2000 GRAD NAMED MISS SOUTH CAROLINA

It didn’t take long for Heather Hudson to learn what her first job would be after graduating from Furman.

On July 9, just six weeks after receiving her Furman degree in vocal performance, she was crowned Miss South Carolina. Hudson, who was Miss Tigertown in the state pageant, will travel to Atlantic City in October to take her shot at the Miss America title. The finals will be held October 14 and aired on ABC.

The state title provides Hudson much more than a chance at the fame and experience the big prize brings. It comes with a $20,000 scholarship and the opportunity to travel the state (and perhaps the country) over the next year promoting a program called “America’s Promise — the Alliance for Today’s Youth.” Hudson chose the program, which was founded by Gen. Colin Powell and is designed to provide children the fundamentals they need to make positive choices in life, as her public service platform.

A former South Carolina Junior Miss, Hudson sang the Italian love song “Con Te Partiro” (“Time to Say Goodbye”), by Francesco Sartori and Lucio Quaratotto, in the talent competition. Valedictorian of her high school class, she was a Herring Scholar, Palmetto Fellow and Coca-Cola Scholar at Furman.

University. • Jeff J. McGehee has been promoted to branch manager at American Federal Bank in Greenville. • Stephanie Young McGoldrick of Orlando, Fla., is director of corporate wellness programs for the Wellness Institute of Central Florida. • Evan Meltzer of Maitland, Fla., has completed his first year at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College and is president of the school’s M.B.A. Association. He interned this summer in the Global Investment Division at the headquarters of Northern Trust in Chicago, Ill.

• Thomas Phillips, a student at the Medical University of South Carolina, has completed his second year of study and has been elected president of student government. • Matt R. Risman, previously technical services coordinator in computing and information services at Furman, is now project coordinator for NewSouth Communications in Greenville. • Todd Michael Shirley is a certified surgical assistant at the Mayo Clinic and Foundation in Rochester, Minn.

• Steven D. “Wally” Wallace is a programmer/analyst with Jobscope Corporation in Greenville and, with a couple of friends, has begun a juggling club. • MARRIAGES: Jennifer Marie Cox and Charles Roper Jeter, Jr., March 4, Charleston, S.C. They live in Greenville where she is account manager at Maxim Group and he is executive vice president at Union Sports. • Allein Patton Hickman and Stephanie Jo Hogan, May 20. They live in Spartanburg, S.C., where he works with Campus Outreach as campus minister at Wofford College. She is a campus minister with Campus Outreach in Greenville.

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Nathaniel W. Cochran has completed his first year of law school at Mercer University. • Alison J. Cunnold is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology. • Jeffrey W. Deloach of Hinesville, Ga., is pursuing a law degree at the University of Georgia. • John S. Erter has become assistant director of public relations at York College of Pennsylvania.

• Ann Fitz, a paralegal in an Atlanta, Ga., law firm, has begun her first year of law school at Mercer University. • Jonathan M. Kendall is living in Buford, Ga., and attending law school. • Mitchell T. Kizer of Monroe, Mich., is a district sales manager with Kincaid Furniture Company. • Ryan Lewis has completed the first year of a Master of Music program in percussion performance at Florida State University. He is a graduate teaching assistant and an assistant conductor of the FSU Percussion Ensemble. • Scott McMillan is in sales with the Wyatt Seal Company of Charlotte, N.C. • Margaret Slowikowski is pursuing a master’s degree in industrial and organizational psychology at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and working as a legal assistant in the Sandra Y. Benton Law Office in Hixson, Tenn. For the summer, she interned for a recruiting firm in Pittsburgh, Pa. • Kathryn Smith works in religious education in two Dominican Republic villages. • Scott Sokotske, who is working on a Master of Music degree in saxophone performance at Michigan State University, teaches saxophone and clarinet at the Jackson (Mich.) Community Music School. • Katja Wolski is a research assistant in biology at the University of South Florida. She plans to start a Ph.D. program in anatomy at USF this fall. • MARRIAGES: Mary Beth Mitchell and Jonathan Richerson, July 1999. They live in Louisville, Ky., where she is an elementary teacher in the Shelby County Public Schools. • Kathryn Alston Shaw and Robert Boyce Crawford Howell, May 13. They live in Atlanta, Ga. She is employed at Sockt Public Relations and he is president of AquaSur Trading.