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King studied sustainability of southern African ecosystems with Dr. G.R. Davis and Dr. John Moeller in Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The photo won first prize in the Office of International Programs' Interim Photo Contest.

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



Student success is built into everything we do at Wofford College —

from the expectation that students graduate within four years to faculty advising to finding ways to help more students study abroad.

This issue of Wofford Today features some of the ways in which Wofford demonstrates its commitment to student success. You'll find a story on the transformative gift from the Mungos that has made

possible the centralization of high-impact student programs in the Michael S. Brown Village Center. There's a story wrapping up the Terriers' miracle football season and the efforts of so many contributing to the team's incredible successes on and off the field. This issue also includes a story about how Wofford has helped shape the postgraduate scholarship success of generations of students.

Student success leads to graduate success, and Wofford graduates provide proof that we're moving in the right direction. In the class notes section, you'll find alumni success stories. Wofford graduates are doing amazing things — preserving wildlife, starting businesses, leading professional organizations, serving our communities and even competing on game shows and hiking the West Highland Way in Scotland. They're also giving back. The 2016 Advancement Report (see pages 20-23) highlights the generosity and impact of graduates who have decided to show their gratitude to the college by paying it forward to current and future students.

Thank you all for making student success a priority. The world needs more Wofford graduates who are committed to leading meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars.

Go, Terriers!

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» President Samhat agreed to "smooch the pooch" to support Delta Delta Delta and its national philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



IT'S YOUR WORLD. DISCOVER IT.

Sheron Mathew '17, a biology and Spanish major from Spartanburg, spent the fall semester studying politics, social justice and language in Santiago, Chile. His friend, Michal Laszkiewicz, took this photo of him during a backpacking excursion in Patagonia. Mathew wrote of his experience in an IES Abroad blog.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read "Patagucci: a preview of the vale la pena journey" and find a link to Mathew's other entries.



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A. TRAKAS DEBUTS FIRST NOVEL, "MESSENGER FROM MYSTERY"

It took Dr. Deno Trakas 30 years to bring his simmering, riveting, thoughtful story of forbidden love and international intrigue to fruition, so the release of "Messenger from Mystery," a novel set during the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, is particularly sweet. The book is available at the Wofford Bookstore, through local booksellers and Amazon.

B. LIBRARY RECEIVES N.E.H. GRANT FOR PRESERVATION AND DISASTER RECOVERY

Wofford's Sandor Teszler Library has received a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will fund an assessment of archival and special collections and will provide Wofford and library partners from across the Spartanburg community a chance to participate in disaster recovery training.

C. JOHNSON COLLECTION INTERNS BUILD PORTFOLIO OF EXPERIENCE

Jordan Wiseman '17 (right) and Reagan Petty '17 advanced their careers in the arts thanks to internships through the Johnson Collection in downtown Spartanburg. Wiseman served as a marketing intern, while Petty improved her curatorial skills. They both loved their work and plan to continue to pursue careers or further training in the field.

D. MILLER NAMED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Fred Miller has been named chief information officer and associate vice president for information services at Wofford. He is responsible for all information technology services to support students, faculty and staff. Miller came to Wofford from Furman University and before that Illinois Wesleyan University and Berklee College of Music in Boston.

E. ALUMNI ENJOY INTERIM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Wofford professor of mathematics Dr. Ted Monroe led a group of alumni and friends of the college on a visit to South Africa in January. The group spent several days in Johannesburg learning about Nelson Mandela and apartheid, touring an HIV clinic and enjoying the people and food. They also visited Ngala Safari Lodge and Cape Town.

F. BASKETBALL DAD GOES THE DISTANCE

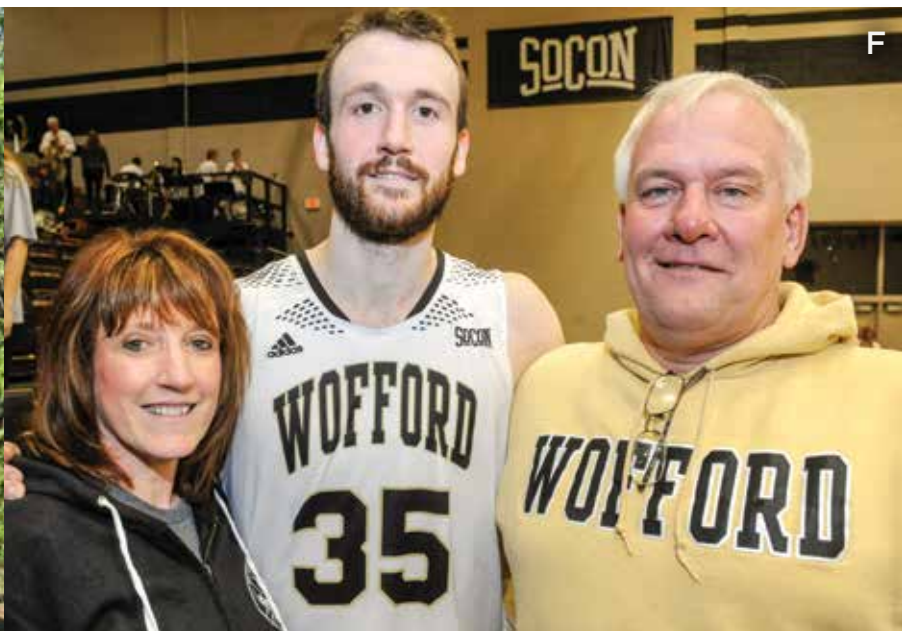
Love knows no distance, and Ray Sawvell, the father of Wofford men's basketball player Ryan Sawvell '17, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive between Mundelein and Wofford's campus takes Ray between 10 and 12 hours. Sawvell's mom, Christine, also makes the trips as often as possible.

G. WOFFORD RECOGNIZED AS A "BEST VALUE COLLEGE"

Wofford continues to be recognized as one of the nation's best colleges for providing an excellent education at an affordable price. The college is included in The Princeton Review's "Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools that Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck," as well as in Forbes, Kiplinger's Personal Finance and The New York Times.

H. STUDENT BECOMES YOUNGEST ELECTED OFFICIAL IN S.C.

Armed with \$30, his Facebook friends and just a week to campaign, Phillip Habib '18 managed to become the youngest elected official in South Carolina. The 20-year-old from Goose Creek was elected Nov. 8 as a commissioner on the Berkeley County Soil and Water Commission as a write-in candidate.



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UNLEASHED

Wofford welcomed area elementary schools from across Spartanburg and Cherokee counties to the 5th annual "Growing Up Gold: Education Day" on Jan. 26. The event is designed to allow children to spend time on a college campus at an early age. On the court with the enthusiastic young fans in the background are #10 Cairo Booker '20, a sociology major from Stone Mountain, Ga., and #3 Sarah Traynor '17, a French and government major from Ontario, Canada.





THE *Season* OF *Miracles*

A play-by-play including life-and-death
close calls, academic excellence
and service before self

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When the Terriers football team pulled into campus at 12:30 a.m. after the heartbreaking, double-overtime loss during the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs against Youngstown State, several hundred Wofford students were waiting, cheering and welcoming the team back with an impromptu rendition of the alma mater.

"It put a lump in my throat," says Mike Ayers, who just finished his 29th year as head coach. "That's Wofford pulling for Wofford, and our guys were awestruck by the sight. This is a special place."

That scene marked the end of the 2016 football season — a season that saw its share of misfortune and near misses — but a season that will go down in Wofford history as a season of miracles.



STARTING QB DOWN

August 13, 2016
Final pre-season scrimmage

After a productive summer camp and pre-season, the team loses Evan Jacks '16, the projected starting quarterback, to a torn ACL.

ROACH RESUSCITATED ON THE FIELD

September 1, 2016
Season opener vs. Tennessee Tech

"The players look fit and ready. They're playing hard. We're moving the ball offensively, and a guy grabs my arm and says, 'Coach, Mike's down.' I get over to where he is on the sidelines, and they're cutting his shirt off. They hit him with the defibrillator," recalls Ayers. "If not for the people we had on the sidelines, there's no telling what would have happened."

Ayers is talking about linebacker Michael Roach's collapse from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an undiagnosed heart disease that is the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in young athletes in the United States. Typically only 5 percent of people survive the condition after they go into cardiac arrest.

"For me it felt like a normal day," says Roach, a junior from Kenosha, Wisc. "Then we had a long 13-play drive. I was tired and probably should have come off the field, but I wanted to stay out there with my team."

After the series Roach sat down beside a teammate. He felt lightheaded. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the ambulance, disoriented but ready to go back out on the field.

Linebacker John Patterson '18, one of Roach's best friends, watched as Wofford doctors and trainers were joined by a cardiologist watching the game who jumped the fence to offer his assistance.

"I knew it was serious immediately," says Patterson, who describes an almost complete silence in the stadium while Roach was down. Wofford fans said they could hear the doctors call "clear" before shocking Roach's heart. "Both teams came together in the middle of

the field, and they asked me to pray. I could barely talk, but I swallowed it and prayed. 'Play for Roach' was our theme for the rest of the game."

Roach left Cookeville Regional Medical Center with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a determination to focus on helping his team in a different way.

"I can't make a tackle, but I can be there as a motivator and help coach other players in my position. I'm also focusing extra effort on the academic side of things," says Roach, who's planning to go to law school and possibly start his own business. "Lots of others have the same condition I do. Maybe I can create a service or device that helps detects heart conditions at an early age."

ANOTHER QB DOWN

September 24, 2016
Wofford vs. ETSU

Brad Butler '17, who started the first four games of the season at quarterback, tears his ACL and is out for the year.

Left: Michael Roach #43, during the 2015 season.

Below: The team huddles around Coach Ayers after a snowy practice before the Youngstown State game.





PATTERSON STINGER TURNS INTO NECK FRACTURE

October 22, 2016
Wofford vs. The Citadel

In front of a Homecoming crowd, Patterson came up from a particularly satisfying tackle with what felt like a “stinger,” something every football player understands. It’s normally no big deal, but it hurts.

“I got up and was tapping my helmet, which means I need to come out. I was trying to jog to the sidelines, but couldn’t jog straight,” says Patterson, a junior from Lilburn, Ga.

Because of the stinger running down his arm and a previous shoulder injury, the doctors first checked Patterson’s shoulder. Then Patterson felt a pain in his neck and continued to have trouble walking in a straight line.

“They thought I had a concussion, so they took me to the hospital where I had a CT scan,” he says.

At the hospital, doctors discovered that Patterson fractured his C6 vertebrae.

“I was sitting in the hospital with family and friends just waiting on the results of the scan when the nurses came in telling me to stop moving, put everything down. The doctor told me that the bone was a millimeter away from hitting a nerve. If that happened, I would have been paralyzed.”

Patterson underwent surgery the next day and spent several months in a brace.

“I’m still recovering, but things are going well, and doctors are optimistic that I’ll make a full recovery,” he says.

Watching Patterson carted off the field was a sobering reminder of Roach’s life-threatening condition. It took a toll.

“JP is a tremendous leader on the team, and it was really difficult for our guys to see him leave that way,” says Ayers. “After we lost that Homecoming match, not many people gave us a chance to be more than average, but this is a strong-minded team.”

It’s also a team filled with compassion. After Patterson’s injury, teammates carried his backpack to every class. Someone donated a recliner for Patterson to sleep in while he was in the brace, and teammates picked it up and delivered it to his room. They cheered him up in the hospital and helped reassure his mom.

“It was really cool to see how many people were there for me,” says Patterson. “The coaches, my teammates, my professors and classmates — they were all just happy I was OK.”

Above left: Friends Alex Hardy '18, R.J. Hardy, Caroline Jones '17, Michael Sarafianos '18, Colton Clemons '18 and Micheal Roach '18 visited Patterson in the hospital after surgery to repair his C6 vertebra.

HOWERTON DONATES BONE MARROW

October 29, 2016
Wofford vs. Mercer

David Howerton '17 knew this probably would be his last game of the season. After four years of special teams work and a brief stint as one of this season’s legion of backup quarterbacks, Howerton was faced with a choice: finish out his senior season and enjoy a playoff run with his teammates or donate bone marrow to a 19-year-old woman with lymphoma who had run out of treatment options.

He chose to save a life.

“God had his hand in this whole season,” says Ayers, who explains that the team partnered with the “Get in the Game, Save a Life” initiative, part of the Be The Match program operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

Howerton received a phone call in August that he was a possible match. Early in the season he underwent further testing.

“It worked out that I was a perfect match,” says Howerton, a native of Asheville, N.C. “The odds of being selected are less than 1 percent,” but not during the miracle season.

