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# FROM THE ARCHIVES



Prague, 1969

## The Prague Interims, 1969 and 2014

With almost a half-century of Interim under our belts at Wofford, students and faculty have been able to see and experience history and culture in many parts of the world. Sometimes travel projects give students an opportunity to witness history in the making, and other times they present an opportunity to reflect and observe how a place has changed over time. And sometimes, creative faculty can take a new generation of students to see how life has changed in a place that students visited decades ago.

In January 1969, Dr. James Bass and Dr. B. G. Stephens '57 took a group of students to Prague, which was then in a country known as Czechoslovakia. Visiting a city and country behind the Iron Curtain would have been unusual enough during the Cold War, but the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia the previous August gave the Wofford group something of a front row seat to history in the making. The

topic of the 1969 project actually was to study Czech scientific and governmental policy. However, the experience of witnessing the aftermath of the Soviet invasion probably had a greater impact on the students.

One student wrote about arriving on the flight from Frankfurt on a converted Soviet bomber and seeing Russian soldiers carrying machine guns at the bottom of the steps. The student, Don Woodward '72, noted that the Czech people were pleasant and friendly, but he and his roommate observed the look in their eyes, which they attributed to the experience of being invaded.

While the Wofford group was in Prague, a 21-year-old Charles University student named Jan Palach set fire to himself near the St. Wenceslas monument in protest of the Soviet occupation. Noticing a crowd in the square, two students arrived just after the event, and

Marion Peavey '65 later noted that he still could see the lingering smoke when he arrived. Peavey, then director of information services and just recently retired as senior vice president for development and college relations, traveled with the group to write several newspaper articles about their experiences, and a film crew documented the trip and produced a documentary that later aired on South Carolina ETV.

Some 45 years later, in January 2014, another Wofford Interim, this time led by Dr. Mark Byrnes and Dr. Natalie Grinnell, made the trip to Prague, now the capital of the Czech Republic. They reprised some parts of the 1969 trip, even staying at the same hotel (which recently had been renovated). The group met with some of the participants in the 1969 Interim beforehand. Last fall, in advance of the trip, my colleague Shelley Sperka '75 digitized the VHS tape

of the 1969 Prague trip, converting it to DVD. This year's group was able to watch the tape, and I've taken a few still images of the DVD to accompany this article.

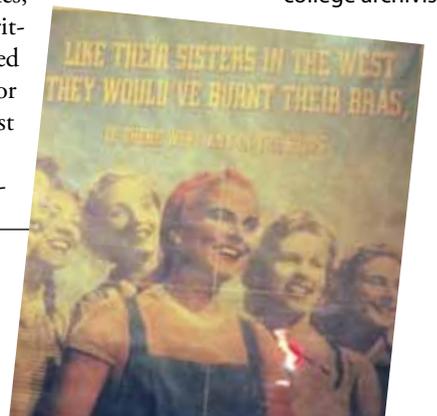
When the class watched the video, which included footage of the students interviewing a U.S. Army officer who was the military attache in Prague and a professor of political economy at Charles University, they became curious as to what had become of the professor. After some sleuthing, Grinnell and Byrnes found that the professor, Dr. Rita Budinova, had an interesting career after 1969 in her own right. She had become close to future Czech president Vaclav Havel, and, having spent much of her youth in the United States, had helped translate his writings into English. Havel asked her to serve as his ambassador to the United States, a post she held until 1992.

The 2014 Prague In-

terim didn't forget that the 1969 group had been there when Jan Palach immolated himself, as they were in Prague on the anniversary of the event. Having spent some time considering how to commemorate the event, the group took a piece of pottery made by Grinnell and placed it at the site. They also had written "Intaminatus Fulget Honoribus," filled the bowl with water, and lit a floating candle that they placed in it.

When the 1969 group left Prague, their bus driver asked them "never to forget us and we shall never forget you." Two trips, nearly half a century apart, would argue that Wofford did not forget.

by Dr. Phillip Stone '94  
 college archivist



Prague, 2014



# Spring 2014

Uncharacteristically heavy snows meant two days of canceled classes in February. Students, like this one who made an igloo behind Main Building, tried to hold onto the fun as long as they could.



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## Pilley and Chaser to be featured on "60 Minutes" with Anderson Cooper

Dr. John Pilley and Chaser, the world's smartest dog, are making headlines again. This time "60 Minutes" and Anderson Cooper came to Wofford to interview the famous duo. When students found out that Cooper was on campus, they flocked to the Richardson Physical Activities Building where "60 Minutes" was shooting the segment, blowing up Facebook and Twitter feeds with photos and posts. An air date for the show featuring Pilley and Chaser has not been announced.

