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FOR SUCCESS
Student success is built into everything we do at Wofford College — from the expectation that students graduate within four years to faculty advising to finding ways to help more students study abroad.

This issue of Wofford Today features some of the ways in which Wofford demonstrates its commitment to student success. You’ll find a story on the transformative gift from the Mungos that has made possible the centralization of high-impact student programs in the Michael S. Brown Village Center. There’s a story wrapping up the Terriers’ miracle football season and the efforts of so many contributing to the team’s incredible successes on and off the field. This issue also includes a story about how Wofford has helped shape the postgraduate scholarship success of generations of students.

Student success leads to graduate success, and Wofford graduates provide proof that we’re moving in the right direction. In the class notes section, you’ll find alumni success stories. Wofford graduates are doing amazing things — preserving wildlife, starting businesses, leading professional organizations, serving our communities and even competing on game shows and hiking the West Highland Way in Scotland. They’re also giving back.

The 2016 Advancement Report (see pages 20-23) highlights the generosity and impact of graduates who have decided to show their gratitude to the college by paying it forward to current and future students.

Thank you all for making student success a priority. The world needs more Wofford graduates who are committed to leading meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef
Sheron Mathew ’17, a biology and Spanish major from Spartanburg, spent the fall semester studying politics, social justice and language in Santiago, Chile. His friend, Michal Laszkiewicz, took this photo of him during a backpacking excursion in Patagonia. Mathew wrote of his experience in an IES Abroad blog.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read “Patagucci: a preview of the vale la pena journey” and find a link to Mathew’s other entries.
A. TRAKAS DEBUTS FIRST NOVEL, “MESSENGER FROM MYSTERY”

It took Dr. Deno Trakas 30 years to bring his summing, riveting, thoughtful story of forbidden love and international intrigue to fruition, so the release of “Messenger from Mystery,” a novel set during the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, is particularly sweet. The book is available at the Wofford Bookstore, through local booksellers and Amazon.

B. LIBRARY RECEIVES N.E.H. GRANT FOR PRESERVATION AND DISASTER RECOVERY

Wofford’s Sanders Yender Library has received a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will fund an assessment of archival and special collections and will provide Wofford and library partners from across the Spartanburg community a chance to participate in disaster recovery training.

C. JOHNSON COLLECTION INTERNS BUILD PORTFOLIO OF EXPERIENCE

Jordan Wiseeman ’17 (right) and Reagan Petty ’17 advanced their careers in the arts thanks to internships through the Johnson Collection in downtown Spartanburg. Wiseeman served as a marketing intern, while Petty improved her curatorial skills. They both loved their work and plan to continue pursuing careers or further training in the field.

D. MILLER NAMED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Fred Miller has been named chief information officer and associate vice president for information services at Wofford. He is responsible for all information technology services to support students, faculty and staff. Miller came to Wofford from Furman University and before that Illinois Wesleyan University and Belknap College of Music in Boston.

E. ALUMNI ENJOY INTERIM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Jopling and Wells represent Wofford during trip of a lifetime

F. BASKETBALL DAD GOES THE DISTANCE

Love knows no distance, and Ray Sawvell, the father of Wofford men’s basketball player Rome Sawvell ’17, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, between Mundelein and Wofford, takes.
Wofford welcomed area elementary schools from across Spartanburg and Cherokee counties to the 5th annual “Growing Up Gold: Education Day” on Jan. 26. The event is designed to allow children to spend time on a college campus at an early age. On the court with the enthusiastic young fans in the background are #10 Cairo Booker ’20, a sociology major from Stone Mountain, Ga., and #3 Sarah Traynor ’17, a French and government major from Ontario, Canada.
A play-by-play including life-and-death close calls, academic excellence and service before self

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When the Terriers football team pulled into campus at 12:30 a.m. after the heartbreaking, double-overtime loss during the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs against Youngstown State, several hundred Wofford students were waiting, cheering and welcoming the team back with an impromptu rendition of the alma mater.

"It put a lump in my throat," says Mike Ayers, who just finished his 29th year as head coach. "That's Wofford pulling for Wofford, and our guys were awestruck by the sight. This is a special place."

That scene marked the end of the 2016 football season — a season that saw its share of misfortune and near misses — but a season that will go down in Wofford history as a season of miracles.

THE Season of Miracles
STARTING QB DOWN
August 13, 2016
Final pre-season scrimmage
After a productive summer camp and pre-season, the team loses Evan Jacks ’16, the projected starting quarterback, to a torn ACL.

ROACH RESUSCITATED ON THE FIELD
September 1, 2016
Season opener vs. Tennessee Tech
“The players look fit and ready. They’re playing hard. We’re moving the ball offensively, and a guy grabs my arm and says, ‘Coach, Mike’s down.’ I get over to where he is on the sidelines, and they’re cutting his shirt off. They hit him with the defibrillator,” recalls Ayers. “If not for the people we had on the sidelines, there’s no telling what would have happened.”
Ayers is talking about linebacker Michael Roach’s collapse from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an undiagnosed heart disease that is the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in young athletes in the United States. Typically only 5 percent of people survive the condition after they go into cardiac arrest.

For me it felt like a normal day,” says Roach, a junior from Kenosha, Wisc. “Then we had a long 13-play drive. I was tired and probably should have come off the field, but I wanted to stay out there with my team.”
After the series Roach sat down beside a teammate. He felt lightheaded. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the ambulance, disoriented but ready to go back out on the field.
Linebacker John Patterson ’18, one of Roach’s best friends, watched as Wofford doctors and trainers were joined by a cardiologist watching the game who jumped the fence to offer his assistance.

“I knew it was serious immediately,” says Patterson, who describes an almost complete silence in the stadium while Roach was down. Wofford fans said they could hear the doctors call “clear” before shocking Roach’s heart.

“It was a humbling and surreal experience,” says Roach. “I can’t make a tackle, but I can be there as a motivator and help coach other players in my position. I’m also focusing extra effort on the academic side of things,” says Roach, who’s planning to go to law school and possibly start his own business. “Lots of others have the same condition I do. Maybe I can create a service or device that helps detects heart conditions at an early age.”

ANOTHER QB DOWN
September 24, 2016
Wofford vs. ETSU
Brad Butler ’17, who started the first four games of the season at quarterback, tears his ACL and is out for the year.
PATTERSON STINGER TURNS INTO NECK FRACTURE
October 22, 2016
Wofford vs. The Citadel

In front of a Homecoming crowd, Patterson came up from a particularly satisfying tackle with what felt like a “stinger,” something every football player understands. It’s normally no big deal, but it hurts.

