This issue of Wofford Today is near and dear to my heart.

During January we asked the college’s alumni base to nominate unsung heroes from among their ranks — people who are doing important work to make our communities safer, healthier, more educated and more economically sound. We received dozens of nominations as well as notes of appreciation from many others. It’s been incredibly rewarding to read the stories that have come from this initiative, and we are committed to telling these stories long into the future.

In addition to our unsung heroes campaign, the college continues to celebrate the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, a project funded by the Romill Foundation that will link the college more closely with the Northside and Glendale communities while considering important sustainability issues on campus. College students have a tremendous capacity to influence change; that’s why we have a responsibility to address issues such as sustainability and community resilience. We are already in the process of hiring an energy metering and monitoring manager and faculty to teach in this area, and we look forward to developing a residence hall and new living and learning community in the Northside in the next few years.

You also will find amazing Interim photos in this issue that will make you long for an Interim experience of your own. In particular, read the story on Yukun Peng ’16, who found her passion for computer science and game design thanks to Wofford Interims.

It continues to be a transformative academic year, and we at Wofford College appreciate your continued interest, support and encouragement.

Go, Terriers!

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IT’S YOUR WORLD. CLIMB IT.
During Interim Jordan Thomas ’16, a chemistry major from Boiling Springs, S.C., explored the world vertically, discovering himself (and some new muscles) between rocks and hard places. Ben Cartwright, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, and Dr. Kim Rostan, associate professor of English, taught the class.
A. CELEBRATING THE “UNSELFIE” ON GIVING TUESDAY
Wofford celebrated Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving), by making gifts to the college and posting “unselfies” on social media. An anonymous group of Great Oaks Society donors issued a $30,000 challenge if Wofford could secure 300 gifts to the college and Thanksgiving) by making Tuesday (the Tuesday after Wofford celebrated Giving GIVING TUESDAY THE “UNSELFIE” ON A. CELEBRATING THE WORLD.

B. APO CELEBRATES GOLD ANNIVERSARY
Established in 1966, the Phi Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, celebrated 50 years at Wofford in February. Sixty-three alumni gathered on campus to rededicate the chapter and share stories of service and friendship. The organization recently held its spring recruitment and continues to sponsor charity events such as Relay for Life and the Wofford Dance Marathon. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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Delta Delta Delta sorority raises funds each year for childhood cancer research. One way that they do that is through their annual Smooch the Pooch event. This year Dr. Clayton Whisnant, Chapman Associate Professor of History, was selected to kiss a Boston Terrier during a men's basketball game.
The POWER of the GIFT

Announcing the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ‘89 and Laura Hendrix Corbin
On Thursday, Dec. 3, in front of Wofford’s historic Main Building, in the heart of the Roger Milliken Arboretum, surrounded by noble trees and the noble people who continue to support the important work of Wofford College, President Nayef Samhat announced a $4.25 million gift from the Romill Foundation to establish the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College. The Romill Foundation is the private foundation of the Milliken family, and Roger Milliken’s daughters, Jan and Nancy Milliken, made the gift and shared this message with the Wofford community:

Our Dad loved Wofford.

He believed that with a Wofford education, graduates could and would bring positive change to the world. We believe he would be thrilled that Wofford has embraced the challenge of addressing important environmental and community sustainability opportunities on the campus and in its curriculum, in the local community and globally. These are issues on which he focused great thought and advocacy in the last decades of his life.

Our Dad always believed that the success of Wofford and of Spartanburg were intertwined, so he would be particularly pleased with the current partnership between the campus and the community, which is integral to Wofford’s inspiring sustainability vision.

We look forward to seeing the great progress that will emerge from this initiative long into the future.

“Roger Milliken wanted his epitaph to read, simply, ‘Builder,’ and he was,” says Samhat. “He held, examined and added his design thinking and insight to virtually every blueprint for every building and landscape project at Wofford College during his 48-year tenure on the Board of Trustees. We are honored that his daughters, through the Romill Foundation, are carrying on his legacy of service to the college and community.”

Read more about the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at wofford.edu/woffordtoday

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ROMILL FOUNDATION MAKES $4.25 MILLION GIFT TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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“Every day the Northside moves toward becoming its best self. Although this grant has many components, the one I am most excited about is the student residence hall that will be located in the heart of the Northside neighborhood. This shows significant faith in our community and in our efforts to find creative ways to strengthen both the Northside and the greater Spartanburg communities. Wofford is putting its money where its mouth is and our community and Wofford College will both reap the benefits.”

Tony Thomas, president of the Northside Neighborhood Association and a member of the Northside Voyagers, a grassroots community development group

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“Local realities are essential considerations for sustainability. That’s one reason I am excited about exploring its meaning in communities that are different, even within the bounds of Spartanburg. Glendale, where Wofford has put down roots over the past several years with the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, has a deep history on the banks of the beautiful Lawson’s Fork Creek, while Butterfly Creek on the Northside has been piped underground for decades and is set to emerge as a new community asset. The challenges are different, but the goals are the same — to find how best to scale innovative and courageous approaches to making a sustainable future that integrates our natural environment with our needs and dreams as citizens.”

Dr. Kaye Savage, associate professor and chair of Wofford’s Environmental Studies Department

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“Roger Milliken loved slogans, but he also loved ideas, implemented and concretized. Through the implementation of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, we can expand on and enhance an idea that Roger Milliken and horticulturist Dr. Michael Dirr began propagating in the 1980s — that of the Noble Tea... but what does it really mean to be noble, or to be sustainable? That is the question. Wofford students, faculty, staff and administration will work out over the next generations with the assistance of this enduring gift.”

John Lane, professor and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center

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The Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College

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GRANT AMOUNT: $4.25 million from the Romill Foundation

SUPPORTING: Environmental and community sustainability

ANNOUNCEMENT: Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:15 p.m., Wofford College

The grant will fund the following key components:

ASSESSING THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT
• An energy metering system for campus buildings
• An energy manager
• A plan to use the realized savings for student innovation and future improvements

LEARNING IN THE LANDSCAPE
• A student residence hall within the Northside community
• A student living-learning community focused on sustainability
• New internships and partnership opportunities with organizations in the Northside and Glendale communities
• New courses that expand learning in environmental and community sustainability
• Community-based research program
• Two new faculty — one in community sustainability and one in environmental sustainability

INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE
• Startup funds for social entrepreneurship projects to address community sustainability in collaboration with community partners
FOLLOWING THE BREAD CRUMBS

Wofford Interims help Peng find her passion for computer animation and game design

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Yukun Peng ’16, a native of Beijing, China, took her first computer class — Introduction to Game Design — during Interim of her sophomore year. “I realized when I sat for six straight hours, not moving, just coding, that I had found my major and maybe even my future,” says Peng. “When I’m old and have children, they will be proud to say, ‘Hey, my mom is a game designer.’”

