The Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and a new home-court advantage
What a semester!
Twice we celebrated the opening of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium — on Sept. 20 during the volleyball home opener and on Nov. 10 as our men’s basketball team played the University of South Carolina. Representatives from the entire college community came to both events to thank the Richardsons for their generosity and return to them some of the love they have shared with all of us.

We hosted world-renowned speakers in fields ranging from journalism and sustainability to the art of Winston Churchill and the legacy of Frederick Douglass. We secured a Mellon Foundation grant to further our rethinking of the general education curriculum and an intergenerational grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and the AARP Foundation that has placed Wofford students in the community to both learn from and teach older adults.

We cheered as our football, lacrosse, soccer, golf, cross country, volleyball and rifle teams competed with the tenacity of Terriers, and we were even more proud when the NCAA graduation success rates were published for all 19 teams, once again showing without a doubt that Wofford student-athletes are students first! With many colleges and universities moving to a model that uses NCAA funding to pay student-athletes to play in college, Wofford remains committed to providing something even better — the total Wofford experience. We’re starting a new LevelUp Project this year that will differentiate Wofford and give student-athletes the opportunity to join a program that will give them a competitive advantage as they prepare for the workforce or graduate school.

Read more about these and other stories within the pages of this Wofford Today, and look closely at the photos. With so many familiar faces returning to campus for Family Weekend and Homecoming, you just might find yourself in Wofford Today as well.

Go, Terriers!
IT’S YOUR WORLD. WIN IT.

What better way to celebrate Mike Ayers’ 30th year as head coach of the Terriers than with a Southern Conference Championship? The Terriers secured the title with a 45-7 win at the Virginia Military Institute on Nov. 11. Wofford, ranked eighth in the nation, finished the game with a 9-1 record, 7-1 in the SoCon. They celebrated their achievement at halftime of the Wofford vs. Washington and Lee basketball game on Nov. 12 in the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. The Terriers defeated the Generals 103-66.
Continued online.

B. BROOKS MAKES IMPACT ON STUDENT-JOURNALISTS

New York Times columnist David Brooks was on campus on Sept. 18 talking with student journalists, meeting with classes and holding a public lecture in Leonard Auditorium. Emma Buckman '18, a senior writer for the Old Gold and Black, wrote an essay about what these types of experiences mean for current students. Continued online.

C. HURRICANES AFFECT STUDY-ABROAD EXPERIENCES

Brooke Bard '19 and Emma Hauser '18 spent the early part of the fall semester dodging hurricanes Irma and Maria. Bard, who is studying abroad in Cuba, was evacuated twice during hurricane season. Hauser is abroad in the Dominican Republic and evacuated only during Irma. Both remain safe and say that they learned a lot from the experience. Continued online.

D. WOFFORD LEADS SOCON IN NCAA GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE

When the NCAA released the latest Graduation Success Rate for all Division I colleges and universities, Wofford College again led the Southern Conference with 10 of 13 teams posting a perfect score of 100. The Terrier football team also topped all other SoCon football schools with a score of 97. The results reflect data from student-athletes who began college in 2010. Continued online.

E. PASSPORT CARAVAN COMES TO WOFFORD

CIEE brought its Passport Caravan to Wofford in October, and 18 students applied for free passports. CIEE, one of Wofford's study-abroad partners, has pledged to fund 10,000 passports through 2020 as part of the IIE Generation Study Abroad Initiative. The initiative seeks to fund 10,000 passports to students studying abroad by October, and 88 students applied for free passports. CIEE brought its Passport Caravan to Wofford in October. Continued online.

F. CHEE LEE BECOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

For more than 20 years, Chee Lee has enjoyed her fair share of Packers, Badgers, Bucks and Brewers games — “especially the tailgating that goes with them” — but not necessarily the cold that goes with them.” — but not necessarily the cold that goes with them. Now she’s a Terrier fan as well. Lee has been in the human resources field since 2005, most recently at the University of Wisconsin. Continued online.

G. WILE DONATES PROCEEDS OF BOOK TO WOFFORD

They called him “Mean Wile,” and he liked it that way. Now Ed Wile ’73 has written a book, “Mean to Meaningful,” sharing his journey from angry young man to successful businessman, husband, father, mentor and philanthropist. He’s touring the Southeast doing readings and signings, and the book also is available on Amazon. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Wofford student-athletes. Continued online.

H. PRESIDENT SAMHAT TAPPED FOR NATIONAL NCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective Oct. 24, President Nayef Samhat began service on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Samhat, who had been serving on the NCAA’s Presidential Forum, fills the seat recently vacated by Dr. David Belcher of Western Carolina University. Samhat, who has served in the human resources field since 2005, most recently at the University of Wisconsin. Continued online.

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The Remarkable

Jerry Richardson

and the core values that led to the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium

by Annie S. Mitchell

The amazingly successful career of Jerome Johnson “Jerry” Richardson ’59 is a story for the ages. An All-America member of the Wofford College football team, upon graduation ’59 joined the Baltimore Colts and caught a touchdown pass from the legendary Johnny Unitas in the 1959 NFL Championship game. Richardson took his title-game bonus and, together with his friend, business partner and classmate Charlie Bradshaw ’59, used it to open the first franchised Hardee’s restaurant in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1961. From charco-broiled hamburgers and hot apple turnovers blossomed Spartan Food Systems, which went public in 1969 and was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1976. In 1995, history changed again when the National Football League owners unanimously voted for the Carolinas to receive the 29th NFL franchise, and the former professional football player, entrepreneur and businessman successfully built a privately funded stadium and football powerhouse from the ground up.
On July 18, 1936, Richardson, an only child, was born in a Spring Hope, N.C., farmhouse with no running water, no electricity and no access to health care. His mother worked in a women’s clothing store and was paid by the hour; his father was a barber who was paid 25 cents per haircut. Most of the men in the extended Richardson family were farmers, and most of the women stayed at home to raise their children. The Richardson family may not have had a car in the early years, but Richardson had a bike, and it was on this bike that he first learned that the best things in life involve both risk and luck.

