The announcement in November that Rachel Woodlee ’13 had been named Wofford’s sixth Rhodes Scholar brought to mind some of the stories about five other alumni who also have held that distinction.

Appointed in a short span of time shortly after Rhodes Scholarships were established, the first three scholars had many things in common. Each was a native South Carolinian who was active in a broad range of student activities and participated in athletics.

John L. Hydrick of the class of 1908 grew up in Spartanburg. He was the first editor of the Bo- hemian yearbook, president of the Calhoun Literary Society, junior class president and captain of the gymnasia. Elected a Rhodes Scholar in 1908, where he studied at Wadham College. He became a Methodist missionary to China in 1924. Returning to South Carolina in 1927, he taught briefly at Wofford before serving as the minister of Spartanburg’s Trinity Methodist Church. In 1932 he withdrew from the Methodist ministry and became a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, serving parishes in eastern North Carolina.

Wofford’s fourth Rhodes Scholar was the brilliant mathematician John Q. Hill ’47, who took perhaps the most unusual path to his award. Illness prevented him from attending school until age 11, and after graduating from high school, he worked in a textile mill before enrolling at Spartanburg’s Textile Industrial Institute. While at Wofford he worked at night in the Pacific Mill in Lyman as a card grinder, yet completed his courses with all As and election to Phi Beta Kappa. A year later he received his Rhodes Scholarship, and from 1948 to 1951, he studied at St. Peter’s College, Oxford. He joined Wofford’s faculty in 1953, where he remained until his death in 1972. A devoted teacher, Hill became one of the college’s first John M. Reeves professors in 1958, and he received the college’s inaugural distinguished teaching award in 1961. Until last November, Dr. C. Edward Coffey was Wofford’s most recent and only living Rhodes Scholar. He came to Wofford in 1970 from Little River, S.C., with the intent of going to medical school, and he became a psychology major. Over his four years at Wofford, he was active in the psychology honorary fraternity and Hyperopics. He was named the outstanding psychology major in both his junior and senior years, named to Who’s Who, and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Beyond the classroom, he played in a band and enjoyed canoeing, kayaking and tennis, according to an interview in the local newspaper after his election. At Oxford he studied psychology, philosophy and physiology at St. John’s College.

After his time in Oxford, Coffey went to medical school at Duke and became a psychiatrist. He currently serves as vice president and CEO of behavioral health services and holds the Kathleen and Earl Ward Chair of Psychiatry at Henry Ford Hospital. Coffey is also professor of psychiatry and of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He has received numerous awards both for medicine and for leadership in health care.

Each of the college’s past Rhodes Scholars took a different path to Oxford, and while each took a different direction after completing their scholarship, they’ve all contributed to humankind as a result.

by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94

college archivist

A look back at Wofford’s Rhodes Scholars
Students in Wofford’s Pulp Theatre presented Howard Ashman’s musical “Little Shop of Horrors” during January. Playing the role of Seymour is Paul Walkup ’16.

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Eboo Patel speaks on fulfilling the American dream: “A nation that serves everyone”

Within the first few minutes of our conversation, I had to make him a deal. "I'll answer your questions," he says, "but don't call me 'sir'."

I had been a bit nervous. It was a big deal to interview Dr. Eboo Patel — founder and president of the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC, of which I am the marketing director for Wofford's chapter). Patel is also a Rhodes Scholar, member of President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships, and the author of two books: "Acts of Faith" and "Sacred Ground." Did I mention I was nervous?

Luckily, Patel's personality alleviated much of the intimidation factor. Ardently opposed to being called "sir" and yet pleasantly bemused when he repeatedly was, Patel was down-to-earth. A fan of the Grateful Dead and Wilco, a father of two small children, and a graduate of the University of Illinois with post-grad from Oxford, he is ultimately just a man hoping to change the world for the better.

Patel is comings to Wofford from the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville, where he has taught fiction writing and editing for 13 years. He has been a visiting writer at the University of South Carolina, the University of North Carolina Wilmington and other colleges, and has taught at Francis Marion College and the Fine Arts Center in Greenville, a magnet school.

"I love teaching high school at the Governor's School, but I'm looking forward to college-age students in writing and English, many of whom will be taking more 'concrete' courses and go on to be lawyers or doctors," he says. "I'll be trying to teach them that in dealing with patients or clients, they will be more able to communicate with what they learn in English classes, reading novels and short stories. They will be more well-rounded people and have better relationships."

Still, he hopes one or more of them make a breakthrough in writing. "I want to see them do well. It's tough being a writer. You have to make a 10-year bet with yourself. Now that self-publishing is more prominent, it's easier. Becoming a good writer is like treasure hunting, though. I'll be as excited for them as I am when I have good fortune. It's a team; everybody wins."

Singleton, a native of Anaheim, Calif., grew up in Greenwood, S.C., and is a 1980 graduate of Furman University. Singleton holds an MFA degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In 2009, he was a Guggenheim Fellow, and in 2011 he was awarded the Hillsdale Award for Fiction by the Fellowship of Southern Writers. His other works include: "These People Are Us: Stories," "The Half-Mammals of Dixie," "Why Dogs Chase Cars: Tales of a Beleaguered Boyhood," "Novel," "Drowning in Gruel," "Work Shirts for Madmen," and "Pep Talks, Warnings, and Screeds: Indispensable Wisdom and Cautionary Advice for Writers."

"We are delighted to have such a noted writer in George Singleton joining us at Wofford as our new Cobb Chair for the Humanities, replacing Betty Cox, who is retiring at the end of the academic year. Betty and her husband, Mike Curtis, have held the chair jointly and have been wonderful. We are grateful that Mike will continue with us, assuming the role of professor of English."

The John C. Cobb Endowed Chair in the Humanities was established by a $2.5 million gift from Cobb's sister, Ann Cobb Johnson of Spartanburg. Cobb, class of 1976, was a beloved professor of humanities and English at Wofford beginning in 1994. He died in the summer of 2004 in an automobile accident.

by Laura H. Corbin
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n Saturday, Feb. 16, the college officially introduced a new name and program structure for the Mungo Center for Professional Excellence. Now called “The Space in the Mungo Center,” it focuses on programs that go far beyond the job listings and resume editing services traditionally offered by college career offices to provide students with in-depth training in entrepreneurship, consulting and project management – areas program administrators have identified as vital for success in the contemporary workplace.

“In a tight job market students are becoming increasingly interested in creating their own jobs,” says Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space and a former executive with UPS Capital. “College is the best time to start a business. At what other time in their lives will students have the support of professors, advisers and mentors, plus the available space and resources to try?”

Cochran emphasizes that entrepreneurship isn’t just for students majoring in areas traditionally related to business, such as finance, economics or accounting. “The traditionally non-business majors, such as history, English, biology and foreign languages, have developed some of the most fantastic entrepreneurial ideas we’ve seen.”

Two prime examples of student entrepreneurs are Joseph McMillin ‘13, a psychology major and former football player who started a profitable recycling company during his sophomore year, and Grace Wallace ’13, a humanities major whose stationery business provides writing materials to African students. McMillin’s business grew out of a project he created for The Space to Impact (formerly Success Initiative), a four-year scholarship-based program that teaches students to complement their classroom studies. “We’ve graduated from a couple of rooms to an entire wing in a beautiful new building located right next to the senior apartments.”

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More than 400 alumni, students, parents, trustees, donors, employees and friends of the college attended The Space Launch Party in the Michael S. Brown Village Center on Feb. 16. During the event 60 students displayed 47 businesses, social entrepreneurship projects and organizations. Of these, 14 student-led companies participated in the second round of a business plan competition sponsored by The Space’s Impact and Launch programs.

Joseph McMillin ’13 discusses Junk Matters, his recycling company, with president and Mrs. Benjamin B. Dunlap.

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The larger space means increased visibility for The Space in the Mungo Center and its seven apartments. “The number of first-year students who say getting a better job is a major reason to attend college is at all-time high of 88 percent.”

“We want to show students that getting an engineering or business degree isn’t the only way to graduate with a high-paying job,” says Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space and a former executive with UPS Capital. “College is the best time to start a business. At what other time in their lives will students have the support of professors, advisers and mentors, plus the available space and resources to try?”

“Wofford is at the forefront of taking what has always been the most effective higher education philosophy and reaffirming its relevance and value for a new generation of students,” says Cochran.

For more information, visit wwwwofford.eduthespace.

by Lisa Ware
A Desire to do Good:  
Meet Rwandan Presidential Scholar Angel Nyinawabera

After completing high school at a French-speaking boarding school in her native Rwanda, Angelina Nyinawabera ’13 had to make a difficult decision. Would she enroll directly into a medical school at home or attend college in the United States to broaden her education?

“We (she and her mother, a high school biology teacher) sat down together and prayed,” says Nyinawabera, whose success in the sciences at school, desire to work in health care, and progress with learning English made her an ideal candidate for a Rwandan Presidential Scholarship.

Nyinawabera accepted the scholarship and the adventure that came along with it, but not without early misgivings.

“At first I was always homesick,” says Nyinawabera. “I used to be talkative in high school, and then I came here. It all disappeared because of the language barrier.”

According to Nyinawabera, Wofford friends and professors helped her overcome her anxieties and make the transition.

“I like Wofford,” she says. “You get to know people, and I like the interactions between you and your professors. Wofford cares so much about the international people.... Wofford is my second home,” Nyinawabera just completed an internship in pharmacy as her Interim project. She visited and worked in several local pharmacies in order to gain hands-on experience. She also studied at the Presbyterian College of Pharmacy, where she attended lectures, participated in labs and took part in medical examinations.

“You want to make sure that you are going into something you like — something that you have a passion for. It helps you get more insights about the career or the path you want to take,” says Nyinawabera.

The experience confirmed her desire to become a pharmacist. After pharmacy school she plans to return to Rwanda so that she can make a difference in her native country and in other underserved areas in the world.

Nyinawabera hasn’t taken the easy road and doesn’t intend to in the future either. It’s part of who she is and the experiences she’s overcome.

Seventeen years ago at the height of the Rwandan genocide, Nyinawabera’s family, like many other families, used fake identifications to escape the country. Nyinawabera’s older sister died during the violence.

“Rwanda is such a small country, and people speak just one language — we don’t have any dialects or anything like that. I don’t understand why Rwandans ended up hating to the point of killing each other,” says Nyinawabera. “It’s so sad, just unbelievably sad.”

Nyinawabera was a small child during the genocide. Now as a college student who speaks four languages and has lived and studied in the United States, she is sometimes frustrated by the misapprehensions of the Rwanda of today. She wishes people would not judge her country now by movies like “Hotel Rwanda” that chronicle the period of genocide.

Nyinawabera does not mind being an ambassador for her native Rwanda. “Look where Rwanda is at right now,” she says. “It’s developed, now in peace, we’re reunited. We love each other.”

by Alex Silverman ’14

The Rwandan Presidential Scholarship

Hendrix College leads a consortium of 18 U.S. colleges and universities that work with the Rwandan government to provide four-year undergraduate scholarships to a select group of Rwanda’s best and brightest students.

According to Sara Milani, Wofford’s program adviser for international studies, the Rwandan government brings together the top scorers on the national exam in science and mathematics, and they are then interviewed by a panel from participating U.S. schools — Dr. Boyce Lawton, Dr. David Sykes and Dr. G.R. Davis of Wofford who have all participated. Then a small group is chosen to come to the U.S. to earn their degrees at one of the participating colleges and universities. The Rwandan Presidential Scholars attend a three-month English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. Then they go on to earn degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) with the expectation that they will return to Rwanda and give back to their country.

Wofford has hosted 10 Rwandan students since the inception of the scholarship. The first two Rwandan Presidential Scholars graduated as members of the Class of 2012.

Students build new outreach center at Goodall

The Aldo Leopold Shack, constructed as a senior Capstone and independent Interim project by three environmental studies majors — Rob Richardson ’13 and Rob Kennedy ’13 of Spartanburg and Steven Bearden ’13 of Summit, N.J. — will be used primarily for educational and community outreach purposes at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center. The shack was dedicated in February with a ribbon cutting and showing of the film “Green Fire,” which explores the life and legacy of famed conservationist Aldo Leopold and the many ways his land ethic philosophy lives on in the work of people and organizations all over the country today.

Student news briefs

Wofford undergraduate team places second in Certified Financial Analyst competition

On Feb. 23, Wofford finished second out of nine teams that competed in the CFA Institute Research Challenge Southern Classic in Atlanta. Competitors included MBA teams from Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Samford University, the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia. To compete, Wofford team members John Coggins ’13, Sim Harmon ’13, Cam Kimber ’13, Eliza Wallace ’13 and Tom Wood ’13 submitted a written report analyzing a company and industry, and then made an investment recommendation of Buy, Hold or Sell. The team then did a 10-minute presentation with the team’s analysis and recommendation and a 10-minute question and answer session. The report and presentation judges were all investment industry experts who have earned the difficult-to-achieve Certified Financial Analyst designation.