The day after the Mercer game, Howerton and his mother, Julie Lesesne '81, flew to Washington, D.C. The following Monday morning at the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, doctors drilled

two holes into Howerton’s pelvic bone and extracted the bone marrow.

“David is such an unbelievably selfless guy,” says Ayers. “Last year he got the team’s unsung hero award. He makes us all better. We’re a closer team because of David.”

During the Mercer game, Roach and Patterson were watching from the box with the coaches. They both knew that Howerton was about to donate bone marrow, and from their experiences this season they knew how hard it would be for him to miss the on-the-field camaraderie and action.

“We were up there watching, and Howie blocks a punt then returns it for a touchdown. The coaches are working, so it’s usually pretty calm up there, but not then. We went wild. Everybody was jumping and going crazy,” remembers Roach. He started texting Howerton immediately, knowing he wouldn’t see it until he was back in the locker room after the game. The text read: “It was lit. So proud of you dawg. All the coaches were going bonkers yelling HOWIEEEEE.”

“It was the greatest text ever,” says Howerton, who has avoided the spotlight for his sacrifice. “I didn’t do much. I just hope she survives. She was making her last stand.”

Above right: David Howerton’s blocked punt and recovery for a touchdown helped clinch the victory over Mercer.

ANOTHER QB DOWN

December 3, 2016
Wofford vs. The Citadel (playoffs)

With Jacks and Butler on the sidelines, Brandon Goodson '18 moved into the starting role for nine games. During The Citadel playoff rematch, he sprained his ankle. With Howerton out for several weeks after his bone marrow donation, true freshman Joe Newman '20 stepped in to lead the Terriers to a win in Charleston.

DOUBLE-OVERTIME LOSS ENDS SEASON BUT NOT DREAMS

December 10, 2016
Wofford vs. Youngstown State (FCS quarterfinals)

By the end of the season, Ayers says the team's mantra was: "Man down. Man up. MAN UP!"

"The guys really took that to heart," he says. "It's probably the most satisfying year I've ever coached. It wasn't about wins or being in the playoffs, but the way this group of young men went about business. The team rallied. The coaches rallied. The fans rallied. Our students rallied."

Left: Brandon Goodson leaves The Citadel playoff game with a sprained ankle.

Right: Dequan Miller and his family shared the field before his last game in Gibbs Stadium. He's off to law school in the fall.

The team's 15 returning starters and others vying for key positions began spring practice on Feb. 15. Those planning to graduate in May, however, already had run their last lap and were conditioning themselves for a new challenge. Three of these men — Butler, Nick Colvin '17 and David Marvin '17 — spent the past summer together in Spartanburg, training for their final season, studying for their medical and dental school admission exams and supporting each other. They were joined by a fourth — Hunter Windham '17 — who already had taken the LSAT for admission into law school.

When the test scores came back, all four had scored in the 92nd percentile or better (two scoring in the 99th percentile), which meant the next steps in their futures were secure.

"They made their own miracles," says Ayers. "We have bright kids who are committed to learning in the classroom and on the field. Their success also shows the excellence of the college's preprofessional programs."

Butler, a biology major from Rome, Ga., wasn't sure what he wanted to do when he came to Wofford, but he knew Wofford would not be the end. "When I stepped on campus, I told myself, 'This is my resume, I can't slack.'" Now he'll be in medical school at the University of Georgia in the fall.

Marvin, a biology and chemistry major from Charlotte, N.C., has decided to use his fifth year of eligibility to kick for the University of Georgia, where he will enroll in a master's program.



The extra degree will make him even more competitive for medical school admissions.

Marvin is quick to give credit to mentors on the team, such as Taylor Bragg '16 and Brody Hingst '15, who are now both in medical school. "They gave us tips on how to manage our time and study. Everyone learns what's best for them, but it comes down to having a desire to succeed."

Colvin, a biology major with a business minor from Statham, Ga., who will be attending dental school at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, says the group treated their summer academic and athletic training like a job. For him, the good test scores are a validation that the hard work paid off.

"I remember studying the morning before a game, feeling like I should really bring my work so I could study some more during the half. Then there were all the times friends were out having fun, and I was in Milliken studying," says Colvin. "Knowing that it was all worth it feels good."

Four members of the team made Phi Beta Kappa: Colvin, Marvin, Anton Wahrby '17 and Windham. Colvin was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team, and Marvin and Wahrby have been selected as FCS ADA Academic All-Stars.

"We've got All-American, All-Conference and All-Academic team members. We've got guys like Dequan Miller '17, a starting offensive guard, who misses the first half of a game to retake

the LSAT so he could qualify for a scholarship to go to law school." (He did, by the way.) "Those are the kind of guys who permeate the team," says Ayers.

The Wofford football program has ranked among the top 10 percent of FCS teams in the Academic Performance Review in eight of the past 10 seasons. The Terriers lead the SoCon with 146 Academic All-SoCon selections since the program started in 2003; 10 earned the recognition this season: Colvin, Steven Cornellier '16, Jared Jacon-Duffy '17, Marvin, T.J. Novotny '17, Patterson, Malik Rivera '18, Brian Sanders '16, Wahrby and Windham.

"It was 100 percent a season of miracles on every front," says Ayers. "Wofford is a special place. It's about the people who walk the halls — from the president to the people cutting the grass and cooking the meals for the team. We want student-athletes to come here for a world-class education, play some football and have some success doing it, then go out and be productive members of society."

What do you think: miracle season or exactly what you'd expect from a football program at Wofford College?

Left to right: David Marvin, Nick Colvin, Brad Butler and Hunter Windham all scored in the 92nd percentile or better on their postsecondary admission exams.



CONNECTING EDUCATION TO LIFE

Mungo gift clusters
high-impact programs
under one roof

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Clustering professional development, entrepreneurship training and internship support in the same building with international programs and community-based learning just makes sense. That's why Stewart '74 and Steven Mungo '81 made a \$330,000 gift to Wofford to renovate the Michael S. Brown Village Center and bring these high-impact practices together under one roof.

"We both recognize that academic studies are just the foundation of what makes a person successful later in life," says Steven Mungo. "International studies, community involvement and internships, for example, are essential to rounding out the educational experience and making our students more competitive in the workplace."



"It's certainly about helping students advance their skill sets, but it's also about helping them find their purpose."

- Curt McPhail '96, executive director of The Space in the Mungo Center

The Space in the Mungo Center (internships, entrepreneurship and professional development) currently fills the storefronts on the Osage Street side of the Michael S. Brown Village Center. In March, the Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning moved into the offices on the Reeves Tennis Center side of the building. The building also includes classroom space, the Galleria dining hall, a grocery store and studio apartments for students.

“Wofford has been doing a fine job of reaching students interested in these high-impact programs, but we expect that consolidating them will allow us to reach more students. There will be a multiplying factor,” says Dr. Mike Sosulski, provost. “Clustering high-impact programs is a productive and wise national trend that allows for better marketing of these opportunities.”

Jessalyn Story, director of the Center for Community-Based Learning, explains that a student who comes for help with a resume may recognize that joining a group involved in community-based learning may be the extra boost he or she needs to land a dream job. Or a student who comes for help finding an internship may learn that studying and serving abroad are great ways to gain the intercultural experience that employers love.

“Being located together will put each of our student constituencies in contact with each other and with all three offices, increasing the likelihood that students will participate in multiple high-impact practices while they’re at Wofford,” she says.

According to Sosulski, sharing the space also means sharing ideas. He believes that the opportunity for the staffs of the different departments to work together and learn together is a huge benefit.

“I think the proximity will allow our staff to discover new and creative ways to work with

students,” he says. “I’m sure they will cook up ways of engaging students that none of them have come up with yet.”

The collaboration started even before the move, says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “The Office of International Programs has worked with The Space in the Mungo Center on the establishment of its new Tanzania summer internship program, and many of our students studying abroad are already involved in service learning overseas,” she says.

Curt McPhail ’96, executive director of The Space, says the college has eight students lined up for the 10-week internship experience in Tanzania. Thanks to the Mungos and Mike Brown ’76, the college also is providing scholarship assistance in support of the students in the program.

“Folks like Mike Brown and the Mungos understand the value of internships, and they’re willing to provide resources for our students to do extraordinary things during the summer,” says McPhail. “It’s a win-win. The college grows its high-impact program opportunities and our students gain the professional skills and abilities they need before they graduate.”

Starting salaries provide one measure of proof. Both McPhail and Lancaster share statistics: students who completed a paid internship during college average \$11,000 per year more in their first jobs than students without the same work experience. Students who have studied abroad can expect an average first-year salary boost of \$6,000, and liberal arts graduates who have mastered entrepreneurial thinking (something often honed through community-based learning and professional development training) experience the same \$6,000 initial salary benefit.

“They’re called high impact for a reason,” says Sosulski. “The Space in the Mungo Center,

the Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning can all have a transformative effect on our students. They provide cocurricular pathways that help students make meaning out of their education at Wofford and connect it to their lives after Wofford.”

That’s exactly happened for Aleah White Guthrie ’11, an English major with a philosophy minor who took advantage of all three high-impact practices at Wofford.

Guthrie joined the Bonner Scholars program during her sophomore year at Wofford. She studied abroad during her junior year and completed an internship and skills assessment her senior year.

“Bonner was formative for me because it wasn’t just about community service. It was about building the capacity of nonprofit partners. My Bonner experience helped me figure out my path,” says Guthrie, who also completed her Bonner service requirements while studying abroad in New Zealand. Working with a community organization in another country allowed her to experience a different model and work with different people.

Now Guthrie, who taught in Nashville, Tenn., public schools for four years, is in a master’s program in education policy at Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College of Education, and she’s working with both urban and rural legislators to find common ground so they can determine what’s best for all students.

Lancaster, McPhail and Story are eager to realize these same benefits for current Wofford students.

“It’s certainly about helping students advance their skill sets, but it’s also about helping them find their purpose,” says McPhail. “Good institutions help students figure out what they want to do before they leave. We’ve structured our work to do this.”

Stewart Mungo says it’s just as straightforward as it seems. “Wofford has such a great story to tell. We just want to make sure that our students — the finished product — have everything they need. Even those going into medicine or dentistry or the law will certainly benefit from basic business training and these types of opportunities to practice their liberal arts education.”

Mungo also hopes the college sees an additional benefit from clustering high-impact programs and making them more convenient for students. “The better job Wofford does in helping prepare graduates, the more people may give back when they find success,” he says. “Successful alumni create a successful college.”

After taking advantage of four years of opportunities designed to help engage and explore the world, Wofford students are prepared for what’s next. To ensure that, the college provides professional development, entrepreneurial guidance and real-world experience through The Space in the Mungo Center. In recent years, Wofford students have completed internships with hundreds of health care professionals, attorneys, legislators, small business owners and nonprofit executives.

wofford.edu/thespace

Study abroad is a major component of Wofford’s commitment to shaping globally connected citizens. Since 2007, students have studied in 70 countries on all seven continents. Opportunities range from travel/study Interim projects to a full year at a university abroad. Cocurricular options include service learning, internships and research. Wofford continues to be a national leader in international programs with Open Doors (2016) ranking Wofford ninth in the nation for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit.

wofford.edu/internationalprograms

Community-based learning offers students opportunities to develop a primary ingredient in living a happy and meaningful life: the ability to use their passions, skills and knowledge to improve the quality of the lives of others.

In 2016 the college was recognized on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Wofford was recognized in all four categories: general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education.

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THE SPACE IN THE MUNGO CENTER



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CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING



Stewart (left) and Steven Mungo were honored in February by the United Way of the Midlands with the Humanitarian of the Year Award. The Wofford Goldtones, led by Christi Sellars, performed during the event.

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Brie White '17 STUDENT EXPERIENCES

"During my time at Wofford, I've been fortunate to study abroad and also gain valuable internship experience. As a senior, I have so much appreciation for my education, and I know I have many people to thank."



Drew Copeland '19 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

"I chose Wofford because it has a great campus environment and provides opportunities for my future. I am 100 percent sure this is where I am supposed to be, but I wouldn't be here without generous scholarship support!"



Katherine Howell '17 LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY

"Thanks to the updates and renovations to the Writing Center, we are getting a lot more foot traffic. We've also seen a greater turnout among students, especially first-year students, which I'm really happy about."



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The Benjamin Wofford Society recognizes individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans.

34 new estate commitments
TOTALING \$4.7 MILLION

(including bequests, gift annuities, trusts, retirement assets and life insurance designations)

&

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TOTALING \$1.2 MILLION

GIFT PLANNING

\$1,574,564

total Terrier Club contributions

856
guests
at the 2016
Terrier Ball

\$350,000
raised at the
Terrier Ball —
a record year!

