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A Note from Cherrydale

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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!

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