In October Maggie Royce ’22 attended College Fashion Week in New York City. The event, which spotlighted college fashion designers, featured the #realrunway, a movement of real college women of different races and body sizes modeling. Royce represented the college’s Launch entrepreneurship program through The Space in the Mungo Center and covered the event for the Old Gold and Black student newspaper. While in New York, she also had the opportunity to work on a Seventeen Magazine photo shoot. Royce is an English major with a concentration in film and media studies from Raleigh, N.C.
On Oct. 18, 2018 with the announcement of a new comprehensive campaign, Wofford College once again made history in its commitment to our mission of providing superior liberal arts education that prepares students for extraordinary and positive contributions to society. The focus of Wofford’s mission is upon fostering commitment to excellence in character, performance, leadership, service to others and lifelong learning, and by 2022 the college will raise $300 million toward that goal.

The good news is that through For Wofford: The Campaign for Wofford College, we already have secured $262 million in gifts and pledges, including the completion of the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. We also have added $32 million in new endowed scholarship funding.

This Wofford Today shares the four pillars of the Wofford experience that campaign funding will support:

• Student Opportunity in an Inclusive Community.
• Excellence in Academics.
• Distinctive Student Experiences.
• Our Historic Campus.

Read more about each and the way the Wofford community is already lending its support. Students are experiencing the benefits of new buildings and programs, faculty enrichment, curriculum enhancements and additional scholarships.

Over the next few years, we will ask you to consider how you can become a part of this exciting vision for Wofford College. Think about what you’re for. The success of our students and the positive impact they one day will have on our world depend on it.

For Wofford!

Nayef H. Samhat
11TH PRESIDENT OF WOFFORD COLLEGE
While studying abroad in Freiburg, Germany, during the fall semester, Josh Adams ’20, a government major with a minor in film and digital media from Easley, S.C., had the opportunity to hike the Swiss Alps. He proudly carried his Wofford flag with him everywhere he went.
ARANGO BECOMES NATURALIZED CITIZEN

Luz Arango has been making daily rounds as a member of the Wofford housekeeping staff for 13 years, but her walk these days is different. She now walks as an American. A native of Colombia, South America, Arango became a citizen during a Naturalization Oath Ceremony Sept. 21 at Cowpens National Battlefield.

Continued online.

WOFFORD COMMUNITY SHARES DAY OF SERVICE

The Alumni Association partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg for the college’s first Day of Service Sept. 22, 2018. Alumni, parents, students, staff and faculty — such as Dr. Jeremy Morris, assistant professor of biology, above — wore Wofford gear and joined the college community in service.

For more alumni events, visit wofford.edu/alumni.

STUDENTS GIVE RAPID RESEARCH ROUNDUP

Each September the Department of Biology hosts a Rapid Research Roundup, giving biology majors a chance to showcase the career-related activities they pursued over the summer. Student presenters described their projects and explained how they secured their summer work so others benefit from their example.

Continued online.

PARRISH RETURNS TO WOFFORD TO SECURE ACADEMIC GRANTS

Rebecca Raulerson Parrish ’99 has returned to Wofford as the college’s new grants specialist. She primarily will work with faculty to secure major grant funding for faculty and student research across disciplines. Parrish brings with her a wealth of nonprofit and grant-writing experience.

Continued online.
POWERS LAUNCHES DRONE BUSINESS THROUGH THE SPACE
Jeremy Powers ’21, a finance and computer science major from Spartanburg, has launched his own drone business with entrepreneurial guidance through The Space in the Mungo Center. Powers has clients across the Upstate area, including Wofford College. He and his drone took the cover photo for this Wofford Today.
Continued online.

WOFFORD ANNOUNCES 2018 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME
Michael Gilmartin ’18 (baseball), Alvin Scioneaux ’13 (football), Jared Singleton ’13 (football) and Howard Wilkerson ’06 (basketball) have been inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Charlie Jones ’73 was named Honorary Letterman, and the Rev. Talmage Skinner ’56 was given the distinguished service award posthumously.
Continued online.

SNAPSHOT STORY
The college’s nondiscrimination policy was one of the first things Brandon Molina ’22 from Clover, S.C., checked when he was considering Wofford. He wanted to ensure that the college community would be welcoming. On Oct. 11, he celebrated National Coming Out Day with friends, classmates and allies in his new role as vice president of LGBTerriers.
Continued online.
The grandchildren of Julie and Mike Ayers — Max, Amelia, Avery, Madison and Ezra (with the help of his dad Dr. Travis Ayers) — unveiled the bust of Mike Ayers at the new gateway field entrance to Gibbs Stadium. During the event held Oct. 27, the college named the field at Gibbs Stadium in Ayers’ honor. A number of generous donors made the Mike Ayers Field naming and dedication project possible. Others have continued to pay tribute to Ayers by contributing to the Mike Ayers Endowed Scholarship Fund. For more information about how you can contribute to the scholarship fund and honor Ayers, please contact the Department of Athletics at 864-597-4090 or visit wofford.edu/give.
Coach Mike Ayers


Ayers was the head coach of a Terrier team that was the epitome of success. He instilled intensity, character and pride while promoting the student-athlete model with graduation success rates exceeding 90 percent.
On Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, Wofford College announced the launch of the public phase of the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the history of the college, “For Wofford: The Campaign for Wofford College,” with a goal of raising $300 million by October 2022.

“The For Wofford campaign provides essential support for a strategic vision that promises to make Wofford College more relevant and important to the world than ever before, while also remaining true to the values that always have shaped Wofford and all of us who call it home,” President Nayef Samhat says.

The college already has raised $262 million toward the overall campaign goal. Among the campaign’s notable accomplishments are the new Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and more than $32 million for endowed scholarships.

“Each gift is important to the campaign,” says Dr. David Wood, senior vice president for advancement. “Together, we have the extraordinary opportunity to demonstrate that we are For Wofford by affirming the college’s place as a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college defined by excellence, engagement and transformation.”

Four essential pillars of the Wofford experience serve as the key priorities of the For Wofford comprehensive fundraising campaign:

**Excellence in Academics** focuses on attracting and supporting faculty who will engage, educate and mentor students and provide academic program support to enhance the liberal arts experience. Support in this area will:

+ Establish additional endowed professorships.
+ Fund faculty development opportunities, workshops, conferences and academic travel.
+ Provide research startup funding and teacher-scholar support.
+ Generate support for collaborative and interdisciplinary courses, new course development and other curricular enhancements.

Learn more about each of these funding priorities, watch the campaign video, and read donor and impact stories at wofford.edu/forwofford.
Student Opportunity in an Inclusive Community focuses on recruiting and retaining outstanding students and providing access to a superior liberal arts education through endowed scholarship funding. Support in this area will:
+ Expand academic merit scholarship awards.
+ Increase institutionally funded need-based grants.
+ Establish new artistic performance scholarships.
+ Increase athletics scholarship funding.

Distinctive Student Experiences focuses on supporting hands-on, experiential learning that occurs across fields, disciplines and programs designed to prepare superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars. Support in this area will:
+ Expand research, internship and study abroad opportunities for students.
+ Support leadership and professional development opportunities for students.
+ Enhance advising resources for students, including a professional health careers advising program.
+ Strengthen the college’s wellness and student development programs and resources.

Our Historic Campus focuses on improving the physical campus to create dynamic learning and living spaces that encourage discovery and collaboration. Support in this area will:
+ Create an academic commons as part of the renovation of the Sandor Teszler Library.
+ Replace Black Science Annex with a new science center.
+ Renovate and enhance various buildings and facilities, such as the Campus Life Building, Daniel Building and various athletics facilities.
+ Update residence halls, including technology offerings, furniture and recreational areas.
On the eve of the public launch of For Wofford: The Campaign for Wofford College, approximately 200 of the college’s most generous donors, students, faculty and staff gathered for a special event in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

President Nayef Samhat began the evening by welcoming guests to campus and thanking them for their generosity to the For Wofford campaign. Throughout the dinner, guests heard from students, faculty and alumni about their individual Wofford stories and how loyal supporters of Wofford College have impacted their experiences. Elena Helmers-Wegman ’19, an English and biology major from Cincinnati, Ohio, summed up her gratitude: “Not only am I grateful for the financial generosity that has allowed me a spot at the Wofford table, I am grateful for the person I have become, the opportunities I’ve had and the people who have shaped my way of thinking and my life.”

The night concluded with a viewing of the campaign video and an announcement from campaign chair Dr. Danny Morrison ’75 and campaign vice chair Chris Carpenter ’90. Just after announcing the For Wofford goal of $300 million, Morrison shared that the college already has secured $262 million. The announcement was greeted with thunderous applause as cheerleaders, the dance team and Boss led the crowd in the college’s fight song. The Goldtones, Wofford’s women’s a cappella group, closed the evening with a performance of the alma mater.
WHITE PAPER SUMMARY

In preparation for the launch of For Wofford, over the past year Wofford College published a series of six white papers touching on the importance of the liberal arts and Wofford College's role in preparing students for extraordinary and positive contributions to society. The white papers, penned by President Nayef Samhat, cover the following topics:

#1
The importance of a liberal arts education in general and Wofford specifically.

#2
The importance of the physical campus and creating an enriching campus environment.

#3
Access, affordability and the endowment.

#4
Enriching the curricular with the co-curricular and why a holistic educational experience is important.

#5
Affirming the faculty as central to excellence, innovation and the student experience.

#6
Joining Wofford College's mission and why that's important.

To read each of these white papers online, visit wofford.edu/supportwofford/resources.
WAYS TO MAKE A GIFT

Show that you are For Wofford and make a gift today. Every gift is a step toward the campaign goal. Here are a few simple ways to show your support:

+ Fill out and return the remittance envelope inside this issue of Wofford Today.
+ Visit wofford.edu/forwofford and click “Give” to give via our secure online giving form.
+ Call the Office of Advancement at 864-597-4200 to make your gift over the phone.
+ Mail a check made payable to Wofford College indicating the gift designation in the memo line to:

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Visit wofford.edu/forwofford to learn about other giving options, such as recurring gifts, matching gifts, estate gifts and more.
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COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU

Look for your invitation to the For Wofford nationwide campaign tour. The following locations are slated for stops in 2019 and 2020.