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LINE**
CLUB

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Goal Line Club
members

348 Terrier Club golf tournament participants

THE TERRIER CLUB

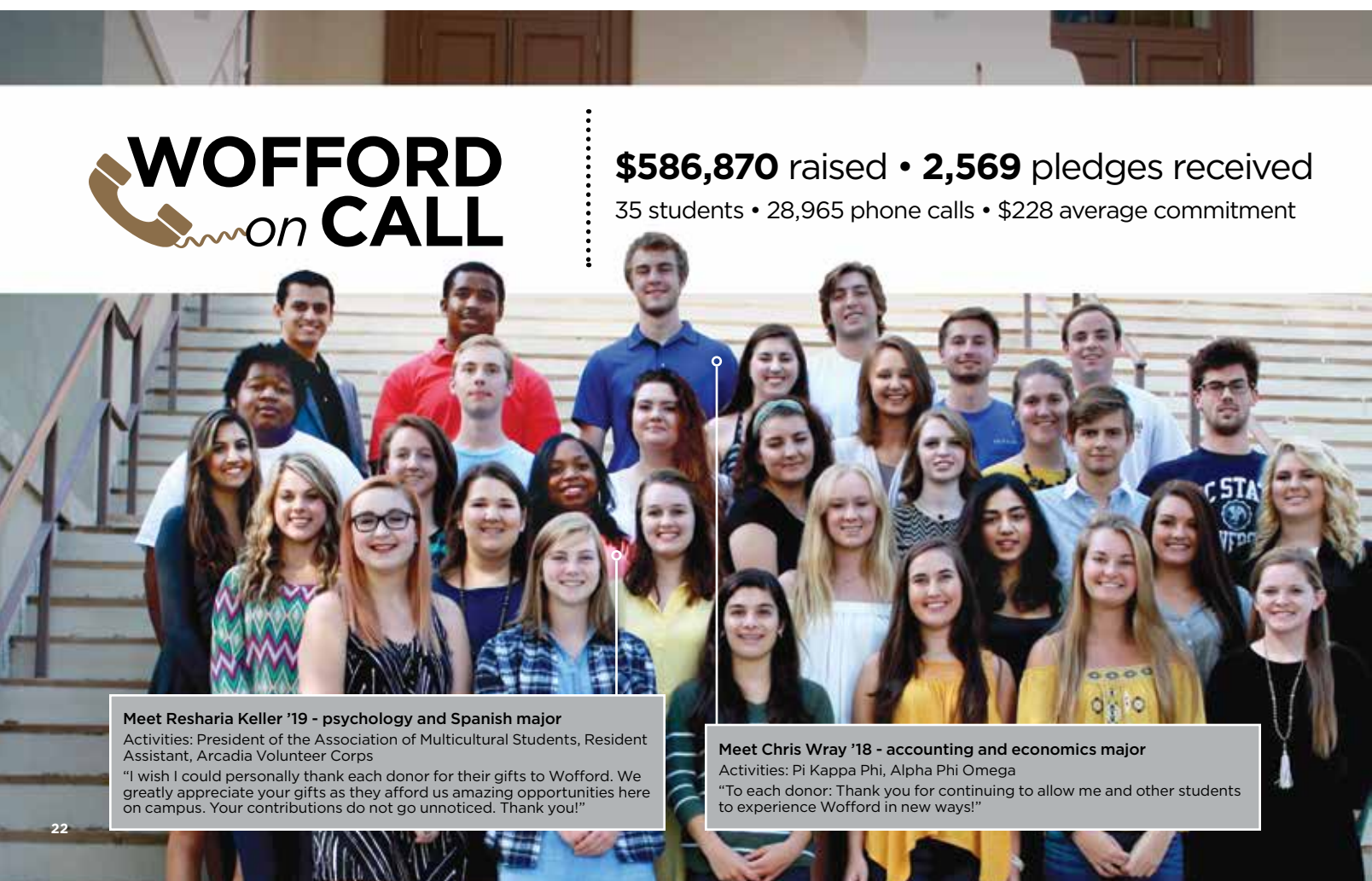


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Meet Chris Wray '18 - accounting and economics major
Activities: Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Phi Omega
"To each donor: Thank you for continuing to allow me and other students to experience Wofford in new ways!"

2016
ALUMNI EVENT RECAP



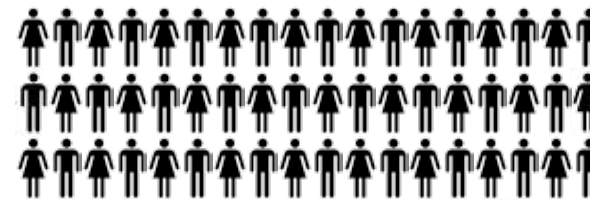
48 DIFFERENT EVENTS

☂ = 5



23 DIFFERENT CITIES

🏠 = 5



6,634 ATTENDING

👤 = 100

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

- April 1** Wofford tent at the Cooper River Bridge Run Finish Festival, Charleston, S.C.
- April 12-16** Wofford tent at the Heritage Golf Tournament at Sea Pines, Hilton Head, S.C.
- April 25** Spartanburg/Tryon-area alumni gathering
- April 28** Wofford tent at the Spartanburg Criterium bike race
- April 28-29** Terrier Club men's and women's soccer reunion
- May 3** Wofford vs. USC baseball pregame gathering, Columbia, S.C.
- May 20-21** Class of 1967 50th reunion weekend
- June 10** Boston Red Sox pregame gathering
- July 1** Cincinnati Reds game
- August 24** Spartanburg-area alumni oyster roast
- September 22-23** Family Weekend
- October 3** Camden alumni and admission gathering
- October 12-14** Wofford weekend in Charleston
- October 20-21** Homecoming
- November 18** Wofford vs. USC football pregame, Columbia, S.C.

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Hall of Fame

RHODES SCHOLAR

Rachel Woodlee '13

Woodlee is a doctoral student at the University of Oxford in England and the managing editor of *openpop.org*, an award-winning collaborative blog on global population issues, an extension of her master's research emphasis on the politics of social policymaking in China. She is co-convener of the Rhodes China Forum, which seeks to foster understanding of China, and was named one of the "25 Under 25: Rising Stars in US-China Relations" by *China Hands* magazine. Recently she participated in the Salzburg Global Forum for Young Cultural Innovators.



Wofford students continue to shine in postgraduate scholarship competitions thanks to the college's liberal arts curriculum, outstanding faculty and cocurricular opportunities to gain leadership, service-learning, athletics and international study experiences. Major postgraduate scholarships since 2000 include:

RHODES FINALISTS

Joseph McAbee '12
Brian McCracken '13

GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR

Joseph McAbee '12

(2015 award as a student at Wake Forest School of Medicine)

GEORGE J. MITCHELL SCHOLAR

Donovan Hicks '16

TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Donovan Hicks '16

UDALL SCHOLAR

Kristen Hite '00

FULBRIGHT FELLOWS

David Blum '14 (Macedonia)

Mary Beth Broadwater '08 (Austria)

Tramaine Brown '11 (Spain)
(chosen but withdrew)

Regina Fuller '11 (Brazil)

Onyx Camille Henry '11 (Germany)

Ashlyn Keightley '16 (Austria)

Anna Le '13 (Vietnam)

Jessica Miller '09 (Germany)

David Moore '13 (South Korea)

Travis Trojan '15 (Taiwan)

Caitlin Walsh '11 (Germany)

Claudia Winkler '08 (Germany)

John Wood '08 (Germany)

GOLDWATER SCHOLAR

Alissa Williams '15

GOLDWATER FINALIST

Justin Whitaker '15

PRINCETON IN ASIA FELLOW

Grayson Mann '13

BOREN SCHOLAR

Helen Lamm '17

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARS

Samuel Alford '19

Riddick Blocker '16

WestLee Parker '16

Simone Worthy '15

ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

Elise Boos '08 (Uganda)

Regina Fuller '11 (Ghana)

Kristen Hite '00 (Ecuador)

Lucas McMillan '02 (Great Britain)

PAULETTA AND DENZEL WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP AT CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL

Joseph McAbee '12

USA TODAY COLLEGE ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Tramaine Brown '11

Sam Clowney '01

Allyson Gibson '02

Kris Neely '02



HICKS BECOMES WOFFORD'S FIRST MITCHELL SCHOLAR

2016 graduate to study race, ethnicity and conflict in Ireland

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Donovan Hicks '16 has been selected as one of a dozen members of the 2018 Class of George J. Mitchell Scholars by the US-Ireland Alliance. He is Wofford's first Mitchell Scholar.

The scholarship program, created nearly 20 years ago by Trina Vargo, founder of the US-Ireland Alliance, attracted 323 applicants for the 12 scholarships named in honor of the former Maine senator's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic distinction, leadership and service. They will spend a year of postgraduate study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland.

"Studying race could never be more timely, especially in a country famous for its ethno-racial conflicts and peace negotiations," Hicks says. "It is not an easy choice, but it is a purposed and necessary choice. ... I am proud to represent Wofford, and think of this as more of a win for Wofford and its community than myself."

Hicks hopes more students will have the courage to apply for the prestigious fellowships that suit their needs, such as Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates Cambridge and Rhodes.

"I've found that Wofford students can compete right beside the students of the Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities of the world and shine," he says.

Hicks, a native of Spartanburg, graduated from Wofford with degrees in government and finance; he is also a Gates Millennium Scholar, a Bonner Scholar and a Truman Scholar. Hicks recently completed a research stay at the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality. An aspiring civil rights attorney, he is a federal analyst at Deloitte.

As a Mitchell Scholar, Hicks will study race, ethnicity and conflict at Trinity College Dublin beginning in September 2017.

"While it's not surprising that the Mitchell Scholarship Program recognizes Donovan's merit, I'm excited that he will have this unique opportunity," says Dr. John Ware, chairman of Wofford's Post-graduate Scholarships Committee. "Winning the Mitchell Scholarship is testimony to Donovan's intellect, vision and effort. He made innumerable contributions to the Wofford community while he was here, and I look forward to hearing about his future endeavors and success."

CONSIDERING A MAJOR POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP?

What it takes to succeed and how Wofford helps

When Dr. John Ware, associate professor of English and chair of the college's Post-graduate Scholarship Committee, talks with students about applying for major postgraduate scholarships, he gives them three pieces of advice:

1

Carefully read through the "wealth and variety" of opportunities on the postgraduate scholarship page on the Wofford website. "These are pretty special opportunities that our students are well situated for because they attend a small liberal arts college."

2

Spend time developing mentoring relationships with Wofford's faculty. "Wofford cultivates these important relationships from the start, and our students who apply for postgraduate scholarships need those relationships and the letters of support that come out of those."

3

Seek out opportunities to participate in college beyond the academic record or transcript. "Almost always, postgraduate applicants need to demonstrate some sort of research opportunity, community-based learning or leadership experience. Some, such as the Fulbright, weigh study abroad and second-language knowledge heavily."

Ware has served on the scholarship committee since 2010. For many years Dr. Dan Maultsby '61, dean of the college at the time, and Dr. Ana Maria Wiseman, dean of international programs, shared responsibilities for helping students navigate the often-complicated application process. Now the Post-graduate Scholarships Committee consists of Dr. Kara Bopp, associate professor and chair of psychology; Dr. Cynthia Fowler, associate professor of sociology and anthropology; Dr. Stacey Hettes, associate professor of biology and associate provost for faculty development; Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor and chair of modern languages, literatures and cultures; and Ware.

"Working with students on postgraduate scholarships is a group effort that involves faculty and staff beyond the committee," says Ware, who appreciates the efforts of those who serve as volunteers to identify both scholarships and candidates, help with the application and interview process, and serve as liaisons between the college and different scholarship funders. "Many colleges and universities have offices with full-time staff who oversee postgraduate scholarship applications, so we're unusual in this respect."

In the fall, 17 students, from first year to senior year, attended information sessions about applying for postgraduate scholarships. The students represent departments and programs across all disciplines and aspire to futures in medicine, teaching, international relations and public policy.

"Because the scholarships are so various, we can accommodate students with great variations in terms of interest, experience and academic program," says Ware. "We've had good success and are excited to build on that."

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE

WHAT WOFFORD DOES TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ABROAD

BY LAURA HENDRIX CORBIN

Study abroad is a major component of Wofford's commitment to shaping globally connected citizens, and cost should never be a barrier for a student when considering a semester abroad, says Amy Lancaster '01, dean of international programs.

"We were so proud when two of our students — Aleah Qureshi and Tim Lindsey — recently received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, giving them up to \$5,000 to apply toward their study abroad experiences this spring," Lancaster says. "These scholarships are available to students receiving Federal Pell Grants, so it assists students in helping fund their international experiences."

