What inspires the Class of 2018?
The energy on the Wofford College campus is infectious.

We welcomed 487 new Terriers to campus this fall, the largest class in the college’s 160-year history. The Class of 2018 hails from 28 states and seven countries, as far away as Chengdu, China, and as close as a few blocks from campus. The average high school grade point average of our entering class was over 4.0, 45 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their class, and one of every 20 of these students was valedictorian or salutatorian. I am humbled that these amazing students, as well as our returning students and transfers, have chosen Wofford as the place to prepare them for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars. We are excited to welcome them to Wofford!

Proving dogs and cats truly are friends, the campus was covered with Panthers this summer when the college enjoyed its 20th year as the Summer Training Camp home of the NFL’s Carolina Panthers. A record number of visitors – nearly 50,000 people – visited the Upstate and Wofford to watch the Panthers up-close. We appreciated the opportunity to welcome so many fans to see our campus and learn more about this special place.

Since last spring, hundreds of members of the college community have participated in the college’s strategic visioning process. The vision represents thoughtful recommendations that will allow Wofford to be a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college.

The following pages reflect a small sampling of the superior people doing the incredible things that make Wofford College such an extraordinary place. This is an exciting time on our campus and in our history. I appreciate your continued support.

Go, Terriers!

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THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM RAN INTO QUARTERBACK CAM NEWTON
ON THE LAST DAY OF THE CAROLINA PANTHERS TRAINING CAMP.
WILES REPRESENT WOFFORD ON KILIMANJARO ASCENT
Ed ’73 and Vicky Wiles climbed Mount Kilimanjaro this summer (all 19,341 feet)! They wore their SAM hats to show their support of Wofford and the college’s 115th president.

GARCIA MENTORS YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN
Wofford Benson Scholar Jacoby Garcia ’15 (seated) volunteered this summer with the Urban League of the Upstate. He worked with Spartanburg barber/stylist and entrepreneur Rufus Watson to hold a workshop for a group of young African-American men that featured tips on grooming and important life lessons. Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

IRWINS MAKE GIFT IN HONOR OF CHARLIE GRAY ’72
Finchley Irwin and Susan Hodge Irwin of Spartanburg enjoyed sharing stories about local history and culture during a recent luncheon with President Netap Sambath, Phillip Stone ’32, Charlie Gray ’72 and Doyle Biggs ’76. The Irwins made a gift of family memorabilia and historical books to the Sandor Trailor Library in honor of Gray. Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

BENTLEY PARTICIPATES IN PIT VIPER CONFERENCE
Since he was a 3 years old, Alex Bentley ’17 has been considering a career in herpetology. This summer, Wofford sponsored him as a participant in the second Biology of the Pit Vipers Conference (BPV2) in Tulsa, Okla., where he met Harry Greene (pictured above with Bentley), a famous herpetologist and professor at Cornell University. Dr. Chuck Smith, assistant professor of biology at Wofford, made this exciting academic opportunity possible. Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

SHARED WORLDS BRINGS CREATIVE YOUTH TO CAMPUS FOR WRITING, ART AND GAME DESIGN
Jeff Vande Mors, Will Hindmarsh, Carrie Vaughn, Kelly Barnhill, James Owen, Steven Barnes, Will Alexander, Nathan Ballingrud, Mor Lafferty. That’s a Who’s Who list of many of the leading writers who came to Wofford this summer for the Shared Worlds creative writing experience. From July 15-26, they guided Wofford and interacted with 57 rising 8th through 12th graders in the seventh annual residential camp. The students, representing 13 states and the United Kingdom, designed fantasy worlds and shared those worlds through fiction, art and game design.

WOFORD FOOTBALL TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HUB CYCLE PROGRAM
Wofford football players rented bikes from the Partners for Active Living (PAL) Hub Cycle Program this summer. According to Rebecca Bannister Parrish ’30, PAL’s healthy kids coordinator, it’s become a yearly tradition. PAL also has received used bike donations from Wofford faculty and staff, including a recent donation from offensive line coach Eric Nash ’02.

STARTALK ENJOYS SECOND SUCCESSFUL SUMMER
Completing a second successful summer on the campus in 2014, STARTALK@Wofford is a tuition-free program dedicated to increasing the number of young Americans learning and speaking Chinese. From June 7-20, 25 middle and high school students from Upstate South Carolina joined in an intensive residential language and culture studies experience and went on to master eight online modules. The director of the program again this year was Dr. Yongfeng Zhang.

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DASILVA INTERNS WITH WELLS FARGO CORPORATE BANKING DIVISION
As a summer financial analyst, Victoria Dasilva ’15, a member of the James Fund who went to Haiti this summer, learned about relationship management, financial statement analysis, industry and borrower risk analysis, loan structuring and financial projecting. As part of the experience, she attended a training conference in San Francisco and participated in corporate community service initiatives.

WOFFORD PI KAPPA PHI REPRESENTED ON “JOURNEY OF HOPE”
Matthew Menard ’13 participated with Pi Kappa Phi fraternity’s “Journey of Hope” bicycle trek this summer, raising funds for the PSHH America philanthropy. He cycled with a team that departed from San Francisco, Calif., on May 27, and arrived in the Washington, D.C., area at the end of July. Menard began study for a master’s degree in physics at Clemson University this fall.

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The Class of 2018 is Wofford’s biggest and most diverse class to date — but they are not the only new faces on campus. Along with 487 new and accomplished first-year students, Wofford also welcomes a new dean of the library. We’re also celebrating the 13th year of The Novel Experience with Night Talk, written by Wofford’s own Elizabeth Cox.
What do a goat farmer, a pig farmer, a sea turtle enthusiast and a female boxer have in common? They’re members of the Wofford College Class of 2018.

The college welcomed 487 first-year students and nine transfer students as classes began Sept. 1. “We’re very excited to welcome another outstanding class of students to Wofford,” says Brand Stille, vice president for enrollment. “It’s the largest and most diverse in Wofford history. New students come from 28 states and seven foreign countries, and 23 percent are students of color.”

The class includes 11 international students—hailing from Afghanistan, Mexico, Nigeria, Vietnam, South Korea, Belgium and China. “They come from as far away as Chengdu, China, and as close as Springdale Drive, right here in Spartanburg,” Stille says.

“Wofford’s reputation as a national liberal arts college continues to grow beyond our traditional bounds,” Stille says. “Our inclusion in national publications, such as the recent Forbes listing as the top-rated college in South Carolina, is helping to grow Wofford’s visibility. We saw an increase in applications for admission this past year, and to date, campus visits for the fall of 2015 are up 10 percent from this time last year.”