During the competition Wofford placed first in the written report section of the competition and was the only undergraduate team to make the final round of three teams. An MBA team from the University of Georgia won the competition, and an MBA team from Georgia Tech came in third.

Wofford issued a Buy recommendation with a price target of $89 on the common stock of RockTenn Corp., a manufacturer of consumer and corrugated packaging. RockTenn’s stock price has subsequently increased 19 percent from $72.92 on Jan. 11 (the date of the report) to $86.50 as of Feb. 22. The team recently made its Buy recommendation to the student-managed James Fund. In less than a week, the fund had realized a 7 percent return on its RockTenn investment.

Wofford produces Chinese Stars

Six Wofford students studying Chinese participated in the Fourth Palmetto Chinese Star Contest of Chinese Language and Culture on Feb. 25 at the University of South Carolina. Rhodes Scholar Rachel Woodlee ’13 won the Palmetto Chinese Star and the Grand Prize for the advanced level. She will represent South Carolina in the U.S. final in Washington, D.C., in May. Travis Trojan ’15 won the Future Palmetto Chinese Star for the beginning level. Wofford students also won the first (Woodlee, speech) and the third (Miwha Kang and Amy Powers ’12, speech) prizes in language proficiency and the third prize in cultural performance (Woodlee, singing) for advanced level, and the first (Michael Daly ’15, singing) and second prize (Trojan, Chinese calligraphy and painting) in cultural performance and second prize (Trojan, reciting the menu of traditional Chinese food) in language proficiency for elementary level.

Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, professor of Chinese, works with the group and serves as the adviser for students majoring in Chinese.
During the 2012-13 academic year, Wofford joined the intense national conversation about the crucial role of the liberal arts in American higher education. The college hosted a variety of public lectures, symposia, conversation circles and other in-person and “virtual” initiatives that will explore a series of overlapping questions: What are the liberal arts? What is their place in American higher education? Why do they shape our institution? What is their future? As part of its coverage of this “year of the liberal arts,” Wofford Today asked two very able seniors to share their perspective on this topic.

Re: Thinking Education
a student perspective
by Kaci Brasher ’13 and Nicholas Lowe ’13

“Federal a young person has any idealism at all,” said Sargent Shriver, founder of the Peace Corps, “it’s strongest about the time he finishes college.”

The two of us have been called idealistic, often by well-meaning people. We are told to find careers that are successful, although no one really tells us what that means. People warn us that following our hearts is all well and good, but be prepared for disappointment.

Now, as seniors, we are at the crossroads, making decisions about which road we should walk, in some ways no wiser than we were as first-year students. And time has run out. We have to turn, one way or another. We have to choose idealism and our hearts or pragmatic realism. But in truth, we chose our path a long time ago when we chose Wofford.

We, Kaci and Nicholas, have been increasingly involved in the Re:Thinking Education initiative; attending events, hanging up posters, spreading the word. The events have challenged us, inspired us, changed us in ways we never expected to be changed. Yet, what we learned was not just new ways of approaching and engaging with the liberal arts, but also ways of recognizing the value of the education we already have experienced.

As a double major in religion and math, I, Nicholas, like Kaci, have always had broad interests. I have dug up ancient pottery in Israel and studied C.S. Lewis at Oxford; I have engaged with religions strange and familiar one religious groups and have learned to play the organ, and in pottery in Israel and studied C.S. Lewis at Oxford; I have led Kaci, have always had broad interests. I have dug up ancient applications of my liberal education, allowing me to grow my own upbringing. It was, in many ways, one of the best abilities, but also to understand how to think and live beyond our honor, our idealism, is something good, something-worthwhile. Whatever we do, we do not want to give in to complacency or wait. Because one day our idealism will be our reality, and we will be the one to Re: Think the world anew.

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But as we step closer to what some college students call the real world, we worry. If college is the peak of our idealism, then what, we ask ourselves, will happen next? We don’t want to forget these dreams and visions that have carved out our path. But looking around at the professors involved in Re:Thinking Education, these grown men and women spouting off idealistic sentiments, and those heroes of ours out in the world like Mother Teresa or Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we get the sense that idealism never really leaves us. Instead, it seems to integrate with our very being, turning into a reality that we, ourselves, create.

And so we want to make sure that this, our character, our honor, our idealism, is something good, something worthwhile. Whatever we do, we do not want to give in to complacency or wait. Because one day our idealism will be our reality, and we will be the one to Re: Think the world anew.

Ms. Rita, a student favorite who works in the Java City coffee bar in the Acorn Cafe in Roger Milliken Science Center, smiles in the background at essayists Kaci Brasher ’13 (left) and Nick Lowe ’13. Brasher and Lowe will be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this spring.

Wofford’s emphasis on international programs has shaped my education in immeasurable ways. The support I received from Wofford allowed me to dive into another culture for a semester and thus discover my own culture. For the first time, I engaged deeply with people dramatically different from me on a daily basis. Therefore, studying in Chile was not only an opportunity to increase my Spanish abilities, but also to understand how to think and live beyond my own upbringing. It was, in many ways, one of the best applications of my liberal education, allowing me to grow in ways that I never could have anticipated.

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Both of us have engaged with our education and the opportunities presented to us in a variety of different ways. However, one opportunity we both shared was a seminar on civic engagement. This seminar was a valuable way of integrating the knowledge we gained in classes with our desire to change the world. We collaborated with community leaders in the north side of Spartanburg on various projects designed to apply our theoretical discussions of service in a practical way. Dean David Wood once told us, “Do well so you can do good.” Wofford has set us up to do well, and this class showed us how to do good. We already have the fire of idealism in our hearts; it is the prerogative of the college student in some ways. What we want and what this class and many other classes gave us, was the way to put our idealism in practice.

Ultimately, this kind of engagement is what Re:Thinking Education strives to cultivate. Wofford wants, as Dr. Ellen Goldey wrote in one of the Re:Thinking Education posts, “to move our students from the self-centeredness of adolescence toward a deeper understanding and empathic commitment to others, regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, religious worldview or socioeconomic status (e.g., students are motivated to learn so they can address civic and even global problems).” Re:Thinking education aims to recognize in our education a holistic understanding of human nature and give us the ability to discuss, with precision, this nature, and finally to provide the tools necessary to do something in the world.

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Breitenstein finishes career as Walter Payton Award Finalist

While the Wofford football team’s season ended in the FCS quarterfinals with a loss to eventual national champion North Dakota State, the honors continued for fullback Eric Breitenstein ’12. He has become one of the most decorated student-athletes in Wofford history, named 2011 and 2012 Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year and earning All-America honors for three straight seasons. He was first team All-Southern Conference three times and holds three of the top four Wofford single season rushing marks. His 5,730 career rushing yards and 2,035 in the 2012 season were college records and both marks rank second in SoCon history. With 12 games this season of more than 100 yards rushing, he set records in the SoCon and NCAA. He also tied an NCAA record with 11 consecutive 100-yard rushing games.

The biggest honor of the season came when Breitenstein was invited to Philadelphia for the 2012 FCS Awards presented by the Sports Network as one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award. The Wofford contingent included head coach Mike Ayers and his wife, Julie; ends coach Pete Kalinowski; football assistant Traci Wilson; running back Brad Nocek ’12; and offensive linemen Tymeco Gregory, Jack Miles ’12, and T.J. White ’12. Breitenstein’s parents, Steve and Julie; ends coach Pete Kalinowski; coach Mike Ayers and his wife, Julie; and his brother, Seth, also ventured to Philadelphia.

While on the trip, the group took in some of the sights, including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Rocky statue, along with a good cheesesteak or two. At the awards banquet and ceremony, Breitenstein finished third in the voting for the 2012 Walter Payton Award. Taylor Heinicke of Old Dominion received nearly half of the first-place votes from a national media panel to capture the award with 531 points over Stony Brook senior running back Miguel Maysonet (284 points) and Breitenstein (197).

Breitenstein wrapped up his college playing career at the Raycom College Football All-Star Classic on Jan. 19, 2013. As a member of the Stripes team coached by Dan Reeves, Breitenstein had two catches for 23 yards, both of which were for first downs. The Stripes team won 31-3.

Men’s Basketball wins at Xavier

The Wofford men’s basketball team hit key free throws in the final minutes of the game to take a 56-55 win over Xavier on Dec. 22 at the Cintas Center. The game was tied with only eight seconds left, but Lee Skinner ’15 hit a free throw and the Musketeers were called for a charge on the final possession to give the Terriers the victory.

The loss was only the 12th all-time to a non-conference opponent at the Cintas Center, with Xavier holding a 2-11 record since the 2008-09 season. Overall they are 171-23 at home. Xavier has been to the NCAA Sweet 16 four of the last five years and to the NCAA Tournament in 11 of the last 12 seasons.

The Terriers were led by Karl Cochran ’15 with 20 points, while Spencer Collins ’16 added 17 points, including 4-of-4 from the free throw line. Skinner had eight rebounds and seven points.

The last time Wofford played at Xavier on Nov. 27, 2010, was an instant classic that took three overtime periods to decide.

Football Signing Day

The Wofford football program announced on Feb. 6 the signing of 27 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent or letters of commitment for the upcoming season. This is the largest signing class at Wofford in more than 20 years.

The student-athletes are from eight different states, including six each from Florida and Georgia, four from South Carolina, three from Tennessee, three from North Carolina, two from Kentucky, and one each from Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Sweden.

On defense, the 12 recruits include four defensive linemen, three linebackers and five defensive backs.

Baseball Preseason All-SoCon

Brandon Yarusi ’13 been named to the Preseason All-Southern Conference second team as selected by the coaches as a starting pitcher. Yarusi, a native of Belmar, N.J., started 14 games this past season with a 5-7 overall record. He earned All-Southern Conference second team honors and led the Terriers in almost every pitching category, with 107 strikeouts being second in the SoCon and the most by a Wofford pitcher since the 1956 season. His opponent batting average of .237 was third in the league, and he was sixth in the SoCon with 98.2 innings pitched. Yarusi’s 3.10 ERA ranked third in the conference.

Upcoming Terrier Club Golf Events

The Terrier Club will host several upcoming golf events. The Midlands Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, April 18, at the Spring Valley Country Club in Columbia S.C. On Monday, April 22, the Coaches Classic Golf Tournament will be held at Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg. Contact the Athletic Department at 864-597-4090 for more information or visit woffordterriers.com.

2013 Football Schedule

Aug. 31 ............... at Baylor Sept. 7 ................ at Temple Sept. 14 ............... GEORGIA SOUTHERN * Sept. 21 ............... GARDNER-WEBB Sept. 28 ................ OPEN Oct. 5 ................ PRESBYTERIAN (Letterman’s Weekend) Oct. 12 ............... ELON (Homecoming) Oct. 19 ............... at Western Carolina * Oct. 26 ................ SAMFORD * Nov. 2 ............... at Chattanooga * Nov. 9 ................ OPEN Nov. 16 ................ APPALACHIAN STATE * Nov. 23 ............... at Furman *

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Football Coaching Changes

Head Coach Mike Ayers has promoted Jack Teachey to defensive coordinator. Kevin Adleman ’08 has joined the staff as inside linebackers coach, and running backs coach Aaron Johnson will be taking over duties as recruiting coordinator.

2013 Football Schedule

Brent Williamson

Athletics student-athletes

Quick Hits
Growing Up Gold: Education Day

Giving elementary school children a first college experience

Wide-eyed and excited, 275 fourth and fifth-grade students from Woodruff Elementary School (WES) filed into the Benjamin Johnson Arena. They already had marveled at the Village apartments, wondered what it would be like to take classes in Main Building and watched students walking in groups toting coffees and backpacks. For most of these 10 or 11 year olds, it was the first time they had ever been on a college campus — and that was the point.

Growing Up Gold: Education Day brought similar groups of children from Mary H. Wright, Abner Creek Academy, and the Spartanburg Charter School, as well as home-school children to Wofford for a women’s basketball game and a sneak peak at the future.

“I automatically thought, ‘what an opportunity,’” says Argyl Brewton, principal of WES. “We try to impress upon our children that they should have dreams beyond their imagination. Experiences like this start an important conversation about finishing high school and going on to college.”

According to Spartanburg’s College Hub initiative, 80 percent of adults in the community do not have a baccalaureate degree and as a result often live in financially unstable situations. Community economic development also suffers. Wofford is a College Hub collaborator dedicated to improving educational attainment.

“Anything we can do to get kids exposed to our student-athletes,” says Lenny Mathis, assistant athletics director for marketing and promotions, “We’re trying to advance the number of kids in our community who are going to college. It’s important for them to see something bigger than what they see every day.”

Mathis and Russ Bradley, director of video services, traveled to WES before the game and met with the school’s News Crew. Mathis and Bradley talked with students about careers in the news media and invited them to sit on press row during part of the game.

In addition to the News Crew, WES brought the entire fifth grade, the special education class, and the Girls Basketball Club.

