FURMAN STUDENT FROM GREENWOOD RECEIVES 2012 TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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GREENVILLE, S.C.—Ben Saul, a Furman University junior from Greenwood, has been named a 2012 Truman Scholar, one of the nation’s highest academic honors.

Saul is one of 54 students from 48 U.S. colleges and universities to receive the highly competitive Truman Scholarship, which is given annually to students who have excelled academically and are committed to careers in public service.

The Truman award provides up to $30,000 for graduate study. A political science major at Furman, Saul plans to pursue a graduate degree in public policy after graduation.

Saul is Furman’s 20th Truman Scholar, which puts the university among the nation’s top liberal arts colleges in the number of awards it has received. Furman has also received the Truman Scholarship Honor Institution Award in recognition of its “exemplary” participation in the program.

A Dean’s List student at Furman, Saul is currently president of the College Democrats and a Student Advance Team member of the Riley Institute at Furman. He has been a special education tutor at Berea Middle School and a member of Men of Distinction, a middle school mentor program. He is also a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

A 2009 graduate of Emerald High School, he is the son of Jan and Dr. Robert Saul of Greenwood.
The 2012 Truman Scholars will assemble May 22 for a leadership development program at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and receive their awards in a special ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., May 27.

The Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the official federal memorial to honor the nation’s 33rd president. The foundation recognizes President Truman’s contributions to the nation, his commitment to public service and his interest in education.

For more information, visit the Truman website at www.truman.gov or call Furman’s News and Media Relations office at 864-294-3107.

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