Stille says the incoming class represents the high quality of students Wofford seeks. Their average high school GPA is higher than 4.0, he points out, and 45 percent of the class was in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Fifteen members of the class were student body presidents in high school, and one in 20 was valedictorian or salutatorian. Twenty-five earned the rank of Gold Award or Eagle Scout, 23 were editors of their high school yearbooks or newspapers, and 176 were captains of high school athletics teams. “We also have 74 first-generation college students in this class,” he adds.

Stille notes that the Class of 2018 includes:

• A boxer who is the only female member of her team
• A triathlete
• A black belt in Okinawan martial arts and another in judo
• A certified sea turtle enthusiast
• A two-time state swimming champion
• Two sets of twins
• A six-time soccer state champion
• A state tennis player of the year
• The S.C. Independent Schools student of the year
• An All-American soccer player who also is an Academic All-American
• A goat farmer who breeds and raises goats for his company, “Good Guy Goats”
• A student who raises award-winning pigs
• The best left-handed, red-headed ukulele player in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina
• A student who has addressed Parliament
• A student who performed at Carnegie Hall

First-year students rank highly, have varied interests, accomplishments
by Laura Hendrix Corbin

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New dean of the library appointed

After a nationwide search through the summer months, Wofford has announced the appointment of a new dean of the library.

J. Kevin Reynolds (pictured on the right) had been the associate university librarian at the Jesse Ball DuPont Library at Sewanee: the University of the South.

At Sewanee, Reynolds coordinated day-to-day operations of the library and archives, supervised a staff of 18 operating out of two different buildings, worked to plan and successfully manage the library budget and served in a liaison role with the heads of social science departments.

Reynolds has held a number of leadership positions in the American Library Association (ALA), including service on the presidential advisory committee. He will lead the planning for new library facilities in the context of Wofford’s new strategic vision.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University with a major in anthropology and religious studies, he completed graduate studies in Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University and earned a master of science in information science at the University of Tennessee.

Four appointed to named professorships

Four faculty members have been appointed to named professorships in honor of their leadership and service to the college and its students.

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Dr. G.R. Davis was named the college’s second Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology. He also is noted for his avocation as a photographer who has published several books of his work. In 2008 Davis received an Excellence in Teaching award sponsored by South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Inc. He spent his sabbatical leave teaching at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Davis also has served as an interviewer for Rwandan Presidential Scholars.

Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, the founding and principal architect of Wofford’s major and minor in Chinese, was named the Peacock Associate Professor of Chinese. Under Kinnison’s leadership, Wofford’s Chinese language and culture program has grown tremendously since its inception in 2004, and its students have excelled in the annual Palmetto Chinese Star Language competition. Rachel Marie Woodlee ’13, Wofford’s current Rhodes Scholar, majored in Chinese and business economics.

Dr. John R. McArthur, who came to Wofford from Claremont-McKenna College in 1990 and is the long-standing chair of the Department of Economics, was named the Reeves Family Professor of Economics. A member of the American Economics Association, he has published numerous articles and has presented his work at professional conferences. He also has held several teaching fellowships.

Dr. Anne B. Rodrick was named the Reeves Family Associate Professor of History. In addition to her teaching duties in the Department of History, Rodrick is the coordinator of the Humanities Program as well as of the 19th Century Studies Program, and she is active in the Gender Studies Program. Rodrick is a member of Wofford’s American Association of Colleges and Universities “Bringing Theory to Practice” team focusing on service and civic engagement in local communities. In 2006, she received Wofford’s Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences.
In her novel *Night Talk*, author Elizabeth Cox tells a moving story of two girls who, though they grew up in the same house, reflect on the alternate realities of white and black society. They are influenced by both the massive social changes sweeping the country during the Civil Rights era and by the extraordinary human capacities for fear, hate and love. In the end, the world they share under cover of darkness, through their candid nighttime conversations, proves to be the strongest force of all.

The book centers on important issues that college students all over the country have explored in various ways for decades. Wofford’s Class of 2018 focused on them as they read “Night Talk” over the summer as this year’s selection for Wofford’s The Novel Experience first-year student reading program.

The Novel Experience is a program that connects the members of the incoming class with each other through a shared experience and a shared meal.

“Many colleges offer their incoming students a common reading experience,” says Dr. Sally A. Hitchmough, associate professor of English and one of The Novel Experience coordinators. “We want students to arrive expecting to read, write and discuss ideas, because that’s what college is about. The town-and-gown experience is special. It helps the students get acquainted with Spartanburg, and it shows that learning isn’t separate from having fun.”

On the first day of their Humanities 101 class, all first-year students receive an essay prompt for the novel. During the first week of college, the classes come together for fun and games in Leonard Auditorium as they select a local restaurant where they will go for dinner and discussion of the book. The best essays are compiled into a booklet for The Novel Experience Convocation, where the author speaks.

This year, the restaurant selection night was Sept. 2, and Cox addressed the students and members of the public in Leonard Auditorium on Sept. 23 for the convocation. She also was the guest of the first session of this year’s Writers Series on the evening of Sept. 22, which also was open to the public.

This is the 13th year of The Novel Experience.

Previous books and authors in the series are:
- *Middle Passage*, Charles Johnson
- *Ender’s Game*, Orson Scott Card
- *Waiting*, Ha Jin
- *Year of Wonders*, Geraldine Brooks
- *Paco’s Story*, Larry Heineman
- *Rich in Love*, Josephine Humphries
- *A Graceful Plenty*, Sherryl Reynolds
- *One Foot in Eden*, Ron Rash
- *When the Emperor Was Divine*, Julie Otsuka
- *Old School*, Tobias Wolff
- *One Amazing Thing*, Chitra Divakaruni

### The Novel Experience

Cox’s ’Night Talk’ selected as The Novel Experience book for 2014.

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

For more photos from the first few weeks of the academic year, visit the college’s Flickr page at flickr.com/wofford_college »
Mike McCrimon ’14 joined the Enterprise team just after graduation.

Why do student-athletes make the best employees?

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
The discipline, mental toughness and work ethic he learned as a student-athlete on the college’s football team, prepared him for that day and the many other grueling days that followed as he moved up the corporate ladder with Extended Stay America, then, along with two partners, established OTO Development, a hotel development and property management firm.

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Mike McCrimon ’14, a former linebacker for the Terriers, was watching the NCAA basketball tournament in March and saw the Enterprise commercials targeted toward student-athletes. He applied online for a job and a month later was hired.

