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WHEN PARADE MAGAZINE named Furman to its “A-List Colleges” in its August 22 issue, it marked another acknowledgment of the university’s growing recognition as one of the nation’s leading institutions.

The *Parade* list was determined by high school counselors, who designated schools they say offer “big-league education” but that often fly under the radar. Furman was one of seven liberal arts colleges listed, along with Colorado College, Kenyon (Ohio), Occidental (California), University of the South (Tennessee), University of Chicago, and Wesleyan (Connecticut). *Parade* praised the schools for “providing students with reading, writing and evaluation skills they can use in any job.”

In addition to *Parade*, the university has received a number of other mentions in recent months:

- Furman was ranked No. 41 among national liberal arts colleges in the 2010 edition of the annual *U.S. News & World Report* college listings. Joining Furman at the 41st spot were Connecticut, Skidmore, Union, and Franklin and Marshall colleges.

Furman was also included on the *U.S. News* list of 25 schools known for their efforts in “Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects,” in which students do “intensive and self-directed research or creative work that results in an original scholarly paper or other product that can be formally presented on or off campus.”

- The Princeton Review called Furman one of the nation’s best undergraduate institutions and featured a profile of the university in the 2010 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 373 Colleges*. The guide ranked the James B. Duke Library 12th among college libraries.

- The Sierra Club ranked Furman among the country’s top 50 eco-friendly universities. Furman was 40th on the fourth annual “Cool Schools” list compiled by the club’s magazine, *Sierra*. The university received high marks in all categories except energy supply, indicating room

for improvement in locating cleaner sources of energy. Furman garnered the highest possible grade (10 points) in energy efficiency.

- For the third consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation recognized Furman as a Tree Campus USA for dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. Furman met five required core standards of tree care and community engagement: establishment of a campus tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, verification of dedicated annual expenditures for the campus tree-care plan, campus

observance of Arbor Day, and the institution of a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

On October 27, Furman was one of six institutions nationwide invited to plant 50 trees through a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree Campus USA program.

- The Bing Travel website included Furman on its list of “Scenic College and Universities.” Other schools on the list included Pepperdine University in California, New York City’s Wagner College, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the University of Colorado.



The Review’s *Guide to 286 Green Colleges* also named Furman one of the nation’s most environmentally responsible colleges.

- *Kiplinger’s* magazine ranked Furman 38th among its “100 Best Values in Private Colleges.” The magazine based its ratings on academic quality and affordability, with quality accounting for two-thirds of an institution’s score.

- *Washington Monthly’s* 2010 “College Guide” listed Furman as one of the top liberal arts colleges in contributing to the public good. Furman was ranked 40th among 252 liberal arts colleges that are considered “service-oriented” and meet “public obligations in the areas of research, service, and social mobility.”