



Remembering 9/11



In 2017, the Wofford baseball team visited New York and the National September 11 Monument and Museum. While there, they met a firefighter who was the only one from his station to make it out of the World Trade Center alive. [Read more.](#)

Wofford chef returns to Food Network



Stephan Baity can often be seen jetting from one dining facility to another on the Wofford College campus in a golf cart. Starting Sunday night, the award-winning carving culinarian will be seen by Food Network viewers on the show "Halloween Wars." The show premieres Sept. 13 at 9 p.m. [Read more.](#)

A vacant seat on the bench

Four Wofford College graduates have served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the nation's second highest court. The longest serving justice, the Hon. Clyde Hamilton '56, died on Sept. 2, 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Hamilton took the oath to serve the court in August 1991 by placing his right hand on the Bible given to him by the college at his Commencement. He graduated in 1961 from George Washington University Law School and returned to his hometown of Edgefield, S.C., to practice law. He moved back to Spartanburg in 1963 and practiced for almost 20 years before being appointed as a U.S. district judge for the District of South Carolina by President Ronald Reagan. President George H.W. Bush nominated him for the Fourth Circuit, and he accepted senior status on the bench in 1999.

Other Wofford alumni to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit are Charles Albert Woods (Class of 1872), Dennis Shedd '75 and Henry Floyd '70.

Woods was the college's first prominent jurist. He became president of the South Carolina Bar Association, and the college conferred upon him an honorary doctorate. He also served on Wofford's board of trustees. In 1903, he was elected to a seat on the state supreme court. After 10 years on the state's highest court, Woods was named by President Woodrow Wilson to a seat on the Fourth Circuit; he served until his death in 1925 and at the time was the presiding judge. According to Dr. Phillip Stone '94, college archivist, an item in Woods' file suggests that he was at least considered for an appointment to the U. S. Supreme Court in 1916, an appointment that eventually went to

Louis Brandeis.

The Hon. Dennis Shedd '75 was appointed to the Fourth Circuit in 2002 by President George H.W. Bush after serving as a U.S. district judge since 1990. He received an honorary degree from Wofford during the 2018 Commencement exercises and later that year presented the college's Constitution Day Lecture. He holds degrees from the University of South Carolina School of Law and Georgetown University Law Center. He assumed senior status on the court in 2018.

The Hon. Henry Floyd '70 was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2011 to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. President George W. Bush nominated him in 2003 for his previous seat on the U.S. district court. A graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, Floyd served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1972-78. He has taught classes in Constitutional law at Wofford, and in 2018 he was the guest speaker at the college's Opening Convocation.

Several South Carolina Supreme Court justices have earned Wofford degrees. At one point, three of the five sitting justices were Wofford alumni: the Hon. John Waller '59, the Hon. E.C. Burnett III '64 and the Hon. Costa Pleicones '65, who served as chief justice for a year before his retirement in 2016. The first Wofford graduate to become chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court was the Hon. John G. Stabler '05, who joined the supreme court in 1926 and became chief justice in 1935. The Hon. C. Bruce Littlejohn '34 also served the role in 1984 and 1985.

Terriers connect with Melvin on Today Show



Jacorie McCall '22 rounded up a few Terriers to celebrate his birthday on the Today Show's Virtual Plaza with NBC Anchor and Wofford Trustee Craig Melvin '01. A technical glitch kept them from having a conversation, but America could clearly see the college they represented. Melvin also offered valuable COVID-19 advice to the Terriers.

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