“Working for Enterprise is a lot like playing football,” says McCrimon. “On the Wofford football team, I had individual goals, but those had to contribute to making our team the best it could be. It’s like that at Enterprise, too. At the end of the day, you want to help your branch be the best branch in the group.”

McCrimon says that they work long hours at Enterprise and must be prepared to communicate effectively with customers. He feels that his experience as a Wofford student-athlete prepared him for that type of work environment.

“I definitely enjoy working with Enterprise,” says McCrimon. “There’s something different every day — like in athletics — you can’t go through the motions. It’s competitive. They throw you in the fire and tell you to have at it. I went from a competitive sport to a competitive career, and I love it.”

Brent Williamson, Wofford’s associate athletics director for sports information, says hiring student-athletes is a hot topic right now with CoSIDA, College Sports Information Directors of America, running an article online in August, “Why Your Next Employee Should Be A Former Student-Athlete.” The article says that student-athletes are achievement oriented, resilient, strong communicators, team oriented and effective time managers.

None of this surprises Oakes.

“We talk about these traits every day in our business,” he says. “All work is honorable, and when you work with a team, there are so many opportunities to feel like you’re part of something bigger than yourself. In our business the general manager and the director of sales get the major attention, but if the housekeeper drops the ball, we’re dead. Everyone has an important role to play on a team, and student-athletes understand that.”

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Maggie Bosley’s first day of medical school went well. After a long day of classes, she had the white coat, a big smile and the knowledge that the three post-graduate scholarships she received at the end of her senior year at Wofford were helping pay for her education.

Bosley ’14 was selected to receive a Carolina Panthers Graduate Scholarship, a $10,000 one-time award given annually to one female and one male collegiate student-athlete from the Carolinas. She also earned an NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship, a one-time $7,500 award given to 28 student-athletes throughout the country, and the Coleman Lew & Associates Scholarship, a one-time $2,000 grant awarded through the Southern Conference.

Bosley believes that she’s a good investment and that the four years in the classroom as a Wofford biology and chemistry major and the four years on the field for the women’s soccer team equipped her to succeed.

“I don’t think I would be able to be half the physician I hope to be without my four years at Wofford, on and off the field,” she says. “Being a student-athlete is a huge advantage when going into the medical field. Medicine isn’t a solo practice. You’re part of a team of nurses, doctors and hospital staff providing complete patient care. Being a part of a team helps you know what to do in that environment. We also had to really manage our time well to handle athletics and academics. Teamwork and time management are both skills that transition well to what we’re getting into in med school and later as physicians.”

Bosley is particularly interested in the medical field because she spent time in the hospital during her senior year.

“My experiences as a patient changed my perspective,” she says. “There was a student panel on our first day of med school, and someone explained that there are two worlds in medicine — the people suffering with the illness and those focused on studying and healing. I’ve been on both sides.”

Bosley represented Wofford at scholarship award events. At the Southern Conference awards dinner in Hilton Head and at the Carolina Panthers pre-season football game awards presentation, she wasn’t alone. Paul Inclan ’14, a first-year student at Wake Forest School of Medicine, also received highly competitive Carolina Panthers and Southern Conference post-graduate scholarships.

“I was thrilled to receive both the Dave Hart Graduate Scholarship through the Southern Conference and the Carolina Panthers Graduate Scholarship,” says Inclan. “Wofford was my home for four years, but my Wofford education began at birth. My father (Roberto Inclan ’73) brought me to Wofford games even before Gibbs Stadium was built.”

When Wade Lang ’83, Wofford’s offensive coordinator, called to tell Inclan that the Terriers wanted him to play football, Inclan couldn’t have been happier.

“I will never be able to replace the feeling of stepping off the field, hugging my father and reflecting on the fulfillment of my childhood dream,” says Inclan.

Inclan has completed his first weeks of medical school and is eager for more, thanks to the foundation he built at Wofford.

“Wofford prepared me for medical school by helping develop me as a complete man. … Wofford allowed me to develop as a member of society, able to contribute, lead, impact and improve whatever community I eventually reside in,” says Inclan. “That is, ultimately, why we pursue a liberal arts education. That is, ultimately, what I hope to accomplish through my career in medicine. Simply, I expected to have an enjoyable college experience playing football. Ultimately, I received a world-class education, a family of teammates and the ability to impact my surroundings, all while obtaining life-changing experiences.”
I n late August, I traveled the short distance from Wofford to the northside area of Spartanburg to meet with Marcos Gomez, owner of Dellfrio, a commercial refrigeration company. Rebecca Parker ’11, who manages the student internship program for The Space, accompanied me.

Marcos’ company is tucked away in a nondescript building on a lightly trafficked street. At first glance you would be hard pressed to believe that Dellfrio conducts business in Germany, Malaysia and Chile, but Dellfrio supplies equipment to foodservice, beverage and ice cream companies around the globe. It also provides logistics services to companies looking to streamline business processes and offers warehousing and asset tracking programs to customers.

Marcos operates a complex supply chain, and he wanted an intern who could handle basic accounting duties. He reached out to Wofford last spring and after interviewing the pool of student candidates Rebecca sent him, chose Kalen Alverson ’16, an accounting major hoping to gain business and accounting experience.

We were meeting that day because Kalen was wrapping up her summer internship, and Marcos wanted to thank her for her help and allow Kalen to summarize her role at Dellfrio. Between the lobby and the short walk to the conference room, Marcos looked at Rebecca and said, “Kalen has been amazing. She ended up doing so much more than just accounting. I’d hire her right now if she didn’t have to go back to college.”

THE VALUE OF INTERNSHIPS
by Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space

ou would expect a statement like that to thrill an intern and it should. In fact, the results of a recent Forbes survey revealed that 51 percent of student interns list an opportunity for full-time employment as the most desired outcome of their internship. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) goes further and reports that in 2013, 40 percent of new graduate hires came from the employers’ own internship programs.

But internships are about more than just getting that first job. They are about further learning. Learning about yourself and how the world works. Learning about relationships and dealing with success and failure. It sounds a lot like the classroom doesn’t it? It should, because internships are a natural extension of a college learning process, and they are critical for student growth and development, both professional and personal.

From a practical viewpoint, internships are incredibly valuable because they enable students to apply classroom learning in a real world environment and to test drive a job. Students also learn the importance of hustle, organizational culture, contributing to a team, and, quite frankly, doing tasks that are not that much fun but nonetheless have to be completed for the sake of the organization.

At Wofford we are fortunate to have a strong network of faculty and staff that, in addition to The Space, create robust internship opportunities for our students. The biology, computer science, art history, finance, accounting and business departments, just to name a few, have developed strong relationships with individuals and organizations that provide high-impact internship experiences for Wofford students. The Office of International Programs works with our study abroad partners to create internship opportunities for students in global environments. All of us working together create hundreds of internship opportunities for students each year.

