



Craig Melvin '01 spends time with Wofford community



Trustee Craig Melvin '01, a host of NBC's "Today Show," recently spent part of his Tuesday evening with the Wofford community. He fielded questions from students and enjoyed sharing stories with President Nayef Samhat and Dean of Students Roberta Hurley '81. He shared how he chose Wofford, talked about his Wofford experience and shared advice on college and careers. He also mentioned his upcoming book "Pops," which will be released June 15. The book focuses on his relationship with his father and includes his reflections on being a dad.

Update from President Samhat

President Nayef Samhat shared highlights from the February Board of Trustees meeting, including news of another record year in enrollment, CARES Act funding and upcoming campus construction and renovations. More details also are available about 1959 graduate Jerry Richardson's recent \$150 million gift to the college.

[Read the full update.](#)

Accepting challenges



As an artist, Ebet Lansing uses all the tools available to her. For a recent project, that included her car.

Lansing '22, a studio art major from Atlanta, recently completed a series of murals for Burrito Hub, a restaurant in downtown Spartanburg. The restaurant provided a scaffold for her, but the ground was uneven, and she was hesitant to use it.

“For the first two sections of the wall, I just parked my car as close as I could and stood on top of it because I was way too scared to use the scaffold,” Lansing says. “For the last section I decided to brave the scaffolding.”

Lansing began drawing when she was in middle school. Both of her grandfathers were artists, and they encouraged her to give painting a try.

“I started in my first year of high school and immediately fell in love with it,” says Lansing. “But this was my first mural. I had no experience painting anything bigger than a 3-by-5 foot painting, and even that felt huge to me. There were three murals total, and each one was 15-by-20 feet. Burrito Hub really put all their faith in me.”

[Read more.](#)

Join Upcoming Zoom Events

Our Methodist Roots — Symposium on Race and Justice
6 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 9

Join the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson '78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, as he and a panel of Methodist thought leaders explore race and justice. The event features facts, personal stories and reflections. On the panel are:

- The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, general secretary of the General Board of Church & Society (Doctor of Humane Letters, Wofford College 2014)
- The Rev. Ken Nelson, superintendent, Orangeburg District of the UMC
- Dr. Phillip Stone '94, archivist, South Carolina Conference of the UMC and Wofford College
- Bishop Will Willimon '68, professor of practice of Christian ministry, Duke Divinity School
- The Rev. Lisa Yebuah '99, campus pastor, Southeast Raleigh Table, Edenton Street UMC and spiritual director and advisor for inclusion and equity, North Carolina Conference of the UMC

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The Symposium on Race and Justice is sponsored by the President's Office at Wofford College and the Tyson Family Lecture Series.

JEDI Preliminary Report Town Hall

4 p.m. EST, Thursday, March 11

The Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion steering committee will share their preliminary research and report, presented originally to the Wofford College Board of Trustees in February. Please join this important event. You may pre-submit questions to WoffordNews@wofford.edu.

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