Student-athletes say THANK YOU for the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium
‘Tis the season of giving... but then that’s not unusual here at Wofford. Prema and I constantly are humbled by the generosity of the Wofford community. We have met Wofford friends who have saved much of their lives so that they could establish an endowed scholarship for a deserving student… alumni who consider it their responsibility to make an annual gift to the Wofford Fund… faculty who contribute to internship funds so that their students have access to opportunities to learn year round. All gifts, regardless of size, make a huge impact on the success of Wofford College. Some of the stories of these gifts are highlighted in this issue. For example, look for stories on Betty and Billy Wood ’50, Gary Blount ’10 and Matt ’10 and Kindi Bare Abee ’08.

In celebration of another game-changing gift, the Wofford community broke ground Oct. 20 on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. This follows the spring 2015 groundbreaking for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

Wofford also made another strategic move toward accomplishing its vision of preparing superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars by announcing the allocation of $300,000 each year toward scholarships for first-generation college students from South Carolina and the Spartanburg community. The Office of Admission already is hard at work recruiting this first class of first-generation scholars.

These gifts, and the ones to follow during this last month of 2015, will continue to improve the lives of our students, their families and the communities in which they eventually will live. Your gifts also will continue to build Wofford’s reputation as a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college. Please join us as we continue to build this extraordinary Wofford College community based on excellence, engagement and transformation.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef
Whetsell Fellow Margherita Cole ’16, an art history major and studio arts minor from Redlands, Calif., took her artwork in a comical direction this summer. Her collection of hand-drawn comic strips portrays scenes from art history. They will be on display in the Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery of the Campus Life Building through January. Read more about Cole and her creative process at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
A. WOFFORD BASEBALL SHARES THE DUGOUT

Wofford student-athletes spent some quality time as Miracle League buddies this fall. Abenos, Reed Massey ’19, an infielder from Marietta, Ga., enjoyed his first experience as a Miracle League volunteer. Wofford student-athletes say that spending time with the special athletes from the Carolina Miracle League is a highlight of the semester.

To see a gallery of photos from the event, visit wofford.edu/photos from the event.

To see a gallery of a highlight of the semester, Carolinas Miracle League is volunteer. Wofford first experience as a Miracle League buddy spent some quality time Wofford student-athletes

THE DUGOUT
BASEBALL SHARES A. WOFFORD THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

B. COLLEGE LEADS REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UNDERSTANDING

The fall Wofford professors Dr. Laura Bartels-Ruhen (modern languages, literature and culture), Dr. Philip DaRell (religion), Dr. Mark Bynum (history) and Dr. Kim Roston (English) participated in a Refugee Resettlement Panel moderated by Dr. Byron McCalla, Albert C. Guller Professor of Religion. The forum offered students and the local community an opportunity to hear from well-informed voices on the issue.

Read more about his experiences at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. HALL OF FAME INDUCTS TERRIER STANDOUTS

Graduated Wofford student-athletes Anthony Jones ’03, Nick Schumann ’10 and Brandon Waring ’08 were selected by the Terrier Club’s Hall of Fame Committee for induction into the Wofford College Athletics Hall of Fame. In addition, the Hall of Fame honored Wade and Mary Keisler as the Distinguished Service Award recipients and Todd Shaney, an Honorary Letterman.

Read more and watch their moving acceptance speeches at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. STUDENTS WHO ARE LEGALLY BLIND SHARE COMMON EXPERIENCE AT WOFFORD

Scholarship students Jacory Srik ’19, of Holly Hill, S.C., and Holly Stevens ’18 of Marion, N.C., have a few things in common—they both having a great experience at Wofford, and they’re both legally blind. The college offers accommodations, and they also use a variety of tools that help with the reading, study, testing and class participation necessary to excel in college.

Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

E. MOSS AND SYKES NAMED TO ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Dr. Robert E. Moss has been named as the college’s third Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn-McCalla Professor of Biology, and Dr. David A. Sykes has been named the Larry Hearn-McCalla Professor of Computer Science. According to Dr. Dennis Wiseman, provost, they each offer stellar examples of the extraordinary teachers and mentors who work with students at Wofford College.

Read more about the McCalla professorships at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. WOFFORD TAILGATE SCENE IN USA TODAY

“Smaller campuses host some of the best parties,” writes Joe Cahn, who has attended about 1,000 tailgates since 1996 and runs Tailgating.com. In the Oct. 30 USA Today, he listed the Wofford tailgating scene among the “10Best: Small schools with top tailgating traditions” in the country. He raves about Wofford’s family-friendly atmosphere and the variety of food, including Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

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G. PATEL STUDIES HEALTH CARE IN SOUTH AFRICA

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H. BENTLEY DEVELOPS FILM ON SNAKES

Alex Bentley ’17, a biology and environmental studies major from Salem, Va., spent the summer studying, tracking and even sleeping with snakes in the Francis Marion National Forest as part of a project with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy.

Read more about Bentley’s research and find a link to his documentary at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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Read more about Graham and her record-breaking year at wofford.edu/woffordtoday
The ball is in play!

Wofford breaks ground for the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium with celebratory tip-off event

by Annie S. Mitchell
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"Tip-offs in basketball start the game," opened President Nayef Samhat. "There are no dunks, blocks or steals without a tip-off. Breaking ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium is the start of something very special that, along with the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, will be a game-changer for Wofford College."
WHY WOFFORD?

Alumni and friends of the college often ask how they can help Wofford. One way is to be ready and willing to share positive Wofford experiences; those are the best advertisement for the college, hands down. Another way to help is to be prepared with “Why Wofford” elevator speeches. Here are a few highlights of the Wofford experience that are definitely worth sharing.

1. BECAUSE WOFFORD EMPHASIZES GLOBAL LEARNING

The college is #6 in the nation among baccalaureate institutions for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit. Wofford students have studied in more than 70 countries and on all 7 continents.

