Advice to new students, 1930s-style

Each year as new students arrive on campus, lots of people offer helpful advice to ease their transition to college life. Today, resident advisers, orientation staff members, student affairs staff, faculty advisers and others are available to help orient new students. That’s pretty much always true, though the advice may have sometimes been a little different. Student handbooks, often published by student groups such as the YMCA or the Student Christian Association, provide lots of information about the college, student life and activities, and policies. Below are some excerpts from a 1930s-era handbook from the college archives.

by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94
college archivist

Wofford traditions from the 1930s

Wofford has certain traditions, which the students take pride in observing. Learn them and observe them; and distinguish yourself from students of other institutions.

1. Wofford students are noted for their gentlemanly habits and all students speak to each other wherever they meet, as Wofford is a friendly place. The students are considerate of the rights and privileges of others. They dress nearly and are gentlemen while in town and on week-end trips.

2. Wofford students cherish their honor tradition and act honorably in all relations of student life. They are above lying, cheating, stealing, and breaking one’s word of honor.

3. Wofford men attend all athletic contests, and they sit in a body at the games and yell. They learn their yells and school songs. Freshmen learn them before first game.

4. All Wofford freshmen buy a freshman “rat cap” and wear it for the first three months of school to distinguish them from other students.

5. Always stand at attention with bared heads whenever you hear or sing the Wofford Alma Mater.

6. A quiet library has always been a distinctive characteristic of Wofford. Walk quietly and avoid all unnecessary conversation. This is a place where silence and work prevail.

7. Our faculty stands ready to strengthen by kindly counsel the student’s ambition for higher and better things. Tip your hat and speak to every professor you pass. Students are polite to the ladies of the campus also.

8. Students stand as a matter of respect to honor our faculty as they leave the chapel when there is to be a student body meeting.

9. Wofford students are good sports. They are courteous to opposing teams, and win without getting cocky, and lose without making excuses.

10. The beauty of the campus is marred when students, taking short cuts across the campus, make unsightly paths. Students follow the walks and don’t make new ones.

11. Wofford students enter to learn and go forth to serve.

You come to live closely with about five hundred students of practically your own age from sections widely separated. This is real community life... an important part of your education is to adjust yourself properly to this condition. Sooner or later you will be associating most intimately with a small group. These are your friends. Don’t just “fall into” this group. Choose it, not too quickly, but thoughtfully and in accordance with high standards. Whom you choose will reveal your character.

We trust that you have brought good motives and high ideals and standards of living. Here you will find an atmosphere that will help you maintain them, develop them, spread them, or one in which they can be given up.

Lastly, you find here not only opportunities and privileges but obligations and duties. Yours is now cooperative living on a larger scale. Begin now to cultivate those qualities of character that will make you a “good citizen” of your small community. You are beginning a game where all of us are players. We play not to rule anybody out, but to bring everybody in. But we play according to rules long established, tried and approved. At the beginning, learn what they are and play the game by them.

College is interesting because there are so many new things to learn and because there are so many new people to meet. One group that you will see constantly for four years is the faculty. They will have an influence upon your lives whether you wish it or not. If you will keep in mind the following simple rules, your college life will be more profitably spent:

Get acquainted with the Wofford teachers as soon as you can. They will be glad to see you in their offices, or in their homes at any time about any of your problems.

Don’t work for grades: work for knowledge and the grades will take care of themselves.

Your major purpose in coming to Wofford is to make friends among the great company of books. The purpose of the faculty is to help and advise you in choosing these friends.

Some of the Faculty have been connected with Wofford for more than fifty years: others have been here only a few years. Make it a point to know personally both the older and the younger members, for each in his own way will have something to give you.

Remember that though the faculty exist to help you, you also can help them by bringing to the classroom or the office or the home an understanding and co-operative attitude.

Finally remember that books, students, and the faculty working together make a college. The books are ready to be opened, the faculty are glad to help you in any way that they can, but neither the books nor the faculty are worth much unless you do your part.
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A member of the Class of 2017 enjoys the lake at Camp Greystone, where the college holds the annual adventure orientation Summit.

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Wofford continues to be ranked among the best liberal arts colleges

U.S. News also selects college as a best value, “up-and-comer”

Wofford once again is among U.S. News & World Report’s “Great Schools at Great Prices,” and is included on the 2014 “Up-and-Comers” list, campuses noted for their “promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities.” Wofford is the only South Carolina institution on the “best value” and “up-and-comers” lists and ranks 65th among the 248 national liberal arts colleges in the annual “Best Colleges” guide.

Wofford continues to receive favorable mention in the commercial college guide books. Earlier this year, Wofford was listed among the country’s best institutions in The Princeton Review’s 2014 edition of its annual college guide “The Best 378 Colleges,” which cited it for the "Best Science Lab Facilities.” Forbes’ “America’s Top Colleges” list put Wofford among the top 120 colleges and universities of all types in the country. It was the highest-ranked South Carolina campus. The 2014 Fiske Guide to Colleges released recently also includes Wofford, which is included in the guide’s “Small Colleges and Universities Strong in Business” listing targeted for pre-professionals. Wofford is again featured in The Insider’s Guide to the Colleges 2014 edition.

Conference elects new Wofford trustees

Three new members have been elected to the Wofford College Board of Trustees while four others have been re-elected to four-year terms. The appointments were made at the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of South Carolina this summer.

The new trustees, elected to four-year terms, are Jordan M. Glatt, a business and civic leader in the metropolitan New York City area and former mayor of Summit, N.J.; the Honorable Costa M. Pleicones ’65, an associate justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court; and the Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon ’68, a former trustee and retired United Methodist bishop who served the North Alabama Conference in Birmingham.

Re-elected to new terms were: William R. Cobb of Spartanburg; Dr. Chris Goodall ’79 of Columbia, S.C.; Corry W. Oakes III ’89 of Spartanburg; and Jerome J. Richardson ’59 of Charlotte, N.C.

At the May meeting of the board of trustees, these officers were elected for the 2013-14 year: J. Harold Chandler ’71, chair; and three vice chairs, James M. Johnston ’71; C. Michael Smith ’75; and John B. White Jr. ’72.

Board of Trustees, 2013

Wofford has 31 trustees, who serve as the governing body of the college under the terms of the will of the Rev. Benjamin Wofford and “Articles of Incorporation” on file with the South Carolina Secretary of State. They are elected to staggered four-year terms by the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church from a list of nominees developed by the Wofford board after consultation with appropriate church committees. Tenure is limited to 12 consecutive years, but trustees may return to the board after a one-year hiatus.

The board’s committee on governance has the primary responsibility for overseeing the process of identifying potential candidates for trustee positions. According to John B. White Jr. ’72, current chair of the committee, the board is always searching for individuals who could serve effectively.

The board has three formal meetings each year—in October, February and May, usually on the campus. In these fast-moving times, most trustees devote many hours to college service (conference calls, emails, reports, etc.) when they are not engaged in formal meetings. On other occasions, trustees travel to the campus to attend special events that are important to the life of the college. Wofford is grateful for the work done by these very busy and talented people.

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One always enters a new phase of life with lots of excitement and just a little trepidation. The opportunity to make new friends, settle into a new community, and a new professional role, does not come along often and when it does, you have to embrace the moment. Prema and I have always found it a thoroughly enjoyable time in our lives, and our move to Wofford is no different.

We have explored the area, eaten at more than a few of the local restaurants, walked the campus and downtown, and met members of the Wofford community near and far. And though it is early, we have felt great warmth and welcoming from everyone. Prema and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to join this community and look forward to joining together advancing this great institution.

As I think about the coming year, our collective task is to develop a strategic plan. The process will invite voices from across the campus community, parents, alumni and trustees, to help shape a vision of Wofford for the future. In my remarks at our opening conference of faculty, staff and administrators, I described an institution and process defined by three core themes: excellence, engagement and transformation.

By excellence, I meant the pursuit and realization of a culture of excellence in all that we do, from the maintenance of these beautiful grounds, and our expectations in and out of the classroom, on the fields of play and the stages and studios of performance, to the formation and ideas and the execution of programs, practices and policies across the entirety of the college. We should all expect nothing less than not merely the aspiration of excellence, but its realization.

I defined engagement by the commitment of each and every staff, faculty, administrator and student to their continuing investment and involvement in the life of our institution. Such a commitment will ensure a voice in defining who we are and what we will become.

The third of the themes I put forward, transformation, is where excellence and engagement come together to offer us the opportunity to imagine where we as a community will take Wofford College for the next generation of young women and men. Our students come to Wofford in search of an education defined by excellence, and our institution. Such a commitment will ensure a voice in defining who we are and what we will become.

In this sense, I imagine Wofford to be a place that mirrors the complexity of the world in which we live along all dimensions – we need to provide the skills and knowledge for students to recognize and embrace the opportunities and challenges of the coming generation. Our community must embrace the diversity of the world around us – whether we speak of faith, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, geography, socio-economic status. Society is nothing if not an ever more complex quilt, and we do a disservice to the students who come here for an education if we do not provide them the opportunity to learn from the diverse experiences of others. We must continue to foster connections between the knowledge students acquire in the classroom and its application in challenging circumstances, transitioning them to productive lives and demonstrating the value of what we, as a community, do for our students. And we must raise in them a deep consciousness of our globality – our place in a dense network of economic, political, social and cultural cross-currents, where, for example, service and learning in the Northside project in Spartanburg, in a village in India, or in a bank in an international financial center, is recognized as part of a larger logic of the human experience, shared with others at multiple points and places around the globe.

My hope and invitation to all of you in the Wofford community is that as we progress, we exercise our imaginations to their fullest, we see change not as a threat but as an opportunity, we seek distinctiveness and innovation, we are guided by a commitment to excellence, we are fully engaged in the outcome, and we embrace a transformative moment in the life of Wofford College, one that recognizes and cherishes the past, but avails itself of the potential afforded by the future.

It will be a fun year.
Going above and beyond: parent giving leads Annual Fund growth

Mary Stewart Murphey isn’t sure what the “secret sauce” is that makes Wofford what it is, but according to Murphey, “it is certainly worth the extra investment!”

The Murphey family is part of a growing trend in non-alumni Wofford parents who have become loyal donors to the college’s Annual Fund… while managing tuition payments.

“John and I choose to give to Wofford on top of the expense of tuition understanding that tuition at a private college is only part of the cost of doing business,” says Murphey. “Our daughter’s experience this summer at The Institute at Wofford was truly amazing. She learned more in five weeks than I learned in five years of running a business! The friends Sally has made and the personal growth that has occurred in the two years that she has been at Wofford are overwhelming.”

Over the past 30 years the Wofford Annual Fund has grown 263 percent. During that timeframe non-alumni parent giving has grown 553 percent.

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“Over the 25 years that I have worked with Wofford’s Annual Fund, parent giving has gone from a handful of parents making token gifts to nearly half of our parents making gifts, some that are transformational for the college,” says Director of Annual Giving Lisa H. De Freitas ’88.

According to De Freitas the Annual Fund contributed $3 million to the college’s operating budget in 2012. If the Annual Fund ceased to exist, every student would have to pay an additional $1,875 per year in tuition to make up the deficit.