Pair that with generous support from people who help create opportunities that might otherwise not exist and you have a winning combination. Mike Brown ’76, a long-time Wofford supporter, funds 20 internship scholarships that enable students to take internships across the globe without concern for living and travel expenses. Support like this is invaluable and a big reason many of our students are able to participate in unique and life-changing experiences.

Back in the Dellfrio conference room, Kalen walked us through her goals for the internship, her role at Dellfrio, and her takeaways from the experience. “I expected to learn more about the accounting process, and I did,” she said. “What I didn’t expect was how much I would learn about how successful business is conducted. And I didn’t expect to learn about the supply chain, including things like how to create a bill of lading and how to track inventory as it moves across the globe. But the most valuable things I learned had to do with how to communicate with co-workers, customers and vendors both verbally and in writing. It’s given me confidence and a skill set that will make me a more attractive candidate for my next internship experience as well as for my first job out of college... whatever that might be.”

Kalen’s overview of her time at Dellfrio is exactly what students should seek in an internship regardless of the industry: hands-on, practical experience applying classroom learning in a functioning organization, communication experience, and lessons on how to handle new, unexpected happenings in real time. A great internship experience is a learning extension that leads to opportunity. And when you give Wofford students opportunities, they rarely disappoint.
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Celebrating 20 years of the Carolina Panthers at Wofford College

By Laura Hendrix Corbin
This summer, Wofford and the Carolina Panthers celebrated the 20th year of a summer training camp partnership that is one of the longest in professional sports and one that has brought increased visibility and exposure to the college.

From the opening “Back to Football” party at Gibbs Stadium on July 26 through the final practice on Aug. 12, nearly 50,000 visitors attended training camp this year, a record number and an increase of 11 percent over 2013.

“We were very happy with training camp this year,” says Director of Athletics Richard Johnson. “The college and the Spartanburg community are blessed to continue to be the summer home for the Panthers, and the organization has worked hard to engage its fans here and to make this one of the most fan-friendly experiences in the NFL. It’s a real pleasure to have the team on our campus, and to be able to showcase ourselves to the community and the visitors who flock here.”

To celebrate, local businesses and institutions welcomed the Panthers with signs, banners and flags. Also, earlier this year, Wofford dedicated a sculpture of Panthers owner and founder Jerry Richardson ’59, who is a member of the college’s board of trustees, recognizing Richardson’s contribution to the college. The sculpture overlooks Gibbs Stadium from the veranda of the Richardson Physical Activities Building, headquarters for the NFL team during the summer.

“The impact Jerry Richardson and the Carolina Panthers have had on Wofford and the Spartanburg community as a whole has been tremendous,” President Nayef H. Samhat says. “This is a long-standing partnership that has brought national recognition to campus and Spartanburg and has provided family entertainment to residents and visitors alike. Wofford is lucky to have such a generous family in the Richardsons, and we are proud to serve as the summer home for the Panthers.”

Every summer since 1995, football fans from all over the country, and even international visitors, have come to campus to watch the team prepare for its season. Every summer, hundreds of news media outlets also descend on the campus to cover the team—all reporting “from Wofford College.”

Peter King, a long-time, revered Sports Illustrated writer, and now editor and lead writer for his Monday Morning Quarterback website, made his annual trip to Wofford this summer and continued his traditional accolades for the camp. He told Spartanburg Herald-Journal sports writer Eric Boynton, “It’s a bad training camp season when I can’t come to Spartanburg because I just think this is the perfect place for training camp.”

King, who previously has said the Panthers camp is one of his top five among NFL training camps for fan friendliness, went on to say: “The reason why Wofford’s training camp is fantastic is that (team owner) Jerry Richardson and the Panthers have basically kept in mind that they want training camp to be about the fans being able to reach out and touch the players.” He described watching Panthers quarterback Cam Newton “hugging babies, signing autographs and doing all that stuff for 20 minutes after a hot day at practice.”

Of Wofford, King told the newspaper, “This campus has been really modernized and coming to Wofford now is like coming to an upper-class suburb of a nice city. It’s just beautiful. The buildings are all new, everything’s modern, the practice fields look like putting greens at Augusta. And they’ve figured it isn’t only a campus scene that’s important, but the comfort of players and the viewing experience and everything for the fans is very good.”

Panthers President Danny Morrison ’75 says bringing training camp to Wofford when he was athletics director had a ripple effect as the college was transitioning from NAIA to NCAA Division II and Division I a few years later. Because of the Wofford/Panthers partnership, the college entered the Southern Conference with NFL-caliber facilities—a great benefit for recruitment. Morrison says getting the Panthers to campus was critical to Wofford’s current athletics success and profile.

“It’s really been wonderful for Wofford and the Panthers,” Morrison says. “To play our games in North Carolina (Charlotte) and then have training camp in South Carolina fits the overall philosophy of the Panthers.”
Brenton Bersin ’12, who was on the Panthers’ practice squad during the 2013 season, was signed by the team at the end of summer camp. He caught his first NFL pass—a first down reception from Cam Newton—on Sept. 14 against Detroit.
The POWER of the GIFT

Measuring the impact of an endowed professorship at Wofford requires much more than a calculator, or even a computational science module.

Just ask Drs. Angela and George Shiflet.
Angela is the Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. George is the Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology.

Although their salaries didn’t change when they were honored with named professorships a decade ago, the college, and more importantly Wofford students, continue to reap the benefits.

“The endowed chair allowed us to hire another faculty member to our department, something we desperately needed at the time,” says George.

Support from the endowed professorships also gave the Shiflets the opportunity to wave the Wofford flag in Oxford, England, and Melbourne, Australia, during a year long working sabbatical. They conducted research on colon cancer, presented workshops for graduate students and created new computational science modules. From the experience they secured internships for Wofford students, and a Fulbright Specialist assignment in Brazil for themselves.

“Gifts to the college have changed our lives, and the lives of our students,” says Angela. “Meeting faculty and researchers from around the world has been of immeasurable value. While working with them I’ll think, aha, I could write about that or teach about that, our students need to learn about that, or I’ve got the perfect student internship for your student.”

In addition to the endowed chairs, the Shiflets have received support from the college’s Center for Innovation and Learning (CIL) to develop materials for a new science course and a new textbook for such a course.

“Computational science is now a part of every field of science,” says George. “Students still have to do science at the bench and in the field, but there are things that can be done computationally that can’t be done quickly or easily otherwise. Scientists right now are swamped with data. That’s where computational science comes in.”