2. BECAUSE STUDENTS LIKE IT HERE

94 percent of students live on campus all four years and enjoy a housing plan that supports students as they progress from first year through fourth in a close-knit community that builds a sense of personal responsibility and ultimately independence.

3. BECAUSE WOFFORD PREPARES STUDENTS FOR WHAT’S NEXT

After taking advantage of four years of opportunities designed to help them engage and explore the world, Wofford students are prepared for what’s next. This past summer more than 200 students completed internships or research experiences around the globe. Recent internship locations include: ABC News, the Aspen Institute, the Bonner Foundation, Citygroup Hong Kong, CNN, Manipal Technologies in India, Michelin North America, NASA, Oxford University in England, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Smithsonian Institute and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

4. BECAUSE TERRIERS ARE TOUGH... AND COOL

A century ago Wofford athletics teams chose the Boston Terrier as their mascot. The small but tenacious and fierce dog is full of intelligence and energy, making it an ideal mascot for the 1,650 undergraduates who call Wofford home.

5. BECAUSE WOFFORD BELIEVES IN EDUCATING THE WHOLE STUDENT

Every part of college life—academics, athletics, residence life and co-curricular programming—works in concert to produce an environment where students learn around the clock, on campus, in the community and around the globe. Because of this commitment, Wofford scores among the best in the country on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which measures high-impact, transformative learning experiences.

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“Mr. Richardson, we realize the significance of the gift you’ve given us, and we feel the weight of responsibility we have as student-athletes to use this facility and our gifts wisely—to become the best student-athletes, citizens and leaders we can be, and to leave Wofford College better than we found it. We all strive to follow your example.”

— Kentra Washington ’17
WOFFORD COLLEGE COMMITS $300,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

$20,000 renewable scholarships per year designed to encourage college
by Laura Hendrix Corbin and Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
My parents run their own heating and air-conditioning business. Having a college degree would have helped them, and I know from watching them that a college degree will be a great asset for me if I own my own business one day. I chose Wofford because the college offered me a great financial aid package, and I fell in love with the beautiful campus.”

For Patricia Orozco ’18, the biggest influence on her decision to attend college came from her parents—who never made it past the sixth grade in their home country of Mexico. Now, the Wofford College sophomore—the first in her family to go to college—encourages other high school students to become college pioneers.

“My advice to them would be to move forward,” says Orozco, who says her parents always encouraged her in her lifelong dream of going to college. “If there’s something or someone holding them back, let it go and move forward. There’s always help available, and there should not be a reason for someone not to go to college and study what they want to study.”

Now, Wofford College is providing additional support for these students, announcing plans to commit $300,000 in scholarships for 15 first-generation college students from South Carolina to attend Wofford. Five of those scholarships will be designated for students coming from Spartanburg County.

“Every year a number of outstanding first-generation students enroll at Wofford. We want to continue that tradition and make attending Wofford more affordable,” Brand Stille ’86, vice president for enrollment, says. “To do this, we announced the addition of 15 merit scholarships, valued at $20,000 per year, to be awarded to South Carolina students who represent the first generation in their families to attend college. These scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis using admission applications.”

“I believe these scholarships will be a great opportunity for first-generation students,” says Orozco, who is a Bonner Scholar and Wofford Ambassador. “Wofford is a great college, but many students are discouraged from applying because they do not know where or how to get more scholarships. A scholarship program for first-generation students will encourage them to apply here.”

According to Wofford President Nayef Samhat, nearly 15 percent of Wofford students are the first in their families to attend college.

“Wofford College is committed to providing transformative education experiences that are both accessible and affordable,” says Samhat. “First-generation college students go back and change the future of their family trees. They make their communities better places in which to live and raise families. This new scholarship program for first-generation students is intended to keep these outstanding students in our community for their college years and beyond. This scholarship is just one way that Wofford College is demonstrating its commitment to lifting our state and nation by educating the citizen-leaders of tomorrow.”

Last year the New York Times recognized Wofford as one of the most economically diverse colleges in the county and recently named Wofford among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students.” First-generation students at Wofford are similar academically to other students at the college, Stille says, but they are more likely to be underrepresented minority students.

“This initiative continues to build on our strength in economic diversity and may enhance other types of diversity, too,” says Stille. “We want first-generation students to know that financial aid is available at Wofford and that meeting the cost of a private liberal arts college may be possible for them.”

A significant number of first-generation students at Wofford come from Spartanburg County, Stille says, explaining why five of the merit scholarships have been set aside for students from Spartanburg: “This is our community, and we want to encourage and help students from our surrounding area to attend Wofford.”

Orozco, a biology major who plans to attend medical school, says she wants to come back to the Spartanburg community to serve the large Hispanic community here after she becomes a doctor.
Where I'm from, higher education is a rare thing. I apply myself at whatever I do so that I can take advantage of this opportunity. My environment motivated me to be successful. Teachers put me on an honors track in middle school, and since then I've always worked to be the best that I can be, whether in the classroom, on the football field or in society. I'm grateful that Wofford chose me. Coach Nathan Fuqua '03 put his faith in me, and now I'm here getting a great education and playing football on a championship team.”

TERRANCE MORRIS ’16

a mathematics major from Chester, S.C., plays outside linebacker for the Terriers. He was sidelined in August after tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus during the preseason.

Dr. Carol Wilson ‘81 serves as professor of English and coordinator of academic advising at Wofford College. She enjoys teaching all students but has a special place in her heart for first-generation college students. As an academic coach, she advises students about time management and study strategies, but she also understands that students need good partners across the campus community who will offer college resources that support academic success. When she meets with a student for the first time, she starts by asking lots of questions about the student’s hopes and goals. Wilson may also talk about football, basketball, video games, even Lilly Pulitzer… whatever it takes to build her credibility and to establish a relationship with the students who come to her for advice about academic success.