“I wasn’t supposed to ride beyond, but the first thing I would do is ride to that street — and ride beyond it,” says Richardson. “I was not supposed to be in the creeks or jump off bridges, but as soon as I could ride to a creek or a bridge, I would jump in them and off them. I jumped in creeks and off bridges all over Nash County. My grandmother often said, ‘Jerry is an active boy.’”

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“We were not wealthy people; in fact, my family didn’t have a car until I was 16 years old, but it didn’t bother me any,” muses Richardson. “All the members of my family were hard working, spit-polished and clean, and never, ever late. It never occurred to me not to be on time. My grandmother would tell me it’s rude and inconsiderate to be late.” Richardson credits his mother as “by far” his most influential person in his life.

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Now Richardson is known by all for these simple yet timeless tenets:

1. **Hard Work**: “I saw my mother and father and aunts and uncles work hard. I knew I wasn’t going to get a good result if I didn’t work hard. I knew I wasn’t going to get a good result if I didn’t work hard, too. Jerry was going to do it for me. You have to work hard to be a success in the food business.”

2. **Harmony**: “It helps people be happy when there is harmony. It helps me, too.”

3. **Teamwork**: “It’s important to me, and it makes sense to me because I was an athlete. Coaches pull it off, but it’s difficult to teach people who don’t come from that background who it’s so important. But it is.”

4. **尊重 (Respect)**: According to Richardson, “respect” is the most important value of all. “I always try to be respectful, and my favorite Bible verse is ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’ People just need to be nice to each other. What’s the point of not being nice?” Richardson emphasizes.

5. **People**: “People just need to be nice to others. It’s the point of not being nice?” Richardson emphasizes.

6. **Football**: “It’s important to me, and it makes sense to me because I have a football bonus check and turn it into a lifetime of incredibly successful business ventures that have indelibly transformed the lives of countless Wofford College students, faculty, staff and alumni, not to mention the physical campus landscape for centuries to come, is nothing short of incredible. And as implausible as it sounds, that’s not the most amazing part of the story.”

7. **Success**: Richardson is quick to attribute a lot to luck. “That the Colts won the championship was lucky. That we had the money because of it to start the business was lucky. That I’ve been married to Rosalind this long is lucky,” says Richardson.

He brought that luck with him to Wofford and shared it. Richardson’s two latest contributions to the college — the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, home to the college’s Departments of Art and Art History and Theatre, as well as state-of-the-art spaces for instruction, performances and exhibits, and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, a $123,000-square-foot facility that includes a 5,400-seat basketball arena, a 350-seat volleyball competition venue, a state-of-the-art training room and facilities for the college’s basketball, volleyball and women’s lacrosse teams — is the continuation of four decades of generosity to the college community.

Richardson has contributed to numerous physical building projects. He has provided generous scholarships to countless Wofford students and has served on the college’s board of trustees for more than four decades, honored with trustee emeritus status in 2017. Because of Richardson, Wofford has been the summer training camp home of the Carolina Panthers since 1995, a major boon to both the college brand as well as the entire Upstate. The Wofford connection associated with the media coverage of the 2017 Carolina Panthers Training Camp enabled the college’s name to reach billions of people across the globe and represented $37.5 million in comparable advertising value. Similarly, according to an impact study by Clemson University for the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, this summer’s training camp brought more than 100,000 fans to Spartanburg and generated a record $31.1 million in economic impact to the Spartanburg community while supporting more than 260 jobs.

“Jerry Richardson is a man of action, a man of principal and a man of loyalty,” says Wofford College President Nayef Samhat. “We were overwhelmingly lucky that Jerry Richardson chose Wofford, and exceptionally grateful for his ongoing and continued support of the college, its students and its mission.”

During the groundbreaking of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts in May 2015, Wofford College Board of Trustees Chairman Harold Chandler ’71 said that the gift was “a great building of study, of enjoyment and enlightenment, a place where young people will learn more about the joys of life, both while here at Wofford and also as they leave here and become well-rounded and dedicated servants of our world, like you, Mr. Richardson.”

The remarkable story of Jerry Richardson — a man with humble beginnings who transformed not only his life, but the lives of countless others past, present and future — is nothing short of extraordinary. Yet, to Jerry Richardson, success is not complicated. “I live an unusual life,” he says. “I’ve had a lot of help, but I haven’t been given anything. Work hard and be respectful. You can’t achieve these things without taking risks. And I’m still taking them.”
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**MAJOR INFLUENCERS**

Although Richardson credits his mother “by far” as the biggest influence in his life, he’s quick to say he had lots of help along the way from key friends and supporters. Some of the most notable include:

- **William Dixon Hardy**: a Spartanburg banker who loaned the then 27-year-old Richardson $18,000 for restaurant equipment. “He said, ‘Jerry, people want to help you,’” remembers Richardson. “I dismissed it at the time; it was just a conversation as far as I was concerned. As it turned out, however, he was right… I was just too young to realize it.”

- **Donald Keough**: former president, chief operating officer and director of the Coca-Cola Co. “He came along at the perfect time in my life,” says Richardson.

- **Joe Lesesne**: President emeritus of Wofford College.

- **Hugh McColl**: a fourth-generation banker and former chairman and CEO of Bank of America. “Meeting him was good luck!” says Richardson.

- **Dan Rooney**: owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers who took Richardson under his wing when he came into the NFL. “He was a confidante of 25 years, who mentored and supported me as long as he lived. We spoke often, and he taught me the ins and outs of the NFL.”

- **John B. White Sr.**: restaurant owner of the Beacon Drive-In in Spartanburg, S.C. “John White set a good example,” says Richardson. “He was the most successful restaurant person in our part of South Carolina and was a hard worker.”

Richardson also ranks a handful of Wofford professors as major influencers in his life at a young age. “They knew I wasn’t interested in academics, but they supported me anyway,” says Richardson.

- **Charles Edward Cauthen**: professor of history and political science from 1943 until 1971.
- **John Quitman Hill**: professor of mathematics from 1953 until 1972.
- **Lewis Pickney Jones**: professor of English and history from 1946 until 1967.
- **Bob Prevatte**: Richardson’s Fayetteville, N.C., high school football coach, credited with bringing Richardson to Wofford College.

