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## Furman Engaged!

Research presentations. Panel discussions. Artistic creativity. Study abroad activities. Service learning. On Friday, April 3, the campus took a day off from classes to celebrate engaged learning in its many forms. From the Townes Science Center to the Theatre, and at points beyond and between, Furman Engaged! recognized the impact of engaged learning across the curriculum through an assortment of student exhibits, presentations and performances. All this, and an international food festival to boot. Photos by Jeremy Fleming.



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Trustee Frank Shaw '61 and his wife, Susan, have made a \$1 million gift to the university that will primarily support a scholarship fund they established in 1995.

The majority of the bequest will go to the Etheridge Scholarship Fund, which honors Susan Shaw's parents, Ernesteen and Victor Etheridge. Portions of the gift will also go toward a library fund supporting book collections.

The Shaws are residents of Dawsonville, Ga. Frank is owner and chief executive officer of Shaw Executive Services, Inc., and Canton Convalescent Center, Inc., long-term health care companies. Susan is a member of Furman's Advisory Council, and both are active in the Richard Furman Society and the Partners Scholarship Program.

With the gift the Shaws have committed more than \$2.8 million to Furman, including a naming gift for Shaw Hall, the primary meeting space in the Younts Conference Center.

In a joint statement, the Shaws said that "Furman matters to us because of what it does today to produce talented young men and women and instill in them a sense of purpose. It was important to us to make this commitment now, to signal how worthy Furman is for support even during these trying times."

President David Shi said, "This generous commitment couldn't have come at a better time. Over many years the Shaws' extraordinary generosity has had a transformational effect on Furman, and this latest gift will help ensure Furman's future. Their bequest is symbolic of the steadfast support we're continuing to see from our alumni and friends."