Wofford encourages and assists students who want to study abroad through a variety of its own scholarships and travel grants, both need-based and merit-based, she adds. "Along

with Wofford permitting the transfer of students' financial aid packages, these scholarships and grants make study abroad possible for more students. This is part of who we are as a college, and we're determined to make these transformative experiences accessible to all of our students."

Lancaster says the staff of the Office of International Programs works with students to find study abroad programs within their financial parameters that support their academic and personal goals.

The college also works to identify scholarships and grants available beyond Wofford, such as the Gilman Scholarship. "Some of them are diversity based, and others are awarded based on field of study," she says. "Our partners also have allocated funding for us to award at our discretion, and we

have dedicated those funds to improving access for under-represented groups."

Kyle Keith, study abroad coordinator, has spearheaded the office's new efforts to recruit students of diverse backgrounds and assist them with opportunities such as the Gilman Scholarship. "Kyle's own experience as a Gilman Scholar informed his work in advising both Tim and Aleah. He just joined our team in July, but his impact with students is already quite visible," Lancaster says.

"Our office is spreading the word about study abroad and scholarship opportunities in many ways," Keith says. "We coordinated with our colleagues in the Office of Financial Aid, for example, to directly email all students who receive a Federal Pell Grant about the Gilman Scholarship." He notes that the Gilman Scholarship is intended to widen access to study or intern abroad opportunities to many different student groups, including students with high financial need, students of color, student-athletes, students majoring in STEM disciplines and others. "It also encourages students to study or intern abroad in non-traditional destinations, such as Asia, Africa and Latin America."

Keith adds that Wofford has seen a record number of students applying for the Gilman Scholarship since the success of Qureshi and Lindsey, "and because of the intentional outreach efforts that we have made to promote this scholarship to eligible students."

In addition, Wofford has done more targeted marketing and outreach initiatives for historically under-represented student populations, Keith says. "This year, we've held events such as 'Black & Abroad,' where students of color could learn more about study abroad opportunities and could have open discussions about the intersections of race and ethnicity and international education."

Keith says he also is working with Spectrum, the college's LGBTQ student organization, to promote study abroad opportunities to

LGBTQ-identified students. "Our hope is that by doing more intentional outreach, we can help all Wofford students realize that a study abroad experience is, indeed, accessible."

Wofford already provides some scholarships and assistance to students for study abroad, such as the Ruth O. and Joab M. Lesesne Foreign Study Assistance Fund and the Road Less Traveled scholarship, which recently has been expanded to include more locations from which students may select for their study abroad experience.

The Wofford Fund, the college's drive for annual gifts that support projects, programs and other priorities critical to the prosperity of the college, includes a "bucket" for "Student Experiences," which provides a vehicle for donors at any level to support and enhance student experiences, including study abroad. "We already have several active funds that provide assistance for students studying abroad, and now we have had several donors recently establish endowments to support study abroad," says Calhoun Kennedy '89, associate vice president and executive director of advancement. Most are in the process of being funded, so their activation will take a while, "but we do have donors who recognize the importance of study abroad and wish future students to have the opportunity. We invite others to become involved in this initiative as well."

"International study experiences are more important now than ever," Lancaster says. "They expose our students to new and unfamiliar cultural contexts in an effort to promote intercultural understanding and acceptance. The world our students will enter after graduation is increasingly interconnected, and those with experience living, studying and working with those from a different background will be more adaptable, more tolerant for ambiguity, better problem solvers and critical thinkers, and therefore, more civically minded and more attractive to a future employer or graduate school."

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two Wofford College students are among more than 850 undergraduates from nearly 360 colleges and universities across the U.S. selected to receive the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to study or intern abroad during the 2017 academic year. Aleah F. Qureshi '18, from Sanford, Fla., is studying abroad this spring in Quito, Ecuador, in a program that focuses on development, politics and language. Timothy J. Lindsey '18, from Spartanburg, is abroad this semester studying and participating in an international internship in South Africa. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.



TIMOTHY J. LINDSEY '18
SOUTH AFRICA



ALEAH F. QURESHI '18
QUITO, ECUADOR



INTERIM 2017



1

1. Wofford students celebrated while in a water buffalo field in Cambodia. Colleen Ballance and Andrew Green led the cultural Interim to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

2. Dr. Cynthia Fowler and Dr. Eun-Sun Lee led students in a study of Polk County, N.C., including time with renowned artists at the Tryon Arts and Crafts School.

3. Students in the California Landscapes, from Yosemite to the Golden Gate, Interim, led by Dr. Kaye Savage and Dr. Peter Brewitt, explored the state's ecology, geology, history and literature as they journeyed from the wild coasts and redwoods of Marin to the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

4. Students in the Tracks, Scat, Song and Sign Interim with Dr. Gerald Thurmond and Dr. Doug Rayner spent time learning about animal behavior in the Carolina winter woods.

5. Students wrote for fun, academic credit and growth in Wofford's Writer's Workshop Interim led by Dr. Tracy Revels.

6. Through the Exploring Virtual Worlds Interim, Dr. Tracie Ivy and Dr. Joseph Spivey offered students the opportunity to examine and experience the next frontier of reality.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read more about what Wofford students accomplished during Interim.



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3



4



5



6

7. Dr. Treacy Watson '98 encouraged the Wofford students in the Introduction to Dental Medicine Interim to be present, observant and ready to learn as much as possible during the month. Dr. Charlie Bass, Wofford's pre-dental program advisor, leads the course.

8. From sitting in on depositions to accompanying attorneys to court, Wofford students explored careers in the legal field during Interim. Dr. David Alvis, John Fort and Dr. Dawn McQuiston advise the college's pre-law program and organize the Interim.

9. Wofford students learned about and created works of art during the Functional Beauty: The Art and Craft of Pottery Interim taught by Dr. Natalie Grinnell.

10. The Food and Food Cultures in France Interim with Dr. Catherine Schmitz and Dr. John Ware involved a 17-day gustatory tour of France, through Aix-en-Provence, Lyon, Dijon and Paris.

11. Even though we cannot see them with our naked eye, microorganisms are everywhere, and Wofford students spent Interim studying them in Dr. Stefanie Baker's Living in a Microbial World course.

12. Students in the Clinical Internships in Medicine Interim enjoyed another culture and an intensive hands-on introduction to the field during Interim, including opportunities to work one-on-one with health care professionals in Santiago, Chile.



13. Rome remains a "hot" travel destination, according to Wofford students who spent the month studying the area's cultural history from antiquity to the modern era with Dr. Karen Goodchild and Dr. Peter Schunk.

14. Dr. Dan Welch and students studied robots, artificial intelligence and androids during the Robo Sapiens Interim.

WELL ON THE WAY

WOFFORD BEGINS IMPLEMENTATION OF MILLIKEN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Within a few years, 16 Wofford College students will be living in a new residence hall — not on campus, but in the nearby historic Northside neighborhood. The complex, which will be linked to a common educational experience for resident students focused on community sustainability, is a major component of the \$4.25 million grant from the Romill Foundation for the Milliken Sustainability Initiative, announced in December 2015.

“We are in conversations with our community partners on where this residence hall will be located and how it will integrate with the Northside residents and businesses,” says Dr. Tim Schmitz, professor of history and associate provost for administration, who is overseeing the implementation of the grant. “A resident director will be hired who will live near the students and work with community partners in the Northside to develop programming that will benefit the community and expand student learning opportunities.”

Wofford is well on its way — hiring two new professors, one with expertise in environmental sustainability and one with expertise in community sustainability, as well as hiring an energy manager and implementing a robust energy metering system for campus buildings.

Dr. Amy L. Telligman, assistant professor in Environmental Studies, will focus on environmental sustainability and is developing two lab courses. She

also will put in place a living/learning community centered on sustainability for the fall 2017 semester.

The search to fill the second faculty position in community sustainability is in progress.

Rob Richards came to Wofford in the fall as the energy and sustainability manager whose primary responsibility is to monitor and enhance campus sustainability programs. Already 39 campus buildings, including residence halls and the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Glendale, have been metered for baseline information, so that sustainable practices can be implemented, monitored and improved as necessary.

“The bulk of the metering equipment installation was complete in late 2016, and we are beginning to build our resource consumption database,” Richards says, noting that 12 months of data will be needed to fully assess consumption before the buildings can be evaluated and needed changes made. “We will be able to compare the buildings to other similar buildings nationally regarding their energy consumption, and we can compare them to like buildings on campus — residence hall to residence hall, for example — to know how each building is performing and whether any corrections need to be made. We will be able to tell whether any buildings are ‘outliers’ based on an index of BTU-per-square-foot-per-year usage.”

Richards, who has a degree in biosystems engineering, says the metering and assessment will tell how much Wofford is spending for energy consumption and whether that amount departs from the norm. “We’ll be able to determine whether it’s drawing on the electrical system, natural gas or whatever, and what the point of attack will be to improve the efficiency of the building.”

Richards and Jason Burr ’01, associate vice president for facilities and capital projects, note that many Wofford students are interested in sustainability issues, particularly campus issues. Richards is participating this semester as a consultant in a student lab focusing on “green home” aspects for a house the college owns at Glendale near the Goodall Center. The students are exploring the potential for the use of solar panels, the orientation of the house, beneficial landscaping solutions and other topics.

“The work with sustainability at the Goodall Center is ongoing thanks to the Romill grant,” says John Lane ’77, professor of environmental studies and director of the center. “The grant has made possible some research in the watershed, and in the spring with funds from the grant, we purchased the mill house across from the center

we had been leasing as part of our ‘Thinking Like a River’ initiative. Now, with some extra funding from the grant, we are able to engage the college’s first sustainability class with recommending some green up-fits, and with guidance of visiting green architect Greg Olson, the students will emerge from the semester with a plan for future projects.”

Richards says he will make himself available as much as possible for class and lab involvement at the request of instructors, “toward a common goal of student engagement in the sustainability process.” Richards also will explore options for the college to take advantage of cost incentives available from energy providers, such as Duke Energy, and he is applying for the college to join the Energy Star Program, directed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. This will provide the college with tools to manage the metering data and provide access to energy conservation materials.

The college also will conduct a survey of student attitudes toward sustainability this spring, and a new Sustainability Committee is developing ways to enhance Wofford’s sustainability efforts.





Half of the monetary savings realized in the energy-saving program will flow into a student innovation fund with the remainder going to implement future energy-reduction projects based on data gathered from the metering.

Dr. Kaye Savage, professor and chair of the Environmental Studies Department, says the Milliken Sustainability Initiative will “support participation of Wofford students across disciplines and across campus boundaries to consider the links between environmental factors and community sustainability. The range of supported experiences — community research, residential and internship opportunities in the Northside neighborhood, analyzing campus systems, implementing entrepreneurial ideas — allows many ways for students to meaningfully participate.”

The first award provided by the initiative was a \$19,000 grant to Dr. Dave Pittman '94, professor of psychology, who used the funds to take 20 students to Hawaii for the January 2017 Interim to study best practices in sustainability and gain hands-on learning. The course was co-sponsored by Greg Farley, a biology professor and director of the Center for Leadership in Environmental Education at Chesapeake College in Maryland.

Pittman says the experience challenged students to apply Hawaiian sustainability practices to Spartanburg,

and they used the Northside neighborhood as a model. “Like the Northside, Hawaiians have a strong sense of connection with their culture and with their history,” he says.

The students broke into groups and created six hypothetical projects they thought would incorporate sustainable practices into the work of the Northside Development Group in the area. The projects were:

- Restoring the watershed as part of the Butterfly Creek daylighting project.
- Increasing the energy efficiency of the future T.K. Gregg Community Center by using solar panels, water conservation and “green” recreation equipment and lighting.
- Improving internet access in the neighborhood by installing energy efficient LED lamplights with wi-fi signals.
- Promoting family and community cohesion with smaller sustainable playgrounds that use environmentally friendly and recycled materials.
- Implementing a learning garden at Cleveland Academy of Leadership.
- Increasing the energy efficiency of the neighborhood and homes in it through solar-powered lighting and solar-powered water heaters.

Pittman says the projects will be reviewed for possible implementation

in the Northside as part of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative. “It’s important to have our students involved in visioning and creating potential sustainability opportunities for the Northside,” he says. “The experiential learning during the Interim trip about best practices in sustainability in Hawaii has made our students more aware of the issues on campus and in their own lives. It’s something we can’t always teach in the classroom, but that’s the benefit of the Interim experience — teaching inside and outside the classroom for a well-rounded education, which in turn can be brought to bear on real-world applications.”

The Romill Foundation is the personal foundation of the late Roger Milliken, a dedicated champion of Wofford and the Upstate. Milliken was the longest-serving trustee on Wofford’s Board of Trustees and was a major benefactor of the college, overseeing the growth and strategic planning for the college as well as its arboretum, named in his honor. Members of his family manage the foundation.

