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Two members of the Class of 2010 were recognized this spring with prestigious national scholarships.

Ben Able, a Saluda, S.C., native, was named a Truman Scholar — one of 60 students from across the nation selected from 601 candidates nominated by 289 institutions. The scholarships provide up to \$30,000 for graduate study and go to students who excel academically and are committed to careers in public service.

Able, a political science major, will serve as the 2009-10 president of the Association of Furman Students. He is a John D. Hollingsworth Scholar, a Student Advance Team member of the Riley Institute and a Wilkins Fellow in State Legislative Affairs. He is Furman's 19th Truman Scholar since 1981, which puts the university among the nation's top liberal arts colleges in the number of awards it has won.

The Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation was established in 1975 as the official federal memorial to honor the nation's 33rd president.

Christopher Turlington, a chemistry major from Horse Shoe, N.C., was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship for 2009-10 by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. He is one of 278 students chosen from 1,097 nominees nationwide.

The scholarships are worth a maximum of \$7,500 per year. Christopher's brother, Mark Turlington '06, also received a Goldwater as a Furman undergraduate.

The scholarship program honors the late senator from Arizona and is designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater is considered the premier undergraduate award in these fields.



PAC gets an upgrade

Spring semester brought about the completion of renovations to the 35-year-old Herman W. Lay Physical Activities Center. The PAC now boasts a two-story fitness center featuring glass walls and upgraded equipment and weights; refurbished looks for the gymnasium, pool, dance studio and locker rooms; and expanded classroom and office space.

Bill Pierce, head of the Department of Health and Exercise Science, says, "We are absolutely thrilled that we can provide a comprehensive fitness facility for our students, faculty and staff. Few schools (if any) our size offer such an extensive fitness training facility." Photos by Jeremy Fleming.

