



## Taking the Stage

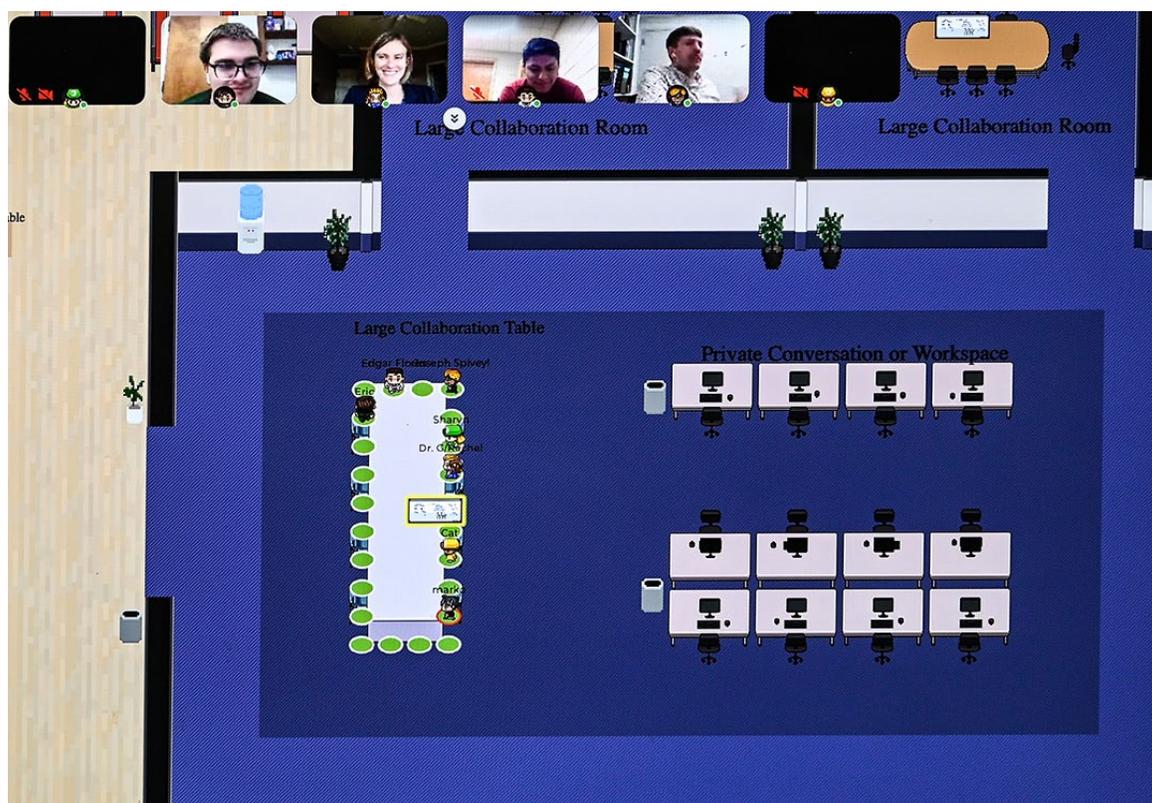


This fall, while many theatres around the globe remain shuttered with uncertain futures because of the global pandemic, Wofford College's Theatre Department returns to the stage with a production of "Waiting for Godot" by Nobel Prize-winning playwright Samuel Beckett.

Dan Day, associate professor of theatre, is directing Wofford students in the play, which runs from Nov. 5-7 and Nov. 11-14 in the Jerome Johnson Richardson Theatre at 8 p.m. nightly. The production is only open to current Wofford students, faculty and staff. Seating will be limited, and CDC guidelines will be observed. Admission is free.

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## Math Teas



For the past six years, Wofford College's Department of Mathematics has hosted small get-togethers for students and professors called Math Teas.

The events are continuing, but the gatherings are virtual.

"In previous semesters we would meet in the math suite," says Caroline Sargent '21, a mathematics and chemistry major from Easley, South Carolina, who has participated since her sophomore year. "Professors would bring snacks, and we'd all come by and talk with our professors, play games or work on puzzles."

For Sharyn Pittman, administrative assistant in the computer science and mathematics departments and an organizer of the teas, this semester poses unique challenges.

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## Great losses

Over the past few months Wofford College has felt the loss of several within our community.

**The Rev. Dr. Charles Barrett '55** died on Oct. 7, 2020 at his home in Spartanburg. He taught for 33 years at Wofford, where he took joy in his students and colleagues. He was especially proud when his children, Sandra and Christopher, became Wofford Terriers as well. His wife Sally is also a Wofford graduate. His blend of humor, humility and scholarship made him a much-loved professor, and he mentored many pre-ministerial students and candidates in ordination. He also authored four books: "Understanding the Christian Faith," "God Under Our Skin: Christ and Covenant in the Christian Conversation," and "Funny Things Can Happen on Your Way Through the Bible," volumes I and II.

**The Rev. John Hipp '75** died on Oct. 28, 2020. He was currently serving on the Wofford

College Board of Trustees (since 2011). Hipp was a chaplain in the S.C. Army National Guard for 28 years before retiring in 2008 as a lieutenant colonel. During his time in the National Guard, he was the command chaplain for the Task Force 218, Operation Noble Eagle. He was ordained a deacon in 1976 and an elder in 1989. Hipp served churches throughout South Carolina. "He was a wonderful friend, minister and trustee to Wofford and us all," says Dr. Nayef Samhat, president. "Our sympathies and prayers go to his wife, Carol, and their children, Ben and Stephanie Anne '02."

**Rita Rillman** was a student, faculty and staff favorite in the Acorn Café, serving both coffee and kindness. She died on Sept. 19, 2020 at the Regional Hospice Home in Spartanburg. The Old Gold and Black student newspaper featured her several times during her 18-year tenure at the college. In special tribute to Rillman, known affectionately as Ms. Rita, Dr. G.R. Davis, professor of biology, wrote: "She could listen to you and discern whether you 1) needed a shoulder to cry on, 2) a pat on the back or 3) a kick in the butt. ...She spurned bruised bananas, but she welcomed bruised people and ministered to each of us, according to our needs, with caffeine and counseling and carbohydrates. She sold us what we wanted and gave us what we needed."

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