“A lot of good things are happening as a result of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative,” Schmitz says. “The grant dramatically boosts the college’s work in environmental sustainability and will create a host of new opportunities for Wofford to partner with the local community.”

PROFESSOR, AUTHOR JOHN LANE FINALIST FOR BURROUGHS MEDAL

RECOGNITION HONORS BEST IN NATURE WRITING

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Wofford professor and author John Lane '77 has been named a finalist for the prestigious John Burroughs Medal, created in 1926 to recognize the best in nature writing.

Lane, a professor of English and environmental studies and director of Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center, will be recognized in April at the Annual Literary Awards Ceremony of the John Burroughs Association at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The award honors the literary legacy of Burroughs, credited with creating the modern nature essay. It is given “to a distinguished book of nature writing that combines scientific accuracy, first-hand fieldwork and excellent natural history writing,” according to the Burroughs Association. Previous medalists include Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson and South Carolinian Archibald Rutledge.

This year, in an unprecedented move, the association will recognize the four finalists’ “natural history books of uncommon distinction,” in addition to honoring the winner of the award, Brian Doyle, author of the novel “Marten, Marten.”

Lane is the author of a dozen books of poetry and prose, including six from the University of Georgia Press. His latest book from UGA is “Coyote Settles the South.”

Lane’s “Abandoned Quarry: New & Selected Poems” includes much of his published poetry from over the past 30 years, plus a selection of new poems. His new book of poems, “Anthropocene Blues,” is forthcoming this year. Lane’s first novel, “Fate Moreland’s Widow,” was published by the late Pat Conroy’s Story River books in early 2015.

Lane has won numerous awards, including the 2001 Phillip D. Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment given by the Southern Environmental Law Center. In 2011 he won the Glenna Luschei Prairie Schooner Award, and in 2012 “Abandoned Quarry” won the Southeastern Independent Booksellers Alliance Poetry Book of the Year prize.

As an environmentalist, Lane was named the 2013 Water Conservationist of the Year by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation and the Clean Water Champion by Upstate Forever.

In 2014 he was inducted into the South Carolina Academy of Authors. Lane and his wife, Betsy Teter, co-founded Spartanburg’s Hub City Writers Project.



CLASS NOTES

1958

This year when the Loris (S.C.) Civitans produced the Loris High School football program, they dedicated it to the **Rev. Carl Harris**. The program calls Harris a committed and dedicated leader and an inspiration to the entire area. Harris has served seven pastorates over a 44-year career. He's been a supporter of local youth athletics as well.

1960

James A. Stuckey Jr., a Charleston, S.C., attorney, has retired and closed his law office. He was admitted to practice law in South Carolina in 1963 and in California in 1966. The State Bar of California gave him a commendation for 50 years of practice.

1963

Henry M. Smith spent three weeks in France during August and September 2016. There he took in a "remarkable" exhibit at the Holocaust Memorial: "Jewish Women of the Resistance" during the Nazi occupation of 1940-44. He also spent time with friends in Paris and Auvers-sur-Oise, just outside the Ville Lumiere, "where Van Gogh rests in peace." Smith now resides in Newmarket, N.H.

1965

Lon Bouknight is a partner in Steptoe and Johnson LLP's Washington, D.C., office and a former chairman of the firm. He recently rejoined the firm after a five-year stint as executive vice president and general counsel of the Public Service Enterprise Group.

Dr. Byron Williams continues as medical director and owner of Coastal Occupational Medicine in Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Furman Ivey Williams, live in North Charleston.

1971

Kenneth Smith, class chair

In November the New Orleans Advocate published a story on an upcoming presentation by Louisiana State University professor of history and author **Dr. Gaines Foster**. Foster spoke on "Memories of the Civil War: What Americans Think About the Civil War — and What They Should Think." Foster's classes at LSU focus on U.S. history, the new South, U.S. historiography and Southern identity in an age of diversity.

After a lifelong career in banking throughout South Carolina, **Thomas Lyles** has retired. Following the sale of Tideland Bank in Mount Pleasant, Lyles stepped down as president, CEO and chairman of the board. Lyles and his wife, Debbi, have relocated to Greenville, S.C.

1972

Allen S. Guignard, class chair

Gov. Henry McMaster has appointed **John White Jr.** chairman of the Transportation Infrastructure Bank, the agency that borrows and awards money for large highway projects. White is a managing shareholder in the Harrison, White, Smith and Coggins PC law firm in Spartanburg.

1973

Founder and chairman of Cohn Construction, **Richard Cohn Sr.**, was named to the 50 Most Influential People of 2016 list by Columbia (S.C.) Business Monthly. Cohn is also a member of the board of directors of the City Center Partnership.

1974

Marc White, who is president of the North Spartanburg Rotary Club, is a proud grandpa again. Andee Marie White was born on Nov. 4, 2016, and is the daughter of Manning and Hollie White.

1977

Dr. Barry Bodie and Mary Black Health System have opened a new urology office on the hospital campus in Spartanburg.

1982

Madison Dye Jr., class chair

Seyfarth Shaw LLP announced that **John W. Mills III** has joined the firm's litigation department as a partner in the Atlanta office. Mills comes from Barnes & Thornburg, where he served as a partner in the finance, insolvency and restructuring department and lending and structured finance group in Atlanta and Los Angeles.

1983

Scott Gantt, class chair

On Dec. 31, 2016, **Allen Barbare** retired from state employment and teaching at Piedmont Technical College. On Jan. 3, 2017, he started a second career as program director at Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, S.C.

1985

Tim Madden, class chair

Sonoco has announced the promotion of **Howard Coker** to senior vice president of the rigid paper containers and paper/engineered carriers international division.

Phillip Graham is employed by Meadowlawn Animal Services, serving as an associate veterinarian in the Conway and Loris, S.C., offices.

1991

Leslie Houck Page, class chair

On Jan. 1, **Shane Williams** became the eighth president and CEO of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The State newspaper featured his story and a question-and-answer section in October.

1993

Sarah Sawicki, class chair

Todd Avant, CEO of NAI Avant, was named one of Columbia (S.C.) Business Monthly's 50 Most Influential People in 2016. NAI Avant just observed its 50th anniversary.

Hunt Wofford and his wife, Rebecca, have opened their own law firm, Wofford Law PLLC, in Charlotte, N.C. They will practice almost exclusively in the area of family law.

1994

Alicia Truesdail, class chair

David Lin Harrell and Maureen Eugenia Singer were married on Oct. 29, 2016, at the Yale Club of New York. Harrell is a vice president for transaction management at Cresa New York.

Dr. Nicholas Papadea of Pawleys Island, S.C., received the Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship Award, presented to dentists who seek to provide the highest quality dental care by remaining current in their profession. To earn this prestigious honor, Papadea completed 500 hours of dental continuing education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuous membership in the AGD. Papadea and his wife, Dr. Meredith Papadea, a pediatric dentist in Pawleys Island, have two children, EllaMarina and Nicholas.

Living in Spartanburg, S.C., **Craig Richard** is a financial services professional with New York Life.



HELPING ELK MAKE A COMEBACK

Walsh continues preservation efforts with youth in mind

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When the first elk since 1737 wandered into South Carolina last year, Dr. Carl Walsh '62 found himself at the center of the excitement. As past state chair and past regional chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), he answered media calls, consulted with others in wildlife preservation and shared his knowledge on the subject, educating the public not just on elk, but on the importance of habitat conservation.

"Historical documents indicate that there were perhaps 10 million elk in the U.S. in the late 1600s, but they were shot with reckless abandon and the number dropped to somewhere below 100,000," says Walsh, who's an avid outdoorsman and hunter as well as a retired family physician. "Most of the surviving elk were in little pockets deep in the Rocky Mountains; they were essentially gone east of the Mississippi River."

Walsh and other volunteers with the RMEF have been trying to change that. By raising funds to purchase and secure land, RMEF volunteers have reintroduced elk back into North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. The young bull spotted throughout the northwestern tip of South Carolina migrated from North Carolina.

"Our main function is as a wildlife habitat conservation organization. We're pushing 7 million acres of land that we've protected and conserved and enhanced," says Walsh. "In 2000 we introduced 52 elk into the Cataloochee Valley of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Now there are about 300 in Western North Carolina, and they are extending their range. ... We're making progress, but we'll never get back up to the 10 million because there are too many parking lots."

Walsh became interested in elk and land conservation while he was in college.

"When I came through Wofford, everybody looked for summer employment, and we tried to work in different places to be exposed to different parts of the country," says Walsh, who taught riflery and swimming at a boys' camp in Maine before spending two summers as a waiter at Pahaska TeePee (Wild Bill Hickok's historic hunting lodge). "I've always hunted, ever since I was a little boy, but working in Wyoming during college is when I became inspired by the Western hunting scene and elk preservation."

According to Walsh, the RMEF partners with state and federal organizations, such as the National Forest Service, to acquire, protect and conserve land that offers optimal habitat for elk. The land is open to the public.

"People can hunt it, fish it, photograph it, camp on it or ride horses on it," says Walsh. "It's not just for elk. We all benefit."

Walsh continues his preservation efforts with the future in mind. He remains active for his children and grandchildren: Lyn Walsh '90 and Lauri Walsh Moore '92, Lauri's husband, Martin Moore '92, and their three children, Ross (17), John Bailey (15) and Lyndsay (13), as well as the many young people who he feels need more time outdoors enjoying and exploring nature. When he's not working on land conservation, Walsh also enjoys traveling, needlepoint and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

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Dr. Holisa Wharton has been named the new dean of the William Preston Turner School of Nursing at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. Wharton brings with her 20 years of nursing and leadership experience.

Right Thing to Do.” Johnson is a paralegal at Wake Technical Community College in the Office of General Counsel.

1995

Brandie Yancey Lorenz, class chair

John Breakfield was sworn in as judge for the State Court of Hall County Georgia on Dec. 16, 2016. Breakfield won a countywide contested election by nearly 20 percentage points. Breakfield and his wife, Astrid, have two sons, Jack and Gage, and live in Flowery Branch.

Living in Nashville, Tenn., **Derek Brown** has been promoted to executive director of development at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Kimberly M. Johnson wrote two blog entries for the North Carolina Bar Association Paralegal Division. The entries are “Making a Lasting Impression” and “Giving Back Because It Is the

NorthBridge Partners has named **Ashley Kilmartin** director of investor relations. She will assist in marketing and investor relations for the firm’s real estate private partnerships. She and her husband, **Matthew Kilmartin**, live in Concord, Mass.

Sowell Gray Robinson Stepp & Laffitte announced **Gibbs Leaphart Jr.** has become the firm’s newest member.

Cayce McIntosh Granger and her husband, Hugh, announce the birth of their daughter, Frances Catherine, born March 21, 2016. She joins big brothers Hugh (8) and Brett (6).

1997

Beth Mangham Guerrero, class chair

1998

Casey Moore, class chair

Living in Decatur, Ga., **Maureen Bell Sweatman** serves as director of career management on the Atlanta campus of Mercer University.

1999

Zach Atkinson, class chair

Charles Clementson and **Dr. Blair Wetmore Clementson** ’02 announce the birth of their son, Charles William “Charlie” Clementson. The family lives in Spartanburg.

Karla Otroszko Daniel and her husband announce the birth of Wells Rivers Daniel, born Feb. 5, 2017. He joins big sister Lila Jane Daniel (2). The family lives in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

Jan Ruth Streater Mayheu and **Tim Mayheu** welcomed baby boy John Outlaw Mayheu on Sept. 30, 2016. He joins siblings Mary Clare and Thomas.

Dr. Elizabeth Steele has been named Educator of the Year by the Alabama Optometric Association. Steele joined the University of Alabama Birmingham faculty in 2004 and serves as the associate dean of clinical affairs. She lectures locally and nationally in the areas of ocular and systemic disease.

2000

Anthony D. Hoefler Jr., class chair

South State Bank announced that **Montague Laffitte III** has been named executive vice president. He lives in Columbia, S.C., and has worked with South State Bank since 2002.

Will Ponder has joined Phillips Edison & Co. as vice president of acquisitions. He lives in Asheville, N.C.

2001

Jenna Sheheen Bridgers, class chair

Dana Bruce and her husband, Scott Fulmer, welcomed a baby girl, Ramsey Claire Fulmer, born June 7, 2016. She joins big sister Lela Gwinn. Bruce recently accepted a job in Washington, D.C., as the director of strategic partnerships at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. She and her family live in Alexandria, Va.