“People don’t always expect power in a small figure,” says Peng, who stands right at five feet tall. “The film shows that you never know the power that someone has within.”

During Interim 2016 Peng created “Predator,” a short film that tells the story of a little girl walking in the snow. She stops to wipe snow off of a sculpture and unleashes a Youkai (Japanese spirit monster). The Youkai follows the little girl, picking up and eating the crumbs she leaves while walking and snacking. The Youkai grows as it eats, and when there are no crumbs left to consume, it opens its huge, toothy mouth to gobble up the little girl. The screen goes black. The little girl screams … then laughs. When the animation resumes, the viewer discovers that the little girl was actually another Youkai who devours the Youkai that attacked her.

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According to Sykes, to complete their animated shorts, students in the class were required to submit a proposal, identify tasks, develop storyboards as well as a plan and project timeline, share their work with the class for feedback, and polish their films for a final presentation.

“During the second week of class, one of the students joked that even if he doesn’t finish the month with a complete animation, he will have learned a lot about problem solving,” says Sykes. “That’s what I like to hear.”

This was the first experience with the Autodesk Maya program for all 20 students in the Interim. In addition to writing all of the code for her film, Peng drew the figures and scenes in the animation. The experience helped Peng solidify her plan to major in game design with an emphasis on production and computer graphics during graduate school.

To view Peng’s animated short film, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
WHAT CLASSROOM?

INTERIM 2016 OPENS THE DOOR TO POSSIBILITY

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

World-famous fashion stylist Jeff Kim ’09 travels the world with some of Hollywood’s best-dressed celebrities — Michael B. Jordan, Katy Perry, Zhang Ziyi, Zoe Kravitz, Matt Damon, Sasha Pieterse, Julianne Moore, Jamie-Lynn Sigler — the list goes on and on. And it all started when he worked Fashion Week during a Wofford Interim internship experience. A business economics and Spanish major, Kim originally planned to become an attorney. Interim changed that.

Every year Wofford students have opportunities to focus on a single topic designed to expand the walls of the traditional classroom, explore new and untried topics, take academic risks, observe issues in action, develop capabilities for independent learning and consider different peoples, places and professional opportunities. Interim 2016 was no different.
REFLECTIONS ON INTERIM IN IRELAND

Since 1978, Wofford students have traveled to Ireland during Interim. They still take photos with sheep; they still eat loads of potatoes; they still stand on the Cliffs of Moher; they still fall in love with their bus drivers; and they still reflect on their experiences. This year Kelsey Aylor ’18 and Sarah Madden ’17, two of the students who traveled to Ireland with Dr. Natalie Grinnell, professor of English, and Dr. Mark Byrnes, associate professor of history, shared a tongue-in-cheek point and counterpoint on the benefits of studying abroad, particularly in Ireland. Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

LIVING IN A MICROBIAL WORLD

For the month of January, future health care professionals and researchers studied something that they could not see — microorganisms — and to do it, they had to swab their navels and behind their ears. According to Wofford biology faculty Dr. Stefanie Baker and Dr. Natalie Spivey, understanding the relationship between “man and microbes” is important because some cause deadly diseases such as cholera and Ebola, while others are used to make cheese or beer or to remove pollutants from the environment. Read more about the class’s microbial month at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN FARM & TABLE?

Will Ross ’16, an accounting and finance major from Philadelphia, Pa., enjoys a good meal, but now he knows more about where that food comes from and how it makes its way from farm to table. “Our class explored alternatives to the supermarket,” says Ross. “Supplementing your diet with fresh, local foods is healthy and supports local farmers and businesses.”

Diane Farley, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, introduced the group to area farmers. She helped them examine the history of local foods and discover the significance of those foods and the processes by which they are made.

MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE

Students who wanted to explore careers in fashion shared sewing machines with students who simply wanted to learn a practical skill during the Measure Twice, Cut Once Interim taught by Dr. Catherine Schmitz, associate professor of French. What they all discovered was that sewing is hard, cloth selection is important and the art of sewing carries historical, social and economic importance that they never considered until Interim. The class particularly enjoyed practicing their new skills by making pajamas for children at the Hope Center for Children in Spartanburg.
INDEPENDENT IN SWEDEN

In addition to on-campus projects and opportunities to study abroad, another group of Wofford students uses the month to intern, do research or complete independent projects. Jennifer Espenschied ’18, a native of Hilliard, Ohio, spent the month in Sweden doing an independent study of the national health care system. She observed hospital practices and talked with doctors, nurses and patients. She says that in addition to giving her a basis for comparing socialized medicine to the capitalist system in the United States, the experience allowed her to experience a different way of life. The independent project solidified her plans to pursue a future in the medical field.

WOFFORD BASEBALL TAKES ON ITALY

Wofford is committed to providing students with a global learning experience, regardless of their field of study, socioeconomic background or athletics or co-curricular activities ... and the college’s baseball team is proof. The team postponed preseason training for a few weeks to take a group trip to Italy over Interim to study the history, culture and religion of the Rome, Florence and Venice areas. To read more about the team’s study abroad experience, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
In 1992, Homozel Mickel Daniel left $12.25 million in her will to Wofford College. The college used the funds to build on its endowed scholarship program. Now hundreds of students have benefited from Daniel’s planned gift, and hundreds more benefit from other scholarships established through gift planning initiatives.