+ Atlanta, Ga.
+ Birmingham, Ala.
+ Boston, Mass.
+ Charleston, S.C.
+ Charlotte, N.C.
+ Chicago, Ill.
+ Columbia, S.C.
+ Florence, S.C.
+ Greenville, S.C.
+ Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas
+ Hilton Head Island, S.C.
+ Houston, Texas
+ Jacksonville, Fla.
+ Los Angeles, Calif.
+ Myrtle Beach, S.C.
+ New York, N.Y.
+ Raleigh-Durham, N.C.
+ Richmond, Va.
+ Washington, D.C.
+ Winston-Salem, N.C.

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITY IN AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

PILLAR ONE
Inspiration can arrive at unexpected moments.

Wofford’s new Between the Tolls Endowed Scholarship Fund is a prime example.

When Hampton and Harriet McFadden, who live in Birmingham, Ala., dropped off their daughter, Kendrick ’21, for her first year at Wofford in September 2017, they were in the audience for the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson’s welcoming speech on the lawn in front of Main Building.

“He made the point that Wofford would ring the bells for each student when they arrived on campus, when they graduated and hopefully much later when they died,” Hampton McFadden says. “Then he said, ‘What matters is what you do between the tolls.’ I’ve heard a lot of speeches over the years, but that absolutely went right to my core.”

The McFaddens’ Between the Tolls Scholarship Fund is the result.

“We want to support the college in as broad a way as possible,” he says. “In charitable giving, you can affect the needs right in front of you and those of the long term. Harriet and I support a number of students in inner-city Birmingham. Their needs are immediate and serious, and you want to do everything you can to help. At the same time, there are some long-term needs out there. You make sure you support institutions so they can be sustainable and meet the problems you don’t even know are coming.”

The McFaddens are still working on the fine points of the scholarship fund and how its monies will be awarded.

“We think what you want to do is support the school and give the school as much flexibility as you can with that,” he says. “We haven’t fully fleshed out the parameters of what we want to do, but our assumption is that you give the money to good people to do their jobs.”

McFadden says he and his wife are dedicated to the idea of supporting Wofford, the college their daughter chose to attend.

“We’re working with her on this because she will be a big part of it going forward,” he says. “Fifty years from now, our daughter will be talking to a Wofford student who is getting support from this.

“It’s clear to us that Wofford is on the move, on the upswing. It has a great energy about it. It’s a great place to study and learn and one that’s building for the future. It’s an easy decision to get behind something that is already great and is building toward even greater things.”

And those bells? It’s a tradition Robinson established when he arrived at Wofford 16 years ago.

“I look for symbols and traditions that people can hold onto,” says Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion. “The bells kind of tie everything together. It works for a lot of people. A student told me that when he came by Wofford for a tour that one of the student guides mentioned it to him and that was the reason he wanted to come here.”

On All Saints Day as the college bell tolls, the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson ’78 reads the names of members of the Wofford family who have died during the past year.
Rhett Billings ’20 was introduced to the Citizen Scholars program as a sixth grader.

Ten years later, he’s on target to be part of the Wofford Class of 2020 with a mathematics degree, and he’s looking toward a future he probably couldn’t have envisioned as a 12-year-old.

Billings and dozens of other students have received great benefits — both financially and through relationships with mentors and fellow students — from the Citizen Scholars program, one that Wofford is re-emphasizing with new scholarship funding.

The Citizen Scholars Institute is a program of The Spartanburg County Foundation. The program identifies and works with at-risk sixth- through 12th-grade students to help them prepare for the college selection and application process.

Wofford has enhanced its commitment to the program by offering $20,000 a year in scholarship money — $80,000 over a student’s four years at the college — to Citizen Scholars who qualify as Life Scholarship recipients through the South Carolina Lottery Scholarship Fund. Citizen Scholars who qualify as Palmetto Fellow Scholarship recipients will receive $25,000 per academic year — $100,000 over four years — from Wofford.

Each Citizen Scholar is assigned one or more mentors to assist them in preparing for college. In many cases, these mentors, some of whom are Wofford students, become lifelong friends with the scholars.

“The mentoring and the friendship were the most important part for me,” says Billings, a graduate of Woodruff High School in Spartanburg County. “That gave me a whole group of new and different experiences. They really put in the time for me.”

Chris and Kristie Henderson, a husband and wife, were Billings’ volunteer mentors.

“I got so much from the program,” Billings says. “We met at the library. We had summer camp programs. We talked about different issues as far as social issues and financial issues about college — how to balance money and work, things like that. It all was really helpful.”

Over the past four years, Wofford has committed more than $1 million in scholarships for first-generation students, guaranteeing 20 such students scholarships valued at $25,000 each year for each entering class.

Nearly 15 percent of Wofford’s students are the first in their families to attend college, President Nayef Samhat says. “The addition of these scholarship dollars for new Citizen Scholars illustrates Wofford’s continued commitment to providing transformative educational experiences that are both accessible and affordable. First-generation college students change their families, and they make their communities better places in which to live and raise families.”

Brand Stille ’86, vice president for enrollment at Wofford, stresses that the goals of the Citizen Scholars program and Wofford run parallel.

“Among Wofford’s goals is to enroll more first-generation students — those who are the first in their families to attend college — and that approach aligns perfectly with the Citizen Scholars program,” he says.

Ashley Cox ’19 was accepted for Wofford admission after being involved in Citizen Scholars starting at the end of her fifth-grade year.

“The former director of the program really pushed me to go to Wofford because she knew that I could
accomplish anything I put hard work into,” Cox says. “When I received my acceptance letter, I was so overjoyed that I called my mentor, Monte Remaley, and the director, Jocelle Allen, to tell them.

“The moment was so memorable because I did not think I would have the financial capabilities to even attend Wofford. To at least have the acceptance letter, it allowed the ball to be in my court, and I ran with it.”

Cox has worked with high school students in support of Citizen Scholars, stressing the importance of first impressions and preparation for college studies.

Bradleigh Mills ’22 says participation in Citizen Scholars influenced both her college choice and her approach to her high school years.

“I participated in enrichment activities and seminars that prepared me for professional and academic settings,” she says. “The life lessons I learned are ones that I continue to cherish. The opportunities that I have received just from having a connection to the program are exceptional.”

“THE MENTORING AND THE FRIENDSHIP WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART FOR ME.” RHETT BILLINGS ’20

Spartanburg County’s seven school districts select Citizen Scholar candidates each year. The new scholarship money will have direct impact on many students who decide to attend Wofford.

“This scholarship opportunity is life-changing for Citizen Scholars throughout Spartanburg County and equalizes educational opportunities for students who show perseverance and the academic abilities to succeed,” says Gloria Close, executive director of the Citizen Scholars Institute. “The Citizen Scholars Institute and The Spartanburg County Foundation are grateful for strong partnerships and community support, and we recognize that the accomplishments of this program could not be possible without such support. These significant scholarships fuel our efforts and benefit not only students but Spartanburg County as a whole.”
CASCADE OF GRANTS LEADS TO NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE FOR TWO PROFESSORS

What began seven years ago with one grant now has grown into a “cascade of grants” and an equally cascading series of national and international presentations for two Wofford faculty members, Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones, associate professor of religion, and the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion.

In 2011, Wofford and Elon University jointly received a $200,000 grant from the Teagle Foundation titled “Using Assessment Evidence to Improve Programs and Promote Shared Responsibility for Mission-Based Outcomes.” Jones and Robinson engaged with a faculty-staff team from Elon as well as consultants from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC). Dr. Ellen Goldey, former professor of biology, wrote the grant proposal and was the principal investigator.

A major focus of the project was to examine Wofford’s “curricular potential in the field of interfaith studies, our co-curricular ethos and campus climate with regard to religious diversity and pluralism, and the general campus mood with regard to intentional movement and growth in this burgeoning field,” Jones says.

“Whether you call it interfaith, religious studies, multifaith or pluralism — each word fits a different context — it all has to do with how people who orient around religion differently can live together productively in a civic space,” Jones explains.

Robinson says gauging the religious climate on college campuses has been difficult not only because there are people who have religious commitments that conflict with others, “but there is an increase in the number of students who identify as spiritual but not religious, which often means ‘I’m leaving’ — or perhaps they have left behind institutionalized religion, but still have beliefs in God or some other power, and they have important questions about meaning.”

Students in the interfaith engagement and religious pluralism class discuss the recent Pittsburgh synagogue mass shooting.

Wofford already had laid some groundwork, participating in 2004 in grant-funded research by the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute on “The Spiritual Life of College Students.” The attitude of Wofford students about their spiritual lives was measured as a distinctive cohort, then compared with students at national liberal arts colleges and with all students nationally.

The question was, “How can you actually improve your teaching using this information,” Jones says.

The Teagle grant helped answer that question, creating an assessment tool, “The Pluralism and Worldview Engagement Rubric,” which was highlighted in The Journal of College and Character.

“IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH HOW PEOPLE WHO ORIENT AROUND RELIGION DIFFERENTLY CAN LIVE TOGETHER PRODUCTIVELY IN A CIVIC SPACE.” DR. KATHERINE JANIEC JONES

By Laura H. Corbin
The development of this new tool made Jones and Robinson much-sought-after experts in measuring the immeasurable around the country and beyond, making dozens of presentations and writing articles and book chapters about it. “We are disseminating the fruit of the seeds that were planted by the Teagle grant across many sectors of higher education,” Jones says.

According to Robinson, the rubric is being used at about 100 colleges and universities. A Ph.D. dissertation was done at the University of Southern California on it, and Jones and Robinson both go places to speak about it.

Robinson’s most recent presentation, “The Positive Engagement of Religious Difference,” was in November to the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Toronto, Canada. Next year, Jones will be a plenary speaker for the national conference of Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVue), and she is an invited participant for a conference at Harvard University, “A Convening on the Case Method,” hosted by The Pluralism Project and funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

Robinson also co-authored a chapter, “Practical Divinity: Pluralism in a Liberal Arts Community,” based on the rubric, in a book, “Peacemaking and the Prophetic Voice,” with then-Wofford student Erin Simmonds ’15. “She’s now gone on to Ph.D. studies at the University of Chicago. This ties to the student experience as Erin was able to do research as well,” says Robinson, who also now is called on by chaplains at other institutions trying to address the issue of pluralism on their campuses. “One of the cool things about this grant was that it involved both curricular and co-curricular components, and we’re really evaluating the student experience,” he says. “Interfaith is an emerging field of study by itself.”