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In addition to the brick-and-mortar projects, Richardson’s primary investment at Wofford College has been the Richardson Family Endowed Scholarship, which provides a full, four-year scholarship to Wofford for one incoming first-year student each year that also includes a laptop computer, summer internships, overseas travel opportunities and other enrichment activities. The Richardson Family Endowed Scholarship has been awarded continuously since 1988, changing the lives and supporting the futures of 27 Wofford students to date.
OPENING THE ROSALIND SALLenger RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AND THE JERRY RICHARDSON INDOOR STADIUM

I was wandering the cart paths of Cheraw State Park’s golf course — wearing a Wofford cap, of

course — when another junior golf parent-spectator stopped me.

He pointed at my head. “Are you a Wofford graduate?”

I smiled. “I am.” We exchanged handshakes and names.

“Wofford’s really on the move right now. I wish my alma mater had a Jerry Richardson. Those two new

buildings he just gave you are game changers.”

As we watched our sons finish the tournament, we talked about Wofford. Looking back, I probably

should be a bit embarrassed by how I gushed about the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for

the Arts — the creative spaces that will help prepare Wofford graduates for their futures, the gorgeous

Chihuly sculptures, the incredible exhibits we’ve already enjoyed. I told him that I was looking forward

to “Antigone” the next weekend, the first Wofford Theatre production in the new Jerome Johnson

Richardson Theatre. Then we moved on to the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Nov. 10 men’s

basketball home opener versus the University of South Carolina. “There’s not a bad seat in the house,” I

said. He asked about tickets, and I explained that they were sold out.

That conversation has stuck with me, especially the part that made me take another look at how lucky

Wofford College is to have Jerry Richardson on our team.

Since he announced the gifts in the fall of 2014, Wofford has aptly used the words “transformational”

and “game-changing” to describe the impact of the two new buildings. And they’re certainly proving

to be just that:

• Both the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts

already have made a difference in the admission and recruiting process.

• The new buildings also advance faculty and staff recruitment and retention.

• The campus is more beautiful than ever before.

• Wofford now can bring art exhibits to the college that require security and climate control.

• The college will be able to show a new level of sportsmanship and style to visiting teams and fans.

• The college has increased course offerings in the arts to meet increased demand, and classes for the

spring semester quickly filled to capacity during registration.

• We now have appropriate storage and display space for the college’s permanent collection and an elegant

place to thank the people who have contributed to that important resource.

• These new facilities also will affect student success, graduate preparation, national rankings and

community support in ways we can only begin to imagine.
Before the buildings, however, came two gifts — timed perfectly to ignite the strategic vision — that continue to spark flames of generosity.

According to President Nayef Samhat, “After Mr. Richardson’s momentous announcements came a strategic enrollment plan to boost the college’s profile. Completion of the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village soon followed. We are enjoying a wave of new endowment support thanks to the Trustee Matching Fund, and we now have an academic exchange with the renovation of the Michael S. Brown Village Center and the relocation of the Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning near The Space in the Mungo Center. We have expanded living-learning communities and new programs that are contributing to a pipeline of student success. We’re also working with dozens of new donors on dozens of new scholarships, professorships, programs and building renovations thanks to the example of Jerry Richardson.”

Thousands of articles have been written about philanthropy in higher education. What makes alumni give? How does a college cultivate a culture of philanthropy? How do colleges and universities make a case for annual giving during a capital campaign? The truth is, giving remains a mystery, but not when it comes to Jerry Richardson.

He has been forthcoming with why he chose Wofford, why he credits Wofford as a foundation for his success and why he considers giving back the right thing to do. “As far as I’m concerned, he’s Mr. Wofford,” says President Emeritus Joe Lesesne of Richardson’s unfailing support.

Jerry Richardson gives, and he inspires giving. How appropriate that the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium stand as reminders of how one person’s loyalty, love and generosity have made the world a better place, starting right here at Wofford College.
From one Wofford football player to another
New buildings inspire scholarships in basketball and the arts
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

The POWER of the GIFT
Just before the start of the fall semester, Robby Atkins ’65 met with a group of student-athletes from the college’s football team. They had finished their morning practice, cleaned up and gathered around a corner table in the college’s Burwell dining hall. They were eager to meet a fellow Terrier who played football at Wofford and went on to a successful career in business. He was looking forward to meeting some of the young men being considered for the Robert D. Atkins Football Scholarship.

Robby Atkins has been fully funding a full-tuition, room-and-board scholarship for a student-athlete on the college football team each year since 1989. Last year Lorenzo Long ’17 held the honor. This year Datavious Wilson ’20, a business economics and finance major from Hartsville, S.C., was selected:

“I thank God every day that I’m a student-athlete at Wofford College,” says Wilson, the college’s starting linebacker. “I’m blessed I am. Not everyone gets this opportunity.”

Atkins caught Wilson on the field after the win against Gardner-Webb. They hugged and talked a minute. It was the same:

- Sell something for more than you paid for it.
- Always manage cash flow.
- Have a good knowledge of the product that you’re selling.
- Don’t grow faster than you can manage.
- Surround yourself with good, honest and dependable people.

“It was a family business. We all cared about each other,” says Atkins. “It provided me with an opportunity to build relationships and friendships that have endured for years.”

Atkins is quick to credit his Wofford degree as a foundation to his successful career in business. He also says that he would not have been able to afford Wofford without scholarship assistance. Both are reasons that Atkins began giving back to Wofford College.

“The new Atkins Family Endowed Basketball Scholarship reflects Atkins’ admiration for Richardson, but it also honors the success of Wofford’s men’s basketball team and its four trips to the NCAA basketball tournament in the past six years. The Susan Chapman Atkins Endowed Scholarship in the arts pays homage to Susan’s talent, particularly in pastels and colored pencils, and her passion for art and beauty — the ideal complement to the beautiful new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

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Robby and Susan Atkins, sweethearts at Spartanburg High School, married three weeks after Atkins graduated from Wofford. Three weeks after that, Atkins started a career in textiles with Deering Milliken, now Milliken and Co. He was also a second lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard. In 1963 he and Susan founded Atkins Machinery.

