Fourth Dance
IN SIX YEARS!
Wofford cheers on Terriers during NCAA Tournament
The Terriers continue to make their mark in the world, assisted by your support and encouragement.

After an amazing season, Wofford’s men’s basketball team finished the year with a valiant performance against the University of Arkansas in the NCAA Tournament. A win in the Southern Conference Tournament gave the Terriers outright titles to both the regular season and tournament championships, and we could not be prouder of our young men, who even now are back in the classroom and working just as hard on their studies as they did during the big dance.

Our Terriers make their mark off the court, too.

- Wofford seniors are finalizing their postgraduate plans. Palmer Cantler ’15 has been offered a full scholarship to attend Duke Divinity School in the fall—a scholarship that includes three paid internship experiences.
- Rachel Woodlee ’13, Wofford’s current Rhodes Scholar, is now in the Ph.D. program at Oxford University in England and was named one of the top 25 under 25 in U.S.-China relations by China Star magazine.
- Donovan Hicks ’16 was one of 10 people recently admitted as a 2015 Public Policy and International Affairs Law Fellow at the University of California Berkeley this summer. He is currently in the running for a Harry S. Truman Scholarship as well.
- Three students—Alexandria Arsi ’17, Richard Fields ’17 and Cole McCarty ’17—recently completed training to join the University Innovation Fellows of the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation (Epicenter), a national program that empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, design thinking and venture creation.
- The talented students who produce the Old Gold and Black student newspaper won seven awards, including three first-place recognitions, in the 2015 South Carolina Press Association Collegiate Competition.

The work of these exceptional students—and the stories highlighted on the following pages—is made possible through your encouragement, time and financial contributions. Thank you for supporting our students and the extraordinary power of the Wofford College experience.
WOFFORD: IT’S YOUR WORLD

During Interim a group of Wofford students learned wilderness camping skills. Before their first excursion the group practiced setting up their campsite at the top of the steps of Main Building below the college’s new banners. The new “Wofford: It’s your world” tagline on these and other banners throughout campus acknowledges Wofford’s emphasis on global learning and addresses Wofford’s ability to personalize educational opportunities. It’s your world… explore it. It’s your world… engage it. It’s your world… transform it. These are just a few of the ways that students, faculty, staff and alumni can shape their world through the Wofford experience.
C. FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS TO RETIRE IN MAY

Four members of the Wofford faculty will retire in May. Mike Carter (professor of English), Dr. Angela Shiflet (Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. George Whitfield (chair and professor of education) leave the college after a combined 87 years of service. The college has been in the top 10 baccalaureate institutions for the percentage of students studying abroad for credit for more than 15 years. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. HORWITZ BRINGS SHOLOM ALEICHEN TO WOFFORD

Murray Horwitz brought “An Evening of Sholom Aleichem” to Wofford and the Spartanburg community in February. While on campus Horwitz also talked with theatre majors about careers in the field and with other members of the Wofford community on the value of a broad-based, inclusive education. Read a story about Horwitz at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

E. MC CANE SHARES EXPERTISE WITH CNN AUDIENCE

Dr. Byron McCane helped guide viewers through “Finding Jesus: Faith. Fact. Forgery,” a CNN documentary series which began airing on Sunday, March 3. McCane, the Albert C. Outler Professor of Religion at the college, regularly takes Wofford students to experience archaeological digs in the Middle East and Italy. This six-part series examines six objects purported to be from the time of Jesus. Read more about their plans after Commencement at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. MASSEY ESSAY FEATURED IN WILDLIFE PUBLICATION

Lee Massey ’17 recently published an essay in South Carolina Wildlife magazine. She wrote the piece as part of a first-year humanities assignment for Collis Professor of Humanities George Stoughton. He was so impressed that he suggested that she submit the story. Massey’s essay is a humorous retelling of a duck’s life. Read Massey’s essay at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

G. WOFFORD TEAM WINS CFA COMPETITION

A team of Wofford students won the CFA Institute Research Challenge Southern Classic. Team members are Victoria DelBello ’15 of East Greenwich, R.I.; Katherine Densla ‘15 of Greenwood, S.C., John Estes ’15 of Carlsbad, Pa.; Al Kelly ’16 of Akron, N.Y.; and Matt McLaugh ’15 of Summerville, S.C. Their adviser is Dr. Michael Merriman, assistant professor of accounting and finance. To read more about student successes, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

H. RADACK SHARES INSIDER VIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWING

National security whistleblower Jesselyn Radack, who also is the attorney for NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, spent a week on campus in February as the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. Radack, director of national security and human rights at the Government Accountability Project, conducted classes, met with students and faculty and held two public speaking events. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
UNLEASHED

AS OF MARCH 21, THE 2015 TERRIERS BECAME THE FOURTH TEAM IN THE NATION TO REACH 20 WINS ON THE SEASON. FOR A SCHEDULE OF REMAINING GAMES, LOG ON TO WOFFORDTERRIERS.COM »
In 1955 construction began on Fraternity Row. The college built seven fraternity lodges in a project costing a total of $77,500.

For 60 years those houses have been used by students and visited by alumni. Bands, shaving cream fights, first dates… if only the walls could talk.

Now it’s 2015, and the college has come full circle with plans to build a new Greek Village.

Mike Lackey ’81, a Kappa Sigma brother, first met his wife, Susan Morrison Lackey ’81, a charter member of Kappa Delta, at Fraternity Row. Despite this sentimental connection to the old fraternity houses, Lackey acknowledges that it is time for a change. “You can’t help but notice how sad the old chapter houses look these days. They are obsolete, no longer seem to fit in with the rest of the campus, and it’s clear that they need to be replaced,” he says.

Demolition of Fraternity Row will begin in the summer of 2015, but the new Greek Village will not be built on its current site between Black Science Annex and Greene Hall. The new Greek Village will enjoy prime real estate on campus, across Evins Street from Main Building and across Cumming Street from Gibbs Stadium. Moving the location to the social center of campus will make the Greek Village easily accessible from The Village apartments, occupied mainly by seniors and juniors, and the ideal spot for pre- and postgame celebrations throughout the year.

Unlike the current Fraternity Row, the new Greek Village will serve as the home for both Greek women and men, with sororities as well as fraternities having dedicated houses. Instead of meeting in tiny offices and maneuvering around overstuffed closets in Andrews Field House, Wofford women in sororities will enjoy ample space in the Greek Village. Additionally, the new Greek Village will feature an NPHC/Multicultural House that will include offices for National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations on campus and a black alumni hall of fame. The inclusion of this home in the Greek Village provides a space for diversity initiatives and programming focused on enhancing the campus experience for the growing number of Wofford students of color.