Congratulations to **Craig Melvin** and his wife, Lindsay Czarniak, on the birth of their second child, Sybil Ann “Sibby” Melvin, born Nov. 5, 2016. She joins big brother Delano (2). Melvin serves on the Wofford Board of Trustees and is an anchor and reporter for NBC. Czarniak is an anchor for ESPN SportsCenter.

The Hon. Mindy Westbrook Zimmerman has been appointed by the South Carolina General Assembly to the 8th Judicial Circuit Family Court Bench in Newberry, S.C.

2002

Yorke Gerrald, class chair

Dr. Lucas McMillan, associate professor of political science and current chair of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C., was chosen dean of the university’s new College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, which will consist of four current academic departments: history and philosophy, political and social sciences, psychological science and military science/Army ROTC.

2003

Tracy Howard, class chair

Marlana Brown Edwards and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Hastings Palmer Edwards, in July. They also have a 4-year-old son. The family lives in Fairfax, Va., near her husband’s work as director of athletics at George Mason University.

Former Wofford defensive coordinator **Nate Fuqua** joined the Georgia State University staff in the same position. He had been on the Wofford coaching staff for the past 12 seasons.

Alison Caviness Gibson and her husband, Richard, welcomed a son, Andrew Hughes Gibson, born July 4, 2016. He joins big sister Charlotte. The family lives in Wheaton, Ill.

The Health Services District of Kershaw County has named **Sallie Cheek Harrell** executive director. She took the position in December 2016.

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

Dr. Mary Egbuniwe Ojo-Carons and her husband, Akin, announce the birth of Samuel Ojo-Carons, born May 6, 2016. He joins big sister Lily.

Executive director of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, **Courtney Parades Plotner** lives in Charleston, S.C., with her husband, Jeff ’01, and son, Judson, almost 2 years old.

Rachel Sheridan married John Cole on Sept. 3, 2016. This past summer Sheridan began a new business, Smooth Sailing Event Coordinating and Consulting Services. She works primarily with nonprofit organizations on fundraisers.

2006

Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair

Attorney **Joseph Bias** works in insurance defense with McAngus Goudelock and Courie in Columbia, S.C.

Virginia Crumpler Fox and her husband, Bart, welcomed baby girl Marilyn Spencer Fox, born Oct. 22, 2016.

Founding program director of the physician assistant program at Charleston Southern University, **Gabby Linder Poole** lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with her husband, Anthony, and their two children, Emmy (2) and Will (1).

Living in Greer, S.C., with her husband, Nick, **Laura Green Schomisch** is a LEA business systems analyst for MetLife in Greenville.

2007

Hunter Miller, class chair

Dr. Andrew Barnes is a radiology resident at University of North Carolina Health Care. He lives in Chapel Hill with his wife, Holly, and their three children, McKenna Ann, Adelaide and Lincoln.

William Cochran and **Jessie Sahms** ’10 were married on Nov. 19, 2016. They live in Greer, S.C. William is a mortgage loan processor for BB&T. Jessie is a career services coordinator at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

WOFFORD PROUD ON THE WEST HIGHLAND WAY



by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

When Wallace Malcolm “Mal” Jopling ’70 proposed a trip to hike the West Highland Way in Scotland to his daughter, Amanda Jopling Wells ’99, she jumped at the opportunity.

“He bought Wofford sweatshirts for us to wear at the beginning of the trail head and at the end of our 96-mile hike,” says Wells, who along with Jopling poses in Fort William with the weary but triumphant bronze hiker at the end of their eight-day hike. “It was a trip of a lifetime.”

Jopling worked in banking for more than 20 years before earning a master of divinity degree at the University of the South. He became an Episcopal priest in the diocese of North Florida, retiring last fall. He now volunteers as a guardian ad litem and continues to walk, hike or bicycle. Jopling lives in St. Augustine, Fla., with his wife, Marsha, and their two Labradors, Santa Fe and Suwanee.

Wells holds a master of education in human development from the University of Maryland University College. She’s a STEM teacher at Waynesville Middle School and lives in Clyde, N.C., with her husband, Matthew Wells ’99, and their three children, Hannah, Christopher and Julia. She’s passed a love of hiking to her children. She and her family did a highest peaks tour this summer, hiking six of the highest peaks east of the Mississippi.

Living in Seattle, Wash., **Matt Giles** is the associate producing director of the Seattle Repertory Theatre. He is integral to the planning and production of the company’s eight-show season as well as producing artistic partnership programming.

Cameron Corbin Harris and her husband, Travis, announce the birth of a son, Ames Wilson Harris, born Oct. 30, 2016. The family lives in Spartanburg, where Cameron is an occupational therapist at Spartanburg Medical Center.

Loren Hyatt lives and works in Jordan managing relief and development projects that assist Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians. The services she provides focus on health and nutrition, food security and protection as well as cash and voucher projects. Hyatt holds a master’s degree in foreign service from Georgetown University with a concentration in international development and a certificate in refugees and humanitarian emergencies.

Dr. Jessica McGarity and Dr. Brian Ford were married on Nov. 5, 2016. The couple lives in Columbia, S.C.

Capt. Roshonda Rogers Thomas stays busy as a project manager and process engineer with Michelin; as the owner of Fortitudine Studio, a gym in Anderson, S.C.; as an Army Reserves logistics captain; and as a member of the National Association of Professional Women, Upstate

chapter. She’s also the mother of two, Julianna (4) and Alezsandra (2), with another on the way.

A physician assistant with the Southeastern Spine Institute, **Lane Stuber Tuggle** lives in North Charleston, S.C., with her husband, Jonathan, and their daughter, Olivia Grace Tuggle, who celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 27, 2016.

Living in Cincinnati, Ohio, **Tyler Crahan** is an assistant vice president with Fifth Third Bank.

Stephanie Fontenot and Richard Andrew Marrs were married on April 30, 2016. The couple lives in northern Virginia and works in Washington D.C.

As associate attorney with Wes Hayes Law in Rock Hill, S.C., **Creighton Hayes** handles criminal, family and personal injury cases in York County and the surrounding areas.

Living in Milton, Fla., **Michael Hobbs** is a private banker with Summit Bank.

Sarah Hite Kennedy and **Joseph Whitner Kennedy III** celebrated the second birthday of their son, Joseph Whitner “Jay” Kennedy IV, on Jan. 21, 2017. Sarah is a special education teacher at Dunbar Child Development Center. The family lives in Greenville, S.C.

THREE GRADUATES SELECTED FOR LIBERTY FELLOWS CLASS OF 2018



by Omar K. Elmore ’19

Three Wofford graduates — Molly Cherry ’93, Shawan Gillians ’04 and Darrin Goss Sr. ’93 — have been selected to the Liberty Fellows Class of 2018 because of their work in their communities and careers.

The Liberty Fellows started in 2004 as a collaboration between Wofford College, the Aspen Institute and the two co-founders Anna Kate and Hayne Hipp. The program honors South Carolina residents between the ages of 30 and 45 and is a lifelong commitment. Fellows attend five seminars over 18 months and explore the idea of leadership and a “good society” using the Socratic method of debate. Each class purposefully represents a diverse range of South Carolinians because organizers believe various perspectives will enhance the group’s discussions.

The three Wofford graduates in the Class of 2018 demonstrate this diversity. Cherry graduated with degrees in Spanish and government before attending University of South Carolina’s School of Law. She is a practicing attorney with Nexen Pruet in Charleston.

Gillians is the associate general counsel at Santee Cooper. She graduated from Wofford with degrees in economics and religion and continued her studies at The College of William and Mary, Marshall Wythe Law School. She also holds an MBA from the University of South Carolina.

Goss is president and CEO of the Coastal Community Foundation. He majored in psychology at Wofford and went on to earn advanced degrees from North Greenville University and Harvard Business School.

These three alumni will join an exclusive network and work together to analyze and address areas of need across the state. The Liberty Fellows program is based at Wofford.



FROM THE DEFENSE

Cuttino elected president of the DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

The legal profession seems to be in a state of change. Fewer undergraduates are applying to and entering law school. Law schools are in decline as well, and some are cutting faculty and considering condensing the curriculum to two years instead of three. At the same time, fewer civil cases go to trial, and fewer attorneys try cases.

John Cuttino '79, an attorney and shareholder with Gallivan White Boyd P.A. in Columbia, S.C., isn't sure where the profession is heading, but as the president of the DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar, "the world's largest and premier organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel," he spends considerable time thinking, writing and talking about it.

"A lot of things are going on with the practice of law and the profession in general, not just in my area of practice," says Cuttino. "It used to be you were hired by a firm, stayed with them, grinded it out and moved up the ranks, but the game has changed a lot. At DRI, we watch closely, and often advocate on changes affecting the profession and the delivery of legal services."

Cuttino took office with DRI, based in Chicago, Ill., in October 2016 and will serve for a year. It's not quite a full-time job, but it's close with frequent travel, meetings and speaking engagements across the country. He also writes articles and does interviews on the changes in the profession: from the ability of non-lawyers to render legal services and to have ownership of law firms, to the cost of a legal education and the associated student debt that comes with it.

"DRI started out as an educational organization in 1960. The law is always changing, and lawyers need to be updated on those changes. Education has been a large part of DRI's mission, but we offer a lot more than legal education," says Cuttino. DRI also is committed to improving and seeking balance in the justice system, assisting members in dealing with the economic realities of the defense law practice and encouraging ethical practice and social responsibility.

Cuttino tried and won his first case in Darlington County in 1983, not long after serving a judicial clerkship. After 34 years he still loves the practice of law and is quick to say that even with the uncertainty in the field, a legal education offers great training for a variety of professions. He also says that Wofford graduates are ideally suited for law school or a legal career.

"There is an almost unbelievable number of Wofford alumni who are very successful in this profession, and I'm extremely proud of that," says Cuttino. "That's not a coincidence. Law schools are attracted to people with a broad liberal arts background, with science degrees, math degrees or foreign language degrees. You don't have to major in government to be successful in the field."

As far as the future of the legal profession goes, Cuttino says the next chapter hasn't been written yet. "Still, I would go back to law school in a heartbeat," he says. "Anything that stretches your mind and broadens your thinking is a huge advantage in any career."

REWRITING RETIREMENT: WOFFORD GRAD AND RETIREE REMAINS ACTIVE, EARNING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE S.C. ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS



by Kelsey Aylor '18

Jim Neal '64 was diagnosed with Parkinson's 15 years ago, but that hasn't stopped him.

"Part of my motivation is to show others that a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not mean we stop living," he says. "I wanted to stay active after retirement, and I believe you should find creative projects that are different from your career to keep you involved."

Since retiring in 2000 from a 32-year career in alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention, Neal has continued to use his passion and knowledge of the topic to write and publish the book "Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment in South Carolina (1954-2004): A Synoptic History."

Published in 2015, this book led to Neal's recognition as Professional of the Year, awarded by the South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

A history major at Wofford, Neal did not have plans to enter the health sector, but substance abuse prevention and treatment eventually became his ministry.

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

Richard Eugene Marsh III and Anna Barber Marsh '11 welcomed baby girl Caroline Dill Marsh, born Sept. 14, 2016.

Penelope James Madigan was born on Jan. 26, 2017, to proud parents Kelly and **Nathan Madigan**.

Mark Reynolds manages the Mexico inventory management team as a market group manager for Delta Air Lines Inc. He and his wife, Leland Hollowell Reynolds '10, live in Mableton, Ga.

Jack and Amanda Kilbourne Richardson of Spartanburg announce the birth of Elizabeth Jane Richardson, born Sept. 23, 2016.

Dr. Caitlin Clifford Robinson is an obstetrician and gynecologist with Chesapeake Health Care. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Salisbury, Md.

Dawson Smith was named chief financial officer of JEAR Logistics based in Charleston, S.C. Smith lives in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Catie.

Alex Sturgis lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Melanie, and their children, Elliot Louise (2) and Eleanor Graham, born Oct. 6, 2016. Sturgis graduated from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business with an M.B.A. in 2016.

Dr. Lindsey Lane Verlander is working as an associate veterinarian and director of emergency services for Eastside Animal Medical Center, a 24-hour small animal emergency veterinary hospital in Grayson, Ga. She's also the founder of Homeless Pet Initiative Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides free veterinary care to pets of homeless people in the Atlanta area.

2009

Peyton Hray, class chair

In September **John Robert Barth** took a position as business specialist III for Colonial Life Insurance. He organizes trainings, awards presentations and trips for Colonial Life agents. Barth and Kevin N. White have been married since 2014. They live in Columbia, S.C.

Stacey Turner McDonald and her husband, Michael, live in Durham, N.C., where she is a postdoctoral research associate at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy. While

working toward her Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Duke University, she is designing and synthesizing drugs for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Living in Arlington, Va., **Josh Shumaker** is a legislative associate with the National Association of Development Organizations in Washington, D.C.

