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## McCONNELL, 3 OTHER ALUMS JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Mike McConnell**, former Director of National Intelligence, was one of four alumni who joined the Furman board of trustees July 1.

McConnell, a native of Greenville and a 1966 Furman graduate, served as DNI under President George W. Bush. A U.S. Navy veteran and former top intelligence officer for the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, he is now a senior vice president with Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.

The other new trustees, who were announced after the board's spring meeting in April, are David L. Hauser of Cramerton, N.C., Robert E. Hill, Jr., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., and Carl F. Kohrt of Powell, Ohio.

Hauser, a 1973 Furman graduate, is group vice president and chief financial officer of Duke Energy Company in Charlotte. Hill, who graduated in 1983, is president and chief executive officer of Acosta Sales and Marketing Company in Jacksonville, Fla. Kohrt, a former chair of the board and a 1965 graduate, is the retired president and CEO of Battelle in Columbus, Ohio. He received an honorary degree from the university last spring.

Emilyn Sanders of Greenville and Charles H. Townes '35 of Berkeley, Calif., have been granted status as emeritus members of the board.

**Charles T. Goodson '58**, May 1, West Columbia, S.C. He was a retired general thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon. After graduating from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 1963, he completed a rotating internship and general surgery residency at Spartanburg (S.C.) General Hospital and then completed a thoracic and cardiovascular surgery residency at MUSC. He was a surgeon in the U.S. Army for two years, one of them in Vietnam. From 1971 until retiring in 1999 he practiced general, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery in the Midlands of South Carolina. He was a member of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, a diplomat of the American Board of Bariatric Medicine, and a member of the American Society of Aesthetic Mesotherapy.

**John R. McKinney '61**, April 30, Greenville. He was a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman aboard the USS Bennington from 1955 to 1959. He went on to work for (Texize) Dow Brands in Mauldin, S.C., retiring as a distribution manager.

**Charles Robert "Robbie" Sharp '62**, April 11, Dawsonville, Ga. He built and flew ultralight airplanes and was an entrepreneur whose most recent venture was Sharp Signs in Dawsonville.

**Randolph "Randy" Jennings Griffith '64**, May 21, Asheville, N.C. He was a minister and author.

**Raymond Erl Campbell '66**, May 10, Greenville. He spent more than 30 years in the banking business with the former Peoples National Bank, Southern Bank & Trust and Summit National Bank. He was a past member of the board of directors of Samaritan House in Greenville and was a U.S. Army veteran.

**Eula Mae Roaden, M.A. '66**, April 11, Greenville. She taught at Grove and Northwood elementary schools and was a reading specialist at Travelers Rest and Gateway elementary schools, all in Greenville County. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority, the international honorary society for women educators.

**Rance Claxton Cobb '71**, April 19, Gaffney, S.C. He retired as principal of the school at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, S.C., and was most recently employed by the Cherokee County (S.C.) School District as a principal at Cherokee Community Learning Center. He was also a board member of Lakelands Federal Credit Union.

**Nancy Catherine Hamby '71**, April 19, Greenville. She was employed with the Greenville County Department of Social Services for 34 years, working with adoptions, child protective services and adult protective services. She retired in 2005.

**Alva Eugenia Lee Kennedy '73**, January 6, Dallas, Texas.

**Edwin Jerry Massengale '76**, March 11, Greenville. He worked in civil service for 31 years.

**William Bruce Posey '77** and **David Mapp Sloan '77**, May 16. They were killed in an automobile accident in Wilkes County, Ga. Billy Posey was a resident of Columbia, S.C. He was employed by J.P. Morgan Chase and had formerly worked with Nissan Motor Corp. David Sloan lived in Providence, N.C., and was an ophthalmologist in nearby Danville, Va. He was a member of the Christian Ophthalmology Society and the Boy Scouts of America and served on the Medical Ethics Committee at Danville Regional Medical Center. He practiced ophthalmology in New Hampshire at Pease Air Force Base, where he carried the rank of major and was awarded the Meritorious Service

Medal. He was a medical missionary to Mexico and Pakistan and was substitute organist at Mount Hermon Baptist Church.

**Rachel "Mamoo" Harbin Holliday '79**, April 5, Belton, S.C. She was a retired engineer with BellSouth. A talented singer, she was deeply involved in church missions work.

**John W. "J.R." King, Jr., MBA '81**, March 30, Lexington, S.C. He started his military career as a medic in the U.S. Air Force, then attended Western Michigan University and entered the U.S. Army Infantry. During his career he taught in the ROTC program at Furman. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after 25 years of service. He was then employed as the commissary branch manager for the South Carolina Department of Corrections for 11 years. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

**John Phillip Allen '84**, March 30, Greenville. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam and was employed in the Department of Facilities Services at Furman.

**Tara Sue Taggart '88**, April 2, Blythe-wood, S.C. She graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993. She worked with the South Carolina Department of Appellate Defense, the state Guardian Ad Litem program, and in private practice in criminal defense. She was also an animal protection activist and worked to establish the Cotton Branch Animal Sanctuary.

**Jennifer Lynn "Jenn" Stefanik '94**, March 28, Smyrna, Ga. She was a special education teacher with the Clayton County (Ga.) School System and at the time of her death was employed in Cobb County as a second-grade teacher at Russell Elementary School. She participated in mission trips to Russia and South America, was active in Junior League and was a volunteer with many local organizations.