Planning at Wofford: The 1987 Masterplan, 25 years later

When Wofford first applied for an F.W. Olin Foundation grant in 1985, the application was rejected. The Olin Foundation had found the college “stunted,” but expressed a willingness to receive an other grant proposal from Wofford if the college put some additional thought and energy behind its efforts in planning and building its programs. The trustees and administrators, stung a bit by the implication that the college was not living up to its potential, began to work toward making those systematic improvements.

In the 20 years before the 1987 Masterplan, Wofford had gone through a number of changes, including desegregation, coeducation, curriculum change, and liberalization of student life. But the college still had a painfully small endowment and a limited base to recruit students. Most people associated with the college recognized its strengths — a strong faculty, supportive alumni — and rightly felt good about the institution, but realized that they needed to be better.

The result was a Board of Trustees retreat in May 1986 and the creation of a large strategic planning task force. By the end of May, the task force was organized, and spent the next year working in six committees: Academic Life, Student Life, Physical Facilities, External Relations, Research and Development, and a steering committee. More than 100 trustees, professors, administrators, students and alumni served on various committees. The late Dr. Larry McGehee, who was at the time vice president for development, was the administrator in charge of the project, and he devoted all of his time during the 1986-87 academic year to guiding the development of the plan. The task force and its committees met almost every month for the remainder of 1986, and each committee had considerable reading and research to undertake between meetings.

The result of their work was a report — “To Improve Quality: A Plan for Improving Wofford College” — that was submitted to the Board of Trustees in May 1987. At 81 pages, the report focused on six goals. Between 1987 and 1994, the college would plan to improve quality in six areas: selection and support of students, selection and renewal of faculty, academic programs, student life programs, athletics programs, and physical facilities. Improvements in these areas would help Wofford reach its primary goal of enhancing the quality of learning for students. At the center of the report was the college’s abiding commitment to undergraduate liberal arts education. While it noted that other colleges of Wofford’s age and older had transformed themselves into research universities, the college had “gained its own recognition by steadfast championing of the classical liberal arts college experience.” The report cited a number of national surveys that affirmed Wofford’s strong liberal arts curriculum, rigorous academic disciplines, extensive faculty-student interaction, strong academic advising, and “whole-person learning in and outside the classroom.”

It’s amazing to look back at some of the ambitious projects proposed by the task force and to realize just how successful the college was in accomplishing what the task force recommended. The faculty grew from just over 60 members to 78 by the fall of 1999, with a resulting drop in the student-faculty ratio from 14:1. In the years since, those numbers have become more favorable, and the size of the faculty has virtually doubled since the 1987 Masterplan. The college worked to increase the applicant pool from about 1,000 applications to 1,500 by the mid-1990s. And whereas 70 percent of the student body came from South Carolina in 1987, half now comes from out of state.

The plan also called for a new Roger Milliken Science Center and for the construction of what became the Olin Building. Among many enhancements in student life, the plan recommended a greater emphasis on orientation, on student retention, and on student programming.

The Masterplan noted that changing Wofford’s athletics affiliation would place the college on a more level field with its competitors, arguing that Wofford should immediately declare its intention to join the NCAA. The report also emphasized the need for improvements in women’s athletics. The report was clear in its statement that “the college must promote the ideal of the scholar-athlete and must insure that women’s sports receive equitable attention.”

Much of Wofford’s progress from a pretty good regional college to a high-quality national liberal arts college over the past 25 years has come about because the 1987 planning task force took the time to think hard about the college’s future. With the plan in hand, administrators and trustees worked to implement that vision and to provide the resources to make it happen. As we move into a new planning cycle and attempt to envision what the college will be like in the next 15 to 20 years, it is worth remembering the strategic plan that helped get Wofford to where it is today.

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Village Center earns LEED Silver

Wofford's Michael S. Brown Village Center has received the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver certification for its sustainable features, including the use of recycled and recovered materials and its energy efficient elements.

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is the leading national green certification program, which reviews building performance in five areas: energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, materials selection, sustainable site development and water savings.

The three-story facility, which includes student loft-style apartment housing on the top two floors and classrooms, meeting spaces and the Mungo Center for Professional Excellence on the first floor, is the second Wofford facility to achieve LEED certification. The Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford was LEED certified. The Goodall is the second Wofford facility to achieve LEED certification.

Lani Foster, director of special projects and financial systems says that 24 percent of the building materials content for the Michael S. Brown Village Center was manufactured using recycled materials and 33 percent of the building materials and/or products were harvested, recovered or manufactured regionally, within a 500-mile radius of Spartanburg.

The building also uses an energy dashboard, located in the elevator lobby outside the dining gallery at the center of the facility, for students and faculty to see how the building is functioning and the real-time energy use. In addition, there is an electric car charging station and outdoor bicycle storage racks located outside the building, and shower and changing facilities on the first floor for those commuting to campus by bicycle or other alternative transportation.

The architect for the construction project was Summervour Architects of Atlanta, Ga.

Wofford ranks well in national college guides

Late summer is the time when most of the commercial college guides release their updated editions.

On Aug. 10, the Chronicle of Higher Education produced its annual report on “The Academic Workplace.” Wofford was cited as one of the “Great Colleges to Work For” with special recognition in three categories — tenure clarity and process, teaching environment and job satisfaction.

This year, the college has received several special spreadsheets and reports from the “Great Colleges” surveys that will be useful in human resources assessment and planning. The campus response to this survey was excellent — 55 of 123 faculty; 48 of 111 exempt staff; and 22 of 34 administrators.

Princeton Review (www.princetonreview.com) publishes what may be the most satisfactory commercial college guide. Their staff does not attempt quantitative ratings, but instead relies on extensive student surveys. Wofford is the only South Carolina campus listed among 75 “Best Values” among the 377 top colleges. Wofford also came up #20 on a “Best Run Colleges” list and #8 among the list of 20 institutions with “Lots of Greek Life.”

The U.S. News “Great Schools at Great Prices” listing continues to rank Wofford among the elite of the 251 “National Liberal Arts Colleges.” The college has made this highly selective list for the past decade. Some other recognitions this summer have included “The Fiske Guide to the Colleges,” “The (Yale) Insider’s Guide” and Forbes’ “America’s Best Colleges and Universities.”

Website wins CASE award

The Wofford website created to highlight the “Commander in Chief” Republican Presidential Candidates Debate held at the college in November 2011 received a Bronze Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in its international 2012 Circle of Excellence Awards program. There were 87 entries in the category, and others receiving Bronze Awards were Boston University, College of William & Mary, Harvard Kennedy School and Princeton University. American University received a gold award in the category, and winners of the silver award were Columbia College Chicago, Columbia University and Indiana University.

During the month of November the site recorded more than 20,000 page views.

Wofford recognized by local United Way

Wofford was honored in the spring by the United Way of the Piedmont with a Community Partner Award. The award is presented to organizations who make their mark on the community by partnering with the United Way on critical projects and initiatives.

The search for a new president begins

Wofford’s Presidential Search Committee has begun its work to find the successor for Dr. Benjamin B. Dunlap, who has announced his retirement effective at the end of June 2013.

R. Michael James ’73, former trustee, is the chair of the committee. He is a founding partner of WEDGE Capital Management in Charlotte, N.C.

The other search committee members are:

• Dr. B. Mike Alexander Jr. ’73, a trustee, is a minister at Belin United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet, S.C.
• Charles J. Bradshaw Sr. ’59 is a retired business executive from Spartanburg; LINVILLE, N.C.; and Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
• Dr. Ellen S. Goldey is the William R. Kenan Professor of Biology and chair of the Department of Biology.
• Laura Jackson Hoy of Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a trustee.
• Dr. Joah M. Lesesne Jr. is the college’s president emeritus.
• Ronald L. Norman ’13 is the current president of the Wofford student body.
• Corry W. Oakes III ’89, a trustee, is a partner in OTO Development LLC of Spartanburg.
• Stanley E. Porter ’89, a trustee, is a consultant with Deloitte and Touche in Cherry Chase, Md.
• Dr. Ronald R. Robinson ’78 is the Perkins Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion.
• Edward B. Wile ’73, a trustee, is senior vice president for UBS Financial Services in Atlanta.
• Dr. Dennis M. Wiseman is the Reeves Family Professor of Foreign Languages and dean of Center for Innovation and Learning.

Serving as an ex officio member of the committee is J. Harold Chandler ’71, the current chairman of the Wofford Board of Trustees.

Nine elected to serve on Wofford Board of Trustees

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

The new trustees elected to four-year terms are Justin A. Converse ’96 and Stewart H. Johnson ’67, both of Spartanburg. They fill the seats that were held by R. Michael James ’73, whose term has expired after three consecutive four-year stints, and Frederick D. Gibbs ’87, who resigned from the board several months ago.

Re-elected to new terms were: the Rev. B. Mike Alexander ’73, Dr. James E. Bostic, J. Harold Chandler ’71, Jimmy J. Gibbs, Laura J. Hoy, L. Leon Patterson ’63 and J. Edwin Reeves Jr.

Officers were elected for the 2012-13 year are Chandler, chair; James M. Johnson ’71, vice chair; C. Michael Smith ’75, vice chair and secretary; and John B. White Jr. ’72, vice chair.

Converse is chairman and CEO of Converse & Co. Inc.-Converse Resource Group. He has served on the Wofford President’s Advisory Board and is involved with the Terrier Club. He is married to Anna Habisreutinger Converse ’95 whose father, Roger, served on the Wofford Board from 1978 to 1990. They have two children, Marianna, age 9, and Hugh, age 7.

