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PARRISH AWARDED RANGEL FELLOWSHIP

RACHAEL PARRISH '09 has received a prestigious Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship. The fellowship, awarded to 15 young people nationwide, supports outstanding seniors and recent graduates who are interested in a career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

The fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and managed by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University. It will provide approximately \$90,000 in benefits over two years to support Parrish's pursuit of a master's degree in international affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston.

As part of the Rangel Program, Parrish worked this summer for the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. In the summer of 2012, the State Department will send her overseas to work in a U.S. embassy to get hands-on experience with foreign policy and the work of the Foreign Service. Upon graduation she will become a U.S. diplomat.

Parrish, who is from Cobden, Ill., earned her Furman degrees in political science and Asian Studies. She was active with FUSAB (Furman University Student Activities Board), Chi Omega sorority, and the Riley Institute advance team.

In the summer of 2009 she studied Mandarin at China's Soochow University with support from the State Department's Critical Language Scholarship. She also worked as a fellow at the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in Washington, D.C.

She recently finished an intensive Mandarin language program at Tsinghua University in Beijing through the University of California's Inter-University Program. In addition, she worked as an English research assistant at Tsinghua and interned at Groupon International.



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Virginia Batts was awarded a Compton Mentor Fellowship for 2011–12. The award provides \$30,000 to support a project that addresses water scarcity in the rural region of Sangamner, Maharashtra, India, northeast of Mumbai. The fellowships have been awarded since 2002 to recent graduates from select schools to pursue projects in the fields of environment and

sustainability, peace and conflict resolution, population and reproductive health, and climate change and energy policy.

David Hottel interned this summer with Crawford Strategy, a marketing and public relations firm in Greenville.

Lacey Ruff is employed in the sales department of WYFF-TV 4, the NBC affiliate in Greenville.

DEATHS

Lou Frances Coleman Lide '33, March 18, Newberry, S.C. She taught in the Newberry County public schools for more than 30 years.

Mary Robert Thornwell Stewart Kagin '35, March 24, Minneapolis, Minn. Before moving to Minneapolis she lived in Louisville, Ky., where she was president of Episcopal Church Women at Calvary Episcopal Church. She was active in the American Association of University Women, Colonial Dames XVII, Daughters of the American Revolution, and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

John P. Faris '37, May 4, Laurens, S.C. In 1939 he became superintendent of the Watts Plant of J.P. Stevens Company and remained in that position until he resigned to join the Navy. He went on to serve in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres and was awarded the Purple Heart. He returned to Laurens after the war and became vice president of Laurens Glass and executive vice president of Indian Head Glass Container Group. He was active in the Laurens Rotary Club, serving as president, district governor, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Heritage and History International Fellowship. A strong advocate for the Boy Scouts, he was president of the Blue Ridge Council and a representative to the National Office, and he received the Silver Beaver and Good Shepherd awards. He was a life member of Palmetto Lodge 19, a 32nd degree Scottish Rites Mason, and a member of the Class of 2009 Laurens County Hall of Heroes. He served as chair of the Furman board of trustees, trustee of the Kennedy Foundation, director of the Laurens County Foundation, and president of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Edna Coker Bush '39, May 30, Easley, S.C. She was an assistant actuary with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., and later taught at Dacusville, Parker and Easley high schools. She was owner of three upstate South

Carolina businesses: Bush Oil Company of Easley, Forrest Oil Company of Travelers Rest, and Coker's Supermarket of Moonville.

Mattie Garrison Andrews '40, May 22, Fountain Inn, S.C. She taught in elementary schools in Fork Shoals and Fountain Inn and retired from the Greenville County School District with 39 years of service. She was a member of the South Carolina Education Association and a volunteer at the Hillcrest Hospital Auxiliary.

Annie Elizabeth Farish Cates '40, August 9, 2010, Burlington, N.C. During World War II she worked at the *Burlington News-Times*. She and her husband later ran a loan business.

Hope Sims McCleskey '40, May 15, Greenville. She retired after 27 years of teaching in Greenville County, 25 of them at Augusta Circle Elementary. Following retirement, she volunteered at the Children's Hospital of the Greenville Hospital System. She was a member of the Crescent Community Club and Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for women in education.

Frances Thompson Balentine '41, May 27, Greenville. Active in church and civic affairs, she was a member of the Clarice Wilson Garden Club and Greenville Woman's Club.

Margaret Skinner Farrell '41, March 15, 2010, Acton, Maine.

Herbert Clifford Penn '41, September 15, 2010, Bay Minette, Ala. He was a retired teacher and football coach at Mitchell County High School in Camilla, Ga. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Margaret Kelsey Greer '43, May 21, 2010, Dublin, Ohio. She was head of the garden section of the Woman's Club of White Plains.

Wade Hampton Hale '43, April 24, Greenville. He retired from North Greenville Junior College (now University)