Alayna Persails, another student new to college campuses, wants to be an art teacher or veterinarian when she grows up.

“I want to go to Wofford because I can check out as many books from the library as I want,” she says.

Sydney Arellano was more interested in the game and the women’s basketball players. Her youth league basketball team hadn’t won a game all season when she sat down to watch the Wofford team play.

“I was looking for tricks so I could help my team win,” says Arellano. “I want to be a paleontologist, but I also want to play basketball in college.”

Wofford provided each student with a goodie bag filled with prizes, including gold and black pom poms that the students immediately pulled out and started waving, a program with brain teasers, a Wofford pencil, a women’s basketball poster, coupon book and spring athletics schedules.

“The bags were a nice surprise and a nice tie in to the purpose of the event,” says Brewton. “Sure we enjoyed watching a quality women’s game, but it was about the importance of education, and that fact was not lost on our children.”

Wofford’s Daniella Motley ’13 made a free throw with 4.1 seconds left to play to give the Terriers a 56-55 win over the College of Charleston.

“I believe Education Day helped propel our team to a victory,” says head women’s coach Edgar Farmer. “Those kids had such great energy, and we fed off as we came back in the second half. The best part was the young man (WES fifth grader Michael Jacobi) who came back in the second half. The best part was the young man (WES fifth grader Michael Jacobi) who did the starting line-up introductions. He was awesome.”

Brewton hopes Wofford continues to offer Growing Up Gold: Education Day. She admits she’ll be first in line to sign up next year.

“We want to find ways to reach out to local schools and get kids on a college campus, primarily our campus,” says Mathis. “We hope this is something that will continue to grow.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Nearing the end of a Wofford presidency, I’m beginning to reflect on those aspects of my job that have been so gratifying. What always comes first to mind is the love that people like you must share for this venerable institution and the sheer extent of your support. It’s true that a college education costs much more than the sticker price, and the sticker price is more than most can afford. It’s equally true that gifts to the Annual Fund and scholarship endowments enable us to cope with problems of that sort. But before I began to encounter all your names and gifts in regular reports, I had little idea how generous people are in enabling others to get a Wofford education. There are more good and giving Samaritans among our alumni and friends than I had ever supposed, and it has been truly humbling to learn how many of you there are and to see firsthand the impact of your gifts. I’m accustomed by now to the grim reality of budgets and bottom lines while, as I’ve learned, you and your fellow givers persist in concerning yourselves instead with the limitless potential of those whose lives you can change. I feel chagrined to have discovered all this so recently, for you’ve known it all along or done what you do without needing to know or being asked. I’m glad I’ve got this chance to say how much I honor you and to thank you, not just for making my job a source of such pride and satisfaction, but for making this college so much more than merely a haven for those who can afford it. Your lesson has not been lost on me, nor will it be forgotten by those you’ve helped. And Wofford will be Wofford still.

by Dr. Benjamin B. Dunlap, president
development report

The year in giving

Wofford received thousands of contributions from alumni, trustees, parents, friends, the United Methodist Church, businesses and foundations during the 2012 calendar year. Total giving for 2012 amounted to $11,475,092. In addition, the college recorded $2,508,149 million in new pledges. Gifts were made to major facility needs, endowed scholarships and to the Annual Fund, which includes the Unrestricted Annual Fund, Terrier Club and Friends of the Library.

Much of the fund-raising emphasis for facilities in 2012 focused on a new fraternity row. As of Dec. 31, more than $1.2 million had been secured toward the $3.25 million goal.

Planned gifts continue to provide an important source of income for Wofford. The college received $1,342,543 from bequests in 2012. In addition, $3,339,200 million in planned gifts were created to provide future support for the college.

The 2012 Annual Fund improved by more than 10 percent from 2011 and provided $5.02 million for operating costs and scholarships for student-athletes. The success of annual giving relies heavily on a cadre of volunteers led by National Annual Fund Chair Scott Gantt ’83 and Terrier Club President Patrick Fant ’88. A special initiative called the Wofford 500 resulted in 772 gifts totaling $145,617 in 24 hours. Don Fowler ’57 provided a $50,000 challenge gift to encourage participation. In the fall the Terrier Club formed the “Goal Line Club” capitalizing on a prolific offense on the gridiron to raise an additional $57,330 that went toward the Terrier Club’s banner year of more than $1.5 million.

Alumni participation topped 39 percent thanks primarily to the Wofford 500 and the positive effect still felt from the Wofford Forever Challenge. The college, along with alumni and parent leadership, continue to work to ensure that gift support, as well as percentage of participation, expands in 2013. Every gift truly is important and appreciated.

Wofford’s endowment continued to rebound through investment returns and gifts this year, reaching a market value of $163,200,000 as of Dec. 31, 2012. More than 2,400 alumni, parents and friends attended regional alumni events held in 26 communities. In addition, thousands of others visited the Wofford campus for events that included Homecoming, Family Weekend, the Easter Eggstravaganza, continuing education programs, athletic gatherings and donor appreciation events.

To date the college has raised more than $1.2 million toward the $3.25 million needed to complete the Fraternity Row rebuilding project. Contact Calhoun Kennedy ’89 to discuss giving options and naming opportunities. To see a list of donors to the project, visit www.wofford.edu/therow.

The 2012 Annual Report

This issue of Wofford Today contains a six-page annual report on the financial health of the college and fund-raising activities. Donor names, which were once printed in this publication, now can be found online at www.wofford.edu/gifts/honorroll. Visit the website to see a complete listing of Wofford’s many loyal and generous contributors. For a printed copy of a specific graduating class or a particular constituent group, please contact Lisa De Freitas ’88, director of annual giving. For further information about contributing to the college, please contact any of the following staff members:

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There is a direct correlation between Terrier Club support and Wofford athletic success! Giving has been at an all-time high during the past decade. The results speak for themselves.

NATIONAL recognitions:
- 1 Rhodes Scholar
- 1 Walter Payton Award Finalist
- 1 Arthur Ashe Award Winner
- 1 FCS ADA Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- 67 All Americans
- 27 Phi Beta Kappas
- 13 Academic All Americans
- 44 Academic All District Players
- 9 National Players of the Week

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE recognitions:
- 2 Sportsmanship Awards
- 4 Defensive Players of the Year
- 4 Offensive Players of the Year
- 3 Jacobs Blocking Trophy Winners
- 9 Freshmen of the Year
- 4 Tournament MVPs
- 601 Named to All Academic Teams
- 1,466 Selected for Academic Honor Roll
- 158 All SoCon Players
- 29 All-Freshman Selections
- 17 Players of the Month
- 86 Players of the Week
- 10 Freshmen of the Week
- 20 All Tournament Players

TEAM/COACH recognitions:
- 8 SoCon Championships
- 6 NCAA FCS Football Playoff Appearances
- 2 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament Appearances
- 2 National Coaches of the Year
- 7 SoCon Coaches of the Year

Special thanks to the charter members of the Goal Line Club for pledging an extra gift to the Terrier Club for each Wofford touchdown. This new group gave $57,330 during 2012.

Larry Joyner ’76 and his grandson, Wesley, presented a check for $1,681,505 (the largest amount ever raised during a single year) on behalf of the Terrier Club to Athletics Director Richard Johnson. The check reflected total giving during 2012 that will be used to fund scholarships for Wofford’s student-athletes.
College adds new gift club levels; President’s Club level increases to $1,250 minimum

The following changes to college giving levels took effect on Jan. 1, 2013. These are the first changes approved by the college’s Board of Trustees since the gift club levels were established in 1968.

- **Benjamin Wofford Society** .......... $100,000 or more
- **1854 Society** ....... $50,000 - $99,999
- **Old Main Society** ........ $25,000 - $49,999
- **Chairman’s Society** ........ $10,000 - $24,999
- **Trustee Society** ........ $5,000 - $9,999
- **Leadership Society** ....... $2,500 - $4,999
- **President’s Club** ........ $1,250 - $2,499
- **Patron Club** ........ $750 - $1,249
- **Loyalty Club** ........ $250 - $749
- **Centurion Club** ........ $100 - $249
- **Contributors** ........ $1 - $99

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

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2012 Annual Fund Highlights:

- The Annual Fund saw an 8.9 percent increase in unrestricted giving and 12.6 percent growth in Terrier Club gifts.
- 4,684 alumni gifts brought Wofford’s alumni participation rate to 39 percent.
- 6,186 donors overall made gifts to the Annual Fund.
- Increased email communications resulted in a 19.1 percent increase in the number of online gifts (1,543 in all) totaling $305,615.
- Wofford on Call raised $658,755 and recorded 2,994 pledges.
- There was a 10.7 percent increase in the number of credit card gifts — 2,144 totaling $891,078.
- The Annual Fund raised $661,817 through direct mail solicitations with a 16 percent response rate.
- 772 participants gave during the Wofford 500; $145,617 in a 24-hour timeframe. Students and staff worked almost around the clock to ensure the event’s success.

- 16 new members joined the Great Oaks Society by giving $2,500 or more annually to the Unrestricted Annual Fund. There are 87 total members, including Trustees Mike James ’73 and Stewart Mungo ’74, above.
- The Annual Fund completed a successful Olympics campaign that netted more than $40,000 in gifts.

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Scholarship support is vital to the success of any outstanding college or university, and Wofford is no exception. Ensuring that the Wofford experience continues to meet the diverse needs of our changing world while making that experience financially accessible to all qualified students remains a challenge. More than 92 percent of Wofford students receive financial aid, so every gift makes a positive impact on Wofford. In 2012 the college received more than $3.6 million in support of academic and athletic scholarships. In 2013 we will need even greater support to meet the needs of our students.

Annually funded scholarships are awarded directly from a gift, whereas endowed scholarships are awarded from earnings of an invested gift. Wofford offers two opportunities to establish an endowed scholarship:

- A minimum of $50,000, payable over five years, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.
- A commitment of $25,000, payable over five years, coupled with a documented estate or insurance plan for an additional $100,000 establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship. This option offers the donor the opportunity to establish the scholarship with a lower initial gift when it is combined with a generous planned gift.

For a complete listing of all scholarship funds and their descriptions, please visit www.wofford.edu/gifts, then click on the endowment link, followed by the scholarship link. To establish a scholarship at Wofford, please contact the Office of Development at 864-597-4200 and ask to speak to a gift officer who will help you design a pledge or gift agreement and a scholarship fund agreement.

**GIFT CLUB PYRAMIDS** Notice the red level of the pyramid: 4 percent of donors provide 84 percent of the gift support. The reverse holds true as well (gold level) with 65 percent of the donors contributing 2 percent of the dollars. This is actually a healthy pyramid of donors. The broad base of donors is important for long-term stability and the top tier is important for capital projects and immediate needs.
The Legacy Society was created by the Wofford College Board of Trustees to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of Benjamin Wofford’s will and the subsequent founding of the college. It recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans. The society is composed of individuals who have provided for the future of the college through planned gifts such as charitable bequests, life income plans, gift annuities, pooled income fund contributions and life insurance designations. By confirming to the college the establishment of such plans, the following individuals are recognized as Members of The Legacy Society.

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Maryann & Forrest Abbott
Richard C. Atkins
Marianne J. Bagwell
Mrs. Mason M. Barrett
Kenneth & Peggy Barlow
Dr. Erin Bentrim
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Cecil & Pamela Bond
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Ken & Martha Ann Campbell
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Retired educators Oliver Tucker ’39, above with his wife, Frances, and Russell Smith ’49, below, left their estates to Wofford and established endowed funds to support students in the education program and those studying mathematics.

Wofford received the following ESTATE GIFTS during 2012:

Sara W. Carr
Isabel B. Child
James C. Crawford Jr.
Annie Laurie George
Richard B. Harwell
Eaddy Williams Hayes
Barbara D. McAlister
Dorothy F. Morrow
Guy M. Nelson
Betty B. Patterson
John W. Shuler
Russell D. Smith
John M. Sowell
Lou Bomar Thomson
Frances M. Tucker
James T. Wiggins
Arcadia

Dr. Laura Barbbs Rhoden grew up in a South Georgia community unprepped for the large influx of Hispanics who were making it home. Her work with schools and community organizations addressing the issues inspired her to push herself. She committed to learning as much as she could from school and the world around her, and she continued to serve.

“The same thing can happen to our students, and it has,” says Barbbs Rhoden, associate professor of foreign languages, now celebrating a 10-year partnership that she and Bonner Scholar Minna Hosseini ’05 helped start between Wofford and Arcadia Elementary School, a school with a newly immigrated population of nearly 80 percent Hispanic/Latino.

“I knew I would be busy when I came here, so a way of multiplying impact is to mobilize students. They have skills that I don’t have and a system of support from the college that is enviable,” says Barbbs Rhoden, referring to Twin Towers, the Chaplain’s Office, Bonner Scholars, The Space to Impact, Student Affairs, Greek philanthropies and other faculty members.

