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2010–11 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Clare Folio Morris '83, president; J. Chris Brown '89, president-elect; Harriet Arnold Wilburn '74, past president; Rebecca Ann Armacost '89; Lynn Neely Bailey '78; N. Staten Bitting, Jr. '75; Frank W. Blackwell '90; Sidney R. Bland '59; Mary Lou Walch Cagle '69; Tricia Morgan Carswell '82; Paul D. Goebel '63; Michael L. Guynn '91; Shannon Scruby Henderson '75; Gail Laible Hughes '83; L. Yates Johnson, Jr. '59; Gwinn Earle Kneeland '89; C. Todd Malo '95; James N. Martin '79; Herman A. Matherson, Jr. '79; Andrew C. Medlyn '97; Matthew A. Miller '99; Joseph C. Moon, Jr. '76; William P. Morrow, Jr. '54; Emmett L. Patrick '56; Scott W. Raeber '92; Gordon D. Seay '61; Ellison L. Smith '89; Leslie L. Smith '91; Cynthia Black Sparks '80; Connie Gartrell Williams '74.

Ex-officio and other members: Rodney Smolla, president; Michael Gatchell '91, vice president for development; Tom Triplitt '76, director of Alumni Association; Tina Hayes Ballew '78, associate director of Alumni Association; Cal Hurst '04, president, Young Alumni Council; Kyle Volkmann '11, president, Student Alumni Council; Patrick Wallace '11, president, Association of Furman Students; Shannon Cantwell '11, president, Senior Class.

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Mike Harley has joined Minerals Technologies Inc. as vice president for corporate development and treasury. He serves as an officer of the company and as a member of its Leadership Council. Minerals Technologies is a global resource and technology-based growth company that develops, produces and markets a broad range of specialty mineral, mineral-based and synthetic mineral products, and related systems and services. Mike previously worked with GrowthPhases, a consulting and interim management alliance firm that he founded.

Paul Robertson has become a managing director with Edge Capital Partners, an investment management firm in Atlanta. Paul is a member of the Furman board of trustees and was most recently president and chief operating officer for StableRiver Capital Management.

Skip Williams has been named executive director of product development for Aqua Pharmaceuticals, a West Chester, Pa.-based drug company that develops prescription skin care treatments. Skip previously worked at Watson Pharmaceuticals, where he was responsible for brand and biologics business development.

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The South Carolina REALTORS® professional trade association named **David Burnett** of Spartanburg its 2010 Realtor of the Year. The award is given to a realtor who works to advance the profession, embodies the spirit of high principles and faithfulness to the Code of Ethics, and practices good real estate principles. David has won several previous local and state SCR awards and currently serves as a National Association of REALTORS® director.

David G. Guyton of Rock Hill, S.C., was sworn in as the new Family Court Judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit last April after being elected to the position by the South Carolina Legislature. He also serves as the Military Judge for the S.C. National Guard.

Chris Peabody joined Allied Telecom in February 2010 as chief operating officer. Allied is a broadband, Internet and VoIP services firm in Washington, D.C.

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Allen Barbee has been appointed minister of music at Faith United Methodist Church in Smyrna, Ga. He is also on the faculty of St. Martin's Episcopal School in Atlanta as the instrumental music director.

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The U.S. Agency for International Development has appointed **Jim Barnhart** mission director for Lebanon. He oversees USAID's programs to help the Lebanese strengthen their democratic institutions, promote economic growth, improve education and health services, and support water and environment programs. Jim joined USAID in 2000.

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BIRTH: **Alan E. Thomas** and Allyn Hernandez, a daughter, Natalia Sofia, August 17. Alan practices pediatric and adolescent medicine at Summit Medical Group in Berkeley Heights, N.J., and Allyn is a women's imaging radiologist with St. Barnabas Medical System.

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George Quarles coached Maryville (Tenn.) High School to the 2010 Division 6-A state football championship. His squad defeated Smyrna 23-21 December 4 to finish with a 14-1 record. In just over a decade Quarles' Maryville teams have won eight state titles and 164 games.

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Richard Boggs has been named chair of the board of directors of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Parrish Medical Center in Titusville, Fla. The foundation raises funds to support healthcare in North Brevard County. Richard is vice president of Boggs Gases, a medical gas company.

Lisa Stevens Gilford, an attorney with Alston & Bird LLP in Los Angeles, was included on the 2010 list of "Top Women Litigators" by the Los Angeles and San Francisco *Daily Journal*. She serves as lead defense counsel for the Toyota Unintended Acceleration class action litigation and represents Toyota in more than 300 class actions pending throughout the United States.

Joanie Ekins Martin and her family have returned to Greenville after two years in France, where she worked at Michelin's worldwide headquarters. She is now the financial director for Michelin Americas Small Tires.

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THIS YEAR IS REUNION!

James F. Downs of Charlotte recently joined the board of the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. He is also a member of the board of the Levine Museum of the New South.

Craig J. Hoffman has joined the Beige Group in New York as a managing director in charge of the firm's merchant banking efforts in consumer and retail space.

Tim Vorel of Rincon, Ga., has opened Vorel Financial Group, offering investment, insurance and financial planning services.

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Veteran journalist **Andy Peters** has rejoined the staff of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, for which he worked more than a decade ago. He was most recently a reporter for the *Fulton County Daily Report*.