kiliveros Maurides, MA '75, April 23, 2015, Greenville, SC

Betty Elrod Owens, MA '76, March 16, 2015, Piedmont, SC

Gary Kendrick Bond '77, April 27, 2015, Chattanooga, TN

Andrew N. Gonick '77, February 22, 2015, Greenville, SC

Con Smith "Trey" Massey III '83, March 12, 2015, Atlanta, GA

Ronald E. Alexander '84, May 28, 2015, Lexington, SC

Jan Hendrix '84, May 9, 2015, Rock Hill, SC

Julia Ruth Sarratt Hester '84, June 13, 2015, Greenville County, SC

Seth Lyman Eckard '85, April 9, 2015, Easley, SC

James Michael Godfrey '85, June 27, 2015, Conover, NC

Edward Earl '86, June 19, 2015, Eagle Rock, AR

James Stewart Pitts '86, February 25, 2015, Six Mile, SC

Larry Wayne Grady, Jr. '88, March 5, 2015, Lexington, SC

Rhonda Jean Littlefield Duncan Mauldin '88, April 21, 2014, Anderson, SC

Elaine Stone-Drummond '88, April 9, 2015, Alpharetta, GA

Tracey Lyn Meredith Edwards '90, July 17, 2015, Washington Crossing, PA

Shannon Elliott Graham '90, June 20, 2015, Greenville, SC

Zacchary L. Pace '91, July 18, 2015, Lexington, SC

Jason Hightower '92, January 25, 2015, Meeker, CO

Richard Bradford Burklow '93, January 27, 2015, Marietta, GA

Erik John Wallin '96, May 3, 2015, Roswell, GA

A. Campbell Berkeley III '97, January 18, 2015, Weston, FL

Trenence Michael "Trent" Reece '98, May 2015, Greenville, SC

William Walter Koehler '99, March 10, 2015, Greer, SC

Renee Amie Boutan '08, July 4, 2015, Wadmalaw Island, SC

Katharine Elizabeth Compton '13, July 6, 2015, Houston, TX

Jake Kline '13, February 8, 2015, Raleigh, NC

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