“I’ve enjoyed creating a space where students can engage with their liberal arts-driven language curriculum. We’re not just teaching proficiency,” says Barbbs Rhoden. “Having the Arcadia community within 10 minutes of campus has allowed us to address a community need and really push the students to engage their language skills and their liberal arts education.”

Now the Arcadia community has become a part of the Spanish program’s curriculum and ethos. Spanish 303 students continue to meet the course’s civic engagement component with the Arcadia Elementary community each fall, and during the spring the Spanish program offers civic engagement opportunities in a new course on leadership and social change in the Hispanic World. A number of students continue service work in Arcadia after fulfilling academic requirements because they enjoy it.

Laura Kate Gamble ‘14 is one of those students. “I get to help the children with their homework, hear about their days at school, and generally just have a blast! They are precious, and seeing them is definitely a highlight of my week,” she says.

This fall, thanks to Gamble and other student leaders, the Arcadia Volunteer Corps became a chartered organization on Wofford’s campus. They hosted a Family Night in October that brought community service organizations into Arcadia. Earlier this semester, they delivered four new bicycles for the school children to enjoy, and this month they kick off a “Reading Buddies” program that will pair an Arcadia student with a Wofford buddy.

“Our hope is that these one-on-one interactions will encourage the children to read and also help them to build reading skills,” says Gamble. “We also are excited to be collaborating with Rotaract to do some playground renovations later this spring.”

Other students have found Arcadia fertile ground for collaboration. Stacey Mangan ’15, Chelsey Lawrence ’14 and Katherine Kelly ’14 spent fall term implementing their Space to Impact project, Get Moving, which encourages active lifestyles. The children at Arcadia embraced the opportunity, and now Mangan says Wofford students are working to grow the program.

“We’re heading back into the school this semester with the Wofford men’s soccer team, which I think will be incredibly great for the program because it gives the boys at the school a chance to see where hard work and dedication will get them later in life,” says Mangan.

Personally, Mangan says she’s learned that regardless of economic differences between communities, children are still children.

“The students at Arcadia are just like students anywhere else; they want to grow up and be successful; they want to make friends, and most importantly, they just want to have fun,” she says. “The children at Arcadia have helped me understand that everyone comes from different backgrounds, but in general, we are all trying to be the best person we can be.”

The college’s Bonner Scholars also continue to have a presence in Arcadia, working with ARCH Ministries, an after-school program for first graders started by Arcadia United Methodist Church. The Bonners also have spent time canvassing the community to learn more about assets and needs, and now several Bonners are working to develop a program that ad-
addresses the needs of students on weekends. “Community development takes a lot of time,” says Ramon Galinanes, program coordinator of the Bonner Scholars program at Wofford. “We want to make sure we’re partnering with the community. We don’t want to go into a community and say, ‘We know what your problems are, and this is what we’re going to do.’ Instead we want to partner with folks and come up with a shared vision. It takes a lot of time, and our students are learning to take those steps.”

Part of that learning involves taking a leadership role in the new Spartanburg Hispanic Alliance that Barbas Rhoden helped form as a way to facilitate conversations between city leaders, nonprofit administrators and community stakeholders. Galinanes and Gamble participate in the Hispanic Alliance as well.

Arcadia has a young, new demographic that has been there for 10 to 15 years. It doesn’t look like the demographic that was there before,” says Barbas Rhoden, who takes her children to have their hair cut in the community. “We’re seeing this new generation of 20 to 30-year-old parents deciding the future of that community. We have to be patient. I’d like to see some of the children we’ve worked with over the past 10 years stay local, and they’re likely to if statistics about the demographics of Latino communities hold true. I’d like to see these children become school board members, council members, entrepreneurs.”

The Hispanic Alliance meets monthly and has proven to be an area of positive collaboration between Wofford and the new VCOM (Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine) as well. “VCOM’s Hispanic Medical Outreach Program partnered with us to do a free flu clinic back in November. They also worked with Arcadia Volunteer Corps to sponsor health grocery bags for the holidays for families of children in ARCH. VCOM is eager to do more,” says Barbas Rhoden.

The Northside Project

Wofford and VCOM also are partners in efforts taking shape on the Northside, just across Church Street from the college. Led by Northside Advisory Committee members Bill Barnet, former mayor of Spartanburg and professor of civic engagement and leadership at Wofford, and Curt McPhail ’96, president and director of global partnerships for globalbike, the project involves developing a 400-acre mixed-income housing, shopping, education and service model based on the Eastlake community in Atlanta, Ga.

Wofford students already are engaged in the community through the Math Academy at Cleveland Elementary, and Bonner Scholar Shereh Daraei ‘14 has been working with McPhail on a program called Picture This that gives Northside area residents the opportunity to express their feelings about their neighborhood as a way of making sure that their voices are heard throughout the revitalization process.

Last spring Wofford and VCOM students collaborated on the 21 Artists ON Residence program that covered the plywood nailed over the doors and windows of vacant houses with bright, positive images that represent hope.

Downtown

In addition, Wofford students learn while serving at the Adult Learning Center by teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages, at St. Luke’s Free Medical Center doing patient intake, the Northwest Recreation Center working with children each afternoon, the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen and other schools and community centers within a few miles of campus. In January Kris Neely ’02, assistant professor and coordinator of studio art, led a “Street Art” Interim that fused community service and creative exploration. Their “lab” was an old industrial site near campus that bore years of vandalism. Different campus organizations — La U y Tu, Physics students, Twin Towers, among others — also bring area students to the campus.

Gamble, a biology major, believes that the community surrounding Wofford gives Wofford students the ideal environment to apply the skills they learn on campus. “I’ve been taught to think critically and to carefully analyze the causes of problems,” says Gamble. “This methodical approach is perfect for addressing the question of how to tackle a problem we’d like to address in the community. It is one thing to want to make a difference. It is another to be able to dream up and implement a solution.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Physics, superheroes and service

Left to right, Ashley Cantey ’16 (Wonder Woman), Bailey Carraway ’16 and Rufus Chambers ’16 seek volunteers among a crowd of children visiting Wofford from Cowpens Boys & Girls Club. During a Physics 104 presentation, the Wofford students explained the finer points of projectile motion and how it is used and abused in the Wonder Woman and Superman comics. For the past two years (fall semesters) Steve Zides, instructor in physics, has taught the class with a superhero theme.

“Although the analysis of superheroes with physics is not new, in fact there are several books on this topic, very few physics departments run such a course,” says Zides. “In the planning of the class, it occurred to me that the Wofford students might like to do an outreach lab with the Boys & Girls Club. Students were broken up into groups of three or four and asked to create presentations about their favorite superheroes and physics. Most of the presentations were very creative, involved skits and costumes, and had lots of group activities for the children.” Zides plans to continue to teach the popular class and continue the Boys and Girls Club Outreach Day component.
“Israel Then & Now”: The Trip of a Lifetime, Jan. 11-20, 2013

Since the summer of 2005, I have been taking Wofford students to Israel for archaeological digs. Those experiences, and my relationships with our diggers, are among my deepest joys in teaching at Wofford. Maybe that’s why I’ve wanted to find a way to extend the Israel experience to alumni and friends of the college as well.

This January I finally got to do that as five friends of Wofford joined my wife (Dr. Ellen S. Goldey, William R. Kenan Professor and chair of the department of biology) and me for a once-in-a-lifetime, all-access tour of Israel and Jordan. Over 10 remarkable days, we visited historic sites in both countries, including the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Petra, Masada, Qumran and Jerusalem. We stayed in famous hotels, like the King David and the American Colony. At mealtimes we tasted authentic Middle Eastern cuisine, with both avant-garde and traditional Israeli and Arab dishes. We tried out some new experiences that aren’t all that common in the U.S., like a Turkish bath in Petra.

One day we had a lunch at a little walk-in Arab restaurant in East Jerusalem, where they serve a locally popular dish called shwarma. It’s a lot like a gyro, only with Arabic seasonings. We were the only non-Arabs in the place, but by the time lunch was over, we had made some friends, and Ken Buffington ’63 was holding a Palestinian child in his arms.

All along the way we ventured “behind the ropes” and “off the beaten path” at archaeological sites, museums and even in political offices. Of course, we visited Horvat Kar, the archaeological site that Wofford students are excavating. One evening we had dinner with journalist Linda Gradstein. We went to the Israel Museum and Yad Vashem, the Israel Holocaust Memorial. And on one unforgettable day we had private meetings with both an Israeli cabinet official and a Palestinian cabinet official. At 11 that morning we met for an hour in Jerusalem with Benni Begin, minister of science for the State of Israel. He is the son of Menachem Begin, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for signing the 1978 treaty with Egypt.

Then we drove from Jerusalem down to Jericho, where at 1 p.m. we met with Saeb Erekat, chief negotiator for the Palestinian National Authority. It was a rare experience.

Another evening at dinner we had a “global Wofford moment.” In a small restaurant in the tiny northern Israeli town of Livnim, there at the next table we met an Israeli business partner of Wofford Trustee Jimmy Gibbs.

Best of all the tour raised scholarship funds for Wofford students to go on our dig. This summer three students will receive scholarships. Perhaps “Israel Then & Now” was about two trips of a lifetime: one that our group experienced, and one that they gave to Wofford students.

Another trip is planned for January 2014. For further information, get in touch with me (mccanebr@wofford.edu) or the Development Office.

by Dr. Byron McCane, Albert Outler Professor of Religion
(Left) Students learned to make their own flies during the Flyfishing Interim led by Dr. Philip Swicegood and Dr. Ron Robinson ’78.

(Below) Dr. Kathryn Milne and Dr. Catherine England ’05 shared their love of horses with students in the Riding and Researching the Horse Interim.

Functional Beauty: The Art and Craft of Pottery with Dr. Stacey Hettes

Rock Climbing and Yoga with Dr. John Miles and Dr. Kimberly Rostan

(Far left) Students spent time pruning grape vines to learn about Appreciating the Finer Things: Digesting Luxury Comestibles with Dr. Timothy Schmitz.

(Immediate left) Living in a Microbial World taught by Dr. Stefanie Baker and Dr. Natalie Spivey
Dr. Stephen Gilbert and his wife, Cynthia, live in McLean, Va. Gilbert is professor emeritus of government at Georgetown University. He also is founder and director of the National Security Studies Program at the university.

1953

The Rev. Dr. John Youngman served as grand marshal of the North Augusta (S.C.) Christmas parade held in December 2012. The sponsoring Lions Club chose him to lead the parade as a result of the vast community service that he has given to the North Augusta area. He retired from the United Methodist Church in June 1995, having completed 38 years of service.

1956

Laurence McIntosh was named the 2012 recipient of the prestigious Ralph King Anderson Award on Dec. 13, 2012, during the Florence County (S.C.) Bar Association’s annual meeting. McIntosh is a partner in the McIntosh Law Offices during the Florence County (S.C.) Bar Association. He lives with his wife, McLeod, Health Board of Trustees and also has served as chairman of the McLeod Health Board of Trustees and president of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. He lives with his wife, Frances, in Florence, S.C.

1958

Harold McLeod lives in Greenbrier, N.C. His grandson, Austin McLeod Bergstrom, is a member of the class of 2016, making him the 40th direct descendant of McLeod’s great-grandfather to attend Wofford.

1959

It was nice to hear from Dr. Charles Brockwell, who lives in Louisville, Ky. Brockwell is a member of the faculty at the United Methodist Appalachian Local Pastor School, an extension program of Emory University’s Candler School of Theology.

1960

The Rev. Zach Farmer (retired) and his wife, Lee, live in Orangeburg, S.C. Farmer was named South Carolina Turkey Call Maker of the Year in 2012 and the Zach Farmer Orangeburg Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation was named in his honor.

1963

Class Chair, Andrew C. English

Henry M. Smith spent four weeks in France last summer, visited with good friends, and translated an article about a heroic Montreal journalist in World War II. He also helped re-elect both U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter and the only female Democratic governor in the nation, Maggie Hassan. He lives in Durham, N.H.

1964

Class Chair, Charles W. Saunders

Ben Lawrence, owner of Lawrence Real Estate Co., was honored on Jan. 26, 2013, when he was inducted into the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the first Economic Development Committee of the Greenwood Chamber. Lawrence’s son, Keller, and his brother, Russell Lawrence, attended the ceremony.

1965

David R. Clark and his wife, Carole, live in Columbia, S.C. Clark is a retired executive.

1967

Reunion Chairs, Stewart Johnson and Donnie McDonald

Jantzen Children was elected to the South Carolina School Boards Association board of directors during its annual meeting in December 2012. He is a retired Milliken manager and a Vietnam War veteran. Children and his wife, Lynn, live in Union, S.C. Children also was guest speaker during a Veterans Day program at Union County High School on Nov. 19, 2012.

1968

Class Chair, Ronald G. Bruce

Dr. Jim Gettys, a retired radiologist, lives with his wife, Bert, in Columbia, S.C. It was nice to hear from Dean Hardley, who lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He tells us that he “continues to enjoy running Harley Consulting and supporting the operations research community. My most recent publication was ‘Onology Structures for Modeling Irregular Warfare’ in ‘Military Operations Research.’”

