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—would not have been possible without your encouragement, time and financial contributions. Thank you for supporting our students and the extraordinary power of the Wofford College experience.

Go, Terriers!
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 Carta (professor of English), Dr. Angela Shiflet (Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. George Willet (chair and professor of biology) and Dr. Cynthia A. Suarez (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 ALEICHEM 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. MCCANE SHARES EXPERTISE WITH CNN AUDIENCE

Dr. Byron McCane helped guide viewers through “Finding Jesus: Truth, Fact, Forgery,” a CNN documentary series which began airing on Sunday, March 5. 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 Colin Professor of Humanities George Singleton. He was so impressed that he suggested she submit the story. Massey’s essay is a humorous speak to the ducks. It is in the new issue, now on shelves. 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 DeSola ’15 of East Greenwich, RI; Katherine Denslow ’15 of Greenville, SC; John Estes ’15 of Carlisle, Pa.; Al Kelly ’16 of Akron, OH; Donzella ’15 of Greenville, SC; and Whit McLeod ’15 of Summerville, SC. 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.

A. HARMon TEACHES ART THERAPY CLASSES TO INMATES

Katie Harmon ’15, an art history major and studio art minor from St. Louis, Mo., is using her final year as a Bonner Scholar at Wofford to teach in and build support for a therapeutic art program at the Spartanburg County Detention Center Harmon and the inmates will exhibit for a therapeutic art program to teach in and build support for the Spartanburg County Detention Center. Harmon and the inmates will exhibit and the inmates will exhibit

B. WOFFORD RANKS #4 FOR STUDY ABROAD

Again this year the Open Doors Report of International Education Exchange has recognized Wofford College as a national leader in study abroad participation. Wofford moved up to the fourth spot on the list. The college was 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.

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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 WOFFORDTERRIRS.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.
The 60-Day Blitz

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 in 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 offices of Student Affairs, Development, and Marketing and Communications present, as well as representatives from McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture.

The vision for the Greek Village was designed with the help of the 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 will be a common gathering place in the Greek Village, suitable for campuswide functions.

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 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.

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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/supportwofford/

Access the online giving form at wofford.edu/supportwofford/ onlinegiving and select your method of payment.

In step 2, designate your gift to the “Greek Village” and then indicate which organization you would like your donation to support.

Make a gift or pledge to the Greek Village.

There you can:

• Make a gift or pledge
• Learn about available naming levels
• Track the progress of each organization
• Find answers to frequently asked questions
• Take a virtual tour
• View architectural renderings

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Wofford Office of Development at 864-597-4200 to make your gift and specify which organization you would like to support.

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$9,992,444 IN GIFTS
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16 PHONES
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$633,220 TOTAL

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The POWER of the GIFT

$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
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 had 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 ’81, 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 $103,000 gift to the college to fund scholarships 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 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.

“College has always been a time to mature and experience independence, but more emphasis is now placed on the value of a degree,” says Brown. “The type of job received upon graduation determines the value for some. Employers now use internships as a way to evaluate future employees, and it allows the interns to determine whether the company or job fits their goals.”

Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space in The Mungo Center, which oversees Career Services, adds that Wall Street Journal articles (citing a Chronicle of Higher Education study) reports that when making hiring decisions, employers give nearly twice as much weight to graduates’ work experience as they do their academic credentials, “says Cochran. “Without an internship, Wofford students will be at a disadvantage in two areas: they will not have the practical experience employers demand, and they will not understand which career paths will be a good fit.”

Over the past decade, Brown, a successful entrepreneur, steadily increased his financial support of internships, beginning with sending three Wofford students to intern at the Aspen Institute in Colorado each year.

“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 extensive professional development training program in The Space. (See sidebar for program details.)

Winn believes students will be more successful interns if they take advantage of skills training and mentoring opportunities offered by The Space. “We’ve got an outstanding group at Wofford, one that no other college has,” he says. “If you combine the financial support to pursue their interests with the professional training in The Space—things like public speaking, leadership, etiquette, project management—you’ve got an internship program that’s the best of its kind, anywhere.”

by Lillian Gonzalez ’91
director of the career center

Why Wofford?
ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS AND FINANCE AND THEIR PLACE WITHIN THE LIBERAL ARTS

As a private, residential liberal arts college, Wofford College is unique in that it offers programs in accounting, business and finance. Students considering studies in these fields may wonder, “Why would I attend a liberal arts institution to study accounting, business or finance? Why Wofford?”

The list of benefits is long, I offer three here.

At Wofford we recognize that students are multitasked.