“Students of color will have the unprecedented occasion in the Greek Village to expand and sustain their involvement in Greek life at Wofford by promoting and sharing their histories, cultures, traditions and ideas with the community,” says Ellis Colvin ’83. “The new Greek Village will become the major crucible for Wofford minority students to build personal relationships and to partner with alumni in professions that will value their liberal arts education, diversity, talents and abilities in a highly competitive world. As a Wofford alumnus, I am personally supporting and contributing to the 1854 Heritage Campaign for an NPHC/Multicultural House because of its legacy potential for minority students, the black alumni and their families to have an enduring presence on Wofford’s campus.”

The total cost of the new Greek Village project is approximately $7.7 million, and with the college’s investment of $2 million and a private gift of $600,000 to fund the multi-purpose pavilion located at the entrance, the remaining approximately $5.1 million has been divided by the 11 houses for fundraising purposes.
On Jan. 24, 2015, the college embarked on a “60-day blitz” fundraising campaign for the Greek Village. Approximately 75 individuals, including current students and alumni representing each Greek organization and the Black Alumni Steering Committee, attended the Greek Village campaign kickoff held on Wofford’s campus. Staff representatives from the offices of Student Affairs, Development, and Marketing and Communications were present, as well as representatives from McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture.

During his welcome President Nayef Samhat emphasized the importance of Greek life to the vision of Wofford College. A hush fell across the crowded room as the designs for the new Greek Village were unveiled in an animated flyover video of renderings, which included narration explaining the project’s features and architectural details.

After review of the site plan and layouts of houses in the Greek Village, discussion turned to fundraising. In order to begin construction on the Greek Village as soon as possible, each organization was charged with the mission of raising $400,000 in outright gifts and pledges by April 1. Attendees then split into their individual groups to plan fundraising geared toward their specific organizations.

Fueled by their passion for the Wofford Greek life experience and the realization of the transformative nature of the Greek Village, dedicated fundraising leaders from each fraternity and sorority spearheaded these efforts. With the help of the Office of Development, organizations used direct mail, email campaigns, marketing videos, phone trees and other means of communication to get the word out and raise support for the Greek Village campaign.

The 60-Day Blitz

The Design of the Greek Village

The vision for the Greek Village was designed with the help of Wofford administration and Greek life students through on-campus workshops with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture. As organizations acquire the necessary funds, they will continue to work with the architects to design a space that is uniquely their own. Organization leaders and their respective alumni advisers will have the opportunity to choose from six architectural styles and a variety of exterior materials, as well as an interior layout that suits their particular needs.

The focal point of the Greek Village will be a multipurpose pavilion, generously funded by an anonymous donor. The pavilion was designed to mirror the style of Main Building and will serve as a common gathering place in the Greek Village, suitable for campuswide functions.

The 11 houses of the Greek Village are arranged in a formal pattern to complement the Greek Revival architectural style. The colonnade at the back of the houses defines a grassy courtyard area that is available for formal and informal gatherings. Taking into consideration the patios and colonnade area of each house, organizations will have plenty of outdoor space for band parties and other events.

An initial question from both alumni and student populations involved how each house would maintain privacy. Each house of the Greek Village will have appropriate fencing and landscaping on the back patios in order to provide fraternities with proper security and control measures as required by their national organizations.

The architecture of the Greek Village will offer opportunities for students who participate in Greek life to gather seven days a week—not just on the weekends. The houses of the Greek Village will be significantly larger than the current Fraternity Row houses, providing ample space and modern amenities suitable for hosting chapter meetings, guest speakers, study sessions, social events and other programming.

The Greek Village and the Wofford Community

“The Greek Village will be something for all our constituents to be proud of,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’99, associate vice president and executive director of Development. “Wofford is one of the few institutions, if any, that is making an investment in Greek life. From a brick-and-mortar standpoint to programming, Wofford recognizes the history and importance of Greek life to our students and alumni.”

According to Kennedy, the new Greek Village will position Wofford as an example to similar institutions for excellence not only in architecture of community space, but also in standards of Greek life as a whole.

Bob Cardney ’91 of Sigma Alpha Epsilon sees the potential the Greek Village will provide in strengthening the already tight-knit Wofford community: “The Greek Village will essentially be the center of campus. It will give the college a place where Greek and non-Greek students can attend social events and other activities,” he says. “Its open design and inclusion of sororities and the NPHC/Multicultural House will encourage a more diverse environment, allowing for friendships to form that might not otherwise have happened.”

Mike Lackey agrees: “Ultimately, [the Greek Village] will be more useful to more students.”

The Greek Village also will play a role in helping alumni feel more connected to the college. “I think it will be great for alumnae to also have a central gathering place when they come back to campus,” says Sharyn Beard Pittman ’92, a Zeta Tau Alpha sister and alumni adviser. Pittman believes that the new Greek Village will serve as the ideal gathering spot for everything from Homecoming to reunion weekends to tailgates and more. “The Greek Village will be a place for Wofford students and alumni alike to call their own,” said Andrew Strasburger ’13, a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, sees the Greek Village as an important steppingstone for Greek-life students and the college as a whole.

“Greek life shaped the way that I interact with the world through lessons in character and leadership,” he says. “A Wofford degree is a lot more than a piece of paper; it is a guarantee of the quality of the holder’s education and integrity. To ensure that this guarantee continues in the future, the students need a place to learn these beyond-the-classroom qualities. The Greek Village will provide a community of learning that will continue to guarantee the utmost value of a Wofford graduate’s true worth, both academically and personally.”

For more information about the Greek Village, please visit wofford.edu/greekvillage.

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$105,000 gift will create “best of its kind” internship program at Wofford.

Mike Brown ’76 funds travel and living expenses for students pursuing work experiences.

by Lisa Mincey Ware
Students must produce a post-internship writing assignment to digest the lessons learned and that students are accountable for the work they promise to do.

College has always been a time to mature and experience independence, but more emphasis is now placed on the value of a liberal arts institution to study accounting, business or finance? Why Wofford?

The goal, says Brown, is to allow students to connect their liberal arts classroom experiences to practical, real-world career opportunities without being hindered by a lack of funds. “Back then the emphasis was on having an experience, making contacts, growing as people,” he recalls. “Now we understand the importance of internships in our students’ future career plans.”

“Thanks to Mike Brown, Wofford will significantly expand its internship program,” Cochran says. “In 2015, 40 students will receive funding to complete school internships in the United States, Brazil, India, China and the United Kingdom.” But first, Cochran says, Brown has asked that they complete an internship board for approval. Not all internships are offered by The Space. “We’ve got an outstanding resource at Wofford, one that no other college has,” he says. “The internship was the perfect bridge between what I’ve studied at Wofford and my future career as an architect.”