Retired educator Sam Rollins has taken on the role of warehouse manager for Newberry County Schools. He supervises all aspects of procurement, staging and inventory control. Rollins and his wife, Marlene, live in Newberry, S.C.

1969

Class Chair, Richard L. Myers

Rex Maynard was recognized recently as Anderson County’s Citizenship of the Year for his civic leadership. He is the owner of Maynard’s Belo, a home furnishing company.

It was nice to hear from Tony Davis, who lives in Richmond, Va. After 28 years as a securities analyst, Davis retired into retirement in February 2013. He and his wife of 32 years, Marti, look forward to retirement in February 2013. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

1970

Class Chair, Allen S. Guignard

Hubert Cook is an adviser for Peachtree Planning Corp. He lives with his family in Augusta, Ga.


Dr. Jim Benham was honored by the Spartanburg County Medical Association on Dec. 7, 2012, when he was awarded the D.H. Hull Award for physician of the year. James, a gynecologist with Spartanburg Regional Women’s Clinic, has practiced for more than 30 years. He also has served as dean and elder at First Presbyterian Church and has led several medical missions trips to the Dominican Republic. James and his wife, Brenda, live in Spartanburg.

Chuck Whitt retired as a sales manager at Allstate Insurance in August 2012 after 27 years of service. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Martinez, Ga.

Larry C. Whithurst, a project manager for Greenwood Petroleum Co. Inc., lives in Abbeville, S.C.

1971

Class Chair, Kenneth E. Smith

James Benjamin Lineberry and his wife, Nancy, live in Pauline, S.C. Lineberry is an adjunct professor at Spartanburg Community College.

Bill Looney is director of nanotechnology for the professional and the management support services firm of AECOM. He is responsible for coordination of a global, cross business line, multidisciplinary team of experts to assist clients in addressing nanotechnology-related issues.

Looney lives in Wadkesa, Wis.

Thomas H. Lyles is chief executive officer of Tidelands Bank. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Tim Rogers works for the S.C. House of Representatives as a budget analyst for the Ways and Means Committee. He and his wife, Mary, live in Lexington, S.C. The couple has two children.

1972

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1976

Class Chair, John W. Gauly

Great Oaks Dental, founded by Dr. Paul Giddings, celebrates three decades of practice in 2013. Giddings is a Rotarian and an elder in Pickens Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Robin, live in Pickens, S.C. Ty Netles, president and chief executive officer for Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Inc., was honored on Dec. 15, 2012, when he received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Francis Marion University. He also has been named by BBACT to its Florence Local Advisory Board. Netles lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Lake City, S.C.

Ronnie Wren is chief executive officer of S&H Inc. Seafood Co. He and his wife, Sally, live in Charlotte, N.C.

1977

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hayes is vicar at Christ Church Calabash (N.C.). He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Dillon, S.C.

Robin Hutcherson is a sales representative for Gruner Helmer. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Mill Spring, N.C.

Terry Prime and her husband, Vann, live in Woodbine, Md. Prime is vice president of marketing for the sheltering housing care firm BTG International Inc.

Dr. Paul Switzer is the associate dean of clinical affairs and discipline chair of psychiatry at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Carolina campus in Spartanburg.
M any Wofford alumni would answer that ques-
tion affirmatively. They
not only are living longer and
healthier, but also continue to do
interesting things.

Dr. Frances Mims
At the age of 91 last year, Dr. Frances Mims published a
new book of her poetry. "Quaint
House," continuing a literary career
that began when she earned a bache-
lor's degree from Converse College
and a master's from Wofford in 1947.
She is a life member of the
South Carolina Academy of Au-
thors and has been honored by An-
derson University with an endowed
lecture series that has featured some
of the region's best writers.

"I remember Frances Mims
well and fondly," says Wofford
President Benjamin B. Dunlap,
who taught her in graduate school
at the University of South Carolina.

"I'm not at all surprised that she's
still so active. She was remarkable
for both her spirit and her intel-
ligence. That she was also talented
and determined to use her talents
no matter what obstacles lay in her
path made her truly memorable."

"I've written poetry all my life," Mims says. "I actually published
my first anthology 30 years ago
but last summer, I decided it was
time to do another one. Getting
the book together took me several
months, but it gave me great sat-
sification."

She says that what has kept
her young is an abiding interest in
people and what's going on in the
world. "Read, read, read," she urges
her friends. "Read good literature
and the better magazines."

George Morgan
"Buy a computer!" That's the
advice that George R. Morgan '50
gives to anyone thinking about
retiring. The Internet helps keep
him in contact with the world, and
he often composes interesting
notes and newsletters. He has
been involved through the years in
maintaining a rare closeness among
his high school classmates from
Charlotte Central High School,
who recently celebrated their 65th
reunion. Many of those memories
are attached to the school's be-
loved principal, John Orte. a 1930
Wofford graduate who died in
2010 at the age of 100.

Morgan was a stellar student
leader at Wofford at an interesting
time, when his peers were about
evenly divided among teenage
South Carolina boys and 
World War II veterans, many of
whom already had families. On shoe-
string budgets, he managed to pull
together popular parties featur-
ing outstanding "big bands" and
helped manage the college store and
football concession stand.

Morgan went on to an out-
standing business career. He oper-
ated one of the Carolinas' largest
printing companies, which he sold
in his 50s to the R.R. Donnelly
Co. (His son, George Morgan Jr.
'75, has worked for years as an
R.R. Donnelly executive.) He then
partnered with his wife, Margaret,
in an antique business that helped
make Pine Knoll, N.C., a retail
center for the trade. They enjoyed
many trips to England to acquire
merchandise. He also served on the
board at Central Piedmont Com-
unity College.

Today, Morgan speaks oc-
casionally to nursing students at
Queens University about how to
help their senior-citizen patients
stay young and active. He is also
a guide at the Carolina Aviation
Museum, which has become in-
ternationally known for its exhibit,"Miracle on the Hudson," U.S.
Airways Flight 1549.

Dr. George Fields
Dr. George Fields '52 retired
after a long career as a United
Methodist minister, a chaplain in
the Army Reserve, and a college
president. "When I retired," he
says, "I thought I might have 10
more years of active living. Well, 15
years have passed by, and now I'm
planning on celebrating my 100th
birthday. Good willing."

"When you retire, you are
relieved of the structures that run
your life. The result can be an
amazingly different environment.
For example, too many meetings
waste a lot of time in talking. You
can focus on the things you love
(there's where the word amateur
comes from) and try new things as
well," Fields says. "You may have
to accept the fact that the aging
process diminishes your energy,
but you shouldn't let it diminish
your vision."

Fields will be long and affectionately remembered for what
he has done in retirement to preserve the battlefields of the Southern
Campaign of the American Revolution. "Some years ago, I visited
the site of the Musgrove's Mill battle on the Enoree River. I saw
that South Carolinians could afford to preserve it as an educational
center on public land, and yet we hadn't done our homework. Some of
the actual battlefields' key terrain was about to go on sale for develop-
ment, but the state had no plans to acquire it. We have been able
to turn that attitude around, and now we have a model state historic
site. The preservation and interpretation of the Camden Battlefield is also
going forward. Everything I had done in my active career helped me
make it work effectively in recent years.

For example, a pastor cannot be
effective without knowing how to
courage informal teamwork and
convince potential donors to give."

Bill Tinder
Bill Tinder '60 was one of
three senior leaders on the 1959,
1960 Terrier basketball team that
finished the season with a record
of 25-6 and advanced to the elite
eight at the NAIA National tour-
nament in Kansas City. He went
on to have a successful career in
the Army, retiring as a colonel in
1986. He followed up with an
18-year career in higher education
administration.

Settling in Spartanburg, he real-
ized that his financial situation gave
him a chance combine his interests
in basketball and in working with
young people. "I'm doing what I
always wanted to do, but I don't
have to worry about making it big
or getting fired," he says. "Besides,
sometimes the grandfatherly rela-
tionship allows you to help young
women in life-changing ways."

After five years with Wofford
athletics, he moved to USC Up-
state in 2014, working as assistant
basketball coach and director of
basketball operations as the Spar-
tans moved through the Division
II ranks and on to the Atlantic
Sun Conference in Division I.
At the age of 75, Tinder has
completed his ninth season at USC
Upstate.

Bill and Martha Tinder have
been married for 52 years. They
have two sons, Brent and Kent, and
four grandchildren: Anne, Ellen,
Clark and Sarah.

Joe Pugh
Joe Pugh '60 says that the
keys to keeping him going are
curiosity about the world around
him and the influence of his wife,
Alice. "She is the one who pushes
me to open strange doors and
go through," he says. "We've
recently been in nine states and
three countries, and it has been fun.
Retirement is a state of mind, and
I haven't reached it yet."

Pugh says that he is a "passion-
ate storyteller." He averages two
speaking engagements each week,
ranging from civic clubs based
near his home in Atlanta to the
Sophomore Experience, an exciting
Wofford program sponsored by the
Space in the Mungo Center.
"I really enjoyed that day with
the students, because I got to be around
impressive young people," he says.
"As you would expect, they have
a different mind-set from college
men and women of my era. For
example, I learned that 18 of 19
women in the audience talked to
their mothers every day, taking ad-
vantage of all the new technology.
I am very apprehensive before
I speak," Pugh says. "I have learned
from experience that every time
you stand up, you are likely to
encounter someone who knows
more about the subject than you
do." Pugh says he overcomes this
anxiety by moving around in the
room and keeping his conversation
with the audience informal rather
than lecturing.

"I always mention the fact that
I am a Wofford graduate, and I
find that many more Georgians
are familiar with the college than in
past years, mostly because they are
acquainted with alumni or current
Wofford families."

by Doyle Boggs '70

Is 75 years of age the new 45?

Dr. Frances Mims' latest book of poetry.

Dr. George Fields
Wofford to offer Chinese study to pre-college students

College receives federal grant for STARTALK @ Wofford summer program

When visitors come to the Wofford campus this summer, they may feel they’ve been transported to a whole new world where different languages are spoken and different cultures are experienced.

Chinese is the newest language to be offered to pre-college students in a summer immersion setting at Wofford, thanks to a $76,000 grant from the National Security Language Initiative’s STARTALK, a component designed to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not now widely taught in the United States.

STARTALK @ Wofford will offer, free of charge, a three-week program of intensive beginning Chinese language and culture courses for 45 rising 9th graders through just graduated 12th graders from Spartanburg and Greenville counties. The day program will run from June 17 through July 5 on Wofford’s campus.

The Wofford program, called “Say You & Say Me in a Whole New World of Chinese,” could be the beginning of a life-long journey for its young students, says Dr. Yongfang Zhang, assistant professor of Chinese Studies and director of STARTALK @ Wofford. “With the STARTALK federal funding, the program could provide a magic carpet ride — much like in the story of Aladdin — taking students to a whole new world of Chinese language and culture and a new fantastic point of view, and building their capability to talk about themselves and others in Chinese,” she says.

STARTALK @ Wofford will run parallel to the Language Academy @ Wofford, a summer language immersion program that offers French, Spanish and German to pre-college students.

The Chinese program will provide not only language instruction, but will give students hands-on cultural experiences, such as Chinese cuisine, tea, Tai Chi, music and crafts. Post-program refresher workshops will be offered, and the program will advise participants during their future learning journey, with information about available scholarships and learning resources.

STARTALK @ Wofford builds on the college’s commitment to creating global citizens with cross-cultural competence who are prepared to succeed in the 21st century and Wofford’s own Chinese Language and Cultural program for its students. The college offers a major in Chinese and minor in Chinese studies. Students in this program recently won “Palmetto Chinese Star,” “Future Palmetto Chinese Star” and other recognitions in the fourth annual Palmetto Chinese Star Contest. In this program, students could provide a magic carpet ride — much like in the story of Aladdin — taking students to a whole new world of Chinese language and culture and a new fantastic point of view, and building their capability to talk about themselves and others in Chinese,” she says.

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Transportation will be provided to and from Greenville.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2013. For information on how to apply, go to www.wofford.edu/startalk.

by Laura H. Corbin
Run, Holly, Run!
Holly Smith ’04 runs across America

In fourth grade Holly Smith ’04 ran her first timed mile in gym class with an impressive time of 7:15. “My gym teacher told me I should take up the sport of running. I tried it out, and the rest is history,” says Smith. “I love going out for a long run, listening to my music on my iPod and thinking about life in general.”

A little more than three years ago Smith, who competed as a member of the Wofford cross country team, combined her love of running with her desire to travel and challenged herself to run a half marathon (13.1 miles) in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. by the age of 30. From Alaska to Florida, and everywhere in between, Smith has been traveling the country in an attempt to finish her nationwide goal. On Dec. 9, 2012, one day before her 31st birthday, Smith achieved her goal after finishing her 51st half marathon in Tucson, Ariz. It was one of the best days of her life.

