Sophomore Tucker Erdmann was confused earlier this year when he learned who his mentor for the Furman Advantage Mentoring Pilot Program would be. “I’m a finance and Chinese major,” he said. “Why would they put me with a lawyer? I thought I would be matched with someone who worked in the finance industry.”

But now the Singapore-native, who was matched with Dan Sanders ’86, Vice President and General Counsel at Michelin in Greenville, describes his new friend as “the best mentor I could ever ask for.”

For his part, Sanders is equally impressed with his mentee who he described as “interesting, engaged, easy to communicate with and highly motivated.”

Erdmann was one of 19 sophomores who were matched with local Furman alums as part of the program. It is one of several pilot programs being conducted in Student Life and Academic Affairs this spring that will both inform and pave the way for the development of far-reaching, long-term programs that would help students identify career paths, interests and passions early in their undergraduate careers, giving them more time to cultivate the contacts and experiences needed to launch their post-Furman pursuits.

Led by Sarrin Warfield ’03, assistant director of alumni and parent engagement, staff from the Career Services, Alumni and Undergraduate Research and Internships offices are coordinating the effort.

“The pilot program is designed to provide the mentees with advice on personal growth,” said Warfield. “It encourages them to engage in critical and reflective thinking as well as practice networking skills and receive advice on career topics.” Students and prospective mentors began the process by completing a user profile that collects basic information about education and career interests. Students and alums met for the first time at a mixer in January. After this initial interaction, mentors and mentees committed to meeting once monthly for six months.

Gary Clark ’74, former athletic director, 18-year employee at Furman and one of the pilot mentoring program workgroup members said the initiative could be expanded next year by pairing more students with an off-campus alumni mentor.

Claire Richards ’10, an account executive with B2B Media in Greenville and a mentor in the pilot program, said the initiative allows her to provide support, professional development, and career guidance to a current student. And it helps her remain connected to her alma mater.

“This is my way of giving back to an institution that gave me so much.” — Claire Richards ’10

Richards’ mentee, sophomore Casey Ryan, said the opportunity has helped her to connect to real world professionals that offer lessons beyond the classroom. “It’s the nature of the education that Furman gives you,” said Ryan. “I know I was paired with my mentor by someone who thoughtfully considered what I have to offer and what my mentor has to offer. As a mentee it’s important for me to be open to learning, maybe not what I anticipated learning, but it has been so valuable.”

In developing the program, the mentoring workgroup members studied mentoring programs at Wake Forest, Xavier and Stanford. The first group of mentors were selected among the local Board of Trustees and members of volunteer councils and boards.

While the mentors were hand-paired with students using career and interest profile data, Clark said the program will likely adopt a more analytical approach in the coming years by requiring students to take StrengthsFinder, an assessment tool that is designed to help students discover their top five talents.

Kim Keefer, director of the Shucker Center for Leadership Development, has administered the 30-minute self-assessment questionnaire to students and organizational workshops for years.

Clark said the tool could help students identify possible career paths and interests early in their university career. Moreover, it could be used to pair mentors and students, helping to match students with mentors who have similar learning styles or personalities.

While the returns are early, Warfield said they are very positive. “This project has reaffirmed what I have long known,” said Warfield. “Furman alumni are passionate. They want to reach out and help and are very interested in what our students are doing. And our students are curious. They want different perspectives. The most rewarding part of my job is getting them connected.”

—Colleen Klatt
Article and photo to come
Proposed tobacco-free policy at the University went up in smoke last month when Furman faculty voted to snuff out the measure by a 64-57 vote.

A seven-member committee chaired by Jeff Redderson, associate vice president for facility and campus services, had worked on the proposal intermittently over the past three years. The policy would have prohibited all forms of tobacco and smoke-related products from being used on University property. Along with cigarettes, the ban would have included chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and electronic cigarettes.

In South Carolina, many colleges and universities including Charleston Southern, Converse, Lander, the Medical University of South Carolina, Southern Wesleyan, USC-Upstate, and Clemson have adopted tobacco-free policies. Moreover the movement to ban tobacco use on campus has gained momentum in recent years. Currently, 1,600 colleges and universities in the U.S. have smoke-free policies and over 1,100 of those are fully tobacco free.