Stewart Johnson is chairman of the board of Morgan Corp. He and his wife, Ann Cobb Johnson, have been a longtime Wofford supporters, sponsoring the Terrier Ball for the past 13 years and providing scholarship and endowed professorship funding; they also recently donated trees for plantings around the Wofford football parking area. Mrs. Johnson is a former member of the Wofford Board of Trustees. The Johnsons have four children, Stewart Heath Johnson Jr., David Greenewald Johnson ’98, Jamie Johnson Boyd ’00 and Ann Johnson Hopkins ’04.
Pittman to study weight gain, anti-anxiety drug connection with NIH grant

D r. David W. Pittman, ’94, associate professor of psychology, and his collaborator, Dr. J.P. Baird at Amherst College, have received a nearly $414,000 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. They will conduct research to identify the connection between overeating and the use of some popular anti-anxiety drugs – a first research of its kind.

They will research the mechanisms and brain areas involved in the overeating side effect of anti-anxiety drugs such as Xanax and Valium. As the principal investigator, Pittman has received $342,422 of the grant while Baird received $71,578 in support of collaborative research at Amherst.

The research also will allow student involvement and an innovative exchange program for student research fellows.

Pittman says the research will add to scientific knowledge on a growing public health challenge in the United States. “Each year, medical professionals diagnose more than 6 million people in the United States with generalized anxiety disorder,” he says. “For more than half of them, doctors prescribe benzodiazepines, such as Xanax and Valium, as part of their treatment plan.” Pittman hopes his research using a rat animal model will help medical professionals better understand the mechanisms that underlie the weight gain often associated with benzodiazepines.

“Rats over-consume taste solutions under the influence of those drugs in the same way humans overeat,” Pittman says. “A better understanding of how these drugs affect specific areas of the rat’s brain involved with taste and appetite could aid in the prevention of the prevalence of weight gain in people prescribed benzodiazepines.”

The grant also provides a critical opportunity for undergraduate students at Wofford and Amherst to participate in cutting-edge scientific research. Students at each institution will conduct laboratory research year-round, and during each of the next three summers for the duration of the grant, one student from each college will work with students at the other in an innovative exchange program for student research fellows.

“Dr. Pittman continues providing tremendous opportunities for students to do publication-quality research – six publications in the past six years that included 20 student co-authors,” Dr. David S. Wood, dean of Wofford, says. “His leading-edge research in the area of obesity, his creation of the Healthy Eating Decisions program for elementary school children in the fight against childhood obesity, and his teaching and research that has involved so many Wofford students are just some of the reasons he was received the 2011 Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science.”

For more information on the research plan for the NIH grant, the students involved and the latest findings, go to their website at www.benzotaste.com.

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Department of Biology receives exemplary program award for improvements to first-year curriculum

W offord’s Department of Biology has received national recognition for revisions in its first-year curriculum designed to improve students’ knowledge and skills in the discipline.

The department, chaired by Dr. Ellen S. Goldey, the William R. Keenan Jr. Professor, recently received the Exemplary Program Award from the Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS). The winning proposal was selected by a panel of nationally recognized general education leaders, accreditors and AGLS Executive Council members.

Wofford transformed its first-year curriculum in biology with a new first-semester course, Biological Inquiry. Motivation for the change included the national call for transformation of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and the need to align introductory science courses with the college’s “general education” objectives.

“The project reflects the close collaboration among a team of professors and students,” Goldey says, “and our targeted outcomes fall into three categories – deepening content knowledge, developing research skills and improving dispositions toward biology.

“Traditionally, introductory coursework in biology emphasized memorizing lots of content, but research has shown that to build the competencies that students need, they must engage in the practices of the profession,” she continues. “So, our students read the primary literature, conduct open-ended experiments, use statistics to analyze their data, and work in teams to interpret their results and communicate their findings through professional research posters. We’re also using best teaching practices, thus de-emphasizing lectures in favor of engaging students in guided inquiry.”

Underscoring the importance of this work, approximately half of all incoming students (270 this year) enroll in Biological Inquiry their first semester, and the major represents nearly a quarter of all graduates.

“We’ve rigorously assessed the outcomes of this work, and compared to the course it replaced, Biological Inquiry leads to significant gains in all targeted areas,” Goldey notes.

According to AGLS, “The judges gave high praise to Wofford biology faculty for their thorough and creative work in assessing scientific learning, especially considering how many students pursue degrees in biology and how important learning in biology is to so many additional majors. While the application is written with modesty, the effort and results are outstanding.”

“One judge noted that Wofford approached the assessment of biology as if it were a scientific problem. All the judges praised the department’s use of multiple means of assessment that validate student learning, and they appreciated the quality and value of the poster project, the deep analysis of the results, and the honest reporting of the mixed feelings of the students.”

Dr. David S. Wood, dean of Wofford, congratulated the entire biology department faculty on the award. “The work done with first-year biology over the past several years has been exemplary, and it is wonderful to receive such high praise and recognition. The student experience has been greatly enhanced by the faculty’s efforts to improve the outcomes, and the biology department has inspired and encouraged other departments to continue to do serious self-assessment to make changes to improve student learning outcomes in their areas.”

Wood specifically recognized all of the faculty and staff in the Department of Biology for their achievement: Dr. Stefanie H. Baker, Dr. G.R. Davis, Dr. Ellen S. Goldey, Dr. Stacey R. Hettes, Dr. Tracie M. Ivy, Dr. David I. Kushner, Dr. John F. Moeller, Dr. Robert E. Moss, Dr. Douglas A. Raymer, Dr. George W. Shillit, Dr. Charles E. Smith, Dr. Natalie W. Spivey and Lisa P. Thomas. Goldey and Moeller accepted the award and presented on the program during a special session at the annual conference of AGLS, held on Sept. 20 in Portland, Ore.

The goal of the AGLS Awards program is to serve two national general education needs: to recognize creative program accomplishments produced by faculty and administrators committed to ongoing improvement and to disseminate effective program improvement ideas and models.

by Laura Hendrix Corbin
Wofford embraces pluralism with help of Teagle Foundation grant

“Christmas in Action,” based in Midlands, Texas, was founded in 1972. Today, it provides hope and action for the low-income elderly and disabled, working in 9,000 homes in communities all across the country.

Wofford students have embraced this concept, and in 2011-2012, a Muslim student named Arsalaan Salehani '12 headed their project in response to the 10th anniversary of 9-11. Salehani was the one of the Honor Graduates in the Class of 2012 (4.0 G.P.A.) and a member of the Senior Order of Gnomes. He is currently a first-year medical student at Emory University.

The Christmas in Action story illustrates that Wofford is moving forward as a pluralistic community in sometimes astonishing ways, in keeping with its own traditions and its heritage as a college related to the United Methodist Church. The college is now in the midst of a two-year study to engage provocative religious issues and ensure that it is welcoming not only to students and faculty who have traditional American religious backgrounds, but to people of different faiths, people of no faith and people who are not sure.

Partners in that effort are the Teagle Foundation (www.teaglefoundation.org), which provided grant-based funding (“Using Assessment Evidence to Improve Programs and Promote Shared Responsibility for Mission-Based Outcomes”), Elon University and the Interfaith Youth Core (www.ifyc.org), an important resource for colleges that plan to educate the leaders who will write the next chapter in world history. The founder of the IFYC, Eboo Patel, is the author of several influential books, including the recent “Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America.”

“We have been surveying students about religion at graduation for years, but a lot of what we knew was not particularly useful in measuring attitudes and how they might shift over the course of four years,” says Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones, associate professor of religion. “We know, for example, that United Methodists are the largest single denominational group (among 32 represented) on campus, but it may be more helpful to understand that more typical spiritual outlooks among students today are (1) those who are non-denominational, evangelical Christians; (2) those who keep to their faith but they are open to examining it; and (3) those who have consciously adopted an inner religious pluralism.”

One interesting outcome of the survey was that one-third of the students who described themselves as “no religious” felt that their acceptance at Wofford was less than desirable. Meanwhile, many of the evangelicals viewed themselves as tolerant and welcoming.

Some of the recommendations coming out of last year’s discussions included (1) leveraging existing student leadership, which was found to be exceptionally promising at Wofford; (2) broadening a commitment to academic freedom and diversifying the community, encouraging dialogue and cooperation; (3) empowering and equipping faculty and staff with additional training opportunities, such as those offered in cooperation with the Interfaith Youth Core; and (4) consciously strengthening on-campus service-learning organizations.

“The effectiveness of last year’s task force can best be measured by the interest we have found all around the country in what we have learned, how we have been successful at engaging some very big questions through strategic planning, and how we are building on our traditions and our strengths,” says Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion. He points out that two articles in the important professional journal “Inside Higher Education” have used Wofford as a case study, and several students, including Salehani, have been invited to make presentations at major conferences, at UCLA, Yale and for the Department of Education.

“We are excited about how far we have come in laying a foundation for a better community,” Robinson says. “We’re looking forward to moving further ahead with our strategic plan in 2012-2013.”

by Doyle Boggs '70

First-year students, supervised by Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, measured and packed 20,244 meals bound for Honduras during their orientation activities. Getting students involved early in pluralism and service initiatives is one goal of the activities sponsored by the Teagle Foundation’s grant.

Village houses named to honor Leonard and Seegars

On Sept. 7, two of the houses in Wofford’s Village were dedicated in honor of emeritus professors Dr. W. Ray Leonard (front row, beside his wife, Ann) and Dr. James E. Seegars (speaking). Leonard taught biology at the college for 45 years before retiring in 1994. Seegars joined the faculty in 1962, teaching psychology and serving as chair of the department for 37 years.

Board approves changes in scholarship levels

One of Wofford’s highest priorities is attracting the best and brightest students and securing their access to a Wofford education. Nearly every Wofford student receives some type of financial assistance. With the rising costs of education, students use the amount of financial aid available to them as a determining factor in choosing a college. Scholarship support ensures that Wofford remains competitive.

The college now offers two plans for establishing endowed scholarships:

1. A minimum of $50,000, payable over up to five years, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.

2. A commitment of $25,000, payable over five years, coupled with a documented estate/insurance plan for an additional $100,000 establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship. This new option offers the donor the opportunity to establish the scholarship with a lower initial gift when paired with a generous planned gift.