Smith finished all of her half marathons in less than two hours. Her best time was 1:39 in the Maritan Half Marathon in Dearborn, Mich. “I believe the dedication, time-management and discipline that I have had to have while completing this incredible goal was instilled in me during my time at Wofford,” says Smith. “I can only hope that others who have attended Wofford, graduated from Wofford, taught at Wofford, or coached at Wofford are as proud as I am to be part of this very special community. Wofford is an extraordinary place, and I am grateful for everything it has taught me in my 31 years of life.”

According to Smith, each run has created its own adventures: a first trip to New York and a run through Central Park, Times Square, along the Hudson River then finishing where the World Trade Center once stood; starting under the Olympic Bridge in Salt Lake City; running through the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and on the famous Hayward Field track in Eugene, Ore. She calls herself a “fanatic” and is a member of the worldwide running groups Half Fanatics and Seven Continents Club. For Smith, running is a way of life. She holds a master of science in sports leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University and now lives in Indianapolis, Ind., with her husband and works for the NCAA.

Smith has no intention of resting on her laurels. In typical Terrier fashion, she has set another goal: to run a half marathon in every province (10) and territory (three) in Canada, and one on every continent of the world before the age of 40. She isn’t wasting any time either. Smith will be running two half marathons in May: the GoodLife Half Marathon in Toronto, Canada, and the Blue Nose Half Marathon in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She also already has registered for the 2017 Antarctica Half Marathon, and is looking forward to running the Great Wall Half Marathon in Beijing, China, in 2015.

Dear Ole Wofford,

Kyle Roach and I are sorry to report that we did not make it to Homecoming this year. Unfortunately, we had a prior commitment. In a fit of enthusiasm and beer on a camping weekend with John Cristichfield ’92, we decided what better way to celebrate our 20th reunion — and desperately cling to our youth — than to run a marathon for the first time. On Oct. 28 we ran the 37th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. “To say it was an experience of a lifetime is an understatement. Knowing that it was Homecoming weekend, we wanted to join our fellow alumni in spirit, so we decided to wear Wofford running shirts in the race. Unfortunately, we could not find any technical running shirts to purchase. Undaunted, we made our own. Throughout the race spectators yelled, “Go, Wofford,” as we ran past. One woman actually screamed, “Go, Wofford, I went to Furman!” Needless to say the Wofford screams helped carry us through the full 26.2 miles.

We’ll do our best to make it to Homecoming in the future, unless, of course, there is an ultramarathon that weekend!

Best wishes,
Will Brit 92

P.S. While wearing our Wofford shirts another Wofford alumnus spotted us and introduced himself – Scott Brewington ’87. That makes at least three Wofford grads in a field of 30,000.

by Ashley Rowe

Holly Smith ’04 celebrates on Dec. 9, 2012, after completing the final race (Tucson Half Marathon) in her 50-state goal.

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Physician, researcher, activist: Dr. Nicole Redmond merges interests to care for the underserved

While doing her internal medicine residency at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Nicole Redmond ’96 recalls an inmate who came in for treatment. He wore the prison jumpsuit and was accompanied by guards. For security reasons, he wasn’t allowed to know when his appointments were scheduled. He couldn’t control his own medications.

“I remember getting frustrated,” she says. “Treating him was a big aha moment for me. This is the only population with a constitutional right to health care, and I became interested in the shape they’re in when they return to society. Sometimes their clinical status declines in the prison system; sometimes they’re getting better care. How do we continue care upon release, especially when they have competing demands for housing and employment and a criminal record?”

As an assistant professor in the preventive medicine division at the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB), Redmond focuses her clinical research on underserved and minority populations, including ex-offenders. She’s particularly excited about the new Transitions Clinic at UAB and other sites across the country funded by a $6.8 million grant from the federal government’s Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.

“The Transitions Clinic model has been shown to increase primary care access and reduce emergency department use,” says Redmond. Redmond uses about 80 percent of her time working on research projects. The rest she spends doing hands-on patient care as a primary care physician at Cooper Green Mercy Health Services.

“It’s a largely minority, indigent population,” says Redmond. “The work is in line with my interests in health disparities and keeps me in tune with minority populations. Having that context of direct patient care helps me approach my research from a broader perspective.”

After graduating from Wofford with a B.S. in biology, Redmond went on to earn her dual M.D. / Ph.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina, where she was in the first class of Presidential Scholars. “The unifying theme for the Presidential Scholars that year was health disparities. I guess it spoke to my activist inclinations. So here I was in the middle of a Ph.D., program, and I decided that I wanted to change directions,” she says.

Redmond did her internal medicine residency through Emory. She then completed a Harvard Medical School fellowship in general internal medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

“Being in the Harvard community was a stimulating and valuable experience, but it was expensive and cold and far from my family,” says Redmond, who chose UAB because of its research reputation, emphasis on health disparities, and location in the sunny south. Her experiences in Massachusetts were formative, and because the state was at the center of health care reform, it gave her insight into the nationwide debate on health care policy and funding.

“We have a sense of introspection. “Lots of people will have expectations of you,” says Redmond. “She never taught me, but she was important to me because she was an African-American role model. “Dr. Jameica Hill ’88 returned to Wofford to teach while I was a student,” Redmond says. “She’s particularly excited about the new Transitions Clinic at UAB and other sites across the country funded by a $6.8 million grant from the federal government’s Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.

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“It has brought a very necessary conversation to the forefront,” says Redmond. “Political rhetoric aside, people live longer, are not as sick and don’t spend as much money if they have health insurance coverage.”

Redmond says that the profits may not be measured financially but in quality and quantity of life.

“I believe it’s important for everyone to have coverage. These exchanges will level the playing field and fill some gaps,” she says.

For students considering careers in medicine, Redmond offers two pieces of advice:

1. Don’t underestimate the value of relationships. Build and maintain a support network and find role models. “Dr. Jameica Hill ’88 returned to Wofford to teach while I was a student,” says Redmond. “She never taught me, but she was important to me because she was an African-American woman who graduated from Wofford, was in the same sorority, and now held a Ph.D. Her presence... just her being there was important.”

2. Maintain a sense of introspection. “Lots of people will have expectations of you,” says Redmond. “It’s important to think about what you want. It’s hard to advocate for yourself when you don’t know what you need, so get introspective.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Michael Curtis, a Wofford professor and senior fiction editor of The Atlantic, remembers his first semester of teaching creative writing at the college. Thomas Pierce ’06 was one of his students, a graduate of Spartanburg High School and the son of a Wofford alumna, Mickey Pierce ’75.

“When I saw ‘Thomas’ work, a story, I knew, and said, that he was writing at a publishable level. He was not just talented, as are many smart and imaginative undergraduates. He was already writing like a professional,” Curtis says.

“I’m not at all surprised, therefore, to see him prove the point. He’s smart, constantly working at his craft, and very likely to be a huge success. Soon.”

For Pierce, “soon” now appears to be very soon. After a stint in Washington as a producer and reporter with National Public Radio, Pierce this spring will complete his MFA degree at the University of Virginia.

He also is the author of a breakthrough short story, “Shirley Temple Three,” published in the New Yorker magazine (Dec. 24-31, 2012.) The title creature is a Bread Island Dwarf Mammoth who is created by cloning for a television program called “Back from Extinction” and winds up living with Mawmaw, a lonely retiree in a small Southern town.

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But Pierce’s story is only incidentally about a mammoth; it’s far more subtle and interesting than that. Saying more would spoil a good read for Wofford Today subscribers. (www.newyorker.com/fiction)

“I started working on the plot in the fall of 2011,” Pierce says. “It began, for me, as a story about a mother and her son. The mammoth sort of wandered into the picture. I worked on it off and on for six months before submitting it. The initial response from the editors at the New Yorker was positive, but they thought that it would be better if I could shorten it. I did, and I think it’s probably stronger for it.”

Pierce’s novella “Said the Dark Fishes” won the Benjamin Wofford Prize in 2004. “I’ve always been grateful my creative writing classes at Wofford. The novella-writing class taught me how important it is to write and revise every day. That’s an important habit for a writer.”

Pierce says that his Wofford writing professors have provided support since graduation. “John Lane has provided much needed encouragement over the years, and Mike Curtis… I’ll never be able to thank him enough for all the help he’s given me, reading and responding to my work.”

Pierce is currently working on a collection of short stories and a novel. His pending publications include fiction in Subtropics, the Oxford American — and The Atlantic.
MATIAS

The Wofford Singers called it a rare and special chance to perform with a professional tenor, an opportunity to give their best performance for a large and enthusiastic audience.

The audience in Leonard Auditorium called it a magical evening featuring an excellent performance of Camille Saint-Saëns’ “Christmas Oratorio,” giving them a chance to renew acquaintances with one of their own whose musical career is definitely on the rise.

Matias Mariani ’07 called it simply “my way of giving back.”

“When my family arrived here from Argentina, I found Spartanburg to be a wonderful, nurturing place for young talent,” he says. Already interested in serious vocal music from listening to his mother perform and watching the Three Tenors on television over and over, he found many opportunities and much encouragement through the churches, schools and international festivals.

“I’m always emotional about my high school experiences. Dr. John Moody worked with me after my high school experiences. Dr. John Moody worked with me after my high school experiences.  Dr. John Moody worked with me after my high school experiences.  Dr. John Moody worked with me after my high school experiences.

Then came Mariani’s decision to enroll at Wofford and continue his music by special arrangement at Converse College. “The broad liberal arts background I received at Wofford has given me an advantage over my peers whose undergraduate education had been in a conservatory.

“I especially liked taking classes in history and science. Dr. Jim Proctor and Dr. John Akers were wonderful mentors in the Success Initiative (now called The Space to Impact). Christi Sellaris and Gary McCraw ’77 in the Wofford music department were very supportive, even agreeing to perform some of my pieces. It’s exciting to see the choral program now relocated to the Montgomery Music Center.

“Afier I graduated from Wofford, I took a year to teach my native Spanish in Gainesville, Fla.,” Mariani says. “I loved the students and had no troubles, but, in my mind, I still heard the music every day.

“Finally, I decided to go for the dream and auditioned successfully at the Boston Conservatory. I spent two years there and got excellent training and exposure. I stayed on in Boston for a while to build up a resume.”

Then came the long and draining series of auditions for operas and performances. “The rule of thumb for a performer just starting out and working as his or her own manager is that 10 auditions may produce only one job, and many fail entirely. Preparation and research is the key. It’s not just a question of your voice, but your ability to act, to fit in well with the role and the voice. You never know exactly what they are looking for. You have six minutes and two songs to sell it,” Mariani says.

By contrast, Mariani quickly had five auditions that led to three offers. He signed two contracts that yielded four jobs.

“A life-changing experience that I had early in my career took me to the place where 19th century opera was refined,” says Mariani. “I sang in the opera house Teatro Magnani in the town of Fidenza, where Verdi conducted many of his works. I also performed in his hometown of Busseto at the school where he studied as a child — my accompanist played the same piano Verdi once played!”

Coming back to Spartanburg and to Wofford came at the end of a very busy fall season for Mariani. He had boarded six flights and 10 different airplanes in the previous week. In between traveling and performing and taking special lessons at the Cincinnati Conservatory, he updated his website, sent several dozen emails and read the novel that provided the foundation for an interesting libretto.

“I do not necessarily want to become famous,” Mariani says, “but I do want to make a name for myself. Music and art are about giving back, and one of my goals is to establish scholarships at Wofford and the Boston Conservatory.”

by Doyle Boggs ’70

Matias Mariani ’07 returned to Wofford in December to sing in the Christmas concert.

SANTIAGO

Santiago Mariani ’07 is preparing for his ordination as a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Charlotte, N.C. He has achieved the rare distinction of being admitted to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his theological formation.

This process usually takes four or five years. He also is studying for his intellectual formation at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross operated by Opus Dei, “the work of God.”

On Feb. 11, the seminarians at the North American College learned that they would witness first-hand a transition of leadership for the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics as Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation. An election for his successor was held in early March. Prior to these developments, Wofford Today senior editor Doyle Boggs ’70 completed this on-line interview.

Wofford Today: When did you first think about entering the seminary? As an even younger man than you are now, what attracted you to this life, and particularly the diocesan priesthood?

It was not until my college years that I even began to perceive the possibility of such a call. For years, I had dreamed of having my own...
own business and a large family, and I tried my best to prepare myself for these realities. And yet, when I brought these plans before the Lord in prayer, I began to feel a draw to the priesthood. As the years progressed, the pull toward it became increasingly stronger, to the point that it became my first thought upon waking up and my last one as I fell asleep. At about this time, I also came into contact with a diocesan priest, Father Patrick Window, whose joy in the priesthood—as well as that of his friends—stirred within me an even deeper desire to overcome my fears and follow the Lord down this unanticipated path. Even now, I can see that it has been the best decision I have ever made.

Wofford Today: Would you talk about your college experiences, and particularly your music? President Dunlap tells me of your summer in Aspen and particularly the solo you sang without notice for a very distinguished audience.

