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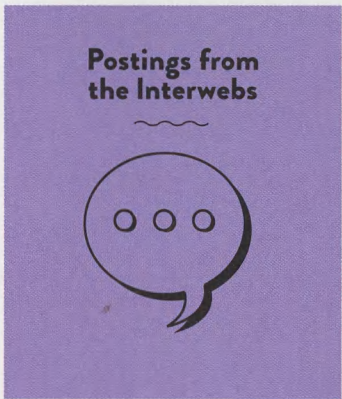
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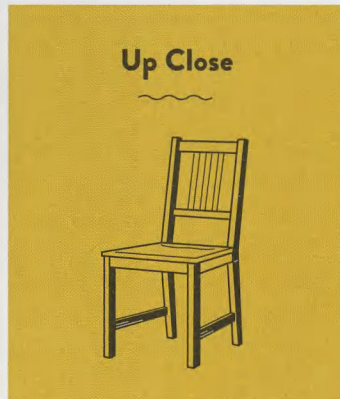
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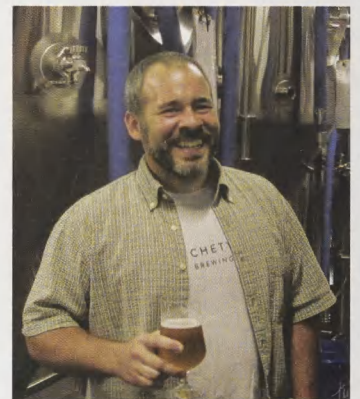
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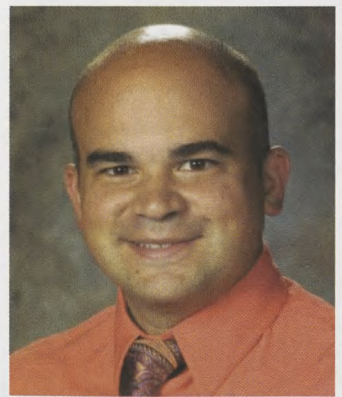
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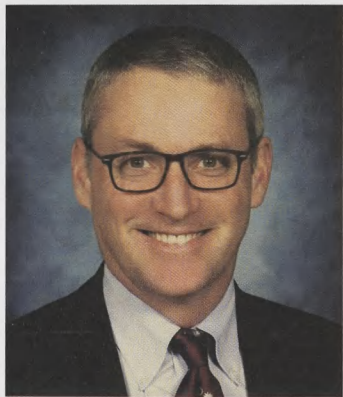
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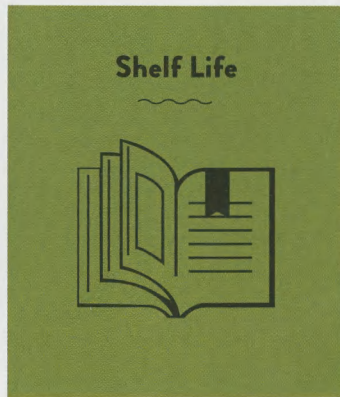
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1972



FRAN SMITH LIGLER was recognized in The Analytical Scientist's "Top 100 Power List for Analytical Chemistry." A panel of judges chose 100 top scientists in the field from a pool of nominations. Ligler, who patented and commercialized 11 biosensor systems, is a professor in the Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. *Read more about her on pg. 27.*

1973



KENNETH L. SHIGLEY received the Traditions of Excellence Award for lifetime achievement at the State Bar of Georgia's annual meeting on June 7, 2019.

1979



TONY MCDADE received The Community Spirit Award, part of the 2019 Charitable Giving Awards co-sponsored by TOWN magazine. *Read more about his work on pages 36-41 and in Scene and Be Seen on page 49.*

1989



THE REV. LEDAYNE MCLEESE POLASKI was named the executive director of MeckMIN, the Metropolitan Interfaith Network of Mecklenburg (N.C.) County.

1991



KEN ROPER was named acting administrator for Pickens County (S.C.) after serving as the county attorney.

