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Not your average classroom



Wofford students are inspired by the resilience of the tooth-billed bowerbird while studying abroad in Australia.

By Daniel Brasington '25

A professor in Australia challenged Wofford students Lilly Bridges '26, Archer Meares '26 and Strom Thurmond '26 to write and publish an article on the conservation of a specific bird species. Getting the article published turned out to be the easy part. (Read their fascinating article “Through Vines and Rain: The Resilient Dance of the Tooth-Billed Bowerbird” at the link below.)

The real challenge was the rain-drenched search for the declining species and the sense of responsibility the trio of Wofford students now carry to help tell the story of the threatened but resilient bird.

“I’d like people to read the article, but the bottom line is that we’re all a part of the same world,

and we fly or fail together,” says Thurmond, a native of Aiken, S.C.

The three biology majors spent the fall semester in Cairns, Australia, studying the ecological patterns and human influences affecting the wet tropics bioregion and the Great Barrier Reef. They have learned how to read the landscape and conduct marine, terrestrial and anthropological fieldwork in a cross-cultural context. Their classroom has been constantly changing, from campsites and forests to the submerged coral cays of the Pacific Ocean.

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Wofford Theatre to perform “The Amateurs”



An intrepid troupe of actors attempts to outrun the Black Death in Noah's ark. The play opens TONIGHT (Thursday, Nov. 7).

By Caroline Martz '25

Wofford Theatre will showcase its fall production, “The Amateurs” by Jordan Harrison, at 7 p.m., Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 13-16. The show is directed by Abigail Dillard, assistant professor of theatre.

“The Amateurs” tells the story of a courageous group of pageant players as they race across medieval Europe to flee the Black Death. They prepare a retelling of Noah's flood in the structure of a play within a play for the Duke of Travo in an attempt to seek shelter from the plague. The performance showcases themes such as survival, faith, art and self-fulfillment, which will resonate across a broad audience.

As the play advances, the plague that the characters are fleeing begins to resemble a more recent plague from the '80s, which Dillard says “will cause today’s audiences to draw personal connections to the crises of our own century.” The recurring theme within the show is the “art of survival,” which is seen as the characters rely on their creative outlets to survive the plague.

Visit Wofford.edu/boxoffice to purchase tickets.

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Wofford to dedicate new military memorial



At 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, the college community will gather to dedicate a new Wofford College United States Military Memorial on campus. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

A few years ago, Wofford graduates and staff military veterans began an effort to establish a memorial on campus to honor Wofford alumni who died while serving on active military duty.

The memorial — which also recognizes the establishment of ROTC on campus and the contributions of all veterans and peacekeepers — is now complete, and the community is invited to a dedication ceremony. **The event will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at the site of the memorial between Main Building and DuPré House.** Parking is available on the horseshoe of Main Building, accessed from Evins Street.

Lt. Gen. Scott Dingle, retired Army surgeon general, is the keynote speaker. The ceremony will include music from the Woodwind Quintet and Bugler, 282nd Army Band, Fort Jackson; the tolling of the college bell and the reading of the names of the fallen; an invocation by U.S.

Army Chaplain Col. Herb Franklin '88; a formation and drill ceremony and presentation of colors. Maj. Jessica Georgi, executive officer with the Department of Defense Health Agency's Veterans Affairs Support Office, will sing the national anthem. Lt. Col. Nicole Dallochio, professor of military science, and President Nayef Samhat also will take part in the dedication ceremony.

A website will soon be available as well to share additional information about the soldiers named in the memorial. Visit [Wofford.edu/militarymemorial](https://wofford.edu/militarymemorial) for more information.

WOFFORD AND USC VETERANS TO GATHER BEFORE FOOTBALL GAME

The University of South Carolina Veterans Alumni Council has invited Wofford military veterans to join a Military Appreciation Tailgate, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23. The tailgate will be held at 1125 George Rogers Blvd., Columbia. Interested veterans should register at the link below.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)

Thursday, Nov. 14 is A Day for Wofford



Join alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends by making a gift in support of A Day for Wofford, a 24-hour giving event to celebrate the collective impact of Terrier generosity. Your gift could unlock thousands of dollars in challenge grants, so please give on Nov. 14. This is a great day to match your philanthropic interests to student needs!

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Athletics updates

Wofford athletics announces 2024 Hall of Fame class.

Kate Markey named to SoCon women's soccer All-Freshman Team.

Women's golf wins Fripp Island Intercollegiate.

Parra, Kent named SoCon Co-Women's Golfers of the Week.

Football earns 17-13 win at Samford.

Women's basketball wins season opener 76-27 over Newberry.

Men's basketball dominates Erskine 112-58 in season opener.

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