The Benjamin Wofford Society, formerly the Legacy Society, recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans. Few people have the opportunity to leave the kind of legacy that Benjamin Wofford did; however, more than 160 years after his death, we honor Wofford alumni and friends who follow his example and make a lasting impact on the Wofford community through membership in the Benjamin Wofford Society.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89 and Kelsey Aylor ’18
A year ago at this time, Matt Watts ’08 was leading health programs for children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. How to brush teeth, how to handle peer pressure, how to garden and cook, how to stay safe on the Internet, how to form healthy relationships, you name it, he taught it. Now he’s using the many tools he’s developed through the years to continue his service to children as assistant site director of the Cole Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

“During my time at Wofford, I was a resident assistant. I discovered a passion for mentoring younger people so that they live healthy, fun and enriching lives,” says Watts. “I knew then that I would choose a career that impacts youth. I want support he received to attend Wofford makes his current Watts, who held a William J. and Allene Neely Bennett United Methodist Church. In 2012 he moved to Denver, Colo., director of the Cole Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

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The impact of the W. Dean Cannon ’50 Endowed Scholarship on Steven Cornelier ’17 and Brandon Curtis ’17

Steven Cornelier ’17 and Brandon Curtis ’17 have a lot in common. They’re both from Florida, both juniors at Wofford, both defensive ends for the Terriers and both recipients of the W. Dean Cannon ’50 Endowed Scholarship.

Cornelier transferred to Wofford to pursue more rigorous academics and play football for the Terriers. An accounting major from Jacksonville, he was named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll and has served as an FCA student leader.

“I would not have been able to attend Wofford without my scholarship,” says Cornelier. “Wofford has been good for me, especially the professors. They are so helpful and accessible.”

During the past summer, Cornelier completed a management internship with Waffle House. He says it was hard work, but the lessons he learned were invaluable. After graduation, Cornelier will be working with Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C.

“It’s really valuable the time spent with my professors,” he says. “Wofford allowed me to get a great education and not walk out of college with too many loans,” says Watts. “I did not have to forgo my dreams and passions for the sake of money.”

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When Curtis, a business economics major from Bushnell, began looking at colleges, he knew he wanted to attend one that would provide him with the best academics, not just a great football program. He found his fit at Wofford.

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“The impact of the W. Emory Burnett Endowed Scholarship on Stacey Mangan ’15

Stacey Mangan ’15 has been using her experiences during her time at Wofford to aid her in the classroom. The former cross-country student-athlete is now teaching social stud-ies in Wilmington, N.C. During her time at Wofford, Mangan was able to compete in collegiate athletics, study abroad and create and implement a fitness program for students at Arcadia Elementary School.

Mangan says that none of this would have been possible had she not received the W. Emory Burnett Endowed Scholarship. “I would not have been able to attend Wofford, and I would have lost the opportunity to grow as a person in so many different forums,” says Mangan. “My whole Wofford experience was meaningful, and through my profes- sors’ support I emerged as someone who was ready to take on the education world.”

The impact of the S. Hart ’31 and Margaret Bishop Booth Endowed Scholarship on Ashley O’Cain ’16

Despite being a Wofford legacy, Ashley O’Cain ’16 never understood her grandfather’s diehard support of the college until she visited the campus during her senior year of high school. O’Cain, a biology major from Greenville, S.C., says that from the moment she stepped on the campus, “the sense of community was evident.” Now in her senior year, the S. Hart ’31 and Margaret Bishop Booth Endowed Scholarship recipient has flourished and tried her hardest to give back to the community.

O’Cain always has been passionate about music and has spent a large portion of her college career in the music program. She is currently involved in Wofford Singers and in Goldtones. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity and also has participated in The Space to Impact competition with a project meant to provide glucose mon- itors for Type 1 diabetics in areas with limited medical access. She is thankful for her scholarship because it has allowed her to receive an education without putting a huge financial burden on her parents.

NEW FACES IN GIFT PLANNING & ADVANCEMENT

Lisa Harrison De Fraties ’86 has taken over as the new director of gift planning after 25 years of service to Wofford College. Story rounded out a successful career in higher education development at Wofford, serving as associate vice president and director of development for 25 years.

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The new GREEK VILLAGE
The ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS
The JERRY RICHARDSON INDOOR STADIUM

SCHOLARSHIPS
- STUDENT SUPPORT -

$19,339,087
- GIFTS TOTAL -
9.3% increase from 2014

3,519
ALUMNI DONORS

1,010
PARENT DONORS

106
FACULTY/STAFF DONORS

1,280
STUDENTS RECEIVING INSTITUTIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

1,515
STUDENTS RECEIVING MERIT, NEED AND ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

250
STUDENTS RECEIVING TERRIER CLUB FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNUAL GIVING
- NOW THE WOFFORD FUND -

SENIOR GIVING CAMPAIGN
186 seniors (50% of the Class of 2015) made their first gift to the college before their graduation, setting a new senior giving record!

WOFFORD ON CALL
$651,509 raised
3,068 pledges received
• 38 student callers
• Average commitment of $212
• 16,824 phone calls

#WoCoGivingTuesday on Dec. 1, 2015
541 donors gave $110,939
+ $38,000 challenge donation
= $148,939 TOTAL!

THE TERRIER CLUB

112
GOAL LINE CLUB members

416
GOLF TOURNAMENT participants

WOFFORD ALUMNI EVENTS

We’re social!
Follow us @woffordalumni

1,707
Instagram

1,901
Twitter

1,882
Facebook

23
CITIES

68
ALUMNI EVENTS

8,054
TOTAL ATTENDEES

THE TERRIER BALL RECORD YEAR!

$327,200 raised
980 guests

113
Great Oaks Society members

$3,018,384
total annual giving dollars raised
by Ryann Kroske McCall ’13

ON JAN. 1, 2016, THE WOFFORD COLLEGE ANNUAL FUND BECAME THE WOFFORD FUND. While there’s a new name and a new look, the vision and purpose remain the same: to offer support that prepares superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars.

The Wofford Fund is composed of annual gifts that support projects, programs and other priorities critical to the advancement of Wofford College. Simply put, The Wofford Fund gathers and spreads support, touching everyone and everything on campus.

WHAT DOES THE WOFFORD FUND SUPPORT?

Area of Greatest Need — These gifts make an immediate impact, allowing the college to respond swiftly and flexibly to changing circumstances.

Faculty & Staff Development — These gifts enrich the teaching and mentoring relationships that are the hallmark of the Wofford experience. They create opportunities for research, collaboration and community engagement. They also support the recruitment and retention of the best faculty and staff in the field.