Because the Shiflets are involved in cutting-edge research, the modules that they are developing and teaching are based on current problems — global warming, the cane toad invasion or cancer research.

“It’s great in the classroom to be able to use the real world examples. It makes it much more relevant to the students,” says George. “Teaching should mean continuous learning, and funding from the college through endowed professorships, CIL grants, a Milliken teaching award has allowed for that continuous learning.”

“We hope that we have transferred our learning and connections to other people,” says George. “It’s our intent to amplify the gifts we have received. We want to extend the benefits of these gifts to as many people as possible.”

The Shiflets believe in the power of the gift so much that they have established an endowed fund at the college to support computational science research, internships, conferences and writing. Their family and friends have added to the fund.

“We understand what these types of experiences mean to the students and where they will lead,” says Angela. “When you change one life, you change many, many lives.”

At the end of the academic year, the Shiflets will retire from their full-time teaching positions at Wofford, but they plan to remain active in the world of computational science education and research. Their editor at Princeton University Press has approached them about doing another textbook, and they continue to write and update learning modules used in classrooms across the globe. In addition, they will continue to pursue Fulbright Specialist opportunities. They also have several promising opportunities on the horizon to work with scientists in Italy, Russia, England and Australia.

“I don’t have time to learn another language before we work abroad, but fortunately, English is the language of science,” says George. “Planning these types of experiences makes me look forward to retirement more. We will continue to reach as many people as we can with the power of computational science and the potential of the gift.”

Why Wofford? Because what’s inside is vitally important. We have high aspirations; we invite others to share them, to pour ourselves into the shared effort to build what’s next together. As a faculty member, I'm part of that, and so are you, reader. What shall we build?
Wofford hits high note with New York Times and Forbes

Wofford is among the "most economically diverse top colleges," according to The New York Times' recent ranking of the top 99 colleges and universities based on efforts to provide low-income students accessibility to a college education. Wofford was the top South Carolina institution on the list, ranked number 43, just ahead of Yale University at 44 and Davidson College at 47.

In his "The Upshot" blog, writer David Leonhardt focused on how economic diversity has changed at top colleges and universities, using data on first-time, full-time students with Pell grants from 2008 to the present.

Wofford scores above the overall average on the list and is one of only six institutions that posted a double-digit increase in the percentage of Pell-eligible students.

"On the key issues that most concern families when it comes to higher education – access, diversity, quality and completion – our place among the most prestigious universities and colleges in the country is evident," Wofford President Nayef H. Samhat says. "Wofford's extraordinary and transformational educational experience is accessible, socio-economically diverse and we graduate superior students in four years."

This year it comes down to small, student-centric, liberal arts colleges vs. large, brainy, research-oriented universities closely associated with science, technology, engineering and math," writes Caroline Howard. The ranking "reveals higher education in flux, ongoing debate between the value of liberal arts vs. STEM degrees and a winning formula of high student satisfaction and graduation rates, alumni career success and low student debt."

Forbes selected the 650 institutions it ranked based on five general categories: student satisfaction, post-graduate success, student debt, graduation rate and academic success (measured based on prestigious scholarships and fellowships, such as Rhodes, National Science Foundation and Fulbrights, as well as students who go on to earn Ph.D.s).

In addition, Wofford recently was featured in Princeton Review's "Best 379 Colleges." Only about 15 percent of all colleges and universities in the country are profiled in the book. The Princeton Review's two-page profile of Wofford notes that students surveyed said the college has an "excellent reputation with graduate programs" and its "challenging" classes have established it as "a liberal arts college that provides an excellent education and opportunities to expand your horizons." The guide also cites Wofford's professors, classroom and lab facilities, career services and athletics facilities as strengths of the college.

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Since last spring, hundreds of members of the Wofford community have been on a journey to prepare the college for the future. Although the visioning process is nearing its completion, the journey has only just begun.

Wofford’s strategic vision is of a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college defined by excellence, engagement and transformation in its commitment to prepare superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars. The vision is punctuated by five recommendations highlighting the key areas of academic quality, the student experience, enrollment, the Wofford community and the physical campus. The goals in the vision are supported by the need to execute a comprehensive funding campaign with emphasis on endowed scholarships as well as implement a comprehensive marketing and communication campaign for the college.

The strategic vision will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in October.

Three new members have been elected to the Wofford Board of Trustees while five others have been re-elected to four-year terms. The appointments were made at the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of South Carolina held in Florence, S.C., June 1-4.

The new trustees, elected to four-year terms, are Ashley Richardson Allen of Charlotte, N.C.; Christopher A.P. Carpenter ’90 of Atlanta, Ga.; and Wendi M. Nix ’96 of New York, N.Y. They replace three trustees whose terms expired in June, Paula B. Baker of Spartanburg, S.C.; Hugh C. Lane Jr. of Charleston, S.C.; and Joella F. Utley of Spartanburg.

Re-elected to new four-year terms were: H. Neel Hipp of Greenville, S.C.; Douglas H. Joyce ’79 of Nashville, Tenn.; Betty J. Montgomery of Spartanburg; Stanley E. Porter ’59 of Chevy Chase, Md.; and Edward B. Wile ’73 of Atlanta.

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, these officers were elected for the 2014-15 year: J. Harold Chandler ’71 of Hamptonton, N.J., and Kiawah Island, S.C., chair; James M. Johnson ’71 of Birmingham, Ala., vice chair; C. Michael Smith ’75 of Greenville, vice chair and secretary; and John B. White Jr. ’72 of Spartanburg, vice chair.

Ashley Richardson Allen, a community volunteer and minority owner of the Carolina Panthers, is the daughter of Wofford alumnus Jerry Richardson ’59. For 20 years, she has represented the Richardson family in working with Wofford to administer the Richardson Family Endowed Scholarship, the largest and most prestigious scholarship at the college.

An attorney and consultant who has worked in politics, government and public affairs in Washington, D.C., and throughout the South, Christopher Carpenter is a partner with the Garrett McNatt Hennessey Carpenter 360 law firm in Atlanta, Ga. Campaigns and Elections magazine recently recognized him as one of the leading “Georgia Influencers,” naming him one of the “Top 10” political insiders in the state.