In academic coaching, she has learned a lot from Wofford’s athletics teams, for whom performance is the measure of academic as well as athletic success. “I love the idea of a ‘read step,’ a physical move that student-athletes use to give themselves mental space to evaluate choices before them on a court or field,” says Wilson. “A student-athlete on the football team explained the concept to me, and I often encourage students to examine their academic opportunities fully, evaluate what’s before them and use the resources that Wofford offers as well as all they know to decide how to proceed.”

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It was important to my parents and to me that I go to college. My dad is a truck driver. It’s hard, manual work, and he and my mom both want me to have a different life. I gravitated toward smaller liberal arts colleges and chose Wofford because I knew I would need as much support as I could get. Wofford welcomed me and has given me so many opportunities. Cost was definitely a factor for me. My Bonner Scholarship and the stipend I receive for summer service helped me secure an internship with the Smithsonian Institute this past summer.”

The New York Times has ranked Wofford College among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students,” at #70, making it the top-ranked South Carolina institution on the listing of 179 colleges and universities.

To measure top colleges’ efforts on economic diversity, the newspaper’s David Leonhardt, in his The Upshot blog, created the College Access Index. He bases his ranking on the share of students who receive Pell grants (which typically go to families making less than $70,000 annually), the graduation rate of those students and the price that colleges charge for low- and middle-income students.

This is the second year the New York Times has put Wofford on its “most economically diverse” listing. Last year, Wofford also was the top South Carolina institution on the list. The 2014 listing was based on four-year graduation rates; this year’s colleges with a five-year graduation rate of 75 percent or higher are included, adding more colleges to this year’s rankings.

Wofford is one of only three South Carolina institutions on the list. The other two are Clemson University (71) and Furman University (161).

“Colleges obviously can’t solve all of the economy’s problems,” Leonhardt writes, “but there is a reason that nearly all families that can comfortably send their children to college do so. For families that aren’t as comfortable, some colleges are doing much more to help than others.”

Wofford President Nayef Samhat notes: “Wofford continues to be among the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country on the key issues that most concern families when it comes to higher education—access, diversity, quality and completion. Wofford’s extraordinary and transformational educational experience is accessible, socio-economically diverse, and we graduate superior students on time.”

Carolyn B. Sparks, director of financial aid at Wofford, says, “Wofford works to attract Pell-eligible students by offering institutional need-based and merit aid as well as other federal and state funds, which can make a student’s aid package more affordable and attractive. Our financial aid plan encompasses other areas of diversity as well, such as geographic, ethnic or racial, and international.”

For the full listing, go to: nytimes.com/interactive/2015/09/17/upshot/top-colleges-doing-the-most-for-low-income-students.html
Cracking passwords and opening back doors with Dr. X and the Wofford Hackers

Pictured left to right: Michelle Moss ’17, Dmitriy Kaplun ’18, Yukun Peng ’16, Dr. Polyxeni Mountrouidou, Danish Virani ’17 and Lening Ruan ’19
T he students call her Dr. X—an appropriately mys-
terious nickname for Dr. Polyxeni Mountrouidou,
Wofford’s own cybersecurity expert, hacker, assistant
professor of computer science and mentor to women
interested in the field.

“T’m happy and honored to be here,” says Mountrouidou,
who brings with her a three-year, $295,998 National
Science Foundation (NSF) education and research grant
to engage undergraduates in cybersecurity learning.
“Wofford offers faculty the perfect balance between
teaching and scholarship. They feed each other, and
research is even more fun with undergraduate students.”

As part of the grant, Mountrouidou is working with Dr.
Xiangyang Li of Johns Hopkins University to develop
learning modules that can be embedded into the general
education curriculum.

“What better place than a liberal arts college to help
develop students who are aware of the importance of
cybersecurity?” says Mountrouidou. “We need people
in every discipline who are aware of the gravity and
consequences of a network attack. These classes will
create more knowledgeable citizens who will understand
both the quantitative and qualitative importance of
cybersecurity, and hopefully this will create a pathway
to careers in the rapidly growing field of cybersecurity.”

According to Mountrouidou, the learning modules can
be embedded into technology, public policy, economics,
ethics, sociology and psychology classes.

“The collaboration across disciplines that I’ve seen
at Wofford will make this successful,” Mountrouidou
says. “The first modules will be ready next fall, and
I’ve already found a number of student researchers
who will intern with me as part of the grant to develop
the modules.”

Provost Dennis Wiseman is excited about the possibilities.

“Dr. Mountrouidou brings with her not just a profound
knowledge of cybersecurity, but also energy and enthu-
siasm for teaching undergraduates,” says Wiseman. “I
look forward to seeing how this will enhance the aca-
demic experience at Wofford.”

A native of Athens, Greece, Mountrouidou came to
Wofford from Jacksonville University in Florida. She met
Dr. Angela Shiflet, retired Larry Heam McCalla Professor
of Mathematics and Computer Science, at a conference
for computer science education.

“When Angela retired, she called me,” says Mountrouidou.
“She knew I loved teaching, networking with other com-
puter scientists and conducting research with students.
Wofford was a perfect fit, and I applied immediately.”

Since coming to Wofford, Mountrouidou has started
weekly meetings for students interested in learning
more about cybersecurity, how to defend and how to
attack. The group of fledgling hackers calls themselves
“Revenge of the Terriers,” and they competed in the
college’s first hackathon this semester.

“I’m amazed at the Wofford students,” says Mountrouidou.
“They come after 5 o’clock and spend hours learning the
basics of cybersecurity.”

According to Mountrouidou, preparing for and participating
in hacking competitions helps students learn how to analyze
and solve problems. They must be able to think like hackers,
plan defense strategies, write code and, most importantly,
make good, principled decisions.

“The first things we talk about are the ethical issues,” says
Mountrouidou. “We want to win the hackathon, but we will
follow the rules of the contest—no copying flags (awarded
after successful completion of a challenge) and no stealing
flags from other competitors.”