“We started the business on the dining room table,” says Susan, who managed the administrative work until her retirement. Robby traveled the world buying and selling used textile machinery and parts until his retirement. Now their son, Greg, runs the business, but the principles of success remain the same:

- Sell something for more than you paid for it.
- Always manage cash flow.
- Have a good knowledge of the product that you’re selling.
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“My wife Susan and I wanted to do something special — from one former Wofford football player to another — to thank Jerry Richardson for what he has done for the college and community,” says Atkins.

The Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts inspired the Atkins’ new scholarship gifts.

“I love the college. … In the fall, I enjoy every game I go to,” says Robby, who travels with the team as much as he can and even braved the bitter cold of Youngstown, Ohio, during the playoff quarters last season.

“Susan and Robby Atkins are two of Wofford’s finest,” says Dr. David Wood, senior vice president for advancement at Wofford. “They have continued to share their good fortune in life and business, and 27 years of student-athletes on the college’s football team have felt the impact of their love of Wofford College.”

Although Susan loved creating art, she put it on the back burner for years because it was best for their family and business. In addition to giving his free time in service to the country through the National Guard, Atkins also spent eight years as a guard at the air base. They also are both quick to say that a successful marriage involves lots of “give” and a good sense of humor. Although it’s not written into the scholarship description, the Atkinses hope that the recipients of their scholarships will one day pay the gift forward.

“I’d like to think that any graduate of Wofford would find some way to give something back, regardless of the amount,” says Robby Atkins. “Wofford gives out lots of financial aid, so nearly everyone gets some kind of assistance. But, I realized that many may not have the funds right out of college, but when their situation changes, I can only hope they will find a way to give back to Wofford.”

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WOFFORD RECEIVES $500,000 MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT
Gift to fund reimagination of general education curriculum

SO MUCH TO SHARE
Wofford grant to foster community-based learning with low-income older adults

LEVELUP
New project gives Wofford student-athletes a competitive advantage in life

THREE FOR THREE
Partnering with outside funders creates new opportunities for student success
The significant support of The Mellon Foundation has arrived at a critical time as Wofford College navigates through a number of critical changes. President Nayef Samhat observes, “A top-100 national liberal arts college, Wofford has a bold new strategic vision for our future; energetic new senior academic leadership; steady enrollment; a strong endowment, with a promising campaign in its early stages; and a highly engaged faculty and staff that have eagerly co-authored that ambitious vision for the college’s future.”

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has provided Wofford with a $500,000 grant to invigorate its general education curriculum, fostering more creative and collaborative approaches to the student experience. “This generous support from The Mellon Foundation will allow Wofford's faculty to pilot the new concepts they have been developing, then assess their success as part of the ongoing process of reviewing general education at Wofford,” says Dr. Michael J. Sosulski, provost. “The Wofford community knows that meeting the needs of tomorrow’s students involves careful deliberation and planning.”

Earlier this year, the faculty approved further exploration and experimentation with the general education curriculum, the core courses that all students are required to complete. “The Mellon Foundation grant will be crucial to helping Wofford achieve its ambitious curricular goals by removing barriers — conceptual and financial — to experimentation and growth,” Sosulski says. “With the grant, the college will pilot and test some of the concepts approved by the faculty while continuing to discuss, assess, refine and approve those deemed effective.”

The Mellon Foundation has agreed to support Wofford's work on general education through this three-year, $500,000 grant in a variety of ways, including:

- Providing funding for faculty to design and pilot new courses or to enhance existing ones and to experiment with creative teaching methods and collaborate in new ways.
- Providing faculty with the opportunity to dedicate time, especially during the summer, to creative curricular development in general education.
- Allowing Wofford to create new faculty leadership roles in general education.
- Facilitating the faculty and staff’s reimagining of Wofford’s approach to pre-major advising and advisor training.
- Enhancing Wofford’s ability to support faculty who are interested in professional development in teaching and scholarship.
- Enhancing the college’s ability to share work within the broader academic community.

In 2014, The Mellon Foundation provided Wofford with a $100,000 grant to enhance the general education curriculum to renew emphasis on writing and further integrate information literacy, undergraduate research, electronic portfolios and the digital humanities. Also, in 2013, the foundation gave Wofford and Converse College a joint grant of $75,000 to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of library services in the digital information age.

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WOFFORD RECEIVES $500,000 MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Gift to fund reimagining of general education curriculum

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has provided Wofford with a $500,000 grant to invigorate its general education curriculum, fostering more creative and collaborative approaches to the student experience. “This generous support from The Mellon Foundation will allow Wofford’s faculty to pilot the new concepts they have been developing, then assess their success as part of the ongoing process of reviewing general education at Wofford,” says Dr. Michael J. Sosulski, provost. “The Wofford community knows that meeting the needs of tomorrow’s students involves careful deliberation and planning.”

Earlier this year, the faculty approved further exploration and experimentation with the general education curriculum, the core courses that all students are required to complete. “The Mellon Foundation grant will be crucial to helping Wofford achieve its ambitious curricular goals by removing barriers — conceptual and financial — to experimentation and growth,” Sosulski says. “With the grant, the college will pilot and test some of the concepts approved by the faculty while continuing to discuss, assess, refine and approve those deemed effective.”

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Wofford awarded grant to foster community-based learning with low-income older adults

Wofford College students and low-income older local adults have new opportunities to connect with and learn from each other through a yearlong initiative funded by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in partnership with the AARP Foundation.

Wofford is one of 21 institutions nationwide selected to receive the $12,450 grant, Intergenerational Connections: Students Serving Older Adults; more than 90 institutions applied for the grant.

Eleven Wofford student fellows are participating in the initiative spearheaded by Dr. Kara Bopp, associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, with assistance from Jessalyn Story, director of the Center for Community-Based Learning.

“Low-income older adults in Spartanburg are in need of our attention,” says Bopp, who teaches cognitive and developmental psychology. “Older adults are too often ignored. ... Our goal is to improve their well-being and developmental psychology. “Older adults are too often ignored. ... Our goal is to improve their well-being and developmental psychology.

“For the college, this is an important step toward greater civic engagement,” says student fellow Tim Lindsey ’18, a sociology major from Spartanburg. “Even though Wofford is an open campus, we can always improve on reaching out and establishing new relationships and presence.”