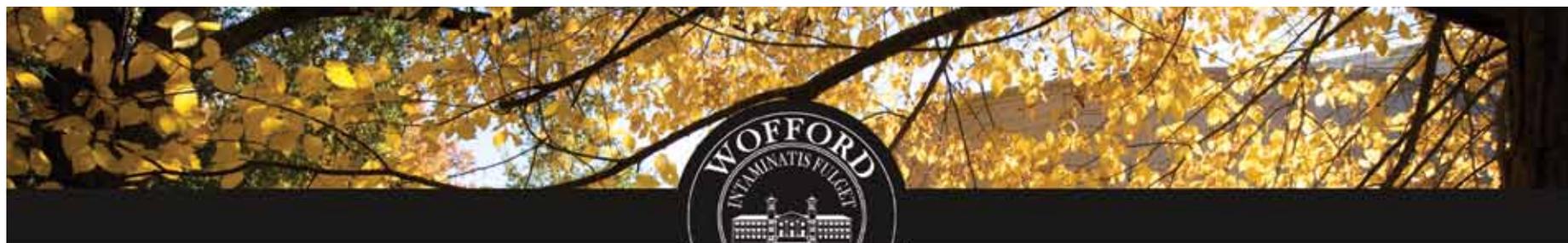


## Buzz Aldrin lands on campus

Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the lunar module pilot on Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing in history, and the second person to walk on the moon, spoke at Wofford on March 4. The lecture now is available on the college's YouTube channel.

Aldrin talked about his moon walk and other experiences in space as well as his vision for the exploration of Mars. The lecture was part of the endowed Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security.

"Buzz Aldrin is a friend and someone I've admired for many years," says Van D. Hipp Jr. '82, who established the lecture series. "He is truly a national treasure and a real American hero. We are honored to have him come to Wofford, meet with students and participate in the lecture series."



## College plans inaugural celebration for President Nayef H. Samhat

Wofford College will install Dr. Nayef H. Samhat as president of the college during inauguration ceremonies at 10 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2014, on the lawn of Main Building.

The event is free and open to the public, and the college invites the community to a picnic luncheon on the grounds following the event.

"We hope many Wofford students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends of the college and delegates from other academic institutions will join us for this celebration," says Harold Chandler '71, chairman of the college's board of trustees. "In the college's 160-year history, only 11 individuals have led as president. Please join us for this special event and an opportunity to welcome Dr. Samhat."

Wofford alumni and friends from around the country also will have an opportunity to

view the inauguration online via live webcast ([www.wofford.edu/inauguration](http://www.wofford.edu/inauguration)). In addition, a live Twitter feed will run with congratulations and notes. Use #welcomenayef to participate.

Samhat came to Wofford in July 2013 from Kenyon College, where he served as provost and professor of political science and international studies. In his first year at Wofford, Samhat has helped the college begin a strategic planning process, restructured the college's Office of Marketing and Communications to better serve the college's integrated marketing needs, and shared his vision for creating global citizens through a campus-wide commitment to excellence, engagement and transformation.

Visit [www.wofford.edu/inauguration](http://www.wofford.edu/inauguration) for additional information and a schedule of events.

## INAUGURAL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, April 24

- **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AND DINNER** (by invitation only)  
Gibbs Stadium, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 25

- **DELEGATES GATHER** for Academic Processional  
Great Oaks Hall, Roger Milliken Science Center, 9 a.m.
- **INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT NAYEF H. SAMHAT**  
Lawn of Main Building, 10 a.m.
- **COMMUNITY PICNIC LUNCHEON**  
Lawn of Burwell Building, following Installation ceremony
- **#WELCOMENAYEF CAMPUS CELEBRATION**  
(for students, faculty and staff)  
Village Lawn, 8-11 p.m.

For a complete schedule of events on campus surrounding the Inauguration, visit [www.wofford.edu/inauguration](http://www.wofford.edu/inauguration).

# Two students show love in the form of 1,000+ KNITTED HATS

## Project to provide hats to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Two Wofford College students wanted to show their love on Valentine's Day 2014 – and they counted their way to nearly 1,500 and are still counting.

The students, Kathleen Woods '15, a biology major from Carlisle, Pa., and Kendyl Putnam '16, a finance major from Matthews, N.C., set out to gather 1,000 knitted hats by Feb. 14 for young cancer patients at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

By Valentine's Day they had reached 1,461 hats and still were getting more.

Woods was working at her internship at St. Jude's during Interim 2013 when she got the idea for her One Thousand Hats project. "At the entrance of the hospital there was a large bin of hats that the patients could look through and

take. Picking out the hats always put big smiles in the children's faces, and I wanted to make a project to help provide hats to St. Jude and other children's hospitals in our area."

When she got back to Wofford, she met Putnam, whose grandmother was diagnosed with cancer many years ago. Her grandmother often wore hats during her chemotherapy treatments.

Both students are members of Wofford's chapter of Delta Delta Delta, a sorority that nationally works with St. Jude's and recently accomplished a goal of raising \$15 million in five years – reaching the goal in three and a half years.