Wendi Nix joined ESPN in August 2006 as a reporter and host covering college and pro football and golf. Nix hosts “NFL Live” and “College Football Live” and contributes to “SportsCenter,” “College GameDay” and “Sunday NFL Countdown.” Since 2010, Nix has been host of ESPN’s pre-, halftime and post-game segments on college football Saturdays. She covered the U.S. Open golf tournament from 2007 through 2010, as well as the Masters and British Open tournaments in 2010.
Every time Chad Sauvola ’15 conducts research in a biology lab, he feels like he’s privy to a secret. “The lab is the place where research that no one else knows about is going on,” says Sauvola, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) 2014 J. Lacy McLean Award winner. “Working at the interface of knowledge is an absolutely addictive thing.”

In addition to spending three years in biology labs at Wofford College, Sauvola just returned from a summer internship in a molecular neuroscience lab at MIT. The research was designed to help develop a critical tool that’s “missing from the molecular science tool box.” Sauvola spent the summer before that in a similar lab at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Now he is in Denmark for a semester abroad, where, because of a contact he made at MIT, he will be conducting research in yet another lab at the University of Copenhagen. “This is what I want to do,” says Sauvola, who plans to enroll in a Ph.D. program in molecular biology after he graduates from Wofford. His first choice is MIT, but he’s also considering Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Sauvola enjoys a challenge. In addition to majoring in biology at Wofford, he is working toward an art history major as well. “I like to be as broadly knowledgeable as possible,” he says. “Art history is difficult for me because of the subjectivity. There’s no completely right answer, so I have to think differently. … When I’m with the art historians, I feel like an art historian, to the same extent that I feel like a biologist when around other biologists. Wearing multiple hats has been a growing experience, and I feel privileged to have been able to do it. It’s been one of the most significant defining characteristics of my Wofford education.”

Dr. Karen Goodchild, associate professor and chair of the Department of Art and Art History at Wofford, calls Sauvola a “rare bird,” who excels equally in the humanities and sciences. “Chad is among the most intellectually curious students I have ever had, and his careful questions are unadulterated additions to any course. He challenges me to be a better professor,” writes Goodchild in her SCICU recommendation for Sauvola’s award. Dr. Stacey Hettes, vice chair of the program in neuroscience and associate professor of biology, agrees. “He has the wisdom of a seasoned scientist, the compassion of an NGO worker, and is a delightful young man to work and interact with,” says Hettes. “I respect him at the level of a colleague and fellow scholar.” Sauvola also plays piano and is an active member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. “For me, college has been incredibly important, and it wouldn’t have been possible without scholarships and financial aid from sources such as the South Carolina Tuition Grant,” says Sauvola. “I’m very thankful that I’ve gotten the opportunity to be in this type of environment where I’m challenged and pushed to learn as much as I can.” Sauvola, the son of Amy and Mark Sauvola of Greer, S.C., missed the SCICU board meeting and awards luncheon, which was held on Wofford’s campus on Sept. 24. Instead he was doing what he loves best: studying the environmental science of the Arctic and continuing to delve into the secrets of microbiology in the lab in Copenhagen. According to Sauvola, there’s nowhere else he’d rather be. The J. Lacy McLean Award is presented each year to the Independent Colleges Student of the Year in memory of J. Lacy McLean, the first executive secretary of SCICU.
CLASS NOTES

Have a life update to share? Submit your news to be considered for the next issue of Wofford Today. Submit updates electronically by visiting wofford.edu/alumni and clicking “Share Your Story.” You can also call the Alumni Office at 864-597-4185 or write to us at Wofford Today, 429 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303.

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30-Year Club Chair — Harry Williams ’42

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The Sun News featured Windell McCrackin, “Attorney proud of life lived, law practiced,” which ran in the 35th anniversary of their practice. The Greer Citizen’s July issue featured the doctors.

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In 1994, Alicia Numantiner Treadwell, class chair, Frank W. Golson III joined the Columbia-based business OME Associates as company-wide controller. Golson served most recently as controller for Divinity Medical Services in West Columbia, S.C.

In 1995, Brandi Timony Lorens, class chair, Christie Breckenman Johnson was elected to the Spartanburg School District 6 board of trustees. Johnson served as an instructor of English at Wofford.

In 1996, Curt L. Nichols, class chair, Dr. David S. Cross has been promoted to associate professor at Charleston Southern University, where he teaches Spanish and Arabic.

In 1997, Beth Mongan Gunnels, class chair, Lee Zanaboni Maybery was featured in the Women in Business section of The Business Journal, published in Charleston, S.C. Maybery, a senior tax manager with Elliott Davis, runs the firm’s financial-services group. In 2012, Maybery introduced the “Women, Wisdom and Wealth” luncheon series in Charleston to start a conversation about women and financial confidence.

In 1998, Marie Espiritu McGill and her husband, Robert, of Lexington, S.C., with his wife, Amy, and their children, Bowers (4) and Hank (9 months), have started a conversation about women and financial confidence.

In 1999, Zach Atkinson, class chair, Anthony Leigh ‘99 is a manager for SouthMakers.

In 2000, Anthony Hoefer, class chair, Dr. Grady Atkins III married Karla Kephart on April 26, 2014. Hoefer is a family physician with Georgetown Health Group and Kephart is a physician liaison with Georgetown and Waccamaw Hospitals. They live in Pawleys Island, S.C.

In 2001, Jamie Sheehan Bridgers and her husband, Blair, of Falls Church, Va., announce the birth of John “Jack” Allen Baumgarten on June 12, 2014. United Way of Central Carolinas has named Sarah Porter as Calhoun community director. She will oversee county operations and provide campaign and fund allocation leadership.

In 2002, Jenna Schofield Bridges, class chair, Rachael Mahaffey Crews has been listed among Financial Planning Magazine’s Top 40 Women Under 40. Crews and her husband, Joseph, are considered the top attorneys in the state with a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Crews works out of the GrayRobinson Orlando office in the field of construction and hospitality.

In 2003, Jeffrey Walker Plumer and Courtney Leigh Parades ‘04 were married on May 31, 2014. Jeff is the co-founder of Brackish Bow Tie, and Courtney is the director of programs for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She also owns FilmEvent Planning. They live in Charleston, S.C.

In 2004, Yvette Germain, class chair, Ansel Claburne Brown, Jr. and Sarah McKenzie Motley were married on June 18, 2014. Bunch is a commercial real estate broker with CBRE. His wife is a CPA with Grant Thornton LLP. Employment attorney Janet Rhodes has joined Callison Tighe & Robinson LLC of Columbia, S.C., as an associate. She recently was elected chair of the EEOC Committee of the South Carolina Bar’s Employment and Labor Law Section.

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Living in Charlotte, Ga., Meg Corbett Richmond is an environmental review historian with the Georgia Historic Preservation Division.