Library & Technology — Formerly the Friends of the Library, this designation to The Wofford Fund enhances the college’s collections, materials, services and resources of the Sandor Texler Library. Because technology and research are a vital part of the library’s services, the fund also supports cutting-edge educational technology centers across campus that serve the research needs of our students and faculty.

Scholarship Support — Gifts to scholarship support ensure that Wofford continues to provide a superior, transformative liberal arts education to the brightest students, regardless of their financial situation.

Student Experiences — These gifts fund opportunities for research, internships, professional development, study abroad and other opportunities that allow students to explore their passions, refine their professional skills and engage with the community and world around them.

GREAT OAKS SOCIETY DONORS LEAD THE WOFFORD FUND

Donors who give at the leadership level ($5,000 or more annually) to The Wofford Fund are invited to join The Great Oaks Society. Named for the stately oaks that shelter our campus, The Great Oaks Society includes special recognition and events each year for members. Young alumni may join at a discounted rate: $750 or more annually for graduates of the past five years or $1,250 or more annually for graduates of the past six to 10 years.

THE TERRIER CLUB CONTINUES TO PROVIDE GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

Annual gifts to the Terrier Club combine with the athletics endowment and proceeds from fundraising events such as the Terrier Ball and Wofford Invitational golf tournaments to provide game-changing athletics, academics and student experiences for the college’s 323 student-athletes.

All donations to the Terrier Club go toward scholarships for Wofford College student-athletes. The Terrier Club gift year runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Giving levels are the same as for The Wofford Fund, but the Terrier Club offers additional membership benefits, which may include parking, priority seating and discounted tickets. Visit wofford.edu/terrierclub to learn more.

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Ambassador...............................................................$250-$499
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President’s Circle.........................................................$1,500-$2,499
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In January, Wofford President Nayef Samhat sent out a notice to Wofford graduates asking for stories of unsung heroes from within the Wofford alumni family. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Stories came in of Peace Corps volunteers, teachers, coaches, clergy, volunteer firefighters, military personnel, public defenders and health care professionals, among many others.

Some people sent in notes of praise for the idea even if they did not suggest a particular graduate to feature. “I greatly appreciate your direction on this project to spotlight Wofford heroes. Any initiative to recognize, inspire and elevate our Wofford family is good medicine for the world,” wrote Barton Aiken ’80 in one such message.

Samplings of the stories of unsung heroes are included here. Others are listed online, and still others will turn up in future issues of Wofford Today. Please keep the stories coming. If you have a recommendation of an unsung hero from the Wofford community, please share. Send stories to woffordtoday@wofford.edu or call 864-597-4183.
CORRECTIONAL CHAPLAIN MIKE BROWN ’72: SHARING GOD’S SHALOM IN PRISON

On a rainy and cool day in December, Chaplain Mike Brown ’72 stepped out of his car on Wofford’s campus. It was a workday, and he was between stops. He had just picked up the cremains of an inmate that he would return to Columbia for a memorial service and the scattering of the ashes in an inmate cemetery. His next stop was Livesay Correctional Institution to talk with the chaplain there. Wofford was close, and the visit brought back good memories.

“I couldn’t resist a quick stop at my alma mater,” says Brown, whose lifelong call as a correctional chaplain began during a Wofford summer internship. “Wofford College offered me the opportunity to critically look at what I wanted to do with my life. I became a lifelong learner with a zest for involvement in the community. Of course, it led me to prison for life (he grins), but here I get to watch people grow and change in positive ways, people whose lives have been horribly fractured by their behavior. There’s a deep satisfaction in that.

During his 41-year career in the ministry, Brown has served as a church pastor, hostage negotiator, industrial chaplain, hospital chaplain and Army chaplain in addition to his almost 40 years of work as a correctional chaplain. The experiences have led to pastoral care in the extreme circumstances of executions and for military units at war. Although Brown has retired from military service, he still keeps the list close at hand of the 110 soldiers who died in the units he served.

“It’s been an honor to walk with people in the midst,” says Brown, who has done more than his share of notifications and funeral services. “Life is fragile, and it’s been my task to strengthen and encourage people to face their reality. It’s the only way that they can be at peace and do the work that they need to do.”

Brown’s kindness and calm demeanor preach peace more effectively than any sermon. He has promised to perform a memorial service for a pagan soldier in case he became a casualty of war. He has served the final communion to people awaiting execution, and he supervises religious programming for an interfaith setting, which includes Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Wiccans, Hindus, Buddhists, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Asatrus and Rastafarians.

“Christ calls us to love, not judge,” says Brown, who believes that there is no question that a faith and a faith community help people grow positively through their time in a correctional system.

Brown retired a few years ago, but returned to work because of the need. Even now, the South Carolina state prison system currently has three openings for chaplains. According to Brown, correctional chaplains not only go through seminary training, but they also must do clinical pastoral training. There is no typical day, and each of the state’s 24 institutions is uniquely different. In addition, Brown serves as one of four captains in leadership for the state’s nationally recognized hostage negotiation crisis response team.

Although Brown has been involved in a variety of intense situations, he says that he has never felt threatened. “I just turned 66. I’m not on any prescriptions, and my blood pressure is 120 over 80,” says Brown. “God’s shalom is a powerful thing.”

LIVING FROM HER CORE: ROUSE THRIVES ALONGSIDE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON

Laneicia Rouse ’00 understands the dark night of the soul.

“When I was at Lake Junaluska, I felt strongly that I had been created and called to do something creative for God and for the world. I’d seen glimpses of that, but nothing in the organized church where all of my training and experience were. I was actually considering leaving the ministry to pursue photography,” says Rouse. “Then I met two visionary pastors from Houston, Texas, somewhere I never thought I’d end up, and received an opportunity to bring joy, life and beauty to the world while participating in God’s healing and restoration work.”

In 2011 Rouse became the project manager for The Art Project, Houston (TAPH), an organization that facilitates the recovery and discovery of the creative self for individuals experiencing homelessness and who are in transition in Houston.

“It was a nice marriage of ministry, the arts and community development,” says Rouse.