The success of the Teagle grant, in turn, led to other funding opportunities that benefit Wofford. One from the CIC/NetVue funded the research for Jones’ chapter in the book “Hearing Vocation Differently: Meaning, Purpose and Identity in the Multi-Faith Academy,” to be released in December. Her chapter is titled “Reviving Sheila: Listening to the Call of Multiple Religious Belonging.”

Wofford also is participating in the IDEALS Survey, funded by the Mellon Foundation and the Luce Foundation, to research the Wofford Class of 2019, following the students’ religious and spiritual lives from their first year through graduation. “Wofford was one of the first four institutions to pilot this survey that’s now being run at 120 institutions,” Robinson says.

“Higher education needed a credible way of dealing with this area because assessing religion is a tough thing,” he adds. “Before our work, nobody had done anything like it. It was just too tough a question to tackle. It’s hard to do it well without being narrowly sectarian, but I think our research has helped us discover ways of doing it.”

The grants, presentations and publications that have come from the Teagle Foundation Grant:

One result of Wofford’s participation in a $200,000 Teagle Foundation grant was the creation of a tool to assess interfaith engagement and religious pluralism; in turn, this work led to national and international attention for Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones and the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson. Here are some examples of presentations, publications and other grants Wofford received or in which the college is participating:

+ “A Wesleyan Theology of Interfaith Engagements,” American University, Washington, D.C. – Robinson, keynote address
+ “Assessing Interfaith Development Using the Pluralism and Worldview Engagement Rubric: A Case Study” publication – cites Jones’ and Robinson’s work
+ “Experiences of Interfaith Cooperation on a United Methodist Liberal Arts Campus,” Called to Be Neighbors: Interfaith Cooperation on United Methodist Campuses Conference, Oklahoma City University - Robinson, keynote address
+ “Pedagogies of Interfaith/Interreligious Studies” working paper, from research study for Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion and IFYC – Jones, co-author with Cassie Meyer
+ “Pluralism and Global Citizenship: Peacemaking in Higher Education and the Public Sphere,” International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education Global Conference, LaTrobe University, Bendigo, Australia – Robinson
FROM THEORY TO ENGAGEMENT

Students in the college’s Interfaith Engagement and Religious Pluralism course, taught this semester by Dr. Katherine Janice Jones, associate provost and professor of religion, and the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplin and Professor of Religion, spent a long weekend in Washington, D.C., visiting a variety of religious, governmental and organizational leaders.

“We wanted to focus not only on the theory that goes with all the research and outcomes, but we wanted to actually try to go out and work with engagement,” Jones says.

The group visited the Methodist Building; the Capitol Building, where they attended Friday jumah prayers; the UN Foundation; the Berkley Center; the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; and the Washington National Cathedral. “A few of us also attended a hip-hop performance with an international cast of dancers, all of whom are Muslim,” Jones says.

Peter Coombs ’20 says he’s had “an exceptional experience in the class. I have learned about the history of religious pluralism and engagement as well as the current issues that arise with the subject today. This has been the most eye-opening part for me, as studying ancient cities where pluralism was prevalent can thoroughly relate to and counter some aspects of today’s culture.”

Coombs, who is from Toronto, Canada, says the Washington trip allowed him to expand his research and interest in the topics of pluralism and interfaith engagement. “Understanding the history and interactions between differing religions and cultures is very beneficial for the future of university students.”

Whether students are religion majors or not, and whether they plan to go to seminary or into another field, studying these issues will help them wherever they go, Robinson says. “If you’re in the health care field, for example, you need to know how to deal with people of different religious backgrounds. These are not ethical decisions, but day-to-day ways of relating to people,” he adds, recalling the first time a Hindu student’s parent died and he wasn’t sure how to respond appropriately and found no help from the hospital chaplain.

“I just realized what a need there is to know these things,” he says. “This emerging field of interfaith and religious pluralism focuses not only on the acquisition of a certain type of religious literacy, but also on skills — skills for engagement.”

+ “Reviving Sheila: Listening to the Call of Multiple Religious Belonging,” chapter in “Hearing Vocation Differently: Meaning, Purpose and Identity in the Multi-Faith Academy” – Jones (publication due December 2018)
+ “The Spiritual Life of College Students: A National Study of College Students’ Search for Meaning and Purpose,” UCLA Higher Education Research Institute – Wofford participated in grant-funded research
+ “Using the Pluralism and Worldview Rubric to Engage Important Conversations in Higher Education,” Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. – Robinson
+ American Academy of Religion/Luce Foundation Fellow – Jones
+ Association of American Colleges and Universities national conventions (2) – Jones and Robinson
+ Association of American Colleges and Universities and Interfaith Youth Core summer institute, funded by Arthur Vining Davis Foundations – Jones
+ Bringing Theory to Practice grant, “Civic Engagement as Whole-Student Development: Identity Formation as a Prelude to Flourishing” – Jones and Robinson, along with Dr. Christine S. Dinkins, William R. Kenan Jr. professor of philosophy and Dr. Anne B. Rodrick, professor of history
+ Council of Independent Colleges and Network of Vocation in Undergraduate Education funded research – Jones
+ Council of Independent Colleges and Interfaith Youth Core interdisciplinary faculty development interfaith seminar – Jones
+ Council of Independent Colleges and Network of Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVue) national conference – Jones, plenary speaker in 2019
+ Dean’s Autumn Craft of Teaching Seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School – Jones
+ Harvard University conference, “A Convening on the Case Method,” hosted by The Pluralism Project, funded by the Wabash Center – Jones, invited to participate in 2019
+ IDEALS Survey, Mellon Foundation and Luce Foundation – Wofford participating in grant-funded survey
+ Interfaith Youth Core and Of Many Institute for Multifaith Leadership workshop, New York University – Jones and Robinson
+ National Association of College and University Chaplains conference, Yale University, “Assessing Religious and Spiritual Climate on College Campuses: Tools and Trends” – Robinson
+ Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion and IFYC – Jones led and presented findings at a symposium and co-wrote a working paper
DISTINCTIVE STUDENT EXPERIENCES

PILLAR THREE
Entrepreneurs generate and water ideas. They take chances, address the world’s needs and, along the way, expand their foundation of knowledge and their web of associates.

At Wofford, the entrepreneurial spirit is nurtured at The Space at the Mungo Center, and The Space’s efforts are fueled by donors who believe in the power of the individual and the potential of new and original ideas.

Successful businessmen and Wofford graduates John Bauknight ‘89 and Nick Wildrick ‘90 started an endowed fund at Wofford over 10 years ago. The two started the fund as an athletics scholarship but recently switched half in support of The Space, in large part because they wanted to embrace entrepreneurial efforts both at Wofford and in the Spartanburg area.

Bauknight and Wildrick have started several successful businesses, including a document-shredding firm.

“You hear about great ideas, and then you hear about ideas that you think aren’t so great, and they wind up working well,” Bauknight says. “When we started the shredding business, a lot of people said, ‘You do what?’”

Bauknight says he and Wildrick hope to boost the potential of both individual students and the college in general. Their endowment also will be used to provide seed money for student entrepreneurs offered through the Terrier StartUp Challenge.

“For me, this is about getting more involved with the students, whether it’s mentoring or guidance,” says Bauknight. “It’s a bit like a disease. I just love startups. And being involved on the steering committee for the new comprehensive campaign (For Wofford: The Campaign for Wofford College), it makes you appreciate the need for the dollars. It’s hard now for liberal arts colleges. We want Wofford to be here for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all those to come.”

Charlotte businessman Chris Halligan also has been a major supporter of Wofford and the Launch program, which undergirds entrepreneurial efforts at the college. In addition to financial support, Halligan has shared his time, knowledge and network of associates with Wofford student entrepreneurs. His ties have helped Wofford students develop their ideas much more quickly.

The Space offers the support, structure and resources for students who seek to make their entrepreneurial ideas flourish. Included in The Space program are business advising, connections to local and regional resources, visits with successful entrepreneurs (including Wofford alumni) and advice from peers and mentors.
Wofford College has joined the TED family, and Wofford students led the way.

Chandler Compton ’20, who organized Wofford’s first TEDx event, says the idea sprang from one of his classes. Dr. Dawn McQuiston, associate professor of psychology, showed a TED Talk video about parental discipline, and Compton says the class discussion that followed inspired him to explore the possibility of having a TEDx session on campus.

“All these people in class started sharing their experiences about childhood and family and their views on these things,” says Compton, an English and international affairs major from Cedar Grove, N.C. “It took up the whole class session. It was really cool for me to see not only a range of experiences that were much different from my own but also how it encouraged a lot of people who rarely speak out in class to share their experience.”

Compton researched TED and moved through the process of being approved by the TED organization. In collaboration with McQuiston, he put together a plan to bring TED to the campus and recruit a team of 30 students to work on logistics, licensing, speaker selection and publicity.

TEDx Wofford was held on Oct. 25 to a packed theater in the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. The program was livestreamed as well. The theme was “Bridging the Gap.”

“We decided to keep it as interdisciplinary as possible,” Compton says. “We wanted it to focus on the difference between how we perceive things and how they really are.”

Intercultural studies major Nneka Mogbo ’20 from Douglasville, Ga., was a member of the TEDx curation team, which worked with the event’s speakers to guide them through the development of their presentations.

“When we were selecting our speakers, we wanted the lineup to reflect the different communities within the Wofford family — students, faculty, staff and alumni,” she says. “We were successful in finding members from the different communities.
“TEDx is an important platform that highlights ideas we should keep in mind as we move forward as Terriers and members of local, national and international communities. Wofford is part of a larger macrocosm. We cannot move forward as an institution without acknowledging how and what factors of the larger population or history affect us. Our theme is meant to acknowledge that gap between what we know, believe to be true and reality.”

TEDx speakers are limited to 18 minutes, although many talks are much shorter. Some of the most successful, Compton says, last only three or four minutes.

“Our overall goal is to try to stimulate an environment at Wofford in which people are willing to learn about things that maybe they don’t exactly understand,” he says.

McQuiston, whose class session sparked Compton’s interest in TED, says TED videos are valuable as class tools.

“I like to show talks on provocative or controversial topics that get students thinking,” she says. “It can be great for starting discussion. That one class experience evidently spoke to Chandler. He has done a fantastic job — a student who took a big idea and ran with it.”