1997



AARON WHEELER was listed in The Analytical Scientist's "Top 100 Power List for Analytical Chemistry." A panel of judges chose 100 top scientists in the field from a pool of nominations. Since 2005, he has been the Canada Research Chair of Bioanalytical Chemistry at the University of Toronto.

2000



STEPHANIE GASTON POLEY, a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, was elected to the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. The organization is "dedicated to promoting knowledge, fellowship, and professionalism of its members as they pursue the course of a balanced justice system and represent those in need of a defense in civil lawsuits," according to its website.

2001



DAVID KIMBALL, a business litigator, made Benchmark's 40 & Under Hot List. He represents clients in matters concerning

construction defects and payment claims, breach of contract claims, commercial leasing disputes and creditors' rights. He also has experience in a general counsel role, advising colleges and universities on compliance with Title IX and other federal laws.

2003



BRAD CASANOVA'S brewery, Archetype Brewing, in Asheville, N.C., was invited by Beer Connoisseur to submit beers for a tasting competition.

Archetype made the cover of a special edition about the best beers and breweries of the year and was named #1 in the Saison category and #2 in the Strong Belgian Ales category for 2019.

2010



STEWART KOCH, president of the Furman Advantage Network (FAN) in Nashville, Tenn., was promoted from senior associate to vice president at Diversified Trust, a wealth management firm with more than \$6.5 billion of assets under management.

HOW I GIVE BACK



WALTER GODFREY '16

"I give to enable the continued tradition of academic excellence at Furman, with a vision of the university consistently at the forefront among other liberal arts colleges. Furman provided me with an all-encompassing education, which has given me the tools to succeed in the dynamic business world. I know that music, the academic experiences, social encounters and the depth of a Furman education helped me get to where I am today."



SPECIAL EDITION

EDUCATION LEADERS

As the Department of Education celebrates its centennial, these alumni are excelling and getting noticed in their field.

1972



SANDY TAYLOR became assistant principal of Blue Ridge Middle School in Greer, S.C.

1999



JILLIAN (LINGERFELT) RATTI, who teaches at McMinn County High School in Athens, Tenn., received the 2019 Yale Educator Award. The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who have supported and inspired their students to achieve at high levels. She was also published in "Teaching Language Variation in the Classroom" by Routledge, an academic publisher in the humanities and social sciences.

2000



CHARM EADDY was 2019-2020 Florence (S.C.) District Three Teacher of the Year.

HEATHER RAMSEY was 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Fairforest Elementary School in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District Six.

2001



AMY BAGWELL became principal of West Pelzer Elementary School in Anderson (S.C.) School District One.

DAVID COYNE was hired as a new assistant principal at Westside High School in Anderson, S.C.

GEORGE WARD became an employee relations representative for Greenville County (S.C.) School District.

MELODY WEATHERFORD was named 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Wren High School in Anderson (S.C.) School District One.

2002



NERISSA LEWIS was hired to serve as an assistant superintendent of school leadership for Greenville County (S.C.) Schools.

2003



KELLY NALLEY became an academic specialist for World Language and Innovative Initiatives in the Greenville County (S.C.) Schools.

2004



KAREN GREENE was named principal of Mauldin Middle School in Mauldin, S.C.

CLIFF ROBERTS was chosen to be principal of Crescent High School in Anderson District Three in Iva, S.C.

JASON STAGGS became assistant principal of Mountain View Elementary School in Taylors, S.C.

DELANEY SUTTON was named principal at West Pelzer Elementary School in Anderson (S.C.) School District One.

2005



PAM VARNER was 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Riverside Middle School in Greer, S.C.

2006



AMY GASPARICH was 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Paris Elementary School in Taylors, S.C.

AMY VERGA was 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Blue Ridge Middle School in Greer, S.C.

2007



CINDY YOUSSEF RIYAD graduated with a Ph.D. in education leadership from Clemson University in August of 2019. Her research addressed the presence of core competencies in medical school admissions.

2008



TINA BISHOP was named principal of Eastside High School in Taylors, S.C.

2009



ADAM COMSTOCK became principal of Central Columbia High School in Bloomsburg, Pa.