In her new role, Rouse has worked with people like Solo, a military veteran with an accounting degree who ended up on the streets of Houston. Through the therapeutic art process, he was empowered to create beautiful masterpieces and dream of a new future. Solo is now a tattoo artist in north Texas with a wife and daughter. Another of Rouse’s success stories is Ms. C, who lives under the bridge near the center. Ms. C has used the art project to, in her words, “feel less depressed.” She paints, creates pottery and makes beautiful greeting cards, which she sells to support both herself and the ongoing work of TAPH.

“For her, art is a form of prayer,” says Rouse. “She still lives under the bridge, but she has a shine and a newness about her. Ms. C can now have conversations about money and a life off the streets that she could not have before.”

According to Rouse, TAPH is important because it provides creative space and resources for people in the community who are disenfranchised and underrepresented.

“This is a safe, beautiful and affirming community for people who don’t have the privilege to go buy art supplies,” says Rouse.

Looking back, Rouse realizes that the education she received at Wofford, especially her major in sociology, was formative in shaping her relationships with the demographics to which she has been called.

“A lot of my work has been about bringing people together from various places in our community,” says Rouse. “I have days where I sit in million-dollar homes in conversations with people who care deeply about people living outdoors. Then I work side-by-side making connections with people who sleep under the bridge. I see now how what I was learning in the classroom and my heart for God were not separate things.”

After graduating from Wofford, Rouse earned an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School. She served local churches in South Carolina, England and Tennessee before joining the Bread of Life team. Although Rouse is no longer the project manager of TAPH, she still serves on the organization’s board, teaches workshops and thrives as a member of the community. She is now a working artist who also serves a local church part time.

“TAPH taught me that our souls and bodies hunger and thirst for beauty and the opportunity to create. Of course, we need food, a place to lay our heads and work, but we also need opportunities to hear good music, create or watch a beautiful film,” says Rouse. “I learned alongside the participants to be an artist and the importance of making art accessible to all. Now, art making is my work, and I feel like I’m living from my core because of that community.”
JOSH GROSS ’12
Since July, Gross has been working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. From Mekele, the small city in the north where he teaches high school English, Gross has experienced his fair share of ups and downs. He contracted typhoid, but he also has grown a beard and enjoys dance parties with his host brother. Gross will be in Ethiopia for 27 months and will work as an ambassador to share American culture and promote cultural exchanges. To read more about his experiences, visit his blog at grossjoshuainetopia.wordpress.com.

ARSENIO PARKS ’11
After graduating from Wofford, Parks returned to Shelby (N.C.) High School, his alma mater, to work with Communities in Schools as a graduation coach, helping students transition smoothly from middle to high school and targeting students who are at risk of dropping out. Parks works to connect and encourage these students and values the relationships that he has built with his students. “I explain that success does not look the same for everyone,” says Parks. “Whether it’s the first time they’ve made a passing grade or their first college acceptance letter, I celebrate the progression with them. The Communities in Schools mission is ‘to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life,’ and I can honestly say that brings me joy.”

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SUZANNE WHITE ’98
As a public defender for Spartanburg County, White combines a passion for law with a desire to help those in need. She serves and defends people who are unable to afford representation in court. She attended the University of South Carolina School of Law and began her career at the Attorney General’s office in Columbia. “After working for the state for over six years, moving to the area of public defense was a big change,” says White. “I think everyone needs someone in their corner to listen to and support them, and this job gives me the opportunity to utilize my education, legal experience, personality and heart in a way that helps my clients and makes me feel that I am doing something to make a difference.”

MIKE DENNIS ’90
Dennis works as the executive director of the TriCounty Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, an organization based in Orangeburg, S.C., that focuses on providing prevention, intervention and treatment to individuals and families who have been affected by alcohol and drugs. Dennis has worked in the field for 24 years and serves as a licensed professional counselor and a nationally certified addictions counselor.

JEREMY PITTMAN ’92
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JOYCE PAULSON DUDLEY ’99
“Teaching is a calling,” says Paulson Dudley. “I have been fortunate to have been called to share my life with young students on the middle school level.”

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Despite the many challenges, Collins also has written about positive experiences she’s had, whether she successfully teaching American culture to her students, learning to cook Macedonian food or attending local theater productions. To read more about her experiences, visit her blog at servingwhileblack.wordpress.com.

JODY LEGARE ’93
Legare faced a rude awakening in March 2015. Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, he knew he needed to make drastic lifestyle changes and to implement them quickly. Since his diagnosis less than a year ago, Legare, a social studies teacher at Sun Valley Middle School in Indian Trail, N.C., has lost 50 pounds and no longer takes diabetes medication. Legare now runs six miles a day, seven days a week, and coaches the school’s swim team. He uses his diagnosis and life changes to inspire others, especially his students, to eat right and exercise.

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MONIQUE COLLINS ’13
“What I know now and wish I knew 12 months ago is that there are no saviors here. There are no gold stars or instant, greater rewards.”

Collins shared the above quote on her blog while working in Macedonia as part of her 27-month pledge to the Peace Corps. She is currently working as an English language instructor for school-age children and adults and has been in the Eastern European country since September 2014. Since that point, she has experienced many cultural challenges and rewards.

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Henry M. Smith spent five weeks in Berlin in June studying German and touring Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, remark- able vestiges of The Wall, the Museum of German History and the Holocaust Memorial, among other sites. Smith, a former lecturer in French at the University of New Hampshire, writes that the historic, dynamic city of Berlin in the heart of Europe was a new adven- ture for him. He continues to reside in Durham, N.C.

1970
Buz Rich, class chair
Johnny Linton is special counsel with Duffy & Young in Charlotte, S.C.

1971
Kenneth Smith, class chair
In January, Dr. Herbert X. Smith announced his retirement after 35 years of practicing emergency medicine. He and his wife, Anna, are looking forward to travel and to enjoy the retirement they have earned. Edwards has authored five books and 39 professional articles. Edwards has served as a university records officer, university archivist and special projects archivist at the University of Georgia, Athens, and as head of the private manuscripts department at the old Georgia State Archives in Atlanta.

1976

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Armando Lorenzi, class chair
In December, SCRNews.com featured George Atkins as the owner of the nation’s last remaining Yogi Bear’s Honey Fried Chicken, a chain of fast-food restaurants acquired by Hanna-Berbara Productions. He has owned the restaurant, located in Hartsville, S.C., since 2004.