So the vote surprised Redderson.

“I never thought it would not pass,” he said. “From our research we learned that many colleges and universities experienced opposition by 15 or 20 percent. So, this was surprising.”

Political Science Professor and Faculty Chair Kate Kaup said some faculty voiced civil liberties concerns and questioned how the policy would have been enforced with campus visitors, including parents and those attending campus concerts.

“There was a feeling that how an individual manages his or her health is their choice and not a choice of the institution,” said Kaup. “There was also a concern about how this would impact our international students, some of whom smoke. We do not want to send a message that they are not welcome. And we do not want to put any student in a situation where they would have to walk off campus, particularly at night to smoke.”

Kaup and Redderson said the proposal was considered by faculty because the existing campus smoking law is classified as a “jacket human resources and faculty” policy. The current policy, which prohibits smoking within 25 feet of buildings entrances and allows students to light up on residence hall balconies, was approved by faculty in 2007.

In making their case, the committee said a campus tobacco ban would have helped to reduce healthcare costs by encouraging members of the University community to kick their tobacco habit. The University has held and will continue to offer free cessation classes. The goal of the policy was to encourage behavior change, and data gathered from other colleges have shown that such policies are effective in reducing tobacco use.

Redderson said faculty concerns that the administration would use the smoking ban as a stepping stone to prohibit other unhealthy habits such as consuming high-calorie snacks and sugary sodas was unwarranted.

“Some people felt that we were going to be over authoritarian with this,” said Redderson. “That was never our intention.”

—John Roberts

A different approach

Saccenti’s active shooter training is being embraced nationwide

December 14, 2012, was a defining moment.

The death of 20 elementary school children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut was when law enforcement officials knew something had to change.

For years, the safety protocol for teachers was to lock the doors, turn off the lights and hide in the corner. During the Sandy Hook tragedy, shooter, Adam Lanza methodically walked the halls and searched several classrooms for victims, turning the gun on himself when officers arrived.

After Sandy Hook, many in the law enforcement community thought there had to be a better way.

Furman Police Chief Tom Saccenti has developed one that is garnering national attention. It’s a protocol that calls for a different approach: potential victims taking the flight to the shooter.

“For years we’ve been teaching people to ball up and wait to die,” said Saccenti. “We prepare people not to ball up. If they aren’t able to safely escape, and the shooter breaches the barricade, then we teach them to fight back to save their lives.”

Since Saccenti developed the Secure-Alert-Fight-Evacuate (SAFE) method two years ago more than 7,500 people have been trained to practice it. Furman police officers have provided regional training to a number of area colleges and universities, including Presbyterian College, North Greenville University, Bob Jones University, and Greenville Technical College.

SAFE has been adopted by the 2,205-member National Association of Campus Safety Administrators (NACSA). Last month, Furman hosted the NACSA and trained approximately 200 higher education safety, officers, municipal law enforcement officials, and K-12 school safety officers from as far away as California to use SAFE.

Later this year, Furman police will be taking the training on the road to locations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

“People are so hungry for this. Agencies are hungry for this,” said Saccenti.

SAFE teaches law enforcement officials, students, faculty and staff the importance of securing their areas, alerting law enforcement, resisting a shooter, and getting away if at all possible. It provides participants with simple techniques to use in active shooter situations, such as how to best barricade a classroom door and how to disorient and disable a shooter.

Saccenti said statistics show that delaying a shooter by two minutes can save as many as five lives while giving law enforcement officials crucial time to respond.

“When there is no other option we teach people to attack,” said Saccenti. “When a shooter meets resistance they often move on.”

Few active shooter programs currently exist and the available programs are expensive, costing hundreds of dollars per person, he said. A key component of Furman’s course is that it is inexpensive. Furman officers consider their training work a service to law enforcement and ask only that their travel related expenses be reimbursed.