Wofford TEDx speakers were Fred Johnson ’85, a retired U.S. Army colonel; Melissa-Anne Cunningham-Sereque ’00, the president of a career development service; Dr. John Miles, associate professor of English; Megan Dempsey ’20, a psychology major from Travelers Rest, S.C., and Brazil; Will Rutherford ’07, a designer and operator of escape room attractions in Greenville, S.C., and Dr. Ramon Galinanes, director of the Bonner Scholars Program.

Dempsey began the evening by talking about her status as what she called a “third-culture kid.” She was born in South Carolina, but her family moved to Brazil when she was 6 months old, so, as she put it, “I exist between cultures. I belong everywhere and nowhere.” She advised the audience to travel, to “eat the food” from different cultures and to read and ask questions about other cultures and examine why they are unique.

Johnson, who served 29 years in the U.S. Army, ended the program by talking about his experiences in what he called his “fifth war.” He served in Middle Eastern conflicts on four tours but said he traveled his toughest road trying to recover from PTSD and dealing with the conflicts that produced. He now is active in volunteer work both inside and outside the military community.

TED talks began in 1984 as a way to spread information and ideas about technology, entertainment and design. The TED conference has been held annually since 1990, and its reach has broadened to include talks on a wide variety of topics. Many TED talks have become viral sensations.
THE LEGACY FOR OUR HISTORIC CAMPUS

According to Wofford College archivist Dr. Phillip Stone ’94, if you stand in front of Main Building and look around you at the physical campus, you can see the layers of the college’s history. “The footprint has expanded and evolved, but the core remains the same,” says Stone. “From this vantage point you can see multiple generations of Wofford milestones marked by the 11 presidents who served the college.”

WIGHTMAN 1854-1859
+ 1854: Carlisle-Wallace House — Current home to the college’s dean of students, the Carlisle-Wallace House was the original home of President James H. Carlisle. Historian and scholar David Duncan Wallace also lived in the home for more than 40 years.
+ 1854: DuPre Administration Building — Originally built as a faculty home, its first occupant was Warren DuPre.

SHIPP 1859-1875
+ 1854: Hugh R. Black House — First occupied by professor David Duncan, the house became the college’s infirmary during World War II.
+ 1854: Main Building
+ 1854: Snyder House

CARLISLE 1875-1902
+ 1888: Hugh S. Black Building — Early alumni of the college pledged $10,000 to build a four-story dormitory, a portion of which still stands on the campus. It now houses the offices of Admission and Financial Aid.

WILLIAM MAY WIGHTMAN (1854-1859)
A minister, professor, newspaper editor and the college’s first true fundraiser, Wightman was a close friend of Benjamin Wofford. He was instrumental in securing a substantial pledge from the Methodist Church for tuition of candidates for the ministry and for ministerial education. The president traveled the state to raise money for the college’s endowment. Wightman left Wofford in 1859 to become chancellor of Southern University in Greensboro, Ala.

ALBERT MICAJAH SHIPP (1859-1875)
Shipp was a Methodist minister and historian of Methodism. “Shipp’s major challenge during his presidency was keeping the college open during and after the Civil War,” says Stone. Shipp’s tenure saw no major building projects, but fraternities were founded, and the first baseball games were played. Shipp left the post in 1875 to teach theology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

JAMES HENRY CARLISLE (1875-1902)
A South Carolina native, Carlisle took the post of mathematics professor at Wofford and lived on campus for 50 years in what is now known as the Carlisle-Wallace House, declining to move into the President’s Home when he was elected president in 1875.
Henry Nelson Snyder (1902-1942)
Snyder came to Wofford in 1890 to teach English and German and became the college’s fourth president in 1902. He worked diligently to raise money to improve the college’s current buildings and saw the successful installation of Phi Beta Kappa on campus in 1941. Toward the end of his tenure, the college planned its first development campaign, but World War II postponed the effort.

Walter Kirkland Greene (1942-1951)
The only alumnus to serve as president of the college, Greene ’03 became president of the college in 1942. He navigated Wofford through World War II and following the war announced the college’s postwar plan, “The Wofford of To-Morrow,” to improve the college’s facilities and increase the endowment with a goal of $1.5 million.

Francis Pendleton Gaines (1952-1957)
Gaines joined Wofford as president in 1952 at the age of 34, the youngest person to ever serve in the post. “Gaines laid the groundwork for the expansions of the early 1960s,” says Stone. “The college started construction on a residence hall and cafeteria before he departed in 1957, but it was his work in development and increasing annual giving that was most notable during his tenure.”

Charles Franklin Marsh (1958-1968)
Marsh left the economics faculty at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., to become president in 1958. His major achievements included successfully leading the college through voluntary desegregation as well as specifically focusing on the college’s physical plant, including a new science building, a major renovation to Main Building and two residence halls to accommodate the college’s growth to about 1,000 students.
Paul Hardin III
(1968-1972)

Hardin was elected the eighth president of the college following service on the faculty at Duke University Law School. Under Hardin’s watch, the college’s student body became more active, including the creation of a new Campus Union, judicial system and code of conduct. Hardin and the trustees voted to allow alcohol to be consumed by persons of legal age on campus. Hardin left to become president of Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Joab Mauldin Lesesne Jr.
(1972-2000)

Lesesne came to Wofford in 1964 as assistant professor of history. Before becoming president, he also served as the first coordinator of Interim, assistant dean and director of development. While president, Lesesne successfully navigated coeducation and oversaw a number of building projects as well as a master plan in 1987 that yielded a $5.5 million grant for a technology building from the Franklin W. Olin Foundation.

Benjamin Bernard Dunlap
(2000-2013)

Dunlap joined the college in 1993 as the Chapman Family Professor in the Humanities. His tenure was marked by a commitment to the academic fields of literature, Asian studies, film history and criticism, fiction writing and the arts. The construction during his tenure of The Village and the Michael S. Brown Village Center continue to serve as differentiators for the college.

Nayef H. Samhat
(2013-present)

Since taking office, Samhat has led the college through a strategic visioning process, major construction projects, the re-evaluation of the general education curriculum, an assessment of and recommitment to diversity and inclusion initiatives on campus, SACSCOC reaccreditation, new marketing and branding initiatives, the start of the comprehensive campaign and dozens of other plans, programs and grants designed to build community, boost sustainability, champion the liberal arts and enhance the educational experience for students.
PRE-LAW PROGRAM PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR LEGAL CAREERS

As a first-generation college student Emily Ledford ’19 set her sights on law school even before she enrolled at Wofford. Now after four years of preparation and support from faculty, peers and alumni, she’s ready to take the next step toward a career in the law.

“At Wofford people are in your corner,” says the government and psychology double major from Lyman, S.C. “My professors know me and know my story, and they’ve been supportive every step of the way.”

That support includes comprehensive programming through the Edward K. Hardin Pre-Law Society and the college’s pre-law program: special events, speakers and panels, LSAT practice tests, course advising, professional development and school application guidance and alumni networking opportunities.

“The program gives students insight into the profession as well as the skills needed to make them better law school applicants,” says Creighton Knight ’19, president of the Edward K. Hardin Pre-Law Society and a finance and international affairs double major from Gainesville, Ga. The program is inclusive and comprehensive, which, according to Knight, makes it successful and has helped build Wofford’s reputation for producing attorneys and judges.
Dr. John Fort, who has worked with the program since 2002, is the resident attorney. His background is in economics. He maintains relationships with law schools and stays current when it comes to the law school application process.

According to Alvis, during the 2017-18 academic year 30 Wofford students interested in careers in the law attended an event hosted by the University of South Carolina School of Law. More than 50 Wofford alumni who are working in the legal field attended along with admission representatives and faculty.

“Our students were very efficient in making connections in the Wofford legal network,” says Alvis. “Many alumni remain in touch and help our students find legal jobs, fellowships and clerkships.”

Don Wildman ’71, a partner in the Johnson Smith Hibbard and Wildman law firm in Spartanburg, has been active in the support of Wofford’s pre-law program since shortly after he started practicing law in 1974.

“I became involved because they asked me to,” says Wildman. “I was spending 60 to 70 hours a week practicing law and learning how to practice law better, but you make time for what’s important to you.”

Now each January, Wildman and his firm bring in Wofford students through the Pre-Law Interim. The firm also hires runners from Wofford.

Mayleng Streett Watson ’98, who has enjoyed a successful private practice with McGuireWoods in Charlotte, N.C., was one of Wildman’s student interns.

“She was one of ours, and we still stay in touch,” says Wildman. “John Fort and the others working with pre-law students at Wofford have always done a good job pairing students with local firms.”

Wildman says he enjoys working with Wofford students, recommending readings, exposing them to court, assigning relevant tasks and sitting across the desk from them to learn more about their motivations for pursuing a career in the law.

“We’ve had really good people from Wofford come through our office, people who have gone on to wonderful legal careers,” he says.

Ledford worked with David White ’77 and his partner David Sereque over Interim. She had several important takeaways.

“I learned a lot about being an adult and what it takes to do things like purchase a home, get a mortgage or transfer a deed. It was intriguing to watch them help individuals start a new chapter of their lives, and I know that I will be more capable of understanding the ‘adult stuff’ when it comes time for me to do these things as well,” says Ledford. Ledford says she learned that real estate law is not the field for her, but White and Sereque have offered to write letters of recommendation for law school and other internship opportunities. “They made me feel like they really enjoyed mentoring me as much as I enjoyed being mentored during that time.”
Hugh DuBose ’04
SERVING AND LEARNING WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE

When Hugh DuBose ’04 arrived at Wofford, he found himself challenged. “The academic environment created a solid foundation for a legal career,” he says. “The atmosphere is competitive; both professors and students are pushing you to do better.”

After Wofford, DuBose went to the University of South Carolina School of Law and then clerked for the Hon. Garrison Hill ’86 before joining the U.S. Air Force as a Judge Advocate General Corps officer. “Joining the Air Force was a great decision. The Air Force has a broad mission that impacts many different areas of law,” says DuBose. “Very early in my career I had the opportunity to work on a diverse range of legal issues and try my own cases.”