When Caroline Winn ’15 received an email about internship scholarships from the Career Services Office last spring, she was thrilled. Winn, a Spanish and economics double major, had just learned she’d been awarded a highly competitive summer marketing internship with the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. “It was my dream internship, but living expenses in D.C. are insane,” she says. “I’m from Pennsylvania, and I wasn’t sure I could afford to go to Washington for three months.” Winn applied for and was awarded a $1,500 internship scholarship funded by Mike Brown ’86, a former member of the Board of Trustees. The money allowed her to pay rent on a shared apartment for the summer. “It was the best summer of my life,” she says. “The internship was the perfect bridge between what I’ve studied at Wofford and my future career as an architect.”

This spring Brown made a $100,000 gift to the college to fund internships similar to Winn’s, enabling more students to participate in a variety of significant work experiences that will help determine or secure future career and graduate school opportunities.

The service is free of charge, and our students receive hugs and gratitude in return. “Our students learn to do well and to do good,” a team of Wofford students works diligently to manage the Michael R. James Investment Fund so that they can use a portion of their investment income to make loans to small business owners in Haiti. These loans change the lives and futures of entire families.

At Wofford students are supported by a committed faculty, staff and alumni network. In addition to the commitment Wofford faculty and staff have to work with students one on one, alumni play a critical role in helping our students explore interests and gain access to a wide range of resources. Students regularly receive generous offers of support from our network of alumni that include internship opportunities, availability for resume review and professional guidance.

So, why Wofford? Success rarely ever happens by accident. Sometimes you try again. Our students leave Wofford well prepared to handle what life brings, knowing that to achieve success you have to be open to new ways of thinking and adapting; you have to show compassion for those whose paths you will cross.”
WHAT WOFFORD STUDENTS did during their JANUARY INTERIM
USING PROBABILITY THEORY TO BEAT GAME SHOWS, TEACHING RATS TO PLAY BASKETBALL, STUDYING AND TRAVELING THE WORLD, MAYBE EVEN WORKING IN THE DENTAL CLINIC NEXT DOOR

Wofford students, COME ON DOWN!!! And learn how to win on “The Price Is Right!” Sounds like an easy A and an even easier way to spend the month of January, but think again.

According to a description of the course taught by Dr. Matthew Cathey, associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Dan Mathewson, associate professor of religion, “after examining the place and history of game shows in American culture, students will learn and use mathematical techniques in probability theory, combinatorics and game theory to learn the best strategies to beat the various ‘The Price Is Right’ games.”

The 25 students in the Interim met Ben Ingram ’05, who just won the Jeopardy Tournament of Champions, and wrapped up the month by creating a Wofford-focused game show—performed before a live studio audience, of course.

Come on Down! How to Win on “The Price Is Right” offers an ideal example of what Wofford’s Interim is all about—putting theory into practice, expanding the walls of the traditional classroom and remembering that a commitment to lifelong learning is part of what makes a Wofford education so transformative.

To read more about some of the inventive, on-campus, internship and study-abroad courses during January, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday or wofford.edu/interim.
Michelle Merritt ’15 shares her family’s journey through breast cancer during her medical humanities capstone project
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Michelle Merritt ’15 remembers walking into her parents’ room as a 10-year-old and hearing them in the adjoining bathroom. Although she couldn’t see her parents, she could tell that her mother was crying. It was during Liliana Merritt’s second bout with breast cancer: the first was when Merritt was just three.

Although Merritt turned around and never spoke with her parents about the tearful moment she overheard, the memory remained so vivid that years later she put herself into her mother’s shoes and turned it into a poem, “Liliana,” part of her senior medical humanities capstone project at Wofford.

“Because I was so young when my mom was diagnosed with cancer, I didn’t really ask her a lot of questions,” says Merritt. “I made up for it this fall.” Merritt, a biology major with a concentration in medical humanities, wants to become a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. Although she’s fascinated by the medicine, she’s been just as intrigued by the feelings generated by a cancer diagnosis.

In addition to gathering facts regarding the disease—diagnosis, procedure and chemicals used to treat the cancer—Merritt delved into emotional responses. Each chapter in her medical humanities thesis represents a different perspective: the doctors, her mom, dad and older brother.

“Each chapter assumes a distinct voice in my mother’s journey,” says Merritt. “They contributed to her successful progression and ultimately influenced mine.”

Dr. G. R. Davis, Wofford professor of biology and Merritt’s medical humanities adviser, knew that in addition to studying biology she has written poetry since high school. As they met weekly to talk through the planning and progress of the project, he noted that her voice was absent and encouraged her to put her memories, thoughts and feelings into poetry.

“Could you write as if you were the cancer inside your mother?” Davis leaned across the desk and asked during one of those meetings. Merritt’s poem, “Cancer,” from the perspective of the disease, was so powerful that Davis now has both poems and a sketch drawn by Josh Holt ’14 on display in the Roger Milliken Science Center (glass case gallery on the first floor).

“Here we have two student-athletes—Michelle, who plays basketball, and Josh, who played football—working together and pursuing interests outside of their regular course work,” says Davis. “It’s nice to be able to do medical humanities here at Wofford where a student like Michelle can combine her love of language and poetry with science.”

Merritt gives Davis lots of credit for the passion she put into her capstone. She also is quick to thank Dr. Ellen Goldey (biology), Dr. Charlie Bass (chemistry) and Dr. Carol Wilson (English) with helping her craft, review and present her project.

“Articulating my family’s journey has been rewarding, and I appreciate everyone who helped make that possible,” says Merritt, who showed her parents the poems and drawings when they were on campus for a home basketball game (although they live in Miami, Fla., the Merritts come to almost every home game).

“We were all in tears,” says Merritt. “My mom said, ‘Michelle, I’m so proud of you. I only hope this journey is mine and never yours.’”

According to Merritt, however, they both know that the odds say otherwise. “Every woman in my family has had breast cancer,” says Merritt. “Ironically enough my mom had the genetic test, and it came back negative.”

Merritt, who has raised funds for breast cancer research since she was in middle school, now advocates for early detection as well. She believes sharing her capstone will help her do that.

“Sharing our story isn’t about pity, but about empowering women and men who have breast cancer to stay positive and hopeful. If they do that, they can get through it. My mom is a testament to that,” says Merritt.

To read Merritt’s poems and see a photo of Holt’s art, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
I am my grandmother’s son. Born to a teenage mother and an absent father, my grandmother—who was one of 11 and had six children of her own—supported my mother and took me in as her son. Thanks to my grandmother’s generosity and to a hardworking mother, I became the first member of my family to attend college. I’ve changed the dynamic of my family, and though I never knew it, my path to becoming a soon-to-be college graduate was an unusual one.

This past November I finished my last career football game at Wofford College and sat with my family afterward, reminiscing about how I progressed from an immature high school athlete to a member of Wofford’s championship team and chairman of the college’s Judicial Commission. My grandmother was always adamant that we were well cared for despite having many heads under one roof. My mother and grandmother worked tirelessly to ensure that we had everything we needed for school, even though the prospects for completing an education in my neighborhood were statistically very bleak. Their sacrifices for our well-being and education proved to be useful to me as a lineman on my high school football team and continue to lift me up after four years as a Wofford Terrier.