Mountrouidou says that it’s critical that students learn that
cybersecurity is a crime and that there are severe consequences
for the offense. Students who can defend against cybersecurity
threats will be able to write their ticket upon graduation.

In addition to her work with the hackers, Mountrouidou
picked up Shiflet’s work mentoring women in computer
science, and she has big plans for the women attending
her monthly lunches.

“I’ve already given our women in computer science infor-
mation about the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women
in Computing,” says Mountrouidou. “It’s a conference that
fosters the success of women in the field.”

The students must prepare an essay, request recommen-
dations and complete an application. It’s a stretch, but
Mountrouidou would love to take a group of 10 Wofford
women to the next conference.

“This is something that women can be so successful at,” she
says. “Mentoring women interested in the field is so dear to
me. The profession is unbalanced. Only about 10 percent of
the computer scientists in the field are women. That can be
discouraging. I want women to see that they belong here.”

Mountrouidou says that the next lunch will focus on suc-
cesses and failures. She’s shared the story of her successful
NSF cybersecurity application, and she plans to tell students
about the embarrassment she felt at getting a C in her first
computer science class.

Yukun Peng ’16, a computer science major from Beijing,
China, is already inspired. She’s currently applying to grad-
uate school in game design and says that being a Wofford
hacker and involved in the women in computer science
lunches has already been beneficial.

“Having a background in network security is one of things that
gaming graduate schools look at,” says Peng. “And it’s fun!”
Mountrouidou couldn’t be happier.

“I always loved breaking things to see how they worked, solv-
ing puzzles and being a detective,” says Mountrouidou, who
got into programming in high school because she wanted to
be a hacker. “Now I’m teaching students about cryptography
and network security, how to find back doors and crack
passwords. This is important work, and the students who
excel will be recruited by the NSA, DOD and tech companies
around the world.”
Wofford College inducts 46 legacies into The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society during 2015 Family Weekend.

by Ryann Kroske McCall ’13

Each year during Family Weekend first-year students who are legacies (another family member attended Wofford before them) are inducted into The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society. This year the Alumni Office inducted the Class of 2019 during a special brunch. All members were recognized, took photos with Wofford President Nayef Samhat and received a lapel pin and certificate of membership.

The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society recognizes and celebrates students and alumni who play a role in continuing a family legacy of enrolling in Wofford College. Like the stately oak tree that’s part of The Order of 1854’s logo, membership symbolizes the deep roots of strong family ties to the college.

“LEGACY” FACTS:

• Wofford College has 139 current students who are Wofford legacies.
• Out of these 139, 46 are first-year students in the Class of 2019.
1. Homecoming weekend set the stage for the second Black Alumni Summit. The series of events included a check presentation for the Multicultural House in the Greek Village, a tailgate, reunion of the Gospel Choir and a reception at the president’s home.

2. The weekend began with Classes without Quizzes. This no-quizzes, no-tuition program gives alumni a chance to take another class at Wofford.

3. The Terrier Ball brought a College Game Day theme to the silent auction and gala. The event raised funds for scholarships for Wofford student-athletes.

4. Graduates who have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation were invited to the 50-Year Club Reunion. The dinner was held at Indigo Hall in downtown Spartanburg.

5. Moyer’s Men, members of the Glee Club during Sam Moyer’s tenure at Wofford, reunited and performed during the 50-Year Club Reunion.

6. Tailgating remains a highlight of Homecoming weekend. Next year sororities and fraternities will have new houses in the Greek Village to serve as tailgating hubs.

7. Winners from the 2015 Homecoming competition were (left to right): Annie Jones ’16, JaneAnn Laffitte ’16, Katherine Buchanan ’16 and Harry Alex ’16 (Mr. Wofford).
Ingram, winner of the 2014 “Jeopardy!” Tournament of Champions, is a business control specialist with the Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. A native of Florence, S.C., he received his B.S. in mathematics, summa cum laude, from Wofford and his M.S. in mathematics from the University of South Carolina.

At Wofford, Ingram was captain of the College Bowl Team, which was the first Wofford team to compete at the College Bowl National Championship Tournament. There, he received the 2005 Pat Moonen Sportsperson Award and was the third highest individual scorer in the nation. At USC graduate school, he was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon and was a teaching assistant instructing undergraduate classes in mathematics.

In 2013, Florence City Council awarded Ingram a key to the city. He has been a volunteer math tutor and on-air newspaper broadcaster with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind’s radio reading program. He also volunteers with the National Academic Quiz Tournaments and the Pee Dee Academic Challenge Tournament. The School Foundation of Florence School District 1 honored Ingram this fall with the 2015 Distinguished Graduate Award.

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During Ingram’s regular-season appearances on “Jeopardy!” he won eight games, tying him for the seventh-best performance in the 50-year history of the show and winning him $177,534 and a spot in the Tournament of Champions. The tournament win garnered him another $250,000. He holds the record for the most consecutively correct Final Jeopardy! responses and is the eighth biggest winner in “Jeopardy!” history.

The Northside Voyagers are composed of local Spartanburg citizens Wanda Cheeks, Sylvia Means, Anita “Phoenix” Miller, Deborah “Debby” Moore, Kelly Richard, Tony Thomas and Gail D. Wilkins. As part of the Northside Initiative, a major downtown Spartanburg redevelopment effort across North Church Street from Wofford’s campus, a group of residents came together in 2013 to serve as community leaders. This group, which came to be known as the Northside Voyagers, was created to help ensure that Northside residents are informed and have a voice in all discussions regarding the redevelopment efforts in their community. The Voyagers’ strategic goals include encouraging residents to live healthier, more active lives; identifying individuals who serve as community assets in an effort to empower them; finding opportunities through partnerships to educate community members; assisting the elderly; and fostering an atmosphere where residents take pride in the appearance of their community. Wofford is a major partner in this effort and is presenting this award in recognition of the Northside Voyagers’ successful efforts in fostering a community that can and will be a model for other communities—one that is dedicated to the prosperity and welfare of all of its residents through partnership.

