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## Woodlands at Furman opens

Retirement community state's first university-related senior care facility

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A decade-old vision became a reality Wednesday when Furman University, The Cliffs Communities and Upstate Senior Living Inc. officially opened the Woodlands at Furman. The not-for-profit continuing care retirement community that sits on 23 acres of the university's campus is the first of its kind in the state, Furman President David Shi said at the ribbon cutting.

"The relationship makes so much sense," Shi said, addressing a crowd of Woodlands residents, board members and Furman staff. "After all, as I tell

freshmen on their first day on campus, Furman is all about nurturing in you, 18-year-olds, a commitment to lifelong learning."

To that end, Woodlands offers both senior residences as well as an opportunity for quality continuing education. Shi said it is an extension of Furman's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (formerly Furman University Learning in Retirement), which epitomizes the university's belief in nurturing new ideas throughout life.

The \$55 million multi-use facility offers a range of care options, with the 200-plus residences divided into independent living, assisted living, memory sup-



BART BOATWRIGHT / Staff  
 Furman President David Shi speaks during the ribbon-cutting Wednesday.

port suites and skilled nursing suites.

But the benefits are not just to Woodlands residents, said Woodlands Executive Director Troy Cannaday, but to Furman students as well.

"It's a relationship that will continue to grow and develop," Cannaday said. "I think there's going to be a wonderful give and take, and that's exciting."