

# CONQUER & PREVAIL

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## Never forget



The Rev. Peter Larsen '70, right, and the Rev. Keith Shuley met while working at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They became lifelong friends and talk each year on Sept. 11.

Even now, through the fog of years gone by and the mist of ever-lasting sorrow, Cat MacRae's face is the first thing the Rev. Peter Larsen '70 sees when he thinks about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

MacRae was the oldest daughter of a family in Larsen's congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's Dune Church in Southampton, New York. She went to work that morning with 39 other employees at a financial management company on the 93rd floor in the north tower of the World Trade Center.

She was 23.

"All 40 people in her company were killed, probably instantly because of where the plane hit," says Larsen, who is now retired and living in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. "There were no phone calls to family members. Her body was never found. A funeral service was held in October (2001) in Southampton, with over 1,000 in attendance."

Larsen, who also was in the Navy Reserve at the time, was called to serve as a chaplain at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the attacks. For 11 days he worked with police and fire crews who were searching the rubble and comforted families of victims who came to the site.

“I was on duty one day at the nearest hospital,” Larsen says. “Doctors and nurses from all over the country had come to help, and there were 25 refrigerator trucks to hold the bodies. But there was no business, and there were no bodies in the trucks.”

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## Remembering James Trentini '59

James Trentini '59 was identified as a victim of the Sept. 11 attacks after his Wofford College class ring was found at Ground Zero. He was traveling with his wife, Mary, on American Airlines Flight 11. The couple's daughter reflected on her parents, and one of James' Wofford football teammates shared memories of him with the Spartanburg Herald-Journal. Dr. Philip Dorroll, associate professor of religion, also discussed the 20th anniversary of the attacks.

[Read the Herald-Journal story.](#)

## Impressive Terriers



Seven Wofford students interned with Oncocyte and impressed their colleagues. Five were in the company's Irvine, California, office and two were in Nashville, Tennessee.

Some of the chatter in Oncocyte's Irvine, California, and Nashville, Tennessee, offices this summer focused on the interns being impressive.

It's praise that Oncocyte CEO Ronnie Andrews '81, a Wofford College Trustee, is



accustomed to hearing.

“It makes me feel incredibly proud because most people in California have never heard of Wofford,” Andrews says.

Oncocyte is a molecular diagnostics company focused on providing tests and solutions to support the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Since 2006, Andrews has made it a priority to provide internships for Terriers, or as he calls them around the office, “T-Dawgs.” Usually, there are two or three. This summer, Oncocyte had seven. Five were in California and two were in the company’s recently opened Nashville office.

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## Hipp Lecture Series



Earlier this week, former S.C. Gov. David Beasley kicked off the Hipp Center for National Security and Foreign Policy’s Annual Lecture Series for this academic year. Beasley is the executive director of the World Food Programme, which is a branch of the United Nations. The organization was the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

The next Hipp Series event is on Thursday, Sept. 16. The college will host Michael Ussery, a former ambassador to Morocco, and Paul Michael Wihbey, executive director of the Institute for the Geopolitics of Energy & Strategic Resources, both of whom will spend time talking with Wofford students and sharing their perspectives with classes.

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