“Smaller schools don’t have the financial ability to pay for such expensive training,” said Saccenti. “We want to make sure that everyone who wants this training will be able to take the course and use it.”

Lt. Sheryl Higgins of the Furman University Police Department, a certified SAFE trainer, said the course has helped her to adjust her mindset and prepare her for active shooter situations. Now, she’s sharing that knowledge with others.

“People need to know that they can defend themselves and others. People have been trained to sit and wait, thinking that help is coming,” Higgins said.

“You do not need to be a sitting duck. You can do something. Teaching this class empowers people to take control of an active shooter situation.”

Larry Mulhall, chief of campus police at Presbyterian College, invited Saccenti to provide SAFE training to college leaders, including the president and vice presidents in January.

The program received such a positive response that Mulhall began a training program for all faculty and staff as well as student athletes and resident assistants this semester. More students will take the SAFE training in the coming months.

Mulhall said he’s received lots of positive feedback.

“People tell me now they know what to do in this situation. They know the best ways to secure their environments, to barricade doors. It’s been very well received,” he said.

Even for universities who have their own programs, the SAFE program has provided fresh knowledge. Coastal Carolina University, for example, incorporated a portion of Furman’s course into its training presentation.

Brandon Hernandez and Tyonne Hallett, patrol officers at Mississippi State University, traveled to Furman to attend the NACSA conference.

“It really opens your eyes,” said Hernandez. “This is something very useful that we’ll be able to take back to present to our chief and see how we may be able to implement these ideas on our campus.”

—Erikah Haavie
Art
Sarah Archino published "New York, Joachim and Children's Art" in the anthology "Utopia: The Ascent-Garde, Modernism and Possible Life" and wrote the main exhibition catalogue essay for the upcoming show Marcel Duchamp - Dada and Neodada at the Museo Comunale di Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Ascona, Switzerland. Archino presented on parallactic and semantic reading of Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell at the College Art Association Conference. Archino co-curated the latest exhibition from the Andor Project, "Pacific Binaryls," at artdgerepor.com and published a reviewed, creative archive of the project with the VASA Journal on Images and Culture. Terri Bright's work was included in the exhibition "Punctum" at the Photo Center NW in Seattle, Washington in November and December 2015. The exhibition was juried by Juli Dolan of the Portland Art Museum. In October and November, Bright's work was exhibited in Atlanta at the AGP gallery and at the Multiple Exposures Gallery in Alexandria, Virginia. In February, Bright was included in the four-person exhibition "Freshflash:Photographs" at Indiana University Center of Art & Design. Bright's monograph, Sonnets, was published in March by Flash Povert Books.

Chemistry
Tim Hanks spent a month in Australia with support from a Fulbright Student Faculty Grant award conducting research, attending a symposium on electrocatalysts and laying the groundwork for a new student exchange program between Australia and the state of South Carolina. Hanks presented a talk titled "Aesthetics of Algarve: Polymeric Ionomeric Composites for Biomedical Applications" at the Smart Coatings Conference in Orlando in February. Greg Springer was named as one of four Theme Leaders for the Center for Chemical Evolution (CCE), a $30 million collaboration studying the chemical origins of life. The CCE was recently renewed by combined National Science Foundation and NASA funding to continue these research efforts through 2021.


Education
Paul Thomas co-edited with Matthew Strieher-Nakul Murakami Challenging Authors (Sense, 2016) and co-authored with Michael Svec a chapter in Working in Class (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

English
Margaret Oakes has been appointed to the new position of director of writing programs at Furman. Oakes will be responsible for developing programs and courses that support writing for both faculty and students, including oversight of the writing center, the Writing and Media Lab, the First Year Writing Seminars, and the new WR GER designation. Oakes' commitments include English major, Cory Bailey, Erin Meller, and Shannon Young, to the International Convention of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary society. Young was first prize and the other students received honorable mention. Willard Pate's photographs are featured on the cover and in an article included in Five Points, a journal of literature and art published by Georgia State University in Atlanta. Milkweed Editions (Minneapolis, Minnesota) published a new book of essays by Joni Tevis titled The World Is On Fire: Scrap, Treasure, and Songs of Apocalypse.

