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Wofford College to award three honorary degrees; the Hon. Costa Pleicones to give Commencement address



From left: Betty James Montgomery, Dr. Daniel B. Morrison Jr., Tony L. Thomas and the Hon. Costa Pleicones.

Wofford College will present honorary degrees to three people who have made significant contributions to the college and community during its 2024 Commencement exercises, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 19, on the lawn of Main Building. The speaker will be the Hon. Costa Pleicones '65, a member of the college's board of trustees and retired chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Betty James Montgomery, Dr. Daniel B. Morrison Jr. '75 and Tony L. Thomas will be honored during the ceremony with honorary degrees.



Lindsey and family guide Wade's Restaurant to James Beard award



Wade Lindsey III '08 is part of a third generation of family ownership at Wade's Restaurant in Spartanburg.

From sitting in a bassinet at the cash register with "Ms. Mildred" to celebrating his birthday parties in the dining room, Wade Lindsey III '08 grew up in his family's business, Wade's Restaurant.

With Lindsey now a co-owner, the 77-year-old Spartanburg eatery was recently named the 2024 James Beard Foundation for America's Classic: Southeast winner.

Lindsey's grandparents, Wade and Betty Lindsey, opened Wade's in 1947. What started as May's Grocery evolved into a place to buy a hot plate for lunch and a drive-in style restaurant, and eventually, a popular local meat-and-three.



Nancy Williams wins 2024 SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award



Dr. Nancy Williams has chaired Wofford's Department of Philosophy for three years.

Dr. Nancy Williams, professor of philosophy, has earned a 2024 South Carolina Independent College and Universities Excellence in Teaching Award.

Each year, SCICU picks one professor from each college or university in the state for this honor, which includes a certificate and a \$3,000 professional development grant for each recipient's institution. Williams was recognized at the SCICU's awards dinner held on April 9 in Columbia.

During her time at Wofford, Williams has taught Philosophy of Food, Environmental Ethics, Feminist Philosophy and more. She received Wofford's Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2019 and was named the Southern Conference Faculty Member of the Year in 2016.



Watson embraces her family's entrepreneurial legacy



Becca Watson '24 aims to become a fourth-generation owner of her family's furniture store, Watson's Furniture, in Chesnee, South Carolina.

Becca Watson '24 arrived at Wofford College with her sights set on becoming an attorney.

During the first week of her college journey, Becca, a government major from Chesnee, South Carolina, joined Wofford's Launch Program. Through the program, she gained insights that broadened her business knowledge and started her on a path to becoming a fourthgeneration owner of Watson's Furniture, her family's 72-year-old furniture store in Chesnee.

Becca is already making significant strides in revitalizing the store and expanding its offerings. She is remodeling the store's interior, introducing new brands and planning to pursue interior design school after she graduates from Wofford.

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