With the Air Force, DuBose has lived abroad in South Korea and Germany and has held short-term assignments in the United Kingdom and Japan. “I have been lucky that the Air Force has provided me the opportunity to work with great people from around the U.S. and the world,” he says. “My experiences traveling with Wofford pushed me to seek out overseas assignments.”

Now DuBose and his wife, Erin, live in Chicago, Ill. He is an activated reservist serving at Scott Air Force Base.

James A. Jones ’94
PAYING IT FORWARD IN THE COURTROOM AND COMMUNITY

As assistant chief counsel for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement, James A. Jones ’94 spends much of his days making tough decisions and praying. “We have one of the most aggressive case-loads in the country,” says Jones, who is in federal court in Charlotte, N.C., three to four days each week, working on up to 50 cases. “Given the restraints that come with the job, we’re trying to use the tools that we have to make the best decisions we can make.”

It’s a high-stress job, but Jones feels grounded in his support network of childhood mentors and Omega Psi Phi brothers. His first order of the day is a 6:30 a.m. prayer call with the fraternity. Jones followed his mentor James Cheek ’73 to Wofford and into the fraternity, then on to law school. Now Jones and his family are back in Spartanburg building a better community for everyone. He supports a scholarship for a Wofford student as well as projects to address challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence, disaster relief and public health. He volunteers with several mentoring programs and always is willing to talk with Wofford students about careers in the law.

“I encourage students to tap into the network of alumni who are practicing law,” says Jones, who advises students to take as many classes as possible that require writing. He also recommends philosophy classes to build critical thinking skills, even film or theatre or art classes to boost creative problem-solving. “We are all a part of the same Wofford family, and Wofford alumni love to see students come along and do well.”

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At the fifth annual Black Alumni Summit, James Jones ’94, right, enjoyed spending time with fellow Omega Psi Phi brothers and attorneys Milton Kimpson ’83, left, attorney general counsel of the litigation section for the South Carolina Department of Revenue, and James Cheek ’73, a Spartanburg attorney and Jones’ childhood mentor.
Roxana Opris Sullivan ’05
PROSECUTING COUNTERFEITERS AND PROTECTING TRADEMARKS

When Roxana Opris Sullivan ’05 arrives at the office each morning in Zug, Switzerland, she has emails waiting on her from Asia. She works with European attorneys during the day, then by late afternoon she’s communicating with lawyers in the United States. As intellectual property counsel for MCM, a German company that makes high-end handbags and other fashion accessories, Sullivan spends about 75 percent of her time in anti-counterfeiting work and the remainder protecting the brand’s trademarks and designs.

“I manage the global IP portfolio — design patents, trademarks, logos, etc. We have offices in New York, Seoul, Hong Kong, Berlin, Zurich and Milan,” says Sullivan. In addition to protecting her company’s own brand, she also works collaboratively with other brands. “I recently worked on some agreements with third parties for a Nordstrom pop-in in the U.S. leading up to Black Friday and Christmas.”

Sullivan became interested in intellectual property law when she was in law school. After graduation she worked with a boutique law firm in Dallas doing prosecution, litigation and trademark filing. She continued trademark prosecution when she moved to Chicago and worked for a law firm representing Fortune 100 global companies.

“There’s a lot of strategy involved when you go after counterfeiters,” she says. “It used to be that the fake bags were on the streets. Now many of those transactions have moved online with direct sales to consumers. This makes them harder for brand owners to investigate and makes it tougher for customs officials to stop fakes at the border.”

Sullivan says her Wofford experience helped her and her husband, Jeff Sullivan ’05, decide to live and work abroad when he was offered a job with Credit Swiss. He is now with a private asset management firm that handles clients from the U.S.

“I can’t believe we’ve lived here for three years,” says Sullivan. “It was a big step for us, but it gives us so many opportunities to travel.”

Sullivan says she also has lots of opportunities to use her Spanish, and she’s also reviving her journalism training as a former Old Gold and Black editor by editing a new IP corporate newsletter.

“My biggest piece of advice for current Wofford students is to not be afraid of the unknown. Take chances. Make that uncomfortable move. And don’t be afraid of setbacks,” says Sullivan. “I’ve learned over the years that life is sometimes unpredictable and that careers are often not linear. However, if you make that strategic move and make the uncomfortable choice, the results can be pleasantly surprising.”
Vivian Sox Warner ’10
FINDING UNIVERSAL VALUE IN
THE LIBERAL ARTS AND THE LAW

Although Vivian Sox Warner ’10 does not practice law in Iceland, she certainly is using the skills she learned at Wofford College and in law school.

Warner was clerking for the Hon. Kristi Harrington, now retired, following law school when she met and married her husband, Robert, who works as an engineer for the U.S. Navy. When his job took him to Iceland, she also found work with the U.S. Embassy Reykjavik as the community liaison officer.

“I advised embassy management and the ambassador, helped Foreign Service employees and their families make the transition to living and working in Iceland and was the morale officer and event planner,” says Warner. “The first part of the job description involved being an advocate, and that’s what you are as an attorney. I was an advocate, advisor and negotiator for the embassy community. It was a nontraditional legal career, but I served in many of the same roles as an attorney.”

Now Warner is putting her education to use in another way while she cares for her two young daughters, Lucy and Anne-Marie.

“Typically in Iceland, mothers have at least nine months maternity leave, and fathers have three months,” she says. “In Iceland, as in most Nordic countries, the whole country is a safe playground. The culture is so supportive of families.”

Warner’s husband’s contract ends in just over a year, and the family plans to move back to the states, where Warner will return to the law after her family is settled. She knows she’ll be prepared.

“The liberal arts curriculum and the emphasis on travel during Interim taught me to find value in cultures different than my own,” she says. “Wofford prepared me for law school because the upper-level writing courses in the English department required graduate-level analysis. Additionally, my courses in finance, economics and public speaking complemented my legal education.”

She’s also committed to using her Wofford degree, her law degree and her experiences with the U.S. Embassy in Iceland to make a positive impact on her community and world.

“I always thought of attorneys as merely transactional. Then I did a civil rights tour of the South and a trip to the Southern Poverty Law Center with (the Rev. Dr.) Ron Robinson (’78),” she says of the spring break trip she took as a Wofford student. “It showed me how I can do things professionally that are personally rewarding. I have a career in the law because of that experience.”

THE HON. DENNIS SHEDD ’75, left, a senior United States judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, spoke on Sept. 18, 2018, during a Constitution Day convocation. A renowned storyteller, Shedd regaled the campus community with tales of his career with the Constitution as a federal judge. Also serving on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit are the Hon. Henry Floyd ’70 and the Hon. Clyde Hamilton ’56 (senior judge.)

STEPHEN BRIGHT, a professor at Yale Law School and former director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, was on campus Oct. 9 and 10 to give a public lecture and talk with students about “The Triumph of Law over Fairness: How Race, Poverty and Procedural Rules Determine Outcomes in Death Penalty and Other Criminal Cases.”
John White ’72 starts an interview like he’s beginning his opening statement in court. This time he’s advocating for Wofford College and the value of a liberal arts education.

“Even though I grew up in Spartanburg, I was a resident student at Wofford. Our father wouldn’t allow us to go anywhere else,” says White of his brothers, Lewis White ’74 and David White ’77, and their father, John White, founder of The Beacon and longtime supporter of Wofford College. “I learned so much — how to think, motivation, ethics — from the other students and what I consider one of the best faculties in the world. … I can never pay it back.”

But he has paid it forward as a loyal alumnus, donor, parent and through service on the Wofford Board of Trustees for 12 years. White and Harrison White, a firm of 10 attorneys and 35 other staff, also have supported Wofford’s pre-law program by mentoring interns, speaking to groups and taking Wofford students to lunch for candid discussions about careers in the law.

“It amazes me how bright and inquisitive and eager to learn they are,” says White.

After graduating from Wofford with a degree in biology, White did a stint in the U.S. Army, then came back to an iconic family business. Two paths were before him: business or law school. He chose the law and after earning his juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law, he returned to Spartanburg to hang his shingle, eventually becoming known as a fierce, successful litigator. White, who tends to play down his role in significant state and national litigation, has been designated lead counsel for plaintiffs in the state of South Carolina on major opioid litigation.

“Aside from who’s right and who’s wrong, America has a serious opioid crisis that crosses all socioeconomic barriers,” says White. He explains that the cost of treatment, rehabilitation, emergency room visits, EMS calls and lost income to our families, businesses, municipalities, counties, states and our country is staggering. “I’m dedicated to our litigation. … We need a road to recovery sooner rather than later.”

White says he still gets nervous when he steps into a courtroom, which for him is most days. Still, when the trial starts, he sinks into his comfort zone and relies on intensive preparation.

“The keys to being successful, not only as a litigator, but also as a person, are preparation, preparation and preparation, then execution,” says White, which brings him back to his closing argument. “Again, this ties back to Wofford. My Wofford classmates and professors wanted me to be prepared, then to execute. … Wofford’s liberal arts educational experience prepares you to leave Wofford and do something good to benefit you and benefit the world. Then it’s important to come back and share that with the college.”
Charles Reid '90
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives

As clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives, Charles Reid '90 runs the place.

“It’s a historical title,” says Reid. “A lot of people think I just take minutes.”

In reality, Reid directs a staff of more than 100 people, serves as senior attorney and chief operating officer, manages a $22 million budget and maintains order as the parliamentarian when the House is in session.

The clerk is not a member of the House but is elected by the membership. Reid was elected in 2004 and has been in service ever since.

“It can be daunting at times,” says Reid, “but it’s an interesting job, and I learn something new every day. That’s why I’m still at it after 14 years. My hair has turned white, and my eyes are gone, but I love the people, and I’ve seen a lot of history made.”

A Wofford philosophy professor encouraged Reid to consider law school. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1993 then tried environmental law. He went on to serve as an assistant South Carolina attorney general and legal counsel to the speaker of the House, then was with the McNair Law Firm before becoming clerk.

“I loved history, research, writing and analytical thinking,” says Reid. “I enjoyed taking different sides of an issue and figuring things out from different positions. I wanted to find the best answer, not necessarily the only answer.”

When Reid graduated from Wofford and even from law school, he never expected to be doing what he’s doing today.

“I don’t enjoy politics, but I enjoy policy and process,” he says. “As the clerk, I don’t associate with a single political party. Instead I look at issues and analyze. The House staff is nonpartisan. Individual staff persons may have political leanings, but when they step foot on this campus, they put their personal preferences aside.”