History
Tim Fehler's article "Amur’s Geografie and the Entwicklungs- und Untersuchungswerkzeuge in und zwischen reformierter Edelgemeinden" was published in Arnold Bindeknecht (ed.), Praktiken der Frühen Neuzeit. Akteure – Handlungen – Praktiken der Frühen Neuzeit. ACTeasre – Handlungen – Akteure (Cologne: Bikhau, 2016) has been selected to be included in an upcoming volume, Financial Literacy and the Limits of Financial Decision-Making. The volume will include over 20 papers that have been previously published in the Journal of Financial Services Marketing. Jeanine Stratton's article with Ade Fagbemiro and Gordon Fossel, titled "The Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility Activities on the Consumer's Purchasing Situation," was published in the Journal of Organizational Behavior. Robert Underwood participated in the Consumer Bankers Association (CBA) Executive Banking School held by Furman. Underwood delivered two keynote presentations: "Strategic Planning in the Banking Industry" and "Segmentation Issues in Banking." Underwood was also a faculty facilitator for the marketing simulation competition. In September, Underwood, along with Thomas Smythe and Accounting, Beth Pontier (psychology), and Sean Hastings, hosted a published article "Adapting Approaches Across Varying Economic and Regulatory Conditions: A Longitudinal Content Analysis in the Mutual Fund Industry," in Journal of Financial Services Marketing.

Math
Doug Rall delivered a paper titled "Total Dominating Sequences in Graphs" at the 16th Workshop on Graph Theory: Colourings, Independence, and Domination held in Skolimka Podgà, Poland, and gave an invited talk at a special session of the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Seattle, Washington. In January, Rall is co-author of three papers that have recently appeared. "Total Version of the Domination Game" in Graphs and Combinatorics, "Total Dominating Sequences in Graphs" in Discrete Mathematics, and "Packing Chromatic Number of Balanced 3-Semigraphs" in Graphs and Combinatorics.

Music
David Gross appeared as soloist with the Greenville Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Maestro Edward Tzikela at the Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat major, Op. 83, by Johannes Brahms, all three performances taking place at the Peace Center Gunther Theater. The concert was recently featured on the classical NPR station's Carolina Live. In February, Gross performed the Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op. 15, by Brahms with the Western Piedmont Symphony under Maestro John Ross. Gross joined William Proulx, Tom and Anna Joiner, and Christopher Hutton for a performance of Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34, by Furman's Sound Quality series. Gross is currently serving as conductor for the Luther College Doran Orchestra Festival in Davenport, Iowa, the Georgia All-State 9th–10th Grade Orchestra in Athens, Georgia, and for Asheville Lyric Opera. Production of Mozart's Magic Flute: Joiner completed his 18th season as Music Director & Conductor of the Hendersonville (NC) Symphony Orchestra, collaborating with guest violinist Violinist Brian Lewis, pianist Ian Tinsley, and the Hendersonville Choic and soprano Izabella Mastro. Mark Kilstofte's sonata for all-student performing ensembles of the Forgotten Past and of the New Amsterdam was performed by saxophonist Xin Gao this fall and by James Barnes at the North American Saxophone Alliance National Conference in Lubbock, Texas. "The Amazing Day" received its New York premiere at the hands of Clara Longstreth and the North American Saxophone Ensemble, featuring saxophonists Xuan Nguyen and Sharon Young. Daniel Koppelman was a featured guest performer at the 50th Annual National Interstate Foreign Language Conference in Charleston.

Politics

Science
Terri Bright's work was included in the exhibition "Punctum" at the Photo Center NW in Seattle, Washington in November and December 2015. The exhibition was juried by Juli Dolan of the Portland Art Museum. In October and November, Bright's work was exhibited in Atlanta at the AGP gallery and at the Multiple Exposures Gallery in Alexandria, Virginia. In February, Bright was included in the four-person exhibition "Freshflash:Photographs" at Indiana University Center of Art & Design. Bright's monograph, Sonnets, was published in March by Flash Povert Books.
Putting the “new” in News

For seven months of planning and creating, the Furman news page debuted March 31. The webpage features news and stories and in an eye-popping and organized format. Potted stories are organized into six categories: alumni, arts & humanities, business & politics, campus & community, science & health, and sustainability. Those wishing to access the page may do so by visiting the “news” link from the Furman Homepage.