I t is with very fond memories that I look back on my time at Wofford. I am especially grateful for my involvement with the Success Initiative (now The Space to Impact) started by Dr. Jim Proctor ’67. It was through S.I. that I was able to spend a summer in Aspen working for the Aspen Institute, where I saw firsthand how mag- namineous the human heart can truly be, and how its depths cannot be plumbed nor satisfied by any great achievement or created thing. And while singing that unexpected solo was certainly exciting, much more was it so every time that I got to sing with my brother Ma- tias for the college. It was always such a great way to give back to the Wofford community that had given us so much. And I am also most thankful for the work of Professors Gary McCraw ’77 and Christi Sellars, whose dedication and great sense of humor always made Wofford Singers so enjoyable and memorable!

Wofford Today: What are some of the more memorable experiences for you since you have been in Rome? (I believe you have sung in the choir at the Christmas Midnight Mass in St. Peter’s.) Who are some of the interesting people you have met?

A s a Catholic seminarian, being sent to study in Rome is in- deed a most treasured opportunity. To live so near the Pope and St. Peter’s Basilica and in a city so rich in history and culture is something that I am still trying to wrap my mind around! Kneeling before the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul is an experience that is simply hard to put into words, as is also just get- ting to walk through these streets sanctified by the blood of so many of the early martyrs.

In 2013 we also experienced what is called the visits Ad Limina Apostolorum. This is a time every five years when each of the bishops of the world visits the Holy Father to report on the affairs of their respective dioceses and to make pilgrimages to the tombs of the apostles. Many of the U.S. bish- ops stayed at our seminary during their weeklong visits, leading us in prayer and exhorting us to love ever more faithfully our blessed Lord and His Bride, the Church (Ephesians 5:32).

One of the things that has been the most nourishing is the constant example of my brother seminari- ans, especially as they strive to persevere heroically through the sometimes great challenges that come their way, such as suffering the loss of parents and loved ones when being so far away from home. It is at moments of such tribula- tion that the power of God shines most clearly, and that reminds me powerfully that I indeed am in our midst.

Wofford Today: What is the best academic course you have ever taken? (Either at Wofford or in seminary?)

T his is a tough one! I have been blessed with such a stimulat- ing curriculum of courses both in college and seminary, that I do not know if I could pick just one. At Wofford, I really enjoyed a course on international finance as creatively taught by Dr. Shawn Forbes, who always included the arts in our assignments. Never did I imagine that I would write a finals topic about counterterrorism! And in seminary, I have most enjoyed a course on the Trinity, due in a large part to the palpable excitement of the Opus Dei professor, Father Giulio Maspero.

Wofford Today: The male, unmarried world of the Roman Catholic clergy seems unusual in the 21st century. How do you think such a background will affect your ministry?

L ifetime commitment to celibacy is indeed a very unusual reality in our time. This back- ground, in a sense, makes the real- ity all the more provoking. What is it, after all, that would lead a person to sacrifice forever that most beautiful and God-given gift that is marriage? Even as a seminarian, people often approach me with great and varied emotions concern- ing this topic—as well, of course, as that of a male-only ministerial priesthood. And it is at these mo- ments of such intense honesty that matters of the greatest importance can be engaged more personally in their depths. Such a background has already served me as a most powerful stimulus to understand and love ever more this path that I am on. And if it is indeed God’s will that I serve Him as one of His priests, then I believe it will only encourage me to live out my priestly ministry with true and authentic Christian joy.

Interview by Doyle Boggs ’70


development associate with McCall Capi- tal. Rohnette lives in Greenville, S.C.

Zach Roman earned his master’s degree in international and comparative education from Stockholm University’s Institute of Education. He is now a teacher for Internationella Engelska Skolan and lives in Stockholm, Sweden.

Jane Werrell is employed as a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch. She lives in Charleston, S.C.

2011

Class Chair, Nann Hai Pham

Jon Bolton is sales manager for the fashion, luxury and sports eyewear firm Luxottica Group. He lives in Dauphin Island, S.C.

Tramaine Brown has moved from Spartanburg to Washington, D.C., where he is the confidential assistant to the deputy secretary of education, Anthony Miller. Brown also was a guest speaker at a Black History Month celebration held on Feb. 15, 2013, at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg.

Craig Calhoun earned his master’s degree in accountancy from Clemson University in 2012. He is a staff account- ant at Elliott Davis LLC. Calhoun lives in Charleston, S.C.

Nate Harcog lives in Rogers, Ariz., where he is an assistant marketing manager for Wal-Mart. Harcog was a guest speaker at Wofford’s Sophomore Experience held in January 2013, where he shared his experience in obtaining his current position at Wal-Mart.

Allison Holmes is a tax associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Spartanburg. She started working with the firm in Sep- tember 2012 and now prepares everything from individual to corporate tax returns.

The winter Wofford Today listed PwC employees who graduated from Wofford, and Holmes was mistakenly left off the list. We regret the error and are pleased to add one more PwC to the Wofford / PwC connection.

Alex Tillotson lives in Charleston, S.C., where he is enrolled at the Medical University of South Carolina.

2012

Class Chair, Hallie Marie Wilton

Mitch Allen was one of six new mem- bers inducted into the Sycamore High School Hall of Fame on Jan. 26. Allen had 36 consecutive starts at quarterback for Wofford and was named the national Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors’ Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2011.

Raul Ceballos teaches theater classes to grades one through six for the Spartan- burgh Youth Theatre. He also directed the theatre in its production of “Harold and the Purple Crayon” for two performances in February 2013.

Valerie Cote lives in Chapin, S.C. She is the neuroscience area manager for Avanir Pharmaceuticals covering the state of South Carolina.

Living in Greenville, S.C., Sarah Lo- gans Cottingham is a sales associate with Prudential C. Dan Joyner Co. Realtors.

Nathan Folks and his wife, Kelsey, live in Augusta, Ga., where Folks is a student minister at True North Church.

Stephanie Walrath is a legal assistant and Lawrence J. Needle PA. She lives in Columbus, S.C.

Meg Wilson is enrolled in graduate school at the University of South Carolina studying for a degree in social work.

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Terms Ending Dec. 31, 2013
Nancy Dawn Williams Burks '81, Simpsonville, S.C.
Alan Lance Creck '95, Greenville, S.C.
Tracy Harrell Dunn '87, Columbia, S.C.
Elizabeth O’Dell McBee '91, Spartanburg, S.C.
Anthony Philip Miles '91, Atlanta, Ga.
Maureen Ward Steady '78, Cartersville, Ga.
Benjamin Deed Walldroop '98, Greenville, S.C.
Joshua Steven Whitley '05, Columbia, S.C.

Terms Ending Dec. 31, 2014
Bailey Bass Barbee '96, Charlotte, N.C.
Geoffrey Stewart DeLong '91, Atlanta, Ga.
Robert Edwin Graham Jr. '79, Atlanta, Ga.
James Wilton Moody Jr. '74, Georgetown, S.C.
Brian Alexander Weatherly '98, Greeneville, S.C.
Jason Cale Lynch '03, Greenville, S.C.

Terms Ending Dec. 31, 2014
Wilton Andrew Bessom '90, Columbia, S.C.
John Marin Burchage '79, Charleston, S.C.
Everett Keith Chandler '94, Sylvan, S.C.
Mary Ann McCrackin '85, Christiansburg, Va.
Robert Dalton Middie Jr. '85, Elgin, S.C.
Maurice Gabriel Nassar '01, Houston, Texas
Anthony Charles Prospino Jr. '82, Columbia, S.C.
Teresa Roof Sims '86, Rock Hill, S.C.

Ex Officio Members
(Two-Year Terms)
Patrick Fan '88, Terrier Club president
Scott Gamut '93, National Annual Fund Chair

Ex Officio Permanent Terms
Harold Chandler '71, Board of Trustees chairman
Benjamin B. Dunlap, president
David S. Wood, senior vp for academic affairs
Marion Peavey '55, senior vp for development
Ed Story, assistant vp and director of development
Smith Patterson '67, director of planned giving
Charley Gray '72, director, alumni & parents assoc.
Lisa DeFrestes '88, director of annual giving
Debbie Thompson '88, director, alumni & parents programs

Members of the Alumni Executive Council met in February on campus to discuss the state of the college and how alumni can become more involved.
Below, as part of the Milliken Faculty Development Seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark, the group of Wofford faculty and staff spent a chilly day outside in the harbor area for an urban planning walking and harbor bus tour. The group included, left to right: (Front) Dr. Camille Bethea ’91, Dr. Andrew Green, Colleen Balance, Swenyu Hu; (Middle) Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Katerina Andrews, Dr. John McArthur, Dr. Lee Hagglund; (Back) Dr. Charles Kay, Dr. Wesley Pech, David Beacham, and Jamie Cathell.

Wofford fans cheered elbow-to-elbow with USC fans at the Wofford USC football game in the fall.

The Price family, below, and nearly 200 other alumni and friends joined President Benjamin B. Dunlap and several Wofford staff members at the regional Wofford event in Columbia, S.C.

During Interim, Ronald Norman ’13 (far left), Wofford’s student body president, did an internship at MSNBC with Craig Melvin ’01 in New York City. Brannen McDonald ’97 wanted Norman to network with other Wofford graduates while he was in the city so she arranged an informal gathering. Attending, from left to right, were: Norman, Sam Turner IV ’09, Chip Bowman ’12, Katherine Aul ’07, Lindy Bunch ’09, Susan Mims ’09, McDonald and Bradford Eaves ’07.

Members of the Class of 2013 enjoyed celebrating the start of their final semester at the 100 Days Party on Feb. 4. Left to right, top row, Emily Eisenstadt, Natalie Padron, Komal Patel and Jameaka Hamilton; bottom row, Brittany Walker, Michelle Stinson, Jessica Harner and Julie Le

Molly Hughes Cherry ’93 was honored as outgoing Alumni Executive Council president at the annual Wofford gathering in Charleston, S.C. She is pictured with her husband Dawson Cherry and Charlie Gray ’72, director of alumni and parent associations.

Upcoming events
March 24.................................................Easter EggStravaganza
April 6......................................Cooper River Bridge Run Gathering
April 11..............................................Atlanta Gathering
April 27..............................................Carowinds Family Event
May 3....................................................Bike Town Alumni Event
May 18-19..............................Class of 1963 50th Class Reunion
May 30..............................................Charlotte Young Alumni Event
July 27...........................................Panthers Training Camp Party
Oct. 4-5..............................................Family Weekend
Oct. 11-12..............................................Homecoming

Check www.wofford.edu/alumni for details and a full list of opportunities for alumni and friends to get together.
Lane honored as Clean Water Champion

John Lane, 77, above installing recycled stained glass at the new Aldo Leopold Shack interactive learning center at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, was honored recently by Upstate Forever with the Clean Water Champion award. The award was presented at the ForeverGreen Annual Awards Luncheon. Lane and five other “champions” were honored for their significant contributions in areas of land protection, air and water quality, sustainable development, public service and volunteer work. Lane continues to serve as professor of English and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford. Upstate Forever is a non-profit organization promoting sensible growth and protecting special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. To learn more, visit www.upstateforever.org.

Loftis named to “Legal Elite” in North Carolina

The January 2013 issue of Business North Carolina features W. Randall “Randy” Loftis ’68 as a member of North Carolina’s “Legal Elite,” one of 735 attorneys voted the best in the state. Loftis was further cited as the best in the field of employment law and featured with a full-page photo in which Loftis holds his Wofford diploma and is standing in front of Wofford’s Main Building. Loftis is an attorney with Constancy, Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem, N.C. Loftis, who earned his law degree at Wake Forest University, remains an advocate for education. He and his wife have four children, six grandchildren and a farm in Burke County.

Copeland named to leadership list

Julie Malloy Copeland ’98 was named one of 40 Leaders Under Forty in Greensboro, N.C., by The Business Journal. Copeland is vice president of talent management and development for HRD Strategies Inc. The magazine recognized Copeland as an innovator in providing solutions to clients in areas including organizational development, human resources and leadership. She’ll serve this year as president of the Junior League of Greensboro.

Holladay follows Burbage at Evening Post Books

John Burbage ’70 (above right) has retired as editor-in-chief of Evening Post Books in Charleston, S.C. Holliday ‘10 (above left) takes his place as the main point of contact for the company. Evening Post Books specializes in high quality literary fiction and non-fiction written by authors hailing from and writing about the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Smith art on exhibit at Chapman Cultural Center

Roy McBee Smith ‘96 will present oil paintings and watercolor paintings in an exhibit in May at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg. Many works will be of either coastal scenes or of more local Upstate subjects. Smith focuses on water colors and oil, but he has worked in three-dimensional clay and bronze and two-dimensional pen and ink, pencil, pastel and acrylic mediums. Many of his works are impressionistic nature scenes, but he continues to study the human body, light and water, space and perspective.