According to the CIC website, the project has four goals:

• Identify and serve the needs of older adults in college and university communities, particularly in the areas of hunger, housing, income generation and social isolation.
• Help college students develop new skills and knowledge.
• Increase student retention at independent colleges and universities through service learning.
• Develop a national network of student programs that recognize the mutual benefit of intergenerational connections.

At the end of the grant period, the Wofford student fellows each will have conducted 10 workshops in the fall and 10 in the spring, amounting to approximately 200 workshops over the year that will impact more than 200 older adults and include the interaction of 100 or more Wofford students attending workshops for service-learning requirements or other volunteer efforts. Bopp and the student fellows will compile a collection of the work produced by workshop participants in a public display planned for May 2018.

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“We are finding that our residents are connecting with a youthful perspective that brings delight,” says Terrill Bates, CEO of the Spartanburg Housing Authority. “Our staff is significantly impacted as the attention that the residents receive from the students assuages their anxiety and their fears and provides a very caring engagement for them. Many of these residents do not have good familial or social structures through which to experience these interactions. We have never been able to deliver this kind of experience because of the limited staffing levels. Our hope is that the students will gain insight and information that will positively impact their lives, as citizens and professionals.”

Juliana Rima ’18, the project’s lead student fellow, says, “The whole point of the project is to give visibility and importance to a community that often does not receive those things. They are an important part of our community, and we want them to feel that.” Rima is a Spanish and psychology major from New York, N.Y.

In addition to Elmore, Lindsey, Rima and Stewart, other Wofford intergenerational fellows are Ni’Asia Daniels ’18, Chandler Graham ’19 (spring only), Mayson Liner ’19, Sheridan Kate Murray ’19 (fall only), Carly Powers ’18, Arnesha Rector ’18 and Emilie Tinker ’20. The fellows have encouraged other Wofford students to become involved by attending workshops, and several Wofford professors — Dr. Christine Dinkins (philosophy), Dr. Kimberly Hall (English), Dr. Kim Roston (English) and Jessica Scott-Felder (studio art) — have made this project part of their courses this semester.

For more information about the Intergenerational Connections grant, Wofford’s intergenerational student fellows, including their specific sites, and how to sign up to join a workshop, visit sites.wofford.edu/boppkl/home/cic-aarp-grant.
In the spring, President Nayef Samhat (now serving on the NCAA Division I national board of directors) charged a group from the college with taking the best of Wofford’s high-impact practices and adapting them to fit the complicated schedules of student-athletes.

In response, Wofford has created the LevelUp Project, a program that differentiates the college and gives student-athletes a competitive advantage as they prepare for the workplace or graduate school. The four-year program offers professional development and entrepreneurial skills training, paid study-abroad and internship experiences, and opportunities to lead, engage civically and mentor younger LevelUp participants.

“The NCAA offered colleges and universities a one-time special distribution for programming, and Wofford decided to use it to create this incredible opportunity that will help our student-athletes succeed in life,” says Elizabeth Wilkes Rabb ’01, assistant athletics director for compliance. Rabb explains that the NCAA has provided enough funding from its endowment so the college can sustain the program through 2025. Eventually Wofford hopes to endow the initiative, which could very well be a model program for other colleges and universities.

A 2015 study from the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows that students who work a paid internship during college average $11,000 per year more in their first jobs 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 graduates who have mastered entrepreneurial thinking experience the same $6,000 initial salary benefit.

“Our student-athletes already offer so much. They know how to fail and recover quickly. They’re coachable and take criticism well. They’re open to try new things,” says Rebecca Parker ’11, internships and employer relations director with The Space in the Mungo Center. “Adding the skill set that they will gain through the LevelUp Project, and they will be even more marketable in the workplace, medical school, law school ... really in any area.”

In year two the cohort will share an academic experience with a two-week study abroad component added during Interim or at the end of the spring semester.

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“All of this is available to the student body as well. Any student can take the classes, hear the speakers, study abroad and secure their own internship. The difference is the college is paying for these opportunities for our student-athletes using designated NCAA resources.”

Da’La Green ’21, a native of Morrow, Ga., and student-athlete on the women’s basketball team, is most excited about the paid internship and study-abroad experience.

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Nothing says fall at Wofford

like the smell of a good tailgate, the sight of students painted up and cheering for their classmates, and the sounds of “Touchdown, Terriers!” over the speakers in Gibbs Stadium.

Here’s to the fans of fall!

1. Making a day of it, Bill Schuler ’81 takes his pre-game tailgate to a new level before walking into Gibbs Stadium to watch the game.

2. Boss isn’t just a fan, he’s a fan favorite, especially with the children.

3. A century ago Wofford athletics teams chose the Boston Terrier as the college’s mascot. The small but tenacious and fierce dog is full of intelligence and energy, making it an ideal mascot for the 1,684 undergraduates who call Wofford home.

4. The first volleyball match in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium was loud — really loud — and the perfect way to christen the new home of volleyball, basketball and lacrosse.

5. Celebrating Mike Ayers’ 30th season as head coach of the Terrier football team, the Class of 2021 wore commemorative T-shirts.

6. Wofford has no greater fans than Rosalind and Jerry Richardson ’59, here with Richardson Scholar Jurnee Jones ’21 at the inaugural volleyball match in the new indoor stadium.

7. President Nayef Samhat presents super fan Virginia Dean with a football signed by head coach Mike Ayers to commemorate her 500th Wofford football game. Joining her is her son, Bob Dean.
The Class of 2021 walked to Gibbs Stadium together and made a tunnel for the team to kick off the 2017 football season.

While it’s about what’s going on down on the field for some, for other fans it’s about a cardboard box and a steep, grassy hill.

Friends and fans (from left) Patsy and Don Jones ’61, Robbie and Bill Gray ’63, Lisa and Bob Capes ’56, and Jill and Joe Lewis ’59.

Some of the college’s most faithful fans are also members of the athletics staff. Few people put in more time than Brent Williamson and Ryan Price. Here they were up early watching the cross country teams compete at the Milliken Eye Opener in Spartanburg.

Helping Wofford fans gear up in the cutest gold, black and Terrier gear is what Leah Harris ’05 and terriertulles.com do. Her Boston Terrier, Magnolia, is also a fan favorite on game day.