Wofford parent Ben Johnson understands and has enjoyed the added benefit of becoming a part of the Wofford community and meeting some of the students who benefit from parent gifts to the Annual Fund.

“We see the value of a Wofford education for our own son, and we’ve had the chance to meet outstanding young people who are able to attend Wofford through the generosity of the college’s donors. These students are completely aware of what a good thing they have at Wofford, and they are grateful,” says Johnson, who gives to both the Unrestricted Annual Fund and the Terrier Club because he says both serve important needs.

“In our experience, the term “student-athlete” means just that at Wofford,” says Johnson.

De Freitas says that the trend in parent giving sends a powerful message to foundations and corporations considering major gifts to the college.

“Major donors who are not familiar with Wofford often use statistics like percentage of participation as a measure of satisfaction with the college and its programs,” says De Freitas. “Even small gifts add up to a big message of approval.”

To date 414 parents have made 2013 Annual Fund gifts totaling almost $100,000. That’s ahead of pace from this past year, but still a ways from the 2012 record high of $255,722.

“We give to Wofford on top of the expense of tuition because we believe in the institution,” says Sandy and Trey Futch. “Both of our daughters have had enriching study abroad opportunities and have built relationships with professors that will continue after graduation.”

Susan Oldham agrees. “Our son, Tanner, now a senior, has been the first person to attend Wofford in our family, and we are now Terrier fans for life! The rest of us also gleaned great educations from large universities, but Tanner wanted a small liberal arts college that would encourage him to think in ways that would not only prepare him for a profession, but for life. The small classes and wonderful access to professors has added to his rich experience, and the January Interim absolutely solidified his decision for a career…. Rarely does he leave campus for the weekend because there is always something going on… a sporting event, an all-campus party, a fraternity event, a symposium, or a large team of students reaching out to serve in the community!”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

In 1972, 211 parents gave $7,068 to the Annual Fund.

In 2012, a record high 1,035 parents gave a total of $255,722 to the Annual Fund.
James Fund provides lessons in high finance, chance to do good in world

Students participating in the James Fund at Wofford certainly have learned the skills of managing an investment portfolio — the student-managed fund has enjoyed five consecutive years of growth, after all — but they’ve learned so much more in the process, about giving back, about doing good.

Last year, after the fund had done well enough over that five-year period, the students decided to begin offering micro-loans to deserving women and peanut farmers in Haiti. “The students have learned money management skills, and they focus on long-term wealth creation,” says Dr. Philip Swicegood, a Wofford finance professor who advises the James Fund students. “This also allows them to develop a vision of philanthropy at the same time.”

The fund was created through a $100,000 donation by Wofford alumnus and trustee Mike James ’73.

Profits from the James Fund are supporting loans to 30 women and 50 peanut farmers in Haiti. The loans range from about $100 for each farmer and about $300 for the women. The loans are made to individuals in solidarity groups of five borrowers, resulting in a cross-guarantee structure that minimizes the risk of defaults. To date there have been no defaults.

The women use the loans to buy produce to resell or to make consumer items for sale. The farmers sell their peanuts to downstream customers to help feed undernourished children.

Dr. Eugene Maklin, a physician helping coordinate the effort in northern Haiti, told the Associated Press in a recent article about the Wofford program that most of the Haitian women use their profits to pay for schooling for their children, and many farmers invest in their farms or farming tools. The Wofford program is centered in a village about 45 minutes outside the northern port of Cap Haitien. Maklin coordinates a group called NH4H, or New Hope for Haiti, helping to administer and manage the Wofford micro-loans along with those of other groups. Wofford works in partnership with a loan program established by Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

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Swicegood says the project commits to working with the loan recipients for three years and may renew existing loans. A third of the 2 percent monthly interest earned on the micro-loans is returned to the local community for the purchase of a freshwater system for their village; another third of the interest is deposited into savings accounts for individual borrowers who repay their loans on time.

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“Let Your Life Speak.”

In addition to being a Quaker proverb, that phrase is the title of an inspiring book by Parker J. Palmer (published in 2000 by John Wiley & Sons). It was an appropriate theme for the 2013 Bonner Scholars Leadership Institute at Earlham College in Indiana, June 5-8, which was attended by eight Wofford students and staff.

Earlham was founded by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1847. The campus reflects the concept that learning that leads to positive change does not face outward, but inward toward the heart. It is based on five principles and practices—respect for persons, integrity, peace and justice, simplicity and community.

The Earlham conference allowed Wofford students to meet 325 interesting people. Many were students at other Bonner institutions, but there were also marvelous speakers, such as Bobby Hackett, president of the Bonner Foundation since 2010, and his predecessor Wayne Meisel; Gregory C. Ellison III, whose book “Dead But Still Alive” speaks passionately about crisis in the lives of African-American young men; and Dr. Hunter Phillips Goodman, who served on the Wofford staff from 1999 to 2002 and now chairs the Impact National Student Conference Board of Directors; and Daphne Goodring, who has been working tirelessly to lift her home community of Big Ugly, WV, out of poverty.

Wofford launched its Bonner program in 1991, becoming one of the first colleges in what is now a mature, national network of 76 institutions. It is the only college in South Carolina where the program is funded through an endowment established by the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation of Princeton, N.J.

The Bonner Scholars program offers a carefully considered approach to solving systemic problems in 21st century society: moving young men and women from cradle to college to career. Colleges—particularly church-related colleges—seek to resolve the tensions between individualism and the collective good, and go beyond well intentioned volunteerism into developing civic professionalism and the vocation of helping others.

The Bonner Scholars program also is designed to give deserving students the financial support they need to attend a residential liberal arts college and participate in service learning activities.

Bill Brasington, ’89, executive director of the Adult Learning Center in Spartanburg, explains it this way: “Our goal in the not-for-profit community is not only to assist our student-clients, but also to help their Wofford mentors become good citizens and good workers as they move forward after graduation. We’re talking about a partnership where the mentors must be here when they are expected, prepared and passionate, reflecting their personal commitment to helping others. All of us in the human services community in Spartanburg would like to see a Bonner-inspired experience made available to more students.”

Another side of the Bonner story is reflected in comments from the Wofford Bonners who participated in the 2013 leadership institute:

Jacob Booth ’14, Birmingham, Ala.: “You meet great people at your service site. To me, as a senior, service is no longer an abstraction—it has become a life commitment.”

Megan Tyler ’14, Gaffney, S.C.: “Bonner leaves us with authentic professional experiences and networks with our community partners. At the St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic, I work with Rhonda in data entry. In the evening students take vital signs and help soften the edges around medical care. I am so grateful to be there, and I feel that I have helped a lot of people. When clients tell you stories you realize the depth of the problems in our society related to lack of access to good medical care.”

Mary Katharine Williamson ’15, Lilburn, Ga.: “The Bonner program gives you an unusual opportunity to experience life in the Spartanburg community, to share its real problems and real opportunities. Bonner starts out your college experience with friends, an instant support group for a lifestyle of service, and later career experiences.”

Sam Stricklin ’15, Columbia, S.C.: “Bonner Scholars learn how to budget their time—140 hours per semester, 280 hours per year. Each year, we can sense that it’s enough to make a real impact on Spartanburg. Wofford’s Center for Global and Community Engagement is not just a Bonner headquarters—it’s a center for service learning for many different student volunteer groups.”

Each class at Wofford has spaces reserved for approximately 15 Bonner Scholars, and inquiries are now being welcomed for the Class of 2018. Contact the admission office at 864-597-4130 or Ramon Galanines, Bonner program coordinator, at 864-597-4402.

by Doyle Boggs ’70

Left to right, Ramon Galanines (Wofford Bonner program coordinator), Sam Stricklin ’15, Jacob Booth ’14, Ryan Carter ’14, Megan Tyler ’14, Mary Katharine Williamson ’16 and Dr. Eliza Barrow at the Bonner Conference at Earlham. Galanines is one of 46 leaders selected this fall to participate in the 16th Upstate class of the Riley Institute at Furman University’s Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI). Carter, from Charlotte, N.C., was invited to participate in the Student United Way Leadership Conference in Alexandria, Va., Sept. 6-8. The program included a White House briefing on the administration’s public education policy.

Natasha Rudy ’14

Natasha Rudy ’14 (above) wants to be “that person”—the go-to person. While it may sound as if the Wofford senior is planning on going into politics, or maybe becoming the CEO of a multinational corporation, those ambitions are much more basic, but no less important—as basic as the core of life, genetics.

Rudy, who recently was named the 2013-14 J. Lacy McLean Independent College Student of the Year by the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Inc., plans to be a genetic counselor.

“What draws me toward the profession is knowing that such small changes at the genetic level can impact a family’s life in such a large way,” says Rudy, a native of Greenwood, S.C., where her interest in the field was fueled by a high school field trip to the Greenwood Genetic Center, an organization dedicated to “advancing the field of medical genetics and care for families impacted by genetic disease and birth defects.”

“These changes are not necessarily caused by patients; they can happen by chance,” Rudy continues. “I want to be the person who is there to help educate families about certain conditions and to connect them to other organizations that can provide support.”

Rudy, a double major in biology and mathematics who has maintained a 4.0 GPA during her academic career at Wofford, plans to seek a master’s degree in genetic counseling after graduation. “At this moment, I’m leaning toward being a clinical genetic counselor. This means I will be able to meet with patients and answer their questions about the origin of a genetic condition, inform them about testing options and connect them with support groups. I will be able to be the person who can soothe someone who is struggling to understand and cope with the implications of a genetic disease or disorder or a birth defect by providing them with answers and a network of support.”

Already a recipient of SCICU’s Sterling L. Smith Scholarship award students from Wofford:

1999 – Sam Harrison ’00
2011 – Joseph McAbee ’12
2013 – Natasha Rudy ’14

Sterling L. Smith Scholarship award students from Wofford:

2003 – Elizabeth A. Burns ’04
2012 – Natasha Rudy ’14

by Laura H. Corbin

by Doyle Boggs ’70

Wofford’s J. Lacy McLean Student of the Year award winners:

by Laura H. Corbin

by Doyle Boggs ’70

Natasha Rudy ’14

ASPIRING TO BE “THAT PERSON”
Students spend summer consulting for Upstate companies

Students from a variety of majors and class years spent four weeks this summer participating in consulting projects for four local businesses. The projects were part of The Institute, Wofford’s summer professional development program produced by The Space in The Mungo Center.

The 20 students divided into teams of five to solve problems for the Boys Scouts of America Palmetto Council, globalbike, Milliken & Co., and a Fortune 500 manufacturing company. Each team worked with company executives to learn about the business and to understand the problem they’d need to solve. The Palmetto Council BSA, which promotes scouting activities in several Upstate counties, wanted assistance with a marketing plan to improve its popcorn sales and to increase participation in scouting.

Spartanburg non-profit globalbike asked its student team to research options for sourcing World Bike Relief bikes in Tanzania, including performing a full pricing analysis and providing the cost of getting bikes from the manufacturer to the end user. Milliken & Co. needed assistance with revamping the curriculum for an employee training program and advice on how to improve program presentation materials.

Students working for both Milliken and the Fortune 500 manufacturing company were asked to sign non-disclosure agreements to protect intellectual property and trade secrets.