The page is patterned after the award-winning Northeastern University and Boston University webpages, said Furman University Communications Director John Roberts. Roberts said he and Associate Director of Digital Marketing Damien Pierce visited with the news staffs at each school in October.

“We took what we liked, discarded what we didn’t and added some new elements that, we think, help to make our page distinctive,” said Roberts. “It’s bold and fresh platform.”

Graphic Designer Lucy Zeiger, Web Programmer Evan Hildreth, and Web Content Publisher Brandis Roberts also played key roles in developing the site. A prominent feature of the news page is a faculty expert page, which includes faculty expert pages that often take the top spot, or the Carolinas, as a focus. Wes is eager to remind students, faculty, and staff that much also remains to be learned—and done—right here on our own campus.

Dr. Dripps, a hydrogeologist who joined the faculty in 2005, has been an energetic champion for innovation in sustainability teaching and practice. He served on the team that drafted “Sustainable Furman,” the University master plan around carbon neutrality and related goals. He helped to found the Environmental Community of Students (ECSO) Engaged Living program and has advised both the Environmental Action Group (EAG) and Greenbelt community. He has at times been a lone voice respectfully but persistently reminding us to “walk the talk” and connecting and creating buy-in on issues around composting, sustainability in residence halls, and bottled water. He finds the hook for students to that they see the relevance of such issues now and into their futures. When asked about priorities in his new role, Wes’ responses follow the theme of asserting Furman’s position as a national leader in sustainability in higher education. Continuing the curricular integration and community partnerships that have become our hallmark, while reconnecting with the imperative that students’ lived experiences also teach sustainability. Wes says he looks forward to bringing his “passion and enthusiasm for sustainability” to the role. No doubt he’ll also bring a collaborative spirit, “roll-up-your-sleeves” work ethic, and skill born of experience.

—Yancy Fouche is the Associate Director of the Shi Center for Sustainability.
New employees

Deborah Allan .......................................................... Tone Student Center
Bergamini Baker ....................................................... Football
Amber Barnett .......................................................... Housing
Margaret Bowyer ...................................................... Financial Services
Danell Bryant ........................................................... Football
Mike Budde ............................................................. Athletics
Chris Burdett .......................................................... Facilities Maintenance
Valentina Bustamante ............................................. Sports Medicine
Javon Choice ........................................................... Purchasing
Kelsie Davis ............................................................. Academic Assistance
Rhonda Davis .......................................................... Housing
Heather Erdmann ...................................................... Child Development Center
Ranell Fauntroy ........................................................ Football
Caleb Farrow ........................................................... Athletics
Richard Hardin .......................................................... Auditorium
Adam Hardee ............................................................ Women's Tennis
Ethan Howard ......................................................... Golf Course Operations
Victoria Irvin ............................................................ Admission
Eamon Keane ......................................................... Auditorium
Judy King ................................................................. Athletics
Jessica Lane ............................................................. Student Office for Access, Resources
Robby Lauer ............................................................ Student Office for Access, Resources
Ryan Mahaffey ........................................................ Golf Course Operations
Augustus Major ....................................................... Golf Course Operations
John Milby ............................................................... Police
Linda Moore ........................................................... Conference and Event Services
Dennis Myers .......................................................... Golf Course Operations
Rebekah Ostrin ........................................................ Library
Anjun Quli ............................................................... Asian Studies
Matthew Rouse ...................................................... Marketing & Public Relations
Cassie Ruffage ........................................................ Continuing Education-OLLI
Jennifer Sides ........................................................ Conference and Event Services
Paul Smith ............................................................... Football
Kirk Turner ............................................................. Visions
Bradley Wentworth ................................................ Facilities Maintenance

