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2012–13 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

Mariam Weber Dittman has become vice president of academic affairs at Georgia Piedmont Technical College in Clarkston. She was previously dean of curriculum and special projects for Savannah (Ga.) Technical College.

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BIRTH: Frank III and **Laura Blanchard**, a son, Daniel F. Blanchard IV, January 27, 2012. Frank is an equity member in the Charleston, S.C., law firm of Rosen Hagood, and Laura is a staff writer with Select Health of South Carolina.

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Rick and **Amy Collett**, owners of BrightStar Care of Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Brand Advocate of the Year award at the 2012 BrightStar Care National Conference in Nashville, Tenn. BrightStar Care is

a home healthcare and staffing provider of both medical and non-medical homecare for private and corporate clients. The award recognizes the franchisee as a future leader who consistently looks beyond their franchise to help others grow and succeed.

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Tomiko Brown-Nagin's book *Courage to Dissent* received the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation 2012 Legacy Award for nonfiction. The Legacy Award recognizes exemplary works of literature by black writers. The book, which has received several other major honors, offers a sweeping history of the civil rights movement in Atlanta. Tomiko is a professor of law and history at Harvard University. Artist **Katie Walker**, who regularly shows in galleries throughout the Southeast, had an exhibit titled "Journal Entries" in the Thompson Gallery at Furman in October.

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Kelly Jackson Davis has been elected to a two-year term as a director at large on the national board of the Public Relations Society of America. Kelly is founder and chief executive officer of Davis Public Relations and Marketing, a full-service communications firm based in Columbia, S.C.

MARRIAGE: David Cook and **Cynthia Fowler**, September 29. They live in Saluda, N.C.

BIRTH: Bradley and **Lila Anna Sauls**, twin sons, Graeme Gleaton and Heath McManus, September 10, Columbia, S.C.

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Jeffrey Hammer of Simpsonville, S.C., is the area manager for North and South Carolina with SMART Technologies, a leading provider of collaborative solutions and a global leader in interactive whiteboards. **Donald Raber** assumed duties as provost of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., in January. He has worked at the school since 2002, serving as chair of the political science department and most recently as dean of academic programs. He was president of the South Carolina Political Science Association from 2007–08 and editor of its *Journal of Political Science* from 2008–12.

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United Drugs, the largest national member-owned Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization (PSAO), has named **Rob McMahan** president. He leads the PSAO services arm of American Associated Pharmacies through its United Drugs subsidiary located in Phoenix, Ariz. Prior to joining United Drugs, Rob served as vice president of clinical pharmacy operations for Amerigroup Corporation. **Susannah Rose** recently co-authored "A Randomized Study of How Physicians Interpret Research Funding Disclosures," published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. She is a staff member in the

Department of Bioethics at the Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic's Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care, and an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University. She is also a Fellow at the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, where she earned her doctorate.

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Wesley Dunaway graduated *magna cum laude* from Florida A&M University College of Law in March 2012 and was admitted to the Florida Bar. He practices law in Orlando in the areas of estate planning, elder law, personal injury, commercial litigation and employment law.

Patty Walters Laine of Gainesville, Ga., was elected probate court judge of Hall County in November.

Jim Pattillo has been named chair of the Defense Research Institute's (DRI) Young Lawyers Committee. DRI is the largest organization in the country dedicated to the defense bar; its Young Lawyers Committee consists of 3,000 young defense lawyers from across the nation. Jim is a partner in the Birmingham, Ala., firm of Norman, Wood, Kendrick & Turner.

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Brian Nick has joined the public affairs team of the Moore & Van Allen law firm in Charlotte, N.C. Brian handled communications strategy for Pat McCrory's victorious campaign for governor of North Carolina in 2012. Brian has also worked for Vice President Dan Quayle, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, and other GOP campaigns. After more than five and a half years with Heart of Florida United Way, **Broc Rosser** has assumed the role of Florida region president of CredAbility, a leading nonprofit financial counseling and education agency. Broc lives in Orlando.

Andrew Severson passed the Nevada Bar exam and has moved to Las Vegas to continue the practice of law.