1978
Paul Kouznts, Jr., class chair
Dr. Paul Kouznts Jr., is a partner in Upstate Carolina Radiology in Spartanburg. He and his wife live in Greenville, S.C.

1979
Ken Kirkpatrick, class chair
Stuart Smith, president and broker-in-chief of the Spartanburg-based commercial real estate sales and leasing firm Stuart Smith & Co., has announced his firm’s merger with NAI Earle Furman.

1980
Heidi Stewart Johnson and Donald McDonald, class chair
George Stewart has joined Yadkin Mortgage as a reverse mortgage consultant. He will be based in Summerville, S.C.

1981
Patrick Watson, class chair
Ronnie Andrews has joined the board of directors for the Oxford Immunotec Global, a global company headquartered in Oxford, England, and Marlborough, Mass. He most recently served as president of the Genetic Sciences Division of Thermo Fisher Scientific, a position he assumed upon Thermo Fisher’s acquisition of Life Technologies Corp, where he had been the president of the Medical Sciences Venture.

1982
Madison Dyr, class chair
Whitney Preston, president of Manatee Fruit Co., is planning to develop 500 acres in West Bradenton, Fla., into a master-planned, mixed-use community called The Crossings, featuring two hotels, 6,500 homes and 7.9 million square feet of commercial space.

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Richard Cobin Sr., founder of Cobin Construction, was featured in Columbia Business Monthly as one of Parker Poe’s 50 Most Influential People. Cobin has been helping revalue the chair- man of the Columbia Planning Commission.

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Michael Sullivan, class chair
Troy M. Cox is the chief investment officer for CERTUS Senior Living. Cox has 25 years of experience in real estate strategic planning.

1986
Philip Merry has been promoted to vice president-commercial lines for Hamilton- Etheredge Companies in Aiken, S.C. He currently represents the city’s 6th district on Aiken City Council.

1987
Brand Stille, class chair
Business North Carolina magazine has named Eisses Richards partner Blair Blair as the top family law attorney in North Carolina on its 2016 list of “Legal Elite.” Other attorneys in the state selected him for the honor.

1988
Lane Glaze, class chair
W. Scott Cochran has joined Spartanburg Methodist College as its eighth president. Cochran previously served as dean of The School of Business at Millikin and as a con- sultant with Performance Solutions by Milliken.

1989
Jim Pittman, class chair
Steve Mungo assumed upon Thermo Fisher’s acquisition of Life Technologies Corp, where he had been the president of the Medical Sciences Venture.

1990
Scott Rutledge, class chair
Sean Keenan owns a commercial property manage- ment firm in Atlanta, Ga.

1991
Leesie Houch Page, class chair
Dr. Erin Bentrim and James Lever were mar- ried on Dec. 5, 2015. The Rev. Luke Mayberg ’98 performed the ceremony, which included a special reading written by the Rev. Dr. Talmage Skinner ’56, Wofford’s chaplain from 1960 to 1974, now living in Swampscott, Mass., and is an assistant professor of psychol- ogy at Wingate University, recently published a book, “Coordinating Student Affairs Divisional Initiative. Kaieteur News photo

1992
Steve Holloway ’83 recently was confirmed and sworn in as the U.S. ambassador to the Cooperative Repub- lic of Guyana. Previously, Guyana had not named an ambassador for more than a year. Before Guyana, Holloway served as po- litical-military counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. “In the Foreign Service, you get to move every two or three years,” said Holloway during his stint as deputy director of the U.S. Embassy in Colombia. “When you move across town, you keep the same barber, the same doctors. When you move to another country, you have to start over with everything.” Holloway, who speaks fluent Spanish, has served with the Foreign Service in multi- ple Latin American countries since 1979, including Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Paraguay. He says that although challenging, life in the Foreign Service is also enriching. “The Foreign Service is a way to explore different issues, meet fantastic people and live all over the world,” says Holloway, “and because of the nature of liberal arts colleges like Wofford, students are well prepared for the Foreign Service.” He and his wife, Rosaura, have two children.

1993
Ambassador Perry Holloway ’83 (right) and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Washington, D.C., Don Nelson, slapping hands over the signing of a $50 million dollar increase in U.S. support of Guyana’s drug fight through the Caribbean security initiative. Kaieteur News photo

1994
Columbia University, New York, has named David G. Lowry, professor of public health at Harvard University, director of the Harvard Center for the Study of Health and Social Policy and a member of the Harvard Health Policy Forum. Lowry is the author of several books on health policy and is a leading expert on the Affordable Care Act.

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1992 Nikki Palmieri Charm

Sheryl McClellin Booker has been elected as a trustee of The Spartanburg County Foundation. She will serve a seven-year term. Booker is a supporter a special event for the Spartanburg Academic Movement and serves on the board of directors for the First Tee of Spartanburg and Cherokee counties and on the community advisory board for Nurse-Family Partnership. She and her husband, Dr. Russell Booker, superintendent of Spartanburg County District 7 schools, have two sons, Grant and Maxwell.

1993 Sarah Stavick, class chair

Todd Avant, CEO of NAI Avant, was featured in Columbia Business Monthly as one of Parker Poe’s 50 Most Influential People. Avant has served on the board of Richland County’s Transportation Oversight Committee, the Vista Guild Board and the EngenuitySC Board of Advisors.

The Charleston Coastal Community Foundation has named Darrin Goss Sr. president and chief executive. Goss started on Feb. 15. He had been serving as president and CEO of the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, La.

Tripp Whitener has been appointed chairman of the Columbia, S.C., City Center Partnership for 2016. Whitener works with First Citizens Bank.

1994 Alicia Traudel, class chair

In 2015, Jennifer Nodine Bell earned her master of science degree in college administrative from Coker College.

Lt. Col. Brent McLachlau recently graduated from the School of Advanced Military Studies at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He and his wife, Susan Benton McLachlau ’93, along with their three children, have moved back to Jackson, Miss., where he will serve as the G5 for the Mississippi Army National Guard.

1995 Brandie Yancey Lorenzo, class chair

Living in Hanover, N.H., Derek Brown has been promoted to senior associate director of leadership initiatives and principal gifts at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He also will direct the grateful patient fundraising program for the hospital.