Through their One Thousand Hats project, the two hoped "to also inspire others to start knitting on their own and donating to hospitals in their own communities around the country. Ultimately we want to help bring smiles to the faces of children who are in need," Wood says.

In addition to St. Jude's, they will donate hats to Greenville Health System's Children's Hospital and the Medical University of South Carolina's Children's Hospital.

Woods and Putnam received help from the staff of Wofford's The Space in the Mungo Center in developing the website for One Thousand Hats. It features a video explaining their motivation behind the project, along with links to how-to videos on YouTube that demonstrate different knitting patterns.

The Space staff also taught them how to use social media to publicize their mission.

The students got in contact with a knitting group on Facebook, which participated in a month-long knit-along project during January 2014 for One Thousand Hats. They also advertised with Twitter and Instagram, and they reached out to churches.

Woods says that they chose to promote knitting hats by hand over purchasing hats because they "found that so many individuals knit as an art form, but it is a way to show the children with cancer that someone is thinking about them and cared for them enough to take the time to knit a hat just for them. Knitting is very calming, relaxing and eventually rewarding."

People from all over the world have been donating to One Thousand Hats – The Netherlands, Scotland, Australia and Canada, for example. Most

of the donations have come from the Wofford community and Woods' and Putnam's hometowns.

Woods also says that One Thousand Hats will be receiving help from local Delta Delta Delta chapters. "Our philanthropy chair, Shelly Strickland '14, has embraced our project, and we have even been added to our event Smooch the Pooch (Feb. 20 at the men's basketball game against Furman)," where they collected money and hat donations. The Furman Tri-Delta chapter also was collecting hats to bring to the game.

"These young people are going through very aggressive treatments where they lose their hair," Woods says. "To be able to provide them with fun hats to wear will bring smiles and joy to these children battling their disease."

Monetary donations are accepted and will be used to help transport the hats to St. Jude's. If you wish to help or donate, visit [www.OneThousandHats.com](http://www.OneThousandHats.com).

by Becky Salami '15



## Wofford students, faculty and staff participate in MLK Day of Service

Groups from Wofford pitched in on Jan. 20 to serve the community during the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service. In addition, President Nayef Samhat rallied the volunteers at C.C. Woodson Recreation Center and Curt McPhail '96 did the same at Cleveland Academy of Leadership. The MLK Day of Service is a part of the United We Serve initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.



# Students

## Levy curates sacred spaces exhibit at the Johnson Gallery

Laura Levy '14 combined her work in a class on religion in the American South with service as a student curator for the Johnson Collection in Spartanburg in an exhibit called "Sacred Spaces and Gathering Places."

The exhibit was on display in downtown Spartanburg from December 2013 through February 2014. It included this oil on canvas painting by Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936), "Townscape (Charleston, South Carolina)."

Levy, from Montgomery, Ala., explains that her exhibit explored places where men and women can find connections with deepest spiritual connections in a wide variety of settings and practices. Religious sites such as St. Philip's Episcopal Church are obvious and abundant across the South, but renderings of natural beauty and human interaction also can communicate an artist's sense of the divine.

Dr. Ron Robinson '78, Perkins-Prothro chaplain and professor of religion at Wofford, taught the class on Southern religion. Dr. David Erfurd and Johnson Collection Internship Coordinator Sarah Tignor directed Levy's work at the exhibit.

"My experience would not have been the same without their encouragement and enthusiasm," Levy says.



Become a friend of the college's Office of International Programs on Facebook and enjoy posts like this on your news feed. These students were all in Chile during Interim 2014.



## Wofford sweeps Palmetto Chinese Star

Wofford students brought home six awards at the 5th Palmetto Chinese Star Contest.

- Dillan Trojan '16 is the Palmetto Chinese Star Winner and will represent South Carolina in the regional competition this April.
- The Wofford Chinese program swept the top three places for language proficiency in the advanced level with first going to Greyson Mann '14, second to Trojan and Simone Worthy '16, and third to Michael Daly '15.
- Trojan won first place in cultural proficiency in the advanced level competition.
- Helen Birdsong '17 and Brenden Jackson '17 won second place for language proficiency at the elementary level competition.

Palmetto Chinese Star is a statewide competition that allows Chinese language learners to demonstrate their language and culture proficiency.

All smiles after the competition, from left, Ying Sun (Fulbright Chinese language assistant), Greyson Mann '14, Yue Ming (visiting instructor for Chinese), Michael Daly '15, Helen Birdsong '17, Dillan Trojan '16, Assistant Professor in Chinese Yongfang Zhang and Brenden Jackson '17.



Sophomore Experience participants plan strategy during the team negotiation exercise. From left, Yves Engelmann '16, Ben Bruggeworth '16, Rob Massey '16 and Ashley Anne Stratas '16.

Scott Cochran '88, dean of The Space in The Mungo Center, welcomes students to The Sophomore Experience, a two-day event focusing on professional skills, major choice and internships.



