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Brewer receives honorary degree

"I HAVE TAKEN MANY BREWER CLASSES while at Furman. The toll on the GPA is well worth it."

It's likely that hundreds of Furman students through the years would echo this comment about Charles Brewer, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Psychology. Renowned for his rigorous standards, classroom brilliance and extensive contributions to the teaching profession, Brewer (top, right), who has taught at Furman since 1967, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at Opening Convocation August 30.

Also recognized was Harold "Fox" Warlick '67, author, scholar and emeritus dean of the chapel at High Point (N.C.) University. He received the Richard Furman Baptist Heritage Award, which annually recognizes a graduate who reflects Furman's founding ideals by thinking critically, making life-changing commitments and living compassionately.

Class of 2013 members (from left) Ben Saul of Greenwood, S.C., Anna Sheppard of Irmo, S.C., Matthew Correnti of Springfield, Pa., Emily Wirzba of Hillsborough, N.C., and Kory Kraft of Greer, S.C., were named Furman Fellows. The honor, worth \$10,000, goes annually to five seniors who have demonstrated the potential to make a difference in the world through their creativity, imagination and contributions to university life.



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COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN and four faculty colleagues were named to endowed professorships as the 2012-13 academic year began.

Endowed professorships provide funds to support recipients' scholarly work, travel and other professional activities, while enhancing their ability to secure additional support from foundations and granting agencies. At Furman, gifts from donors and foundations currently endow 24 lifetime professorships and eight rotating, limited-term professorships.

Allen, who holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Georgia and has taught at Furman since 1987, is the Daniel Distinguished Professor of Computer Science, a lifetime appointment. The chair was held previously by Hayden Porter, who retired at the close of the 2011-12 session.

Eli Hestermann and Jeff Petty received two-year limited-term appointments to Henry Keith and Ellen Hard Townes Professorships in Science. Hestermann, an associate professor of biology, came to Furman in 2003 and holds a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Petty, a professor of chemistry and a 1986 Furman graduate, earned his Ph.D. from the University of California and joined the faculty in 1995.

Kathleen Player was named to the Robert E. Hughes Professorship in Business Administration, and Tami Blumenfield was appointed to the James B. Duke Professorship in Asian Studies, each for three-year terms. Player holds a Ph.D. from Clemson University, and Blumenfield earned her doctorate from the University of Washington. Both joined the faculty this year.