Anniversaries

50 Years
Carolyn Sims .......................................................... History

40 Years
Joe Ashley ............................................................. Science Division
Terry Davis ............................................................. Custodial

30 Years
Tim Sorrells ............................................................ Football

25 Years
Sandra Adams ........................................................ Student Health Services
Pam Arison ............................................................... Admission
Van Bennett ............................................................ Systems and Networks
Elaine Cross ............................................................. Development
Sandra Phillas ........................................................ Financial Services
Gary Rogers ............................................................ Facilities Maintenance
Jack Tucker ............................................................. Stockroom Warehouse

20 Years
Carol Ashton .......................................................... Riley Institute
Lori Law ................................................................. Academic Affairs
Lenta Stigall ............................................................ Health Sciences

15 Years
Susan Clark ............................................................ Counseling Center
Gale Goodwin ........................................................ Purchasing
Barbara Green ........................................................ Custodial
Carol Haggard ........................................................ Academic Assistance
Ken portals .............................................................. Athletics Director
Tom Whitaker ........................................................ Facilities Maintenance

10 Years
Cindy Alexander .................................................... President's Office
John Belk ............................................................... Grounds Maintenance
Meredith Burton .................................................... Child Development Center
Dwight Coevington ................................................ Athletics
Cindy Davis ........................................................... Ticket Office
John Gatchell ........................................................ Development
Kay Goodwin ........................................................ Graduate Program
Deb Harper ............................................................. Library
John Kemp .............................................................. Development
George Leventis .................................................... Information Systems
Roger Mahaffey ..................................................... Lakeside Housing
Wayne Meritt ........................................................ Facilities Maintenance
Judy Romano ........................................................ Grants Administration
Judy Rose ............................................................... Financial Services
Lori Schoen ............................................................ Political Science
Lisa Sloan ............................................................. Lakeside Housing
Tim Tagge ............................................................. Facilities Maintenance

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Tori Bouley ........................................................... Custodial
Chris Bridwell ....................................................... Stockroom Warehouse
Allison Brown ........................................................ Admission
Eric Can ............................................................... Cohran Grant
Robert Carson ....................................................... Academic Assistance
Mary Duggan ........................................................ Development
Bruce Fowler ........................................................ Football
Christine Goforth .................................................. Admission
Chris Hamilton ........................................................ Grounds Maintenance
Shon Herrick ........................................................ Development
Kristin Irvin ............................................................ Career Services
Mark Kelly ............................................................. Special Projects
Jimmy Kiser ............................................................ Football
Mark Moehring ........................................................ Football
Lindsey Niedringhaus .......................................... Marketing & Public Relations
Sue Rae ................................................................. Continuing Education-OLLI
Scott Smouse ........................................................ Football

Miracle Hill adopts FUEL program

Miracle Hill Ministries has been providing shelter, food, and hope in the Upstate since 1937. They currently operate homeless shelters, addiction recovery programs, and thrift stores in four upstate counties.

Last fall, the Miracle Hill Greenville Rescue Mission located in downtown Greenville became concerned about some of their residents. They were suffering from conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes. The Rescue Mission wanted to provide more healthful meals but they weren’t sure where to begin.

The non-profit reached out to the Furman Department of Health Sciences and a local dietitian for direction and we knew exactly how to help.

During the past six years, more than 150 Furman employees and spouses have learned an easy, plate-based eating guide called the Furman University Eating Guide (FUEL) plate. Simply fill half of your plate with vegetables and/or fruits, one quarter with whole grains or potatoes, and one quarter with a lean protein source. State of the art assessments of body composition, blood work, and dietary analysis have demonstrated that this plate-based eating guide can improve multiple health components. FUEL participants tend to improve nutrient intake, body composition, and health outcomes associated with chronic disease. It is indeed possible to improve health just one plate at a time.

The Rescue Mission was the perfect facility to implement the FUEL plate. Kitchen staff prepare and plate meals for 150-170 homeless men in the shelter each day.

