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Furman’s class of 2018 boasts more than high test scores and stellar GPAs (average of 1281 and 4.5, in case you were wondering). They’re creative, athletic, driven, and destined to make their mark around the Furman Lake and beyond.

1. International Gold Medalist cyclist
2. 244 Captains of an athletic team
3. 182 Two-sport varsity athletes
4. 21 Eagle Scouts or Girl Scout Gold Award winners
5. 11 Academic researchers
6. 1 Lead designer of a robotics club
7. 1 Holder of a private pilot’s license
8. 43 Artists
9. 1 Drum Corps International World Champion
10. 119 Community service leaders
11. 80 Religious group officers
12. 255 National Honor Society members
13. 27 Student body presidents
14. 1 Certified SCUBA diver
Looking for things to do on your next visit to Furman? We have you covered in The Comeback.

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