A knack for numbers

Alexandra Davis ’25 is exploring her passion for accounting this summer through an internship with Kaitlyn Cockcroft ’15, senior manager at Forvis Mazars in Greenville, South Carolina.

Davis, an accounting major from Blythewood, South Carolina, is gaining practical experience for becoming a Certified Public Accountant. She also is playing to her strengths.

“I have always had a knack for numbers,” Davis says. “I fell in love with accounting after taking Professor Lillian Gonzalez’s Accounting 211 class my second year at Wofford. That’s when I realized it was something I enjoyed and really wanted to do.”
Wofford grad guides Terriers to legal connections

This summer, two Wofford students have picked up where they left off last summer.

Clayton Hixon ’26, a government major from Jackson, Georgia, and Julio Del Jesus ’25, a government major from Kissimmee, Florida, are back in the courthouse with the Hon. Timothy Madden ’85, continuing their legal internship with the 13th Judicial Circuit in Greenville, South Carolina.

Last summer’s internship enabled Hixon and Del Jesus to learn various components of law and how they interconnect. This year, they are making connections by visiting courthouses across the state, learning about different specialties in law, meeting with lawyers and networking in the legal community.

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Bland and Renken connect at Sea Fox Boats in Charleston

Tanner Renken ’19, left, is helping Marlee Bland ’25 dip her feet further into the boat industry.

A chance connection with a Wofford alumna has led to a dream internship for Marlee Bland ’25, a finance major from Charleston, South Carolina.

Bland is spending her second summer at Sea Fox Boat Company, based in Charleston, honing her skills under the guidance of Tanner Renken ’19, director of IT and marketing and fourth-generation leader of the family-owned company.

After contacting Sea Fox about a potential internship last summer, Bland landed the opportunity and connected with Renken.

“Being born in the Lowcountry and having been surrounded by boats my whole life, I have always wanted to pursue a career in the boating industry,” Bland says. “Wofford’s emphasis on networking motivated me to reach out to Sea Fox.”
Todd Eckstein has been named head coach of the men’s golf program. He coached the High Point University men’s golf team for the past two seasons.

Eckstein says, “The combination of deep tradition, liberal arts education and athletic excellence at Wofford has the men’s golf program primed to grow into a thriving mid-major program. I’m really looking forward to the relationships I’ll share with our student-athletes as we build not only toward championship-level golf, but also successful lives beyond Wofford.”
Dr. Ross Hawthorne Bayard captivated students with dynamic lectures and rigorous standards for nearly four decades. With wit as sharp as his intellect, he charmed and challenged generations of Terriers, inspiring a love of history while demanding their very best.

Bayard died July 17, 2024, in Spartanburg.

“Ross was a very popular professor, particularly with upper-class students interested in studying the classics and Europe,” President Emeritus Joe Lesesne remembers. “He lived and breathed Wofford.”

Appointed to Wofford’s history department in 1961, initially for a single year, Bayard became a permanent fixture in 1964. He chaired the department from 1987 to 1991 and retired as a professor of history emeritus in 2000.
Wofford College Alumni Art Exhibition

The Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will be the site of the inaugural Wofford College Alumni Art Exhibition, scheduled for display Sept. 13 through Oct. 27. The jurors are Jim Hackney ’77 and Blake Batten ’23.

Essence of a Moment closing reception

A closing reception for the Essence of a Moment exhibition by David Eckert begins at 5:30 p.m., July 26 in the Richardson Family Art Gallery in the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. This event is free and open to the public. Eckert is part of the River Arts community in Asheville, North Carolina. His works capture the complexities of nature found in a moment. For information, contact Robin Reif at reifrl@wofford.edu or 864-597-4265.

Athletics updates

Foley, Irvin named to academic honor roll.
Baseball garners team academic award.
Women’s tennis earns all-academic honors.
Men’s tennis earns all-academic honors.
Yankees draft Marshall Toole.
Volleyball gets team academic award.
Track earns USTFCCCA all-academic honors.