We encourage them to look beyond traditional paths and approaches to combine areas of personal and professional interest in the manner of their own goals, whatever they may be. While the college offers the business courses and technical skills that students need to prepare for jobs in the field, our accounting and finance majors also pursue studies in areas such as philosophy, art, economics, law, biology, environmental studies, psychology, and cultures. The accounting, business and finance faculty encourages students to incorporate study-abroad and internship experiences into their education, and we celebrate the creativity and spirit of exploration that students employ as they bring together different areas of study.

Our students consistently excel in graduation and employment rates, as well as annual and future career success. They are able to think on their feet, solve problems and communicate effectively. For example, in February five of our students competed against MBA students in the CFA Institute Research Challenge, Southern Classic, an investment analysis competition. The competition required a written report, two oral presentations and two CFA sessions with panels of Chartered Financial Analysts. Our students were ready to deliver and finished in first place.

At Wofford we teach that compassion makes sense, even in business.

Wofford students live and work with admirable people (students, faculty and staff), and we all learn from each other. You do not have to look far to find individuals interested in becoming a part of a student’s support system, helping them feel connected to their communities (both on and off campus) and helping them know that they can make a difference in the world.

On our campus we promote an ethic of compassion and try to improve the quality of life of the communities we serve every day:

• Our students learn to support and communicate with others—through teamwork, volunteer work, tutoring and mentoring.

• Our students learn to empathize with diverse cultures. Each year a group of our students works with the United Way’s VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program to prepare individual income tax returns for families in our community.

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 areas of interest 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 will fail, and when you do, you have to accept the support and guidance of those willing to give them.

THE MIKE BROWN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Guidelines for eligibility for an internship scholarship:

• Students must find their own internships. The space will help students understand how to conduct a search, and Brown’s funding allows them to dream big without being limited by financial constraints.

• Students must present their internship plans to an internship board for approval. Not all internships are created equal, and this board will ensure that the experiences are appropriately structured and that students are accountable for the work they promise to do.

• Students must complete professional development training to prepare them to be successful and productive on any job.

• Students must produce a post-internship writing assignment todigest the lessons learned during the experience and to share them with future interns.

• Students must become members to the next semester’s group of interns. “I talk often to Wofford students about the value of giving back,” says Brown. “I tell them that these students look forward to giving back.”
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 drawing 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 1 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.

Even 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 on 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 upholding 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.

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!
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 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

After doctors removed the tumor, Hahn missed the fall of her sophomore year to undergo a regimen of intense 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.

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“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. “Nothing can compare to the Wofford community.”

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“Natalie faced that challenge—and the responsibility of organizing her thoughts and writing—with the same determination and hope that she drew upon while undergoing treatment. She inspired me as she has always believed that something good would come out of this.”

Although Hahn celebrates her life and health each day, she knows that she is 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 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 glad, because I’ve never had that experience myself. What I would love for Wofford is to be able to see a lot more acceptances.”
Four of Wofford’s best and brightest choose to Teach For America
by Jo Ann Mitchell Braisington ’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 of a history minor with an art history minor from Tampa, Fla.; will teach secondary social studies in Augusta, Ga.; Anna Henson ’15 (a psychology major from Darlington, S.C.) has been assigned to an elementary school in North Carolina; Maggie Stroud ’15 (a biology 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 Clowney ’01, 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 Clowney. “Each year we have tens of thousands of applications, and we only accept three or four thousand,” says Clowney. “We get the cream of the crop, and Wofford students definitely hold their own against anyone from any college or university in the country.”

Clowney says that’s because Wofford builds civic engagement into its mission—from the Bonner Scholars, to AmeriCorps Volunteer Corps, to classes with a service-learning component, to fraternities and sororities that support national service corps, to classes with a service-learning component. “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 are ideally suited for Teach For America. They have been taught from the get-go about these problems that could be solved if we root for the solution in education,” 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 Kalle Davis ’14, currently a Teach For America Spanish teacher in North Carolina, as a 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?”

For additional information, visit www.wofford.edu/teachforamerica.
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 Habisreutinger 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 hosting 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.
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MINI GOLF, HURRICANES AND BUDGET SHEETS
Just another day at the office for Tanya Green Greenlee '94 by Tanya Green Greenlee

Tanya Green Greenlee '94 says her job at Cooper's & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) with sorority sister Margaret Young '92, who remained with the firm and is a partner. A few years later Greenlee 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.

“Tanya Green Greenlee ‘94 does it well, so well that she has been sought after professionally and currently sits on the South Carolina Board of Accountants and is planing a return to Opera Southwest in the role of the king in “Aida.”

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Today he’s an attorney, tomorrow a CIA agent, the day after that a firefighter, and next week he’s a video game action 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, Dicks, Home Depot and Graco while working with Wilhelmina 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 Intern. After he left Wofford he signed with a Dodgers minor league team, then played with a team in Seattle. Haynes was playing 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, Dicks, Home Depot and Graco while working with Wilhelmina Models in New York.