They currently display large posters of the FUEL plate in the kitchen to guide the staff and in the dining room to educate the community.

The kitchen manager was eager to learn how to read food labels and shop for healthful foods when they have the opportunity to do so. The kitchen staff participated in a healthy cooking challenge workshop where they worked in teams to assemble different portions of the plate with unfamiliar foods.

The kitchen staff has also participated in nutrition education classes. Most of the foods served in the shelter are donated from food recovery programs such as Loaves and Fishes, so the staff must be resourceful and efficient.

Loaves and Fishes was eager to assist the effort by distributing healthful foods to the facility. They are the only food recovery program in Greenville that provides fresh, free, daily deliveries of perishable food to the hungry. Eventually, these efforts may be expanded to assist over 92 similar homeless shelters and food pantries in the area.

In March, Gardening for Good awarded the Rescue Mission with grant funding and the supplies to build four-by-eight-foot raised-bed gardens onsite. The gardens have demonstrated that this plate-based eating guide can improve multiple health components. FUEL participants tend to improve nutrient intake, body composition, and health outcomes associated with chronic disease. It is indeed possible to improve health just one plate at a time.

To learn more about the FUEL program or to volunteer with Miracle Hill, please visit the Live Well Furman Blog at blogs.furman.edu/wellness.

—Yancy Fouché is a lecturer of health sciences and serves as the University’s wellness coordinator.
Continuing Education

Hurry up and wait! That’s been a recent theme in Undergraduate Evening Studies ... and scholarships funded by many who love Furman. Commitments total more than $3.8 million to date.
—Shon Herrick

A one-week program for students transitioning from high school to college, will be June 11–16, bridges Foundations, a four-week, support program for high school students, will be June 17–July 16. Both are residential programs held at Furman University.

Acceptance Corporate, Social Security Draexlmaier, SAGE Automotive, World and others. The Women’s Leadership Hughes Goodman, City of Rock Hill, 19 business leaders from organizations of the Professional Development the senior population, through monthly affect the community, and specifically their community as well as issues that completing its second year. Thirty-three Riley Institute will collaborate again in Charlottesville, Virginia. OLLI and the include 104 courses, eight Lunch and programs held at Furman University.

Marketing & Public Relations

At the February CASE III conference in Nashville, Tennessee, there was a lot of good news for Furman as it placed in six award categories. Furman magazine received CASE’s Grand Award for how the publication has been reimagined and improved from its prior incarnation. Only one university can be chosen for the Grand Award in a CASE category.

The magazine also received an Award of Excellence in the category of editorial design. Up to two universities can be chosen for Awards of Excellence (the other in editorial design went to Duke University.

Furman won a second Award of Excellence for its dynamic 15 for 15 piece, which paired 15 graduating seniors from the Class of 2015 with imaginative photography that represented their passions and paths after Furman. In addition to these awards, the University took home three Special Merit Awards (up to three universities can be singled out for Special Merit). These awards honored the marketing strategies and materials related to Dins Day, a one-day giving marathon that involved the entire Furman community; the portfolio of materials connected to Furman’s inauguration of Elizabeth Davis as its 12th president; and the University’s international student recruitment site, which helps international students engage with, and transition to, the University. Overall, more than 1,000 entries were submitted to CASE this year, making 2016 the most competitive year yet.

Additionally, this past fall, Furman learned that its magazine was the recipient of an Oace Award, given by FOLIO as part of its prestigious competition for mainstream media, which featured such outlets as Time, The New York Times, The Atlantic, and participation is encouraged from all donors, alumni, Trustees, faculty, and staff. The first annual Dins Day was awarded the Case District II Special Merit Award in the category of alumni relations, fund raising project, event, or program. A special thanks to the Marketing & Public Relations Office for submitting this entry with Dins.

The division has hired three new staff members: Martel Calhoun joined the staff April 11 as Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement for Regional Events. Anne Fleming in April began April 1 as the Executive Director of Development Communications and Donor Marketing, and Ford Riddle will join the Communications staff as a Lead Associate Graphic Giving Officer on May 2. We’d like to recognize Communications Director John Roberts for earning his Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration from Columbia College.