“I got up and was tapping my helmet, which means I need to come out. I was trying to jog to the sidelines, but couldn’t jog straight,” says Patterson, a junior from Lilburn, Ga.

Because of the stinger running down his arm and a previous shoulder injury, the doctors first checked Patterson’s shoulder. Then Patterson felt a pain in his neck and continued to have trouble walking in a straight line.

“They thought I had a concussion, so they took me to the hospital where I had a CT scan,” he says. “They thought I had a concussion, so they took me to the hospital where I had a CT scan,” he says.

Watching Patterson carted off the field was a sobering reminder of Roach’s life-threatening condition. It took a toll.

“JP is a tremendous leader on the team, and it was really difficult for our guys to see him leave that way,” says Ayers. “After we lost that Homecoming match, not many people gave us a chance to be more than average, but this is a strong-minded team.”

It’s also a team filled with compassion. After Patterson’s injury, teammates carried his backpack to every class. Someone donated a recliner for Patterson to sleep in while he was in the brace, and teammates picked it up and delivered it to his room. They cheered him up in the hospital and helped reassure his mom.

“It was really cool to see how many people were there for me,” says Patterson. “The coaches, my teammates, my professors and classmates — they were all just happy I was OK.”

Patterson underwent surgery the next day and spent several months in a brace.

“I’m still recovering, but things are going well, and doctors are optimistic that I’ll make a full recovery,” he says.

HOWERTON DONATES BONE MARROW
October 29, 2016
Wofford vs. Mercer

David Howerton ’17 knew this probably would be his last game of the season. After four years of special teams work and a brief stint as one of this season’s legion of backup quarterbacks, Howerton was faced with a choice: finish out his senior season and enjoy a playoff run with his teammates or donate bone marrow to a 19-year-old woman with lymphoma who had run out of treatment options.

He chose to save a life.

“God had his hand in this whole season,” says Ayers, who explains that the team partnered with the “Get in the Game, Save a Life” initiative, part of the Be The Match program operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

Howerton received a phone call in August that he was a possible match. Early in the season he underwent further testing.

“It worked out that I was a perfect match,” says Howerton, a native of Asheville, N.C. “The odds of being selected are less than 1 percent,” but during the miracle season, the day after the Mercer game, Roach and Patterson were watching from the box with the coaches. They both knew that Howerton was about to donate bone marrow, and from their experiences this season they knew how hard it would be for him to miss the on-the-field camaraderie and action.

“We were up there watching, and Howie blocks a punt then returns it for a touchdown. The coaches are working, so it’s usually pretty calm up there, but not then. We went wild. Everybody was jumping and going crazy,” remembers Roach. He started texting Howerton immediately, knowing he wouldn’t see it until he was back in the locker room after the game. The text read: “It was lit. So proud of you dawg. All the coaches were going borkers yelling HOWEEEEE.”

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ANOTHER QB DOWN
December 3, 2016
Wofford vs. The Citadel (playoffs)

With Jacks and Butler on the sidelines, Brandon Goodson ’18 moved into the starting role for nine games. During The Citadel playoff rematch, he sprained his ankle. With Howerton out for several weeks after his bone marrow donation, true freshman Joe Newman ’20 stepped in to lead the Terriers to a win in Charleston.

DOUBLE-OVERTIME LOSS ENDS SEASON BUT NOT DREAMS
December 10, 2016
Wofford vs. Youngstown State (FCS quarterfinals)

By the end of the season, Ayers says the team’s mantra was: “Man down. Man up. MAN UP!””

“The guys really took that to heart,” he says. “It’s probably the most satisfying year I’ve ever coached. It wasn’t about wins or being in the playoffs, but the way this group of young men went about business. The team rallied. The coaches rallied. The fans rallied. Our students rallied.”

The team’s 15 returning starters and others vying for key positions began spring practice on Feb. 15. Those planning to graduate in May, however, already had run their last lap and were conditioning themselves for a new challenge. Three of these men — Butler, Nick Colvin ’17, and David Marvin ’17 — spent the past summer together in Spartanburg, training for their final season, studying for their medical and dental school admission exams and supporting each other. They were joined by a fourth — Hunter Windham ’17 — who already had taken the LSAT for admission into law school.

When the test scores came back, all four had scored in the 92nd percentile or better (two scoring in the 99th percentile), which meant the next steps in their futures were secure.

“They made their own miracles,” says Ayers. “We have bright kids who are committed to learning in the classroom and on the field. Their success also shows the excellence of the college’s preprofessional programs.”

Butler, a biology major from Rome, Ga., wasn’t sure what he wanted to do when he came to Wofford, but he knew Wofford would not be the end. “When I stepped on campus, I told myself, ‘This is my resume, I can’t slack.”’ Now he’ll be in medical school at the University of Georgia in the fall.

Marvin, a biology and chemistry major from Charlotte, N.C., has decided to use his fifth year of eligibility to kick for the University of Georgia, where he will enroll in a master’s program.

Marvin is quick to give credit to mentors on the team, such as Tyler Bragg ’16 and Brody Hingst ’15, who are now both in medical school. “They gave us tips on how to manage our time and study. Everyone learns what’s best for them, but it comes down to having a desire to succeed.”

Colvin, a biology major with a business minor from Statham, Ga., who will be attending dental school at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, says the group treated their summer academic and athletic training like a job. “For him, the good test scores are a validation that the hard work paid off.”

“I remember studying the morning before a game, feeling like I should really bring my work so I could study some more during the half. Then there were all the times friends were out having fun, and I was in Milliken studying,” says Colvin. “Knowing that it was all worth it feels good.”

Four members of the team made Phi Beta Kappa: Colvin, Marvin, Anton Wahrbry ’17 and Windham. Colvin was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team, and Marvin and Wahrbry have been selected as FCS ADA Academic All-Stars.

“We’ve got All-American, All-Conference and All-Academic team members. We’ve got guys like Dequan Miller ’17, a starting offensive guard, who misses the first half of a game to retake the LSAT so he could qualify for a scholarship to go to law school.” (He did, by the way.) “Those are the kind of guys who permeate the team,” says Ayers.