## Donovan Hicks... Working toward something bigger

Donovan Hicks '16, lives for working toward something that is bigger than he is.

"Failure will come," he says, "but success is on the other side."

Hicks already has enjoyed a certain amount of success. Wofford's third Bill and Melinda Gates Scholar, he recently was selected to attend the annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC) at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in February.

With nearly 500 applicants from more than 150 colleges and universities, Hicks, a government and finance double-major from Boiling Springs, S.C., was one of 45 students to attend the 14th annual conference.

The PPLC is open to only first and second year undergraduate students. Those selected to attend usually are prime candidates for Harvard Graduate School admittance. Traditionally led by current Harvard graduate students, the PPLC serves to inform students about possible careers in the public

sector, including federal, state and local governments, the non-profit sector and international agencies.

It also serves to reach students from under-represented groups in public policy and international affairs, aiming to increase diversity both in those receiving degrees in the field and working in public policy.

Hicks and the other conference attendees were selected based on strong academic standing and their demonstrated commitment to public service.

Since his first year at Wofford, Hicks has completed at least 10 to 15 hours of service each week as a Bonner Scholar. He commits most of his time to South Carolina Legal Services (SCLS) in the Spartanburg office.

"I often find myself doing more because I just love it," he says. SCLS provides legal assistance to those considered to live in poverty. All of the services are free and mostly are geared toward civil disputes.

"I assist the attorneys with everything from drafting durable

power of attorney documents to child support pleadings, and perform outreach through Safe Homes and SC Help," Hicks says.

Hicks also participates in the High Impact Fellows (HIF) program at Wofford, funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. The program brings faculty from area high schools together with college faculty and students to collaborate in developing classroom-ready materials that reflect current research in academic disciplines.

"Specifically, I work with Jimmy Rogers, a teacher at Chesnee High School," Hicks says. "We are working with his human geography classes to ease the transition in the South Carolina Core Curriculum educational standard."

To accomplish that goal, Hicks and Wofford's Dr. William DeMars, chair of the Department of Government, created several progressive assignments for Rogers' students concerning the human geography standards. "This would lead the students to a more liberal integrative understanding of the subject



Hicks

matter," Hicks says. He and DeMars presented their work at the HIF Summit on March 22.

In addition, Hicks is a class delegate on Campus Union, president of the Pre-Law Society, attorney general for the Judicial Commission and an avid attendee of the Reformed University Fellowship, where he serves on the Ministry Team.

His commitment to service and leadership has not gone unnoticed. It was Jennifer Dillenger '07, director of The Space in the Mungo Center, who referred Hicks to the Public Policy and Leadership Conference.

"She felt that the conference would be an excellent opportunity for me to network, grow and gain exceptional information concerning public policy work, given that I was already working in the field," he says.

Hicks credits much of his success to his guiding parents, describing them as extremely supportive, encouraging him to stay both humble and focused.

"They have never ever hampered my dreams, and have always encouraged me that the sky is not the limit, but rather there are no limits," he says.

Hicks hopes the PPLC program will help him attain his long-term goals of becoming an attorney, eventually running his own non-governmental organization specializing in public interest law, and to one day serve as a judge.

Also, he adds, "I hope to pave an even better Wofford for future students."

by Tyrell Jemison '14

## Buchanan back to the heart of life as a "zipper sister"

Katherine Buchanan '16 has gotten back to the heart this semester following her second open heart surgery last fall. Her first was when she was an infant.

Buchanan, a French major from Greenville, S.C., and the daughter of the Rev. Furman Buchanan '88, has chronicled her recent journey with congenital heart disease (CHD) during the January Interim through a self-published blog, Heart of a Zipper Sister ([www.heartofazippersister.blogspot.com](http://www.heartofazippersister.blogspot.com)).

That journey actually began when Buchanan, now 19 years old, was an 18-month-old toddler and underwent her first open heart surgery to correct a congenital heart defect, an atrial septal defect, which allowed the flow of blood between the left and right atria compartments of the heart. She also was diagnosed with a cleft mitral valve, which prevented the valve from closing all the way.

As an infant, Buchanan exhibited extreme exhaustion and weakness, major symptoms of CHD. The defects were causing blood to leak into her atrium, and slowly into her lungs.

"My heart needed to work two to three times as hard as normal to get my blood to where it needed to be within the body," she says. That first surgery patched the defected area and repaired the valve.

Then, at the beginning of the fall semester of 2013, Buchanan again began experiencing the same symptoms she had during early

childhood, and again, she was diagnosed with a cleft mitral valve – the earlier repair had undone itself. Doctors said she would need a second open heart surgery, which was done in December 2013. This meant she had to juggle school, extracurricular commitments, extreme fatigue and the thought of open heart surgery at the end of the semester.