In 2006, Dorothy Elizabeth “Dotty” Strobel and Matthew Ladd Bell were married on May 31, 2014. Dotty is the Assistant Director of BoonTown, and Matthew is a digital account executive with the Post and Courier. They live in Johns Island, S.C.

Christina Kocisko married Michael Paul Estes on May 24, 2014. Christina is a corporate trainer for SouthMakers.

Barton Keith Ledford and Stephanie Joann Burke were married on May 31, 2014.


Annie with Martin Gendron & Courie in Mount Pleasant, S.C., Happel Scurry practices in the areas of general litigation and construction. He holds a law degree and a master’s in earth and environmental resource management from the University of South Carolina.

A law clerk to the Hon. Stephanie Pendearvis McDonald, South Carolina Court of Appeals in Charleston, S.C., Sarah Elizabeth Woolard and Mitchell Bryan Thornton were married on Oct. 19, 2013. The bridal party included Wofford friends Mary Kate Dombrowski, Martha Clark, Mandy Gass and assorted guests. The party ended on a high note at the University of South Carolina.

In 2007, Hunter Miller, class chair, Christopher Samuel Atkinson and Charlotte Corvington Knight were married on July 12, 2014. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where she is employed by Global Endowment Management. He is employed with Family Dollar Inc.

Cameron Corbin and Travis Harris were married on July 12, 2014. They live in Spartanburg, where Cameron is an occupational therapist with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. Travis works with ARTG in Greenville.


A brokerage associate with Colliers International, Philip Vann assists business professionals in the acquisition, disposition and leasing of commercial office properties. He lives in Charleston, S.C.

T errance Ware is the owner and principal agent of Nationwide Insurance in Leominster City, Tenn. In July, Ware was named assistant attorney general in the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office. He lives in Columbus, S.C.

In 2008, Nichole Buchanan, class chair, Matthew McClaren Bond and Anna Frances Buchanan were married on May 24, 2014. They have made their home in Charleston, W.Va., where he is an attorney. She is enrolled in the University of Charleston School of Nursing.

**TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

The Walter E. Hudgens Papers This summer, the archives opened the Walter E. Hudgens Papers for research. Donated last year by Linda Hudgens, the papers include correspondence, speeches, sermons and other writings by Hudgens, who taught philosophy at Wofford from 1972-1996. Hudgens was also a prolific writer of plays, and the collection includes the scripts, production notes, scores and copies of recordings by more than a dozen of his plays. A much beloved professor, Hudgens had a great influence on his students and colleagues, and his papers and writings reflect his broad interests. Read a description of the full collection at wofford.edu/woffordtoday

**HUNTER RECOGNIZED IN MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP**

Lamar Hunter ’13 was awarded the Jerry E. Dempsey Leadership Award from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (USCSOMG). The award recognizes two rising second-year students who exemplify leadership and compassion. The award is especially meaningful because its recipients are chosen by fellow USCSOMG students. The award was presented by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Diversity, Dr. Spencer M. Taylor (above right).

Photo: Greenville Health System/USC School of Medicine Greenville

**Photo courtesy of USTA South Carolina**

The United States Tennis Association has announced that Rex Maynard ’99 of Belton, S.C., has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 USTA Ev. L. Kraft Community Service Award, which will be honored during the annual USTA Tennis Development Workshop (TDW) held Nov. 6-9 at the Meraton Atlanta.

The USTA awards the Ev. E. Kraft Community Service Award to individuals who best exemplify Kraft’s selfless mission to bring the sport of tennis to everyone who wants to play.

Maynard runs multiple tennis programs focused on the youth in Belton. These programs impact the lives of more than 650 juniors, and in 2014 will impact some collegiate varsity players as well. From in and under Tennis to the upper ends of junior competition – and now – collegiate – Maynard embraces tennis players of all abilities. That includes special populations, with the annual Special Populations Unified Doubles (SPUD) event – a USTA Southern Section event with approximately 50 special athletes competing in teams with unified partners.

Maynard’s daughter, Louise Maynard Todd ’96, was a standout on the Wofford Tennis team during her four years on campus.
FROM WOFFORD TO IRELAND TO RWANDA

Brittenham studies sustainability challenges across the globe

by Doyle Bogg’s ‘70

Looking back from the vantage point of August 2014, Rachel Brittenham ’13 says that the experiences of the past year have been some of the most incredible of her life. A move to Dublin, Ireland, where she’s in the developmental practice program at Trinity College, a commitment to play semi-pro basketball with DCU Mercy, and most recently the opportunity to do research in Rwanda. Brittenham’s master’s program, which was created in the image of the U.N.’s cross-pollination, “Rwanda, ‘the land of 1,000 hills,’ is absolutely the most unique, friendly culture of honeybees, which produce a valuable money crop as well as enhance agricultural productivity. The initiative has been benchmarked by other organizations across the world and has set a goal of “zero suicides” and ultimately lowered the system’s suicide rate to unprecedented levels. The initiative has been benchmarked by other organizations across the world and has been promoted to relationship manager of the company’s Augusta Road office in Greenville, S.C. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Greenville Literacy Association, a member of the United Way of Greenville County’s “Up2Us” group and a member of PULLE (Professionals United for Leadership and Social Enrichment). Dr. Trey Robinson III recently received his M.D. from Wake Forest School of Medicine. He is a resident physician working in the field of emergency medicine at Akron General Medical Center in Akron, Ohio.

2009

Peyton Higginbotham, class chair


2010

Dr. Jacqueline Savage graduated in May from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She is now a physician intern at Greenville Health System. She is completing her residency in internal medicine at Greenville Health System.

2012

Kari Harris, class chair

Matt Abe, a sixth-generation attorney, was sworn in as a member of the North Carolina Bar in May Abe practices in Columbia, S.C., with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. He is planning to expand his work into North Carolina, where the firm also has offices.

2013

Andrew J. McCumber

A recent graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Andrew McCumber is a licentiate in the United States Navy Dental Corps. He and his wife, Anna, live in Norfolk, Va. Formerly employed by the South Carolina Senate Finance Committee, Blake Trenner Bettis married Blake Trenner Williams on May 31, 2014. They live in Florence, S.C.

TIE ONE ON

Brackish brings something new to the world of fashion

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Brackish bow ties are all the rage, just ask Bill Murray, Jack Nicholson and Jimmy Fallon’s band on “The Tonight Show.” Charleston-based bow tie producers and company owners Jeff Plotner ’01 and Ben Ross ’03 have discovered a niche in developing an accessory collection with the distinctive taste of South Carolina’s outdoors. Ross created the first turkey feather bow tie by hand as a personal gift for the groomsmen at his wedding. Today, Brackish bow ties are handmade by a small team of local artisans.

