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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SET

Furman’s Alumni Office and the Office of Admission have always had a good working relationship. The Admission staff pays close attention to applicants recommended by alumni and reviews all legacy applicants — students whose parents or grandparents are alumni — with special care.

Now the two offices have teamed to develop a scholarship program for legacy students who are accepted to Furman. The scholarship, worth $5,000, will be available to each accepted legacy student beginning with this fall’s Class of 2014. There are two stipulations: The student must be the child or grandchild of an alumnus or alumna, and the award is not “stackable,” which means that if the student is already receiving at least $5,000 in aid from Furman, the scholarship does not apply.

Figures compiled by the Office of Admission confirm that legacies are traditionally strong achievers at Furman and are highly competitive in the overall application pool, no doubt because of their exceptional ancestry.

Furman believes legacy students bring unique and desirable qualities to the university. It is hoped that the legacy scholarship program will help the university continue to foster strong relationships with alumni and their students.

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Arthur Norwood “Woody” Dickerson, Jr. ’69, October 9, Cayce, S.C. He was a retired federal probation officer (sentencing specialist). He served as a juvenile probation officer in Orangeburg, S.C., for nine years before moving to the Columbia area.

Laura Jean Block Michael ’70, May 11, Chicago Heights, Ill. She was a library paraprofessional for Garfield Elementary School and Bloom Township High School.

Russell O. Winters ’70, August 24, Easley, S.C. He was retired from Ryobi as a marketing manager. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Clinton Walter Kersey, Jr. ’71, September 19, Gaithersburg, Md. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and was former assistant pastor of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

Paul L. Vincent ’71, September 2, Shelby, N.C. An artist, he was known for his botanical watercolors and fabric collage portraits. His most recent exhibit of spring flowers was at the Blue Spiral Gallery in Asheville, N.C., which, with the Hanson Gallery in Knoxville, Tenn., was the main gallery that featured his work.

Troy L. Tyson ’73, September 5, Belvedere, S.C. He served in Christian ministry for many years in Florida, Georgia, Texas and South Carolina, and at the time of his death was transition pastor at Berlin Baptist Church in Wagener, S.C.

Margaret Parks, M.A. ’74, September 6, Greenville. She retired in 1981 after teaching English at Greenville High School for 28 years. She was a longtime director of Camp Burgess Glen in Cedar Mountain, N.C., and was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, the honorary organization of women educators.

Elizabeth Kerstetter, M.A. ’76, August 24, Omaha, Neb. She taught at Armstrong Elementary in Greenville for 31 years and was known for her work with underprivileged children. After she retired from day-to-day employment, she continued to work as a tutor.

Gail Wilie Whitmire ’76, October 6, Greenville. She was owner of Gail W. Whitmire CPA.

Kenneth Franklyn Ellington III, M.A. ’78, October 27, Goshen, N.C. He was a music educator and served as associate director of arts education and student activities with the Cumberland County School System in Fayetteville, N.C. He went on to work with music companies in Indiana, Florida and Utah. Since early 2009 he had worked for Buffet Crampon USA Inc. He was active as a program evaluator, festival/contest adjudicator, guest conductor, string clinician, consultant to instrumental music programs, and clinician for numerous teacher workshops on orchestra program development and implementation.

Robert G. McDonald, Jr., M.A. ’84, October 24, Liberty, S.C. He was on the faculty of Southern Wesleyan University for 20 years, prior to which he taught at the University of Georgia, served as campus administrator at Connie Maxwell Children’s Home and worked as program director at The Coastal Center for Mentally Challenged Children and Adults. He was a professor emeritus at Southern Wesleyan.

Bryan Keith Holt ’86, November 12, Orlando, Fla. He was a longtime employee of IBM.

Robin Dale McDaris ’89, October 8, Greer, S.C. He formerly worked with Eastern Industrial Supplies.

David DeWitt Wilson ’90, October 13, Piedmont, S.C. He was a computer analyst with Resurgent Capita Services and was formerly employed with Wangner Corporation.