LEONARD GALLOWAY was hired as principal of Glenview Middle School in Anderson, S.C.

2010



MARY LASHBROOK MATTHEWS PATTERSON was 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Northwood Middle School in Taylors, S.C.

TIFFANY OSBORNE became associate principal of Glenview Middle School in Anderson, S.C.

2012



CASSIE HEINZ was the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Buena Vista Elementary School in Greer, S.C.

JESSICA RICHARDSON MOSES, a Spanish teacher at Travelers Rest (S.C.) High School, was the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.

CHELSEA FORD STEWART was the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Bethel Elementary School in Simpsonville, S.C.

BEN LUDWICK was appointed assistant principal at Blue Ridge High School in Greer, S.C.

2013



MATTHEW CRITELL became principal of Bethel Elementary School in Greenville, S.C.

2014



BRANDDON BENSON became the assistant principal of Partee Elementary School in Gwinnett County, Ga.

MARY BOARTS was named the principal of Belton Honea Path High School in Anderson (S.C.) School District Two.

ANNA HANOR was the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at J.L. Mann High Academy in Greenville County (S.C.) Schools.

CURTIS SMITH became the principal at Robert Anderson Middle School in Anderson, S.C.

2015



AUDREY NEUMANN was named 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Roebuck Elementary School in Spartanburg (S.C.) District Six.

MCKINSEY PAYNE SMITH was selected as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Centerville Elementary School in Anderson (S.C.) School District Five.

2016



MARQUICE CLARK was named principal of Cleveland Academy of Leadership in Spartanburg, S.C.

2017



SAMANTHA LUNSFORD was named 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year at Sterling School in Greenville, S.C.

CANDACE STRICKLAND became the assistant director of J. Harley Bonds Career Center in Greer, S.C.

ERIN WILSON was chosen as the 2019-2020 Greenville County (S.C.) Schools Emerging Teacher of the Year at Bell's Crossing Elementary School.

2018



BOB ANDERSON AND MARGARET CLARK, both teachers in the Greenville County (S.C.) Schools, received the 2018-2019 Childers Education Foundation Teaching Excellence Award from Furman University.

BREE BURNETTE, a teacher at Mary H. Wright Elementary School, was Crystal Apple Induction Teacher of the Year in Spartanburg (S.C.) District Seven.

EDGAR HENSON was named assistant principal of Mauldin (S.C.) Middle School.

ROSS PRUITT was hired as an administrative assistant at Blue Ridge Middle School in Greer, S.C.

2019



KEVIN BRADY became an instructional coach at Riverside Middle School in Anderson (S.C.) School District Four.

ADAM DEVLIN was hired as an administrative assistant at Northwood Middle School in Taylors, S.C. He was also chosen as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year for his work as a teacher at Berea Middle School in Greenville, S.C.

ALANDA POSEY was named assistant principal at Cleveland Academy of Leadership in Spartanburg, S.C.

For Ginger Rothrock '00, science and technology offer many reasons to be hopeful.

The news can be a depressing place when it comes to headlines about the health of the planet, but Rothrock gushes with positive energy when asked if technology can actually save a world under assault from human consumption.

"The data all say we are (destroying the planet), but I think there's a lot of hope in new technology, new science and hopefully new policies that will turn the tide," she says.

You couldn't be a "serial entrepreneur," as Rothrock is described in her company bio, without a bedrock of forward-thinking positivity, but being around cutting-edge ideas literally every day takes the pie-in-the-sky out of her optimism. Rothrock is a principal at HG Ventures, where she works to identify companies with innovations promising enough to warrant corporate investment and partnership.

Rothrock is bullish on the private sector playing a huge role in solving some of our biggest problems, because the new technology earning investment from the company wouldn't get that investment if there wasn't something to it. HG Ventures is an arm of The Heritage Group, which is a conglomerate of companies involved in highway construction and materials, environmental services, energy sales and marketing, and chemical refining. At first glance, that may seem like a sellout for someone whose first job after graduating from Furman with a chemistry degree was



'A DIFFERENT SCALE OF IMPACT'



Scientist-turned-venture-capitalist

Ginger Rothrock '00 explores life on the other side.