The Wofford football program has ranked among the top 10 percent of FCS teams in the Academic Performance Review in eight of the past 10 seasons. The Terriers lead the SoCon with 146 Academic All-SoCon selections since the program started in 2003; 10 earned the recognition this season: Colvin, Steven Cornelifer ’16, Jared Jacon-Duffy ’17, Marvin, T.J. Novotny ’17, Patterson, Malik Rivera ’16, Brian Sanders ’16, Wahrbry and Windham.

“It was 100 percent a season of miracles on every front,” says Ayers. “Wofford is a special place. It’s about the people who walk the halls — from the president to the people cutting the grass and cooking the meals for the team. We want student-athletes to come here for a world-class education, play some football and have some success doing it, then go out and be productive members of society.”

What do you think: miracle season or exactly what you’d expect from a football program at Wofford College?

Left to right: Nick Colvin, Brad Butler and Hunter Windham all scored in the 92nd percentile or better on their postsecondary admission exams.
It’s certainly about helping students advance their skill sets, but it’s also about helping them find their purpose.”

- Curt McPhail ’96, executive director of The Space in the Mungo Center
The Space in the Mungo Center (internships, entrepreneurship and professional development) currently fills the storefront on the Osage Street side of the Michael S. Brown Village Center. In March, the Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning moved into the offices on the Reeves Tennis Center side of the building. The building also includes classroom space, the Galleria dining hall, a grocery store and studio apartments for students.

“Wofford has been doing a fine job of reaching students interested in these high-impact programs, but we expect that consolidating them will allow us to reach more students. There will be a multiplying factor,” says Dr. Mike Sosulski, provost. “Clustering high-impact programs is a productive and wise national trend that allows for better marketing of these opportunities.”

Jessalyn Story, director of the Center for Community-Based Learning, explains that a student who comes for help with a resume may recognize that joining a group involved in community-based learning may be the extra boost he or she needs to land a dream job. Or a student who comes for help finding an internship may learn that studying and serving abroad are great ways to gain the intercultural experience that employers love.

Located in the heart of downtown Spartanburg, the building also provides a campus hub for staff from multiple high-impact practices while they’re at Wofford, she says.

“Being located together will put each of our students in contact with each other and with all three offices, increasing the likelihood that students will participate in multiple high-impact practices while they’re at Wofford,” she says.

According to Sosulski, sharing the space also means sharing ideas. He believes that the opportunity for students to discover new and creative ways to work with one another and with all three offices, increasing the likelihood that students will participate in multiple high-impact practices while they’re at Wofford, he says.

“I think the proximity will allow our staff to discover new and create ways to work with students,” he says. “I’m sure they will cook up ways of engaging students that none of them have come up with yet.”

The collaboration started even before the move, says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “The Office of International Programs has worked with The Space in the Mungo Center on the establishment of its new ‘Tanzania summer internship program, and many of our students studying abroad are already involved in service learning overseas,” she says.

Curt McPhail ’96, executive director of The Space, says the college has eight students lined up for the 10-week internship experience in Tanzania. Thanks to the Mungo and Brown ’79, the college also is providing scholarship assistance in support of the students in the program.

“Tanzania is a great opportunity for the students to do extraordinary things during the summer,” says McPhail. “It’s a win-win. The college grows its high-impact program opportunities and our students gain the professional skills and abilities they need before they graduate.”

Starting salaries provide one measure of proof. Both McPhail and Lancaster share statistics: students who completed a paid internship during college average $1,000 per year more in their first job than students without the same work experience. Students who have studied abroad can expect an average first-year salary boost of $6,000, and liberal arts students who studied abroad during their junior year and completed an internship and skills assessment during their senior year. “Bonner was formative for me because it wasn’t just about community service. It was about building the capacity of nonprofit partners. My Bonner experience helped me figure out my path,” says Guthrie, who also completed her Bonner service requirements while studying abroad in New Zealand. Working with a community organization in another country allowed her to experience a different model and work with different people.

Now Guthrie, who taught in Nashville, Tenn., public schools for four years, is in a master’s program in education policy at Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College of Education, and she’s working with both urban and rural education leaders to expand education so they can determine what’s best for all students. “It’s certainly about helping students advance their skill sets, but it’s also about helping them find their purpose,” says McPhail. “Good instructions help students figure out what they want to do before they leave. We’ve structured our work to do this.”

Stuart Mungo says it’s just as straightforward as it seems. “Wofford has such a great story to tell. We just want to make sure that our students—the finished product—have everything they need. Even those going into medicine or dentistry or the law will certainly benefit from basic business training and these types of opportunities to practice their liberal arts education.”

Mungo also emphasizes that the college has added a benefit from clustering high-impact programs and making them more convenient for students. “The benefit of the Mungo is that Wofford does in helping prepare graduates, the more people may give back when they find success,” he says. “Successful alumni create a successful college.”

After taking advantage of four years of opportunities designed to help engage and explore the world, Wofford students are prepared for what’s next. To ensure that the college provides professional development, entrepreneurial guidance and real-world experience through The Space in the Mungo Center. In recent years, Wofford students have completed internships with hundreds of healthcare professionals, attorneys, legislators, small business owners and nonprofit executives.

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Community-based learning offers students opportunities to develop a primary ingredient in living a happy and meaningful life: the ability to use their passions, skills and knowledge to improve the quality of the lives of others. In 2016 the college was recognized on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Wofford was recognized in all four categories: general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education.

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“I made my first gift to The Wofford Fund because Wofford has helped me reach goals I would have never thought possible four years ago.”

Brie White ’17 STUDENT EXPERIENCES
“During my time at Wofford, I’ve been fortunate to study abroad and also gain valuable internship experience. As a senior, I have so much appreciation for my education, and I know I have many people to thank.”

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“I chose Wofford because it has a great campus environment and provides opportunities for my future. I am 100 percent sure this is where I am supposed to be, but I wouldn’t be here without generous scholarship support!”

Katherine Howell ’17 LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY
“Thanks to the updates and renovations to the Writing Center, we are getting a lot more foot traffic. We’ve also seen a greater turnout among students, especially first-year students, which I’m really happy about.”