Anderson is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring in 2012 after having served as deputy commanding officer of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. After a 33-year military career, Anderson settled in Fayetteville, N.C., and started his own consulting business. He continues to mentor young soldiers and works with the community to help soldiers leaving the military settle and start small businesses. One of Wofford’s most distinguished military officers, Anderson grew up in the 1960s on a farm near Elloree, S.C. As an African American, he experienced desegregation and went on to earn a scholarship to attend Wofford. He joined the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and went to Airborne School during his junior year, learning to parachute out of low-flying aircraft. During his career, Anderson served two years as the executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He spent 15 months in Afghanistan. Anderson has been a frequent visitor to campus and the Southern Guard Battalion of the ROTC based on campus.
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Blount finds creative way to contribute to Wofford’s long-term growth

by

Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
and Sarah Madden ’17
Tuition was $350 per semester when Billy Wood ’50 attended Wofford. He fondly remembers chapel services and the way Dr. Walter K. Greene always began his address with “young gentlemen.” He also recalls his experiences in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity (no longer chartered on campus) and the small scholarship he received from Spartan Mills that helped him meet expenses.

“Wofford was a good thing for me,” says Wood. “The college has always been about the development of the total person.”

Because Wood and his wife, Betty, believe in the college’s mission, they established the Billy W. and Betty T. Wood Endowed Scholarship for a deserving student with a $100,000 gift. The first Wood scholar will receive help with the cost of college in the fall of 2016, and the Woods look forward to meeting their scholarship recipient.

Billy Wood worked in sales for Duke Power. He retired in 1989. Betty Wood secured a job in accounts payable with Smith Wholesale Drugs two weeks after she graduated from high school. She was promoted to office manager, secretary/treasurer and finally treasurer for the entire company, which by that time had become J M Smith Corp. The scholarship gift to Wofford came from proceeds from stock dividends and other investments.

In retirement the Woods remain active in the community. They volunteer with Mobile Meals and support the Hope Center for Children and the Salvation Army through the Duke Energy Retiree Program. They also are active in their church, Southside Baptist in Spartanburg, where they first met.

“We try to get to as many Wofford events as we can,” says Billy Wood. “We’ve been fortunate in retirement to have a good relationship with Wofford.”

“We’re huge football fans,” says Betty Wood. The Woods make it to all of the home football games and most of the home men’s basketball contests. They attend Homecoming and the 50-year Club Reunion, Great Oaks Society events (for Wofford Fund donors of $2,500 or more annually), the President’s Club Holiday Party and soon the Student-Donor Scholarship Recognition Dinner held each spring. The Woods also have remembered Wofford in their wills.

Billy Wood’s Wofford frat cap sits proudly on a shelf in their den. The Wofford Bible presented to him at Commencement is worn and stuffed with verses and clippings. The names of Wofford’s faculty and staff from the 1949-50 academic year remain legible and a source of pride.

Billy Wood says that if he could share one message with future generations of Wofford students, it would be “Do right!” Betty and Billy Wood have done just that—in their professional and personal lives—and now through Wofford College.

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“Reading about the lives of soldiers in World War I can be enlightening, but seeing a WWI soldier’s scrapbook brings the study of the Great War to another level. Working directly with these kinds of resources is among the special characteristics of a Wofford education,” says dean of the Sandor Teszler Library Kevin Reynolds.

To provide as many of these hands-on learning opportunities to students as possible, Reynolds says that the library staff has been focused on building special collections, historical documents in the Archives, and works of art and objects in the permanent collection. Several recent gifts have boosted the library’s holdings and in turn enriched the educational experience for students.

David Robinson ’65 donated his mother’s collection of pottery dating from the Bronze Age (ca. 2500 BCE) to the Byzantine Period (ca. 500 CE). While some of the collection will one day be displayed in the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, a portion of the collection has been on display this semester, and Reynolds says that the pedagogical value of the collection is apparent.

“At least five different courses have used the collection already this semester, as have other groups,” says Reynolds. “Other faculty members have plans to use it for teaching as well as in-depth student research.”

Another recent gift comes in the form of a 17th-century Dutch portrait, painted in 1620 by Jan Van Ravesteyn. Similar works by Ravesteyn are housed in collections at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, and other institutions. 

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Reynolds is sure that gifts like these have a direct impact on student learning at Wofford. “When our students have opportunities to engage with primary resources, the experiences they have are extraordinarily rich,” says Reynolds. Thanks to recent donations, the Sandor Teszler Library is definitely richer.

FROM TOP RECRUIT TO TOP DONOR

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Hitesh Tolani ’04 and Virtudent won gold and $50,000 in MassChallenge Boston, the flagship program of the world’s largest start-up accelerator. Tolani designed Virtudent to increase access, lower costs and change the landscape of oral health delivery in the United States through teledentistry.

As a result, his story—from immigrant and first-generation college student to dentist, professor and entrepreneur—is attracting lots of attention.

“The night of the Republican presidential debate, the debate was trending one and MassChallenge was trending two,” says Tolani. “MassChallenge asked me to share my story. They pushed it out on their blog, and FWD.us, an organization started by Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates to promote immigration reform, picked it up and will soon be meeting with me about Virtudent.”

According to Tolani, who is in private dental practice in Boston, Mass., and lectures at both Harvard and Tufts universities, “My company is targeted toward lowering the barriers to dental care. We set up pop-up dental clinics with a hygienist and Virtudent technology, which connects a dentist to the patient through the internet.”

The dental care delivery model has not changed in over 200 years, says Tolani, and Virtudent’s innovative approach is changing that. Tolani now has briefed Senate committees and met with governmental and corporate representatives across the country.