The sky is the limit on the upper end: the greater the fund size, the greater the benefit to deserving students.

College adds new gift club levels; President’s Club level increases to $1,250 minimum

At the May meeting, the Wofford Board of Trustees approved changes in gift recognition levels, the first changes made since the gift club levels were established in 1968. The following changes will take effect in the 2013 gift year:

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These gift levels are based on gifts received during a calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) and are calculated based on gifts to all funds at the college, including the Annual Fund, the Terrier Club, endowment support or capital gifts. In the case of married Wofford alumni, both spouses receive gift club credit for their cumulative gift. Matching gifts are also included.
College plans construction of new fraternity houses

The tradition, strength and popularity of the Greek system at Wofford is an indelible feature of the college, attested to every year in the Princeton Review’s Best Colleges and other national guidebooks.

Wofford has early chapters of several important national Greek-letter organizations, which began developing networks just after the Civil War. However, the modern era of fraternities began in 1956 when the “Row” was constructed at what was then a college for men. Seven chapter lodges were erected around a semicircular courtyard near Memorial Drive. Six of these houses now are occupied by members of chapters of the Interfraternity Council — Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu.

For years, the need to plan for the future of the Greek system in general and the Row in particular has been obvious and pressing. The aging buildings are obsolete in design, and there have been concerns about security and safety. Last spring, the Wofford Board of Trustees heard a report from a task force consisting of faculty, alumni and students that addressed the issue. Important members of that task force were trustees whose business expertise includes construction, M. Stewart Mungo ’74 and C. Michael Smith ’75.

“Together, we looked carefully at various options and had some animated debates,” recalls Danner Benfield ’13, president of the Interfraternity Council. “In the end, however, two priorities emerged. One was to keep the Row together in the present location with parity in design and decor of the houses. The second was to have attractive food and beverage serving areas and band stages with up-to-date acoustical setups. The plan accommodates those two priorities.”

The trustees went on to approve the task force’s recommendations. A $3.25 million campaign to build new quarters for the fraternities is underway now. Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Development Calhoun Kennedy ’89 heads the endeavor.

Once funding is secured, the present houses will be demolished and new landscaping and construction will begin. The project should take six to nine months on a schedule that will mean minimal interruption in fraternity activities.

Each house will have a footprint of about 4,500 square feet with a covered deck and outside patio. In good weather, each house should accommodate approximately 300 brothers and guests at a function, and an IFC event involving all the chapters could be a college-wide social event.

“The fraternity and sorority experience is more valuable than the strictly social nature for which it is known,” says Brian Joyce, director of student activities and Greek life at Wofford. “Our students become better communicators, leaders and individuals because they lead a group of their peers; plan an event or philanthropy project; manage a budget; make difficult decisions; organize an intramural team; have challenging conversations; or think critically and creatively to solve a problem.”

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What proportion of Wofford students belong to fraternities and sororities?
A. In the fall of 2011, 41 percent of the men and 55 percent of the women were members. The actual number of Greeks has grown along with the student body, which now numbers about 1,600 students.

Q. Will fraternities be able to have alcoholic beverages at their functions?
A. All Wofford students should feel at home at the Row, and it will be helpful if there is a space available to rent for parties and other activities for all the chartered organizations. Also, the Row will need to last a long time, and Wofford’s enrollment has been increasing in a planned, orderly way. A certain amount of flexibility makes sense.

Q. Do the plans for the Row affect Wofford’s sororities?
A. No. The college anticipates improvements in the facilities for these organizations, but the Wofford model for the Row does not seem applicable. The national Panhellenic organizations for women emphasize residential houses such as those found at many large universities. Also, Wofford has three chartered historically African-American organizations that are affiliated with the NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council), and it is important to ensure that their future needs are met.

Q. Will fraternities be able to raise money to make improvements inside their houses and on the deck and patio?
A. Yes. The policies and procedures for such remodeling will be included in the lease agreements.

Q. How do I make a contribution to the Row project?
A. All contributions, no matter the size, are welcome. For additional information, call Calhoun Kennedy at 864-597-4211 or email kennedycl@wofford.edu. Naming opportunities for various features of the Row are available. Please remember that support of the Wofford Annual Fund should remain your top giving priority!
New BRICS Initiative gives students a global experience

Explosions in telecommunications technologies and transportation infrastructure in the past quarter-century have changed the way business is conducted across the globe, leading to an unprecedented ease of access to labor, manufacturing and natural resources. Many companies increasingly outsource the production of goods and services to developing nations, leading to rapid growth and industrialization in those countries.

Five countries with significant emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, collectively known as the BRICS — are exerting more and more influence on regional and world affairs. Together, the BRICS represent nearly half the world’s population and one-fifth of the global economic output. To be successful, students entering the 21st-century marketplace must have an understanding of how these and other developing economies shape the world economically, politically and culturally.

To provide that understanding, Wofford is launching the BRICS Initiative, a nine-month program providing students the opportunity to examine BRICS through the liberal arts lens by offering perspectives in the language, religion, government, finance, economics and history of each nation.

“T he best way to prepare students for life after Wofford is by bridging the theoretical and the practical,” says Scott Cochran ’88, dean of the Mungo Center for Professional Excellence, which developed the program. “And the best way to learn about globalization is to look at the cultural dynamics at play as well as the business side of the equation, including the global supply chain, financial markets and manufacturing. This is liberal arts personified, and it’s the best way to approach practical learning.”

Students accepted into the program will spend Interim learning about all of the BRICS countries from an interdisciplinary team of faculty and staff. The learning will continue during the spring semester with a series of additional presentations. During the summer, students will spend two weeks in one of the BRICS countries. In 2013, students will visit Brazil. Months of study will culminate in a one-day September conference during which students will present their knowledge to local and regional organizations interested in learning more about BRICS.

The program enhances Wofford’s strong commitment to providing international travel opportunities by giving students a resume-ready experience employers and graduate schools can immediately appreciate, says Jennifer Dillenger ’07, director of career services and BRICS Initiative lead.

With companies outsourcing business, administrative, clerical and IT support functions, as well as writing and financial services positions at an increasing rate, the competition for jobs is no longer local, she points out.

“Hands-down, students completing this program will be more attractive to top companies and graduate programs. In today’s competition to gain employment or acceptance, this advantage is game changing.”

To learn more about the BRICS Initiative, visit the Mungo Center’s website at wofford.edu/center.

by Lisa M. Ware

BRICS countries

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Source: International Monetary Fund
Editor’s Note: Re:Thinking Education is a yearlong exploration of today’s liberal arts college involving all members of the Wofford community: faculty, students, alumni and friends. Each issue of Wofford Today during the 2012-2013 academic year will include an essay by representatives of one of these groups. This article presents a faculty perspective, the work of a collaborative effort chaired by Dr. Anne Rodrick (history) and Dr. Dan Mathewson (religion).

Re:Thinking Education: Why Now?

Re:Thinking Education is a yearlong conversation that renews our commitment to the liberal arts today. Our conversation revolves around key questions we will explore together as a community:

How do we educate students to become active citizens in a complex, and often polarized, global society?

Can our model of productive, thoughtful dialogue, debate and problem-solving address real challenges in a rapidly changing world?

How does Wofford deliver a transformative educational experience for students, and how does this differentiate us from our peers in higher education?

Most importantly, perhaps, what does this education mean for our students and for us, as professionals, citizens, and members of a community?

There is an urgency to these questions given the consensus of a mounting crisis within American higher education. While it has been relatively easy for critics to identify the most obvious symptoms of the crisis – escalating costs, declining job prospects for college graduates – the causes of the breakdown are both subtler and more problematic.

Two general models of criticism have emerged to shape the public examination of higher education.

In the first, critics apply a cost-benefit analysis to argue that the costs of a college education, including the debt-burden students incur, far exceed the expected benefits of employment possibilities and earning potential. Popular pundits increasingly have reached the conclusion that American higher education is failing its students; it is not providing them the practical tools that will enable them to succeed in the job market, particularly if they major in “impractical” disciplines like philosophy, art history and anthropology. Politicians and public policy makers, influenced by this popular cost-benefit evaluation of higher education, have responded by funneling public funds to disciplines considered “practical” (such as science, mathematics, technology and engineering); by proposing legislation to help address the rising costs of higher education; and by targeting budget cuts at departments and programs thought to be under-enrolled or simply “impractical” – frequently programs associated with the humanities and fine arts.

In the second general model of criticism, scholars of the education system argue that American colleges and universities have abandoned their obligations to teach students higher-order cognitive skills, and as a result students graduate with only minimal increases in their abilities to think and write both broadly and critically within a variety of disciplines. Higher education is, in the words of one widely-read analysis, “academically adrift,” and students are paying the price, measured not necessarily in post-graduation salaries but instead in failure to gain new competencies necessary to thrive in a globally-interconnected and complex future.

In both models of criticism, the shortcomings identified are located within the powerhouses of American higher education: the large research university, where both resources and enrollments have invited public scrutiny.

Mostly escaping this negative criticism, however, is the liberal arts college, which offers a type of education distinctive from that of the large university: institutions that prioritize broad-based undergraduate education for an increasingly complex, globally connected world; curricula that emphasize the acquisition of the skills of critical thinking, complex reasoning, and written communication; and instruction that engages in high-impact teaching practices.

The liberal arts college always has occupied a place in American culture defined by ideals of citizenship and responsibility. Its curriculum rests on depth and breadth, frequently interdisciplinarity. Students are encouraged to discern connections across a wide array of topics in the humanities, fine arts, sciences and social sciences – all within intimate classroom settings that foster participatory engagement. Broad inquiry, thoughtful discussion and lively debate draw practitioners of the liberal arts – learners as well as teachers – together in a community that changes everyone who becomes a part of it.