2010

Kari Harris, class chair

Nancy Halligan Ellison lives in Savannah, Ga., with her husband, Randal. She is a physician assistant with the Center for Digestive and Liver Health.

Jessica Holcomb is the deputy director of the Spartanburg Housing Authority. Her responsibilities include the administration of SHA's asset management, assisted housing, risk management and safety programs. She also is enrolled in the Rutgers University Executive Housing Management Certification Program.

Jenny Thiessen Stewart is an advanced tax analyst with Milliken & Co. She and her husband, Bradley, live in Greer, S.C.

Erica and **Jared Tetrick** welcomed baby boy Mason William Tetrick on Oct. 10, 2016. The family lives in Johnson City, Tenn.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

Living in Greensboro, N.C., **Haley Baird** is a clinical pharmacist with Moses Cone Hospital. She received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy in 2015.

Drew Crowell is in his first year as the head boys basketball coach at St. John's Christian Academy in Moncks Corner, S.C. He played professionally in Denmark before deciding to return to the United States where he could give back to youth and the game through coaching.

Allison Marie Taylor and Aaron Kyle Duffie were married on Oct. 22, 2016. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where they both work as certified public accountants with CohnReznick LLP.

Paul Gores Jr. is working as a reimbursement analyst with the Medical University of South

Carolina while earning a master's degree in health administration, also from MUSC. He is scheduled to graduate in 2018.

Jill Thrasher Hauserman is an associate attorney with Thompson, Sweeny, Kinsinger and Pereira in Atlanta, Ga. Her work primarily entails defending local governments and schools in civil litigation and workers compensation matters. She earned her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2015.

Megan Young lives in Greenville, S.C. She works as an operations analyst for Anderson County Public Works managing budget and financials, analyzing performance and recommending efficiency measures. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Clemson University in 2016.

2012

Hallie Willm, class chair

James Ballard and **Amy Horton** were married on July 30, 2016. They live in Austin, Texas, where James is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Texas. He recently completed a master of arts in religion from Yale Divinity School. Amy is teaching sixth- and seventh-grade social studies at Sci-Tech Preparatory School.

Living in Columbia, S.C., with her husband, Danny, **Hannah Leirmoe Buckner** is a teacher and counselor with the Sandhills School. She teaches high school writing, public speaking and theatre as well as middle school language arts. She also started the school's first college counseling program.

Attending Mercer University School of Medicine, **Calvin Cantrell** and **Laurel DuVall Cantrell** were married on July 9, 2016. They are both scheduled to finish their M.D. degrees in 2018.

On June 18, 2016, **Becka Dunbar** and **Jonathan Clayton** were married in Greenville, S.C.

Konstantine Diamaduros has joined Nexsen Pruet's business litigation group in Greenville, S.C., after clerking for the Hon. Joseph F. Anderson in the U.S. District Court. Diamaduros graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2015.



HUTCHENS ENJOYS JEOPARDY! EXPERIENCE

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

The answer is: This Wofford College graduate is following in her boyfriend's huge footsteps as a contestant on "Jeopardy!"

The correct question — and don't forget to phrase it in the form of a question — is: Who is Liz Hutchens?

That's right! Liz Hutchens '09 appeared Nov. 25 on the popular game show with Alex Trebek. Back in 2013, Hutchens' boyfriend, Ben Ingram '05, had an eight-game run on "Jeopardy!", and in 2014 he won the show's "Tournament of Champions," giving him a \$250,000 prize to add to the more than \$177,000 he earned during his regular games.

Ingram encouraged Hutchens to try out for the show. He had credited Hutchens with urging him to take the test and become a contestant. She took the online test last year and was invited for an in-person audition in Atlanta. "Then in August, I received the call to go out (to Los Angeles) to film the show. Once I was invited, I had about 24 days to brush up on any trivia that might come up, and Ben helped quiz me a lot, especially on presidents," she says.

"Ben was great. He wanted me to have a fun and memorable 'Jeopardy!' experience," she says, adding that Ingram, her parents and several friends attended the taping.

"It was fairly surreal being there as an audience member (when Ingram was on the show), and even more so as a contestant," she says. "On the day you tape, you have to get up really early and then start rehearsing the 'nuts and bolts' of the show, such as walking up on stage, finding where you'll be standing, having a few practice rounds with the buzzer and writing your name." After that, it's makeup, paperwork and waiting for the audience, she says, adding that she had the opportunity to watch "lots of amazing contestants" film before her turn. "It goes by very quickly, and it felt like a whirlwind."

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

A year ago **Tyler Finney** accepted a position as regional sales consultant for the Southeastern region for RiverFront Investment Group in Richmond, Va.

Shelby Hardee works as a preconstruction coordinator with Thompson Turner Construction in Sumter, S.C.

An account executive with Vertical Strategies, a digital marketing consulting firm in Washington, D.C., **Courtney Green Knittle** lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Scott, a legislative assistant to Congressman Thomas Massie (KY-04). They were married on Aug. 27, 2016.

United Way of the Piedmont announced that **Alex Moore** has joined the staff as director of marketing and communications.

Gus White and **Niki Klansic '13** were married on Nov. 12, 2016. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Niki runs her own fitness business, SugarySixPack.com, and Gus is an account manager with Omni Cable.

2013

Morgan Victoria Amick, class chair

Rachel Arling and Matthew David Samson were married on July 22, 2016. Rachel is an actor in College Park, Md. Her husband is pursuing his doctorate in composition at the University of Maryland School of Music.

Cole Brown lives in Greenville, S.C., and works as an administrator of a skilled nursing facility with the Greenville Health System. He earned a master's degree in health care administration from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2015.

Emily Conrad is in the Master of Chinese Studies program at Peking University, Yenching Academy in Beijing. Her focus of study is on international relations. She anticipates graduating in 2017.

Nexsen Pruet recently welcomed **Emily Dobson** as an attorney in the business litigation group in the firm's Columbia, S.C., office. She has been a part of the Nexsen Pruet family since 2013 as a summer associate during law school at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Jennings Johnstone and Richard Edward Davis were married on Sept. 17, 2016. They live in Greenville, S.C., where Jennings is a counselor with Synergy Psych.

Ryann Kroske McCall has been promoted to director of marketing and communications for the Office of Advancement at Wofford College.

Thomas Simmons and Julia Lynn Williams were married on Dec. 10, 2016. Both hold master's degrees in accounting. They live in Greer, S.C.

2014

Shri Selvakumar, class chair

Tara Gough is completing her J.D. degree at Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas. She graduates in May.

2015

Maggie Stroud, class chair

Kaitlyn Cockcroft is a tax associate with Dixon Hughes Goodman in Greenville, S.C. She earned her master of professional accounting degree from Clemson University in 2016.

Brannan Hudson is a brokerage associate for Colliers International. He specializes in the sale

and lease of Flex Industrial Buildings. Hudson lives in Greenville, S.C.

Emily Schlagowsky Pohlheber is an operations manager with Silva Financial Group. She lives in Fort Mill, S.C., with her husband and their son, Samson, born Sept. 9, 2016.

Living in Winston Salem, N.C., **Cameron Smith** is a portfolio risk officer with BB&T.

Lucy Britt Stadler is the chief of staff for The Advisory Board in Washington, D.C.

2016

Marianna Conrad, class chair

John Dam is a sales and operations manager for Dellfrio LLC in Spartanburg. His work involves developing new and current sales accounts and improving company efficiency.

Angela Ditolla works with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a diversity outreach specialist. She helps coordinate the DNR's diversity outreach efforts. She lives in West Columbia.

In August **Meg Lacy** accepted a position as an associate for Grant Thornton. She lives in Atlanta, Ga.

A financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, **Angela Leigh Heinrich** lives in Sugarland, Texas.

Morris Porter is a financial analyst with Huguenot Fuels. He lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Living in Rock Hill, S.C., **Daija Rogers** is working in information technology for Chester Middle School.

Chandler Stokes works as a banker with South State Bank in Columbia, S.C.



STARTING FROM SCRATCH

Entrepreneurial fever leads Webb to develop RoBotany and Pure Sky Farms

by Omar K. Elmore '19

Austin Webb '10 hasn't always known what his passion was. Actually, he spent two and a half years after graduating working the wrong job. When he realized it, he left his position with Lockheed Martin as a financial analyst in the Finance Leadership Development Program.

"I went into investment banking, which I probably should have done from the start," he says. "I helped middle market companies raise equity and debt capital or sell their companies in industries such as engineering, construction, technology, media and telecom."

The experience gave him new skills, and more importantly, his contact with these middle-market companies offered him inspiration.

"In working with the CEOs and co-founders — the entrepreneurs that had built their companies from scratch — I began to get entrepreneurial fever," says Webb. "I no longer wanted to work in the investment banking field. I wanted to build something of my own from scratch that could change the world for the better."

Webb packed his bags and traveled to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., to earn an MBA and start a company in the field of robotics.

"I met a tall, lanky roboticist, who is also named Austin, at a networking event on CMU's campus," says Webb, referring to RoBotany co-founder Austin Lawrence. "We came together with two different perceptions of how vertical farming could change the future, and we melded our concept of RoBotany over six or seven months through research and speaking with as many industry experts, fellow vertical farmers and consumers as possible to validate our idea."

Daniel Seim and Brac Webb, Austin's older brother, joined the leadership team, and together the four set out to change agriculture by combining revolutionary technology with a love of environmental sustainability.

"RoBotany is an indoor vertical farming company using automated robotics and software analytics to transform modern agriculture," says Webb. "Over the past two years, vertical farming on a large commercial scale has finally found viability, both economically and socially. However, energy usage and manual, inefficient operations pose a huge threat to the long-term viability of indoor vertical farming."

That's where RoBotany's patent-pending technology comes in. RoBotany uses automated robotics and software analytics to transform its indoor vertical farming techniques. The robotics allow for improved labor efficiency, increased annual yields per square foot and newfound sustainability. The software system monitors every aspect of the controlled environment while optimizing plant growth and taste and eliminating the need for pesticides.

"At the end of the day, for the consumer, this means hyper fresh, hyper local produce that can be grown inside any city limits all year-round," says Webb. "And it means produce grown with 95 percent less water versus traditional agriculture, no topsoil degradation and no runoff pollution."

Webb, who majored in finance and minored in economics, credits his experiences at Wofford with allowing him to reach this point. In particular, he credits finance professors Andrew Green, Dr. Michael Merriman and Dr. Philip Swicegood with serving as ideal mentors and leaving a positive and lasting impact on his life.

"The liberal arts background has increased my ability to think critically in the workplace," says Webb. "Thinking critically is the highest sought-after characteristic for recruiters, and it is extremely important for any co-founder or executive of a start-up."

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

To learn more about RoBotany and Pure Sky Farms, visit robotany.ag or pureskyfarms.com.

IN MEMORIAM

1943

Maloy R. Rash Jr., Oct. 17, 2016, Greenville, S.C. An officer and pilot of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Rash trained British pilots at Riddle Field in Florida for air combat. He retired as president of the Ivey's department store chain.

1945

Dr. Walker Hardee Ford, Dec. 27, 2016, Anderson, S.C. Ford spent the majority of his career in public school education, retiring as principal of Shell Point Elementary School in Beaufort, S.C. He was a longtime member of The Baptist Church of Beaufort, where he was a Sunday School teacher and deacon.

1947

Benjamin A. Brown Jr., Nov. 19, 2016, Lancaster, S.C. Brown fought in three major campaigns during World War II: the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and the Central Europe Campaign. He came to Wofford as a veteran. A CPA, Brown spent his career with Springs Industries, serving as director of the tax department for 25 years. After retirement he enjoyed building furniture and volunteering his accounting skills.

Dr. Grover C. Tuggle Sr., Dec. 18, 2016, Chester, S.C. Tuggle was a B29 flight engineer in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, a retired optometrist and a member of the Lions Club for 62 years.

1951

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Whitner Kennedy Sr., Dec. 16, 2016, Waynesboro, Va. Kennedy spent two years on a submarine in the Pacific during World War II. He came to Wofford after the war and excelled in basketball and tennis. Kennedy went on to become a Presbyterian minister and leader in the Presbyterian Church USA, including service on the General Council and Social Witness Policy Committee.

1952

Retired Col. Alexander A. C. Gerry, Dec. 16, 2016, Glen Burnie, Md. Gerry enjoyed a long and distinguished military career. During the late 1960s and early 1970s, he worked as technical director on various films, most notably "Kelly's Heroes," "Castle Keep" and "Catch 22." He wrote extensively on national security and foreign policy and mastered seven languages.

