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**BLACKWELL ALUMNI
SERVICE AWARD**

W. RANDY EADDY '76

W. RANDY EADDY '76, a retired corporate attorney and arts organization executive, legal scholar and civic leader, practiced law for 38 years – including over 20 years as a partner of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP and three years as general counsel and secretary of Unifi, Inc. He retired in 2018 and served two years as president and CEO of The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Eaddy, a 1979 graduate of Harvard Law School, was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

At Furman, he graduated summa cum laude, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Blue Key and the Quaternion Society, and participated in the study away program to England (with studies at Birkbeck College and the Royal Shakespeare Institute). A member of Furman’s Board of Trustees for 22 years, Eaddy was also the university’s first Black trustee, elected in 1992. He has served on the boards of numerous institutions, including: the Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, the Crosby Scholars Community Partnership, the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, the South Carolina Historical Society, the Georgia Legal Services Foundation and the Metropolitan Atlanta United Way.

Eaddy has published numerous articles in legal journals and participated extensively in legal education and academic symposia. His honors and awards include a 2010 induction into the Hall of Fame of Furman’s Department of Politics and International Affairs and the Presidential Award from the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in 1999 for his service to the African American community as an attorney, legal scholar and civic leader. ♦

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HOW I GIVE BACK



ROBIN SULLENS '83

“Many, many people – some known and others unknown to me – gave so that I could be blessed with an education from Furman. Now, it’s my time to contribute to the family of Furman students. I am blessed to participate through my giving in their and Furman’s future. It’s a joy to share. I am twice blessed.”



Lauren Few '06 (right) and Taylor Hollenkamp.

A PROPOSAL UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Lauren Few '06, a psychology major who interned with The Riley Institute and played on the Furman women’s basketball team, hatched her plan to propose to Taylor Hollenkamp with a little help from The New York Times’ call to readers for “gratitude in six words.” Few’s six words? “Will you marry me, Taylor Hollenkamp?” They plan to marry in June.