BY RON WAGNER '93

at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But, in fact, it's just the opposite.

"Heritage Environmental is the largest private hazardous-waste collection and disposal environmental services firm in the country," she says. "Our portfolio and The Heritage Group company have just an incredible legacy of both innovation and entrepreneurship but also sustainability and really strong core values about improving the planet while being a profitable, sustainable business."

Rothrock had established herself as a successful scientist and entrepreneur in Cary,

North Carolina, when a colleague asked if she'd be interested in trying life on the other side as a venture capitalist. Realizing the potential, she couldn't say no – even if that meant leaving her role as vice president for technology and commercialization at RTI International, where she oversaw the commercialization of a \$1 billion portfolio of research and development at one of the world's largest contract research organizations.

"I just loved the entrepreneurial, new-tech side of things. I saw myself staying there and being the builder and doer of companies and products," Rothrock says. "It

never even occurred to me that I could be on the other side and be an enabler. It's just a different scale of impact."

Rothrock grew up in an entrepreneurial family and knew from a young age she wanted to get into science and be involved in change. A job in research with the EPA resulted in change, but not the way she expected.

"I started working in the government because I was into environmental issues and I thought that was the best way to make change," Rothrock says. "It was both a frustrating and enlightening experience because it was bureaucratic, hierarchical – kind of the opposite of the agile, innovative role that I wanted."

She made it a year before quitting to earn a Ph.D. in polymer and analytical chemistry from the University of North Carolina. After graduation she launched her first company, Liquidia Technologies, in collaboration with a professor. Taking a position as director of emerging technologies with RTI further scratched her innovation itch.

But even then, Rothrock was so focused on her tree she never considered the forest. Now that she has an aerial view at HG Ventures, however, where they partner with companies exploring everything from better electric car batteries to biodegradable lubricants and clothing to cleaning up persistent water micropollutants, there's no going back.

"The opportunity to work with scientific innovators at a scale much greater than I was is incredibly appealing," she says. ♦

2011



PORCHE WARREN ADAMS

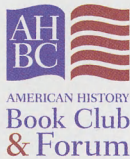
was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, Ga. She earned a master's degree in public health from Mercer University in 2015 and is continuing her medical training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine-Chattanooga in Chattanooga, Tenn.

2012



LATISHA MITCHELL-JOHNSON

became the assistant director of external relations at Georgia State University, Honors College, and will begin doctoral studies in student affairs leadership at the University of Georgia this May.



**AMERICAN HISTORY BOOK CLUB
AWARD WINNERS**



Several Furman University education alumnae are this year's recipients of the American History Book Club Kate Huff History Scholars Award. The award was presented to a team of teachers from Sara Collins Elementary School in Greenville, S.C., comprised of **SARAH SHADE '11, M'17, CAROLINE BARRINGTON '12, M'14** and **CARRIE JOHNSON '01, M'03**. They plan to use their award for an educational history-related field trip to Washington, D.C., for fifth-grade students at the school.

WHITNEY BECKER '14, M'16 received the American History Book Club Kate Huff History Scholars Award. Whitney teaches at West View Elementary in Spartanburg, S.C., and plans to use the award to give students the opportunity to travel back in time using Google Cardboard and iPods for Google Expeditions, which will allow them to experience via virtual reality what it was like for people living during the Industrial Revolution.



