Presidential libraries

Mia Kilpatrick ’22 visited 10 U.S. presidential libraries for an independent study project. She wanted to see how the libraries captured the legacies of presidents.

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Mia Kilpatrick ’22 spent Interim on a 6,000-mile road trip to 10 U.S. presidential libraries. Her research took her from Atlanta, Georgia, to West Branch, Iowa, and as far north as Boston, Massachusetts.

“My research centered around the question of whether presidential libraries reflect the legacy of the presidents,” says Kilpatrick, an international affairs and Spanish major from Hartsville, South Carolina. “For example, Nixon doesn’t have a great legacy. How would his library compare to someone like Reagan or Roosevelt?”

She found a common theme among libraries.
“I was also curious what each library would choose to emphasize about the president’s legacy,” Kilpatrick says. “I noticed that most libraries stressed the president’s environmental activism in one way or another, which is interesting because that seems like something that we care more about now than we would have at the time that these presidents were in office.”

Dr. David Alvis, associate professor of government and international affairs, was Kilpatrick’s faculty advisor.

“Mia’s Interim project was one of the most impressive independent projects that I have ever had the honor of overseeing,” Alvis says. “Not only was her project intellectually interesting and rigorous, but she achieved quite a physical feat in covering a vast geographical expanse of presidential libraries.”

**Dorroll named ACE Fellow**

Dr. Courtney Dorroll, associate professor of religion and coordinator of Wofford College’s Middle Eastern and North African Studies Program, is one of 46 people from across the United States selected to be an American Council on Education Fellow.

The American Council on Education (ACE) has named Dr. Courtney Dorroll an ACE Fellow for the 2022-23 academic year. The program is designed to strengthen leadership in U.S. higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration.

Dorroll, associate professor of religion and coordinator of Wofford College’s Middle Eastern and North African Studies Program, is one of 46 fellows selected for ACE’s
2022-23 cohort. Fellows are nominated by the senior administration of their college or university.

“I am honored to have been awarded this opportunity to grow and come back to Wofford with innovative ideas to help Wofford with capacity building projects,” Dorroll says. “I aspire to grow and return stronger to help our community reach new heights.”

About 2,500 higher education leaders have participated in the ACE Fellows Program since it was established in 1965. More than 80% of fellows have gone on to serve as senior leaders of higher education institutions. Dorroll is Wofford’s third ACE Fellow since 2017.

Conour featured on CBS

U.S. Army Capt. Sebastian Conour ’13 was on leave in Poland when Russia’s invasion of Ukraine began. He had a trip to Ireland planned and canceled it so he could book hotel rooms in Przemyśl, a Polish town near the Ukrainian border, for those fleeing Ukraine. Watch the story.
Wofford’s women’s and men’s basketball teams are competing in postseason tournaments. The women’s team will begin competition tonight at Middle Tennessee State University. The men’s team is competing in the inaugural Basketball Classic.

Wofford’s women’s basketball team will make its first postseason tournament appearance in the NCAA Division I era tonight when it plays Middle Tennessee State University in the
Women’s National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) at 9 p.m. Find more information, including how to watch.

Watch woffordterriers.com for more details about the men's team's appearance in the inaugural Basketball Classic.

Former Terriers lead Virginia Tech

Three former Terriers and a Wofford commitment led Virginia Tech to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Championship and a No. 11 seed in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.

Those watching last Saturday’s ACC championship game heard plenty about Wofford and many media outlets have detailed Coach Mike Young’s three decades as a Wofford assistant and head men’s basketball coach. Hunter Cattoor, who committed to Wofford before following Young to Virginia Tech, scored 31 points in the ACC title game. Keve Aluma transferred from Wofford to Virginia Tech, and he had 19 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in the title game. Storm Murphy ’21 took advantage of a fifth year of eligibility by pursuing a graduate degree at Virginia Tech. Legendary Duke University Coach Mike Krzyzewski described how everything the Hokies did “really starts with the energy that Murphy gives them.”

Read this Washington Post article for more Wofford references as sports columnist Barry Svrluga details how the Hokies went from last place in the ACC to conference champs.

Women’s History Month

The Wofford College Alumni Association recently interviewed alumnae Tiawanna Billups ’97, Whitney Howard ’98, Elizabeth Sheehan ’08 and Meredith Dark ’10, who discussed how they chose Wofford, their careers and skills they gained at the college.
The college’s next Women’s History Month event is Dr. Tracy Revels, professor of history, presenting “A Very Thorough Lady: The Complicated Life of Ellen Call Long” at 6 p.m. on March 21 in Olin Theater.

See the complete list of Women’s History Month events at Wofford.

Richardson Hall featured

Richardson Hall is featured in the March/April issue of “Talking Stick,” a publication by the Association of College & University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I).

The college’s newest residence hall, Jerome Johnson Richardson Hall, is featured in the March/April issue of “Talking Stick,” a publication by the Association of College & University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I). Allen Lollis ’15, assistant dean of students for residence life and community standards, was interviewed for the article.

“Richardson Hall offers a mix of modern housing for Wofford’s first-year students and athletics facilities for baseball, softball and golf,” Lollis says. “There are spaces for students to gather, cook and study. The building includes porches with views of the historic campus and soccer and baseball fields. The building receives plenty of natural light and is located close to campus dining, the wellness center, campus safety, the post office and other first-year housing.”