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MARRIAGE: Stephen Dallas Baggett, Jr., and Lauren Ann McNair, March 24, 2012. Lauren is a genetic counselor at the Greenwood (S.C.) Genetic Center, and Stephen is a lawyer.

BIRTHS: Arthur and Laura Wahoske Benz, a daughter, Ridley Ann, February 16, 2012. They live in Sharpsburg, Ga. Laura, an attorney, was selected to the 2013 class of Leadership Georgia, a leadership development program sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.


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Josh Cooper of Tallahassee, Fla., received one of Maverick PAC’s inaugural “40 Under 40” awards, which recognize young conservative professionals in politics, business, law and entrepreneurship. Maverick PAC is a national group that works to engage young conservatives in the political process. Josh is a founding partner with Strategic Information Consultants and managing member of NG Strategies, a communications and public relations firm. The Augusta (Ga.) Metro Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Augusta Magazine, named Adam King to its 2013 list of “10 Young Professionals to Watch.” The winners were featured in the magazine’s June/July issue and were nominated for Georgia Trend magazine’s “40 Under 40” list for 2013. Adam is an associate attorney with Nicholson Reewell LLP.

Ryan Koon, a middle school science and history teacher at St. Joseph’s Catholic School in Greenville, received the 2013 Deacon Robert Brady Middle School Excellence in Teaching Award, chosen by the eighth grade class. The award goes to a middle school teacher who demonstrates commitment to the school and exemplifies the spirit of teaching in all walks of life.

BIRTHS: Jonathan and Beth Ewing, a daughter, Lorelei Ann, February 6. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Jonathan is a U.S. Army major stationed at Fort Carson.

Chris and Kathryn Donehoo Keenon, a son, Isaac Paris, August 9, 2012. They live in South Elgin, Ill.

Rand and Angelina Calareso Weyler, a daughter, Reagan Noel, December 22, Lynnfield, Mass. Angelina was recently among 250 people from 40 states who traveled to Washington, D.C., for a day of advocacy organized by International Justice Mission, a human rights agency. Participants met with Congressional officials to promote strong U.S. policies against human trafficking and slavery. Angelina has developed a high school curriculum on social justice topics. Write angelina@randweyler.com.

12 NEW MEMBERS JOIN ALUMNI BOARD

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Board of Directors, which provides counsel and guidance to the university on behalf of alumni, welcomes 12 new members and a new chair, Leslie Smith ’91, to its ranks this fall. Smith, a resident of Jacksonville, Fla., is finance director with Geneseo & Wyoming, a rail services company. She takes the gavel from J. Chris Brown ’89.

The 12 newcomers represent one of the board’s largest first-year “classes” in many years. They are: Henry Barton ’84 (Elgin, S.C.), director of legislative and regulatory relations with SCANA Corporation of South Carolina; Laura Wahoske Benz ’00 (Sharpsburg, Ga.), an attorney with the firm of William Thomas Craig; Bryan Fox ’93 (Columbia, S.C.), director of special projects with Palmetto Health and founder of Athletic Performance Excellence; Russell Gambrell ’79 (Martinez, Ga.), telecommunications specialist with the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon; Cal Hurst ’04 (Greenville), vice president/commercial relationship manager with PNC Bank; Richard Hyman ’77 (Weston, Conn.), vice president of national account sales for Global Imaging Systems.

Also, Steve Price ’86 (Bradenton, Fla.), co-pastor, Harvest United Methodist Church; Chris Smith ’95 (Blythewood, S.C.), owner of Moe’s and Smashburger restaurants; Kevin Spears ’92 (Decatur, Ga.), development officer for Visiting Nurse Health System, a home healthcare and hospice provider; Doug Stinson ’01 (Knoxville, Tenn.), sales and marketing representative for England, a La-Z-Boy company; Lizzie Wherry ’01 (Charleston, S.C.), outside sales representative for Dealers Supply & Lumber Co.; and Beth Goodlet Williams ’91 (Charlotte, N.C.), director of youth ministries at First Presbyterian Church.