As studies demonstrate, those who receive a liberal arts education are not only best equipped for the job market, they are also most likely to become the civically engaged and socially active citizens necessary for a robust democracy to flourish.

Re:Thinking Education will encourage all of us to rethink, re-imagine and re-envision higher education in the 21st century. Over the course of this year, we expect to challenge and inspire, to transform and be transformed, and by so doing, to lead in conversations about education in America and the place of the liberal arts in a world that can benefit tremendously from the way we teach and learn.

Visit http://www.wofford.edu/rethinkingeducation/events/ for a complete list of lectures, roundtable conversations, poetry readings, theater presentations, and more.

President Benjamin B. Dunlap (in crimson) opened the 2012-2013 academic year with his talk “Why Are We Here? The Liberal Arts and the Meaning of Life.” Before the speech, made to a standing-room only crowd in Leonard Auditorium, the faculty gathered for their traditional opening photo.

Events of the Year

Re:Thinking Education will move from a consideration of the broad, national conversation about higher education and the liberal arts, to a more narrow focus on Wofford and its identity as a 21st century college of the liberal arts. Four major events will provide the structure to our yearlong conversation, with a host of minor, more narrowly focused events and activities filling in the spaces between these. All of the year’s events are described in detail on the Re:Thinking Education website (www.wofford.edu/rethinkingeducation).

Structuring Events:

Structuring events include four shared reading experiences, which will be the basis for a broad book club (on campus and around the country). These will be supplemented with author visits to campus and discussion groups. The four book club readings are:

- Tobias Wolff, “Old School.”
- Andrew Delbanco, “College: What It Was, Is, and Should Be.”
- Martha Nussbaum, “Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities.”
- Re:Thinking Education essays

Supporting Events and Activities:

There will be a host of smaller, more specifically targeted events and activities interspersed between the major structuring events throughout the year.

Pre-Existing Events

Re:Thinking Education will tie in pre-existing events such as the Santerre Cooper Lecture Series on Sustainability and Energy Issues, the Sandor Tatzler Award for Moral Courage and Service to Humanity and TEDx Spartanburg

Other Events

These will focus on the role of the liberal arts in career success, business, fine arts, athletics, pluralism, etc.
Hall named new women’s tennis coach

Wofford named Kriya Hall as women’s tennis coach this past May. Hall, a native of Spartanburg and a Dorman High School graduate, has seven years of experience as a head coach at the Division I level, most recently at University of Alabama, Birmingham. Hall’s teams, in addition to their play on the court, have attained a high level of success academically, highlighted by the 2011 season in which her squad earned the Conference USA Sport Academic Award as the women’s tennis program with the highest GPA in the league.

Hall also has led or assisted women’s tennis programs at University of Wyoming, Virginia Tech and Washington State.

Before beginning her coaching career, Hall was a standout as a four-year letter winner on the women’s tennis team at Virginia Tech from 1999-2003. She was a three-year captain and a nationally ranked singles player during her senior campaign. For her career, she posted a school-record 81 doubles victories while posting 160 total wins to rank second all-time in school history. Hall earned a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech in 2003 and completed her master’s degree at the university in 2004.

Former Kristen Stubbs, she was married to Matt Hall in July of 2005. The couple’s son Caleb was born Sept. 11, 2011. Hall’s brother, Andrew Stubbs ’08, played tennis for four years at Wofford and is currently the head men’s tennis coach at Winthrop. Stubbs earned All-Southern Conference honors all four seasons with the Terriers at number one singles and doubles.

Wilson drafted by Braves

Pitcher Alex Wilson ’14 was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 13th round of the MLB Draft on June 15. Wilson was the 479th overall selection. It marks the second straight season the Braves have picked a Wofford player in the 15th round.

Wilson was selected on the team with a 3.61 ERA on the season. He was fourth on the team with 51 strikeouts in 42.1 innings pitched. Wilson allowed only 17 earned runs as he posted a 2.5 record with one save. His 51 appearances (all in relief) were the most on the team and the fifth-most in the Southern Conference.

For his career, Wilson has played in 54 games with two starts and has posted a 2.4 record. In 70.6 innings pitched he has 72 strikeouts and a 3.69 ERA. He has been named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll all three seasons.

Wilson is the fourth player to be drafted in the past six seasons, joining Brandon Wariner ’08 (7th round, Reds) in 2007, Michael McGirt ’01 (7th round, Reds) in 2008 (7th round, Reds) in 2007, Michael McGirt ’01 (7th round, Reds) in 2007, and Justin Whitney ’15 (5th round, Dodgers) in 2011.

McGirt plays in first major

Michael McGirt ’01 has had an outstanding season on the PGA Tour in 2012, playing in 26 tournaments and making the cut in 15 (as of Aug. 28). He finished second in the 2012 RBC Canadian Open with a-16 for the tournament, which marked his best career finish. A highlight of his season was playing in the 2012 PGA Championship at Kiawah. While he did not make the cut, it was his first experience taking part in one of the four major tournaments.

In the first tournament of the FedEx Cup, McGirt finished 10th at the Barclays held at Bethpage Black in New York. It was his third top 10 finish of the season. With several more tournaments to go, he has already earned $1.2 million on the year and has secured his Tour card for 2013.

Lenzly competes in 2012 London Olympic Games

Former Terrier Mike Lenzly ’03 was named a member of the Great Britain basketball team on July 5. He played in several test matches prior to the games, including a contest against Team USA, where he guarded Kobe Bryant. Lenzly, however, injured his calf in the game and his participation in the London Games was in doubt.

He kept his spot on the final roster, which was announced the day of the opening ceremonies. After missing the first game, he played six minutes against Brazil, hitting a three-pointer before leaving the floor because of his injury. He did not see action in the final three games of pool play.

“Outside of the obvious disappointment with my calf injury, the Olympic experience was truly amazing,” said Lenzly. “It was a great honor to be surrounded daily by so many great athletes from all around the world. Being an Olympian was a huge accomplishment for me and it’s something I’ll never forget.”

Lenzly is still tied for the Wofford record with five blocked shots in a single game. Lenzly finished his Terrier career with 1,333 points in 116 games. He is still sixth in the record books with 169 3-point field goals made and seventh in 3-point field goals attempted with 467 giving him a 36.2 career point field goal percentage.

He led the team in points in 2001-02 with 418 and in 2002-03 with 455, and he was the team’s leading rebounder in 2002-03 with 146 rebounds. Lenzly is a member of the Wofford Athletic Hall of Fame and has been playing professional basketball in Europe since graduation.

Lenzly became the second Terrier to represent their country in the Olympics as former women’s soccer player Ileana Mosch ’98 was on the Greek national team in the 2004 Olympics.

SoCon academic honors

Wofford had 240 student-athletes recognized by the Southern Conference on the 2011-12 Academic Honor Roll, the highest number in college history.

Wofford had seven student-athletes with a 4.0 grade point average – Mitch Allen ‘11 (football), Paul Inclan ‘14 (football), Katie Kesler ‘14 (women’s cross country and track), Ethan Miller ’12 (men’s soccer), Justin Whitney ’15 (men’s cross country and track), Alissa Williams (women’s cross country and track), and Rachel Woodlee ’13 (volleyball).

The academic honor roll consists of student-athletes who participated in varsity sports at member institutions and posted a 3.0 grade point average or higher while passing at least 24 hours in two semesters of classes or in an equivalent for other academic calendars.

Men’s basketball class of 2012

Three members of the men’s basketball class of 2012 have signed contracts to play professionally in Europe this fall. Brad Loening signed with the PKSV-Panthers in Poz, Hungary. A first team Academic All-American, Loening was the 2012 Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year. For his career, he scored 1,168 points to rank 33rd in college history. Loening started a college record 130 games, all at point guard and finished third in college history with 483 career assists.

Kevin Gilmer will play for Rekalfar in Reykjavik, Iceland. Gilmer earned All-Southern Conference honors during his senior season with the Terriers. For his career, he scored 954 points and is second in college history in games played with 131. He finished within his college history with 187 career three pointers.

Drew Crowell signed to play with Team FOGNestved in Denmark. Crowell started 32 games last season as the Terriers advanced to the postseason for the third-straight season. His field goal percentage of 60.8 was second in the SoCon and 30th in the nation.

The other two members of the senior class, Matt Steelman and Joseph Teddington also have plans for the fall. Steelman will serve as assistant men’s basketball coach at Anderson University in Indiana. Teddington is a graduate student at the University of South Carolina working towards a master’s degree in public administration.

Eric Breitenstein named SoCon Preseason Player of the Year

Running back Eric Breitenstein ’13 was named the Southern Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year in voting conducted by the league’s head coaches. Breitenstein was named Offensive Player of the Year following the 2011 season and also garnered the same preseason honor one year ago.

Breitenstein, from Valle Crucis, N.C., led the SoCon and ranked 10th nationally with 122.8 rushing yards per game. Breitenstein also earned a spot on the preseason Southern Conference All-Conference first team, along with offensive linemen Jake Miles ’12 and lineman Abin Scioneaux ’13. Offensive linemen Jared Singleton ’13 and Calvin Cantrell ’12 were named to the second team.

Panthers summer camp more popular than ever before

More than 44,000 people attended the 2012 Carolina Panthers training camp held July 27 through Aug. 15 at Wofford, according to the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. That compared to 34,000 visitors in 2011.

“That’s up almost 30 percent from last year’s record,” says Amy Phillips, marketing and communications manager for the CVB.

About 35 percent of visitors were from beyond 50 miles away and spent almost $2 million during their visit to Spartanburg.

The CVB said the 2012 camp garnered even greater nationwide appeal due to the team’s predicted improvement over the past year and rising star status of second-year starting quarterback Cam Newton.

“This year, we had calls from as far away as California wanting to know the closest airport to fly into to see the training camp,” Phillips says.