I am grateful for the challenges I faced because they made me a better athlete, a more grateful student and a more serious person. I was not the first in my high school to receive a Division I scholarship for football, but there was no one I knew who chose a college like Wofford. At Wofford a student-athlete is a student first, and there are no easy majors for football players. I chose to pursue a degree in government, and I often found myself writing research papers on the bus returning from away games. I really enjoyed the majority of my courses, and I devoted twice as many hours to my studies as I did to physical training and football practice.

Every though it’s been exhausting, my academic career at Wofford has been nothing short of amazing. This semester I had the opportunity to serve as the counsel for our commander in chief in a moot court emulating the Rumsfeld v. Padilla trial. Serving as justices during the mock trial were the Hon. Henry Floyd ‘70 from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, attorney Jesselyn Radack, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow who has served as legal counsel for Edward Snowden and a number of national whistleblowers, and my pre-law adviser. I also served the Wofford community by mentoring a number of students and by uploading our Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities as a member of the Judicial Commission.

I’ve come to appreciate the ways that my studies have given me a better grasp of our political world. My professors always seek critical explanation and expansive thought, which has strengthened me as a whole. I cannot recall taking more than one or two standardized exams since I’ve been here. I value this because it elevated my thinking and honed my ability to share diverse thoughts and opinions. In the end, I think I have lived up to the expectations of my mother and grandmother. I’m still a big kid at heart, but I have earned a great liberal arts education that will equip me with the tools to give back to my family and community.

During my time at Wofford, I have come to value a rich learning environment and a working relationship with my professors. As a student-athlete and leader on campus, I value collaborating with my peers in the classroom and in areas outside of the classroom that make Wofford the best place that it can be. As I consider law school acceptances, I use my Wofford experience as a standard. Years from now I envision myself as a servant leader, a legal advocate and a counselor. My mother and grandmother have been my rock and my foundation. Wofford College has helped me use that foundation to grow, change and determine a path for my future.

I’m grateful to both my family and my alma mater!
“I knew from the start that the hardest part was not going to be the chemo or losing my hair, it was knowing that I wouldn’t be at Wofford for all of the things that seemed like such a big deal at the time.” —Natalie Hahn ’15

On Sunday, May 17, Wofford College will confer diplomas on 394 members of the Class of 2015. Among those will be Natalie Hahn ’15, who has extra cause to celebrate. Hahn walks across the stage not only as a graduate of Wofford, but also as a survivor of ovarian cancer.

“I had a regular checkup scheduled for July 18, 2012,” says Hahn. “I remember that I was busy and tried to reschedule, but my mom was insistent, so I went. … Within the week I was diagnosed with dysgerminoma, a particularly aggressive tumor.”

After doctors removed the tumor, Hahn missed the fall of her sophomore year to undergo a regimen of inpatient chemotherapy at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Hahn says that her mom helped her shave her head following the first treatment and served as a source of strength throughout the entire process.

“Wofford was unbelievable. It felt like home from the time I walked on the campus, but I really knew it after this happened. When I needed family and friends the most, Wofford was there,” says Hahn.

Hahn says that Wofford people were always visiting, sending flowers, preparing meals for the family and volunteering to sit with her during treatments. Her boyfriend, Rags Coxe ’15, coined the term “Nattitude” to describe Hahn’s spirit of determination, and the college’s Greek life organizations, led by Hahn’s Zeta Tau Alpha sisters, took the phrase and ran with it—showing solidarity by wearing the Nattitude “Headbands of Hope” created by Katie Watsoch ’13 and holding support rallies for Hahn. “I was set to go to a big university, but changed my mind at the last minute. This is why I chose a private, liberal arts college,” says Hahn.

Hahn’s cancer has taken on her both physically and emotionally, as well as about those currently facing cancer treatments. She’s open about the toll that treatments. Her boyfriend, Rags Coxe ’15, coined the term “Nattitude” to describe Hahn’s spirit of determination, and the college’s Greek life organizations, led by Hahn’s Zeta Tau Alpha sisters, took the phrase and ran with it—showing solidarity by wearing the Nattitude “Headbands of Hope” created by Katie Watsoch ’13 and holding support rallies for Hahn.

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According to Hahn, the current literature does not cover what it’s like to be diagnosed and treated for ovarian cancer at the age of 19. “I had to write my own playbook,” says Hahn, who has turned the book into a roadmap for other young women facing a similar diagnosis. She spent the past interim working in Washington, D.C., with the director of field engagement for the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, helping the organization develop a guidebook for women between the ages of 15 and 34 who are diagnosed with the disease.

“I loved what I did in D.C.,” says Hahn. “I’ve learned that my passion for giving back is greater than I thought, and I’m definitely keeping my options open in this field.”

Along those lines Hahn and her brothers, Baxter, one of her greatest supporters during her battle with cancer, have their own foundation called the Rainbow Fund, which provides seed money for individuals in times of need. Hahn also shares her experiences with civic groups, schools and those currently facing cancer treatments. She’s open about the toll that cancer has taken on her both physically and emotionally as well as about her spiritual growth during the journey from diagnosis to cure.

“The speaking engagements started as therapy,” says Hahn. “As my dad says, it’s about faith, not fear. I was given these terrible cards, but I never worried. I always believed that something good would come out of this.”

Although Hahn celebrates her life and health each day, she knows that she’s not out of the woods yet.

“For the first year I had to go back to my oncologist every three months. The next year it was every four months. I now see the doctor every five months and will continue that until I’m cancer-free for five years. After that the survival rate really goes up,” says Hahn.

Hahn also says that she received lots of love and support from people in her hometown of Florence, S.C. The Wofford alumni network in Florence is one of the reasons she chose Wofford, and Hahn feels a special connection to both the alumni and the high school students considering Wofford.

“Students I know in Florence are starting to get their Wofford acceptance letters,” says Hahn. “I’m giddy when I see some of the photos they’ve posted. It’s as if just got my letter. My Wofford journey here has been remarkable. I wouldn’t change it for the world.”

Natalie Hahn ’15 on surviving ovarian cancer, the Wofford community and her journey of faith, not fear

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Kirsten Frost ’15 was working with an AmeriCorps program designed to help prevent a loss in educational gains or “summer slide” in school-aged children when she learned that some states decide how many prison cells to build based on the number of third-grade students behind in reading. She was so appalled that she applied to Teach For America, a program that works toward educational equity by putting committed teachers into schools within low-income communities.

She’s not alone. This year three other Wofford students have joined the effort. Margaret Carraway ’15 (a history major with an art history minor from Tampa, Fla.) will teach secondary social studies in Alabama; Anna Henson ’15 (a psychology major with a business minor from Chapin, S.C.) will be placed in a secondary science classroom in South Carolina, and Frost (a government and Spanish major with a concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from Sumter, S.C.) will teach special education, also in South Carolina.