“We started at a kitchen table and have progressed to a 2,000-square-foot shop in Charleston, where every aspect of production is done,” says Plotner, who recently married Courtney Parades ’04. “We welcome customers into a warm and nature-oriented showroom complete with split hemlock tables, old trunks and quirky knickknacks – our space reflects one of the core values of Brackish: respectfully repurposing the beauty of nature.”

“We have created something completely unique and risked everything to make it work,” says Ross. “It’s hard to find something that nobody else has ever done these days.” Brackish bow ties were featured in Garden & Gun, Martha Stewart Weddings and Hollywood Reporter. In addition to online sales, Brackish is sold in more than 100 retailers all over the world. They also recently announced a partnership with Orvis.

To find out more, visit brackishbowties.com»
**GOLD & BLACK Gatherings**

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

**October 3**
Family Weekend

**October 18**
Wofford vs. Samford Pregame

**October 20-21**
Adirac Cruise

**October 24-25**
Homecoming Weekend

**October 24**
Terrier Ball

**November 1-4**
Long Weekend in Las Vegas

**November 3**
Upstate Invitational Golf Tournament

**November 4**
Wofford vs. Chattanooga Bus Trip

**November 7**
Wofford vs. Chattanooga Bus Trip

**November 13**
Beaufort Alumni Event

**December 4-6**
Wofford Bookstore Sale

**December 4**
Augusta Alumni Event

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**Brodie Hart** lives in San Diego, Calif., and works as the assignment editor for FOX-3 News, San Diego. A 2014 graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.A. in journalism and mass communications, Sarah Moore is now a public relations associate with Complete Public Relations in Greenville, S.C. She specializes in social media management for a variety of clients.

Now a school counselor at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, S.C., Amanda Phillips received her human development and psychological counseling degree in 2014 from Appalachian State University.

Anthony Rowland has joined Avison Young as an associate in the firm Greenville, S.C., office. In his new position, Rowland will identify and manage commercial opportunities in representing landlords, tenants and investors. He holds a master of real estate development from Clemson University.

Living in New York City, Courtney Marie Walls is pursuing a master’s degree in art business from Sotheby’s Institute of Art. She expects to graduate in 2015.

**2013**

Morgan Amick, class chair

David Dowden is an analyst with Dickinson Williams & Co. in Richmond, Va.

Molly Brady is the principal coordinator for Capital One in Washington, D.C.

Spartanburg has a new trash and recycling pickup company — Waste Matters — launched by Will Conner ’08, Kate Conner ’10 and Joseph McMullin ’13. The company is a spinoff of McMullin’s junk Matters, a recycling business he opened as a Wofford student. For more information visit wastemattersllc.com.

Living in Bolling Springs, S.C., Brittany Eberhart works as a coordinator for BabyNet, a service of the office of First Steps. BabyNet is a developmental program that helps infants and toddlers with special needs move toward their full potential.

Will Fred is a youth leader at State Street United Methodist Church in Bristol, Va. He also is a student in the Family/Marital Counseling program at Ashbury Theological Seminary.

Parker Freels is a medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia, S.C.

Second Lt. Jessica Ann Harner is a platoon leader in the United States Army. She is stationed at Fort Campbell in Clarksville, Tenn.

Living in Charleston, S.C., Ted Malinowski is a platoon leader in the United States Army. She is stationed at Fort Bragg, S.C.

Katie Milhorn is a scientist with Alexion Toxicology in Clearwater, Fla. She lives in St. Petersburg.

Kirsten Rebecca Hulon and Charles Moore Jr. were married on May 31, 2014. They live in Spartanburg, S.C. Kirsten just completed the M.A. in management from Wake Forest University.

Matthew Ryan Moore and Holly Gambrell Moore were married Jan. 11, 2014. They live in Boiling, S.C.

Amy Simpkins Robinson is attending the South Carolina College of Pharmacy, USC Campus, and her husband, Brandon Robinson ’13, just took a position with Cherokee Berkshire in Greenville, S.C. They live in Newberry.

In August Joann Shytle joined Signature Consulting as a technical recruiter. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., and just completed her first full-marathon, placing 11th among all women participants. She is running for a full marathon for 2023 and writes that she misses Wofford and her “Spartanburg mommy, Beth Clarky.”

Living in Greenville, S.C., Caroline Southerland is a marketing coordinator with Floor Corp.

Caroline Tracey is the staffing coordinator for Recruiting Solutions in Columbia, S.C. She lives in Cayce.

**2014**

Ted Fort is attending University of Richmond Law School. He received the school’s first John Marshall Scholarship, which will fully fund his legal education.

Now living in Liberty, S.C., James Marion Lawson and Tara Danielle Underwood were married on June 21, 2014. Lawson serves as student pastor at Seona Baptist Church in Pickens. His wife is a nurse at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

Hubbs Maker is a brewery representative with Boston Beer Co. He lives in Asheville, N.C.

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**YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

**2015**

Thomas Edward Woods II ’10

After graduating from Wofford with a degree in computer science, Woods joined QU/Linux Data Systems, a division of 2M Smith Corp., as a computer specialist. He currently is the senior web developer for Upward Sports. He lives in Spartanburg with his wife, Nancy, and their three children. Woods spearheaded a fundraising effort to develop the Richardson Summer Scholars Fund, which provides support for a paid summer internship for a rising junior or senior at Wofford. It honors trustee Jerry Richardson ’59 and his family for all that they have done for the participants in their endowed scholarship program. Woods also has been a leader in Black Boys of Distinction, devoted to positively influencing young African-American men.

**DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD**

Joella F. Utley, M.D.

Utley is a native of Clinton, Okla., and a graduate of Oklahoma City University and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Prior to her retirement, she was engaged in the private practice of medicine in Spartanburg. Well-versed, widely traveled and well-read, Utley was a member of the world’s premier collection of historical instruments. She just completed the M.A. in Management of Service at Converse College. She is a trustee of the National Music Museum, which houses the world’s premier collection of historical instruments. She just rotated off the Wofford College Board of Trustees after 12 years of service.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Van D. Hipp Jr. ’62

Hipp is chairman of the American Defense International, Inc. (ADI), a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm specializing in government affairs, business development and public relations. He is also well known to international television audiences as an expert commentator on defense matters. Hipp established the Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security at Wofford. He was instrumental in bringing the GDP Presidential Candidates Debate to the Wofford campus in November 2011 and astronaut Buzz Aldrin to campus this past spring. He has served a three-year term on the Alumni Executive Council and is currently a sideline color commentator for Terrier football games.