"I had to focus on balance," Buchanan says of managing her time properly before her surgery, living on campus with a heart condition. "Nothing really changed. My school work still came first and I still participated in other activities, as well. I just made sure I was taking care of myself to prevent further complications."

Buchanan craved more information from others going through the same thing, but initially, she had difficulty finding a community of young people with congenital heart conditions. Her cardiologist in Atlanta put her in contact with the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) and its website, [www.achaheart.org](http://www.achaheart.org).

"I created this blog in order to offer support for others with congenital heart disease preparing for open heart surgery," Buchanan says in one of her blog posts. "My goal is to spread the word and make more of an impact."

She used ACHA's resources to eventually find the blog of a 30-year-old woman who had the same condition.

"Her blog helped me a lot when I first found it," she says. "I knew other people would benefit from a community of shared experiences."

Shortly after she began blogging herself, a young woman about the same age as Buchanan contacted her after reading a few of her posts. Buchanan writes about the importance of sharing knowledge and experiences with CHD, sharing the stories of other CHD patients and the uniqueness and difficulties of their situations.

"I share this not to scare or depress, but to explain the unfair truth of this disease," she writes. "Each CHD-er's story is different, but it is important that the larger story of CHD is shared. I have benefited and will continue to benefit from my surgeries."

Her blog, among other things, "seeks to be a bridge between the isolated person with congenital heart disease and the community of support and information for those with CHD," she writes. "As I develop it I learn more and more about this community and am able to share bits of that knowledge here."

Buchanan says her friends at Wofford were very understanding and provided a sense of normalcy,



Buchanan

she says. "I was amazed and thankful at how many people reached out to me."

Faced with the possibility of missing Interim because of her surgery, Buchanan talked with Wofford music professor Christi Sellars, who suggested she "use the experience to develop an independent Interim project."

Buchanan decided to continue her blog through January as an independent Interim project, with Sellars' guidance. "She has certainly been able to use her great organiza-

tional and communication skills," Sellars says. "She has embraced the opportunity to help others. Her strength and compassion are evident in her handling of this difficult situation."

Buchanan has dedicated more time to her blog and to informing and inspiring others. "I wanted to share the positives of my story," she says. "While so many strides have been made in research and CHD care, there is still a long way to go, which is why advocacy and research are so important."

by Tyrell Jemison '14

Follow Buchanan's journey at [www.heartofazippersister.blogspot.com](http://www.heartofazippersister.blogspot.com).

# Athletics *student-athletes*

## Quick Hits



### Maggie Bosley awarded NCAA postgraduate scholarship, recovering after serious illness

Wofford women's soccer player Maggie Bosley '14 (above, surrounded by her teammates at the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament) has been awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Bosley, a native of Aiken, S.C., started all 15 games this season for the Terriers and was a huge part of a defense that earned nine shutouts. She scored a goal and a team-high five assists for a total of seven points on the season. The team posted an 8-5-6 overall record and advanced to the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals.

As a double major in chemistry and biology, Bosley has excelled in the classroom, posting an overall grade point average of 3.89. This year she was a CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District honoree. She has earned Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team honors three times. She is also a three-time member of the SoCon Academic Honor Roll and served this past year as co-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Bosley missed her final semester of college because she became seriously ill while studying abroad in Argentina. She spent a week in an Argentine hospital and an additional three weeks at a hospital in Miami, Fla., where a team of about 20 doctors worked around the clock to save her life. Now back on campus, Bosley has gotten phenomenal support from the college community.

She is finishing her degree and has been accepted into the Medical University of South Carolina, where she begins medical school in the fall. She says that her ordeal is a learning experience and has only strengthened her resolve to become a doctor.

The NCAA scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. The one-time grants are awarded for fall sports, winter sports and spring sports. Each sports season there are 29 scholarships available for men and 29 scholarships available for women.

### Men's basketball honors

The 2014 Southern Conference men's basketball postseason awards were announced on March 4, following a balloting of the league's head coaches and media. Guard Karl Cochran '15 earned first team All-SoCon honors from the coaches and media. Forward Lee Skinner '15 earned a

spot on the All-SoCon third team from the media. Guard Eric Garcia '17 was named to the All-Freshman team.

Cochran, a native of Marietta, Ga., is 10th in the conference in scoring with 15.2 points per game. He also ranks second in steals (1.7), 10th in assists (3.1) 15th in blocked shots (0.6), and fifth in three pointers per game (2.3). Cochran, the league's Freshman of the Year in 2012, has scored in double figures in 22 of the 29 games this season.

Skinner, a native of Lombard, Ill., leads Wofford with 8.6 rebounds per game and is third with 11.1 points per game. In the conference he is fourth in rebounding, 24th in scoring, and 13th in field goal percentage at 47.2 percent. He has led the team in rebounding in 22 games this year and recorded eight double-doubles.