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179 Terrier Club Goal Line Club members

348 Terrier Club golf tournament participants

THE GOAL LINE CLUB

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348 Terrier Club golf tournament participants

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Meet Resharia Keller ’19 - psychology and Spanish major

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Meet Chris Wray ’18 - accounting and economics major

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

April 1 Wofford tent at the Cooper River Bridge Run Finish Festival, Charleston, S.C.
April 12-16 Wofford tent at the Heritage Golf Tournament at Sea Pines, Hilton Head, S.C.
April 25 Spartanburg/Tyron-area alumni gathering
April 28 Wofford tent at the Spartanburg Carnival bike race
April 28-29 Terrier Club men’s and women’s soccer reunion
May 3 Wofford vs. USC baseball pregame gathering, Columbia, S.C.
May 20-21 Class of 1967 50th reunion weekend
June 10 Boston Red Sox pregame gathering
July 1 Cincinnati Reds game
August 24 Spartanburg-area alumni oyster roast
September 22-23 Family Weekend
October 3 Camden alumni and admission gathering
October 12-14 Wofford weekend in Charleston
October 20-21 Homecoming
November 18 Wofford vs. USC football pregame, Columbia, S.C.
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Hicks becomes Wofford’s first Mitchell scholar

2016 graduate to study race, ethnicity and conflict in Ireland
by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Donovan Hicks ’16 has been selected as one of a dozen members of the 2018 Class of George J. Mitchell Scholars by the US-Ireland Alliance. He is Wofford’s first Mitchell Scholar.

The scholarship program, created nearly 20 years ago by Trina Vargo, founder of the US-Ireland Alliance, attracted 323 applicants for the 12 scholarships named in honor of the former Maine senator’s contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic distinction, leadership and service. They will spend a year of postgraduate study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland.

“Studying race could never be more timely, especially in a country famous for its ethno-racial conflicts and peace negotiations,” Hicks says. “It is not an easy choice, but it is a purposed and necessary choice. ... I am proud to represent Wofford, and think of this as more of a win for Wofford and its community than myself.”

Hicks hopes more students will have the courage to apply for the prestigious fellowships that suit their needs, such as Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates Cambridge and Rhodes.

“I’ve found that Wofford students can compete right beside the students of the Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities of the world and shine,” he says.

As a Mitchell Scholar, Hicks will study race, ethnicity and conflict at Trinity College Dublin beginning in September 2017.

“While it’s not surprising that the Mitchell Scholarship Program recognizes Donovan’s merit, I’m excited that he will have this unique opportunity,” says Dr. John Ware, chairman of Wofford’s Post-graduate Scholarships Committee. “Winning the Mitchell Scholarship is testimony to Donovan’s intellect, vision and effort. He made innumerable contributions to the Wofford community while he was here, and I look forward to hearing about his future endeavors and success.”

Considering a major postgraduate fellowship?

What it takes to succeed and how Wofford helps

When Dr. John Ware, associate professor of English and chair of the college’s Post-graduate Scholarship Committee, talks with students about applying for major postgraduate scholarships, he gives them three pieces of advice:

1. Carefully read through the “wealth and variety” of opportunities on the postgraduate scholarship page on the Wofford website. “These are pretty special opportunities that our students are well situated for because they attend a small liberal arts college.”

2. Spend time developing mentoring relationships with Wofford’s faculty. “Wofford cultivates these important relationships from the start, and our students who apply for postgraduate scholarships need those relationships and the letters of support that come out of those.”

3. Seek out opportunities to participate in college beyond the academic record or transcript. “Almost always, postgraduate applicants need to demonstrate some sort of research opportunity, community-based learning or leadership experience. Some, such as the Fulbright, weigh study abroad and second-language knowledge heavily.”

Ware has served on the scholarship committee since 2010. For many years Dr. Dan Maultsby ’61, dean of the college at the time, and Dr. Ana Maria Wiseman, dean of international programs, shared responsibilities for helping students navigate the often-complicated application process. Now the Post-graduate Scholarships Committee consists of Dr. Kara Ropp, associate professor and chair of psychology; Dr. Cynthia Fowler, associate professor of sociology and anthropology; Dr. Stacey Hettes, associate professor of biology and associate provost for faculty development; Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor and chair of modern languages, literatures and cultures; and Ware.

“Working with students on postgraduate scholarships is a group effort that involves faculty and staff beyond the committee,” says Ware, who appreciates the efforts of those who serve as volunteers to identify both scholarships and candidates, help with the application and interview process, and serve as liaisons between the college and different scholarship funders. “Many colleges and universities have offices with full-time staff who oversee postgraduate scholarship applications, so we’re unusual in this respect.”

In the fall, 17 students, from first year to senior year, attended information sessions about applying for postgraduate scholarships. The students represent departments and programs across all disciplines and aspire to futures in medicine, teaching, international relations and public policy.

“Because the scholarships are so various, we can accommodate students with great variations in terms of interest, experience and academic program,” says Ware. “We’ve had good success and are excited to build on that.”
Study abroad is a major component of Wofford’s commitment to shaping globally connected citizens, and cost should never be a barrier for a student when considering a semester abroad, says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “We were so proud when two of our students — Aleah Qureshi and Tim Lindsey — recently received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, giving them up to $5,000 to fund their international experiences.”

“Some of them are diversity based, and others are awarded with Wofford permitting the transfer of students’ financial aid packages, these scholarships and grants make study abroad possible for more students. This is part of who we are as a college, and we’re determined to make these transformative experiences accessible to all of our students.”

Lancaster says the staff of the Office of International Programs works with students to find study abroad programs within their financial parameters that support their academic and personal goals. The college also works to identify scholarships and grants available beyond Wofford, such as the Gilman Scholarship. “Some of them are diversity based, and others are awarded based on field of study,” she says. “Our partners also have allocated funding for us to award at our discretion, and we have dedicated those funds to improving access for under-represented groups.”

Kyle Keith, study abroad coordinator, has spearheaded the office’s new efforts to recruit students of diverse backgrounds and assist them with opportunities such as the Gilman Scholarship. “Kyle’s own experience as a Gilman Scholar informed his work in advising both Tim and Aleah. He just joined our team in July, but his impact with students is already quite visible,” Lancaster says. “Our office is spreading the word about study abroad and scholarship opportunities in many ways,” Keith says. “We coordinated with our colleagues in the Office of Financial Aid, for example, to directly email all students who receive a Federal Pell Grant about the Gilman Scholarship.” He notes that the Gilman Scholarship is intended to widen access to study or intern abroad opportunities to many different student groups, including students with high financial need, students of color, student-athletes, students majoring in STEM disciplines and others. “It also encourages students to study or intern abroad in non-traditional destinations, such as Asia, Africa and Latin America.”