More than 2,500 start-ups from around the world competed in the MassChallenge competition. A few years before, Tolani and Virtudent placed second from among 135 teams in the Harvard President’s Challenge, which calls for solutions from the Harvard community for some of the world’s most pressing issues. Virtudent was also a winner in the Tufts 100K New Ventures Competition in 2014.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without Wofford College. Even when I first started Virtudent, I reached out to Wofford alumni on the board of trustees, who spent time mentoring me and answering my questions,” says Tolani.

Wofford College accepted Tolani for admission and gave him a scholarship even though his immigration status was in question.

“I still remember Lisa Yebuah ’99 (who was an admission counselor at the time) calling and telling me that the Wofford Board of Trustees wanted to make sure that college happened for me,” says Tolani. “That one opportunity has carried me so far, and I know this may sound corny, but I will always be indebted to Wofford.”

When Tolani met the Hon. Dennis Shedd ’75 at a scholarship dinner, Tolani asked, “What can I do to thank Wofford?” Shedd told Tolani his own personal story of how President Joe Lesesne found the money for him to go to law school.

Shedd, who later helped Tolani resolve his immigration issues, encouraged him to look for opportunities to pay it forward. The dean of the college at the time, Dr. Dan Maultsby ’61, did the same.

“My junior year I decided that I was no longer going into computer science. I wanted to be a doctor instead, so I loaded up on classes. Dean Maultsby called me into his office and told me I was taking too many courses. He suggested I take some over the summer. I said, ‘Dean Maultsby, I can’t afford summer school.’ He said, ‘Hitesh, since when have we made you pay for classes?’ When I moved into my room at the start of summer school, there was my organic chemistry book with a note that said, ‘Good luck. Do well. Dean Maultsby.’ How do I ever say thank you enough?” says Tolani.

Wofford folks who remember Tolani also know that there is so much more to the story, some of which he shares in “Deportation to Innovation: How Life’s Unchosen Paths Prepared CEO Hitesh Tolani for a Life of Entrepreneurship,” on the MassChallenge website.

To learn more about Virtudent, visit myvirtudent.com.
1943
Robert Allen and his wife, Mary Buice Allen, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 2015. They met on a blind date in 1942, and in 1945 he returned briefly from his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps to marry her. They live in Gastonia, N.C., and still enjoy spending time with their five daughters, sons-in-law, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1950
The memoir of the Rev. Harold W. Syfrett, “The Life Story of a Country Boy from Orangeburg, South Carolina,” is now available from Amazon. The story follows Syfrett’s journey as a pastor, from service in the U.S. Navy to ministering to South Carolina Baptist congregations for more than 50 years. The memoir includes tales from the USYKorken to campus ministry to life as a husband and father of five.

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1979
Brad Smith was named Teacher of the Year at Beaufort High School in Beaufort, S.C., for the 2015-16 academic year. He was one of five finalists for the county Teacher of the Year award. Smith teaches health science and biomedical science. He and his wife, Cindy, live on Lady’s Island with their sons, Ellision, and niece, Samantha.

1981
Retired Maj. Gen. Rodney O. Anderson was named the new president and CEO of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. Anderson was honored at a celebration during Homecoming weekend with the college’s Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Wofford College Alumni Association.

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BLUM ON FULLBURG TEACHING ASSIGNMENT IN MACEDONIA
David Blum ’14 was selected as a Fulbright scholar and now is working as an English teaching assistant at Said Nadjari Elementary School in Dabar, Macedonia. He works with the school’s English teachers in classes for students in grades 6 through 9 and recently accompanied his students on a field trip to the U.S. Embassy.

“I help with lessons and teach the students about the United States,” says Blum. “In my free time, I’ve been traveling, eating kebabs and listening to Wofford football radio broadcasts in the middle of the night.” While at Wofford, Blum majored in history and completed the Teacher Education program. He also worked as a part-time fitness instructor with a university and a hospital in England.

“If you want to go abroad, but wasn’t sure how to make it happen,” says Robinson, who spent an intern in Peru and a semester in Vienna. “It looked at pairing, but it can be difficult to acquire a visa, so I was researching other options.” When she discovered the opportunity to teach English in Thailand, Robinson knew the experience would be a good fit.

“I love kids, and through teaching I had a more secure way of receiving income,” she says. “Already I find my job extremely rewarding. I’ve been challenged in so many new ways.”

Robinson landed in Thailand on Sept. 27 and completed an on-site TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) course upon arrival.

“There are a lot of differences between the U.S. and Thailand’s educational systems. Thai students can’t fail. Because of this, students struggle with motivation and finding purpose in their studies,” says Robinson. “It’s not that these students don’t work, they just have a very different mindset, and we have to accommodate that. I’m learning to motivate the students with fun instead of grades and to focus on positive reinforcement to get them excited.”

Robinson is currently contracted to teach for six months, but she hopes to extend her stay for up to a year.

“Thailand is beautiful, and I want to follow this experience wherever it takes me,” she says. “The children I’ve worked with have been kind and excited to learn. In Thailand, learning English isn’t simply an elective, it’s an opportunity to change their lives and the lives of their family, so it’s rewarding to see them working hard and taking their studies seriously.”

Robinson says her experiences at Wofford, specifically her work toward her major in English, gave her the confidence to think outside the box.

“Being in discussion-based classes led to a lot of creative thinking as well as opening my mind about different ways of life,” says Robinson. “Wofford gave me the support and love that helped me make the decision to do this… and whatever comes next.”

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Ava Thacker has joined Upstate Forever as a development associate. She will focus on maintaining and using the organization’s new membership database to cater to the individual interests of members.

1985
Tim Maddox, chair
Three years ago Duffy Stone, 34th Judicial Circuit Solicitor, created an externship program designed for law students who wish to devote themselves to public service in the field of criminal prosecution. This year, Stone extended the program to undergraduates and chose Colin Hayton ’17 for one of the five coveted spots in the Externship and Career Prospective Program. Hayton worked cases from arrest to deposition and had the opportunity to observe and assist with trials. To learn more, visit www.scsolicitor14.org.