In his office, however, Reid makes his college preferences abundantly clear. As a third-generation Wofford graduate, he has a Wofford wall with his framed diploma, a Wofford pennant, a print of Old Main and his grandfather’s senior photo from 1916.

Reid’s father, the Rev. Dr. William C. Reid ’55, now deceased, was a minister in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the president of the student body at Wofford. His grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Toy F. Reid ’16, was also a United Methodist minister. Reid may not have followed their vocational path, but he firmly believes God has had a hand in his current career.

“I never thought I’d be doing something like this,” he says. “I never would have believed it, but God puts us in places. You’ll be surprised at what you can do and what you enjoy doing if you just try new things.”
The Hon. Courtney Chaplin ’07
YOUNGEST SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN CONNECTICUT

“One day that could be me.”

That’s what Courtney Chaplin ’07 remembers thinking during a tour of the South Carolina Supreme Court during the pre-law Interim in 2005. He and the other students interested in a career in the law had stopped to look at the photos of the five sitting justices at the time, three of whom were Wofford graduates.

“Becoming an attorney and eventually a judge was a dream as a kid,” he says. “Seeing those Wofford graduates in that place made me realize that this could really happen.”

On May 3, 2018, Chaplin became the youngest superior court judge in Connecticut history. Now he spends his days listening to both sides, considering constitutional perspectives and ensuring that justice is served.

“My goal is to be a better judge tomorrow than I am today,” says Chaplin. “Every day I’m learning something new, facing new challenges and touching lives in new ways.”

After graduating from Wofford, Chaplin enrolled in Howard University School of Law.

“Thurgood Marshall was one of my heroes,” he says. “I chose Howard because I wanted to walk those halls and be a part of that legacy — and because I got a full scholarship.”

Chaplin graduated from Howard in 2010 then went on to do a clerkship in New Haven, Conn. He conducted legal research, wrote for judges and gained insight into judicial demeanor — how they interacted with staff and presented themselves in the courtroom, chambers and the back hallways of the courthouse. Chaplin followed that experience with work in the appellate court system, then for a small insurance defense firm. He was in the state’s attorney’s office when he was nominated for judgeship.

“The practice of law can be difficult — high stress, late nights, early mornings. Still, I always try to be kind to people. I try to treat everyone with sincerity and respect,” says Chaplin.

He continues to benefit from the lessons he learned at Wofford as a Spanish and government double major with concentrations in political theory and international relations.

“Wofford was a rigorous academic environment,” he says. “I learned how to learn in new ways and develop heightened analytical skills. I juggled majors, worked and was involved as president of Amnesty International. I developed a strong work ethic, and I still think in terms of universal systems and with a global perspective.”

PICTURED
The Hon. Courtney Chaplin ’07 with his mother, Carol Chaplin, and Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy

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The Hon. Mark Hayes ’80
CONTINUING THE LONG LINE
OF TERRIERS IN THE STATE
JUDICIARY

After graduation from law school, the Hon. Mark Hayes ’80 clerked for the Hon. E.C. Burnett III ’64 in Spartanburg. Now he’s using those same chambers in the Spartanburg County Courthouse as South Carolina Circuit Court judge, a position he’s held since 2003, adding his name to a long line of Wofford judges.

“Per capita, Wofford has a great representation in the state judiciary, which speaks well for the way Wofford prepares you for a career in the law,” Hayes says.

Burnett eventually was appointed to the state Supreme Court, and he gave Hayes a taste of what service on the state’s highest court would be like. Hayes has since filled in several times as an acting associate justice.

Before becoming a judge, Hayes had a successful private practice and did significant work with local schools and educational institutions. Now he is making his mark from the bench. On Aug. 4, 2018, the South Carolina Association for Justice gave Hayes the Outstanding Contribution to Justice Award (Judicial Portrait Honoree). He’s wearing his Wofford tie and Wofford ring in the portrait. In addition, the Spartanburg County Bar Association renamed the Spartanburg County Bar Association Annual Law Day Essay Contest in Hayes’ honor; it’s now the Judge J. Mark Hayes Law Day Essay Contest. In 2011 the Spartanburg County Bar Association recognized him with the Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Service Award, and he holds a South Carolina Board of Education Award for contributions to South Carolina’s public schools.

In 2017, Hayes established an endowed scholarship at Wofford through the Trustee Matching Fund to support students in their junior or senior year who are planning to pursue a career in the law or public service. Most recently, he has been helping Wofford psychology majors gather research for their senior thesis projects.

Hayes takes his work on the judiciary seriously, and he believes wholeheartedly in the importance of honorable people choosing careers in the law. His article, “Shakespeare, Really, ‘Let’s Kill All the Lawyers,’ Even the Heroes Among Them?” was published in the Justice Bulletin, a publication of the South Carolina Association for Justice in 2015.

“For students considering a career in the law, Hayes says, “If you seek a career that promotes bettering the lives of individuals or you desire a more expansive professional horizon, one that necessarily requires the shaping of your community’s or of our nation’s public policies, being a lawyer affords you direct access to a justice system where those goals can be achieved. As a lawyer you will be a direct participant in that system, a system in which a lawyer is beholden foremost to what is right and just. More importantly, the power and the rule of law make lawyers the architects and catalysts in making the American dream attainable for everyone and for protecting that dream from abuse.”
James A. “Merk” Merklinger ’88
CREATING A STRONGER LEGAL PROFESSION

James A. “Merk” Merklinger ’88 realized at an early age the importance of advocacy. Born with Tourette’s syndrome, which causes involuntary tics, he began addressing issues for people with disabilities as a teenager. He didn’t really consider the law, however, until he interned with Port Folio magazine in Virginia Beach, Va., during Interim his junior year.

“The editor of the magazine was an attorney,” says Merklinger. “He told me if I go to law school I’ll never suffer from it. The education will never harm you.”

Merklinger, who played football at Wofford and sang in the Men’s Glee Club, was active in Tourette syndrome support groups. He also was interested in business and how a strong economy benefits social systems by creating opportunities and lowering the crime rate. A career in the law seemed the natural next step, and using his law degree as a volunteer for the Tourette Association of America gave him additional opportunities to successfully lobby Congress and sit on a panel that led to the inclusion of Tourette syndrome in the Children’s Health Act.

Now Merklinger is the president of the ACC Credentialing Institute, formerly general counsel for the Association of Corporate Counsel, a worldwide trade association for more than 43,000 in-house counsel in 10,300 corporate legal departments in 85 countries.

“In-house counsel are engaged in everything from litigation to contracts to immigration work,” he says. “There’s the potential for a lot of diversity in the legal work you are responsible for in a corporate setting.”

Most recently Merklinger and the ACC have been developing a global certification program, and he was in Dubai establishing a memorandum of understanding with the Dubai Judicial Institute to collaborate on educating the world about the Dubai legal system and to offer a training program for attorneys and judges in the country.

“Dubai wants to be recognized as the business gateway to the Middle East. Since it does not have a lot of oil, it decided to become very pro-business. Dubai determined that to have a strong business environment it needed to have a strong legal profession,” says Merklinger.

Merklinger says everything he does links back to the liberal arts educational experience at Wofford.

“I never undersell the value of a liberal arts education,” he says. “I work with people all around the world from the most amazing backgrounds. I have had to be sensitive about the call to prayer in Riyadh when scheduling meetings, be able to select a good Malbec for dinner in Buenos Aires and even plan an escape from China during the Tiananmen Square massacre. The ability to learn many different topics and adjust as needed to any given situation is a significant benefit of a liberal arts curriculum.”

PICTURED
Merklinger (left) during the credentialing signing ceremony at the Dubai World Trade Center.

Wofford has a great representation in the state judiciary, which speaks well for the way Wofford prepares you for a career in the law.
Wofford legacies in the Homecoming court — Abbey Brasington ’19 (Homecoming queen), Katie Jarrett ’19 (first runner-up) and Aailyah Jones ’19 (second runner-up)

Elizabeth Webb (right), daughter of Beth and Richard Webb ’03, and Charlotte O'Neill, daughter of Chris ’03 and Jenny Sullivan O'Neill ’00, Gibbs Stadium

Louis Norcross ’68 (left) and Bill Burke ’68, 50-Year Club reunion

Alumni Awards (from left) Col. Troy Denomy ’96, Nathan Madigan ’08, S. Lynn Hawkins ’77, Timothy E. Madden ’85

David P. Jordan ’02 holding daughter, Hollis, and Charlie King, son of Bailey King ’02, surrounded by his sons Patrick and David Paul

Terrier 30-17 victory over East Tennessee State University
HOMECOMING
A weekend for Wofford

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Patrick Fant ’88 and his performance shoes

Kathy and Tommy Brittain ’75, Gibbs Stadium

Sarah White and Lauren Pinckney ’10, Fund-a-Scholarship bidding, Terrier Ball

Black Alumni Summit group photo, Rosalind Scullenger Richardson Center for the Arts courtyard

Maria and Steven Mungo ’81, Terrier Ball Auction and Gala

(From left) Tailgaters Robert Barber ’71, Lanelle Barber, Woody Wiggins ’70, Susan Wiggins, Steve McCalla ’72, Gretchen McCalla, Crawford Vicars (daughter of Lauren Joyner Vicars ’03 and granddaughter of Larry Joyner ’76), Harry Williams ’42 and Rose Bailey
1961

James “Bucky” Reynolds II was honored by the Warrenton (Va.) Horse Show Board of Directors with the naming of its horse schooling ring “Bucky’s Ring.” Reynolds, who died in July 2017 at the age of 78, was internationally known as a rider and trainer.

1975

Jerry Henry is a member of the Yale Alumni Board of Governors. He serves as one of 29 Yale University graduates who represent more than 171,000 Yale alumni internationally. Henry has a master’s degree from Yale Divinity School. He lives in Atlanta and is a partner at Alexander Haas Inc., a fundraising consulting firm.

John Windley has begun a four-year term on the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions. The president of South State Bank, headquartered in Columbia, he has been in banking 43 years.

1977

Dr. Mike Canty has been appointed as a medical advisor of Bertila’s Foundation, a foundation organized in memory of Bertila Boyd-Bostic ’08. The foundation provides support through education, care assessment and academic scholarships for college-aged females who aspire to have careers in medicine or law.