Panthers owner Jerry Richardson ’59 brought the training camp to Wofford during the team’s inaugural season in 1995, and it has been held on the campus every year since. Danny Morrison ’75 serves as president of the organization.
Dr. Catherine Schmitz (associate professor of foreign languages) and Dr. Timothy Schmitz (associate professor and chair of the Department of History) and their daughter, Juliette, visited Trier, Germany, the town where Catherine lived as a child. While there they met former student Claudia Winkler ’08, who was teaching there in the summer. Winkler currently is pursuing a doctoral degree in German at Georgetown University. The photo was taken in the Trier Market Square.

Kirsten Andrea Krick-Aigner (1997), associate professor of French and German — Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara

John Edward Lane ’77 (1988), director of Goodall Environmental Studies Center and associate professor of environmental studies — M.F.A., Bennington College

Philip Graham Swicegood (2005), R. Michael James Family Professor of Finance — Ph.D., Florida State University

The Wofford Board of Trustees approved the following faculty promotions during the May board meeting:

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Kara Lise Bopp (2005), assistant professor of psychology — Ph.D., Syracuse University
Cynthia Twyford Fowler (2005), assistant professor of sociology — Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa
Daniel Bruce Mathewson (2005), assistant professor of religion — Ph.D., Emory University
Bryan Garrick Splawn ’95 (2005), assistant professor of chemistry — Ph.D., Purdue University
Amy Hope Dudley Sweitzer (2005), assistant professor of English — Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Nancy Michele Williams (2006), assistant professor of philosophy — Ph.D., University of Georgia

PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR
Natalie Susette Grinnell (1997), associate professor of English — Ph.D., State University of New York at Buffalo

The following were approved by the Wofford Board of Trustees during their Spring meeting:

Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara

PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR

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Preparing for the future
meet some Wofford students who made it happen.

Computer science and biology major Alissa Williams '15 (left taking a swan boat ride in Boston with her cousin) completed an internship at Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital Boston this summer. The experience combined traditional laboratory work (wet benchwork) and computational work. "In addition to helping maintain cell cultures, dissect mice, and run PCRs, gels, and Western blots, I both used and wrote code to process all of the data produced by our experiments," says Williams. "I particularly enjoyed the challenge of writing code to manipulate my data files. In addition, I got to experience Boston and other parts of the Northeast." The top screen shot shows how much coding she completed and the output of portions of her code.

Tom Wood '13 interned with a group of stock traders this summer at BGC (Barclay's Global Corp.) in Canary Wharf, London. Wood was assigned to the Middle East, Latin American and Africa Desk. "My main job was to write tickets that go to different banks when a trade is made.... It was a very long day working from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., but very rewarding if lots of trades were made."

Jonathan Hanson '13 (above left) poses with two Brazilian friends he met during his internships. Hanson spent the summer as a junior researcher in the computer modeling department at the Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora in Juiz de Fora, Brazil. His project involved exploring the development and use of tools to support the generation of meshes of the heart and visualization of cardiac simulations.

Christopher Novak '14 and Erin Morgan '13 spent the summer working as interns for The Manipal Group, a conglomerate of financial and industrial companies headquartered in Manipal, India. Morgan and Novak are the fourth set of students to hold the internships, which are offered every year via a partnership between Wofford College and The Manipal Group. They worked in the strategy, accounting and finance divisions of the company. The internships were unpaid; however, the students' travel and living expenses were covered jointly by Wofford's Mungo Center for Professional Excellence and by the John M. Rampey Scholarship Fund.

Laura Arthur '13 completed a summer internship in the biomedical engineering department of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She worked in a lab that specializes in RNA interference as a cancer therapy. "The goal of my project was to optimize a drug carrier system that the lab had developed. I learned a lot of skills that will be helpful in graduate school and experienced the culture of research and life as a scientist," says Arthur.

At the Aspen Institute: (left to right) Mackenzie Sawicki '13, Grace Wallace '13 and Seth Knight '13 were chosen for the highly selective, competitive and prestigious internships where students work with some of the most influential speakers and thinkers in the country.

John Jackson '14 says that his internship at Milliken & Co. taught him the importance of communication and teamwork in a business environment. "In the Regulatory Department, I updated information in various databases and contacted raw material suppliers to ensure that products were compliant with current global regulations. Milliken is an innovative company, as seen through its diverse products, and this innovation is crucial to securing its success in the future," says Jackson.
Standing in front of a thermal vacuum chamber used to test spacecraft, Missy Gaddy '14 (above) spent the summer restoring and analyzing data from the Lunar Ejecta and Meteorites (LEAM) Experiment on Apollo 17.

Throughout August, Philip Coffey '14 (above left) participated in a project in Costa Rica studying how mantled howler monkeys respond to temperature variation throughout their habitats. The project has implications for how human thermoregulatory adaptations evolved. Coffey's work in the project involved catching monkeys, participating in minor surgeries to implant temperature recording devices under their skin, and observing monkey behaviors. The research project is a collaboration of researchers from Ohio University, Duke University, High Point University and Northeast Ohio Medical University, where Dr. Chris Vinyard '92 (above right) is an assistant professor. Coffey and Vinyard experimented with a new "W" symbol for their photo.

This summer Brittany Walker '13 worked in an organic chemistry lab under the direction of Dr. Jay Hanna at Winthrop University as a McNair Scholar. She helped synthesize novel compounds as potential anti-cancer drugs. "Quite naively, I started this summer research experience with the notion that every chemical reaction that I pulled from journal articles as well as the reactions I wrote out myself would proceed exactly as planned. I soon learned that 'expect the unexpected' was an apt phrase to apply to synthetic chemistry," says Walker, who presented her preliminary findings at an end of year symposium.
Wright Spears ’33: 100 and still working, ministering and praying for peace

As he approaches his 100th birthday on Oct. 22, 2012, the Rev. Wright Spears ’33 takes no credit for his longevity. “That’s always been in God’s hands,” says Spears, “but since I’ve been here I’ve tried to do what God wanted me to do… and it’s wonderful to have a couple of brain cells still left to do it with.”

As usual, Spears is being modest. From his “electric chair” as he calls it, surrounded by telephones and notepads and books and letters, Spears maintains a vital telephone ministry that includes helping organize and plan the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference, an international conference that he helped found five years ago… yes, at the age of 95.

“My greatest thought and prayer is that there comes a change in the world called peace. That’s the change I’m waiting for,” says Spears. “God means for all human beings to live together rather than to fight each other over prestige and power.”

This year the conference will be held from Nov. 8-11, 2012, and brings a Nobel Peace Prize winner to Lake Junaluska among other prominent speakers and spiritual leaders to discuss ways to resolve conflict, achieve justice and build peace. Spears particularly appreciates that the conference is attractive to and well attended by college students.

Spears holds a special affinity for college students and Methodist higher education. A product of Wofford College and Duke Divinity School, Spears spent the first 16 years after he was ordained serving churches in South Carolina. He was serving the Ruby Charge, a five-church circuit in Chesterfield County when he was called to move to Orangeburg to direct youth work in the area. He filled in with the Bamberg Parrish and in Manning as well before being asked to take over as president of Columbia College.

“I remember my daughter asking me when I became president of Columbia College, ‘Daddy, does this mean you’re going to stop preaching?’ I laughed and told her no, I’m just changing the membership of my church. Now I’ll be preaching to a whole bunch of people who love Christian higher education,” says Spears.

For 26 years (from 1951 – 1977) Spears led Columbia College — through recovery after fire destroyed the heart of the campus in 1964, racial integration, and a period of student enrollment and national respect. “They stood it all they could,” says Spears in his Lake Junaluska home office signing a copy of his book, “One in the Spirit: Ministry for Change in South Carolina,” as a retirement gift for Wofford President Benjamin B. Dunlap.

When Spears (above left) was a student at Wofford, Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder served as president and Dr. A. Mason DuPre was the dean. There were about 350 students on campus. Spears worked for DuPre among other jobs, including serving as editor of the Bohemian, selling shoes, soliciting dry cleaning, working as a janitor, managing a small boarding home near campus and writing a column of Wofford news for the Spartanburg Herald-Journal. He and his future wife, Mary Blue Smith, wrote a letter a day to each other when they were separated during college.
A t Wofford Homecoming last October, just weeks before his induction into the National College Hall of Fame, Fisher DeBerry ’60 attended the annual reunion of the 1970 Wofford football team that played for the national championship. After dinner Friday evening DeBerry sat and talked quietly to his first collegiate team. He talked about the influence of Wofford on his life and career; he noted especially the influence of his mentor, Jim Breyfeldt. Outlining his philosophy of coaching, DeBerry spoke of his role as a teacher of young men and expressed his pride in the suc-
cess his players have achieved. He spoke finally at great length about the need to teach young men to love each other.

These words resonated power-
fully over the ensuing days; but there were many distractions as I struggled to understand the full meaning of what DeBerry had said. With increasing frequency last fall, news from the world of sports spilled over from the sports page to the front page, from ESPN to the evening news. Football and intercollegiate athletics in general came under intense scrutiny and worthy news was sometimes lost in the shuffle of the media. Athletes and athletics departments were viewed as counterproductive to the educational experience and a dangerous influence on campus life.

Wofford has been very suc-
cessful unto itself, Governor NCAA but has avoided much of this discord and controversy. Could this be related to DeBerry’s phil-
osophy? Certainly several unique characteristics of the college play a part in this. Wofford has a small enrollment of about 1,600 students and about 350 faculty, staff and administrators, Wofford is small enough to be a true community; literally each person on campus is known to everyone else. Second, the Athletics Department is not an em

Coach DeBerry and Coach Ayers: A consistent coaching philosophy at Wofford

“Wofford College holds a unique position among collegiate athletics today. It is still a place where you are a football player for several hours in the afternoon and for the remainder of the day, you are a Wofford student. Heartfelt thanks to Coach Breyfeldt, Coach DeBerry, and especially Wofford College, for loving me.”