Keith adds that Wofford has seen a record number of students applying for the Gilman Scholarship since the success of Qureshi and Lindsey, “and because of the intentional outreach efforts that we have made to promote this scholarship to eligible students.”

In addition, Wofford has done more targeted marketing and outreach initiatives for historically under-represented student populations, Keith says. “This year, we’ve held events such as ‘Black & Abroad,’ where students of color could learn more about study abroad opportunities and could have open discussions about the intersections of race and ethnicity and international education.”

Keith says he also is working with Spectrum, the college’s LGBTQ student organization, to promote study abroad opportunities to LGBTQ-identified students. “Our hope is that by doing more intentional outreach, we can help all Wofford students realize that a study abroad experience is, indeed, accessible.”

Wofford already provides some scholarships and assistance to students for study abroad, such as the Ruth O. and Josiah M. Lesesne Foreign Study Assistance Fund and the Road Less Traveled scholarship, which recently has been expanded to include more locations from which students may select for their study abroad experience.

The Wofford Fund, the college’s drive for annual gifts that support projects, programs and other priorities critical to the prosperity of the college, includes a “bucket” for “Student Experiences,” which provides a vehicle for donors at any level to support and enhance student experiences, including study abroad. “We already have several active funds that provide assistance for students studying abroad, and now we have had several donors recently establish endowments to support study abroad,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’89, associate vice president and executive director of advancement. Most are in the process of being funded, so their activation will take a while, “but we do have donors who recognize the importance of study abroad and wish future students to have the opportunity. We invite others to become involved in this initiative as well.”

“International study experiences are more important now than ever,” Lancaster says. “They expose our students to new and unfamiliar cultural contexts in an effort to promote intercultural understanding and acceptance. The world our students will enter after graduation is increasingly interconnected, and those with experience living, studying and working with those from a different background will be more adaptable, more tolerant for ambiguity, better problem solvers and critical thinkers, and therefore, more critically needed and more attractive to a future employer or graduate school.”
1. Wofford students celebrated while in a water buffalo field in Cambodia. Colleen Balance and Andrew Green led the cultural Interim to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

2. Dr. Cynthia Fowler and Dr. Eun-Sun Lee led students in a study of Polk County, N.C., including time with renowned artists at the Tryon Arts and Crafts School.

3. Students in the California Landscapes, from Yosemite to the Golden Gate, Interim, led by Dr. Kaye Savage and Dr. Peter Brewitt, explored the state’s ecology, geology, history and literature as they journeyed from the wild coasts and redwoods of Marin to the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

4. Students in the Tracks, Scat, Song and Sign Interim with Dr. Gerald Thurmond and Dr. Doug Rayner spent time learning about animal behavior in the Carolina winter woods.

5. Students wrote for fun, academic credit and growth in Wofford’s Writer’s Workshop Interim led by Dr. Tracy Revels.

6. Through the Exploring Virtual Worlds Interim, Dr. Tracie Ivy and Dr. Joseph Spivey offered students the opportunity to examine and experience the next frontier of reality.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read more about what Wofford students accomplished during Interim.
7. Dr. Tracy Watson ’98 encouraged the Wofford students in the Introduction to Dental Medicine Interim to be present, observant and ready to learn as much as possible during the month. Dr. Charlie Bass, Wofford’s pre-dental program advisor, leads the course.

8. From sitting in on depositions to accompanying attorneys to court, Wofford students explored careers in the legal field during Interim. Dr. David Alvis, John Fort and Dr. Dawn McQuiston advise the college’s pre-law program and organize the Interim.

9. Wofford students learned about and created works of art during the Functional Beauty: The Art and Craft of Pottery Interim taught by Dr. Natalie Grinnell.

10. The Food and Food Cultures in France Interim with Dr. Catherine Schmitz and Dr. John Ware involved a 17-day gustatory tour of France, through Aix-en-Provence, Lyon, Dijon and Paris.

11. Even though we cannot see them with our naked eye, microorganisms are everywhere, and Wofford students spent Interim studying them in Dr. Stefanie Baker’s Living in a Microbial World course.

12. Students in the Clinical Internships in Medicine Interim enjoyed another culture and an intensive hands-on introduction to the field during Interim, including opportunities to work one-on-one with health-care professionals in Santiago, Chile.

13. Rome remains a “hot” travel destination, according to Wofford students who spent the month studying the area’s cultural history from antiquity to the modern era with Dr. Karen Goodchild and Dr. Peter Schmunk.

14. Dr. Dan Welch and students studied robots, artificial intelligence and androids during the Robo Sapiens Interim.
Wofford is well on its way — hiring two new professors, one with expertise in environmental sustainability and one with expertise in community sustainability, as well as hiring an energy manager and implementing a robust energy metering system for campus buildings.

Rob Richards came to Wofford in the fall as the energy and sustainability manager whose primary responsibility is to monitor and enhance campus sustainability programs. Already 39 campus buildings, including residence halls and the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Glendale, have been metered for baseline information, so that sustainable practices can be implemented, monitored and improved as necessary.

“The bulk of the metering equipment installation was complete in late 2016, and we are beginning to build our resource consumption databases,” Richards says, noting that 12 months of data will be needed to fully assess consumption before the buildings can be evaluated and needed changes made. “We will be able to compare the buildings to other similar buildings nationally regarding their energy consumption, and we can compare them to like buildings on campus — residence hall to residence hall, for example — to know how each building is performing and whether any corrections need to be made. We will be able to track whether any buildings are ‘outliers’ based on an index of BTU-per-square-foot-per-year usage.”

Richards, who has a degree in biosystems engineering, says the monitoring and assessment will let him know how much Wofford is spending for energy consumption and whether that amount departs from the norm. “We’ll be able to determine whether it’s drawing on the electrical system, natural gas or whatever, and what the point of attack will be to improve the efficiency of the building.”

Richards and Jason Burr ’01, associate vice president for facilities and capital projects, note that many Wofford students are interested in sustainability issues, particularly campus issues. Richards is participating this semester as a consultant in a student lab focusing on “green home” aspects for a house the college owns at Glendale near the Goodall Center. The students are exploring the potential for the use of solar panels, the orientation of the house, beneficial landscaping solutions and other topics.