“‘This is the real deal,’” says Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space and adviser for the Boy Scout and manufacturing company teams. “These students are getting practice in framing a problem, researching solutions, working with company executives, teamwork, project management, presenting results…there’s no better way to prepare students for the challenges they’ll face as professionals than to let them try it in the real world.”

Work on the manufacturing company’s project included creating several surveys to gather customer and vendor opinions regarding the need for an innovative new product. The Boy Scout team also conducted a survey to discover consumers’ thoughts about the quality and price of popcorn sold as a fundraiser each year.

The Milliken group (or “Team Milliken” as the students referred to themselves) spent hours rewriting manuals and training materials to improve the flow of information and increase engagement with the material. Globalbike quickly acquired international supply chain expertise through research and with help from Cochran.

Project work was conducted primarily during evenings and weekends. During the day students participated in workshops and activities designed to help them develop the skills to complete their consulting assignments, including design thinking, public speaking, technology, time management and business communication.

At the end of four weeks, the students met with company executives to present their findings. Weeks of public speaking preparation couldn’t quell nerves, but as each team successfully completed their meetings, it was clear that the work had been worth it. “The consulting project as a whole was awesome,” says Rufus Chambers ’16, who worked on the Boy Scout team. “It was a hands-on experience that forced us to actually apply our training in the real world.”

William Granger ’14, part of Team globalbike, agrees: “I really feel I now know how to act in a professional situation.”

If your company is interested in working with a Wofford student consulting group, please contact Scott Cochran, dean of The Space in The Mungo Center, at cochranws@wofford.edu or 864-597-4261.

by Lisa Mincey Ware

National champions, scholars, adventurers compose Class of 2017

First-year class features students with varied interests, accomplishments

Take a national taekwondo champion, a national cheerleader champion and a nationally ranked equestrian, add in a dancer who performed with the Joffrey Ballet and someone who performed at the Lincoln Center, and sprinkle in a few skydivers and marathoners, a volunteer firefighter and someone who ran with the bulls in Pamplona, and what do you have?

The Wofford College Class of 2017, that’s what. This year the college welcomed 416 first-year students and 19 transfer students. The 435 incoming students represent 27 states and five countries. Wofford’s 1,600-strong student body represents 37 states and 19 countries.

The college’s Admission Office compiles a first-year profile each year of the incoming class, including tidbits of interesting information about the class in general and about individuals who make up the class. “We ask students to tell us about their accomplishments in the application, then collect a list of the impressive, interesting and unusual things we learn,” Brand Stille ’86, vice president for enrollment, says.

Stille shares these facts about the class:

- 156 were captains of sports teams
- 70 signed national letters of intent to participate in athletics
- 46 percent were from the top 10 percent of their high school class
- 25 are the first in their families to attend college

He also notes that the class includes:

- A national taekwondo champion
- A national achievement scholar
- Multiple advanced placement scholars
- The International Junior Civitan of the Year
- The National Youth Advocate of the Year for the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
- An all-American wrestler
- A national champion cheerleader
- A nationally ranked equestrian
- A student who has performed at the Lincoln Center
- A student who danced with the Joffrey Ballet
- A student who performed for Pope Benedict in Rome

The class also includes a student or students who:

- Completed the Gump Project, running more than 2,000 miles in a year to raise awareness about childhood obesity
- Is a volunteer firefighter
- Ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain
- Hiked 700 miles on the Appalachian Trail
- Are a marathoner, a triathlete and an ultra-marathoner
- Are skydivers

The globalbike student consulting team discusses their findings with founder Curt McPhail ’96 and board member Carroll Foster.
FCS football schools honored for APR results

Brown University
Columbia University-Barnard College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Harvard University
Lafayette College
Princeton University
University of Dayton
University of Pennsylvania
Wofford College
Yale University

Quick Hits

Wofford makes elite list in APR report

Wofford athletic programs received strong scores in the latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) results, released by the NCAA in June. Overall 16 of the 18 sports offered at Wofford were above the Division I average of 974 for all institutions.

Every Division I sports team calculates its APR each academic year based on the eligibility, graduation and retention of each scholarship student-athlete. Teams scoring below certain thresholds can face consequences, such as practice restrictions and restrictions on postseason competition. Rates are based on the past four years.

The most recent four-year Division I APR is 974, up one point over the year before.

In order to compete in the 2013-14 post-season, teams must achieve a 900 multi-year APR of a 930 average over the most recent two years. The same standard was in place for the 2012-13 academic year. This standard will increase to a multi-year 930, which predicts a Graduation Success Rate of approximately 50 percent, or a 940 two-year average APR for the 2014-15 post-season.

All Wofford teams were well above the 900 mark. Eight athletic teams from Wofford received public recognition from the NCAA for their latest APR scores. These awards are given each year to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in each sport.

Wofford’s football team (982) was the only one in the Southern Conference and the only team that participated in the 2012 FCS Playoffs to be honored. The men’s soccer team (995) was one of only two to be recognized in the league. It was the fifth straight year that the Terriers women’s cross country (1,000), indoor (1,000), and outdoor track and field teams (1,000) were honored. Men’s indoor track (1,000) and men’s outdoor track and field (1,000) also were recognized. All eight teams were first in the Southern Conference in APR scores.

Other teams and their one-year (2011-12) scores include baseball (983), men’s basketball (975), men’s golf (993), men’s tennis (991), women’s golf (991), women’s soccer (994), women’s tennis (995), rifle (929), and volleyball (980).

To ensure fairness the NCAA provides APR adjustments for student-athletes who transferred with certain grade-point averages and those who leave in good academic standing for professional careers.

Eric Eck receives summer baseball honor

Wofford pitcher Eric Eck ’14 spent the summer playing baseball in the Cape Cod League for the Hyannis Harbor Hawks. Recognized as the best summer baseball league in the nation, Eck was only the third Terrier to play on the Cape. In addition to being named to the All-Star team, he was named the Russ Ford Top Relief Pitcher of the 2013 season. Eck finished the regular season with a 2-1 record and 10 saves in 16 appearances for the Harbor Hawks.

“I feel absolutely phenomenal,” Eck says of the achievement. “I really wouldn’t have thought of achieving being the best reliever on the Cape, and just to get that honor feels really amazing.”

The All-Star hurler’s most impressive performance of the season came June 24 against Falmouth.

Eric Eck ’14 played with the Hyannis Harbor Hawks this summer.

In that outing, he struck out two in two innings of one-hit, scoreless ball to pick up the win, walking just one. From July 2 through 15 he went on a tear, converting five straight save opportunities and almost seven innings without giving up an earned run.

In 2013 Eck led the Terriers with a college record 10 saves, posting a 2.80 ERA in 26 appearances. He will enter the 2014 baseball season just two saves away from the Wofford career record of 19 held by Michael Gilmartin ’10, who also played one summer in the Cape Cod League.

Terrier Club Board announces 2013 Athletics Hall of Fame class

Former Wofford student-athletes Frederic Jayet ’97 and Kevin Johnson ’08 have been selected by the Hall of Fame committee of the Wofford College Terrier Club Board of directors as the 2013 inductees into the college’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

In addition to the Hall of Fame will honor Joe Price ’55 as the Distinguished Service Award winner and Thom Henson ’96 as Honorary Letterman. The Hall of Fame will induct its newest class on Oct. 5 when the Terriers host Presbyterian in football.

The Hall of Fame recognizes “those former athletes and coaches who, by outstanding athletic achievement and service, have made lasting and significant contributions to the cause of sports at Wofford College, the Spartanburg community, South Carolina and the nation.”

An All-American in men’s tennis, Jayet played all four seasons at Wofford with an overall record of 61-35 in singles. As a freshman he led the team to a No. 18 ranking in the NCAA Division II poll, and he was ranked No. 27 nationally in singles. Jayet earned a bid to the 1994 NCAA DII National Championship, where he won his first two matches before being eliminated in the round of 16. He earned NCAA Division II All-America honors after that season with a 16-9 record playing No. 1 singles. As a sophomore Jayet had a 19-8 overall record at No. 1 singles.

During his junior year he was not eligible to be ranked during the DI to DI transition, but posted a 14-13 record. As a senior in the Southern Conference, he recorded a 12-5 record at No. 1 singles and an 11-6 mark at No. 1 doubles.

Johnson was a four-year starter at running back (2003-04, 2006-07) for the Terriers and led the team in rushing all four seasons. He is ranked third in Wofford history with 3,851 career rushing yards. In addition he holds the college record for most carries in a game (56) and is sixth in college history with 607 career carries. Johnson had 14 games with 100+ rushing yards. He scored 32 career rushing touchdowns, which places him fourth in the record books, and had 37 total career touchdowns to rank third in college history. As a senior in 2007, Johnson had 1,263 rushing yards and was first team All-Southern Conference. In 2004 he was named All-Southern Conference first team by the media and second team by the coaches as he ran for 1,035 yards. Johnson was named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year in 2003 posting 862 rushing yards.

Henson is in his 14th season as a member of the Wofford Sports Network as color analyst for football and men’s basketball radio broadcasts. A former student assistant in the Wofford sports information office, who also worked a summer in media relations for the Carolina Panthers, Henson is an assistant director of development at Wofford.

Price, a football player during his college years, has been a loyal supporter of the Wofford athletic department for over four decades.

Get On the Bus!

Wofford Athletics and Archison Transportation Services have had a longstanding relationship as Terrier student-athletes have traveled on ATS motor coaches all across the nation over the decades. This summer that partnership was taken one step further as they unveiled a one-of-a-kind artwork design for the newest coach in the fleet.

On Aug. 17 during the annual pre-season fan day, the black and gold clad bus was unveiled to fans and Wofford student-athletes.

This fall, the football, men’s and women’s soccer and volleyball teams will all take at least two trips on the “Wofford bus.” The longest trip scheduled currently is to a volleyball tournament at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss.

“We are very excited to give our student-athletes the chance to ride in style for years to come,” says Associate Athletic Director for Marketing Lenny Mathis. “We are grateful to Archison Transportation Services for their partnership in this project. We really feel like this bus is a unique branding tool for both of us.”

The photo of the Wofford battle flag depicted on the sides of the bus was taken by Trent Brock ’14.

As one of the Archison fleet, the bus will not only take Wofford teams anywhere they need to go, but this particular motor coach could very well be available to take your group as well.
Joye returns to campus

Shortly over a year ago, Mark Joye ’14 lost his right leg and severely damaged his left leg in an accident. Now Joye is back on campus, but not without a lot of help from medical professionals, family, friends and the Wofford community.

“I’ve been blown away by the support,” says Joye. “I feel lucky to go to a college like Wofford, where I have good relationships with students, faculty and staff. They’ve been able to help me with my return, and that’s been awesome.”

Joye already has attended his first classes of the semester and plans to graduate in May with a B.A. in finance.

“I’m really excited to be back on campus,” says Joye. “I’ve had some nerves about getting back, but I feel like I’m ready. I can walk fairly well — slower than a normal person and with a little limp — but I can ride a bike to class to speed up things. With that, I feel like I’m prepared and will be able to get from place to place without too much trouble.”

Almost a dozen surgeries, countless hours of physical therapy and a new prosthetic leg — the year has been full of challenges for Joye.