**BIRTHS AND
ADOPTIONS**



CHRISTEN '01 and Steve Hairston, Olivia, June 28, 2019

COURTNEY '04 and John Cashman, Lucy Eva, Oct. 25, 2018

KEVIN '06 AND KELLY JENKO '06, Audrey, Sept. 10, 2019

IAN '07 AND CAROLYN DUGGAN '09, Margot, July 8, 2019

JENNIFER '07 and Pat McIntyre, Coleman Dobbs, June 11, 2019

AMBER SIMON ROWE '08 AND STEVEN ROWE '08, Palmer Leanne Rowe, July 10, 2019

LAUREN '08 AND GARRETT SCHNEIDER '09, Sarah, Aug. 26, 2019

AMANDA '09 and James Boron, Gregory, July 28, 2019

CHARLOTTE '11 and Zachary Garner, Hadley, July 6, 2019

SARA BETH '13 and Coty Schneider, Jackson Henry, May 3, 2019



MARRIAGES



KATHLEEN PATTERSON EVANS '77 and William Dalton Bilbow Jr., Nov. 3, 2018

BETSY BUTLER '07 and John Capers, June 29, 2019

LAURA WILLIAMS '08 and **COREY SANDERS '14**, Aug. 31, 2019

EMILY WILSON '10 and Steven Schwark, May 11, 2019

AMBER LOCKLEAR '13 and **MARY CATHERINE WILDER '14**, Oct. 20, 2018

ALISON BRESSLER '14 and James Mullen, June 22, 2019

LAUREN CARROZZA '15 and Sam Huffines, Jan. 26, 2019

EVAN HAIGHT '15 and **CHRISTINA BELLINO '15**, June 22, 2019

EMILY STOKES '17 and **2ND LT. CASEY WOOD '18**, April 20, 2019

TYLER KNAUSS '17 and **EMILY BRUMLow '18**, June 29, 2019

JACK HORTON '18 and **CAROLINE REED '18**, June 8, 2019

TYLER KING '19 and **LAURA BRICKLE '19**, May 25, 2019

LaTisha Mitchell '12 was lugging her belongings into Judson Hall before the start of her first year just as Sterling Johnson '11 and his friends were leaving. When the men didn't stop to assist, LaTisha's mother, who was helping her daughter move in, was quick to voice her displeasure.

"My mom is very outspoken. She saw these big guys walking out of the dorm. She expected them to stop and help," LaTisha says. "When she said something, I was really embarrassed."

When LaTisha and Sterling saw each other again later that day, Sterling explained why they had not stopped to help the women. They were members of the Paladins football team on their way to practice. And they couldn't be late.

"Although we're gentlemen and wanted to stop, we knew we couldn't. We would have been late, and football coaches don't appreciate that," says Sterling, who majored in sociology.

That move-in day encounter was their first meeting as Furman students. But their very first meeting had occurred during a Furman Diversity Connection event LaTisha had attended as a prospective student. Sterling was there as a Furman student to speak about what it was like to be a Paladin.

After his move-in day apology, Sterling and LaTisha, who created her own major in youth development, continued to say hello.

"She was really shy," he says. "I thought she didn't like me."

The pair spent more time with each other and began dating. But the relationship was off and on. Both moved



A WINDING LOVE STORY



LaTisha Mitchell-Johnson '12 and Sterling Johnson '11

BY CINDY LANDRUM

to Atlanta after graduation. Sterling earned a master's in public administration with a concentration in planning and economic development from Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. LaTisha earned a master's in higher education leadership from Mercer University and then worked in Atlanta before moving to

take a job at the University of San Francisco.

They would see each other again at Sterling's sister's wedding.

"My sister and LaTisha were close, and my sister wanted to invite LaTisha to her wedding," Sterling says. "LaTisha and I had been off and on, and I felt like that time had come and gone. I was trying to be accom-

modating to my sister. It was her day, and I told her whoever she wanted to invite, I was OK with that."

At the wedding, LaTisha and Sterling rekindled the relationship.

They were engaged on the day after his birthday in November 2017. LaTisha had planned a birthday gathering, and Sterling's friends and former teammates were coming into town to celebrate.

Sterling, however, was secretly coordinating the proposal with her family. He hired a photographer to capture it, telling her they would take couples photos.

Three days after they got engaged, LaTisha got a job offer in Atlanta. They married in December of 2018.

Sterling is the Just Opportunity Program Manager for the Partnership for Southern Equity; LaTisha serves as the assistant director of external relations at Georgia State University, Honors College.

Working as a Saturday college tutor and a summer counselor for Furman's Bridges to a Brighter Future influenced her career choice. Bridges is an educational outreach program designed to help students overcome barriers, graduate from high school and enroll in college.