“We all care about the cause—bridging the achievement gap and fighting for equity of opportunity,” says Stroud. “I believe that the best way to do that is through achieving educational equity.”

According to Sam Clooney ’05, director of teacher leadership development for Teach For America in Charlotte, N.C., Wofford students are ideally suited for Teach For America.

“Each year we have tens of thousands of applications, and we only accept three or four thousand,” says Clooney. “We get the cream of the crop, and Wofford students definitely hold their own against anyone from any college or university in the country.”

Clooney says that’s because Wofford builds civic engagement into its mission—from the Bonner Scholars, to Arcadia Volunteer Corps, to classes with a service-learning component, to foundations and organizations that support national and local philanthropies.

“Wofford creates an environment that helps students understand the importance of civic engagement and develop a deep commitment to it,” he says. “Service is a big part of life at Wofford, and because of that, Wofford students make ideal Teach For America leaders.”

Henson says that nothing makes her heart beat faster than “I’m from a loving, comfortable, middle-class home,” says Henson. “I benefited from good parents and motivated teachers. Not everyone has that type of support. Dr. Schmitz’s class changed my perspective. Teach For America is an opportunity to serve and give back in a community like my hometown.”

Upon graduation these Wofford women, all with resumes filled with study-abroad, internship, leadership and service experiences, will spend five weeks completing an intensive training program and working in a summer school alongside certified teachers. They will begin their two-year commitments in high-need classrooms in the fall.

“I expect to see anything and everything,” says Stroud. “I expect to have my heart broken, my blood boiling and ultimately, my world rocked.”

“I expect to be surprised at what my students are capable of,” says Frost.

“I’ve been told not to smile until Christmas,” says Carraway, who plans to use her two years in the program to earn a master’s degree in education. “She’s particularly excited about her assignment to rural Alabama because her grandmother was a teacher in a low-income area of the state. ‘It’s a family legacy,’ she says.

“My goal is to be effective, and if I’m not an effective teacher, then I will find another way to help this cause,” adds Stroud.

Sitting in a group in a classroom in Main Building, they all nod their heads in agreement. Whether in the classroom or eventually shaping public policy, these women believe in Teach For America.

“Crime, poverty, the government, the economy...we complain about these problems that could be solved if we root educational equity,” says Frost.

Wofford’s Teach For America students have felt supported by the Wofford community—professors who have passed along applications, written letters of recommendation and shared personal experiences—but most also have received concern from someone in their lives, people who mean well but are concerned that these newly minted graduates are going into tough situations blinded by idealism.

In addition to having Wofford graduate Katie Davis ’14, currently a Teach For America Spanish teacher in North Carolina, as resource, Henson has been sharing her insights with the group after her internship with Teach For America this past summer as the operations coordinator in Atlanta.

“We know it’s going to be hard, but I believe we’re all going into this with an open mind,” says Henson. “We have degrees from Wofford College. We can do anything, and we’re choosing to do this, if not us, then who?”
The Terriers win the SoCon Championship to advance to the NCAA “March Madness” Tournament for the fourth time in six years.
Barry Phillips ‘95 had been a fan of the NFL since he was 4 years old, so when Wofford College began hosting the Carolina Panthers for training camp the year he graduated, he was excited. Twenty years later his love for both the Terriers and the Panthers has extended to his own children.

“Wofford hosting the Panthers gave me a huge sense of pride, both as a recent Wofford graduate and also as a Spartanburg resident,” says Phillips, sales manager for Tindall Corp. in Spartanburg. “It’s cool to have a connection between your alma mater and an NFL franchise.”

Earlier this year the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Panthers and Wofford College announced that the team has extended its contract with Wofford, so summer training camp will continue on campus through at least 2019.

Phillips has raised his two daughters, ages 9 and 12, to be Panthers fans: “My daughters knew ‘Terriers’ and ‘Panthers’ before they knew their ABCs. It’s important to me for my girls to have a sense of pride for their community, and hosting summer training camp does that.”

Anna Habreutinger Converse ‘95 and her husband, Justin ‘96, share the enthusiasm of their alma mater hosting the Panthers. “Our children, Marianna (12) and Hugh (10), have come to love sports and football in general—especially Wofford and Carolina Panthers football,” says Anna. “The excitement for them begins the second the Panthers players’ cars start rolling into town. The children are on the lookout for them around every turn and really look forward to seeing the players around campus. The players are very good at saying ‘hey’ to the children. It really makes for a huge hit.”

In 2014, Wofford hosted 49,000 visitors to training camp, and the Spartanburg community enjoyed a $5.2 million economic impact. “This is exciting news for the Spartanburg community and for tourism in our region,” said Chamber of Commerce CEO Allen Smith to an overflow crowd when he made the contract extension announcement on Feb. 9. During the announcement Smith was flanked by Wofford President Nayef Samhat and Carolina Panthers President Danny Morrison ’75.

“Spartanburg is proud to be among the handful of communities host- ing an NFL training camp,” Smith added. “Most teams are moving to hold their camps on their home turf—only 11 of 32 teams hold training camp away from their home cities. I want to thank Jerry Richardson ’59, owner of the Panthers, and Wofford College for creating this partnership for the community in which we all can share and enjoy.”

According to Smith, based on last year’s figures, Wofford College and the Spartanburg community will welcome 245,000 Panthers fans for a total economic impact of more than $26 million over the next five years. Panthers summer training camp is held each summer from late July to mid-August. Practices are free and open to the public, and Wofford hosts a community party during the opening weekend to celebrate camp.
1950
The South Carolina North-South Football All-Star Game was dedicated to longtime Gaffney High School coach and athletics director Bob Prevette. Prevette, who in North Carolina coached Jerry Richardson '79 during his high school football career, led the Gaffney Indians to five state championships. He also coached the north squad in the 1960 all-star game.

1960
Bill Belk and his wife, Edna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21. They live in Rock Hill, S.C.
The Rev. Zach Farmer and his wife, Lee, have moved to The Daks (formerly known as Methodist Daks) in Orangeburg, S.C.

1961
John Laurence Sharpe III has written a book about James “Willa” Foy called “Growing Up With Raleigh.” The book is a memoir that takes readers through the basketball courts of the ACC during the mid-1970s and beyond. Sharpe served as a curator of rare books at Duke University for 40 years.

1963
Henry M. Smith of rare books at Duke University for 40 years.

1966
J. Hayne Culler Sr., class chair
Greater Columbia Business Monthly selected Weldon J. Ranson as one of the Midlands Legal Elite. The magazine recognized the top Columbia-area attorneys in 20 practice areas. Johnson is the senior partner for Barnes Allison.