“The past few months I’ve been able to push my therapy, but the first few months I had to sit and wait for things to heal. One of the difficult things about the process has been staying patient,” says Joye.

“I was really active before, and I feel cooped up and limited in what I can do. I’ve slowly been able to get out and do more things.”

Before the accident Joye was a student-athlete on the men’s golf team.

“He was the workout king, always running and in absolute perfect shape,” says Wofford men’s golf coach Vic Lipscomb. “I’m really glad that he can come back and be a part of the golf team even though he might not be able to play. Wofford helped him out quite a bit to be able to do that, and I’m glad he can finish his senior year here.”

According to Lipscomb, Joye’s job on the team will be to share the strength and determination he’s built up over the past year. He’ll also be the team’s lead encourager.

That encouragement runs both ways. In addition to calls and visits after the accident from his teammates and other students, this summer Wofford alumni and students organized a golf tournament in Columbia, S.C. to help Joye’s family defray the cost of the prosthetic leg. Swing for Joye was held on May 30 with the help of Chuck Moore ’13; his father, Charles; and the South Carolina Golf Association.

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According to Joye, the $80,000 raised during the tournament will, among other things, pay for a special type of knee joint called a C-leg. The computerized knee will allow Joye to descend stairs, walk more smoothly and eventually play golf again.

“I got my permanent prosthetic July 15 and since then I have come a long way,” says Joye. “At first it was painful because I had not used those muscles in a year, but it’s not painful anymore. The leg is a solid fit. It feels more natural every day. It will get to the point where I can come back and be a part of the golf team even though I might not be able to play. Wofford helped him out quite a bit to be able to do that, and I’m glad he can finish his senior year here.”

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During the academic year Joye will continue his physical therapy on his own, walking and using the equipment in the Richardson Physical Activities Building… and golf still remains an attainable goal.

“I never know if I’ll be able to play at the level I could before, but I’m sure I will be able to play again one day,” says Joye. “Five years from now I will be like a normal person with no limp. If I were wearing long pants, you wouldn’t take a second look at me.”

by Kat Kilpatrick ’14 (OG&B) and Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Promotions, appointments and new faculty

Promoted to Professor

John Farenkopf (Government); B.A., Trinity College; B.A., Georgetown University; Ph.D., University of Virginia

Promoted to Associate Professor

Colleen Magotta Ballance (Theatre); B.F.A., Tulane University; M.F.A., Brandeis University

Maria-Begona Caballero-Garcia (Spanish); B.A., C.A.P., Universidad de Extremadura (Spain); M.A., Western Michigan University; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Andrew Green (Finance); B.A., Tulane University; M.B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; C.P.A.

John Ware (English); B.A., University of Virginia; M.A., University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

New instructors or teaching faculty

Accounting

Ben Cartwright (assistant professor); B.S., Messiah College; M.S., UNC Greensboro

Diane Failey ’05 (assistant professor); B.A., Wofford College; M.A., University of South Carolina

Chemistry

Heidi Busic ’07 (visiting assistant professor); B.S., Wofford College; Ph.D., University of Tennessee

Humanities

George Singleton (John C. Cold Professor of Humanities); M.F.A., UNC Greensboro

Government

Christine Rinchart (visiting assistant professor, full semester); Ph.D., University of South Carolina

Rachel Vanderhell (assistant professor); B.A., Calvin College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Virginia

Languages

Paz Moriana (visiting instructor, Spanish); Ying Sun (Fulbright language assistant, Chinese)

Ming Yue (visiting instructor, Chinese)

Mathematics

Matt Comer (visiting assistant professor); B.A., University of Connecticut; Ph.D., North Carolina State

Psychology

Dawn McQuiston (visiting associate professor); B.S., Eastern New Mexico University; M.A., Ph.D., The University of Texas at El Paso

Sara Holstein (visiting assistant professor); B.A., Randolph Macon College; Ph.D., Oregon Health and Science Institute

Religion

Courtney Dorroll (visiting assistant professor); Phil Dorroll (assistant professor)

B.A., Purdue University; M.A., Indiana University; Ph.D., University of Arizona (both)

Samhat names Wood provost of the college

President Naref Samhat announced during the opening session of the faculty and staff that Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, David Wood, will now hold the title of provost. According to Samhat, the change recognizes Wood’s good work and leadership in his 17 years at Wofford. It distinguishes the second office of the college as defined in Wofford’s by-laws. The provost is the chief academic officer of the college and is responsible for matters relating to the academic program.
1. Sari Imber ’15 has been helping Southern Living develop a new program called Southern Living Idea Communities. In addition to helping generate ideas and buzz about the project, Imber also will be blogging for Southern Living (SL). It’s uncharted territory for both Imber and SL, but Imber, who’s loved SL since she was a child, says it’s a dream come true.

2. This summer four Wofford students interned at the Aspen Institute in Colorado, an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, D.C. Asantewaa Buaheng ’14 worked as an aid to the fund-raising staff (she met former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice); Alex Hagoog ’14 served on the ideas festival staff; Jervey Roper ’14 helped with event planning and the Society of Fellows event; and Callie Taylor ’14 (pictured) served as a conference services intern at the Aspen Meadows Resort.

3. This summer David Moore ’14 (right) traded English for Portuguese and spent seven weeks in Middlebury, Vt., speaking, learning and interacting solely in his target language. As a Kathryn Davis Scholar for Peace at Middlebury College, Moore was honing his language skills for later applications in the renewable energy industry of burgeoning markets such as Brazil. While in Vermont, Moore also enjoyed hiking with friends.

4. Heather Ross ’15, a Michael S. Brown intern, traveled to Shirati, Tanzania, to work with Dr. Esther Kawira analyzing village health issues and working to educate patients in underserved communities. She also spent time with public health graduate students. The experience expanded her knowledge and ignited her passion for providing access to primary health care.

5. Planning to go to medical school after he graduates, Daniel Didok ’14 decided to spend the summer pursuing his other passion — art, at the Marchutz School of Fine Arts at IAU College in Aix-en-Provence, France. He also used the summer as a chance to travel across Italy, France and Spain. Look for Didok’s work on exhibit at Wofford this fall.

6. A January Interim experience helped Evie Kytan ’14 land an internship with The Weather Channel (TWC) in Atlanta, Ga. He also used the summer as a chance to travel across Italy, France and Spain. Look for Didok’s work on exhibit at Wofford this fall.

7. This summer Phillip Coffey ’14 held an internship at The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, Ariz. He spent nine weeks conducting Alzheimer’s disease research in the neurogenomics lab of Dr. Matt Huentelman. Specifically, Coffey’s project focused on discovering the mechanism of action for the results of a previous study that showed clearance of amyloid-beta plaques (one of the two main pathological structures present in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients) and reversal of symptoms in Alzheimer’s mouse models. The study is ongoing, but according to Coffey, could lead to a long-term solution for Alzheimer’s treatment and prevention.

8. Justin Whitaker ’15 participated in atmospheric science research through a National Science Foundation-funded program at Texas A&M University. He studied the influence of vertical wind shear and the El Niño-Southern Oscillation on hurricane activity in the tropical Atlantic and gained field experience on Galveston Island studying land/sea breeze interaction.
5. With the help of Dr. Angela Shiflet and the generosity of the Papadopoulos family, Ashleigh Van Metre ’14 (right) spent the summer at the EPIx Lab in Paris, France. EPIx is a computational epidemiology lab within INSERM (France’s National Institute of Health and Medical Research). Van Metre developed computational models of infections within a single population, focusing especially on interactions between two different pathogens. Van Metre’s mom, Rosemary McEwan Van Metre ’87 (left), spent a few days traveling and enjoying the experience with her daughter.

6. Evan Orenstein ’14 has wanted to work for NASA since he was a child. This summer he got that opportunity as an aerospace project intern. Orenstein worked on an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), which is a test bed for several algorithms being developed for autonomous conflict detection and resolution during flight. It was his job to create a more robust system that handles all situations encountered during a flight test and to show flaws in the system and develop algorithms so that NASA can make improvements. Flight tests at the end of the internship proved successful, and Orenstein is now writing a portion of a NASA technical paper for publication.

7. Palmer Cantler ’15 (left) and Ethan Todd ’14 went with Dr. Byron McCane, Albert Outler Professor of Religion and chair of the department, to Israel to participate in an archaeological dig. Here they are excavating a mosaic floor from the 4th century AD. Grace DeMarco ’14 and Ben Goldens ’15 also participated in the experience.

8. This summer Trent Brock ’14 completed an internship with Michelin North America, Inc., at its North America Headquarters located in Greenville, S.C. He worked full-time in the credit department within the finance group. Upon completion of his degree after Interim 2014, Brock, who has worked as an intern with Michelin since 2012, will go to work with Michelin full-time.
two have showcased their tight harmonies throughout venues in the Southeast, and their originality earned them the title of Rising Star’s Best Acoustic Band for 2010 and 2011. Phillips lives in Chesnee, S.C. 

1978
Class Chair, Armando Llorente
Jerry Yevon has retired as vice president of Bose Allen Hamilton and has started his own firm, Yevon Enterprise Solutions, based in Charleston, S.C. Yevon and his wife, Susan, live in Charleston, S.C.

1980
Class Chair, Paul D. Kountz Jr.
Randy Carmichael and his wife, Ann, live in Waterboro, S.C. Carmichael is owner of Carmichael Oil and Gas Co.

1981
Class Chair, G. Patrick Watson
Dave Davis lives with his family in Trent Woods, N.C. He is pharmacist manager at McCarthys Square Pharmacy. Davis traveled with his son, James, on a church mission trip to Haiti in April 2013, where they spent time at two schools and two hospitals in Port au Prince, Fermathe and Jacmel. In June, Davis was commissioned a Stephen Minister at Centenary United Methodist Church in New Bern, N.C.

1982
Class Chair, J. Madison Dye Jr.
The Rev. Lynne Alley-Grant is lead pastor at Timberlake United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, Va. She travels to her home in Blacksburg, Va., when she can. Her husband, Herb Grant ‘84, spends weekends in Lynchburg.

1983
Class Chair, W. Scott Gaunt
Rock Amick is owner and founder of Big Rock Wealth Management LLC, provider of investment advice, asset management and financial life planning. He and his wife, Mary, live in Charleston, S.C., with their children, Robbi and Jamie.

Cecil Clark
and his wife, Phyllis, live in Boiling Spring, N.C. Clark is senior vice president and commercial lending officer for First South Bank.

1984
Class Chair, Kenneth M. Kilpatrick
Living in Columbia, S.C., Mike Fisher is the chief financial officer/treasurer for Consolidated Systems Inc. He and his wife, Elin, have three children.

Wayne Freeman
and his wife, LuAnn, live in Colorado Springs, Colo. Freeman is a chief warrant officer 4 in the U.S. Army.
Les Hendrick is owner of Carolina Law and Mediation LLC located in Easley, S.C. Hendrick and his wife, Kate, have four children.

Tim Walter is an associate at Carolina One Real Estate. He lives in North Charleston, S.C.

Cal Watson has been sworn in as president-elect of the South Carolina Bar Association, a position that will prepare him to lead the 14,000-member organization in 2014. Watson is managing member of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte LLC. He and his wife, Carby, live in Columbia, S.C. Their oldest daughter, Catherine Watson, is a member of the class of 2016.

