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April Andrew has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Germany in 2010-11. She will spend the academic year at a high school in Lower Saxony, where she will teach and work as a private tutor. The Fulbright is the United States' flagship international educational exchange program.

Jason William Ethridge received an assistantship to support graduate study beginning this fall toward a master's degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Maryland. This summer he was invited to spend five weeks in Hancock, Maine, at the Pierre Monteux Orchestra festival, where he presented weekly concerts as a conductor and orchestra member.

Katherine Schichtel directed this summer's leadership program of the Lakeland (Fla.) Economic Development

Council, which serves as an introduction to Lakeland for local interns and new hires. This fall she plans to begin studying for a master's degree in healthcare administration at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Cameron Tommey received a \$35,000 Compton Mentor Fellowship to conduct a yearlong research project on sustainability and reforestation in Guatemala. The fellowship is the nation's premiere postgraduate award in sustainability. He is the fifth Furman student to be named a Compton Mentor Fellow since 2007.

MARRIAGE: Katie Fairman and Phillip Garrott, May 14. They have moved to Suzhou, China, where they teach English at Soochow University.

DEATHS

Ruby Berry Brabham '33, May 16, Allendale, S.C. She taught school for more than 33 years.

Dorothy Chase Smith '38, April 17, Chester, S.C. She taught elementary school in South Carolina for 39 years. A talented vocalist and sponsor of the Chester Little Theater, she was active in the Chester Education Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Genealogy Society.

William J. McLeod '40, May 8, Dillon, S.C. After graduating from law school in 1942, he entered active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, serving until 1946. He joined the National Guard in 1949 and was called to active duty during the Korean War. He retired as a brigadier general in 1975. He began the practice of law in Dillon in 1946 and continued to practice

until his election as a family court judge in 1978. He also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1966 to 1978, where he was vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and a member of the General Joint Conference Committee, among other appointments. Active in Dillon civic affairs, he served as city recorder, president of the county board of education, and as a member of the hospital advisory board and library board. He was Citizen of the Year in 1978 and Dillon County Veteran of the Year in 2006.

Jack L. Bloom '41, May 8, Greenville. He served in the military during World War II and retired from the Army Reserves with the rank of colonel. He was an attorney and had a private practice in Greenville for more than 50 years.

A. Harold Cole '41, March 29, Lexington, S.C. He was elected general secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist

CENTRAL MISSOURI TAPS AMBROSE AS PRESIDENT

CHUCK AMBROSE '83, president of North Carolina's Pfeiffer University since 1998, has been named president of the University of Central Missouri. He was scheduled to assume his new position August 1.



In announcing the appointment, UCM board president Richard Phillips described Ambrose as "a very astute and effective leader. He will bring 12 years of successful experience as a university president to this campus."

Said Ambrose, "It is with incredible personal and professional enthusiasm that my family and I receive the invitation to become part of the University of Central Missouri family. The university's mission was well represented in the commitment of everyone we met throughout the search process."

UCM, located in Warrensburg, was founded in 1871 and has approximately 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

At Pfeiffer, a private university affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Ambrose was a passionate advocate for the institution's emphasis on preparing servant leaders for lifelong learning. Under his direction Pfeiffer's enrollment almost doubled, operating revenues grew by nearly 90 percent, annual support doubled and the university implemented service learning programs across the curriculum. Pfeiffer has received extensive state and national recognition for its service efforts, including the U.S. Presidential Honor Roll for Service Award four consecutive years.

As for his new position, Ambrose says that he is prepared to deal with any problems caused by the recent economic downturn, adding that all institutions of higher learning have been affected by the country's financial hardships.

"We may have different pieces to move around," he told the *Sedalia Democrat*, "but the bottom line has to be a commitment to being good stewards with the resources we do have to provide a quality education for a growing number of students."

Ambrose, a past chair of the President's Council for NCAA Division II, earned his Furman degree in sociology and went on to receive his doctorate from the University of Georgia. He was for a brief time director of the Paladin Club, Furman's athletic fundraising arm, and has also held senior administrative appointments at Western Carolina University and Carson-Newman College. Furman presented him its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.

In 2003 he and his wife, Kristen Allen Ambrose '83, completed a 1,000-mile bicycle ride along the East Coast that raised more than \$200,000 to fight breast cancer, of which Kris is a survivor.