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2003

Travis McDowell has been named the director of admissions at Limestone College. Since 2000, S.C. McDowell has worked in Limestone’s admissions office in various roles for the past 11 years, most recently as associate director.

2004

Maj. Jonathan Cheek is attending the master of public administration program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is a military officer and police officer. His wife, Sarah, is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Cooper Spalding Hospital.

2006

Nate Madigan, class chair

In 2004, Nate Madigan received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Wofford College. He has worked at a variety of positions in the field of dermatology, including a position as the medical director at Wofford Dermatology Associates. He is currently a resident in the Department of Dermatology at Duke University Medical Center.

2008

Payton Hray, class chair

Payton Hray is a social work and public health graduate from the University of South Carolina. He has worked in various capacities with nonprofit organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and the Salvation Army. He currently serves as the executive director of the Upstate Forever Three Rs (Reuse, Reduction and Recycling) program.

2009

Kari Harris, class chair

Kari Harris is a licensed practical nurse and a registered nurse. She has worked in various capacities in healthcare, including as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She is currently a registered nurse in the Department of Neurology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

2010

Ashton Jordan earned his J.D. from Florida State University in 2014. He served as an intern for Senator Marco Rubio in Washington, D.C. He is currently a law clerk at the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Washington, D.C.

2011

Robert J. Donaldson has joined the Donaldson Law Firm in Myrtle Beach, S.C., as an associate attorney. He received his J.D. from the Charleston School of Law. His practice focuses on personal injury and commercial litigation.

2013

Morgan Amick, class chair

Morgan Amick is a licensed social worker and a registered nurse. She has worked in various capacities in healthcare, including as a nurse in the intensive care unit at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She is currently a registered nurse in the Department of Neurology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

2014

Shri Sevalakumar, class chair

Shri Sevalakumar is a registered commercial underwriter with BBVA Compass in Denver, Colo. He has worked in various capacities in the insurance industry, including as a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He is currently a registered commercial underwriter with BBVA Compass.

WILLIAM MCGIRT ‘01 VISITS SHRINE’S HOSPITAL

In December, PGA professional William McGirt ‘01 visited patients at Greer Memorial Medical Center. McGirt has started his 2015 season with several impressive finishes, including one top 10 finish and four top-25 finishes. McGirt is married to Sarah Bugee McGirt and has two children, William and Caroline. They recently moved to Pawleys Island, S.C. McGirt is a member of the PGA Tour and has competed in various tournaments around the world.
1935 The Rev. Dr. Robert Wright Spence Feb. 10, 1935, Canton, N.C. At the time of his death, Spence was Wofford’s oldest living graduate at the age of 102. Spence was a Methodist minister and served as president of Columbia College. His wife, Helen, became the first woman to serve as a United Methodist minister and was a well-loved pillar of the community, raising money for Alumnae House, the Unitarian Church and other charitable organizations. His daughter, Marian, is a retired teacher. His son, James, is a retired accountant.

1951 Philip Francis Foster Jan. 14, 1951, Spartanburg, S.C. A member of Kappa Alpha Pike Fraternity, the Society of Sigma XI and the Fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa. Foster served in the South Carolina National Guard. He was in the paper plastics and plastics business when he joined his wife in Sally Foster Gift Wrap. Foster was a founding member of the Spartanburg Softball League and well known for his sense of humor and well-told jokes.

1957 Thomas Marion Godbold Jr. Jan. 15, 2015, Chico, Calif. Godbold was a retired educator.


1968 Harold W. Atkens Nov. 4, 1968, Rock Hill, S.C. A former Wofford basketball player who worked more than 20 years of service. He loved playing golf.

1969 Ronald Allen Siltzer Dec. 4, 1969, Boiling Springs, S.C. Siltzer retired from Spartanburg Area Technical College, where he was a faculty member for 34 years.


1972 Thomas Harold DeWitt Feb. 10, 1972, Spartanburg, S.C. A member of Kappa Alpha Pike fraternity. DeWitt served in the South Carolina National Guard and was a World War II veteran.


1986 Lawrence Glenn Hardin Nov. 4, 2014, Columbus, S.C. Hardin volunteered for service during the Vietnam War. His military service was followed by a career as a computer programmer.

1988 Michael Wayne Meredith Jan. 10, 1988, Columbia, S.C. Meredith owned Michael's Carpet & Various Home Furnishings. He served on the board of trustees at Spartanburg Greek Festival and the former Gift Wrap. Foster was a founding member of the Spartanburg Softball League and well known for his sense of humor and well-told jokes.