1987

J. Wade Berry and his wife, Charlotte, live in Charleston, N.C. Berry is a senior sales consultant for Thomson Reuters.

1988

Class Chair, C. Lane Glaze
Dr. Jeffrey Robinson is the medical director of the hospitalist program for Kershaw Health. Robinson and his wife, Lucinda, have two children. The family lives in Camden, S.C.

1989

Class Chair, Michael R. Sullivan
Joe Don Woody and his wife, Debra, live in Candler, N.C. Woody works as a defense consultant. The couple has two children: Tyler and Kelsey.

1990

Class Chair, Scott W. Cashion
Attorney Ingrid Hutto Palmetto lives in Frederick, Md. She and her husband, Mark, have two children, Cayden and Skylar.

Dr. Melissa Stewart, an associate professor at Adrian College in Michigan, is the recipient of the Exemplary Teaching Excellence Award presented during opening convocation on Sept. 4. Stewart teaches courses ranging from World’s Christianity to Jesus in Film. She joined the faculty in 2001.

Attorney Stephen Waldrop lives with his wife, Tracy, in Newnan, Ga. The couple has two sons, Alexander and Blake.

1991

Class Chair, Leslee Houchle Page
Living in Northtok, Va., Dr. Erin Bentrim is director of assessment and planning at Old Dominion University.

Allen Bridges lives with his family in Boiling Springs, S.C. Bridges is a financial adviser for Wells Fargo Advisors.

Scott Hansdorff is a teacher for Colhoun County Schools. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Awenow, Ga. The couple has one daughter, Reagan.

1992

Class Chair, Nicholle Palmieri Chium
Dr. Blanding Jones has been appointed to the position of chief of service for cardiac surgery with Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Los Angeles, Calif. Jones graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Charleston, S.C.; completed his residency at UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, Calif.; and his fellowship program in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Emory University Hospital Atlanta, Ga. Jones joined the Permanente Medical Group in 2007, becoming a part-time physician in 2010.

1993

Class Chair, Sarah C. Sawicki
Darren Goss has been chosen as the president/chief executive officer for Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, La. The announcement was made on May 13, 2013. Goss had held the position of vice president of community impact for the United Way of Greenville (S.C.) County since 2007. Prior to his work at the United Way, Goss was director of multicultural affairs and assistant dean of students at Wofford.

Living in Cuthbert, Ga., Harris King is a consultant of German at Clemson University.

1994

Class Chair, Alicia N. Truesdail
Dr. Todd Barrett is a dentist at Palmetto Endodontics. He lives with his family in Columbia, S.C.

Living in Bailey, Miss., Chris Ruth is administrator of Rush Health Systems. He and his wife, Mary, have three children.

Greg Sawyer has been named assistant principal for Batesville-Leeville Middle School. Sawyer has served as a social studies teacher and coach at B-L High School for the past eight years. He also served as lead teacher of the school’s Freshman Academy and was named as the school’s Teacher of the Year during the 2012-13 school year.

Sawyer lives with his family in Leesville, S.C.

1995

Class Chair, Brandie Yancey Lorenz
Anna Habreisreiter Converse is owner of Habreis Designs, which focuses on commercial and health care design. She previously was employed with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture for 11 years. Anna and her husband, Justin Converse ’96, live in Spartanburg.

Dr. Lucy Green Davis and her husband, Christopher Davis ’97, live on Daniel Island, S.C. Lucy is a family physician/ partner at Palmetto Primary Care Physicians. Christopher is vice president of Sanders Brothers Construction Co. The couple has two children, Emma and Miles.

Sarah Wasserman Willkerson is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Vanderbilt Children Hospital. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Nashville, Tenn. The couple has two children, Jonah and Geneva.

1996

Class Chair, Curt L. Nichols Jr.
Russ Wright, a plant manager for Airgas, lives in Slater/Re, R.I.

1997

Class Chair, Beth Maungham Guerrero
Shannon Willis Scruggs, executive director of the South Carolina Bar Foundation, has been elected for a second term as president of the National Association of IOLTA Programs (NAIPT). Established in 1986, NAIPT works to enhance legal services for those who cannot afford them. Scruggs lives with her family in Columbia, S.C.

Lt. Travis Smith is a pilot in the U.S. Coast Guard at the USCG Air Station New Orleans. Smith and his wife, Kelly, have two children, Sidney and Luke. They live in Belle Chase, La.

1998

Class Chair, Casey B. Moore
Dr. Michael Mikota became the executive director of the Santerre-Lyches Regional Council of Governments on July 1, 2013. Experienced in both banking and government, he most recently worked as the senior analyst in the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C.

Withl Shepard is a women’s cardiac specialist at Spartanburg Methodist College as athletic recruiter/athletic fundraiser. He and his wife, Bobbie Edwards Shepard, live in Spartanburg.

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Alumni Service Award Recipients

Following the president’s state of the college address on Saturday, Oct. 12, in Leonard Auditorium, the Wofford College National Alumni Association will present the 2013 Alumni Service Awards. Honored this year are:

MARION L. MCMILLAN JR. ’59, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD A native of Laurens who currently lives in Tryon, N.C., McMillan spent most of his life in Spartanburg. As a senior vice president of Smith Barney, he has been a successful businessman who always found the time and energy to support and provide leadership for critical community projects. He served as chair of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and was the founding chair of the Spartanburg Regional Foundation.

He also provided leadership to his church, the YMCA, Spartanburg Day School and the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education. He continues to serve on the advisory board of the George Dean Johnson Jr. ’64 School of Business and Economics at USC Upstate.

His retirement to Tryon has not meant a retirement from public service. McMillan and his wife, JoAnn, co-chaired a successful fundraising effort for the Tryon Fine Arts Center, and he currently serves on the board of St. Luke’s Hospital. Over the years McMillan has not forgotten his alma mater, generously supporting the college financially, serving on the Alumni Executive Council, and funding the McMillan Theater in the Campus Life Building.

DR. JOHN PILLEY AND CHASER, DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD Now professor emeritus of psychology at Wofford, Pilley was admired as a teacher and appreciated as a friend by hundreds of students during his active years on the faculty from 1969-1995. In retirement, he has continued to be known to the college community as an outdoorsman who always has enjoyed a special relationship with animals.

After you’ve had a chance to see Pilley and Chaser receive their award, be sure to read their upcoming book. Scheduled for release on Oct. 29, 2013, “Chaser: Unlocking the Genius of the Dog Who Knows a Thousand Words,” the book explores secrets of incorporating learning into play and probes the unique relationship between dogs and humans.

DR. AMANDA FAITH NAVE MARVELLE ’83, YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR As an undergraduate at Wofford, Marvelle’s achievements helped the college build its reputation as one of the best places for women to study in the STEM disciplines (Forbes Magazine, 2010).

Continuing her education at the postgraduate level, Marvelle studied genetics and molecular biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she carved out a most impressive academic record that included many publications. In the final stages of that process, she won the prestigious Sarah Graham Kenan and Hubgood Edwards Dissertation Fellowship, recognizing excellence in science and leadership in her class. She was also the organizer and module developer for DNA Day on Demand, an initiative of UNC-TV.

Marvelle had many opportunities in university teaching and research, but instead, she has chosen to devote her talents to public education at the new Research Triangle Charter High School. There, she has the title of director of digital media, biology instructor and co-founder. She secured a $522,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for planning and implementation of the school’s program and has gone on to build effective relationships with companies, scientists and educators across the Triangle region.
Detroit Legal Journal highlights Thie

In July the Detroit Legal News featured Doug Thie '09, an immigration attorney with Antoine, Casagrande & Adwers in Farmington Hills, Mich. Thie chose the specialty because he wants to help.

“Unlike many other areas, immigration law gives me the opportunity to work with clients ranging from teenagers brought to the U.S. as children and facing deportation, to aspiring entrepreneurs, to executives of Fortune 500 companies,” says Thie in the article.

Fluent in Spanish, Thie has traveled extensively in Mexico, Central America and South America. It was at Wofford that he became inspired to pursue immigration law.

“We’ve always been a nation of immigrants, and I strongly believe they’re essential to our nation’s continued economic and cultural vitality,” he says.

Thie graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He was vice president of the Immigration Law Association at UNC and participated in the Immigration/Human Rights Policy Clinic and spoke as a panelist at the 2012 Chapel Hill Human Rights Conference on immigrant human rights issues. Thie also served as an editor for the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation and received the Weisburd Award for exceptional leadership and commitment to the Journal.

Read the complete article at legalnews.com/detroit1387421.

Thie and his wife, Sarah Hughes Thie '10, live in Birmingham, Mich.

O’Dell finds spotlight in Sports Business Journal

The Sports Business Journal placed a spotlight on Greg O’Dell ’92, president and CEO of Events DC, in its May 20 edition. It focused on O’Dell’s professional accomplishments and vision as well as his personal interests.

Events DC owns and operates the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, the historic Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and the surrounding festival ground as well as the non-military functions of the DC Armory. The organization also built and serves as landlord for Nationals Park.

Blackwell shares Peace Corps story to help recruit others

The United States Peace Corps needs 1,000 new volunteers to replace current volunteers who are completing their two-year commitment. In their recruiting efforts they featured Aften Blackwell ’12 (above), who is serving as an education volunteer in Moldova. Blackwell teaches at a local school, but she has absorbed herself in the local life and culture of the village in which she lives.

“Outside of school, five of my students and I, along with several other Peace Corps volunteers, walked 257 kilometers and stopped to volunteer in every village that we passed along the way,” says Blackwell. “The journey took two weeks and along the way we met incredible people. This was an effort to encourage volunteerism, promote living a healthy lifestyle, and it gave my students the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their country.”

Lazenby has new job with FITSNews

Amy Brandstätter Lazenby ’98 has been named associate opinion editor at FITSNews. According to the story about her promotion, she has been a freelance writer and a regular columnist for this site for several months and will continue to contribute regular opinion pieces. She writes with a liberal world view on most issues, but enjoys exploring where liberal and libertarian politics intersect. Follow her on Twitter @Mrs_Laz and email her at amy@fitsnews.com.

Bridgers kicks off Above Grade Level

Jennifer Bridgers ’01 has started her own business, Above Grade Level, an education management company that specializes in education assessments, in-home tutoring (K-12) and SAT/ACT prep courses. “I will be doing a lot of marketing and business development as well as consulting with parents and educators as we ramp up,” says Bridgers. “Then I will get to teach my tutors and work through them to have an impact in lots of different kids’ lives.”

Above Grade Level offers in-home, expert tutoring to Columbia families, including those in the Lexington, northeast Columbia, S.C., and the surrounding communities. They provide tutoring in a variety of subjects including math, English, reading, science and more.

