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A meeting of icons



Boss and Santa met during the college's holiday party for the families of faculty and staff. They entertained children and participated in photo ops. Here's to Terriers everywhere making Santa's Nice List.

Track star



Thanks to her internship with the CheckIt4Andretti Foundation, Grayson Carter '22 found herself on the go-cart track with members of the Andretti family, including 81-year-old IndyCar legend Mario Andretti.

By Robert W. Dalton

If she wanted, Grayson Carter '22 could add a line to her resume that would make her the envy of current and former IndyCar drivers everywhere: “Wrecked Mario Andretti.”

Thanks to her internship with the CheckIt4Andretti Foundation, Carter got to travel with the Andretti family to Buford, Georgia, for the opening of an Andretti Indoor Karting and Games entertainment center. The outing included family patriarch Mario, whose storied racing career includes four IndyCar championships.

As part of the festivities, the group took to the track for a friendly go-cart competition. At one point Carter, who earned the nickname “Lapped Traffic” because of her driving abilities, saw the 81-year-old Andretti closing in on her. As he made his move to go around her, Carter swerved and sent the legendary driver careening into the wall.

“I was determined that no one was going to pass me, so I put the man into the wall,” says Carter, a religion major from Charlotte, North Carolina. “I apologized after the race. He laughed and said he would have done the same thing to me. He was very kind about it.”

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Alexander to retire



Shirley Alexander is a familiar face to many on campus, especially around the Mungo Student Center, where she's responsible for the building's housekeeping. Alexander is retiring and looking forward to more time with family.

Shirley Alexander is retiring from Wofford College after 27.9 years of service. She likes emphasizing that point nine.

Alexander has spent her Wofford career in housekeeping. There were stints in Greene Hall, Sandor Teszler Library, Burwell Dining Hall and Wightman Hall. She's lost track of how long she's been responsible for the Mungo Student Center but knows it has been at least 10 years.

"I just like the environment and the students," Alexander says. "Some talk like they know you and thank you for what you do."

Dec. 16 is her retirement date.

Her workdays normally start at 5 a.m., an hour before her shift begins, so she can get a head start on the day.

"Shirley is on campus before the sun comes up this time of year and she does a fantastic job of keeping the Mungo Student Center sparkling, safe and enjoyable for Wofford students, staff and our AVI (culinary services) partners," says Roberta Hurley, vice president and dean of students. "We will miss her."

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MLK Day On at Wofford

Be a part of the MLK Day WoffordX Talks



On Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, Wofford students, faculty, staff and alumni will come together for conversation, service, learning, listening and discovery. In addition to community service opportunities and three sessions of activities and seminars, you can participate by presenting a WoffordX Beloved Community MLK talk on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 17. If you would like to be considered, please submit your 3- to 5-minute essay based on the following prompt. Talks must be submitted by Jan. 7, 2022. Presenters will be informed by Jan. 10. There is a 750-word limit.

PROMPT: In the October 1966 issue of Ebony, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. responded to critics of his nonviolent philosophy by evoking the importance of what King described as “the beloved community.” According to King, “Only a refusal to hate or kill can put an end to the chain of violence in the world and lead us toward a community where men can live together without fear. Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change to our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” If Wofford aspires to create its own beloved community informed by its commitment to liberal arts education, nondiscrimination and its historical ties to the United Methodist Church, what should our beloved community look like? What qualitative and quantitative changes are we prepared to make (or have we already made) to make it a reality?

Submit your essay at: Wofford.edu/MLKWoffordXTalks.

For information on sessions, topics, times and locations, visit Wofford.edu/MLKDayOn.

Remembering George Holliday III

The Wofford College campus was in mourning during the fall of 1967. Wofford students Johnny McLane, George Holliday III, Robert Kendall and Robert Conrad were killed in an automobile accident along I-26 while returning to campus. Holliday was a member of the Class of 1968 and the Terrier golf team. In 1969, his family established the George Holliday Memorial Junior Golf Tournament and a scholarship for student-athletes competing on the Wofford men's golf team. The tournament, which is considered a premier junior event, was held for the 53rd year over Thanksgiving weekend. [A golf blog recently profiled Holliday.](#)

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