1996 Court Rogers, class chair


Dawn Hard-Manninie is the director of the non-profit Worldpay, a secure credit card payment services company in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Joseph, have three children, Ivy (13), Alden (20) and Ari (7).

1997 Beth M. Guerra, class chair

“Target Tokyo,” written by James M. Scott, was named one of the 10 Best Nonfiction Books of 2015 by the Christian Science Monitor. The article in the Monitor praises Scott for uncovering “fresh material to provide an extraordinary complete account of the 1942 Doolittle U.S. air raid on Tokyo and its aftermath.” Financial Advisor magazine also picked “Target Tokyo” as one of its best books of 2015.

1998 Casey B. Morris, class chair

Michael Edens is a senior vice president with Southern First Bank in Cayce, S.C. He lives in Columbia with his wife, Cynthia, and their two children, Everett (9) and Lucy (7).

1999 Zach Atkinson, class chair

Jan Ruth Streeter Mayhew recently joined the Woodruff Arts Center corporate philanthropy team as manager of events for the arts. She lives in Lithburn, Ga., with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Mary (8) and Thomas (2). Brian Nash has accepted a position as vice president of development with AgraEqu Inc., an Illinois-based real estate development firm with a growing Southeastern footprint. Nash will remain in Spartanburg, where he had served as director of business development with the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group.

2000 Anthony Hoeff, class chair

Meghan Audette-Nikolic and her husband, Ivan, welcomed their first child, Sara Grace Nikolic, on July 31, 2015.

In the fall, the Footfalls Artisan Center in Landerum, S.C., featured the paintings of Scott Neely. “These Hills Color & Abstraction” includes works of visual poetry. Neely directs the Project for Community

by Sarah Madden ’77

“Hi, I am Michael Pleicones, do solemnly swear, that I am duly qualified, according to the constitution of this state, and of the United States. I pledge to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary. I pledge in the discharge of my duties, to treat all persons who enter the courtroom with civility, fairness and respect. I pledge to listen courteously. I act impartially. Act promptly. And rule after careful and considerate deliberation. I pledge to seek justice and justice alone. So help me God.”

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Jenna Slaxon Bridges, class chair
The State newspaper recently featured Anna Ross, owner of Grapes & Gallery, a wine bar and painting studio, on Taylor Street in downtown Columbia, S.C. According to the article, “Ross works to build community through an appreciation of art, wine and craft beer.”

2002
Yorke Gerrald, class chair
Former treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Tony Prestipino is now treasurer for the Florida State Conference. He previously worked as a senior auditor for Deloitte and as an internal auditor for the Naval Audit Service in Washington, D.C.

Strat Stavrou is a workers’ compensation defense attorney with Willson Jones Carter & Strat Stavrou in Columbia, S.C.

2003
Tracy Howard, class chair
Robert Goings, a litigation and trial attorney with the Goings Law Firm in Columbia, S.C., recently was featured in the Columbia Metropolitan after being named a Best Lawyer for Litigation by Best Lawyers.

Stephen Long has been elected a partner in the Northside Development Group, received degrees in business economics and sociology from Wofford and received additional certification in community engagement from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“Curt McPhail brings with him a wealth of experience as a leader and expertise in developing strong, diverse partnerships, building effective teams and achieving high-quality outcomes in both local and global environments,” says Dr. Dennis M. Wiseman, Wofford’s provost.

Read more about McPhail and The Space at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

2004
Fred Byers, class chair
Bryan Kelley is now a shareholder of the Emlore Goldsmith law firm in Greenville, S.C. Kelley joined the firm in 2003 and primarily represents general contractors, subcontractors, developers, owners and surety companies in construction and surety claims and disputes. He was selected to Super Lawyers magazine’s Rising Stars list for construction litigation in 2014 and 2015.

Jeffery Eric Owen and Ashley Mamele Owen ’06 welcomed daughter Elizabeth Blair Owen on Nov. 20, 2015. She joins big brother William Robert Owen (2).

Three Wofford graduates came together to bring college access opportunities to the Upstate community. Palmer Straughn, senior associate director of admission at Wofford, along with Rachel McCoy ’95, associate director of National College Fairs programs and services for the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and Rob Rhodes ’97, director of school counseling services with Greenville County Schools, joined forces to bring the first National College Fair to the state of South Carolina. The Upstate South Carolina National College Fair took place on March 19.

2005
Ryan Waller, class chair
Dr. Lauren Stephens Holliday completed her medical training in 2015 and is now a cardiologist with Columbia Heart Clinic. Her husband, Jason Holliday ’96, owns Sandridge Development, a real estate management and development group in Columbia, S.C.

Adam Regenthal lives in Columbia, S.C., and is the vice president of global sales for Colteo, a global signage provider.

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Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair
Jonathan Hyslop is now a partner at the law firm of Furniss Davis Rashkind and Saunders. The firm primarily handles civil litigation for insurance companies and local governments.

A 13-year veteran of the music industry, Charlie Jennings has joined Los Angeles-based event producer Danny Wimmer Presents as senior vice president of operations. Jennings previously served as vice president and producer at AC Entertainment, where he oversees concerts and festivals such as the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

Julius Richardson is a project architect with Meyer Greenson Paulin Benson Architecture and Interior Design in Charlotte, N.C. He manages high-end, custom residential projects from conception to construction.

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Hunter Miller, class chair
BlueBridgeNow.com recently featured Colby Harris for his work with Atlanta Braves baseball player Cameron Maybin during the offseason. As the director of fitness with Parisi Speed School at the Xcel Sportplex in Hendersonsville, N.C., Harris has coached both children as well as elite college and professional athletes.

The Greenville News recently featured Jeni Kleckley in an article, “Female entrepreneurs changing the face of business.” Kleckley originally thought she would work as a child psychologist but realized that entrepreneurship was her blood. She now enjoys her work as owner and operator of Monkey’s, located in the West End.

2008
Nathan Midigan, class chair
Ashley Glasgow Langley and Michael Langley welcomed Amelia Faye Langley Nov. 10, 2015, (also Ashley’s birthday). The family reports that everyone is doing well.