Sterling Allen ’71, co-captain 1970 Terriers

“In this essay of reflection and ultimate appreciation, Dr. Tyson captures a special time in the lives of a group of student-athletes at Wofford College. He reminds us of the value of dedicated teachers, in this case, coaches. And, somewhat uniquely, the lessons that were taught emphasized love and selflessness, arguably rare in an athletic forum, then and now. But, these have proven to be special people at a special place with a message that is more relevant than ever.”

Harold Chandler ’71, co-captain 1970 Terriers

“We won because we loved each other and we didn’t care who got the credit. What a great lesson for our country today... Mike Ayers is one of the greatest and most respected coaches in college football at any level! He is respected because he wins and wins with class, the right way! He is concerned about the men his players become, their character and integrity, more than he is about how many touchdowns or tackles they made. His leadership makes each coach wish his son could play for Mike Ayers.”

Fisher DeBerry ’59, assistant coach 1970 Terriers

“Mike Ayers demands more of his players. Sometimes, more than they believe they are capable of. However, because they know he cares and that he believes in them, they always deliver. Mike’s teams always overachieve.”

Richard Johnson, Wofford College director of athletics

“Those coaches and others taught us that our responsibilities to friend,

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Dr. Melvin D. Medlock ’54 (left) and Dr. Mac Poole ’55 (right) with their medical practice partner Dr. Eric Cole ’99 at a retirement reception held at Wofford in their honor. The Southern Conference also honored Medlock and Poole by presenting them with the Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award. Since 1963, the two partners in family practice have served the medical needs of Wofford students, Wofford student-athletes and the greater Spartanburg community. Throughout the years Poole and Medlock also have been honored by the Wofford Lettermen’s Club, the Wofford National Alumni Association and the Wofford student’s Captain’s Honor Award. He and his wife Rosaura, lives with his family in Spartanburg. He is a physician at Pediatric Associates.

1990

Class Chair, Scott W. Cashion
Dr. Douglas E. Wood is program officer at The Ford Foundation. He works on higher education issues, with an emphasis on the needs of students from poor and marginalized communities in the U.S. Wood lives in New York, N.Y.

1991

Class Chair, Leslie Hooker Page
Chris Dear and his wife, Lauren, live in Greenville, S.C. Chris is an antique and estate sales adviser and also a paid political blogger. The couple has two children. Ellis O’Toole is a financial adviser for the Main Street Group. He and his wife, Jan, live in Pawleys Island, S.C.

1992

Reunion, Homecoming 2012
Class Chair, Nicholle P. Chunn
Dave Burgdorf was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve on Mar. 12, 2012. A few days earlier he began an active duty tour at Fort Lee as a force development officer. Burgdorf also is vice president of business development for Verus Government Solutions. He lives in Williamsburg, Va. Amy Edmonds Mathisen has joined the law firm of Leininger Mims LLP as special counsel. Mathisen practices in the area of workers’ compensation defense law. She lives with her family in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

1993

Class Chair, Sarah C. Sawicki
Nexum Prom attorney Molly Hughes Cherry has been named one of the Top 250 Women in Litigation by legal publishers Benchmark Litigation. Cherry is a partner in the firm’s Charleston office. She serves on the South Carolina Employment and Labor Law Specialization Advisory Board and also is an active member of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Amber Willie Furnas and her husband, Chase, live in Spartanburg. Amber is an attorney who is the property management firm of Chase E. Furnas & Co. The couple has two children.

Dr. David D. Grier, assistant professor in the department of pathology at Wake Forest School of Medicine, has been named associate dean for admissions and student financial services. He and his wife, Ana, live in Winston Salem, N.C.

1994

Class Chair, Alicia N. Truesdale
Maj. Jimmy W. Boan recently was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Georgia Army National Guard at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, Ga. He serves as the JFHQ-G6 information branch chief. Boan lives with his family in Woodstock, Ga.

1995

Class Chair, Brandie Y. Lorenzo
Derek Brown has moved to Hanover, Ga. He serves as the JFHQ-G6 information branch chief. Brown lives with his family in Woodstock, Ga.

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Reynolds, who earned his doctorate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and has had an opportunity to teach there, is now a member of the faculty at Millsaps College. Wolfford's sister United Methodist campus in Jackson, Miss. He says he enjoys teaching undergraduates, particularly in the humanities seminar that is a distinctive feature of the Millsaps experience. He also offers an upper level course in which he asks students to compare modern apocalyptic literature such as "The Book of Left Behind" with classical counterparts.

Meanwhile, Reynolds continues his important research. One current project explores interpretations of the Book of Genesis during the second temple period. He is also editing a book of commentary on ancient Jewish prophecy and exploring demography in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Reynolds' wife, Katrina Kuhns Reynolds '97, is the chief revenue officer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is the only medical research university in the state with 9,000 employees and an annual budget of $1.3 million. They have two children, ages 8 and 3. "We're very happy in Mississippi," Reynolds says. "There are fine people here working hard to make their home state better."


Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor of German at Wofford, successfully combines history and literature, Holocaust studies and women's studies in this fascinating survey. It cites fiction, creative non-fiction and memoirs from a range of perspectives, with superb translations from German into English by the author.

A chapter of particular interest is "The Lost World," a study of Jewish Austrian women who fled the Third Reich and spent the war years in Shanghai. There were actually 17,000 of these German-speaking refugees living on the China coast, and the documentation of their experiences in this book is fascinating and very emotional.

"Unredeemed Past" has found a wide international audience and has opened the doors for Krick-Aigner to become even more widely respected as a leading scholar of modern German-language literature.

Krick-Aigner and Martin Aigner, PC and media specialist at Wofford, are happy to announce that they will become even more widely respected as a leading scholar of modern German-language literature.


In a novella as relevant as today's headlines, "The Beast and the Cross" tells the story of a minister living on the Charleston peninsula in 1775. To protect his family, this firearms owner and expert shoots and kills an intruder in his home. From there, the story has many twists and turns, weighing what seems to be a necessary evil against a greater evil.

Lancaster is a former newspaper reporter and a retired Presbyterian minister who now lives with his wife, Marty, in Greenville, S.C.
Richardson-Frick finds fulfillment in rural church work

Kristen Richardson-Frick ’97 keeps pinching herself. It may seem cliché, but the reality of her dream job still hasn’t completely registered, and she goes to work every day thinking, “Wow, this is really what I do.”

A program officer in the Rural Church program area for The Duke Endowment, Richardson-Frick works with the more than 1,100 rural churches in North Carolina as well as the 16 districts, two conferences and Duke Divinity School.

“I travel a lot, so I get to talk with pastors as they are in the planning and early implementation stages of ministry programs that are going to make a real difference in their communities,” says Richardson-Frick. “I become a conversation partner and help them with their vision. Thanks to James B. Duke and the trustees of The Duke Endowment, I also can be a part of helping with funding in many cases.”

The Duke Endowment, with total assets of $2.7 billion, distributed $11.4 million — $7.9 million in new grant initiatives — through the Rural Church program area during 2011. Other areas of focus include health care, childcare and higher education. Covered under the Rural Church umbrella are retired clergy and their families, building programs, and operations and maintenance. James B. Duke’s Indenture of Trust states that the purpose of this program area is “to strengthen rural United Methodist churches in North Carolina.”

“Mr. Duke once said that if he ever amounted to anything, it was thanks to his daddy and the Methodist church,” says Richardson-Frick. “At The Duke Endowment, we’re proud to be able to say that we have distributed more in grants over the years, since 1924, than we have in asset value today.”

Richardson-Frick’s route to her dream job, however, didn’t come without blocked paths or winding roads.

“I had been accepted into the early assurance program at MUSC (the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston),” says Richardson-Frick, who majored in biology and French at Wofford. “I was headed to medical school, but toward the end of my senior year, I began to feel uneasy.”

Richardson-Frick deferred acceptance for a year, worked parttime to meet expenses and spent a lot of time volunteering at Lexington United Methodist Church, her home church. She enrolled at Duke Divinity School in the fall of 1998.

“It wasn’t a decision that surprised a lot of people, but it surprised me,” she says.

After three years at Duke, Richardson-Frick began serving churches in South Carolina: Grace United Methodist in North Augusta; Wagener United Methodist in a rural community 55 minutes from where she grew up; Swansea United Methodist in the rural Lexington County; and St. Paul’s United Methodist in Orangeburg, a rural-county seat church.

“I loved serving as a pastor, and I felt fulfilled, but I also felt that maybe there was something else I was called to do in ministry,” says Richardson-Frick. “I felt like my gifts matched my pastoral work, but as the mother of two small children, I discovered it was hard to sustain the level of energy and commitment I needed.”

Richardson-Frick did what any good Methodist preacher would do. She prayed.

At the same time, The Duke Endowment was looking for someone to fill a position in the Rural Church program area. Richardson-Frick proved to be an ideal candidate.

“One of my highlights is driving through the countryside, feeling like I’m in the middle of nowhere, then all of the sudden I go around a curve and see this beautiful brick or stone church, whose ability to build that structure came in part from The Duke Endowment’s grants, at the center of a small community,” says Richardson-Frick, who started working with The Duke Endowment on June 18. “Then I go inside and meet pastors and church leaders who show me their community gardens that have become gathering spots and places of joy and hope in the middle of their small town, or I tour a food pantry, pre-school or summer program and discover how they’re helping people living in difficult situations, in part thanks to the endowment’s program grants.”

Richardson-Frick channels the hope and joy that she’s surrounded by everyday in her work into her family life as well. She and her husband, John, stay busy enjoying their two sons, John Edward (7) and Tyoma (almost 5). The Fricks adopted Tyoma from Russia on his third birthday. They live in Fort Mill, S.C., a short drive from The Duke Endowment’s Charlotte, N.C., headquarters.

