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## QUOTABLE

## Whitney Curtis '09

**M**y sanctuary at Furman was a field in front of Blackwell, or the porch on our apartment in G in North Village. Both places were where some of my deepest friendships were born in moments of unexpected conversation and laughter—often when we should have been studying.”

**Whitney (Bost) Curtis '09** is a senior editor for *Home Depot*, where she manages the blog and social media outreach strategy, working with influencers (bloggers and brand evangelists) around the country. Curtis snagged her dream job while freelance blogging and writing, often for *Home Depot*, on her gardening and lifestyle blog, *The Curtis Casa*. She is married to fellow alumnus, **Allen Curtis '08**. The couple resides in Atlanta.

**Michael Precht** has become senior minister at Crestview First United Methodist Church in Crestview, FL. While at Furman, he helped to found Mere Christianity Forum Inc., an on-campus ministry. MCF recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of Vista House, an international Christian community of which he was the first resident.

**Alice Rigdon** has accepted a position with Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC, as chief financial officer.

Last fall, Elliott Davis, one of the largest accounting, tax, and consulting services firms in the Southeast, admitted **Jeff Walker** and five other new shareholders to its firm in Greenville, SC.

## 2004

**Paula Alexander (MA)** has been named principal at Hagood Elementary School in Pickens, SC.

**Neal Collins** has won a seat in the South Carolina State House.

**Jamie Smith** has been selected as the principal of Southwood Academy of the Arts in Anderson (SC) School District 5.

**Melanie Elizabeth Trexler** of Richmond, KY, graduated from Georgetown University in May 2014 with her doctorate of philosophy in theological and religious studies. Her specialty is in Islam and Muslim-Christian relations. Her book, *Evangelizing Arabs*, is being published by Baylor University Press.

The Cincinnati, OH, firm of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL announced that **Barrett P. Tullis**, a real estate attorney, has been elected as a new partner.

## 2005

In November 2014, **Brigitte Lindsey Gleason** shared her personal experience in combating Ebola disease in Africa when she presented “Overview of the Ebola Epidemic: Insights from the Field on Sierra Leone and Key Features of the Ebola Response in the U.S.” at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. As an epidemic intelligence service officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she was deployed to Sierra Leone in September for a month to provide technical assistance in epidemiology and surveillance for the Ebola emergency response.

**Jennifer Meisten (MA)** is now principal of Beck Middle School in Greenville, SC.

**Bailey Edwards Nelson** is director of communications with the Spartanburg County (SC) Foundation. She provided marketing and public relations services to the New Baptist Covenant, a national movement convened by former President Jimmy Carter designed to bring faith communities together for education and public service.

**Sam Perry** is the new head baseball coach at East Henderson High School in Hendersonville, NC, where he has been an assistant for the last three seasons.

**Brad Wright** has joined the United Way of the Piedmont in Spartanburg, SC, as a campaign associate.

## 2006

**Amanda Armstrong** of Nashville, TN, recently finished her ME in education at Peabody/Vanderbilt. She works at the Tennessee Department of Education.