"Working for the Bridges program allowed me to discover where I wanted to be in life," she says.

Sterling says Furman also played a crucial role in his life. "For me, Furman was the place where I experienced a lot of growth. It was a place of challenge. But ultimately, those challenges helped create a better me." ♦



OBITUARIES



OLIVE MERRITT '38.

Aug. 29, 2019, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

TEAGUE HARRIS '40,

Aug. 4, 2019, Austin, Texas

HELEN SCARBOROUGH '42,

July 1, 2019, Charlotte, N.C.

FLORENCE JONES '42,

July 3, 2019, Decatur, Ga.

JOHN REED '43, Aug. 10, 2019,

Columbia, S.C.

EOLINE HORD '44, Sept. 11, 2019,

Kings Mountain, N.C.

MARY FRANCES JONES '44,

July 30, 2019, Asheville, N.C.

ANSELYN MARSHALL '46,

Sept. 26, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

LOUISE DENNIS '47,

July 16, 2019, Henderson, N.C.

T.R. (TED) MACHEN '47,

Aug. 11, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JULIUS BAGGETT '48,

Sept. 18, 2019, McCormick, S.C.

DAVID HIOTT '48, June 1, 2019,

Wilmington, N.C.

MARIAN WEINBERGER '48,

July 27, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

LEWIS PEARSON '49,

Aug. 27, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MARY NODINE '50, June 24, 2019,
Spartanburg, S.C.

EMMETT WRIGHT '50,

Aug. 26, 2019, Charlottesville, Va.

MARILYN MERRITT '51,

June 6, 2019, Easley, S.C.

RUTH SHULL '51, July 3, 2019,

Charleston, S.C.

WILDA KATE LOOMIS '51,

Aug. 12, 2019, Marion, N.C.

CEBELLE THOMPSON '51,

Aug. 23, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

MARGARET HOWELL '51,

Aug. 25, 2019, Clearwater, Fla.

FRANK THOMAS '52,

June 16, 2019, Sumter, S.C.

ROBERT THOMPSON '52,

July 10, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JEAN LAWRIKORE '52,

July 18, 2019, Clemson, S.C.

KATHERINE DEVENNY '53,

June 21, 2019, Piedmont, S.C.

BOBBIE SMITH '53,

Sept. 23, 2019, Lexington, S.C.

NORMAN GILLESPIE '54,

May 29, 2019, Charleston, S.C.

JOAN ALBY '54, July 26, 2019,

Madison, Ga.

HARRY WALDROP '55,

Sept. 17, 2019, Lynchburg, Va.

MARION FOGLE '56,

Sept. 22, 2019, Cordova, S.C.

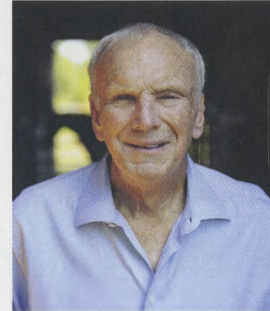
ROBERT FULBRIGHT '56,

June 25, 2019, Waynesville, N.C.

CHARLES MILLER '56,

July 28, 2019, Chapin, S.C.

FAREWELL TO A CHAMPION



SAM WYCHE '66,
1945-2020

SAM WYCHE '66, former head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, died January 2, 2020, of complications from melanoma, in Pickens, South Carolina. Early in his life he joined the Paladin program as a walk-on but ended up serving as Furman's starting quarterback in 1964 and '65, earning All-Southern Conference honors as a senior. Wyche was a member of both Furman and South Carolina Athletic Halls of Fame, as well as the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame. In 2016, Wyche suffered from congestive heart failure, underwent a successful heart transplant and made a full recovery, an experience that inspired him to champion the cause of organ donation.

WILLIAM WALLACE '56,

Aug. 3, 2019, Slidell, La.

EMILY LYNN '57, July 1, 2019,

Greenville, S.C.

CHARLES CLANTON '57,

July 8, 2019, Sumter, S.C.