1993 Walter Carlisle “Trey” Kannady III Jan. 15, 1993, Columbia, S.C. Kannady was an attorney, certified public accountant, certified internal control auditor, certified treasury professional and was employed by the state of South Carolina from 1978 to 1993. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity as a Wofford student and served on the board of trustees at Spartanburg Community Union and the Interfraternity Council. Cynthia West “Chris” Winkler Jr. Feb. 15, 2015, Anderson, S.C. A member of Sigma Nu fraternity, an avid adventurer and an outdoorsman. Winkler hiked the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

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

Remember to include the name of the person you are honoring with your gift to the college.


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2011 Donald Ted Wilson Sr. Nov. 21, 2011, Easley, S.C. Wilson retired from Piggly Wiggly Corporation as a manager. He was a retired educator, having served as a science teacher, principal and transportation director.


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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Building the fraternity lodges

by Philip Stone ’84

These houses have been there, like, forever, right?

Forever is a long time, obviously, through a college campus, 50 years might as well be forever. And that’s how long the current fraternity row has been standing on its current site.

In the spring of 1935, then Dean of Students Robert Brint proposed to the Board of Trustees the construction of seven fraternity lodges at some point on campus. Each house would have a chapter room, a long room, a kitchen, a bedroom for a fraternity member who was acting as the caretaker of the house, two bathrooms and some closets. One site, on Cleveland Street near St. John’s Field, was rejected because it was too far from the main campus and also was not as any architecturally attractive. It disowned a site on Cleveland Street near Main Building, though the college recognized that the site might eventually be needed for another academic building.

The trustees approved the project, and in the spring of 1935, the houses were all built simultaneously. That way no one fraternity would be able to occupy its house before the others. Originally only the chapter rooms in each house were to have pine paneling, but the college got a deal on panelling at $2.50 a square foot to apply to the chapter rooms and chapter rooms.

Construction began in December 1935, with foundation work. As foundation work progressed, the pace of the work increased in April and May. The fraternities took possession of their houses on May 17, 1936.

The Old Gold and Black student newspaper noted that houses for fraternities had been a 60-year-old dream. Each house was a 22-by-42 house with a slate roof. The houses were of brick and did not provide Greek houses before. After fraternities moved out in April, the houses were sometimes used as dormitories and occasionally mistreated when they could find space— including dormitories on the third floor of Wofford Square. But since May 1936, fraternity row has been home to Wofford’s Greek organizations.
Last year at Wofford I called the Curtis’s first. He’s the metric I still use. Mike Curtis is the voice in my head when I read my work and ask myself if it’s good enough,” says Pierce. “We meet still. It’s hard to imagine me being where I am without him.”


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

JAMES SCOTT’S LATEST NOVEL, “TARGET TOKYO,” JUST RELEASED BY W.W. NORTON & CO.

In December 1941, as American forces rallied the dead at Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt gathered with his senior military counselors to plan an ambitious counterstrike against the heart of the Japanese Empire. Tokyo. Four months later, on April 18, 1942, 16 U.S. Army bombers, under the command of daredevil pilot Jimmy Doolittle, lifted off from the deck of the USS Hornet on a one-way mission to bomb the enemy’s factories, refineries and docksyards and then escape to free China. Most of the bombers ran out of fuel and crashed. Others were captured and tortured in Japanese prison camps. Others faced a harrowing escape across China.

Not since Laura Hillenbrand’s “Unbroken” has there been such a riveting and powerful story of American airmen overcoming the impossible. Impeccably researched, “Target Tokyo,” the newest novel by James M. Scott ’97, gives a gripping narrative of combat and survival from the multiple perspectives of the American, Japanese and Chinese people whose lives were irrevocably changed by the raid and its aftermath. The result is a tale of bravery and sacrifice that forces readers to confront the human costs of heroism.

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

JOHN LANE ’77 PENS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FIRST NOVEL

“Fate Moreland’s Widow,” the haunting first novel from award-winning poet, environmentalist and storyteller John Lane ’77 (right), delves into historically-inspired events of life, love, the triumphs and tragedies of war and peace. “The result is a tale of bravery and sacrifice that forces readers to confront the human costs of heroism.”

Target Tokyo

Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid that Avenged Pearl Harbor

James M. Scott

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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.

WOFFORD ALUMNI OFFICE CHANGES

Wofford alumni of my generation remember Charlie Gray ’72 as the director of admission who penned our letters of acceptance, in the process earning our eternal gratitude. Gray left the Admission Office several years ago to serve as the college’s director of alumni and parents associations, which includes the AEC. While AEC members came and went, Gray was a constant presence and dedicated leader of the group.

The AEC experienced a bittersweet moment in January when Gray moved into a new role as director of continuing education. Although sorry to lose him as a regular part of our group, we were delighted to have Debbi Thompson ’88 add oversight of the alumni association to her existing duties as director of alumni and parents programs. With Thompson guiding us, we know we are in excellent hands and that the future of the alumni association is bright.

Go Terriers!

Andy Beeson ’90
President, Wofford College National Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit Wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

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