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The Furman Alumni Association strives to provide support, guidance and leadership to the university by offering opinions and counsel, participating in campus activities, supporting the university’s fundraising efforts and promoting Furman whenever possible.

That’s the ideal, in a nutshell, for today’s Alumni Association, approximately 25,000 strong.

And things haven’t really changed that much over the years, as the statement below suggests. It is taken from the Furman Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws, dated May 23, 1928, and published in *The Furman Bulletin* (precursor to the magazine) of October 1942.

At the time the statement was written Furman had yet to coordinate with Greenville Woman’s College and was still all-male, which explains the references to “sons of Furman.”

Over the years the by-laws and constitution have seen their share of revisions, but after almost 80 years, the sentiments expressed here still resonate. Published under the title “Our Creed,” the statement reads, in part:

■ **We believe** in Furman University, its glorious history, its present efficiency, and its future promise.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman is solemnly obligated to use his utmost influence in the support of the institution and the promotions of its interests.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman should on all available occasions say a good word for his Alma Mater and the work she is doing.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman should exert himself actively to enlist able and promising students of good character and worthy ambition annually for his Alma Mater.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman should put his Alma Mater in his annual budget of gifts as the beneficiary of a reasonable amount of his benevolences.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman is obligated to enlist other benevolent people in the financial support of his Alma Mater. The supreme problem of Furman in the future is financial, and the active support of her sons is her chief hope.

■ **We believe** every son of Furman is obligated to keep in constant touch with his Alma Mater and the Alumni Association, giving to those charged with the conduct and administration of the institution his sympathy, his advice, his encouragement, and his constructive criticism.

■ **We believe** that the sons of Furman by their united support in the ways mentioned above and in other ways that may be open to them are able to keep our beloved institution in the forefront of educational progress and service throughout all the years to come.

Alumni director Tom Triplitt ’76 says, “Other than revising the language to include both men and women, I’m not sure I’d change much of anything. I think the essential message is timeless. It rings as true today as it did in 1928 as to how we hope alumni feel about Furman.”