“Again, I can’t believe that this is my job,” says Richardson-Frick. “I get to be a small part of helping the people in rural churches change lives in communities that people sometimes forget in the busyness of their urban or suburban lives. It’s nice to know Mr. Duke remembered.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’99

ability and ethical standards. Beasley also was named one of Greenville’s Legal Elite for Criminal Practice by “Greenville Business Magazine.” Beasley is principal of Ryan Beasley Law Firm in Greenville, S.C.

Thom Henson and his wife, Penny Vandyce Henson, live in Spartanburg, S.C. Thom is assistant director of annual fund leadership gifts at Wofford. Penny is a counselor at Wofford’s Hugh S. Black Wellness Center. The couple has two children.

Matt Solomon and his wife, Dunyelle, live in Eagle, Colo. Solomon is the founder/manager of Alpine Arms.

1997 Class Chair, Homecoming 2012 Class Chair, Beth M. Guerrero Bryson Worley is assistant principal, assistant athletic director and head coach of men’s golf coach at Gavinsville High School (Ga.) Under Worley’s leadership, the golf team recently captured the Georgia AAA State Championship, and Worley was named the State Coach of the Year.

1998 Class Chair, Casey B. Moore Cone has joined Salkehatchie Arts as marketing and operations manager. He will work to coordinate marketing strategies and also will assist with production duties of the annual Salkehatchie Stew community plays. Cone lives in Allendale, S.C.

Living in Asheville, N.C., Sarah Richard Fowler is an assistant in marketing and benefits plan administrator for the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville.

The Rev. Will Malambo and his wife, Sally Gray Malambo ’97, moved to Florence, S.C., this summer. Will is senior pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C. The couple has two children.

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1999 Class Chair, Zach Atkinson Living in Charlotte, N.C., Matt Drinkinhahn is a sales manager for Time Warner Cable Business Class.

Rebecca Raulerson Parrish is community mobilizing coordinator for Partners for Active Living in Spartanburg. She and her husband, Remsen Parrish ’90, have relocated to Spartanburg.

Kortney Shearin lives in Raeford, N.C. She is a K-ESL (English as a second language) teacher at Timber Drive Elementary School. She and her husband, Brad Talbert, have moved to Weldon, N.C.

Jonathan Williams was elected to the board of directors of the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative, a statewide assembly of the leading health organizations, community coalitions, and businesses committed to reducing the toll of tobacco use in S.C. He is also a member of the board of directors of Palmetto Project. Williams is an assistant attorney general and lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Stephanie.

2000 Class Chair, Andy Hoefer

Risa Cobb has been elected to the board of directors of Palmetto Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to put new ideas to work solving problems in South Carolina. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club. Cobb is a vice president of Terminus Services Inc. and lives in Columbus, S.C., with his wife, Charlton.

Coastal Carolina Hospital named Brad Talbert as its new chief executive officer effective Aug. 6, 2012. He had been chief operating officer of Hilton Head Hospital. Talbert is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Hilton Head Island, S.C. The couple has two children.

Dr. Framp Henderson lives in Charleston, S.C., where he is a physician at Northwoods Family Practice.

Joshua Hudson is an attorney at Talley Law Firm PA. He and his wife, Erin Vivacy Hudson, live in Lexington, Ky. The couple has two children.

Singer/songwriter Mac Leaphart has been busy working on a new album also a music director at Studio South in North Charleston. He also performed a number of shows during the summer, including ones at Hilton Head, Beauvoir, Charleston and Greenville, S.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Raleigh, N.C. Leaphart has plans to move to Nashville, Tenn. He currently lives in Greenville, S.C.

2001 Class Chair, Jonna S. Bridges

Ashley Toole DaRust and her husband, Christopher, live in Manning, S.C. DaRust is the new events administrator for Weldon Auditorium and will be responsible for drawing national and local talent to the Weldon stage.

2002 Reunion, Homecoming 2012 Class Chair, Yorke Gerard

Lori King Croomatie and her husband, Brad, live in Pawleys Island, S.C. Croomatie became director of operations for Carolina Holdings Group LP on June 11, 2012.

Will Johnson, an attorney at Haynsworth Stakel Boyd, has been named a member of the 2013 edition of “The Best Lawyers in America.” Johnson’s area of practice focuses on tax law. This is the first
time that he has been included in this publication. Johnson lives in Greenville, S.C.

Joe Key and his wife, Joanna Ramirez Key, are owners of Fort Mill Pharmacy in Fort Mill, S.C., where Joe is a pharmacist. Joanna is director of operations and a business administrator from the Naval Postgraduate School. He and his wife, Abbe, live in Seaside, Calif., with their son, Gabriel.

Leonard Millsap is owner of Minuteman Press of Snellville (Ga.) and his wife, Ashley, live in Grayson, Ga.

2003 Class Chair, Tracey Howard

Greer, S.C., and is associated with the Carolina University School of Nursing. She lives in Honesville, N.C.

Elizabeth Heinz Swails and her husband, John Swails ’06, live in Wilmington, N.C. Elizabeth is an instructor in English at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and John is an attorney with Beck & Scott PLLC. Living in Roanoke, Va., Dr. Tiffany Tonisima is a resident at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Kathryn Teal is a graduate student at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she is pursuing a dental degree.
Beth Holler Jacobs '07, a fifth-generation Wofford graduate, married her best friend Dr. David Jacobs '08 in May at the Holler family farm in Rock Hill. S.C. Beth won the Wofford flag in the photograph at an alumni gathering with her late husband, Dr. J. C. Holler Jr. She kept it hanging in her Wofford dorm room and brings it to Wofford tailgates. Naturally, they pulled it out on their wedding day. The Jacobses are surrounded by Wofford family and friends who attended the wedding.

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Dr. Ryan McCullogh married Samantha Neve, June 10, 2012. The couple lives in Greenville, S.C. Marcibus is the owner of Royal Crown Dentistry.

Michael Eugene Ustian married Mary Beth Johnson, June 10, 2012. They live in Charleston, S.C. He is the director of enrollment at Wofford College. She is a registered student in the marketing and finance program at Wofford University.

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John Holland Belue married Laurna Elizabeth Black, June 3, 2012. They live in Irmo, S.C. He is an assistant county attorney for Chester County, and she works for Spartanburg District School District.

Dr. Kristina Elizabeth Banks married Steven Galloway, Aug. 5, 2012. They live in Spartanburg, S.C. She is a student in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is a financial analyst with Talley Metals in Spartanburg.


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Mary Holland Brumbaugh married Sam Merkle, June 9, 2012. They live in Columbia, S.C. She is a receptionist at a psychological occupational practice at the Neely Hospital Clinic. He is a director of sales at Maroon Roofing.

2004


2005

2006
Kathryn Anne Riddle married W. Richard Fox III, June 2, 2012. They live in Blythewood, S.C. She is an intern at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He is a software engineer with Xerox.

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Sara Riddle married Andrew Smith, May 11, 2012.

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(Above) Tracey McAbee Moore ’91 and Shane Settle McAbee ’93 sent in this photo that the family took while visiting Surfside Beach this summer. All of their children dressed in their Wofford T-shirts to show their Terrier pride. Pictured are: Savannah McAbee (first row); John, Jake and David Moore (second row); and Jack McAbee, Mary Alice Moore and Ellie McAbee (third row).

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(Kelan Brown ’00 and his daughter at the Spartanburg area alumni oyster roast.)

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McIntyre wins prestigious research paper competition

Ivy Farr McIntyre ’06, a doctoral candidate in history and teaching assistant at St. Louis University in Missouri, won the 2012 W. Curtis Worthington Jr. Research Paper Competition sponsored by The Waring Historical Library at the Medical University of South Carolina. Her paper, “I Thought Mamma Would Like to Hear: Elite Women’s Preservation of Medical Knowledge in the Antebellum South,” won first prize in the graduate category. She won a cash prize of $1,500 and her paper will be printed in an upcoming issue of The Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association. McIntyre just started researching her dissertation, which investigates South Carolina families and how they handled numerous personal crises in the early national and antebellum periods.

Williams recognized by NCPTA

Dennis W. Williams ’88, the executive director of the Alamance County Transportation Authority for Burlington, N.C., area, received an award from the North Carolina Public Transportation Association (NCPTA). The organization presented Williams with his President’s Award during its annual conference in May. The award is the NCPTA’s highest award of excellence. Thanks to Katie Williams Free ’94 for sharing the news with Wofford Today.

Troxell moves to Twin Cities for public administration fellowship

Brent Troxell ’09 received a fellowship with the International City/County Management Association and is now working for Dakota County, Minn., a county of about 400,000 just south of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul). He graduated in the spring from the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill, with a master’s degree in public administration. He lives in St. Paul.

Wofford National Alumni Association partners with Liberty Mutual to offer exclusive savings on auto and home insurance

The Wofford College Alumni Association’s new partnership with Liberty Mutual Insurance offers Wofford alumni exclusive group savings that could add up to significant money saved on auto and home insurance. Liberty Mutual, one of the nation’s leading property/casualty insurers, also offers a wide range of additional savings, including an attractive added multipolicy discount for customers with both auto and home policies.

“Who doesn’t love to save money? And, forward-thinking groups like the Wofford Alumni Association are enriching their member benefits with an array of affinity programs,” says Liberty Mutual Insurance senior national account manager Rebecca Mikell. “Most significant, Wofford is providing a benefit that is relevant to virtually 100 percent of its alumni — almost everyone needs insurance for their car and home.”