Tolbert film memorabilia collection inspired by Audrey Hepburn featured in the Charlotte Observer

Randall Tolbert ’78 began collecting film memorabilia, particularly anything featuring Audrey Hepburn after watching the actress in “My Fair Lady.” Recently, Tolbert shared that collection with the Gaston County Public Library in an exhibit that ran through the summer. “Oh How To Be Lonely: Audrey Hepburn in Life and Film” featured a signed photo and poster of Hepburn from “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” both items that Hepburn presented personally to Tolbert after he gave her a watercolor he had painted of her that she donated to UNICEF for an auction. Tolbert, an interior designer who lives in Gastonia, N.C., has shared other exhibits with the community, including several of his own works. According to the Charlotte Observer, the paper that featured a story on Tolbert’s movie memorabilia collection, Tolbert still lacks a key Hepburn item: a poster from “Roman Holiday,” the 1953 romantic comedy that earned the Academy an Academy Award.

McLeod honors Hester and another Florence doctor

McLeod Health recognized Drs. William H. Hester ’59 and Richard Ervin for their decades-long service to McLeod and the community with a portrait unveiling in July. Family, physicians, nurses and other staff were on hand to share memories and applaud the doctors. The two portraits now hang in the main hallway of the hospital next to other McLeod leaders.

Hester joined the faculty of the McLeod Family Medicine Residency program in 1979, earning the South Carolina Family Physician of the Year, Pioneer Award for Excellence in Health Care and the Order of the Palmetto. In addition, he served as president of the South Carolina Medical Association.

Richardson’s bike sets world record all-electric vehicle trans-continental crossing

Moto-Electric LLC, featured in the Summer 2012 Wofford Today, set a coast-to-coast world record for electric vehicles by making a trans-continental run in 3.5 days (84.5 hours to be exact). There was no battery swapping, and the vehicle rode the entire trip under its own power (verification available through James Madison University personnel and on-board data acquisition systems).

“We could have done it faster,” team manager Brian Richardson ’81 says. “If we were to do it again, we would travel farther between charging the batteries, and increase the speed a bit — something learned.”

According to Richardson, this record was established using a standard motorcycle design — the same design that has been used by the Moto-Electra team for GP type racing, land speed racing and everyday driving. The motorcycle itself performed beautifully. The batteries were rock solid, and the heat and rain were not a factor.

Former AMA PRO Thad Wolff (pictured above) rode the motorcycle for the coast-to-coast record. Wolff also raced the bike successfully in the 2010 and 2011 TTGXSP series. Moto-Electric was ranked second in North America for the 2011 season.

To see pictures of the trip, check out: twitter.com/ecannonball or Facebook at Moto Electra Racing.
Robert Goings was guest speak-er at the Union Rotary Club’s an-nual Rotary Scholars Day program on May 7, 2013. In 2012 Goings was elected to serve as a member of the South Carolina Bar’s House of Delegates for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Columbia, S.C. The couple has one daughter, Madeline Grace.

Dr. Chrin Milosevic is associate professor of analytical chemistry at the University of Tampa. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 2013. Milosevic and his wife, Allyn Katherine, have one son, Lucas.

Dr. Adrianne Gavrel Westmoreland is a physician at Otoone Medical Center. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Central, S.C. The couple has three children, Katelyn, Addison and Isabel.

2004 Class Chair, Fred A. Byers II

Dr. Kristen Marie Addis is a member of the dermatology faculty at the University of South Carolina. She has admitted patients at the UAMS Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinic. Addis lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. Marinta Strable is a physi-cian at Providence Family Practice. He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Columbia, S.C. Strable is an attorney at Howsare works for Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Pope PC. His practice focuses on federal, state and international product safety matters, including purchase, use, and litigation. Howsare previously served as the chief of staff at the U.S. Product Consumer Safety Commis-sion. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Charles Williams III is an at- torney at Williams & Williams. His practice focuses on criminal defense and personal injury. Williams and his wife, Blake, live in Orangeburg, S.C. The couple has two children, Cholly and Marshall.

2005 Class Chair, Ryan M. Waller

Lucas Kinard and his wife, Anna, live in Pooler, Ga. Kinard is an account manager at South Carolina Electric and Gas.

Dr. Mitchell Nimich and his wife, Elizabeth Saine Nimich, live in Lexington, S.C. Mitchell is a hospital medicine physi-cian at Lexington Medical Center, and Elizabeth is an infectious disease fellow at Palmetto Health Richland. Dr. Catherine England-Plante-wicz is an assistant professor of En-glish at Francis Marion University. She and her husband, Paul, live in Marion, S.C.

Living in Cary, N.C., Zachary Straley is rental location manager for Penske Truck Leasing in Raleigh, N.C.

The then-Jordans Thaeuser serves as chaplain at Reinhardt University. Thaeuser was ordained an elder in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in the summer of 2012. He and his family live in Cannon, Ga.

2006 Class Chair, Hadley Green Inabinett

Amy Livingston has joined ECP University as career services coordinator. Livingston previously served as program manager for the Charleston Digital Corridor, where she oversaw all workforce development initiatives. She lives in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Yen Nguyen Roberts and her husband, Dr. David P. Roberts Jr, live in Richmond, Va. Davis is an associate director at Dr. Baxter Peterson and Associates, and Yen has a commissioned examiner at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

2007 Class Chair, Hunter L. Miller

Ashley Clary Durham earned her master’s degree in nursing from Clemson University and is a family nurse practitioner at Network Geriatrics. She and her husband Lucas, live in Easley, S.C. Dr. Living in Augusta, Ga., Tonya George Marshall is a language arts teacher at Heritage Academy.

Dr. Jessica McGarity is a psy-chiatry resident at Palmetto Health Richland. McGarity graduated from University of South Carolina School of Medicine in 2013. She lives in Columbia, S.C.

Dianne Moore Parr is a senior analyst at BA Inc., supporting management of federal government assistance awards and contracts for research and development. She lives with her husband, Adam, in Columbia, S.C.

Living in Bloomington, Ill., Dr. Leandra Parr is an assistant professor at Illinois State University.

2008 Class Chair, Nathan Madigan

Michael Hobbs and his wife, Heather, live in Pace, Fla. Hobbs is assistant banking center manager at First Bank. The couple has one daughter, Emma.

Sara McClure, daughter of restaurant owner Robbie McClure, re-cently joined her father as co-owner and chef of Southside Smokehouse in Landrum, S.C.

Becky Sawyer Morgan earned her master’s degree in counselor education from Clemson University in 2013. Morgan is now associate director of diversity education at Clemson. She lives in Seneca, S.C.

Dr. Steven Richards is an associate general dentist with L. Derek Herring DMD. He lives in Spartanburg.

Congratulations to Lauren Sat-terfeld on earning her law degree from the Charleston School of Law in 2012, and subsequently passing the South Carolina Bar exam. She works part-time with Judge James D. Calmes III in Greenville, S.C. She also is pursuing a master of law degree from the University of Denver.

Matt Watts works as a health specialist for the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver. He lives in Denver, Colo.

2009 Class Chair, T. Peyton Hay

Living in Daniel Island, S.C., Olivia Bryant is a development associate at the South Carolina Aquarium located in Charles-ton, S.C.

Thomas Campbell, who now lives in Atlanta, Ga., earned his master’s degree in architecture from Clemson University in May 2013. Campbell’s online portfolio is definitely worth a look. Visit www.thomascampbelldesign.com for more information.

Living in Moore, S.C., Josh Harris is a licensed financial sales consultant for PNC Bank.

Chett McCauley has joined the waste management team at Nature’s Calling Inc. as a management trainer. McCauley and his wife, Anna Perkins McCauley, live in Charleston, S.C.

Ashley Core Sims earned her pharmacy degree in 2013 from the Medical University of South Carolina. She is a pharmacist at Rite Aid Pharmacy. Sims and her husband, Charles, live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

2010 Class Chair, Kari Harris

Paulo Bonfim is an assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Living in Charlotte, N.C., Forrest Bridges is an account manager for Advanced Imaging Systems Inc.

Kyle Hayes and Chelsea Chapman Hayes have moved from Spartanburg to Davis, Calif. Congratulations to Sarah Newman on earning her master’s degree in teaching from Converse College. Newman lives in Athens, Ga., where she is a first-year law student at the University of Georgia School of Law.

Allen Wilkerson is a broker-age associate at Colliers Interna-tional. He lives in Cary, N.C. Alyse Line Worley, a re-cruiting coordinator at Wake Forest University, is responsible for recruitment of faculty and staff positions. She and her husband, Mitch Worley ’11, live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

2011 Class Chair, Nam Pham

Marshall Cason joined the U.S. Air Force in May 2013, trav-eling to Lackland Air Force Base for eight weeks of basic training. Once training is complete, he will travel to the Air Force Training School in Baltimore, Md.

Sydney Elizabeth Fogle, a graduate student in health administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, is a graduate health care administra-tive training program intern in a Bay Pins Veterans Administra-tion Healthcare System. She lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Larry Hegg is a project manager for Cardinal Solutions Group. She lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Mollie McNair Hobbs and Keesly Minsey are owners of the Copper Penny franchise in the Five Points neighborhood in Columbia, S.C. It is the first franchise of the Charleston-based retailer that sells women’s cloth.

Ben Ingram goes down in Jeopardy! history books

For Ben Ingram ’05 (above right with Alex Trebek), his biggest worry back during his nine days of appearing on the popular quiz show “Jeopardy!” wasn’t necessarily whether he could get the questions right; it was whether he could do the math.

“I thought I was like everyone else in that I wanted to just win a game, or at least not make an idiot of myself on coast-to-coast TV,” he says. “Even if I had a lead going into Final and knew the correct response, I thought to myself, gee whiz, did I wager right? I knew if I messed up the wager, the math department at Wofford would never let me hear the end of it. I practiced wagering more than anything else.”

Ingram’s streak of eight consecutive wins on the show, beginning on Monday, July 1, is tied for the fifth-best all-time for the program. In the nine shows — ending on Thursday, July 11, when he finished last for a consolation prize of $1,000 — the 20-year-old Floridian, S.C., native accumulated $177,554, good for the ninth all-time winnings, according to the Jeopardy! website.

“The experience went by quickly as a whole, but each individual game felt like it took a long, long time, as if time were slowing down,” Ingram says. “I didn’t realize how much I had won until Liz (her girlfriend Liz Hutchens’ 09) and I were at the airport waiting to fly home that night.”

Ingram says he has received a lot of support from friends and family since the shows aired, and he’s become reacquainted with old friends and made some new ones. His friends and family “went nuts,” he says. “This whole thing has given me an excuse to go see folks from whom I haven’t heard in years, and I guess that’s the most important thing I’ve learned: to stay in touch with the folks you love.”

He’s made “a lot of new friends from Wofford and elsewhere” through social media during and since the airing, “and no one has been anything but kind.”

Ingram says all of the contestants and show personnel also were “very kind,” including host Alex Trebek, with whom the contestants don’t interact except during the games.

“When we chatted downstage after the games, he was at his most genuine and polite,” he says. “We learned he is big on power tools and romantic stories. He is a consummate professional and gentleman.”

Even before Ingram began winning, he was head and shoulders above his opponents. “I found out later that most of the other players had to stand on raised platforms, because I was so tall, so I think that gave me an advantage.”

While speculation is that Ingram will be invited to participate in the next Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions, he says that isn’t a given. “I’m not sure when or even if I’ll be back, but I’m preparing for it just in case,” and probably continuing to hone his wagering skills.

by Laura H. Corbin
On the red carpet with Jeff K. Kim, fashion stylist to the stars

Jeff K. Kim ’09 travels the world with some of Hollywood’s best-dressed celebrities. As their fashion stylist, he makes sure of it.