“The work with sustainability at the Goodall Center is ongoing thanks to the Romill grant,” says Dr. Kate Lane ’77, professor of environmental studies and director of the center. “The grant has made possible some research in the watershed, and in the spring with funds from the grant we purchased a house the college owns at Glendale and the students are exploring the potential for the use of solar panels, the orientation of the house, beneficial landscaping solutions and other topics.

The college also will conduct a survey of student attitudes toward sustainability this spring, and a new Sustainability Committee is developing ways to enhance Wofford’s sustainability efforts.
Half of the monetary savings realized in the energy-saving program will flow into a student innovation fund with the remainder going to implement future energy-reduction projects based on data gathered from the metering.

Dr. Kaye Savage, professor and chair of the Environmental Studies Department, says the Milliken Sustainability Initiative will “support participation of Wofford students across disciplines and across campus boundaries to consider the links between environmental factors and community sustainability. The range of supported experiences — community research, residential and internship opportunities in the Northside neighborhood, analyzing campus systems, implementing entrepreneurial ideas — allows many ways for students to meaningfully participate.”

The first award provided by the initiative was a $19,000 grant to Dr. Dave Pittman ’94, professor of psychology, who used the funds to take 20 students to Hawaii for the January 2017 Interim to study best practices in sustainability and gain hands-on learning. The course was co-sponsored by Greg Farley, a biology professor and director of the Center for Entrepreneurial Ideas — allows many ways for students to meaningfully participate.”

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In 2011 he won the Glenna Luschei Prairie Schooner Award, the Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Natural History in New York City. The award honors the literary legacy of Burroughs, credited with creating the modern nature essay. It is given to “a distinguished book of nature writing that combines scientific accuracy, first-hand fieldwork and excellent natural history writing,” according to the Burroughs Association. Previous medalists include Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson and South Carolina’s Archibald Rutledge.

This year, in an unprecedented move, the association will recognize the four finalists’ “natural history books of uncommon distinction,” in addition to honoring the winner of the award, Brian Doyle, author of the novel “Marten, Marten.”

Lane, a professor of English and environmental studies and in early 2015.

Lane has won numerous awards, including the 2001 Phillip D. Reed Memorial Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment given by the Southern Environmental Law Center. In 2011 he won the Ginnie Luschei Prairie Schooner Award, and in 2012 “Abandoned Quarry” won the South Carolina Independent Booksellers Alliance Poetry Book of the Year.

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This year when the Loris (S.C.) Civitans produced a musical, ‘King of the Hill’ starring Dr. Charles E. Hunter III, a supporter of local youth athletics as well.

In November the New Orleans Advocate published a story on an upcoming presentation by Henry M. Smith, a Charleston, S.C., attorney, who is president of the North Carolina State Bar Foundation.

In 1961, the State Bar of California admitted Henry M. Smith to practice law in South Carolina in 1963 and has retired and closed his law office. He was admitted to practice law in South Carolina in 1961 and in California in 1966. The State Bar of California gave him a commendation for 50 years of practice.

Dr. John W. Mills III joined the firm’s litigation department and lending and structured finance department after a five-year stint as executive vice president of the firm. He recently rejoined the firm after a five-year stint as executive vice president and general counsel by remaining current in their profession. To earn the designation of Fellow, a dentist must have made significant contributions to the field of dentistry.

Fellows are selected by their peers, and only 2% of practicing dentists are selected. Fellows are appointed to the Academy of General Dentistry Foundation Fellowship Program, presented to dentists who have made significant contributions to the field of dentistry.

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When the first elk since 1737 wandered into South Carolina last year, Dr. Carl Wals, Jr. found himself at the center of the excitement. As past state chairman and past regional chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), he answered media calls, consulted with others in wildlife preservation and shared his knowledge on the subject, educating the public not just on elk, but on the importance of habitat conservation.

“Historical documents indicate that there were perhaps 10 million elk in the U.S. in the late 1600s, but they were shot with reckless abandon and the number dropped to somewhere below 100,000,” says Walsh, who’s an avid outdoorsman and hunter as well as a retired family physician. “Most of the surviving elk were in little pockets deep in the Rocky Mountains; they were essentially gone east of the Mississippi River.”

Walsh and other volunteers with the RMEF have been trying to change that. By raising funds to purchase and secure land, RMEF volunteers have reintroduced elk back into North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The young bull spotted throughout the northwestern tip of South Carolina migrated from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

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Brandon Yancey Lorenz, class chair

John Beaufried was sworn in as judge for the State Court of Hall County Georgia on Dec. 19, 2015. Beaufried won a countywide contest election by nearly 40 percentage points. Beaufried and his wife, Astrid, have two sons, Jack and Jake, and live in Flowery Branch. Living in Nashville, Tenn., Derek Brown has been promoted to executive director of development at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Kimberly M. Johnson wrote two blog entries for the North Carolina Bar Association Paralegal Division. The entries are “Making a Lasting Impression” and “Giving Back Because It Is the Right Thing to Do.” Johnson is a paralegal at Wake Technical Community College in the Office of General Counsel.

1997

Beth Mangham Guerrs, class chair

Northbridge Partners has named Ashley Kilminar director of investor relations. She will assist in managing and investor relations for the firm’s real estate private partnerships. She and her husband, Matthew Kilminar, live in Concord, Mass.

Soway Gray Robinson Stepp and Laffitte announced Gibbs Leopart Jr. has become the firm’s newest member.

1998

Gaye Moyer, class chair

Cayce McIntosh Granger and her husband, Hugh, announce the birth of their daughter, Frances-Catherine, born March 21, 2016. She joins big brothers Hugh (8) and Brett (6).

2000

Anthony D. Bajer Jr., class chair

South State Bank announced that Montague Laffitte III has been named executive vice president. He lives in Columbia, S.C., and has worked with South State Bank since 2002.

Will Ponder has joined Phillips Edison & Co. as vice president of acquisitions. He lives in Nashville, N.C.

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Verle Gerdle, class chair

Dr. Lucas McMillan, associate professor of political science and current chair of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C., was chosen dean of the university’s new College of Behavioral and Social Sciences in 2015. The college will house four current academic departments: history and philosophy, political science and government, psychological science and military science./Army ROTC.

Linda in Decatur, Ga., Maureen Bell Sweatman serves as director of communications at the University of Phoenix in Greenville, S.C. to the Liberty Fellows Class of 2018 because of their work in their professions. Their work or work as leaders of their professions.