Wofford played Furman in the home opener this season, and the Campbell family does a house divided as well as anyone else. Grace ’21 is a middle blocker for the Terriers and her sister, Carris, plays for the Paladins.

It’s important to start ’em early. Go, Terriers!

The game’s always on for Joe Brunson ’69, David Taylor and Mike Taylor ’80.

During breaks in the women’s soccer match, Wofford’s athletics marketing staff keeps fans engaged with a game. T-shirts are always favorite prizes.
THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

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AND

FAMILY WEEKEND

ALUMNI, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN!
Shawan Gillians ’04 RISING STAR

Gillians, interim treasurer for Santee Cooper, South Carolina’s state-owned electric and water utility, graduated from Wofford with high honors as a double major in economics and religion. A native of Moncks Corner, S.C., she graduated from the College of William and Mary School of Law and returned to the Charleston area to join the law firm of Buist Moore Smythe McGee. In 2011, Gillians left private practice to join the legal department of Santee Cooper, where she was associate general counsel-corporate affairs until March 2017. After receiving her MBA from the University of South Carolina, she was named to her current position. She is a member of the board of trustees for the Coastal Carolina, she was named to her current position.

William McGirt ’01 PRIDE OF WOFFORD

McGirt, the 2016 Memorial Tournament champion, grew up in Fairmont, N.C., playing baseball and golf, earning scholarships in both. He chose Wofford and golf. Named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, McGirt’s college career brought several major wins, including the prestigious Augusta State Invitational in his junior year and the 2001 SoCon Championship as a senior. After college, he won the 2003 North Carolina Amateur and the 2003 Cardinal Amateur. He turned professional in 2004, spending years playing several mini-tours and the 2010 season on the Nationwide Tour. He finished tied for second at the 2010 PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament, securing his PGA Tour card. McGirt, who lives in Spartanburg with his wife, Sarah Bagwell Mcgirt ’03, and their two children, Mac and Caroline, supports several charities, including the Walking for Kids Foundation. He is a board member of the Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational.

Carlos Gomez-Agnoli DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

Gomez-Agnoli located the company he founded, Dellfrio, a major importer of commercial refrigeration, in the Northside community of the city of Spartanburg because he wanted to be a part of a neighborhood that would benefit from a viable business. The Medellin, Colombia, native learned his entrepreneurial skills from his mother, father and grandfather, all of whom built businesses, from local to international, that sustained the family. Now, Gomez-Agnoli serves on the board of directors and the housing committee of the Northside Development Group, and he supports arts funding at Cleveland Academy for Leadership. He hires students from Wofford College as interns to assist with valuable hands-on training in the housing committee of the Northside Development Group, and he supports arts funding at Cleveland Academy for Leadership. He hires students from Wofford College as interns to assist with valuable hands-on training in international business. He is a life supporter of the PAN Foundation, founded by his late father, Carlos Gomez-Uribe, to support homeless children in Colombia.

Charlie Gray ’72 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Gray joined the college’s Admission staff right after graduation, rising to lead the Admission program starting in 1977. He moved to head the Alumni and Parents Programs in 1995 and became the director of continuing education in 2005, creating the college’s popular Lifelong Learning at Wofford program. During his time working at the college, he influenced the beginning of intercollegiate soccer, helped grow the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body, and sponsored, counseled and mentored thousands of students and their organizations. He is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International, has been a volunteer for Mobile Meals of Spartanburg for decades and has been recognized several times by Wofford’s Association of African-American Students (now the Association of Multicultural Students) with their Martin Luther King Jr. Award. Gray and his wife, Susan, are the parents of three adult children, Charles, William and Ginny Gray Pryor ’05. The award Gray received has now been named the Charles H. Gray Jr. Distinguished Service Award in his honor.

The Rising Star AWARD is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has demonstrated professional accomplishment and continued growth as an emerging leader in his or her community.

The Pride of Wofford AWARD is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has brought honor and distinction to Wofford through outstanding professional achievement.

The Distinguished Service AWARD is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has contributed extraordinary service to humanity, reflecting honor on both the recipient and Wofford.

The Distinguished Citizen AWARD is presented to a non-alumnus or alumna who has served a distinguished career and has contributed extraordinary service to humanity, reflecting honor on both the recipient and Wofford.

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Four years ago, a group of alumni organized the Black Alumni Summit, now an integral part of Homecoming Weekend.

“We’re here to communicate the fact that we have a vested interest in Wofford College, and we want to ensure that the pathways are open for future students,” said Vickie Muller ’83 during that inaugural weekend.

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Phillip Henry McGee has been named a life-time achiever by Marquis Who’s Who. McGee is an educator, entrepreneur and innovator in the field of education and human resource development.

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Hayes Mizell has been named to its 2017 Legal Elite listing.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

The Stewarts use liberal arts education to advance democracy

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

When Maggie Stewart ’17 graduated in May as a double major in international affairs and religion, she applied for an internship with the International Republican Institute (IRI), a non-profit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to advance freedom and democracy worldwide. In August the organization hired her as a program associate for West Africa, the same division that her father, Ed Stewart ’86, helped establish and later directed in his first job.

“The IRI has changed considerably since I was there, but it shaped my life and my career in ways I hope repeat for Maggie,” says Ed, now a partner in the Prism Group in Washington, D.C. “It’s both thrilling and humbling to know that my daughter would end up in her first job in the program I helped start 25 years ago. I’ve been to tough places and seen some of the best and worst of how humans can interact with each other. It may be counterintuitive for a father to say, but I hope my kids see some of those things, too — the good and the bad.”

That’s just what Maggie is hoping as well. Her portfolio focuses primarily on Nigeria, The Gambia and Ghana. Right now she’s writing reports for IRI’s funders such as USAID and the U.S. State Department, assisting field staff with events and travel, and in the coming semester, planning and staying up to date on current political environments across the region.

“Hopefully soon I’ll get to travel,” she says. “I can’t wait to be on the ground and in the thick of it!”

Maggie says that the discussion-based classes on relevant topics, study abroad experience, and the public speaking and critical-thinking skills she honed at Wofford serve her well every day in her work.