From Aurora, Colo., Garcia is the eighth player in Wofford history to earn a spot on the All-Freshman squad. He is fourth on the team in scoring with 7.0 points per game and second on the team with 66 assists. Among SoCon leaders, he is second in three point field goal percentage at 45.6 percent.

### Academic All-Americans

Wofford student-athletes James Zotto '14 and Billy Padula '14 earned Academic All-America honors this fall. Zotto was named to the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America Football Second Team, while Padula was named to the 2013 CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-America Men's Soccer Second Team. They were selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.

Zotto is a safety from Libertyville, Ill. This season he started 10 games and finished fifth on the team in total tackles with 65. He also had a forced fumble, fumble recovery, and three pass break-ups. For his career he played in 48 games with 39 starts and recorded 251 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions and 13 pass break-ups. A biology major, Zotto has a 3.65 grade point average. He has earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District team for three straight seasons, along with SoCon Fall All-Academic Team honors. Zotto plans to attend graduate school in physical therapy following graduation in May.

From Irmo, S.C., Padula started in all 19 games this season for the Terriers at the center back position. He was a part of a Wofford men's soccer team that won its first SoCon regular season title since 2009 and appeared in its third SoCon championship game in the past five seasons.

Padula recorded a single-season career high 11 assists in 2013. His 11 assists not only ranked first on the team and in the SoCon, but also ranked in the top five in the NCAA. He has earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District team twice, along with SoCon Fall All-Academic Team honors. He is a double major in business economics and government, posting an overall grade point average of 3.88.

To be eligible for Academic All-America® consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings and be nominated by the school's sports information director.



### Southern Conference names Young Coach of the Year

Head Coach Mike Young (above right with Director of Athletics Richard Johnson) was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year by his peers from the second time since 2010. He guided the Terriers to an 11-5 mark in league play, which was tied for third place. Wofford was picked to finish sixth in the standings during the preseason.

Now in his 12th season as head coach at Wofford, Young has posted a winning record in SoCon play in five of the past six seasons and has taken his team to the NCAA tournament three times in five years.

Young says he shares this year's honor with his basketball coaching staff: Dustin Kerns, associate head coach; Tim Johnson '11, assistant coach; Darris Nichols, assistant coach; and Kevin Giltner '12, basketball operations.

by Brent Williamson,  
assistant athletics director  
for sports information

## The history and new look of the Southern Conference

Organized in 1921, the Southern Conference is the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. Wofford has been a member since the 1997-98 academic year. Dr. Danny Morrison '75 (a current member of the Wofford Board of Trustees) was the conference's commissioner from 2001-2005 and orchestrated the league headquarters' move from Asheville, N.C., to Spartanburg.

In men's basketball, the SoCon established the first conference basketball tournament (1921) and was the first conference to install the 3-point goal (1980). Wofford has won the men's basketball championship and a place in the NCAA tournament in three of the past five years.

### Membership, 2014-2015 (\*2014 Men's Basketball Post-Season Tournament Teams)

|                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| The Citadel                      | Chattanooga*                       |
| East Tennessee State*            | Samford                            |
| Furman                           | Virginia Military Institute (VMI)* |
| Mercer*                          | Western Carolina                   |
| North Carolina-Greensboro (UNCG) | Wofford*                           |

## Abees pay it forward by buying NCAA Tournament tickets for two current students

In 2010, Wofford played their first NCAA Tournament game in Jacksonville, Fla. Several Wofford students drove down to watch the game and while outside waiting in line for tickets bumped into Joe Taylor '80.

"We chatted for a bit, and he was so excited to see students making the trip that he pulled out his wallet and paid for our tickets," says Matt Abee '10, who was Wofford's Campus Union president at the time and is now an attorney with Nelson Mullins in Columbia, S.C. "I was flabbergasted at his generosity — he thought nothing of it. It was like a natural reflex... he saw students and immediately went into giving mode."

So as Matt and Kinli Bare Abee '08 watched the Southern Conference championship game, they decided to pay it forward by buying tickets to the tournament for two deserving current Wofford students.

According to Abee, the first thing that motivated their decision was a request from Katie Isbell Pogue '08 that her Wofford friends celebrate her birthday by performing a random act of kindness rather than giving her gifts.

"Katie, a nurse, spent the majority of her birthday doing her own random acts of kindness. She went to the hospital where she worked to visit those working the overnight shift. She brought them energy bars and Cokes for a pick-me-up, and then she went around visiting some of the patients. She stuck lottery tickets on her co-workers windshields, and left spare change at the drink machines for any stranger at the hospital who needed a snack."

What solidified the Abee's decision, however, was Aerris Smith's post-game interview. "He is what we envision when we talk about great ambassadors for Wofford," says Abee. "Aerris was passionate, selfless and real. He did everything he could to shed the limelight and put the focus on his team, something he learned from Coach Mike Young, no doubt."

Combine that interview with Taylor's generosity and Pogue's request, and the Abees say the decision was a "no-brainer... Kinli and I are so blessed with what we have that we couldn't help but pay it forward. To tell you the truth, that's really easy to do for a place as amazing as Wofford."