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Nathan Madigan, class chair

Living in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tyler Crahan is an assistant vice president with Fifth Third Bank.

Stephanie Fontenot and Richard Andree Marris were married on April 30, 2016. The couple lives in northern Virginia and works in Washington, D.C. as an associate attorney with Wes Hayes Law in Rock Hill, S.C., Creighton Hayes handles criminal, family and personal injury cases in York County and the surrounding areas.

Living in Milton, Fla., Michael Hobbs is a private banker with Summit Bank.

Sarah Hite Kennedy and Joseph Whitmer Kennedy III celebrated the second birthday of their son, Joseph Whitmer “Jay” Kennedy IV, on Jan. 21, 2017. Sarah is a special education teacher at Dunbar Child Development Center. The family lives in Greenville, S.C.
FROM THE DEFENSE
Cuttino elected president of the DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

The legal profession seems to be in a state of change. Fewer undergraduates are applying to and entering law school. Law schools are in decline as well, and some are cutting faculty and considering condensing the curriculum to two years instead of three. At the same time, fewer civil cases go to trial, and fewer attorneys try cases.

John Cuttino ’79, an attorney and shareholder with Gallivan White Boyd P.A. in Columbia, S.C., isn’t sure where the profession is heading, but as the president of the DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar, “the world’s largest and premier organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel,” he considers considerable time thinking, writing and talking about it.

“A lot of things are going on with the practice of law and the profession in general, not just in my area of practice,” says Cuttino. “DRI also is committed to improving and seeking balance in the justice system, assisting members in dealing with the economic realities of the defense law practice and encouraging ethical practice and social responsibility.”


Mark Reynolds manages the Mexico inventory management team as a market group manager for Delta Air Lines Inc. He and his wife, Leland Holder Reynolds, live in Pawleys Island, Ga.

Jack and Amandla Kilbourne Richardson of Spartanburg announce the birth of Elizabeth Jane Richardson, born Sept. 25, 2016.

Dr. Caitlin Clifford Robinson is an ob/gyn and gynecologist with Chesapeake Health Care. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Salisbury, Md.

Dawson Smith was named chief financial officer of ROAR Logistics based in Charleston, S.C. Smith lives in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Catie.

Alex Sturgis lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Melanie, and their children, Ellot Louise (2) and Eleanor Graham, born Oct. 6, 2016. Sturgis graduated from the University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business with a B.M.A. in 2016.

Dr. Lindsey Lane Verlander is working as an associate veterinarian and director of emergency services for Eastside Animal Medical Center, a 24-hour small animal emergency veterinary hospital in Grayson, Ga. She’s also the founder of Housecall Pet Initiative Inc., a non-profit organization that provides free veterinary care to pets of homeless people in the Atlanta area.

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As far as the future of the legal profession goes, Cuttino says that DRI has always been open to change. “I think the future is not quite as set in stone as it used to be,” he says. “We are changing with the times and adapting to new technologies and methods.”

DRI took office with DRI-based in Chicago, Ill., in October 2016, and will serve for a year. It’s not quite as full-time a job but it’s close with frequent travel, meetings and speaking engagements across the country. He also writes articles and does interviews on the changes in the profession from the perspective of non-lawyers to render legal services and to have ownership of law firms, to the cost of a legal education and the associated student debt that comes with it.

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A year ago Tyler Finney accepted a position as regional sales consultant for the Southeastern region for RiverPoint Investment Group in Richmond, Va.

Shelby Hardic works as a preconstruction coordinator with Thompson Construction Company in Sumter, S.C.

An account executive with Vertical Strategies, a digital marketing consulting firm in Washington, D.C., Courtney Green-Knolte lives in Atlanta, Va., with her husband, Scott, a legislative assistant to Congressman Thomas Massie (KY-04). They were married on Aug. 17, 2013.

United Way of the Piedmont announced that Alex Moore has joined the staff as director of marketing and communications.

Gus White and Niki Classic were married on Nov. 12, 2016. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Niki runs her own fitness business, SugarSallyPark.com, and Gus is an account manager with Omni Cable.

2013

Morgan Victoria Amidu, class chair

Rachel Arling and Matthew David Simon were married on July 22, 2016. Rachel is an actor in College Park, Md. Her husband is pursuing his doctorate in composition at the University of Maryland School of Music.

Emily Conrad is in the Master of Chinese Studies program at Peking University, Yenching Academy in Beijing. Her focus of study is on international relations. She anticipates graduating in 2017.

Nexsen Pruet recently welcomed Shri Selvakumar, class chair.

2014

Sheri Sekulakian, class chair

Tara Green is completing her J.D. degree at Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas. She graduates in May.

2015

Maggy Stroud, class chair

Kaitlyn Cockcroft is a tax associate with Dixon Hughes Govan in Greenville, S.C. She earned her master of professional accounting degree from the University of Georgia in 2015.

Brennan Hudson is a brokerage associate for Colliers International. He specializes in the sale and lease of Flex Industrial Buildings. Hudson lives in Greenville, S.C., with his wife, Lauren, and daughter, Natalie.

2016

Maricarmen Conrad, class chair

John Diam is a sales and operations manager for Delphi LLC in Spartanburg. His work involves developing new and current sales accounts and improving company efficiency.

Lucy Britt Stadler is the chief of staff for The Advisory Board in Washington, D.C.

“RoBotany is an indoor vertical farming company using automated robotics and software analytics to transform modern agriculture,” says Webb. “Over the past two years, vertical farming on a large commercial scale has finally found viability, both economically and socially. However, energy efficiency and manual, inefficient operations pose a huge threat to the long-term viability of indoor vertical farming.

“RoBotany’s patent-pending technology comes in. RoBotany uses automated robotics and software analytics to transform its indoor vertical farming techniques. The robotics allow for improved labor efficiency, increased crop yields per square foot and newfound sustainability. The software system monitors every aspect of the controlled environment while optimizing plant growth and taste and eliminating the need for pesticides.”

“Since the day you tape, you have to get up really early and then start rehearsing the ‘nuts and bolts’ of the show, such as walking up on stage, finding where you’ll be standing, having a few practice rounds with the buzzer and writing your name.” After that, it’s makeup, paperwork and waiting for the audience, she says, adding that she had the opportunity to watch “lots of amazing contestants” film before her turn. “It goes by very quickly, and it felt like a whirlwind.”