Kimberly Joy Smith received her doctor of philosophy degree in neuroscience from Florida State University in December. Her dissertation was titled “A Psychophysical Assessment of the Role of the T1R Proteins in the Taste Transduction of Amino Acids and Malodextrins.” She is currently a postdoctoral associate at the University of Florida in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

2009
Peyton Hay, class chair
Scott Collins completed his M.Ed. in independent school leadership from Vanderbilt University in 2015.

In 2015, Joshua Harris earned his MBA in finance from the University of South Carolina. He has joined the Clemson University Finance Department as a major adviser and personal finance lecturer. He and his wife, Cassandra, live in Moore, S.C.

By Brent Williamson, associate athletics director for media relations

Once a baseball player at Wofford graduates, he usually hangs up his cleats and begins the next phase of his life. Eric Brenk ’14 and Alex Lee ’11, however, have found a way to keep playing the sport they love while traveling the world.

Lee, a business economics major, played in 172 career games as an infielder for the Terriers before getting his chance to head overseas. He is playing in Adelaide, South Australia, this winter after operating the Summer playing with Arrows Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

“I actually started off coaching in the spring of 2014 just outside of Vienna, Austria,” says Lee. “That turned into playing in a few weekend tournaments with international teams, which led to connections that have allowed me to do this for three additional seasons between Europe and Australia.”

Lee says Australia is fun, but he misses the “absurd things that happened in Europe on an almost daily basis, mostly due to the language barrier. More specifically, I loved the Czech Republic. There was one older guy in our club who didn’t speak a lick of English. He was always smiling and high-fiving me after games with a beer in his hand. My roommate told me that he had introduced baseball to the city back when it was Czechoslovakia, and his interpretation of the rule for hitting home runs was that you could run around the bases as many times as you wanted until the other team got the ball back into play. So, in theory, your team could score 28 runs on a grand slam if everyone made it around the bases seven times.”

Brenk, a double major in finance and economics, played in 158 career games at Wofford, primarily as an outfielder. When the opportunity to play baseball professionally in America fell through, Brenk took advantage of his German citizenship and began playing in Europe. He currently plays for the Born Capitals of the German Bundesliga.

Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

A TERRIER CHANGUEP
Brenk and Lee rounding the bases overseas
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by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Bill Fowler ’57 knows which football stadiums leave the toughest stains. He knows which dry-cleaning chemicals give uniforms the best smell, and he knows the water-temperature combinations that help new jerseys hold their color. He should.

After all, he’s been cleaning uniforms for the NFL’s Carolina Panthers for the past 31 years.

“They gave me this jersey the first season,” says Fowler, pointing to the inaugural season commemorative patch on the left shoulder of the jersey. “It’s twice the size of the jerseys of today. “They don’t want any excess material today. They don’t want the defense to have anything to grab onto.”

The late Coach Lee Hanning, former Wofford football coach and equipment manager, introduced Fowler to Jackie Miles, the equipment manager for the Panthers. Fowler already was cleaning Wofford’s coaching gear and helping with especially stubborn stains on player uniforms.

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EVERY ALUMNUS WANTED. EVERY ALUMNUS NEEDED.

I am pleased to introduce myself as the Wofford College Alumni Association president, the first popularly elected president of the association. A native of West Columbia, S.C., and a 1983 Wofford graduate, I have more than 30 years of experience in higher education, specifically in financial aid administration. I currently serve as manager of technology services for the Office of Student Financial Services at Midlands Technical College. I have served as a board member of the Pink and Green Community Service Foundation and Teach the Truth Ministries, and I have been a loyal member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for 36 years.

I could not be prouder of the college’s accomplishments. Wofford College’s transformative educational opportunities have resulted in more than 16,700 living alumni who excel in various careers and who are making their communities better places. The alumni board represents each and every one of you, and we are eager to enthusiastically serve our college and students with your help. My mission as board president is to engage Wofford alumni in a manner that honors the past, present and future of the institution, while pursuing new initiatives, new faces and making a new commitment to alumni awareness and the association. I hope to gain a new connection with current students, who I like to think of as “future alumni.”

We will continue to work toward building a strong Wofford network, increasing alumni engagement, fostering student recruitment and raising support for the college through advancement. Lifelong engagement with the college offers opportunities to have fun, meet lots of great people and give back to your alma mater! Here are a few specific things you can do to help:

• Attend alumni events.
• Consider Wofford graduates for jobs or internship experiences.
• Visit the campus and talk with students about your career.
• Visit the Wofford website so you can talk with others about what’s happening on campus.
• Encourage potential Terriers to choose Wofford by sharing your memories and experiences with them.
• Organize an alumni gathering or game watch party.

There’s much more to come, and the Wofford College Alumni Association invites your participation. Visit wofford.edu/alumni/WCAA to learn more. Also feel free to contact me at suttonv88@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson ‘88, director of alumni and parents programs, at thompsondn@wofford.edu to get involved.

Vicki R. Muller ’83
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:
Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

| APRIL 11-17 | University Club @ RBC Heritage Golf Tournament
| APRIL 15 | Florence Alumni/Admission Gathering
| APRIL 21 | Thermal Belt Alumni Gathering
| APRIL 28 | Terrier Club Midlands Invitational
| APRIL 29 | Orange County, CA Alumni Gathering
| APRIL 30 | Los Angeles Alumni Gathering
| MAY 6 | Spartanburg Criterium
| MAY 14-15 | Commencement/Class of 1966 50th Reunion
| MAY 19 | Terrier Club Coaches Classic Golf Invitational
| JUNE 20 | Houston Astros MLB Game
| JUNE 22 | Texas Rangers MLB Game
| AUG. 25 | Spartanburg Area Surf & Turf
| SEPT. 23-24 | Family Weekend
| OCT. 21-22 | Homecoming
| OCT. 2-10, 2016 | Mediterranean Passage
| OCT. 2-10, 2016 | Autumn in America’s Heartland

Visit wofford.edu/alumni/travelopportunities for more information about opportunities to travel with the Terriers:

APRIL 24 - MAY 5, 2016 - Mediterranean Passage

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ON THE COVER

GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY WHILE LEARNING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Students in Dr. Terry Ferguson’s advanced environmental studies course take a break from their research and writing to dig around in the courtyard behind the Black Science Annex.