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## Craig Melvin '01 recognizes Alex Horn '24 on TODAY



From left: Dylan Dreyer, Alex Horn '24, Craig Melvin '01, Sheinelle Jones and Al Roker on the set of NBC's TODAY.

Craig Melvin '01, a co-host on NBC's TODAY, introduced Alex Horn '24 as part of the show's weeklong series "TODAY CELEBRATES THE CLASS OF 2024." Horn appeared on the show to share his experiences and offer tips on money management for college students. The segment aired during the third hour of TODAY on Wednesday, May 22.

**Watch Horn's full segment on TODAY**

## Wofford College holds 170th Commencement



Wofford College held Commencement for the Class of 2024 and recognized honorary degree and award recipients.

Wofford College awarded 421 baccalaureate degrees during its 170th Commencement on May 19. Despite a little rain, spirits remained high as the ceremony moved to the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

During the ceremony, the college conferred honorary degrees upon three individuals: Betty James Montgomery, Dr. Daniel B. Morrison Jr. '75 and Tony L. Thomas.

Special teaching awards were presented to Dr. Kimberly Hall, associate professor of English, and Dr. Natalie Spivey, associate professor and chair of the Department of Biology. Hall received the Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences. Spivey received the Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science.

The college presented the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards to student recipient Jack Galbraith and non-student recipient Craig Burnett '68.. The student recipient of the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award was Arnise Wright. The non-student recipient was Spartanburg City Councilwoman Ruth Littlejohn.

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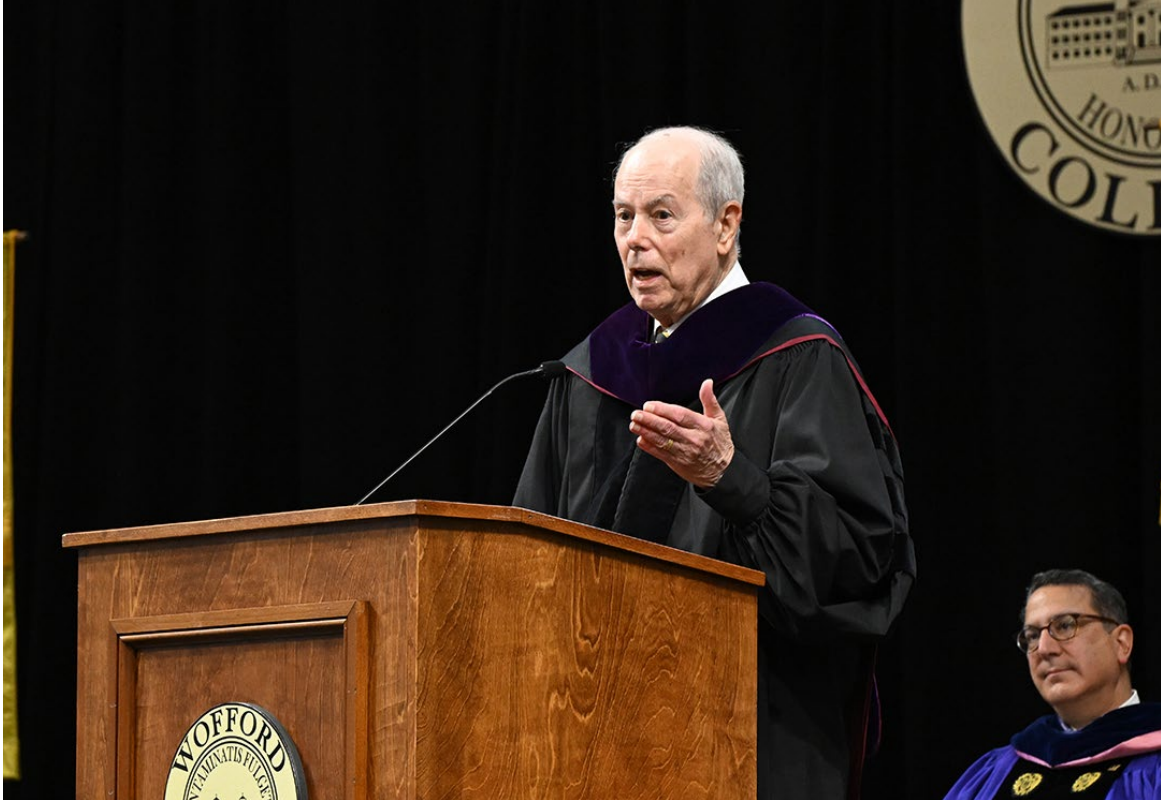
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## The Hon. Costa Pleicones '65 delivers Commencement address



The Hon. Costa Pleicones '65 urged graduates to use their liberal arts education to combat bigotry and foster civil discourse.

The Hon. Costa Pleicones delivered the keynote address to the Class of 2024. Pleicones is a member of the college's board of trustees and retired chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

"Your generation has the awesome responsibility of preserving, protecting and defending both the Constitution and the republic it created," Pleicones says. "You can do so by shining a light on the rampant deceit and misinformation daily delivered on cable and social media; by engaging in civil, not hostile or rancorous discourse; by listening thoughtfully to points of view that run counter to your own; by recognizing there may be virtue in those opposing points of view; and even by adopting thoughtful and cogent positions that on first impression caused you discomfort."

[Read the full remarks from the Hon. Costa Pleicones '65](#)

## Class of 1974 celebrates 50th reunion



Members of Wofford's Class of 1974 rekindled friendships and created new memories during Commencement Weekend.

Wofford's Class of 1974 began with 254 students in the fall of 1970 when the college had 1,075 students. During their first year, the college's board of trustees voted to admit women as day students and the late Robert Bernard Leach, former assistant dean of students, became Wofford's first Black professional staff member. The Sandor Tezler Library was also named that year.

In the fall of 1973, Eddie Coffey was named a Rhodes scholar, the college's first since 1947. Coffey delivered the Commencement address in 1974, one of the few times in the college's history that a member of the graduating class was given that honor.

The weekend reunion for the class included a welcome back lunch, a tour of campus, a cocktail hour and a special dinner program with President Samhat. Class members also participated in the commencement ceremony, donning robes for the occasion.

## Honors Convocation celebrates outstanding Terriers



Recipients of Wofford College's 2024 Heart of the Terrier Leadership awards gather onstage during the college's Honors Convocation.

Dozens of Wofford College students were recognized for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship on May 17 at the college's annual Honors Convocation held in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

President Nayef Samhat introduced Tianna Kidd '25, a biology and French double major from Greenwood, South Carolina, as Wofford's Presidential International Scholar for the 2024-25 academic year. Kidd, the 40th recipient of the scholarship, hopes to journey to Cameroon, Ghana and Morocco, where she will conduct research for her project "Beyond Aesthetics: Exploring Fashion as Identity."

Academic departments also recognized their outstanding students, and a variety of other leadership and citizenship awards were presented during the event.

[Read full story and list of award recipients](#)

## Athletics updates

Dalton and Jefferson qualify for NCAA East Regionals.

Hollis named SoCon graduate scholar.

Men's tennis has three named Academic All-District.

Women's tennis has three named Academic All-District.

Cowan named SoCon Pitcher of the Week.

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