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## FOUR ALUMS NAMED LIBERTY FELLOWS

THE LIBERTY FELLOWS PROGRAM is designed to develop young leaders for South Carolina.

The program features a series of five-day seminars, held over two years, for 20 state residents ages 30 to 45. They are selected from a diverse pool of nominees and represent all professions, from business and government to education and non-profits. They also share a common goal — strengthening South Carolina.

Four Furman graduates are part of the newest class of Liberty Fellows, chosen from a nominating pool of 400. All are deeply involved in civic and community activities in their respective cities.

**John Castile** '89 became city manager of Greenville last July after previously serving as assistant and deputy city manager. He is active with 100 Black Men of Greenville and the school district's Shining Star Teacher Recruitment Initiative. A political science major at Furman, he is a graduate of the university's Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI).

**R. Michael (Mikee) Johnson** '94, an Orangeburg resident, earned his Furman degree in English and political science. He is CEO and president of Cox Industries, a manufacturer and global distributor of pressure-treated wood. He chairs the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce and was named one of the Midlands' 2010 "Top 20 Under 40" young professionals by *The State* newspaper.

**Amy Love** '96 of Columbia is deputy executive director of New Carolina — South Carolina's Council on Competitiveness. An English major at Furman and a DLI graduate, she has also worked in Europe for the telecommunications company Deutsche Telekom.

**Guo Suárez** '00 of Greenville is an associate attorney with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. After earning his Furman degree in political science and history, he attended law school at the University of South Carolina. He, too, is a DLI graduate.

in the European Theater during World War II. Upon his return to Greenville he took over management of the family dairy farm. He went on to be selected South Carolina Dairyman of the Year and was appointed to the state Dairy Commission. He later became a property developer and served 10 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He was appointed to the state Department of Social Services board, whose members elected him to serve as chaplain, and also was a Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow.

**Marian Smith Williams** '42, November 23, Greenville.

**Jean Hendricks Farry** '43, October 1, Easley, S.C. She taught at Pickens High School, and after retiring she was active with the Retired Teachers Association, the Round Table Group and the Cannon Memorial Hospital Volunteers.

**Grace Barnett Gambrell** '43, October 1, McCormick, S.C. She was a teacher.

**Margaret Guyton Gartelmann** '43, August 9, Savannah, Ga.

**Owen Lee Koontz** '43, May 20, Port Angeles, Wash. After leaving Furman to enter flight school, he earned his wings and was commissioned to fly missions in North Africa during World War II. He was shot down three times and eventually spent 14 months in a POW camp in Germany. After the war, he went to Communications Officer School and spent 10 years working for the Air Force, developing and installing navigational systems. In 1949 he graduated with honors from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He went on to earn a master's degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University and to work in the aeronautical research lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. After 22 years in the Air Force he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel and moved to San Jose, Calif., where he worked on the Gemini and Apollo space projects at NASA's Ames Research Center until retiring in 1981.

**Joyce Kellett Cook** '44, November 10, Fountain Inn, S.C. She taught voice and served as a church choir director for many years. She was a life member of the Fountain Inn Music Club.

**Luna Edwards Hilliard** '44, October 31, Greer, S.C.

**William Vernon Powers** '44, October 30, Hendersonville, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in Alaska and Okinawa. After the war he returned to Hendersonville and became chief of police in Henderson County, serving for 22 years. He was the first chief of police to be inducted into the North Carolina Law Enforcement Hall of Honor. "Chief," as he was affectionately known, directed the first department in Western North Carolina to use dogs to help solve crimes, and he was instrumental in training the North Carolina National Guard in riot control and crime-solving techniques. He was associated with many civic organizations and served as president of the North Carolina Apple Festival and grand marshal of the King Apple Parade. He was a founding member of the Henderson County Rescue Squad and was inducted into the Hendersonville High School Hall of Fame.

**David Montgomery Jenness** '45, September 22, Greenville. He taught in Furman's Department of Modern Languages and for 40 years was the accountant for Pepsi Hartness International.

**Catherine Fewell McNamara** '46, September 25, Greenville. She was active in community affairs, including the American Diabetes Association and other charitable organizations. She worked in sales at The Open Book.

**Patricia Lupo** '47, October 25, Greensboro, N.C. She was a Spanish teacher and department chair at Walter Hines Page High School. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa honor sorority and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

## DEATHS

**Sallie Mae King Harbin** '29, November 8, Westminster, S.C. She taught in several elementary schools during her 34-year career. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames XVII Century.

**Dorothy DuPre Grimball** '39, October 21, Greenville. She was active in community affairs and was a sustaining member of the Junior League.

**Charles Dorsey Horton** '41, October 3, Statesboro, Ga. After working as a teacher and principal, he earned a doctoral degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and went on to serve as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Georgia.

**John Kern Earle** '42, December 9, Greenville. He worked briefly in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Geological Survey before joining the Army Air Corps and serving as a photo intelligence officer