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
IN MEMORIAM


Dr. Walker Hardee Ford, Dec. 27, 2016, Anderson, S.C. Ford spent the majority of his career in public school education, retiring as principal of Shell Point Elementary School in Beaufort, S.C. He was a longtime member of The Baptist Church of Beaufort, where he was a Sunday School teacher and deacon.

Benjamin A. Brown Jr., Nov. 19, 2016, Lancaster, S.C. Brown fought in three major campaigns during World War II: the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and the Central Europe Campaign. He came to Wofford as a veteran. A CPA, Brown spent his career with Springs Industries, serving as director of the tax department for 25 years. After retirement he enjoyed building furniture and volunteering his accounting skills.

Dr. Grover C. Tuggle Sr., Dec. 18, 2016, Chester, S.C. Tuggle was a Roy Fight engineer in the U.S. Army during World War II, a retired optometrist and a member of the Lions Club for 62 years.

The Rev. Joseph Whitner Kennedy, Jan. 16, 2016, Burlington, N.C. Bradford played basketball at Wofford and was president of the senior class and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford.

William N. Bradford Jr., Jan. 28, 2017, Burlington, N.C. Bradford played basketball at Wofford and was a member of the senior class and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was an active member of First Street United Methodist Church for 50 years.

Dr. Ashbury Cecil Bozard Jr., Dec. 22, 2016, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Bozard was an orthopedic surgeon and former chief of staff at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

William Phelps Brickle, Aug. 12, 2016, Hanahan, S.C. Brickle served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. For more than 20 years he was a sales associate with Baldwin Autoworks in Laurens.


Dr. Hugh Thomas Arthur II, Feb. 3, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Arthur held both a Ph.D. in history and a master’s degree in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina. He taught at Jacksonville State University and later went to work at SCANA in 1982, retiring as general counsel in 2005.

Kenneth Wayne Barnette, Jan. 14, 2017, Reidsville, S.C. Barnette retired after 31 years of service as a S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Agency employment counselor. He was a member of the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of major. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford and went on to work in the field of counseling.

Dr. William Samuel Lander III, Dec. 14, 2016, Denver, N.C. A small business owner, Lander was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and considered his mission helping developing countries. He loved the beach and deep sea fishing.

James Mack Cubbage Jr., Dec. 3, 2016, Rock Hill, S.C. Cubbage was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. He was a business owner and manager.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Whitner Kennedy, Jan. 27, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Williams was co-founder of Island Car Wash in Hilton Head. He was on the board of a family owned business, Dixie Electronics.

Horace Edwin “Win” Williams, Jan. 25, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Williams was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. He served as a major at Westminster Presbyterian Church, a foster parent and a faithful volunteer at the Place of Hope in West Columbia, S.C. He attended Kellett medici- cal mission work for 20 years and loved danc- ing with his wife, playing tennis and hiking.

Benjamin A. Brown Jr., Aug. 12, 2016, Florence, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He went on to earn a divinity degree and serve at First Baptist churches for over 50 years.


Robert Dewitt Tollison, Oct. 24, 2016, Clemson, S.C. Tollison served in the Nixon and Reagan administrations in many roles, including senior economist at the Council of Economic Advisers and then later as director of the Bureau of Economics of the Federal Trade Commission. At the time of his death, he was the J. Wilson Emmett Professor of Economics at Clemson University. He also had taught at Cornell, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, George Mason and University of Mississippi.

Dr. Walker Hardee Ford, Oct. 18, 2016, Philadelphia, Pa. While serving several churches, Jackson also was vicar of St. Dismiss Episcopal Mission in 1995 to 2011. He was the interim rector at St. George and St. Barnabas at the time of his death. During an active member of the Episcopal Black Clericus, a board of the Vicar’s Association and presi- dent of the local chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Just before the South Carolina General Assembly broke for the holidays, reelected representatives Murrell Smith ’90, R-Sumter, and Todd Atwater ’88, R-Lexington, walked into the state’s Supreme Court courtroom where Chief Justice Costa Pleicones ‘65 swore them in during a private ceremony.

Pleicones was to retire at the end of the year, and Atwater and Smith did not want to miss the opportunity to renew their commitment to serve the state with fellow Wofford graduate Pleicones presiding.

“When opportunities for unique memories come along, I think it’s important to take advantage of them,” says Atwater, whose hand was on Pleicones’ Wofford Bible during the ceremony.

Smith, a partner in the Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler and Smith Law Firm, was first elected to the General Assembly in 2001 and currently is serving on the Ways and Means and Ethics committees. Atwater began his first term in 2011. He serves on the Labor, Commerce and Industry and Rules committees. Both find service challenging but rewarding.

“Serving as a state representative has been a dream of mine since college,” says Smith. Smith housesat as a student for Wofford professor of art history and Republican party leader Constance Antonsen during George Bush’s campaign for president in 1988. “Answering her phone and taking messages from people running Bush’s campaign fueled my desire to go into politics,” Smith also credits government professors the late Dr. Linton Dunson, who was close with the late S.C. Sen. Strom Thurmond, and Dr. Jack Seitz, who held more liberal and challenging political views. “Dr. Seitz helped me realize the importance of bridging political gaps” for the good of the state and nation, says Smith.

Atwater came to Wofford planning to become a doctor. An interim internship with S.C. Rep. Floyd Spence as well as classes in business economics, history and religion, opened his eyes to a career in business and politics. Atwater went on to law school and since has worked for Strom Thurmond, the State Chamber of Commerce and Gov. David Beasley. He served as CEO of the South Carolina Medical Association for 13 years and is now CEO of SCMA Members Insurance Trust. When Rep. Nikki Haley became governor, Atwater saw the opportunity, ran and was elected to fill her house seat.

“Politics can be a blood sport in South Carolina, but I want to contribute with common sense and decency,” says Atwater.

“Wofford continues to produce graduates who rise to the top, and I’m proud to be associated with Wofford graduates like Costa and Murrell who are willing to step up and take a stand in tough situations.”
DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Student Athlete Advisory Committee leaders (left to right) David Marvin ’17, Brandon Goodson ’18 and Sarah Traynor ’17 worked with the college’s Department of Athletics and Men’s Wearhouse to ensure that Wofford student-athletes leave Wofford dressed for success. To read more about the program, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.