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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



I was in the right place. I knew soon after I climbed into that golf cart.

The soft-spoken student who trundled me across campus on my first day at Furman was proof personified: This is where a life of purpose takes shape. During our half-hour ride, my guide told me the history of the university with scholarly precision and measured opinions. He showed me the trees that would soon be replaced for student safety while wondering about all the events, big and small, those leafy giants had witnessed over the decades. He let me in on his stress-relief secret (Disney movies with the sound turned off). And even as he told me he was an introvert, “Hey, man!” and “What’s up?” punctuated our trip when he passed friends.

Critical thought, curiosity, good will, a generous spirit — my golf cart charioteer had it all. And he perfectly embodied Furman.

Since I became the editor of Furman Magazine in December, I’ve had daily reminders — from wandering through stacks of treasures at Special Collections to telling the stories of the English major who leads the e-commerce world and the former park ranger who has helped improve countless lives by championing the area trail system.

It is an awesome privilege to tell the Furman family’s stories.

As the experience unfurls in front of me, let me give special thanks to **Carol Anne Ward ’02**, who stepped in to deftly edit the magazine before I arrived. And, of course, I’m grateful to the entire staff of the University Communications office, who all pushed to make each issue as soaring as you have come to expect.

As I get to know more of you — on campus, online, on the phone — through the journey of each new magazine, I hope you’ll keep in touch and join me on this ride.

Sarita Chourey, Editor

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