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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

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“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.