LEAH BERNI '57, July 27, 2019,

Greenville, S.C.

HIRAM MORGAN '57,

Aug. 2, 2019, Fresno, Calif.

LYNWOOD WILLIAMS '58,

May 31, 2019, Simpsonville, S.C.

JOYCE LAWRIKORE '58,

June 14, 2019, Florence, S.C.

GWENDOLYN HENDRIX '58,

July 17, 2019, Dallastown, Pa.

THEODORE PUSSEY '58,

Aug. 8, 2019, Charlotte, N.C.

DONALD CRESSWELL '59,

June 15, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

JOYLYN LYNCH '59,

July 22, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

DAINEE CHAMBLESS GIBSON '59,

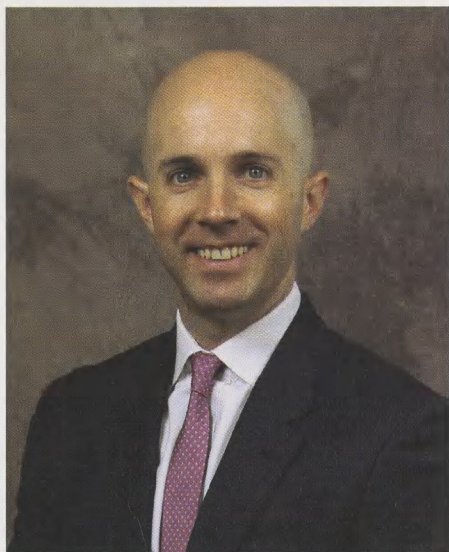
Oct., 6, 2019, Orange, Va.

DAVID MCMANAWAY '60,

Aug. 14, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

LARRY HOWARD '61,

June 15, 2019, Irmo, S.C.



THE ECONOMIC PULSE-TAKER



Mark Cabana '02 helps global investors analyze interest rates.

BY ANDY PETERS '92

The U.S. economy is at a pivotal point. Are we about to enter another recession, or is the economy more likely to continue its current path of steady, albeit slow, growth?

These are the thoughts that occupy Mark Cabana '02 seemingly at all hours, even as he commutes to and from work on the New York City subway. Interest rates – the price paid to borrow money – give essential clues to the direction of the economy and

live at the center of Cabana's professional expertise.

As the head of U.S. interest rates strategy at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, it's his job to collect data and insights from all corners of the global economy, synthesize that information and form opinions on the direction interest rates may move. Institutional investors pay a handsome sum to get inside Cabana's head and know what he's thinking.

It's a place where the 40-year-old Manhattan

resident never thought he would be.

"I've had a very windy road to Wall Street," Cabana says. "I never would have imagined when I was a student at Furman that I would be working on Wall Street. I didn't understand it and I didn't have an interest in it."

After majoring in political science and Asian studies at Furman, Cabana taught English in China for a year while serving in the Peace Corps.

Katherine Kaup, the James B. Duke Professor of Asian Studies, helped steer Cabana toward the cultures and politics of Asia. It was Cabana's time in China that helped trigger his interest in global finance.

"I learned there how much economics matter to people and cultures," he says.

He earned a graduate degree in international economics at Johns Hopkins University. After a nine-year stint at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Cabana joined Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2015.

Cabana writes dozens of reports a year, which are distributed to the bank's clients: mutual funds, insurance companies, pension funds, any organization with billions of dollars to invest. He also travels the world – Europe, Asia and throughout North America – to meet with bank clients to offer his views and glean new findings.

"You're talking to a whole host of people around the world, trying to figure out what their thoughts are," he says.

As for his own views on the economy, Cabana admits it's tricky to analyze the current

situation. Uncertainty over the trade war between the U.S. and China has led to an increase in uncertainty among investors.

While he expects the economy to slow to a below-average pace, Cabana says he does expect the U.S. economy to avoid a recession.

Cabana acknowledges that the ideas and terms used in the world of business and economic news can often seem like inside baseball to the layperson. He offers concepts that everyone should know to help improve their financial literacy:

- Financial markets are all about supply and demand. It really is that simple.
- Financial markets are only a reflection of how economics, politics and culture come together at a single point in time.