“Dr. Dan Mathewson, a religion professor who I almost always took for upper-level religion classes, constantly encouraged his students to have open conversations and debates, which gave me the opportunity to think critically and speak deliberately, yet respectfully,” she says.

Maggie always has been interested in international affairs, and Ed primarily worked in the Caribbean during his first few years with the IRI. He didn’t know it at the time, but the Cold War was coming to a close. “With the opening of eastern Europe in 1989-90, IRI rapidly moved into the political turmoil of that region. It was an extraordinary time. People, who a year before had been under totalitarian rule, suddenly found themselves free,” he says. Ed spent most of those years in Eastern Europe in 1989-90, IRI rapidly moved into the political turmoil of that region. It was an extraordinary time. People, who a year before had been under totalitarian rule, suddenly found themselves free,” he says.

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The wedding announcement in The New York Times began: “He promised her the moon and stars. They married on eclipse day. Kelly Turek and Chris Dutton, a pair of stargazers and self-described ‘science fiction hounds,’ were married in Georgetown, S.C., on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017. ‘They spent the first few minutes of a bright natural wonder together, in the darkness.’ The couple now lives in Florida, where Dutton is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, ‘considered one of the best stargazing destinations in the country.’”

Sarah Hannah Newman is an alumna in the Atlanta office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. She is a member of the litigation department and concentrates her practice on complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation.


Harrison Hood married Morgan Allison Macdonald on Nov. 11, 2017, on Hog Island, N.C. The groom is employed by Glen Raven-Custom Fabrics, the bride with Morrisette Paper Co. They live in Greenboro, N.C.
2012

Tyler Finney is the director for the southern region at RiverFront Investment Group in Richmond, Va. He had been regional sales consultant for the southern region.

David P. Jordan and his wife, Ginger, welcomed daughter Hollis Grace Jordan, born July 24, 2017. David is baseball’s career leader in hits, RBIs and total bases. He was the 2010 SoCon Offensive Player of the Year. An American, he now plays professional basketball in Germany.

2013

Claiborne Fletcher graduated from Lynchburg College’s doctor of physical therapy program in May 2017. She is a pediatric physical therapist in Newnan, Ga.

2014

Jen Harlan and Kyle Yelton ’15 were married on May 27, 2017. Harlan is a career and internship advisor with Kennesaw State University. They live in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

2015

Lauren Kirby Bove has been hired as a learning specialist within the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes at Louisiana State University. She joined LSU from the University of Arkansas, where she worked as a graduate learning assistant for two years in the Office of Student-Athlete Success.

Courtney Parsons graduated with a master’s degree in social work from Georgia State University. In May 2017, she also served as the development coordinator at Kate’s Club, an Atlanta area nonprofit that provides resources and support for children who have lost a parent or a sibling.

2017


Kendra Washington signed a professional contract to play for the Chinese Women’s Basketball League. She will play for ZKCB Bor in Belgrade, Serbia.

Jonathan P. Roof, who has been serving in the U.S. Army since graduation, was accepted last year into the special operations community. He serves as a logistics operational planner for the only special operations aviation Brigade in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. He completed his MBA in August and won honors as a team member in the best capstone project for Auburn University’s culminating MBA class. He soon will be released from active duty to pursue a career in the corporate world while continuing his service in the U.S. Army Reserve.

2012

Doyle Loesing led the team to the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Tournaments. In his senior season he played 1,265 minutes, the most in a season in school history. Ameet Pall was their first year of eligibility for the honor.

In addition, the Hall of Fame committee recognized Shirley and Buddy Kirby ’64 as the Distinguished Service Award recipient and Joe Edens and Stewart Johnson ’67 as Honorary Letterman. The Athletics Hall of Fame inducted its newest class on Oct. 7 prior to the football team’s trip to Western Carolina University. The Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes “those former athletes and coaches who, by outstanding athletic achievement and service, have made lasting and significant contributions to the cause of sports at Wofford College, the Spartanburg community, South Carolina and the nation.”

Eric Breitenstein is the college’s all-time leading rusher and was the SoCon Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. In his three-time All-American, he finished third in the voting for the Walter Payton Award. Breitenstein went on to earn his M.Ed. from Arizona State University and is now a science teacher at Osborne Middle School in Phoenix.

Mac Doyle played baseball’s career leader in hits, RBIs and total bases. He played catcher, outfield and designated hitter for the Terriers. He was named ABCA/Rawlings second team All-American in 2006. Doyle is an account manager with Sheely Electrical Wholesaler in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.

Brad Loesing led the team to the 2012 and 2011 NCAA Tournaments. In his senior season he played 1,265 minutes, the most in a single season in Wofford history. Loesing was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and named a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American. He now plays professional basketball in Germany.

Ameet Pall is third in college history in career sacks, fifth in tackles and was the 2010 SoCon Defensive Player of the Year. An American, he finished second in the voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, the highest ever for a Terrier. A native of Montreal, Quebec, he was drafted fifth overall in the 2012 Canadian Football League Draft.

Joe Edens and Stewart Johnson ’67 Edens has provided the largest single donation to Wofford athletics for over 20 years. His son, Michael Edens ’98, lettered in football at Wofford. The family created the Michael Edens Endowed Scholarship Fund and also contributed the lead gift to help establish the Mike Ayers Football Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Ayers’ 50th birthday. Johnson, who works in support of Wofford teams as much as possible, joined the board of trustees in 2012. He and his wife, Ann Cobb Johnson, provided the lead gift for the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village, and they established the Mike Young Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2011. The Johnson family is renowned philanthropic leadership to numerous Wofford projects, including helping establish the Terrier Ball Auction and Gala.

Shirley and Buddy Kirby The Kirbys have supported Wofford athletics for decades, putting the Terrier Club over the million-dollar goal for the first time in 2001. The same year the Kirbys established the James N. and Shirley T. Kirby Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Kirbys also expanded to an outstanding student-athlete who exemplifies the highest qualities of character and work ethic and who also has an interest in business and entrepreneurship.

by Brent Williamson

Wofford’s spring session.

