



Candlelight Carols



The holiday season is underway at Wofford after the annual Candlelight Carols and lighting events.

The campus community gathered Wednesday night for the college's annual Candlelight Carols and winter lighting to celebrate the holiday season. All student choirs performed during this festive tradition. An event was also held in the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village that included ice skating.

Taking charge



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Hill, professor and chair of chemistry and the faculty athletics representative, began a two-year term as chair of the national NCAA postgraduate scholarship committee on Sept. 1. She was an FCS representative on the seven-member committee the past two years and was a unanimous choice to lead the group at the committee's most recent meeting in July.

"When people think of the NCAA, they think athletics, athletics, athletics," Hill says. "The postgraduate scholarship program is one of several programs they have that doesn't get the attention it deserves. I hope to change that."

The committee awards 126 \$10,000 non-renewable scholarships each year to student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and wish to pursue advanced degrees. Meetings are held three times a year, and scholarships are awarded to 21 women and 21 men at each meeting.

“Selections are based on academic achievements, athletic accolades and community service or leadership,” Hill says. “If a student-athlete is doing a one-year accelerated master’s degree program, he or she can get it done with this scholarship.”

Hill, who has been Wofford’s faculty athletics representative since 2006 and chair of chemistry since 2007, says her first order of business as committee chair will be to make sure more student-athletes are aware of the program and of others that offer fewer awards but more money. She says she also intends to target Wofford student-athletes earlier in their careers to prepare them so they’ll be more competitive for the awards.

Blair to retire



John Blair is retiring after a 35-year career at Wofford. He has been director of conference services since 2001. He coached the men’s soccer team for 16 seasons, leading the Terriers to 107 victories.

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John Blair was addressing well-wishers at a retirement reception on Tuesday, Dec. 7, when a question came from the back of the room.

“Can you still do a flip?”

Blair answered without saying a word. He rose from his chair and urged those nearby to move back a bit. He took one step, drove his hands to the floor, swung his feet over and stuck the landing as the crowd applauded.

Applause has been a regular occurrence for Blair, who is retiring after 35 years at the college. His last day is Dec. 17.

A New Jersey native, Blair arrived at Wofford in 1986 to coach the men's soccer team. He coached for 16 seasons, ushering the program into the Division I era and becoming the leader in career victories with 107.

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Nationally recognized design



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Wofford College's Chandler Center for Environmental Studies has received national attention for its design and sustainability features.

Two architectural publications, Building Design + Construction and the American School & University's architectural portfolio, have recognized the building with a pair of awards.

The 20,000-square-foot building opened in 2020. Its design and construction included the latest building sustainability features, including systems capturing rainwater for irrigation, a partial green roof and solar roof panels. It's one of six new construction projects **certified with three Green Globes** in South Carolina.

In early December, **Building Design + Construction** recognized the **Chandler Center for Environmental Studies** with its **Silver Building Team Award**. “A project and presentation that check all of the boxes for me. A well-planned, collaborative effort that serves a purpose, is environmentally conscious, and [will teach] future generations,” one of the publication’s judges wrote in describing the building.

The building is also featured in the November/December issue of American School & University and received its Louis I. Kahn Citation. The magazine’s jury characterized the building as, “An excellent example of how a building is the third teacher, supporting the curriculum of the facility, incorporates sustainability and flexible design.”

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