1954

The Rev. William M. Page Jr., Dec. 15, 2016, Greenville, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran, Page

went on to earn a divinity degree and serve Upstate Baptist churches for over 50 years.

The Rev. Zeb Williams Jr., Nov. 14, 2016, Lexington, Va. During his 55-year career as an ordained minister, Williams served Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches in six states. He was a past editor of the ARP church's magazine.

1955

The Rev. James D. Stewart, Nov. 25, 2016, Green Valley, Ariz. Stewart served United Methodist churches in South Carolina, Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.

1958

Stanley V. Faw, Oct. 28, 2016, Concord, N.C. Faw was a sales manager with Liberty Life Insurance and later worked for Enterprise Car Rental. He was a retired major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Franklin Delano Hutchinson, Jan. 19, 2017, McClellanville, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran, Hutchinson retired from Unisom Insurance Co. and then worked for Seibels Bruce Group Inc. as a senior vice president of insurance operations. He was an elder of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church.

1959

William N. Bradford Jr., Jan. 28, 2017, Burlington, N.C. Bradford played basketball at Wofford and was president of the senior class and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He had been employed by Western Electric, AT&T and Lucent Technologies as a computer systems analyst for more than 30 years. After retirement he worked six additional years for IBM. Bradford was an active member of Front Street United Methodist Church for 50 years.

1960

Dr. Asbury Cecil Bozard Jr., Dec. 22, 2016, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Bozard was an orthopedic surgeon and former chief of staff at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

William Phelps Brickle, Aug. 12, 2016, Hanahan, S.C. Brickle served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of major. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford and went on to work in the field of counseling.

1962

Dr. William West Kellett III, Dec. 24, 2016, Greenville, S.C. Kellett was a third-generation Wofford graduate. He served as a major in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox and returned

to Greenville where he practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 32 years. He was an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, a foster parent and a faithful volunteer at the Place of Hope at United Ministries. Kellett did medical mission work for 20 years and loved dancing with his wife, playing tennis and hiking.

1964

William Carlisle Patterson, Nov. 13, 2016, Laurens, S.C. Patterson served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. For more than 20 years he was a sales associate with Baldwin Automotive in Laurens.

Dr. Robert Dewitt Tollison, Oct. 24, 2016, Clemson, S.C. Tollison served in the Nixon and Reagan administrations in many roles, including senior economist at the Council of Economic Advisors and then later as director of the Bureau of Economics of the Federal Trade Commission. At the time of his death, he was the J. Wilson Newman Professor of Economics at Clemson University. He also had taught at Cornell, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, George Mason and University of Mississippi.

1966

John Dillard Jacobs, Feb. 5, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Jacobs retired in 2005 after a 37-year career with the South Carolina Employment Security Commission.

Reginald Earl Smith, Jan. 10, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. Smith was president of Carolina Electric Co. from 1967 to 1985. He then worked for Hoechst Celanese and J. Frank Blakely until his retirement in 2012.

1967

Dr. Hugh Thomas Arthur II, Feb. 3, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Arthur held both a Ph.D. in economics and a law degree. He taught at Jacksonville State University and later went to work at SCANA in 1982, retiring as general counsel in 2005.

Kenneth Wayne Barnette, Jan. 14, 2017, Reidville, S.C. Barnette retired after 31 years of service as a S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation cardiac counselor. He was a member of the gospel group the Barnette Brothers and was a competitive tennis player.

1974

William Samuel Lander III, Dec. 14, 2016, Denver, N.C. A small business owner, Lander was active in the Boy Scouts of America and considered his mission helping the development of Eagle Scouts. He loved the beach and deep sea fishing.

1976

James Mack Cabbage Jr., Dec. 3, 2016, Rock Hill, S.C. Cabbage was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. He was a business owner and manager.

The Rev. Julius W.D. Jackson, Oct. 18, 2016, Philadelphia, Pa. While serving several churches, Jackson also was vicar of St. Dismiss Episcopal Mission at Graterford Prison from 1995 to 2011. He was the interim rector at St. George and St. Barnabas at the time of his death. Jackson was an active member of the Episcopal Black Clericus, a member of the Vicar's Association and president of the local chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

1977

Carlos M. Lindsey, Dec. 27, 2016, Greenville, S.C. Lindsey owned and operated Greenville Industrial Supply. He was an avid sportsman.

1979

Horace Edwin "Win" Williams, Jan. 23, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Williams was co-founder of Island Car Wash in Hilton Head. He was on the board of a family owned business, Dixie Electronics.

1980

Retired Maj. James E. Moody Jr., Oct. 26, 2016, Atlanta, Ga. Moody was an officer with the Morehouse College Campus Police Department and a retired major in the U.S. Army, receiving numerous commendations for his 20 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., initiated into the Tau Delta Chapter at Wofford.

1995

Kevin Stuart Williams, Nov. 4, 2016, Daytona Beach, Fla. Williams died after a short illness. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford and went on to earn master's degrees from Villanova University and Colorado Technical University. He worked in human resources for Memorial Hospital.

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FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES: IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE PAST

by Dr. Phillip Stone '94, college archivist



Hearing the word "archives" might conjure up images of a dark and cluttered room, with stacks of books, boxes bursting with files, shelves lined with ledgers and old card catalog drawers filled with slips of information. It's not a place that seems at first glance compatible with today's tech-savvy, digital students. And yet, the Sandor Teszler Library faculty and staff are working constantly to keep the college's archival and special collections relevant and accessible.

Students use the college archives in a number of ways. Individual students, including student publications staff members, visit when they want to research some piece of college history. Other interested students might stop by after seeing an artifact or a photograph in a display case. Interim projects often introduce students to some aspect of the archives as well. This year, Dr. Tracy Revels' Writer's Workout Interim visited, handling and photographing a number of artifacts that they then used as prompts in their writing.

For more than 15 years, students in the history department's Historiography and Research Methods class have visited the archives to get hands-on experience with some of the college's primary source documents. Students in Dr. Ron Robinson's Religion in the South class regularly make use of the materials that document the college's experience with desegregation.

Over the past two years, students in the college's First-Year Interaction seminars also make use of archival materials in their courses. The library archives materials on a number of subjects, from sports to the arts, from Benjamin Wofford to the old literary societies. Students in each FYI seminar use these materials to teach each other about aspects of college history.

Archives bridge the dusty and the digital. Since 2013 the library has maintained a digital institutional repository, which is available at digitalcommons.wofford.edu. We're making college records and archival manuscripts available to students, faculty and researchers around the world. But even more than that, we're using it to promote faculty and student scholarship. Any student who successfully completes an honors thesis submits that thesis to the library, and it is placed in the online repository. Some students who complete capstone projects also deposit their papers into the repository, and faculty also can share their scholarship online. One of the most popular collections in the repository came about thanks to an Arthur Vining Davis Foundation grant. Curricular materials developed by teams of students and faculty for high school classes are available in the repository, and as a result, thousands of users around the world have downloaded materials for use in their classrooms.

Archives and special collections are not relics of the past; they support the college's teaching and research missions by maintaining and sharing the records of the past and the present.



COMMITTED TO SERVE

Chief Justice Pleicones swears in Representatives Atwater and Smith in private ceremony

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Just before the South Carolina General Assembly broke for the holidays, reelected representatives Murrell Smith '90, R-Sumter, and Todd Atwater '88, R-Lexington, walked into the state's Supreme Court courtroom where Chief Justice Costa Pleicones '65 swore them in during a private ceremony.

Pleicones was to retire at the end of the year, and Atwater and Smith did not want to miss the opportunity to renew their commitment to serve the state with fellow Wofford graduate Pleicones presiding.

"When opportunities for unique memories come along, I think it's important to take advantage of them," says Atwater, whose hand was on Pleicones' Wofford Bible during the ceremony.

Smith, a partner in the Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler and Smith Law Firm, was first elected to the General Assembly in 2001 and currently is serving on the Ways and Means and Ethics committees. Atwater began his first term in 2011. He serves on the Labor, Commerce and Industry and Rules committees. Both find service challenging but rewarding.

"Serving as a state representative has been a dream of mine since college," says Smith. Smith housesat as a student for Wofford professor of art history and Republican party leader Constance Antonsen during George Bush's campaign

for president in 1988. "Answering her phone and taking messages from people running Bush's campaign fueled my desire to go into politics." Smith also credits government professors the late Dr. Linton Dunson, who was close with the late S.C. Sen. Strom Thurmond, and Dr. Jack Seitz, who held more liberal and challenging political views. "Dr. Seitz helped me realize the importance of bridging political gaps" for the good of the state and nation, says Smith.

Atwater came to Wofford planning to become a doctor. An Interim internship with S.C. Rep. Floyd Spence as well as classes in business economics, history and religion, opened his eyes to a career in business and politics. Atwater went on to law school and since has worked for Strom Thurmond, the State Chamber of Commerce and Gov. David Beasley. He served as CEO of the South Carolina Medical Association for 13 years and is now CEO of SCMA Members Insurance Trust. When Rep. Nikki Haley became governor, Atwater saw the opportunity, ran and was elected to fill her house seat.

"Politics can be a blood sport in South Carolina, but I want to contribute with common sense and decency," says Atwater. "Wofford continues to produce graduates who rise to the top, and I'm proud to be associated with Wofford graduates like Costa and Murrell who are willing to step up and take a stand in tough situations."

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

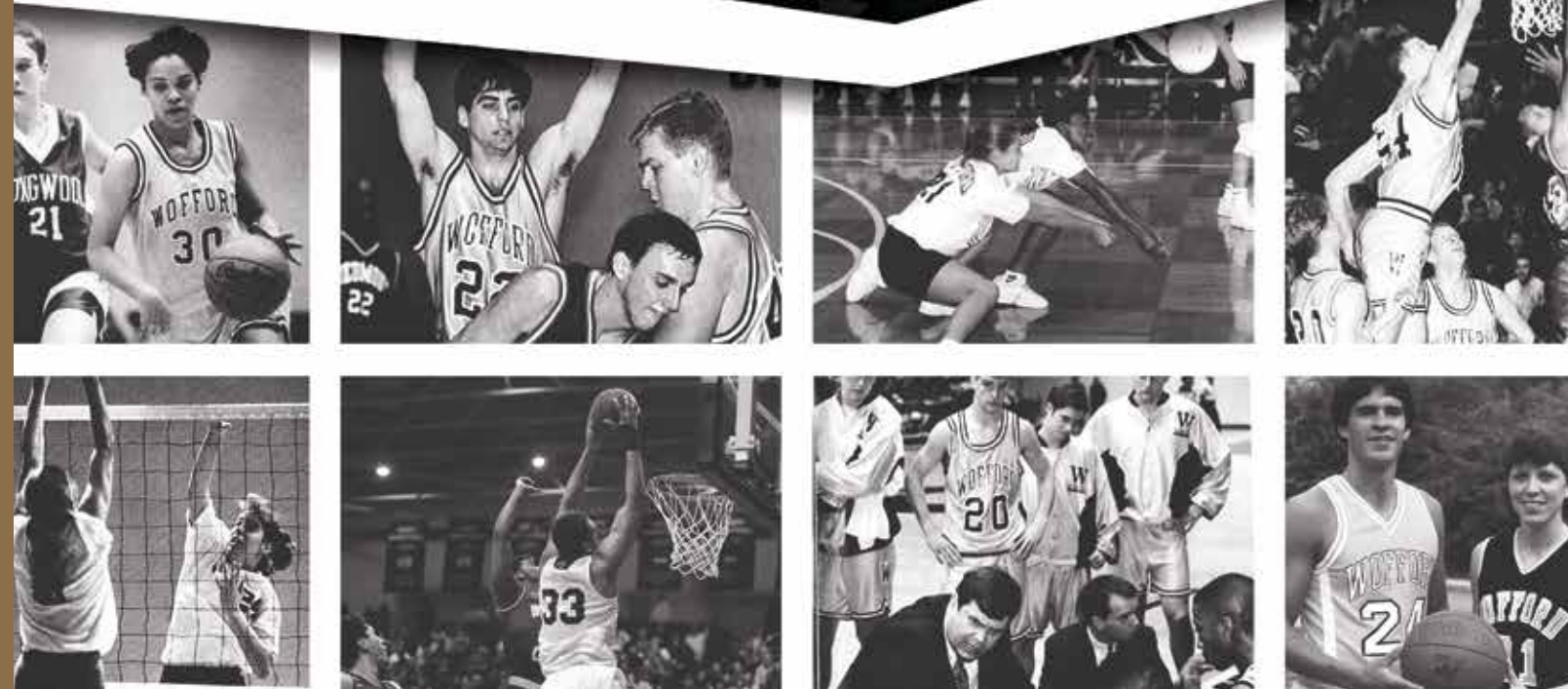
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