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New band uniforms, good food, vintage, Furman-themed cars, and a 26–21 victory over Wofford were highlights of Homecoming 2011 October 21-23. This year's major honorees (above, from left) included Laura Waters Hinson '01, an Oscar-winning filmmaker for "As We Forgive," the story of reconciliation and renewal in Rwanda, Outstanding Young Alumni Award; and 1972 graduates Ty and Sandra Melton Talton, Gordon L. Blackwell Alumni Service Award winners for their leadership in establishing the Vick Professorship in Music. Honorees who could not attend were Brian Geppi '04, Wayne and Rubye Reid Award recipient for his support of students' career development, and Brad Faxon '83, an eight-time winner on the PGA Tour, Distinguished Alumni Award. Photos by Jeremy Fleming.

Warne, Adkins honored at Opening Convocation

A GREENVILLE HUMANITARIAN and an alumnus with a long record of service to Baptist causes received major honors September 1 at the Opening Convocation of the 2011-12 academic year.

Gillaine Warne, an agronomist and native of Australia, was awarded a Doctor of Humanities degree for her mission work in Haiti. Through Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, she partners with the citizens of the Central Plateau, one of Haiti's poorest regions, to promote reforestation, teach the values of sustainable agriculture, nutrition and community awareness, and help restore hope to the residents of the area that in recent years has been devastated by natural disasters.

Glen Adkins '77 received the Richard Furman Baptist Heritage Award, which honors an alumnus who reflects Baptist ideals by thinking critically, living compassionately and making life-changing commitments. Adkins has served as a music minister at Baptist churches in the Southeast for more than 33 years. Having spent 2007-10 in Hungary as a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionary to the heavily persecuted Roma Gypsies, he is now minister of worship, music and fine arts at Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point, N.C.

Five members of the Class of 2012 were also honored at the convocation as Furman Fellows. The fellowships, worth \$7,500, are awarded each year to members of the senior class who have demonstrated unique leadership skills and potential to make a difference in the world and in the lives of others. The awards are made possible through the generosity of Bob Buckman, a Furman trustee, and his wife, Joyce Mollerup.

This year's recipients are Susan Bitetti, a physics major from Norwell, Mass.; Lindsay Harroff, a political science/communication studies major from Concord, N.C.; Cortney McEniry, a theatre arts major from Anderson, S.C.; Michael Sauer, a business administration major from Richmond, Va.; and Brandon Tensley, a political science/German major from Columbia, S.C.