According to Mikell, the Liberty Mutual benefit offers more to Wofford alumni beyond savings on auto, home and renters insurance:

• Convenient payment by automatic checking account deduction or direct billing to your home
• Additional multipolicy discount for customers with both Liberty Mutual Insurance auto and home policies
• 24-hour toll-free claims service
• 24-hour emergency roadside assistance
• The freedom to purchase insurance the way you want: directly from a local sales representative at more than 400 Liberty Mutual Insurance agency locations nationwide, through licensed counselors at a toll-free telesales center, or online.

To get more information or an immediate, no-obligation quote, call (800) 524-9400 or visit www.libertymutual.com/wofford.

* Discounts and savings are available where state laws and regulations allow and may vary by state. Applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify.

** Available with the purchase of optional Towing and Labor coverage.

Anderson (above) retires after distinguished career

“Let it be said I served the Lord, my family and my country.” Maj. Gen. Rodney O. Anderson ’79 retired from the U.S. Army in June. Anderson had been the deputy commanding general of Fort Bragg and the 18th Airborne Corps since July 2010. During the retirement ceremony, Anderson was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal. Anderson served with distinction for 33 years. Photo by Spc. Paul A. Holston XVIII Abn. Corps PAO, Fort Bragg.

Odom (below) honored by Wingate for excellence in teaching

Dr. C. Brian Odom ’83 was awarded the Charles and Hazel Cors Awards for Excellence in Teaching at Wingate University’s 2012 commencement exercises. Odom is an associate professor of biology. As the 2004 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, Odom is an active member of the National Benefactor of the Year. The award is the NCPTA’s highest award of excellence. Thanks to Katie Williams Free ’94 for sharing the news with Wofford Today.

Blanton unseats incumbent for Cherokee County Council District 3 seat

Steven Blanton ’04, the former chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party, ousted a veteran councilman during the June primary. Blanton resigned as chairman of the county party to run. The controller of Brown Packing Co., Blanton said he would hit the ground running by focusing on job creation and economic development and would comb the budget looking for ways to save money. There is no challenger from the Democratic Party for the election in November. “It’s time Cherokee County invests in economic development here. We need to do more than what we’re doing,” he says. “People are hurting. They need jobs... With the people we have on council, our goals are very much doable, and I’ll work to make things happen.”
1939  
James Thomas Burch, Aug. 12, 2012; Bamberg, S.C. Mr. Burch served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and then taught biology and history at the Carlisle Military Academy. In 1954, he went into business for himself as the owner of the Bamberg Auto Store, an institution in the county for 49 years. He was also known for his work on the Bamberg City Council, the Lions Club and the men’s garden club. For almost 50 years, he has been a member of Class at Trinity United Methodist Church.

1943  
The Rev. Dr. George Wightman Whitaker Jr., June 6, 2012, Lexington, S.C. Dr. Whitaker was suggested to Junaluska Award in 1994. He received an honor for his work at Lake Junaluska, Wofford or to Hospice.

1945  
James John Raman, Aug. 15, 2012; Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Raman was the senior member and past president of the Spartanburg County Bar Association. He won a pro bono award for his service to indigent clients and was an original member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates. He was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

1947  
William Herbert “Rock” Holder, Bulloin-Springs, S.C. Mr. Holder attended Wofford before entering the Army during World War II. A letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years, he was a charter member of New Beginnings United Methodist Church.

1948  
John B. Rogers, July 19, 2012; Spartanburg, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II, Mr. Rogers founded the Rogers Tax Service and operated the business for more than 40 years.

1949  
Lewis Matthew Brown Sr., Aug. 11, 2012; Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II in the China, Burma, India Theater. For more than 32 years until he retired, he worked as a claims attorney for Nationwide Insurance Co. He started as a trustee at Inman United Methodist Church.

1951  
Robert Luther Chapman, Aug. 12, 2012; Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Chapman was a native of Spartanburg County and a lifelong member of Cannons Campground United Methodist Church. After service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Chapman enrolled at Wofford, where he was an outstanding football player. In 1968, he founded Chapman Grading & Concrete Co. and built it into one of the region’s outstanding businesses. He was active in numerous educational and civic endeavors, serving 16 years on the Spartanburg County School District 5 board of trustees. He was also a member, club president and regional governor of the Rotary Club. In 1995, Mr. Chapman received the Distinguished Service Award from the Wofford Alumni Executive Council. In addition to leadership in the Tierer Club, he provided many landscaping services to the college over the years, including the grading for Gibbs Stadium and the revitalization of the campus. Mr. Chapman was significantly involved with the memorial to the Chapman Campus Beautification Fund at Wofford or the Cannons Campground United Methodist Church’s Benevolence Fund.

1954  
James Elliott Todd, July 23, 2012, Charlotte, N.C. Before he retired, Mr. Todd owned and operated a chain of laundry and dry-cleaning plants. He had joined the Caldwell Presbyterian Church as a child and was a member and volunteer throughout his life. He was an active member of the Buck Club for more than 40 years.

1961  
Ben William Goodman, Aug. 12, 2012, Tiryon, N.C. A professional guitarist, Mr. Goodman served with the U.S. Army during World War II and then taught biology and history at the Spartanburg and Anderson Symposiums. He was a member of the Tryon First Baptist Church where he sang in the choir for many years.

1962  
Charles Michael Oloff, July 25, 2011, Gastonia, N.C. A retired businessman, Mr. Oloff worked with autist students and volunteered with the Gaston Dance Theatre. He was a member of Temple Emanuel, Gastonia.

1963  
Vance Wells Brabham III, June 23, 2012, Greensboro, N.C. After serving twenty years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Brabham sold his professional career with First National Bank in Charleston. He then joined the Ralph J. Golden Insurance Agency, working for 25 years. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church and in Greensboro civic life.

1964  
Clarence Brent Golightly, May 50, 2012, Clemson, S.C. Mr. Golightly retired from his professional career with First National Bank in Charleston. He then joined the Ralph J. Golden Insurance Agency, serving for 25 years. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church and in Greensboro civic life.

1966  
Dr. Phyllis Horne Crain, June 8, 2012, Lexington, S.C. Dr. Crain won numerous awards and is called North Carolina’s “Nobel Prize,” the Humanitarian Award from the World’s Children Center in Atlanta, and the Governor’s Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. In addition to her successful history of the school, she was quoted as saying, “I was raised to work, and as long as I am vertical, I am serving the Lord. That is what life is all about—doing what you can to make a difference. In the end, there is peace.”

1968  
Phillip Barry Lindsay, Aug. 17, 2012, Laurens, S.C. Mr. Lindsay retired from the Torrington Co. after 36 years of service.

1969  
Wesley Michael Hall, May 29, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Hall was an Army veteran and a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

1970  
The Rev. Jerry Mitchell James, June 23, 2012, Simpsonville, S.C. Mr. James, a minister of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, died after a four-year battle with cancer. He was a graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and served 10 charges in Louisiana and South Carolina. In addition to his work, Mr. James was a certified real estate specialist and rendered important service to the conference in a series of special appointments. He also was an Army officer during the Vietnam era and was a Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow.

1972  
William Taylor Martin, May 26, 2012, Mount Airy, N.C. Dr. Martin died following an automobile accident. He was a third-generation owner and operator of the Martin Oil Company and a member of River Hills Baptist Church.

1974  
Henry Tindall Everette Jr., June 20, 2012, Summerton, S.C. Mr. Everette was a businessman and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

1977  
James H. Coalbe Jr., July 10, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Coalbe was a victim of cancer. He was a former state representative in international trade for Yukoko-Seiko USA. He also was a member of Covenant Baptist Church in Charlotte where he served as a sound technician and a deacon.

1979  
Dr. Phyllis Horne Crain, July 18, 2012, Crossnore, N.C. Dr. Crain, who received Wofford’s Mary Mildred Silliman Award at the 2008 Commencement, died after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. She had a distinguished career as an educator, but she is best known as a inspiring, gifted, visionary leader of the Crosse Stone School from 1999 until her death. Dr. Crain won numerous awards during her career, including the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award, which has been called North Carolina’s “Nobel Prize,” the Humanitarian Award from the World’s Children Center in Atlanta, and the Governor’s Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. In addition to her successful history of the school, she was quoted as saying, “I was raised to work, and as long as I am vertical, I am serving the Lord. That is what life is all about—doing what you can to make a difference. In the end, there is peace.”

1986  
Timothy Ray Crunk, June 18, 2012, Ackworth, Ga. Mr. Crunk, a former “Teacher of the Year” as well as an outstanding administrator and coach in the Cobb County School District, died suddenly after a heart attack while on a skiing trip.

2012  
Matthew Brian Hill ‘13, Aug. 13, 2012, Flat Rock, N.C. Mr. Hill died unexpectedly while on a skiing trip in Hendersonville, N.C. He was a bright and interesting student who had expected to graduate with a major in government in December.

Friends  
Frances Snyder Brown Dounan, July 6, 2012, Columbia, S.C. Along with her husband, Mr. Dounan, she died in an automobile accident in Jasper County. She was the great-granddaughter of the late Wofford President Henry Nelson Snyder. She and her husband were staunch friends of the college.

Lavinia Louise Martin, Aug. 30, 2012, Simpsonville, S.C. Dr. Martin died following an automobile accident. He was a member of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

Virginia Taylor Miller, July 10, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Miller was the wife of Professor of English Emeritus Dr. Robert Miller. A graduate of Vassar College who earned master’s degrees in both English and education, she taught beginning third grade at the Spartanburg Day School in the 1940s. She served on the faculty. She was active with the Junior League of Spartanburg and the Episcopal Church of the Advent. The family has requested memorial gifts to the Virginia Miller Scholarship Fund at the Spartanburg Day School.

John William “Bill” Wakefield Jr., July 31, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. For 55 years and five months, Mr. Wakefield’s Wakefield Buick GMC dealership was the heart of the city. He served as president of the Downtown Merchants Association and a member of the Spartanburg Development Foundation. Mr. Wakefield was also very involved with Cedarcrest Church, where he volunteered with the Haiti Education Project.

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