What Kim started with student internship experiences and a U-Haul rental and move to New York the day after graduation has become a successful career as — what the New York Financial Times calls — one of the most influential young stylists in the business.

“I worked on 13 fashion shows before I graduated from college,” says Kim, “but when I graduated, jobs were hard to get. I literally just started from scratch, working in fashion PR then assisting a client when they have a need. I believe that makes my clients feel comfortable and confident but still polished.”

It’s working. Kim has been a fashion consultant on “Live from the Red Carpet” on E! with Ryan Seacrest, Giuliana Rancic and Kelly Osbourne; dresses celebrities for the Oscars, Grammys and Cannes Film Festival; and picked the looks for recent covers of Glamour, Vogue China, Maxim, Vanity Fair and Esquire. He’s on his way to the top, but not without a cost.

“Nicole pulled me aside and told me that I’d always have a home with Nicole Miller, but that I should become a stylist,” says Kim, who started doing editorial work for Condé Nast publications, working with some of the top models.

“I have 18 to 20 actor clients, consult for several brands, work with photographers like Patrick Demarchelier and Arthur Elgort, and do editorial work for Vogue China, Esquire, Glamour, Cosmo, GQ and Vanity Fair, among many others,” says Kim.

Kim majored in business economics and Spanish while at Wofford and originally considered going into law. Working fashion week in New York solidified his decision to take a different path. He also says he received much needed encouragement from Scott Cochran ’88, Wofford’s dean of The Space, at the time director of career services.

According to Kim, styling celebrities varies depending on the project and budget.

“Generally you travel with a client when they have a press tour and they’re promoting their movie or television series. You do multiple looks, put them together, refine and make sure everything is perfect,” says Kim, who keeps the newest collections on hand. He especially values mutually beneficial relationships with the designers, including top labels such as Chanel, Christian Dior, Marc Jacobs, Louis Vuitton, Dolce and Gabbana, Gucci and Giambattista Valli.

“Every designer has something different that’s right for someone,” says Kim. “The beauty for red carpet appearances is in pairing things that are luxurious to recreate a new image and story. For everyday wear it’s about pairing something luxurious with something a bit more inexpensive. I believe that makes my clients feel comfortable and confident but still polished.”

It’s working. Kim has been a fashion consultant on “Live from the Red Carpet” on E! with Ryan Seacrest, Giuliana Rancic and Kelly Osbourne; dresses celebrities for the Oscars, Grammys and Cannes Film Festival; and picked the looks for recent covers of Glamour, Vogue China, Maxim, Vanity Fair and Esquire. He’s on his way to the top, but not without a cost.

“I worked two to three night jobs and lived in a 350-square-foot apartment in New York City when I worked with Nicole Miller,” says Kim. “I am where I am at 26 because of that dedication to my career and those sacrifices.”

A trendsetter instead of a trend follower, Kim constantly studies fashion magazines, goes to fashion shows and continues to cultivate and maintain relationships with the top design houses. He’s quickly making his way up in a mercurial field that requires more blood, sweat and tears than is evident from bright lights and glossy veneer.

“The public sees the glamorous side of fashion — this fantasy world of beautiful clothes and beautiful people. They see from the outside in and miss the hard work and determination. Fashion is art, and the people in fashion are artists,” says Kim, who believes fashion is inclusive and offers unlimited opportunities for creative people, regardless of their circumstances.

“You don’t have to be a woman to work in fashion and be successful,” says Kim. “Fashion offers a platform for creative people from any background.”

Kim also doesn’t reserve his fashion advice just for the rich and famous.

“Simplicity is coming back,” he says. “It’s not about being overly styled. It’s all about what makes you feel good when you look in the mirror. That’s the trend for anyone, and that’s what it will always be. Clothes are on the outside. They help you be the best person you can be by allowing you to express yourself.”

By Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

A who’s who of celebrities dressed by Jeff K. Kim

Zhang Ziyi (Memoirs of a Geisha) | Zoë Kravitz (X-Men: First Class) | Kevin Zegers (The Mortal Instruments)
Matt Damon (Elysium) | Rodrigo Santoro (300, What to Expect When You’re Expecting)

The late Corey Monteith (Glee) | Michael B. Jordan (Fruitvale Station) | Lauren Graham (Parenthood)
Analeigh Tipton (Crazy Stupid Love, Warm Bodies) | Sasha Pieterse (Pretty Little Liars) | Katy Perry (singer)

Taylor Lautner (Twilight) | Mark Wahlberg (Ted) | Patrick J. Adams (Suits) | Maggie Gyllenhaal (The Dark Knight)
The Neon Trees (musicians) | Julianne Moore (Carrie) | Neil Patrick Harris (How I Met Your Mother)
Rosario Dawson (Men in Black II) | Jacki Weaver (Silver Linings Playbook)

Joanna Garcia Swisher (Animal Practice, Once Upon a Time) | William Levy (Single Moms Club)
Jamie Lynn Sigler (The Sopranos) | Elisha Cuthbert (Happy Endings) | Famke Janssen (X-Men)

Steven Yeun (The Walking Dead) | Chris Colfer (Glee) | Taylor Handley (Vegas)
James Marsden (27 Dresses) | Gillian Jacobs (Community) | Naya Rivera (Glee)

David Boreanaz (Bones) | Melissa Miller (Fallen Angels)
1993
Benjamin Dell Waldrop married Lindsay Elizabeth Hold, June 2, 2013. They live in Greenville, S.C.

1999
Lauren Cooper Coker married Michael John Cranor, June 8, 2013. Lauren earned a master’s degree in English from the University of Georgia and is a senior regional manager with Robert Half International. Michael, a graduate of Gannon University, works in health care information technology at Hill-Boo in Carey, N.C. They live in Raleigh, N.C.

2001
Macon Bradley Lovelace married Elizabeth Ann Lawton, July 20, 2013. They live in Fort Polk, La. Benwn is a senior trial counsel for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Aces graduated the University of South Carolina School of Business and Andrew is employed as an officer in charge and corporate marketing manager for Amerex Bank.

2004
Christopher Kenneth King married Carey Delene Clark, May 21, 2013. Chris earned a J.D. from Vermont Law School and is a member of Delaware/Massachusetts bar. Elizabeth is employed with Umass Amherst, and they are members of church in Greenville, S.C.

2005
Mary Katherine Bahnam married Dr. Andrew Boutet Magee, April 3, 2013. They live in Columbia, S.C. Kate is a registered and director of campaigns and elections for Team Obama in 2008 and a political consultant in Greenville. Andrew is a clinical pharmacist at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital. She is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

2006
Anne Maybank Cain married Thomas Wayne Kelnar, June 25, 2013. They live in Greenville, N.C. Meghan is employed with HEA. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

2008
Kellum III, June 1, 2013. Thomas is a professional engineer in Columbia, S.C. and is an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They live in Washington, D.C.

2010
Kyle Scott Cochran married Brittne Canada, June 8, 2013. They live in Charleston, S.C. Kyle is a financial advisor with BB&T.

2013
Brandon Alan Hunt married Butter Carie Garrett, June 19, 2013. Brandon and Batin are graduates of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and are now in residency at the University of Cincinnati. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Tracy Revels, professor of history, and Dr. John Moeller, associate professor of biology, were married in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Lyn Pace ’99, chaplain at the University College and a student of Revels while he was at Wofford. Serving as best man was Dr. G. R. Davis, professor of biology, also at Wofford. Revels says that right before the ceremony, which was held on the Heron tour boat at Wakulla Springs, Fla., the wedding party saw a manatee mother and calf in the river.

When Lauren Jamison ’10 and Justin Pinckney ’08 were married on June 22 in Greenville, S.C., about 40 Wofford graduates were on hand to celebrate. Alumnae at the wedding spanned from graduates of the 1970s to graduates of 2012 to 2013. Photo by Patrick Cox, Cox Photography.
Regina Fuller ‘11 has been watching telenovelas and YouTube videos to bone up on her Portuguese. A Spanish major who has been living in Ghana primarily since graduation, she’ll need the practice as she begins a Fulbright teaching assignment in Brazil beginning in February.

“I have an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) and will be teaching English for 10 hours a week and doing research the other 30 hours,” says Fuller, whose research will focus on adult education and women’s literacy, an interest she developed as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Ghana (UG).

“I never went to a big school in the U.S., and Wofford really, really spoiled me,” says Fuller. “As much as I loved my department at UG, which only had 12 people, being in a university of 40,000 people — the standing in line with thousands of people for classes — was an experience I’m not sure I want to repeat. I appreciate Wofford so much more. When you know people’s names, things happen more efficiently.”

Fuller lived in a noisy, undergraduate dorm for a year before moving in with a local woman who often kept her grandchildren. It took a year for the university to review and approve her master’s thesis. The date and time of graduation were up in the air until a few days before the event. According to Fuller, it was all part of the experience.

“It was really good for me to be in a classroom with people who didn’t think like me,” says Fuller, who started out studying Methodism in Ghana and the way the Ghanaians Africanized their religious experience. Spending time with the Methodists in Ghana and teaching adult education with the NGO also helped Fuller notice and start to address the disparities in education.

“Going to elementary school isn’t free in Ghana, so many women, and even some older men, didn’t get the opportunity to go to school,” says Fuller. “I really like education and think that’s what I want to do. Spending a year as a Fulbright is a way for me to get more experience in the field.”

After the Fulbright, which runs until December 2014, Fuller will enter a Ph.D. program. Eventually she would like to work with USAID or another international agency, helping guide U.S. policy and funding in the area of adult education.

“One of the things I’ve seen in global aid is that lots of money is given to primary education, but if parents aren’t literate, they can’t help children with their school work,” says Fuller. “Most Ghanaians are in the informal sector. Because of their lack of education, their opportunities are limited. Educating someone’s mom may not be as cool, but it’s a necessity.”

The Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program places recent college graduates and young professionals as English teaching assistants in primary and secondary schools or universities overseas, improving foreign students’ English language abilities and knowledge of the United States while increasing the U.S. student’s own language skills and knowledge of the host country. ETAs also may pursue individual study/research plans in addition to their teaching responsibilities. For more information visit exchanges.state.gov/us/program/fulbright-english-teaching-assistant-program.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

(Above) The Samhats enjoyed meeting young alumni from the Charleston area during the Wofford vs. The Citadel football weekend.

(Below) Lowcountry alumni honored five “old dogs” at a reception at the Gibbes Museum in Charleston following Wofford’s 15th consecutive football victory over Southern Conference rival The Citadel. They are shown here with a perfectly balanced scale of justice provided by John Linton ’70. In the photo are, left to right, President Nayef Samhat, Jimmy Stuckey ’60, Peden McLeod ’62, retired Bishop Jack Meadors ’55, Dr. Bonner Thomason Sr. ’55, and Provost David Wood. Each honoree will receive a smaller version of the scales, which are balanced and embossed with the college seal (Old Main, AD 1854, and Intaminatis Fulget Honoribus). The scales represent Wofford graduates and associates who have achieved balance in life with emphasis on faith, friendship, vocation and philanthropy.