1969
Richard L. Myers, class chair
Living in Horioula, Hawaii, Chris Hamon works as a sales manager for Starbuck Solar Inc. in Asia.
Harvey McLeod Williamson Jr. and his wife, Julie, recently joined Cruise Planners, an American Express travel representative, as an independently owned and operated franchise. They live in Orangeburg, S.C.

1970
Alicia Nunamaker Truesdail, class chair
Submit updates electronically by visiting wofford.edu/updates and clicking “Share Your Story.”
Write to us at Wofford Today, 429 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303.
Call the Alumni Office at 864-574-8480.

1973
Dr. Robert Powers, the program director for biomedical and clinical research at Gwinnnett Technical College, has been recognized by the Georgia Bio Community Award. The award recognizes Powers’ work in championing life sciences education in both the public and private economic development circles.

1976
John W. Gardy, class chair
After 36 years in mortgage banking, Al Floyd has retired but now has joined Coldwell Banker United. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

1981
Patrick Watson, class chair
Matt Bolton is president of Enhanced Systems Consulting, a direct and support software development company for client/server/web and mobile applications in Johnson City, Tenn.

1983
W. Scott Gantt, class chair
Russell Cook has been named a managing director of Compumort Ventures in Richland, S.C. Compumort focuses on managing invest- ment opportunities and identifying and coordinating new opportunities to acquire or invest in innovative new businesses.

1986
Brand Smith, class chair
Just before Christmas, Dwayne Harris and his wife, Priscilla, adopted four children who were in Department of Social Services custody. Their story was published in the Greenville News, and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal wrote a story on the Greens family event on Dec. 24. Harris serves as the assistant director of public safety at Wofford.

1989
Michael R. Sullivan, class chair
MINI GOLF, HURRICANES AND BUDGET SHEETS
Just another day at the office for Tanya Green Greene ’94 by Tanya Green Greene
Tanya Green Greene’s world as the senior vice president of finance for Burroughs & Chapin in Myrtle Beach, S.C., isn’t all spreadsheets and calculators. The majority of her workday involves people—coworkers, shareholders, auditors and property man- agers. That’s what she loves about accounting, working with people to tell the financial side of the story.

Green Greene ‘94 does it well, so she has been sought after professionally and cur- rently sits on the South Carolina Board of Accountants.
“For me accounting makes sense—the debts and credits, the bottom line,” says Green Greene, “but I’m a person as well. I think that’s a huge benefit in this line of work.”

Green Greene went right to work after graduation for Cooper’s/Lipbrand (now Prosharesearthcooper) with sorority sister Margaret Young ’92, who remained with the firm and is a partner. A few years later Green Greene was offered a job as a controller at Beaumont Memorial Hospital, where she worked for seven years before taking her current position with Burroughs & Chapin, one of the largest private landholders in the state.

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Rodrick V. Stover, an area vice president with Woffle House, is responsible for the company’s operations in upstate South Carolina. He and his wife, Cherith, live in Bolding Springs, S.C.

1995
Brandy Yancey Lorenz, class chair

Maj. W. Sterling Anderson II and his wife, Anne, live in Panama City, Fla., where he works as a legal advisor to the combat operations division of the 6th Air and Space Operations Center at Tyndall Air Force Base.

Gainesville, Ga., attorney John G. Breakfield of Breakfield & Associates has been appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission reviews applications and interviews candidates for open judge positions in Georgia’s trial and appellate courts.

1996
Curt L. Nichols, class chair

James Sease Jr. is a team leader with Michelin Tire Corp. He lives in Lexington, S.C.

1997
Beth Nangan Guerra, class chair

Andy Clark lives in Woodruff, S.C. He is vice president of finance for Spectrum Internets of South Carolina inc., located in Greenville.

Mike Goodwin is a senior professional health care representative with Pfizer. He and his family live in Savannah, Ga.

1998
Casey Moore, class chair

Terence Crouch is the bilingual staff assistant, supporting the ambassador and deputy chief in various projects, press releases, communications, event planning and budgets, in the embassy of the United States in Tokyo.

Tim Raybon is a regional cost manager with Hill-Ryan Homes in Charlotte, N.C. He lives in Fort Mill, S.C., with his wife, Michelle Ballard Raybon, and their five children, Taylor (18), Tucker (14), Tanner (13), Trevor (9) and Turner (7) (born July 15, 2004).

1999
Zach Atkinson, class chair

Kara Orozco Daniel and her husband, Judson, are in the business of Daniel's Jewelers, which opened in December 2014. The family lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Ray Haymond is a vice president of Maynard’s Home Furnishings in Belton, S.C. He and his wife, Tami, have two children, Boyd (7) and Brice (6).

A special education and advanced placement psychology teacher at Enka, Elizabeth Wilson Irton was named Union County High School 2014-15 Teacher of the Year. The school awarded her a master’s degree in special education from Converse College and national board certification.

Dr. Allyson Varn Monferdini is the owner of Waterlee Family Dentistry in Lugoff, S.C. She and her husband, Marco, have one child, Grace.

Brenda Wichmann is the new Hare River Trail coordinator in Alamance County, N.C. She most recently worked with the Carolina Vegetation Survey, cataloging the plants and natural communities along the Appalachian Trail.

2000
Anthony D. Hafner Jr., class chair

The Rev. Thomas C. Bryd is serving as the youth minister for Davidsonville United Methodist Church in the Ballantyne-Watson Conference. He lives in Davidsonville, Md.

After joining Spartanburg Water in 2012 as a senior procurement specialist, Ramen Parrish has been promoted to purchasing manager.

2001
Jenna Shenk Bridges, class chair

Dana Bruce is the market president of Beam & Hinge, a website design and development firm in Columbia, S.C. She and her husband, Scott Fulmer, have a daughter, Lela Daron Fulmer (18 months).

Katharine Robbin is the human resources manager of PeopleMatter in Charleston, S.C. She and her husband, Marco, have one child, Grace.

An assistant public defender for the Beaufort County Public Defender’s Office, Helen Rose Roper Dovel was named a South Carolina Bar Foundation Ambassador. In his new role, Dovel will work with other statewide ambassadors to promote awareness for the Bar Foundation’s mission and programs.

Mac Leaphart’s new album, “Live in the Saddle,” was released on Feb. 17. He invites Wolford friends to pick up a copy at any of his shows or on his www.macleaphart.com website. He also has a few songs available for free download.

Maurice G. Nasser joined the Siegfried Group’s Houston Market as a director. He remains involved as a member of the board of the Houston chapter of Financial Executive Women (FEW).

Rosemary DaAntonio Yarwood and her husband, Craig Marsh Yarwood, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 1, 2015. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

2002
Yorke Grier, class chair

Dottie’s Toffees. Rick Belmont’s sweet business, now has a presence in Sparkenburg. Belmont renovated a vacant building at 155 W. Main St. that now includes demonstration space as well as a larger retail area. As his business has grown, he has a few songs available for free download.


