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Wofford students study icy origins of life on Earth



Ellis Parson '26, left, and Dr. Daniel Helman, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies, work together in the soils lab at the Chandler Center for Environmental Studies.

When Ellis Parsons '26 pursued research opportunities this summer, he opted for an experience that would take him out of his comfort zone.

Parsons, an international affairs and history double major from Landrum, South Carolina, chose to work with Dr. Daniel Helman, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies, on a study that could illuminate the beginnings of life on earth.

“It’s outside of my field a little, but I think that is what attracted me to it,” Parsons says. “I was interested in gaining experience in research and challenging myself to go beyond my abilities.”

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One connection leads to another



Joel Gammah '26, left, with Wofford mentors Bill Brasington '89 and Jayme Lee Smith '00 at the Adult Learning Center in Spartanburg.

Joel Gammah '26, a computer science major from Ghana, made a Terrier connection that led to a transformative summer internship thanks to a conversation with Wofford College President Nayef Samhat.

In the spring Gammah was on the guest list for a dinner for international students at the President's Home hosted by Nayef and Prema Samhat. During a conversation with the president, Gammah shared stories of his work as a Bonner Scholar at the Adult Learning Center in Spartanburg. Samhat immediately texted Bill Brasington '89, executive director of the Adult Learning Center, to expand the connection.

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Eckert's landscapes on display at Richardson Family Art Gallery



“Essence of a Moment,” featuring the work of David Eckert, is on exhibit through July 26 at the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. The Richardson Family Art Gallery is open to the public from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 1-7 p.m. Saturday. Eckert, of Asheville, North Carolina, is a landscape painter who works in acrylic on canvas. His paintings are inspired by the natural surroundings of the places he has lived.

A closing reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., July 26 at the gallery.

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Wofford College Alumni Art Exhibition



The Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will be the site of the inaugural Wofford College Alumni Art Exhibition, scheduled for display Sept. 13 through Oct. 27. All alumni are invited to enter up to three pieces of work for consideration. The work must be no larger than 48 inches by 48 inches. The jurors are Jim Hackney '77 and Blake Batten '23.

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WoCo Showtime ready to shine



Fletcher Magee '19 takes aim in The Basketball Tournament.

The Basketball Tournament, a \$1 million, winner-take-all summer basketball event broadcast live on FOX networks, will see the return of **WoCo Showtime**, a Wofford alumni team.

WoCo Showtime, seeded third, will play in the Lexington Regional, with games at Rupp Arena from July 19-23. The team is coached and organized by former Terrier basketball graduate Bobby Perez '18, who is assisted by Travis Viers. The roster includes Keve Aluma '21, Isaiah Bigelow '22, Chevez Goodwin '20, Tray Hollowell '21, Ryan Larson '22, Fletcher Magee '19 and Storm Murphy '21. Spencer Collins '16, B.J. Mack '23 and Howard Wilkerson III '06 have also joined the team along with former ETSU forward Brad Nuckles and Zachary Viera, who attended Auburn University.

The team will hold an open scrimmage at 6:30 p.m., July 17 in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. Admission is free and kids will be invited to shoot with the team at halftime.

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Kai Nitsche '96 leads Dunlop to major ITA partnership



Kai Nitsche '96, Dunlop Sports Americas vice president and general manager, recently announced a major coup for his company. On July 1, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the governing body of college tennis, named Dunlop the official tennis ball of the ITA and college tennis. Additionally, Dunlop will be the exclusive racquet and accessory brand of the ITA, including strings, grips and bags.

“The ITA is not only the home of college tennis but also the home to future leaders in our sport,” Nitsche says. “More student tennis athletes are playing professionally than ever before, with many more going on to become coaches and industry professionals serving future generations. Dunlop is excited to become the official and exclusive partner to the ITA to continue to grow the sport that we love by giving them access to our extensive range of industry-leading products.”

In other news, **Rob Galloway '15**, an ATP Tour pro who is sponsored by Dunlop, won his second doubles title on June 29 at the Mallorca Open.

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Athletics updates

Sixty Terriers make academic all-conference teams.

Record 289 Terriers make academic honor roll.

Three Terriers named All-American scholars.

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