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On Sept. 27, 2015, the Rev. Will Malambr ‘98 joined the Wofford staff as director of Student Affairs. Craig Selander and Dr. Sara Shields Selander ’98. The baptism was held at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C.

1999
Zach Ackison, class chair

Dr. Michael Patrick O’Quinn and his wife, Nikolae Marie O’Quinn, announce the birth of Matthew Charles Dixon, born Oct. 7, 2015. They have an older son, Oliver Townes O’Quinn, Nikole Marie O’Quinn, announce the birth of Poppy June O’Quinn, born Sept. 2, 2015. They have an older son, Oliver Townes O’Quinn.

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Duane Harvin Sr., recently opened a State Farm Agency in North Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Monica, live in Mount Pleasant with their two children, Duane Jr. (16) and Delores (14).

1998
Casey B. Moore, class chair
After more than six years at the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Suzanne Hollifield White, who was serving as assistant deputy attorney general, has returned to Spartanburg and is now an assistant public defender in Spartanburg County.

2004
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The Florence Morning News featured Dr. James Smith for his work in treating cancer. Smith has worked with McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates for the past nine years. "I enjoy the challenge and the opportunity to observe and assist with trials. To learn more, visit www.scsolicitor14.org.

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Tracy Howard, class chair
On Sept. 27, 2015, the Rev. Will Malambr ‘98 joined the Wofford staff as director of Student Affairs. Craig Selander and Dr. Sara Shields Selander ’98. The baptism was held at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C.

1999
Zach Ackison, class chair

Dr. Michael Patrick O’Quinn and his wife, Nikolae Marie O’Quinn, announce the birth of Matthew Charles Dixon, born Oct. 7, 2015. They have an older son, Oliver Townes O’Quinn.

As an attorney general, Kinli Bare '08 made legal history in October by securing the first human trafficking conviction in South Carolina.

“This is a big deal not only for the attorney general’s office but for the state of South Carolina,” says her proud husband, Matt Abee '08. “This conviction is a huge step forward in bringing justice to countless victims of what the South Carolina attorney general says is the ‘fastest-growing crime in the United States.’”

Abee ‘08 made legal history in October by being named an assistant attorney general by former Attorney General Toneybee Hutto. She serves in the office’s Columbia office. Matt and Kinli also litigated an international child abduction case in federal court. Matt and Kinli also volunteer as coaches on the University of South Carolina School of Law Mock Trial team, taking the team to nationals for the first time in university history. Still, they took time out of their hectic schedules to carry on a most important tradition—their annual Homecoming tailgate, which also celebrates their Homecoming weekend engagement on the stage in Leonard Auditorium.

“My parents didn’t go to Wofford, but they haven’t missed a Homecoming since I was a freshman,” says Matt. “Kinli’s family is the same—that’s a huge testament to the effect that Wofford can have on people. That’s why we host this huge tailgate every year, and it definitely is a family affair.”

Kinli’s niece, Payton, wouldn’t miss it for the world. She has been attending Wofford’s Homecoming since Kinli was a first-year cheerleader for the Terriers. “When she was 4 or 5 she used to tell me, ‘Aunt KK, I want to go to Wofford because I already know everyone there,’” says Kinli. “Now she’s a sophomore in high school, and Wofford is still at the top of her list.”

For the Abees, the tailgate tells just part of the story. Matt, who served as Campus Union president, still enjoys being a voice of support for Wofford students. He advises Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and helped raise funds for the new Greek Village. Kinli is a national Zeta Tau Alpha officer and remains involved in Wofford’s chapter. She also helped with the Greek Village project. Both contribute annually to the college, making both unrestricted and Terrier Club gifts, and they also have included Wofford in their wills.

“We believe our support of Wofford has to be a combination,” says Matt. “We want to do what we can financially, but sometimes it takes boots on the ground.”

“Staying involved at Wofford is important to us,” she says. “We want to be active and engaged because the college is doing such great things.”

According to Matt, he and Kinli both owe Wofford’s experiences to family and the support of complete strangers who believed in providing life-changing experiences for all Wofford students.

“We want future generations of Wofford students to have the same experiences we had, or better,” says Abee. “We give it pay to it forward and because it’s fun. In the end, it’s always about what’s best for the students.”

FROM THE ARCHIVES: ANDREWS FIELD HOUSE AND BENJO

Looking back at past athletics construction projects — by Dr. Philip Stone ’94

The groundbreaking of the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium gives us a chance to recall the construction of two earlier athletics facilities, the Andrews Field House and the current Campus Life Building.

The first of those two, Andrews Field House, opened in 1929. It was the gift of Spartanburg businessman Isaac Andrews, and it was designed to serve as a basketball, volleyball and even handball court. It also was to serve as a space for instruction in all indoor sports, and it could seat large crowds for significant events at the college. Soon after it opened, it hosted some of the college’s 75th anniversary events. As was said at its opening, “There is no more adequate building anywhere, and it will contribute much to the physical training and athletic activities of Wofford students.”

Andrews Field House replaced an earlier gym, but the previous building was not large enough to hold athletics events. Andrews was expanded twice, once in the late 1940s for racquetball courts, and later in the 1960s for locker rooms. By the late 1970s, however, it was becoming inadequate for the college’s athletics needs.

In the late 1970s, the college moved to construct the Campus Life Building, and on Jan. 22, 1981, the Benjamin Johnson Arena was dedicated. The women’s basketball team played the first game in the new arena prior to the dedication, and the men’s basketball team played its first game against The Citadel following the dedication. The new arena had a seating capacity of 2,832 when it opened.

The Campus Life Building, dedicated in November 1980, was a much-needed addition to the college’s facilities, bringing a number of different student life offices and spaces together in one area. The building has seen countless theatre productions, community events and student lunches in the canteen, Zach’s, since it opened.