Benett Gore Jr. is an attorney with Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgrossi LLC in Columbia, S.C. He was named the 2015 president of the South Carolina Bar Association.

2003
Ashley Shaw Thomas ’97

When Gov. Nikki Haley called Rick Reames ’97 and asked him to lead the South Carolina Department of Revenue, he was honored, yet also unsure. With a large, regional law firm, Reames had spent the past 15 years building a successful tax law practice. He enjoyed his work and was invested in his team and the relationships he had built with his clients.

Reames ultimately was swayed by the prospect of helping transition the department out of what had been a tumultuous past few years and into a new era. His professional experience equipped him with a clear understanding of the department’s impact on the state’s fiscal stability. It also made Reames aware of significant opportunities for improvement and the critical importance of moving the department forward.

“I appreciate the trust Gov. Haley and the South Carolina Senate have placed in me,” says Reames. “I am honored for the opportunity to advance the department in service to South Carolina.”

Reames credits Wofford for providing a strong academic foundation and unique learning experience as well as fostering meaningful relationships that remain today. As director, Reames is committed to strengthening security while also advancing functionality, service and accountability. He already has instituted a system to better track internal processes and performance and has begun implementation of a new tax processing system to enhance customer service and bolster fraud detection and prevention.

“Rick Reames has proven to be a tremendous asset at the Department of Revenue since taking over the job last year, and we’re excited to see where his leadership will continue to take the agency,” Haley says. “He has done a wonderful job improving security and communications at DOR, and we’re confident that, under his leadership, the agency will serve South Carolinians as efficiently and effectively as possible.”

RICK REAMES ’97 NAMED NEW SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE DIRECTOR
by Ashley Shaw Thomas ’97

70 DEGREES AND SUNNY
Actor and model Bradford Haynes ’05 on waking up to the good life
by Jo Ann Michelle Braxton ’99

Today he’s an attorney, tomorrow a CIA agent, the day after that a firefighter, and next week he’s a video game hero. Actor Bradford Haynes ’05 has played the offensive coordinator on “Necessary Roughness” and a Virginia homicide detective on “The Following.” He’s been in dozens of commercials and several short films and has been a face of brands such as Glock, Dixie, Home Depot and Graco while working with Willamette Models in New York.

“I love being in front of the camera, love entertaining, love giving joy to people,” says Haynes. “Sometimes I can’t believe I get to wake up to this life every day.”

Haynes came to Wofford in 2001 on a baseball scholarship and enjoyed his first experience on camera during a January Interim. After he left Wofford he signed with a Dodgers minor league team, then played with a team in Seattle. Haynes was playing winter baseball in Australia when he got his first endorsements and started doing commercials.

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The Mike and Pepsi commercials gave him a taste for acting, so Haynes started taking acting classes in the offseason. Life as a professional baseball player who dabbled in acting seemed ideal until 2005. Haynes was in Japan playing with the Ishikawa Million Stars when he tore his quadriceps.

“I came home not knowing what I was going to do,” he says. “I was 29 the time—I was going to play baseball until he got his first endorsements and started doing commercials. After joining Spartanburg Water in 2012 as a senior procurement specialist, Ramen Parrish has been promoted to purchasing manager.

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Travis McDowell has been named the director of admissions at Limestone College. S.C. McDowell has worked in Limestone’s admis- sions office in various roles for over 11 years, most recently as associate director.

2002

Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte attorney Michael Montgomery has become the firm’s newest partner. Montgomery’s practice focuses on premises liability, products liability, automobile accident and appellate law. He serves on the safety and security committee of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

2003

Dr. Faith Stallworth was named Sept. 24, 2013, Faith is a dermatologist in Dallas, Texas.

2004

Maj. Jonathan Cheek of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

2005

Maj. Jonathan Cheek has been named the director of advance to the lieutenant governor’s office of North Dakota State University.

2006

As associate strategic director for compliance at Rice University, Bryan Blair serves as the administrator for seven of the department’s 16 sports. He also directs all aspects of compliance. Blair lives in Missouri City, Texas.

2007

Brian D. Foust has named vice president and market executive for First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in and around Pickens, S.C.

2008

Paige Matthews Wolfe is serving as the young adult member for Mauldin United Methodist Church. Her work involves reaching out to young adults and assisting with the church’s music ministry.

2009

McKenzie Perry is a project manager at Bennington Design and Management, and Wolfe is a music educator. They live in Massachusetts.

2010

Julia Simmons graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May 2016. She now practices corporate law, commercial transactions and business development.

2011

Dr. Dendy Engelman ‘98, director of dermato- logy at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

2012

Jennifer Lane Coggins is an associate professor of dermatology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her master of library science from UNC in 2014.

2013

Steven Christian Bearden works in sales for R. H. Hughes in Raleigh, N.C. Bearden is employed with Kiawah Partners.

2014

With Haysworth Sinkler Boyd in Columbia, S.C. He holds a certificate in aesthetic medicine and commercial real estate, real estate financing, commercial transactions and economic development.

2015

Living in Alexandria, Va., Lienne Moore Parr is a senior consultant with Rose Alan Hamilton in Washington, D.C. She supports government program management of federal government assistance awards and contracts research and development programs.

2016

Ashton Jordan received her J.D. from Ohio Northern University, where she was a member of the law review, commercial law, corporate law and commercial transactions.

2017

Living in Norridge, Ill., Bob Streisel joined the Chicago area of the firm’s cybersecurity practice. He advises clients on information security issues.

2018

Shri Selvakumar, class chair

2019

In December, PGA professional William McGirt ‘01 visited patients at Greenmire Shriners Hospital for Children. McGirt also held a 516th MP Battalion for the past nine months.

2020

Jeff Morris is a project manager at Bennington Design and Management. His focus is in educational design and project management.

2021

Living in Kenly, N.C., Katie Martinez was named the new owner of the Gastonia Woodruff office in Greenville, S.C. Martinez is a project architect at the firm and was named the director of the management training program for First Citizens Bank.

2022

After two years in state government, Cameron Stone Rhyme was offered a position with Nury Digital in Bluffton, S.C. The company prides itself on creating innovative applications and video content.

2023

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IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wright Spears, Feb. 10, 2015, Canton, N.C. At the age of his death, Spears was Wofford’s oldest living graduate at the age of 102. Spears was a World War II veteran and was a well-loved pillar of the community, raising money for Alzheimer’s research, the United Way and other charitable organizations. His contributions were so extensive that the Annual Lake Junaluska Peace Conference, which brings national and international scholars and activists together. Visit honoringdpspears.com for more information.

Thomas Harold DeWitt, Dec. 17, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. After retiring from Blue Cross Blue Shield, and was a purchasing agent from Greenwood Mills Corporation, he retired after 41 years of service. He loved playing golf.