The Wofford Middlebury Connection from Middlebury College, Summer 2013, front row left to right: Kathryn Davis Scholar for Peace David Moore ’13, Portuguese School; Simone Worthy ’16, Chinese School; Dillan Trojan ’16, Chinese School; back row left to right: WestLee Parker ’16, Chinese School; Terry Crouch ’98, M.A. French ’07; Ana Maria Wiseman, DML Spanish/French ’96; Jeff Gurganus ’11, M.A. Chinese ’14.
(Above) John Miller ’70 of Camden, S.C., on a recent trip to Scotland.

(Below) Dr. George Tyson ’72 and eight other physicians conducted mock interviews with 15 Wofford students who are 2014 applicants to medical school on Sept. 7. The interview process was developed as a collaboration involving Tyson, faculty in the department of biology, and Jennifer Almond Dillenger ’07 at The Space. Students experienced the realistic process of medical school interviews, followed by feedback from experienced physicians and interviewers. The day culminated in lunch and group discussion about the interviews, allowing physicians and students to share their experiences and develop strategies for this important step in applying to medical school. The list of physicians who participated: Dr. Jack Brunson, Dr. Pilar Frisch, Dr. Michael Hoenig ’96, Dr. Bill James ’72, Dr. Anne Tyson, Dr. George Tyson ’72, Dr. Grant Warren ’95, Dr. Brian Weatherby ’98 and Dr. John Scott. Dr. Bob Moss from the biology department also conducted interviews.

(Right) Robb Rosol and Vicki Tatum ’86 sponsored The Citadel Pregame Event in Charleston on Sept. 7. The alumni office had more than 500 attendees come out to cheer the Terriers to victory over The Citadel.

(Below) Dr. Alliston Reid ’75 and his wife, Leonor, celebrated the kick-off of the alumni year at Pickin’ Crackin’ and Shuckin’, the alumni oyster roast, in August.
James Scott. “The War Below: The Story of Three Submarines that Battled Japan.” Simon & Schuster, 2013. While there are many stories and video documentaries available about individual episodes in the submarine warfare waged by the United States against Japan between 1941 and 1945, only a few authors have attempted to explore the big picture, what it really meant to be part of “the Silent Service.” James Scott ’97, Wofford’s Young Alumnus of the Year in 2005 and Nieman Fellow for Journalism at Harvard in 2007, has done just that in this book, a skillfully interwoven narrative of the exploits of Silversides, Drum and Tang. Scott read hundreds of wartime letters and journals. Although the ranks of World War II veterans are thinning every day, most of the submariners were very young during their service, and Scott was able to talk to many veterans. “Out of every four American submarines deployed in the Pacific during the war, one was lost,” Scott says. “The sacrifices made by their crews should never be forgotten.”

Even readers who normally eschew “war stories” will be caught up in the intense human drama of Scott’s narrative, such as how Tang was sunk by its own errant torpedo and how its skipper (Medal of Honor winner Dick O’Kane) and other surviving crew members endured Japanese prison camps.

Clayton J. Whisnant. “Male Homosexuality in West Germany: Between Persecution and Freedom, 1945-1963.” Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. The male homo­sexual community in West Germany during the Adenauer era and efforts to secure repeal of discriminatory laws inherited from the Nazi regime is the focus of Whisnant’s doctoral dissertation. Carefully documented and nicely written, this book has been welcomed internationally as essential to understanding its time and place.

Whisnant has been a faculty member in the Wofford department of history since the fall of 2001. He earned his B.A. at Rice University and the master’s and doctoral degree at the University of Texas at Austin. He currently is working on a second book, tentatively titled “West Germany in the Social Democratic Years, 1969-1982: Confronting the Challenges of Counterculture, Economic Crisis, and Terrorism.”

Charles D. Barrett ’55. “Funny Things Happen on Your Way through the Bible, Volume II (Humor and Wit in the Catholic and Orthodox Canons).” Foreword by John M. Bullard. Resource Publications, 2013. Charlie Barrett ’55 spent much of his life on the Wofford campus. As a student, he earned his bachelor’s degree and wrote the “Charlie Says” column for the Old Gold & Black. After earning his doctoral degree at Drew University, he came back to the campus in 1966 as a faculty member. His wife, Sally Cross Barrett ’69, also earned a Wofford degree, and so did his two children, Sandy ’93 and Chris ’97. After writing several books Barrett retired in 1989 as Wofford’s first Peter B. Hendrix Professor of Religion. He has continued to live in northern Spartanburg County.

Wofford alumni who knew Barrett as their teacher will enjoy rediscovering his wit and wisdom. As Bishop Will Williamson wrote in a review, “If you ever wondered what the Bible would sound like if it were written by Ogdon Nash (and who hasn’t), here it is, Charlie Barrett’s religious rhymes.”

Jesse C. Crimm ’68. “Stay Alert and Take Notes: New Sunday School and Small Group Lessons for Adults and Youth.” WestBow Press (a division of Thomas Nelson), 2013. Teaching Christian values and concepts to small groups is a weighty and worthy challenge. The purpose of this book by Jesse Crimm is to make the theologically correct and bearable.

Readers will find specific guidance on conducting Christian development classes and 33 lessons proven in real life to be ones where the students do indeed stay alert and take notes. Lists of related hymns are included for classes that sing. A catalog of additional source readings is offered for continuing enrichment and growth as a teacher or student.

Crimm has taught Sunday school for 30 years to adult and senior high classes, his calling and challenge. He has twice retired, once from hospital financial administration and from the Florida National Guard. He continues to work under contract with the U.S. Navy in the Security and Weapons Departments of Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

His wife, Linda Whitnel Crimm, continues to work as a pre-school teacher, her calling and challenge.

Elizabeth Cox. “I Have Told You and Told You: Poems.” Mercer University Press, 2013. Mercer University Press is responsible for an outstanding series of lifetime anthologies by modern Southern writers, including works by John Lane ’77. Elizabeth Cox, who retired from the Wofford faculty last spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring, is the author of this new book, whose theme is finding a primitive spring. It consists of 100 images, many of which were captured on travel-study projects with Wofford students and faculty to 11 countries over the past seven years. To obtain a copy of either of these books, contact the photographer at daviddavis@wofford.edu.

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Congratulations to John Lane ’77, professor and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford. On April 30, 2014, he will be one of four inductees into the South Carolina Academy of Authors. The ceremony and reception will be held at Furman University. Founded in 1986 the academy identifies and recognizes distinguished writers and promotes their literature’s influence on the state’s cultural heritage.

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1952  Francis Robert “Buddy” Clark, July 26, 2013, Batesburg-Leesville, S.C. Before finishing high school, Mr. Clark enlisted in the Navy during World War II. He served in Japan during the post-war occupation and then enlisted at Wofford, playing on the 1950 Cigar Bowl football team. For 60 years, he worked as a mechanized engineer. At the time of his retirement, he was associated with the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division. He was a lay leader at the Nazareth United Methodist Church in Sumter County.

1960  Elias Charles Edwards, June 16, 1948, Asheville, N.C. Mr. Edwards died after a long illness. A veteran of the Korean War, he served 30 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. He had been employed in real estate. He was a member of Oakdale United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir.

2013  CLEVELAND SYLVANUS “BUBBA” HARLEY ’50 died in Spartanburg on Aug. 5, 2013. Mr. Harley served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then in the National Guard, in the Normandy Invasion. As one of many veterans who earned degrees after the war, he had an outstanding career in business management and investments. He also gave a half-century of dedicated service to Wofford, USC Upstate, and numerous other Spartanburg organizations committed to public service. His many awards and recognitions included a 2006 Southern Conference Distinguished Service award and the South Carolina Order of the Silver Crescent. In 2008 the Harley Room in Wofford’s Richardson Physical Activities Building was named in honor of Cleveland and his late wife, Curtis.

The family supported memorials to the Cleveland and Curtis Harley Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford College, 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C., 29303-3663, (864) 597-4200, or the Cleveland S. Harley Baseball Park Fund at USC Upstate.

1966  Dr. Kenneth Eugene Guin, March 7, 1941, Front Royal, Va. Mr. Guin died after a four-year battle with esophageal cancer. After receiving his D.D.S. degree at Emory in 1950 and was engaged in the practice of dentistry until his retirement. He was a member of The American Academy of Oral Medicine and served as an orchestra and choir director for several churches.

1953  William Simpson Cannon III, Aug. 11, 2013, Clifton, S.C. Mr. Cannon completed his master’s degree at the University of South Carolina in 1962. He was known for his storytelling and his witty sense of humor, he was the author of three novels.

1954  Dr. Burette Stinson “Red” Tilghman Jr., Aug. 13, 2013, Kingswood, Pa. Mr. Tilghman was a U.S. Navy veteran who went on to earn a doctoral degree in counseling and guidance at Florida State University. He held faculty positions at the university and at the University of South Alabama from 1962 through 1990. Known for his storytelling and his witty sense of humor, he was the author of three novels.

1955  Mr. Frank Farmer, July 3, 2013, Jackson, Tenn. Mr. Farmer was a businessman, salesmen and entrepreneur. He was a member of the Northside United Methodist Church.

1956  The Rev. Ralph Hervey Lawson Sr., May 24, 2013, Buffalo, S.C. Mr. Lawson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

1958  Robert Gettys Scruggs Sr., June 21, 2013, Gaffney, S.C. Until his retirement, Mr. Scruggs was the owner and operator of Mayview Farms and a member of the Farm Bureau of South Carolina. He was lifetime member of Grassy Pond Baptist Church.

1959  The Rev. John Patrick Griffith, July 29, 2013, Saluda, S.C. After serving in the U.S. Air Force in Korea, “Preacher John” graduated from Wofford and Duke Divinity School. He served a diverse series of United Methodist churchs over a 33-year period. After he retired from the South Carolina Conference, he was known for his effective preaching in non-traditional settings, such as Big Man Shealy’s River Market in Carver, S.C., and a motorcycle shop in Ninety-Six, S.C.

1975  Dempsey Bennett “D” Hammond Sr., Aug. 1, 2013, Anderson, S.C. A recipient of South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto, Mr. Hammond was an effective promoter of business development on frequent trips to Europe and Japan. He also was a member of the South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto, Mr. Hammond was an effective promoter of business development on frequent trips to Europe and Japan. He also was a member of Mayview Farms and a member of the Farm Bureau of South Carolina. He was a lifetime member of Grassy Pond Baptist Church.


1978  Rickey Dean Motts, May 21, 2013, Pacolet, S.C.

1988  Phillip Michael Garbarde, May 21, 2013, Toronto, Ohio. Mr. Garbarde was the plant operator for the Steubenville, Ohio, Wastewater Dept. He was a member of the Water Environment Federation and Crossroads Christian Church.

1990  Todd Wakefield Clinic, Aug. 29, 2013, Charleston, S.C. Mr. Cling died after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Cling played both varsity baseball and basketball at Wofford and earned a degree in economics magna cum laude. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and practiced law in Charleston. He was a dean and popular Sunday school teacher at the Richardson Physical Activities Building. He was an advocate for all children, he supported programs for troubled young people and coached youth baseball, soccer and swimming.

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