## Four Wofford players in College All-Star Bowl

Four Wofford football players participated in the 2014 College All-Star Bowl on Friday, Feb. 14, at Furman University. The game was broadcast nationally on the CBS Sports Network. The Wofford players that competed were offensive linemen Ty Gregory '14 and Jared Singleton '14, linebacker Alvin Scioneaux '14 and safety James Zotto '14.

The Nationals, led by Clemson National Champion Head Coach Danny Ford, had Gregory, Singleton, and Scioneaux on the squad. The Americans, led by College Football Hall of Fame Head Coach Willie Jeffries of South Carolina State, included Zotto.

The game gives special focus to players entering the NFL Draft.



## Educator, encourager and philanthropist Tom Slaughter '49 meets Wofford's greatest needs with final generous gift

Tom Slaughter '49 introduced Mike James '73 to Wofford when James was a student in his high school chemistry class. James went on to a successful career in investment management, service to the college on the board of trustees and a history of leadership giving, including the establishment of an endowed scholarship.

"Tom Slaughter epitomized what you would hope for in any teacher," says James. "He demanded excellence in the classroom. He knew his body of knowledge, and he made you want to learn it. He fell into that category of coaches and teachers who influence people. He was a lighting rod... making you want to do your best."

In the years that Slaughter taught at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, N.C., he encouraged hundreds of students to make college their next step.

"Tom was able to help several of his students get college scholarships," says Ken Cherry, a calculus teacher who taught with Slaughter. "He took no foolishness. Everything was business, but he loved his students."

Slaughter, who died Sept. 27, 2013, made sure he would continue to help deserving students earn an education by naming Wofford; Winthrop University, his mother's alma mater; and Converse College, his wife's alma mater, as beneficiaries of his estate.

According to Smith Patterson '67, Wofford's director of gift planning, Slaughter's \$742,000 life insurance gift to Wofford was split three ways:

- \$100,000 to the Mike and Katie James Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who are, or intend to be, majors in accounting, economics or finance
- \$321,000 to the Tom and Mary Slaughter Athletic Endowed Scholarship Fund for student-athletes on the college's football team
- \$321,000 to the Tom and Mary Slaughter Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who major in chemistry, with preference given to students planning to teach

All three of the scholarship funds support students with dem-

onstrated financial need.

"Tom knew that the college's greatest need is additional endowed scholarships so that Wofford can compete for the best and brightest students — students similar to the ones Tom sent our way through the years," says Patterson. "His final act of generosity is evidence of the priority he placed on education."

According to Slaughter's niece, Dr. Judy Bazemore, Slaughter came from a family of teachers and preachers. After serving in WWII, Slaughter attended Wofford and then worked with Veteran's Affairs before teaching school. He left the classroom to attend pharmacy school from 1953-1956 at the Medical University of South Carolina. He then worked as a pharmacist in the Charlotte area from 1956-1965. Slaughter returned to the classroom in 1965, but continued to work weekends and holidays as a pharmacist. In 1968 he earned an M.S. degree in chemistry from the College of William and Mary.

"Tom always said that nothing compared to the personal gratification he received when a student's face would brighten with that I've-got-it look. He chose to leave a more lucrative career as a full-time pharmacist in order to pursue what became his life's passion," says Patterson. "Tom would also say with a twinkle in his eye, 'and how special it was for me to be able to work in the same school with my Mary.' She was the love of his life."

According to Patterson, even after Mary's death from cancer in 1974, Slaughter continued to teach high school chemistry until his retirement in 1981. He also worked part-time as a pharmacist and became a master bridge player in retirement, competing in dozens of tournaments and winning his share of championships.

"One time I asked Tom, this was after Mary passed away, if he ever wanted to take a trip, to Hawaii or somewhere like that," says Cherry. "He said, 'I saw that during WWII, and that was enough.' He wasn't an extravagant person. He lived within his means, and he always invested his money, even when he just had a teacher's salary."

Slaughter lived a low-key but



Slaughter

productive life says Bazemore. "Tom was a brilliant man, a generous man... tender-hearted. He loved his students and was very accessible to them."

The endowed scholarships Slaughter established at Wofford will stand as part of his legacy, and

so will the many individuals who Slaughter taught and encouraged toward higher education.

"Tom epitomizes for me the standard to which all Wofford grads should aspire — to take their talents and use them for the common good... he did that," says James.

"It was my privilege to know him."

For more information about making a planned gift to the college or about establishing a named endowed scholarship, contact Patterson at 864-597-4196 or pattersons@wofford.edu.

By Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

### GIVING THROUGH LIFE INSURANCE

#### New Policy

- Name Wofford College as both the owner and beneficiary of the policy.
- Your annual premium payments qualify as charitable income tax deductions.
- Proceeds after death come directly to Wofford free of estate tax and are applied to the program you have designated.