1982

In September, Louis Smith celebrated the 30th anniversary of the opening of his shop, Smithworks Fine Jewelry, in Spartanburg. Smith studied accounting at Wofford.

1987

David Wendell Ward is a senior vice president at First South Bank in South Carolina. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Pauline, S.C.

1995

Kim Johnson is an administrative assistant at the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

1996

Mary Jett Camp works as a math interventionist at Spartanburg County School District Five in South Carolina.

Dr. Onarae Rice, an associate professor of neuroscience at Furman University, was honored as a Minority Access National Role Model at the National Role Models Conference in National Harbor, Md., in September. Minority Access assists individuals; academic institutions; federal, state and local government agencies and corporations in diversifying their campuses and work sites.

1997

Craig Parks has been named director of government relations for the University of South Carolina and its campus system. Parks has worked for the South Carolina Senate in several positions for more than a decade. He and his wife, Amy Jordan Parks ’97, live in Columbia with their children Anna Grace, Coleman, Addyson Virginia and Margaret Heyward.

1999

Trae Judy III has opened Rock Block, designed as an incubator for rock bands, in the Five Points area of Columbia, S.C. Rock Block provides support for bands and is described by Judy as a “one-stop shop” for songwriting, branding, marketing and websites.

Michael Patrick O’Quinn is a clinical cardiac electrophysiology fellow at University of North Carolina Health Care. He is completing training in a program focused on treatment of arrhythmias. He and his wife, Nikole, and their children, Oliver and Poppy, live in Pittsboro, N.C.

2000

The Rev. Daniel Burbage and Kelley Henry Burbage are proud to welcome baby girl Hollis Kate Burbage, born Sept. 7, 2018. Daniel is associate pastor of St. Andrew by the Sea United Methodist Church in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

2001

Trey Gantt III has been promoted to senior vice president of lending services at the South Carolina Federal Credit Union. He has a master’s degree in business administration from Southern Wesleyan University.

Craig Melvin, a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees, has been promoted to a news anchor position on the NBC News Today Show. Already a frequent contributor to the show, Melvin now has a spotlighted role each day. He formerly was an MSNBC anchor and NBC News correspondent.

2004

Riddick Ackerman IV and his wife, Brooke, welcomed their second son, Joseph Briggs Ackerman, born June 21, 2018. Dr. Riddick Ackerman III ’70, the baby’s grandfather, is a Wofford graduate, as are his great-grandfathers, Dr. Riddick Ackerman Jr. ’26 and Roddey Bell ’42.

Jennifer Tatelman finds success in fly-fishing

TATELMAN BEGINS FLY-FISHING BUSINESS GEARED TOWARD WOMEN

by Hayley Younginer ’19

Jennifer Tatelman ’11 is making waves for women on the water.

After graduating from Wofford with a degree in business economics, Tatelman worked for her family’s company before realizing she belonged on the water, not in the office.

“The reality was that my heart wasn’t in it,” says Tatelman, who decided to follow her passion instead. She started FlyandFlow, a business based in her hometown and favorite fishing destination of Marblehead, Mass.

“I’ve finally found my true pursuit in fly-fishing,” she says. FlyandFlow encourages more women to get on the water. “These trips are designed to support other women, disconnect, recharge and get outdoors, which is what I love about fly-fishing so much.”

Wofford’s January Interim helped Tatelman recognize her passion for fly-fishing, laying the foundation for her to use her education and her interests to create her own business.

“While I grew up with a familiarity of fly-fishing, it wasn’t until 2009 while I was at Wofford that I first picked up a fly rod. My first fish on the fly was during an Interim trip to Crooked Island in the Bahamas,” she says. “I was hooked.”
2005

Bonnie Allen Lynch has been selected to participate in Leadership Greenville (S.C.). She works with the Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd law firm and represents clients ranging from individuals to international companies.

Janet Rhodes has been named a partner at the Burnette Shutt & McDaniel law firm in Columbia, S.C. She has practiced employment law for almost 10 years and is a graduate of the Charleston School of Law.

2006

Derek Newberry has joined the Hall Booth Smith law firm in Charleston, S.C., as an associate. His practice focuses on professional liability defense, construction litigation, commercial litigation, personal injury defense and representing manufacturers in product defect litigation.

Gabby Linder Poole is the physician assistant program director at Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C. She is the founding director of the program, which began in 2017. She and her husband, Anthony, live in Charleston with their children, Emmy, Will and Mac.

2007

Keisha L. Dyer has been appointed treasurer of Bertila’s Foundation, which was formed in memory of Bertila Boyd-Bostic ‘08. The foundation provides support through education, care assessment and academic scholarships for college-aged females aspiring to have careers in medicine or law.

2008

Jonathan Richardson and Amanda Wilson Richardson welcomed baby boy Oliver Edwin Richardson July 31, 2018. After receiving a master’s degree from the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business, Yumi Kobayashi Weathersby is a program coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in Columbia, S.C. She handles administrative duties and project management with a focus on process improvement. She and her husband, Caleb, live in Columbia.

2009

Former Wofford football player Greg Gasparato is coaching safeties on the Appalachian State University staff. Previously, he was inside linebackers coach at Wofford.

Jamie E. Wilson has been appointed legal advisor of Bertila’s Foundation, which provides support through education, care assessment and academic scholarship for college-aged women who aspire to careers in medicine or law. The foundation was started in memory of Bertila Boyd-Bostic ‘08.

2010

Jeffrey Griffin and McCown Bridges Griffin welcomed baby girl Eliza Parker Griffin July 30, 2018. The family lives in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Hunter A. Smith has joined LowCountry Women’s Specialists as a physician in the obstetrics and gynecology practice. He works in the Summerville and North Charleston offices in South Carolina.

ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

FUQUA COMPLETES 2,200-MILE JOURNEY

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Randy Fuqua ’84 says it’s good to be off his feet.

After hiking 2,200 miles on the Appalachian Trail, a trip that took almost six months, it’s also nice to be with family, enjoy a warm meal and sleep in his own bed.

“There were times that I wasn’t having a whole lot of fun, but I never entertained the idea of quitting. I planned on finishing, and I was going to finish,” he says.

Fuqua’s only break on the trail came after about 1,500 miles when he had to stop to deal with bad blisters. He lost 45 pounds during the journey while consuming as many calories as he could eat. He also celebrated his 56th birthday on the trail.

“It’s one of those things that you think about doing for a long time,” says Fuqua. “I knew it was time. I didn’t want to be 65 and have missed my chance.”

Fuqua started hiking when he attended camp as a child in Tuxedo, N.C. He’s always loved being outdoors and challenging himself.

“I love to sail and work in the yard and on the farm,” he says. “I’m not a desk-job kind of guy.”

Fuqua began his hike on March 19, 2018, in Springer Mountain, Ga., and summited Mount Katahdin in Maine on Sept. 9, 2018, to complete the experience. His wife, Allison, met him at the end with a Wofford hat and lots of hugs.
2011
Dr. Nathan Redding is a lecturer in the Biological Sciences Department at Clemson University. Redding received his Ph.D. in plant and environmental sciences from Clemson in August 2018.

2012
Courtney Green Knittle is a senior business development and marketing manager at Monument Policy Group in the District of Columbia. She earned a promotion to senior manager in July 2018. She and her husband, Scott, live in Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Thomas Schnibben has joined the faculty of Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., as a mathematics instructor. He received his doctoral degree from the University of South Carolina.

Bedford Wooten and Elizabeth Monroe ’14 were married Nov. 4, 2017, in Greenville, S.C.

2013
Kellee-Morgan Witherspoon Abercrombie is a web applications developer at Ally Bank. She and her husband, Colin, were married March 10, 2018. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Carlyle Cromer has joined Flowers Foods Inc. as associate general counsel. The company is headquartered in Thomasville, Ga.

Margaret Fawcett and Derrick Alan Grantz were married June 30, 2018, at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, S.C. She works for Camp Cole in Columbia and at Hammond School as the competition cheer coach. The couple is living in Columbia.

Ty Gregory has been inducted into the Greer (S.C.) High School Athletics Hall of Fame. Gregory was an all-American offensive lineman at Wofford.

2014
Chase West is an equity research associate at Consumer Edge Research in New York City.

2015
Rachel Cooley is a physician assistant at Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, N.C. Her specialty is plastic and reconstructive surgery. She received a master’s degree from the Wake Forest School of Medicine in 2018.

The West Augustine Foundation in St. Augustine, Fla., has been renamed the Tarek Odom West Augustine Foundation in memory of Tarek Jaquan Odom, who died in January 2018. Odom was an all-Southern Conference football player at Wofford.

Michael Weimer has joined BB&T as a business service officer in commercial lending in Wilmington, N.C. He has a master’s degree in business administration from Missouri State University.

CLASS NOTES

BANKING ON BATTLING POVERTY
ECONOMICS CAREER LEADS CURRY TO THE WORLD BANK

by Mike Hembree

Herbert Curry’s experience as a Wofford student has served him well in a career that has carried him around the globe.

Curry ’89 is a senior consultant for the World Bank, a Washington, D.C.-based international financial institution with goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity in a sustainable way. Among other activities, the bank provides financing and technical assistance to low- and middle-income countries as a means to address development challenges in many areas and sectors.

“If you take what the World Bank and other multilateral development banks offer, it’s minimal,” he says. “It’s nowhere near what is needed, so it is important that we look for ways to leverage the efforts of development partners, civil society, private sector, national and sub-national governments.”

Part of Curry’s job is linking strategy to operations. He managed the $250 million Africa Catalytic Growth Fund and the $33 million Plan Africa Fund. These two funds finance operations in 19 countries to address obstacles to growth and strengthen the position of vulnerable populations, including those in states that have endured conflicts.

“You have to look at institutions, communities, the financing,” he says.

“How do you provide continuity? It’s a huge job.”

Curry, whose three brothers and sister also graduated from Wofford, majored in economics and Spanish. He says Wofford gave him an excellent foundation to launch an economics career that eventually led him to the World Bank after work in the private sector.

“There was a sense of stoking curiosity here,” he says. “The tools were provided to develop one’s perspective. Even though you studied art, religion, philosophy, there was still the opportunity to refine a lens. It was a balanced approach and one that’s important in terms of the complexity of the human endeavor.