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

Dr. John Matthew Ferguson has relocated his family medicine practice to Mount Pleasant, S.C., through Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, he earned comprehensive primary care to infants, children, adults, women and geriatrics. Ferguson and his wife, Lisa Ackerman Ferguson, have two children, Jack Harris Ferguson (2) and Charles O’Neal Ferguson, born June 26, 2015.

2009

Pepton Hay, class chair

James F. Bakker and Elizabeth Lamance were married on April 18, 2015. Elizabeth is an attorney. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Jonathan Greene and Susan Mills were married on October 19, 2019. They live in Greer, S.C.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

Wilson Douglas Jr. and Sarah Johnson Douglas live in Charlotte, N.C., where Wilson is a senior account executive with Mythic Advertising. Sarah graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and is now on the employment litigation team at Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein.

David Trant and Kit Candler ’12 were married on Aug. 1, 2015. The wedding and reception, attended by Wofford friends, ended with a Wofford photo and the singing of the alma mater.

2012

Halle Wilm, class chair

Josh Fester and Kaitlyn Culpepper Fester announce the birth of John Reece Fester, born June 22, 2015.

2013

Morgan Victoria Arrell, class chair

Jonathan Foster is a first-year doctoral student in mathematics education at the University of Georgia. He was a High Impact Fellow at Wofford.

2014

Shin Selvakumar, class chair

Jack Wisham of Irwin, S.C., is a master’s student at the University of South Carolina.

2005

Ryan Walker, class chair

A 2015 M.E. educational leadership graduate from Winthrop University, Kristen Keroes of Tomson is the assistant principal for Berryhill Elementary School in Charlotte, N.C. She and her husband, Jonathon Lennon, are parents of ‘04, have one child, Bellamy, born Sept. 23, 2014.

2006

Harley Green, class chair

Brad Anderson teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies at Brentwood Middle School in San Antonio, Texas. He also serves as the assistant football and head powerlifting coach at Kennedy High School.

2007

Hunter Miller, class chair


2008

Lauren E. Bailey recently joined Hatcher Law Group in Charlotte, N.C., as a family law attorney. She will assist clients with a variety of cases, including custody, child support, domestic violence and other matters.

Dr. Anna Collins married Peter Sami Salib on July 11, 2015. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Ann is a pediatrician at Aroborium Pediatrics.
Wofford on a football scholarship. He earned a law degree and later practiced law with his father, brother and sister at Nettles & Janiec. Some of his early years in a boxcar during the Great Depression. Beck left the Army after the war but re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. For his service, he received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, among other citations. His last military assignment was as an Army postal worker at the Dixie Depot. After retirement, Beck worked as a traffic engineer for the city of Atlanta and as a security guard at Agnes Scott College.

The Hon. David Walker Harwell. Sept. 30, 2015, Florence, S.C. Harwell toured Wofford with his grandson and name- sake, Walker Harwell Jr., and was very proud that Walker chose to attend Wofford College. Harwell knew about Wofford would ensure Walker’s eventual accep- tance into medical school.

Dr. Elton John Janiec. Oct. 17, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Janiec received an honor- ary degree from Wofford College in 1969 for his many contributions to the arts in the Spartanburg community and beyond. A dean of the school of music at Converse College for more than 30 years, Janiec directed the Spartanburg Symphony Orchestra for 40 years and helped launch the Spartanburg High School Symphony. He played Carnegie Hall when he was 12 years old and worked with the likes of Yo-Yo Ma, Leonard Bernstein, Beverly Sills, Benny Goodman and Frederica von Stade. The Janiec Opera Co. at the Bryant Music Center is named in honor of his daughter. Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones, is an associ- ate provost and associate professor of religion at Wofford.

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1) Call the Office of Advancement at 864-577-4002
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A LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GIVING

Homecoming draws us back to Wofford so we can revisit a familiar place, enjoy venerable traditions and reconnect with old friends. Often, the experience also leaves us struck by the enormous prosperity enjoyed by the college since our time as students.

New and renovated facilities and an expansion of the campus footprint manifest Wofford’s growth in the 25 years since I graduated. Equally important but less visible is the substantial growth of the college’s financial resources, which help foster a diverse, talented student body and enable new academic, cultural and athletic opportunities.

These great changes—and the increase in the value of your diploma—did not happen by accident. They occurred gradually and deliberately, the realization of long-term planning. None would have been possible without the generous support of Wofford’s alumni and friends. Both large and small, our gifts collectively transformed Wofford for the better.

Looking ahead, the success of the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, announced by the college last year, requires the continued support of all alumni. This vision will help Wofford keep pace with our peer institutions in the competitive world of higher education and will ensure the vitality of Wofford for future generations of Terriers. Our Office of Advancement offers a wide range of opportunities for supporting Wofford, and all support is welcome and appreciated. Everyone can find a way to contribute!

To support the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, the Alumni Association has instituted an “Advancement Initiative” led by Michael Anzelmo ’00. To find out more about the Advancement Initiative, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com. Anzelmo at michael.anelmo@gmail.com or Debbie Thompson ’88 at thompsond@wofford.edu.

It has been a great privilege to serve as president of the Wofford College Alumni Association for 2015. The experience provided many opportunities to interact with the folks at Wofford, and left me confident that our alma mater could not be in better hands. Wofford is a special place, and Wofford alumni can take great pride in being a part of the Terfford community. You’ll enjoy it, and Wofford will benefit from your participation. Always know that the Alumni Association is here to help.

Go, Terriers!

Andy Beeson ’90
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

DEC. 10 Greenville Alumni Holiday Gathering

DEC. 31 Wofford vs. Harvard Basketball Pregame

JAN. 14 Wofford vs. The Citadel Basketball Pregame

FEB. 12 Alpha Phi Omega reunion

FEB. 15 Wofford vs. UNC-G Basketball Pregame

MAR. 25 Senior 50-Days Party

APR. 2 Cooper River Bridge Run Finish Festival

APR. 11-17 RBC Heritage Classic, 15th Green Skybox

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

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