"I had always assumed, prior to becoming an economist, that financial markets were greedy and evil and contained things that were not of the utmost integrity. But that's not true," Cabana says. "Financial markets are only where supply and demand meet and where everything is intertwined."

- Finally, read the financial press.

"I find that in a world of extraordinarily biased media on both sides," he says, "the financial press can be one of the most independent and nonbiased sources of information." ♦

Editor's note: This story was completed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fallout that followed.

REGINALD CHRISTOPHER '61.

July 21, 2019, Greer, S.C.

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June 14, 2019, Pendleton, S.C.

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June 30, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

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Aug. 13, 2019, Mauldin, S.C.

FRANCES TURNER WILSON '64.

July 22, 2019, Seneca, S.C.

NANCY GOODWIN '71.

June 13, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

CHARLES SELVEY '71.

June 13, 2019, Corbin, Ky.

WILLIAM MOSER '71.

Aug. 18, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

RUFUS BETHEA '72.

Sept. 1, 2019, Mobile, Ala.

JOHN FRICKS '73.

Aug. 16, 2019, Jacksonville, Fla.

EDITH COX '74.

July 18, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

PAUL BALLOU '79.

Aug. 15, 2019, Columbia, S.C.

ERIC L. ROBERTS '81.

Oct. 16, 2019, Silver Spring, Md.

JEFFREY CRESWELL '84.

July 26, 2019, Greenville, S.C.

CHRISTINE FERGUSON '84.

Sept. 1, 2019, Belton, S.C.

WALTER RICE '86.

July 11, 2019, Columbus, Ga.

SHEILA BOOKOUT '86.

July 29, 2019, Lavonia, Ga.

RYAN ESSEX '98.

Aug. 2, 2019, Greer, S.C.

KRISTIN FOSTER '00.

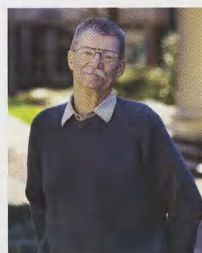
July 18, 2019, Clarksville, Tenn.

JUSTIN CASH '05.

June 14, 2019, Gaffney, S.C.

SAMUEL SPEAR '09.

July 23, 2019, Greenville, S.C.



DAVID REDBURN, professor of sociology emeritus, died September 24, 2019, in Cape Coral, Fla. Redburn joined the Department of Sociology at Furman in 1990, where he served as department chair twice and was known for teaching interdisciplinary courses that helped connect departments that might not have collaborated otherwise. When he retired

in 2013, the David Redburn Award was established in sociology. The yearly acknowledgment goes to a sociology major who has demonstrated outstanding academic promise, leadership and service.



GILBERT WAYNE FAIRBANKS, professor of biology emeritus, died October 30, 2019, in Greenville, S.C. He taught in the Department of Biology at Furman from 1964 to 2000, during which time he was best known for his long tenure as Furman's pre-health adviser. Fairbanks also helped build the Furman chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national

preprofessional honor society, into one of the most active in the country. In 1986, then-governor Dick Riley awarded him the Order of the Palmetto, and in 2000, he received the Alester G. Furman Jr. and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Advising.



THOMAS RAY NANNEY, professor of computer science emeritus, died November 12, 2019, in Greenville, S.C. He joined Furman's chemistry department in 1960 and became the founding chair of the computer science department. He continued to chair the department until 1986. Nanney also served as director of the Computer Center from 1967 to 1973 and was

Furman's first Herman N. Hipp Endowed Professor. He received the Alester G. Furman Jr. and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching in 1981. In 2011, **George '71** and **Fran Smith Ligler '72** honored him through The Furman Standard program.

**RAMÓN FERNANDEZ-RUBIO**

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RAMÓN FERNANDEZ-RUBIO, a professor of modern languages and literatures at Furman from 1970 to 1996, died on November 25, 2019, in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1988, the Cuban-born professor emeritus was awarded the Cervantes Award, given annually to South Carolina's outstanding university professor of Spanish.

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