Peter Scott Speika, Jan. 5, 2015, Tryon, N.C. Speika spent two years in the U.S. Army before graduating from Wofford. He formerly worked at Wofford College.

Lawrence Glenn Hardin, Nov. 4, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Hardin volunteered for service during the Vietnam War. His military service was followed by a career as a computer programmer.


Stephen Millus Howell, Jan. 15, 2015, Easley, S.C. Howell was the owner of the Spartanburg Greek Festival and the former C.T.M.I. of Spartanburg.

Walter Carlos “Trey” Kennedy III, Jan. 15, 2015, Columbus, S.C. Kennedy was an attorney, certified public accountant, certified internal auditor, certified treasury professional and was employed by the state of South Carolina for more than 20 years. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order as a Wofford student and served as a member of the Spartanburg Sertoma Club and well known for his involvement in Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan’s Purse and Operation Generation.

Timothy Lee Cantrell, Nov. 14, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Cantrell was the founder of C.T.M.I. of Spartanburg.

Carlisle Johnson after Ivey’s death. “He adopted Wofford, the person you are honoring with your gift to the college. Remember to include the name of the person you are honoring with your gift to the college.

There are three ways to make a memorial gift to Wofford:

Making Memorial Gifts

1) Call the Office of Development at 864-597-4220.

2) Visit wofford.edu/gifts.

3) Mail a check made payable to: Wofford College Office of Development 429 N. Church Street Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-3663

Friends

Bobby Ivey. Dec. 15, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Ivey was a long-time friend of Wofford Athletics and the college’s basketball program. The proprietor of Bobby Ivey Construction and Realty, Ivey served on the board of trustees at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center for more than 14 years. He also served as a member of the Spartanburg Regional Medical Foundation Board of Directors. “Bobby was one of our most faithful and devoted friends,” said Wofford Athletics Director Richard Johnson after Ivey’s death. “He adopted Wofford, and he and his lovely wife, Jeann, attended every athletic event that they could and opened their home to generations of Wofford students... Bobby was one of a kind.”

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Dr. Karen Sonja Jenks Brewer, Oct. 24, 2014, Blacksburg, Va. A professor of organic chemistry at Virginia Tech, Brewer earned the 2010 Proulx Breakthrough Innovation Award for her work on light-activated cancer therapy. She was a strong advocate for women and minorities in chemistry and served as a role model and mentor for many.


Evelyn Geoghegan, for more information.

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The New York Times recently called author Thomas Pierce ’06’s short story collection “Hall of Small Mammals” “beautifully built... and Pierce has an6 especially deft way of finding just the right final flourish.” The 2006 Wofford College graduate’s “originality, inventiveness, questing spiritual intelligence and animal fixation aren’t easy to do justice to on the printed page” earned him rave reviews from NPR programs, including “Morning Edition,” The Atlantic, The New Yorker, The New York Times, and other publications.

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A former Neiman Fellow at Harvard, Scott is the author of “The War Below” and “The Attack on Liberty,” which won the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Award. He lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with his wife and two children.

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Lanee, professor of Environmental Studies and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford, a 2014 inductee into the South Carolina Academy of Authors.

Van Hipp ’82 makes stop at Wofford during national book tour

Van Hipp ’82 (right), chairman of American Defense International Inc. in Washington, D.C., visited Wofford in March as part of the South Carolina book tour for his latest book, “The New Terrorism: How to Fight It and Defeat It.” Hipp also met with students, spoke to a crowd in Leonard Auditorium and signed books.

Hipp has been immersed in defense and security matters since 1990 when he was appointed deputy assistant secretary of the Army for reserve forces and mobilization. He was named then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to be the principal deputy general counsel of the Navy. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Hipp served on active duty in both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope. He has been a frequent commentator on defense and international policy issues.

Hipp also sponsors the Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security at Wofford, the first installation of which was the 2011 Republican Presidential Candidates Debate held at the college. The series also has brought former New York governor George Pataki and astronaut Buzz Aldrin to campus in the past year.
THE WOFFORD NETWORK

The Citadel hasn’t beaten Wofford in football since Nov. 12, 1998 (cue laughter). Unfortunately, The Citadel routinely beats Wofford, and just about every other college or university, in the realm of alumni networking.

To address this baffling disparity, the Alumni Executive Council (AEC) plans for the Wofford Alumni Association to tap into the loyalty of our graduates by concentrating on alumni networking for career and business development purposes. We want our section of the college’s website eventually to include a place for our fellow Terriers to post information about their businesses and services, allowing alumni to support each other and thereby strengthen “The Wofford Network.” We also want to include a more user-friendly alumni directory database and information about how to offer internships for Wofford students.

Strengthening the value of our Wofford diplomas through networking will help alumni grow professionally and in business, but it all depends on your active engagement. Please stay tuned for more information on “The Wofford Network.” Let’s set a new standard in alumni participation.

THE SPACE TO BECOME A BETTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Wofford students form a lifetime bond with the college, and the alumni association aspires to keep this connection vibrant. Success in achieving this goal requires that the AEC periodically reconsider and update its vision and mission, just as the college recently did in creating its new long-term strategic vision.

During its winter meeting, the AEC participated in a vision-planning workshop facilitated by Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space in the Mungo Center, Wofford’s groundbreaking program designed to help students use the communication, research, problem-solving and critical thinking skills learned through studying the liberal arts to prepare for a career or graduate school, launch their own businesses or consult with existing organizations.

The workshop employed The Space’s innovative approach to chart a path for the Wofford Alumni Association to reach its potential for serving the college and each other.

Complementing Cochran’s workshop was a marketing and communications session led by Annie Mitchell, Wofford’s dynamic new vice president for marketing and communications.

In this workshop we identified the best approach to fulfill our mission of serving as your voice to the college and acting as a conduit of information from the college back to alumni. It’s your alumni association, and we greatly value your input. We especially appreciate your thoughts about what you want the alumni association to offer and how Wofford alumni can better support each other and the college. To share your thoughts, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com or contact the Office of Alumni and Parents Programs at alumni@wofford.edu.

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The AEC continues to meet periodically throughout the year to discuss ways to improve alumni engagement.

Go Terriers!

Andy Beeson ’90
President, Wofford College National Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit Wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

APRIL 28
Knoxville Alumni/Admission Event

APRIL 30
NYC Alumni Event

MAY 1
Spartanburg Bike Race

MAY 2
Wofford Family Day at Carowinds

MAY 6
Wofford vs. USC Baseball/Pregame

MAY 7
Atlanta Young Alumni Event

MAY 16-17
Class of 1965 50th Reunion

JUNE 11
Spartanburg Young Alumni Event

JUNE 15
Wofford Family Day at Reedy River Zoo

JUNE 18
Washington Nationals Game/Pregame

JULY 18-26
Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition

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