—Janis Bandelin

University Libraries

In January, the library began offering a new service making it easier to check out materials. When searching for a physical item in our library collection (print book, DVD, CD), you can click “REQUEST THIS ITEM.” That item is then retrieved from the stacks by library staff and placed on hold for you at the circulation desk at the main, music or science library, depending on your preference. At that point you receive an email notification that the item is ready to be picked up.

The library has just acquired its first incunabulum (15th century book). Published in 1488, it is the first illustrated edition of the Roman poet Horace’s Odes and Epodes. Also, newly added for Furman, is the first book of poetry about the bicycle, published in 1888, has been added to the collection. Both items will be used in teaching classes.

The burning of the Furman Bell Tower, the scarlet fever quarantine of 1906, the May Day pageants of Greenville Woman’s College — all of this and more can be found in the new “Furman Historical Images” digital collection. Spanning 150 years, the collection contains nearly 2,800 photographs and glass plate negatives of Greenville Woman’s College, Furman’s old downtown campus, and the construction of Furman’s current campus. The images have been digitized from materials in Special Collections and Archives. They include detailed descriptions which identify the people, places, and situations of the photographs, and enhance the seamlessness and usability of the collection.

The library is planning to launch several Open Access initiatives including a collaboration with Davidson College and Johnson C. Smith University. Faculty will be offered the opportunity to participate in a paid Open Educational Resources exploration program to identify and review open resources in their discipline.

—Jeff Redderson

Development and Alumni Parent Engagement

A flattened hand with a Furman logo. The Furman Hurry Finance and Business Analytics Lab took place April 1 and was attended by many generous donors, trustees and administrators. The lab will be used by multiple academic departments. Our largest annual donor appreciation event was the Bell Tower Ball, took place April 2 at the TD Center where more than 500 donors, alumni, trustees, administrators, and friends of Furman gathered to celebrate Furman’s success.

A Spring Athletics Festival was held April 2 throughout campus to encourage the community to be more deeply connected with Furman and Furman Athletics. Homecoming will take place November 4-6 with graduating class years ending in 1 and 6 and emphasis on reunions of five, 10 and 20 years.

The 2nd Annual Dins Day is occurring today where the University set a goal to receive 2,000 or more gifts, eclipsing the 1,700 received last year in a single day. Dins Day is a big hit on social media, and participation is encouraged from all donors, alumni, Trustees, faculty, and staff. The first annual Dins Day was awarded the Case District II Special Merit Award in the category of alumni relations, fund raising project, event, or program. A special thanks to the Marketing & Public Relations Office for submitting this entry with Dins.

The division has hired three new staff members: Martel Calhoun joined the staff April 11 as Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement for Regional Events, Anne Fleming in April began April 1 as the Executive Director of Development Communications and Donor Marketing, and Ford Riddle will join the Communications staff as a Lead Associate Graphic Giving Officer on May 2. We’d like to recognize Communications Director John Roberts for earning his Master’s Degree in Higher Education Administration from Columbia College.

—Brendan Tapley

University Police

The members of the Furman Police Department would like to express our gratitude to the students and employees of Furman for the support and understanding they showed to the Jacob family and our law enforcement brothers and sisters as we mourned the loss of our brother Officer Allen Jacobs.

Every agency head in the county has sent us an email commenting on the show of support that our campus displayed as they attended the funeral and procession. On behalf of the law enforcement community, I thank you for all you did.

On May 1, the Furman Police Department will see a change in leadership as David Enter retires and John Milloy assumes the role of Captain. David has been with the police department for over 15 years. Prior to coming to Furman he served as a police officer over investigations with the Greenville County Sheriff’s Department. He holds a master’s degree and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Best of luck in his retirement and welcome John into his new role within the agency.

—Tom Saccanti
In your opinion, what is the most significant Furman-related story of the 2015–16 academic year?

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Summer Flexing
New policy makes allowances for four-day work week

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