DEATHS

1937

Robert McKinley Stafford Jr., Jan. 5, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Stafford studied chemical engineering before serving in World War II and retired from the Army Reserve as a major. After the war he launched an engineering consulting firm specializing in commercial roofing and waterproofing. He retired in 1982, but the firm continues to operate as a family-owned business.

1940

George Ramon Aycock, Jan. 30, 2013, Columbus, S.C. Mr. Aycock was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He retired from the South Carolina Department of Education, where he was the state supervisor of food services. He was president of the department’s pioneer group and planned the annual meetings. He was active with Trenholm Road United Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club.

1941

Charles Rupert “Jami” Jamison, Dec. 29, 2012, Savannah, Ga. Mr. Jamison served as a Navy flight instructor during World War II. After working for Martin Johnson Co. in Evansville, Ind., he formed the Jamison Corp. for real estate investments. In retirement he enjoyed sailing, tennis and entertaining. He was active in church and civic life.

1945

Nathan Clark Herring, Jan. 15, 2013, Suffolk, Va. Known at Wofford as “Long John” for his prowess at both basketball and tennis, Mr. Shuler earned the Silver Star and the Purple Heart in World War II while serving with the 85th (“Custer”) Division in Italy. He retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He enjoyed a successful career in the wood preservation business, achieving the distinction of lifetime member in his professional association. He was a deacon in the Cradock Baptist Church and served as president of the Old Dominion University Foundation Board of Trustees.

1947

Nathan Clark Herring, Feb. 2, 2013, Wilmington, N.C.

Bjorn “John” Ahlin, Jan. 31, 2013, Ashville, N.C. A veteran of 50 World War II combat missions as a navigator in the Army Air Force, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Purple Hearts. After the war he earned his degree in chemistry at Wofford and continued on to pharmacy school. He also earned a master’s degree in history and wrote an important account of the air support phase of the Battle of Kasserine Pass. For 32 years, he owned a pharmacy in Sylva, N.C., where he was an active civic leader.

1950

John Lewis Eidson, Jan. 9, 2013, Greensville, S.C. Mr. Eidson served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and retired as a terminal manager for Consolidated Freightways. He was a member of the Greenville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and a dedicated member of the Plasburg Lions Club.

1951

Clayton E. Robertson Jr., Jan. 27, 2013, Richfield, N.C. Dr. Robertson taught biology and zoology at Pfeiffer University from 1956 until he retired in 1989. In addition to his faculty-related work, he was active in the community, assisting in the development of Richfield Park and serving as a deacon at the Richfield Baptist Church.

Wellington Worth Womick Jr., Nov. 20, 2012, Asheboro, N.C. Mr. Womick was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in Europe in 1944–45. Later, he was an officer in Korea. He devoted his life to education, serving for many years as dean of instruction at Asheboro College. He received the Man of the Year Award from the Southeastern Business College Association in 1965 and was an officer in several other professional organizations.

1958

Joseph Wofford Locke Sr., May 4, 2011, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr.

1961

John W. Aycock, Jan. 9, 2013, Sarasota, Fla. Mr. Aycock served as a Navy pilot during World War II.

1965

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1968

W. Randall “Randy” Loftis ’68 as a Wofford graduate and featured with a full-page photo in which Loftis holds his Wofford diploma and is standing in front of Wofford’s Main Building. Loftis is an attorney with Constancy, Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem, N.C. Loftis, who earned his law degree at Wake Forest University, remains an advocate for education. He and his wife have four children, six grandchildren and a farm in Burke County.

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1975

Roy Pelham Finney, Feb. 15, 2013, St. Petersburg, Fla. For more than 30 years Dr. Finney practiced urological surgery at a high level. He also served as a faculty member at the University of South Florida. He is credited with important innovations in ultrasonic technology for use in the treatment of kidney stones. During World War II Dr. Finney served as an aerial photographer near Dakar, Senegal. He also did pioneering work with underwater cameras and breathing devices. He had many interests outside the medical field, including genealogy, history, radio, electronics and boating.

1980

Chauncey Waldo Lever, Jan. 21, 2013, Jacksonville, Fla. A banker by profession, Mr. Lever also served in economic development, the railroad industry and higher education. He was a director of the Jacksonville branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and a member of the Reserve City Banker’s Association. Active in civic life, he had a particular interest in the Boy Scouts of America, where he was a volunteer leader for 30 years and received both the Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver Awards. He was also a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Singapore and a member of the board of directors of important Methodist charities. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Wofford in 1975.

1985

John Lewis Eidson, Jan. 9, 2013, Greensville, S.C. Mr. Eidson served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and retired as a terminal manager for Consolidated Freightways. He was a member of the Greenville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and a dedicated member of the Plasburg Lions Club.
Locke retired as a public tax accountant with Lee, Book, Macay & Associates. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church for 61 years.

1952  Ralph Lacey Rogers, Dec. 9, 1952, Whiteville, N.C. Mr. Rogers had a distinguished career in hospital administration, working for 23 years until he retired in 1951 at the Columbus County Hospital. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Whiteville and attended Living Word Church. He also served as a member and treasurer of the Whiteville Lions Club.

Christopher Samuel Sharp, Nov. 16, 2012, Venice, Fla. Dr. Sharp entered Wofford after serving in the U.S. Army in 1947–48. He was elected student body president in 1951–52. After completing a master's degree he became the founding director of the University of South Carolina's Aiken campus and then completed his doctoral degree in education. He held several senior administrative posts in academia, retiring as head of the College of Education at the University of Georgia in Dahlonega. In retirement, he lived in Venice, Fla. He was an avid golfer and taught Bible studies.


1954  William Joseph "Bill" Cantrell, Dec. 15, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Cantrell was a retired public school educator for Spartanburg School District 7. He also was minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg and more recently, he attended Morginside Baptist Church. Active in the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, he was known for award-winning roses. The family suggested memorials to St. James Whiteville Lions Club.

Robert Ray Fraley, Nov. 12, 2012, Elizabethtown, Ky. Mr. Fraley was a retired Army lieutenant colonel and a Vietnam War veteran. He later served as a golf teaching professional. He was a member of House of Prayer Lutheran Church.

1956  Richard Franklin Beam, Dec. 31, 2012, Rock Hill, S.C. Mr. Beam was associated for 31 years with the Kohler Co. in sales and management. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Oakland Baptist Church.

Z. E. "Bill" Dobbins Jr., Dec. 16, 2012, Rutherfordton, N.C. Mr. Dobbins was a retired educator and administrator for the Rutherford County Schools. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the First Baptist Church of Spindale, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

William Miles Tunno, Nov. 26, 2012, Charleston, S.C. A respected leader in the paint manufacturing industry before he retired, Mr. Tunno was the owner of Hanley Paint Co. of El Paso, Texas, and served as president of Color Guild International. He was an officer in the Army Reserve. The family has suggested memorial to St. James Episcopal Church onto Wofford College.

Carol Elton Whatley, Jan. 19, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Mr. Whatley pursued graduate studies at LSU and then went on to a life-long career in banking. He was a member of House of Prayer Lutheran Church for 61 years. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church for 61 years.

He was a member of the South Carolina Men's Garden Club, he was known as the Morgan lexicon.

1960  Charles Edwin Godwin Sr., Dec. 2, 1960, Lake City, S.C. For 35 years, Mr. Godwin practiced law in his hometown of Lake City. He served in the House of Delegates and the Board of Governors for the South Carolina Bar Association. From 1969 to 1973, he was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He also served on the human affairs commission and in other positions in state government. He was an active Christian, generously supporting mission projects.

Thomas Hendrix Tatum, Feb. 2, 2011, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Dr. Tatum practiced dentistry in the U.S. Air Force and held the retired rank of lieutenant colonel. He lived in the Long Bay Community in Myrtle Beach, where he was active in the homeowner's association.

1962  Richard Joseph Whiteside, Dec. 10, 2012, Inman, S.C. Mr. Whiteside was a retired public school educator, having taught in several high schools and the Isotropical Community College before he retired from the Polk County School System in 1993. For many years he was a member of the Coopers Gap Baptist Church, where he was the music director.

1964  Philip Lewis "Back" Preston, Jan. 26, 2013, Tryon, N.C. Mr. Preston taught English to high school students for 40 years in his native Polk County, N.C. He headed the consolidated schools Department of English, instituted Senior Project and started both men's and women's soccer. In 1995, he received the prestigious Stater Award to Promote Excellence in Teaching. He also was an avid fisherman and taught classes in whitewater rafting and Outward Bound.

1967  Gerald Ethan Reeve, Dec. 28, 2012, Reston, Va. Mr. Reeve was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired textile industrial engineer, whose career took him to Virginia, North Carolina and Rhode Island as well as Spartanburg. He was a voracious reader, a dedicated runner and an enthusiastic baseball fan.

1968  Aiken Anderson "Andy" Still, Feb. 3, 2010, Folly Beach, S.C. An outdoorsman and bluegrass musician, Mr. Still was associated with Santer Cooper for many years.

1969  Robert Gettys "Bob" Brannon Jr., Jan. 31, 2013, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Brannon was the owner of Carolina Paint Co. where he was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was an avid supporter of Wofford Terrier athletics.

Charles Layton Compton, Feb. 6, 2013, Laurens, S.C. An attorney-at-law, Mr. Compton was a trustee officer at the Palmetto Bank. He also served as the CEO and president of the Saluda River Cooperative. He was a past president of the board of the Laurens County Hospital, past president of the Laurens Rotary Club, and a 12-year member of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Board.

Annon Dixon "Dick" Day Jr., Oct. 31, 2012, Tuscaloosa, N.C. An artist, portrait and fine animal artist. Mr. Day was known for his work as an Outward Bound and mountaineering instructor at Camp Tom-A-Wenda as well as his skill at playing Southern style piano and mouth trumpet. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946–47 and taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church.

1971  James Adellbert "Del" Merchant, Jan. 19, 2013, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Mr. Merchant's death came after a long battle with cancer. After graduating from Wofford, he lived for several years in Washington, D.C., where he was on the staff of Sen. Strom Thurmond and was associated with W.R. Grace & Co. He then worked as a tennis professional and served as the manager of the Ocean Creek Tennis Club until 2009. Three safaris in Africa inspired his passion for wildlife preservation.

1974  John Gregory James, Dec. 13, 2012, Greenville, S.C. Mr. James died peacefully in his sleep from an incurable lung disease. He was a multi-talented theatrical performer who spent a successful decade in New York after graduation from Wofford. He then did brilliant work as artistic director of the Easley Community Theatre, which evolved under his leadership into the Oconee Hills Playhouse. Shakespeare was always his special passion, but he was also well known for his one-man interpretation of Mark Twain. Several of his proteges went on to professional careers in film and theater.

James Oswald "Jim" Schenk, Jan. 31, 2013, Pullman, Wash. Dr. Schenk was a professor at Washington State University, teaching chemistry, pharmacy, biochemistry and biophysics. He completed his doctorate at the University of Kansas and was a post-doctorate research fellow at Yale before joining the Washington State faculty in 1968. He was an avid photographer and outdoorsman.

1981  David Wells Morgan, Feb. 6, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Mr. Morgan's higher education community was deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Morgan, a brilliant man admired for his erudition and his kindness. After earning his Ph.D. at Princeton, Dr. Morgan taught French and humanities at Furman University for 20 years. He was internationally known not only for his work in French language and literature, but also for his expertise in Latin. He was an author of a groundbreaking dictionary informally known as the Morgan lexicon.

Friends  Terry Mason Belcher, Dec. 23, 2012, Boiling Springs, S.C. Mr. Belcher was a retired physical plant staff member and carpenter at Wofford.

Joseph Price Cameron, Jan. 27, 2013, Charleston, S.C. A graduate of the Citadel, Mr. Cameron retired as director of admission and registrar at his alma mater. He served as assistant professor of mathematics at Wofford from 1963 through 1966.

Ethen L. Chastain, Dec. 16, 2012, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Chastain served on the Wofford ROTC administrative staff during a 40-year career with the federal Civil Service. Her duties in Washington included service on the staff of Presidential Press Secretaries Pierre Salinger and Bill Moyers.

The Rev. A. Clark Jenkins, Jan. 4, 2013, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Jenkins served on the Wofford Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1999. He had a distinguished career as a minister in the United Methodist Church in South Carolina and Tennessee.

Mary Louise Williams Miller, Jan. 18, 2013, Spartanburg, S.C. Nobody could say WAAAHF-ford College quite like Mrs. Miller, who served as the college's switchboard operator in the 1970s and 1980s. She was a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Roebuck.


The field of sports medicine mourned one of its true pioneers, and Wofford lost one of its legendary characters and friends with the death of Floogie, as he was always known. Ariail enrolled at Wofford in 1946 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps throughout World War II, when he participated in some of its greatest battles, including Iwo Jima. During his time at Wofford, Floogie was Coach Phil Dickens' trainer for the great Terrier football teams where he was a member of the Buford Street United Methodist Church.
Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie

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