“When I first started at Wofford, I was introduced to the thought of trying to understand a problem from different vantage points and truly developing a full awareness of the context, the factors, the conditions. I believe that Wofford’s approach to education is very important.”
2016
Former Wofford baseball player Matt Milburn pitched this summer for Stockton, an Oakland A's farm team in the California League. He pitched a one-hitter against Modesto in a 2-0 win in August. Milburn had a 6-5 record in his senior season at Wofford.

Hilton Head (S.C.) Prep has inducted Liz Buterbaugh into its Athletics Hall of Fame. Buterbaugh starred for Wofford's volleyball team.

2018
Malik Rivera played free safety for the Georgia Tech football team this season after graduation from Wofford. He was a star for the Terriers, helping the team reach the FCS playoffs. He was twice named to the Southern Conference All-Academic Team.

FACULTY/STAFF
Dr. Dave Whisnant, professor emeritus of chemistry, was inducted into the Monticello (Ill.) High School Hall of Fame in the fall. Among his many outstanding achievements, he was recognized for developing applications of technology in chemical education, including more than 20 publications in the area.

READY TO GET INVOLVED?
College extends call for AAB nominations
The Wofford College Alumni Association Board of Directors (AAB) is accepting applications from alumni interested in serving the college through board leadership. The AAB encourages alumni of all ages, interests and geographic locations to apply. Service involves two meetings a year and a willingness to learn more about the college and share ideas on how to foster alumni engagement. The AAB will accept applications for the 2019-21 term through Jan. 31, 2019. Those selected will be notified on or before March 1.

Visit wofford.edu/AABapplication to apply.

HOW WOFFORD SAVED CHRISTMAS
GRAMLING PUBLISHES WOFFORD-THEMED CHILDREN’S BOOK
by Hayley Younginer ’19

Looking for the perfect Wofford gift for the holiday season? Will Gramling ’98 has you covered. He has written a children’s book titled “How Wofford Saved Christmas.”

“It’s a story of Santa getting into some trouble with his sleigh on Christmas Eve and having to land at Wofford for assistance,” Gramling says. “It’s about how the whole campus comes together to help Santa and his reindeer finish their deliveries on time. It’s the Wofford way.”

Gramling’s inspiration behind his first book comes in part because of the strong connections he made during his time at Wofford, as well as from being a supportive alumnus and father.

“My son and daughter have often tagged along with us and have developed a relationship with Wofford as well,” Gramling says. “I wanted to create something on their level that was interesting about Wofford.”

According to Gramling, the key to writing is to just do it. In today’s digital world, new technology means new rules for writers and creators.

“Fifteen years ago, I would have needed a publisher,” says Gramling. “Now, things can be done in small batches and directed to a niche audience.”

With illustrations by local artist Claire Groover, the story jumps off the page and onto campus as it highlights Old Main, the building Gramling considers Wofford’s most iconic.

“I don’t think you can have anything referencing Wofford without those two towers somewhere in the background,” he says. “Plus, it has a nice big lawn for Santa to land on.”

1941
Arch “Forrest” Fowler Sr., Aug. 10, 2018, Bennettsville, S.C. Fowler was owner and president of Marlboro Whole Grocery Inc. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

James “Jim” Lee Swofford, Sept. 29, 2018, Cullman, Ala. Swofford taught German and history at Cullman High School, retiring in 1985. He organized the Cullman Oktoberfest and the Cullman High School German Band. He served in the U.S. Army for three years in the Pacific theater in World War II, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1963.

1949
The Rev. Benjamin Bellinger Barnes, Sept. 28, 2018, Beaufort, S.C. Barnes was a United Methodist minister who served numerous churches in South Carolina. He was a graduate of Candler School of Theology and was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

Milton “Milt” Alfred Smith Sr., Sept. 21, 2018, Spartanburg, S.C. Smith co-founded the Johnson & Smith law firm and was a part-time assistant solicitor in the 7th District. He was chairman of the South Carolina Department of Corrections and received the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor.

1954
Dr. Daniel Stevenson “Steve” Goudelock, Aug. 20, 2018, Maryville, Tenn. Goudelock had a long career as a child and adolescent psychiatrist. He was chief of staff at William S. Hall Institute in Columbia, S.C., and medical director at Peninsula Hospital in Louisville, Tenn. While in the U.S. Army, he was part of a team involved in H-bomb testing in 1952.

1958
Estil Herbert Brown, June 25, 2018, Stevensburg, Va. Brown retired as a teacher in the Fairfax County, Va., public school system. He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a long-time Washington Redskins fan and season ticket holder.

Cary Lee Page Jr., Sept. 7, 2018, Macon, Ga. Page worked for 30 years in the textile industry and was president of Jackson Mills in Wellford, S.C., before establishing C.L. Page Enterprises, which he ran until 2014.

1959
James “Jim” Melbourne Cannon Jr., June 8, 2018, Roebuck, S.C. Cannon worked as an engineer and manager for Spartan Mills and served in the military during the Korean War.

1960
The Rev. Samuel “Sammy” Oscar Clardy, Oct. 1, 2018, Aynor, S.C. Clardy was a United Methodist minister who served numerous churches in South Carolina. Before entering the ministry, he taught, coached and served in administrative positions in the Dillon County and Barnwell County (S.C.) school systems. He was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:
THE FINANCIAL AGENTS

by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94, college archivist

The early history of the college often refers to a “financial agent,” which begs the question, what did that individual do? The financial agents weren’t the treasurer — that duty was held by professor David Duncan for many years. Instead, this position was the college’s primary fundraiser.

Three Methodist ministers served consecutively from 1876 to 1894 as Wofford’s financial agent. Each held a faculty appointment as professor of mental and moral philosophy or professor of metaphysics and political science as well as serving as the college’s primary fundraiser. The first was William Wallace Duncan of the Class of 1858, who served from 1876 to 1886. When Duncan was elected bishop, Alexander Coke Smith of the Class of 1872 succeeded him, serving until 1889. When Smith’s health forced him to give up the post, John C. Kilgo took his place, remaining until he left to become president of Trinity College in 1894. All three were noted speakers and preachers,
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1963
Ernest Johnson Eaddy Jr., Aug. 20, 2018, Spartanburg, S.C. Eaddy worked for Botwinik of Boston as Southern Division manager and also did consulting and sales work through Eaddy Enterprises. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years.

1967

1969

1975
Paul Riley Stewart, Sept. 11, 2018, Spartanburg, S.C. Stewart was employed by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. At Wofford, he was a history major and a member of the rifle team.

1976
Charles Davis Hollis III, Aug. 29, 2018, Albany, Ga. Hollis held a master’s degree from the University of Georgia. He worked in telecommunications.

1977
Christopher “Chris” Edward Dew, Aug. 23, 2018, Simpsonville, S.C. Dew was a senior sales associate in the Blue Ridge Log Cabins Business Development Division. He held a master’s degree in public health from the University of South Carolina. He was an avid golfer.

1979
Amber “Dawn” Millwood Lee, Sept. 15, 2018, Gastonia, N.C. Lee was manager of the family-owned The Café in Jonesville, S.C.

1980
W. “Guy” Henry Gantt, Sept. 24, 2018, Cayce, S.C. Gantt was the founder of Pioneer Tree Service.

1999

all three had strong connections in South Carolina Methodism and all three ultimately were elected bishops in the Methodist Church.

The financial agents did not have much to work with. Duncan in 1877 reported to the trustees that the college’s assets, not including the facilities, did not exceed $33,000. All parties — trustees, faculty and alumni — recognized the need to supplement funds received from tuition with outside funds. In a day before federal and state-based financial aid, only the Methodist Church and friends of the college could provide additional resources. Those Methodist clergymen were each well placed to lobby congregations and friends around the state to support the college, and gradually, their efforts paid off.

College historian D.D. Wallace noted how hard the work was; Kilgo had raised $24,295 for the endowment, but only one gift had been over $500 and less than 25 had been over $100. Still, the alumni got better organized and paid for the construction of Alumni Hall (now the Hugh S. Black Building, home of the college’s admission and financial aid offices), and several alumni began to make larger contributions.

These three early financial agents laid the groundwork for later efforts by presidents, trustees, alumni and friends to put the college on a firmer financial footing.
LIFELONG LEARNING
LEARNING STRETCHES
ACROSS A LIFETIME


Welcome to Lifelong Learning at Wofford College. LLL, as it is (very) affectionately known, is Wofford’s extension into the community at large, a way to bring the college’s educational mission to those outside the traditional student base.

LLL offers about two dozen eight-week courses and other single-session activities each semester. The program served almost 400 students during the fall semester, and a similar number is expected for the spring 2019 session.

The course offerings literally run from A (art) to Y (yoga) and span interests that include hiking, international politics, knitting, meditation, calligraphy and history. The sessions are designed to encourage discussion and feedback.

LLL is open to all adults, although the focus generally is on the 50-plus population. LLL director Morgan Jordan says most students are retired but that ages range from 35 to 93. “You just have to have the curiosity and time to do it,” she says.

Beyond the knowledge shared and the unique experiences associated with LLL, the program boosts Wofford’s presence in the surrounding community.

“We’re learning more and more about the impact on Wofford from the program,” says instructor and LLL advisory committee member Dr. John Simmons, a retired physician. “Some of the people who are participating are new to Spartanburg. They moved here and are looking for adult education opportunities.

“Lifelong Learning creates an awareness of Wofford College. People who were already here may or may not have had any loyalty to Wofford, but we now have a fair-sized LLL alumni population. Many people have learned about Wofford or have developed a relationship with the college who might not have before.”

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FROM FOOTBALL TO ARTWORK

Retired coach Mike Ayers has spent most of his life teaching others how to play football. Turns out he also enjoys being coached.

Ayers, who retired as Wofford’s head football coach after last season, was a student in artist Bailie’s “Drawing Without Lines” Lifelong Learning class during the fall semester.

Ayers said he “dabbled” in painting about 35 years ago and had an interest in getting involved in some form of artwork after leaving the football field. A friend introduced him to Bailie, and he signed on for some private lessons. When Bailie joined the LLL program as an instructor this year, Ayers decided to attend the class.

“He’s a great guy and a great teacher,” Ayers said. “He does a great job spelling things out.

“It’s about technique — in football and in art. You can teach the technique. He’s a coach. He can help you with technique and help you master it.”
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