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June 2-24, 2018

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Cost of land package is $3,290/person with double occupancy in 4-star hotel accommodations. Some meals and all tours and tips are included. Airfare may be made independently or arranged by Universal Travel in Spartanburg (864-576-4616); Contact Schmunk at 864-597-4599 (office), 864-585-0833 (home) or schmunkj@wofford.edu for more information.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert Daniel Utsey Sr., Sept. 24, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. Witherspoon attended Wofford and spent most of his career with 3M Co. After graduation for a New York Yankee’s Triple-A team. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at Wofford and spent most of his career with 3M Co.

1960

Thomas Lee Barrack, Aug. 27, 2017, Orangeburg, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran and member of Kappa Alpha Order, Barrack worked in sales for wholesale plywood (Champion International) for more than 30 years. He loved hunting, fishing, woodworking and spending time with family and friends.

1961

James Watts Hudsons, Sept. 20, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a communications officer onboard the USS Provo, Hudsons died after a long battle with ALS. He spent most of his career as an attorney with the Wade Law Firm and was an avid community volunteer.

1962

William Vaughn Wispersen Jr., Sept. 26, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. Witherspoon attended Wofford on baseball scholarship. He continued to pitch after graduation for a New York Yankee’s Triple-A team. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at Wofford and spent most of his career with 3M Co. as a national sales manager. After retirement, he and his golden retriever enjoyed serving the community as an therapy dog.

1963

Robert McNulty Mallin, Aug. 10, 2017, Greenville, S.C. S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was owner of The Ugly Biscuit and worked 32 years in sales at Siscon Truck. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for service in the Vietnam War.

1964

Robert Love Lowery Luster III, Aug. 26, 2017, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. A retired captain in the U.S. Navy, Lowery also served as a special investigator in the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). His work took him around the world.

1965

Redmond Preston Brown, May 5, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. While attending Wofford, Brown wanted to work for Draper Corp, where he remained for 47 years, eventually becoming its vice president. Draper has since merged with a member of the management group that bought the company in 1985. It was a Sunday school teacher at Southside Baptist Church.

1966

Dr. Cobia Dwight Goforth, July 24, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. A biologist, Goforth was president of Goforth Corp.

1967

Paul Hardin III, July 1, 2017, Chapel Hill, N.C. Hardin served as the eighth president of Wofford College from 1966 to 1974 before leaving to become president of Southwestern College in Kansas City. A history professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During a time of turbulence on college campuses, Hardin’s efforts to bring reforms to Wofford, including the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Alcoholic beverages were permitted in certain places on campus.

Dr. Edmund Schley Henry, Oct. 1, 2017, Troy, N.C. Henry joined the Wofford faculty in 1940 and served until his retirement in 1979. During his tenure he participated in SAT workshops for local high school students and coached the Wofford baseball team. A much-loved professor of English, Henry was considered a mentor to many, giving bright and interested students his books and inviting groups of English majors to his home for gourmet meals. His daughters, Shelley, Spence 75 and Kim Henry ’86, were among the first women to graduate from Wofford.

Dr. W. Raymond Leonard Sr., Oct. 17, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. Leonard joined the Wofford faculty in 1949 and later was named professor of biology and chair of the department of biology. He also served as Wofford College's first president’s reception in 1993. In 1973, 20 physicians he taught honored him with the presentation of the Leonard School of Biomedical Research Fund. In 1987, he was named the Kenan Professor of Biology. Leonard served as a member of the University of Chicago’s Board of Trustees and was a former board member of Wofford College. He was also a member of the Lake Hickory Rotary Club, where he had served as president for 16 years.

Dr. Larry Heam McCalla ’43, Oct. 10, 2017, Greenville, SC. A retired surgeon, McCalla was called to the community and Wofford College, sharing his time, talents and resources to make his corner of the world a brighter place. Among his contributions to the college, McCalla was instrumental in the $14 million bequest from the late Honozel Mickel Daniel; many contributions to the college, McCalla was instrumental in raising the stadium’s name to McCalla Stadium. He served as a member of the college’s Board of Trustees for 62 years, served on the Wofford Board of Trustees in 1973, and was elected to serve on Greenville County School Board, including two terms as chairman. Wofford conferred upon him an honorary degree in 1994. McCalla’s legacy will be a name change to McCalla Stadium.

Tocca Switz Switzer, Aug. 5, 2017, Union, S.C. A loving and beloved wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend who brought joy to all who knew her. Switzer shared that some affection with the students at Wofford College. She served on the college’s Board of Trustees from 1990-2002, helped establish an endowed scholarship after the death of her son, and was a part of the Wofford’s campus. Switzer Stadium was named in her family’s honor. She also was awarded to Union County, supporting numerous community organizations and Granite United Methodist Church, where she was a leader and Sunday school teacher for 40 years.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE WOFFORD-ABUWERN AUBURN GAMES, SEPT. 22, 1966

by Phillip Stone ’54

Taking part in the very first intercollegiate football game in South Carolina in December 1889, Wofford’s team had many memorable moments. The late 1940s and early 1950s, under legendary head coach Phil Dickens, have a good number of those highlights. Coming off a 21-0 victory in 1949, ending with a New Year’s Day’s Cigar Bowl in Tampa to Florida State, the 1950 Terriers were hopeful of another good season.

Members of the Eleven Club — the precursor to the Terrier Club — were perhaps a little less than enthusiastic as the schedule appeared. The first game was against Auburn University, a perennial powerhouse. On October 1, the Terriers traveled to Montgomery, Ala., for the game against the Tigers.

The game turned out to be a lot closer than anticipated. Auburn jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first touchdown. Then Wofford scored, finding the lead at 13-7. Auburn scored again, taking a 14-13 lead, but Wofford got the final score of the game with a 19-14 victory. They were aided by three Auburn fumbles, and a good punt return.

Auburn went on to a dismal season, losing all 10 games. Not surprisingly, their coach, Earl Brown, in his third season, stepped down as coach at the end of the season. Wofford lost to Stetson University the next week, then 13-0, with their first regular season loss since 1947.

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“Standing together in light”
Wofford College’s chapter of Amnesty International held a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims of the Las Vegas shooting on Oct. 4. “By standing together in light, we stand up against evil acts like this,” says Vera Oberg ’20, a psychology major from Spartanburg and events and communications coordinator for the chapter.

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