#### Paid-Up Policy

- Transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy to Wofford College.
- Donor receives an immediate income tax deduction equal to the cash surrender value of the policy.
- Wofford can cash in the policy or maintain it and receive the death benefit later.
- Proceeds from the policy are applied to your designated Wofford program.

#### Existing Policy

- Transfer ownership of an existing policy to Wofford, especially if the policy provides protection no longer needed.
- Receive an income tax deduction for the lesser of the policy's current value and the donor's basis in the policy.
- If premiums are still owed on the policy, all premium payments qualify as charitable income tax deductions.
- Proceeds after death come directly to Wofford free of estate tax and benefit the designated program at Wofford.



### College updates Papadopoulos "front door" for prospective students

When it opened in 1987, the central reception area in the Neofytos D. Papadopoulos Building was designed to serve as "Wofford College's front door." Over the years, it has served that purpose exceptionally well, but by 2013, it looked dated, particularly through the eyes of visiting prospective students and their families.

Over the December holidays and the 2014 January Interim, the reception room received a comprehensive renovation. The overall concept was the work of Ron Smith, a principal in McMillan Pazden Smith, the firm that is a successor to the original Papadopoulos Building design team. The interior designer was Dawn Leimbach.

John Birney, Wofford's director of admission, says renovation of the Papadopoulos room affords the Admission Office the opportunity to begin its journey redefining the visitor experience. "To our campus guests, the room exudes warmth with a slight modern flair," Birney says. "We paid particular attention to details surrounding technology and hospitality, allowing our families to experience the comforts of home while traveling away from theirs. Simply put, the admission team just loves the new Papadopoulos room!"

March 2014

Dear alumni, parents and other friends of Wofford College,

It is my pleasure to bring greetings and express to you profound gratitude on behalf of the 1,600 students and 358 employees of Wofford College for your financial support in 2013! Prema and I also wish to add our deepest thanks for the tremendous hospitality you have shown us in the first months of my presidency. While we were aware of Wofford and its great tradition as one of the best colleges in the country, we have been deeply touched by the remarkable family-like ethos you have nurtured at this special place for many generations. Thank you for making the Samhat family part of your family!



Nationwide, the enterprise of the liberal arts college education is challenged on many fronts. I am pleased to report that the state of your college is strong. We enjoy excellent reviews from virtually all of the “best buy” publications. Demand from prospective students and their families for the comprehensive educational and residential experience Wofford provides remains substantial. Through global experiences for our students, meaningful interaction with a teaching faculty and successful preparation for a world after Wofford through The Space in the Mungo Center, we hope to remain true to our 160-year tradition while also keeping up with a rapidly changing world of teaching and learning. In talking with and listening to you and other members of our community, I am convinced that we must emphasize three key ingredients to maintain and enhance the Wofford experience: **excellence** in everything we attempt, **engagement** of our students and faculty with the broader world as part of our campus experience and the **transformation** of those we serve.

Members of our community currently are working through early stages of strategic planning for the college’s future. Over the coming months, we hope to develop a bold vision for the Wofford of the next decade. We look forward to seeking your input and participation in this exciting process. Out of this process will inevitably come aspirations that will require investment from all of you who love this college. For example, we must increase our endowment for scholarships to attract the best and brightest students and to attract and retain the best professors. We have ongoing facilities needs to keep the campus beautiful, accessible and well-equipped for future generations. And your gifts to the Annual Fund help underwrite current operations, offering the equivalent of a scholarship to every student.

It is said that a college is only as strong as are those who support it. For more than 160 years, you and those on whose shoulders we all stand have built a wonderful place that remains an essential part of the higher education landscape. I cherish the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with such generous and determined friends to continue to grow Benjamin Wofford’s legacy!

Gratefully,  
Nayef H. Samhat

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MARCH 2014

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranking released; Wofford fifth among top 10 ‘best value’ liberal arts colleges in region

Wofford is fifth among the top 10 “best value” liberal arts colleges in the Southeast/Mid-South region, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine, which released its list of “30 Best College Values” in the region in March. Wofford is the only South Carolina institution among the 30 named.

The ranking is part of Kiplinger’s new “College Finder” tool, which complements the magazine’s annual “Best Values in Public Colleges” and “Best Values in Private Colleges” lists, “and also reveals the best college values in each region, best values among different-sized campuses, and best values under \$30,000 a year,” the magazine writes.

The 30 “best college values” are ranked in three groups of 10 for public colleges, private universities and liberal arts colleges. Wofford is fifth among the liberal arts institutions.

Recently, Kiplinger’s ranked Wofford eighth among the top 10 “best values in private colleges under \$20,000,” based on net price after need- and merit-based aid to students. Among the diverse group of institutions on the top 10 list were Harvard University, Yale University, Amherst College and Brigham Young University. In the top spot is Berea College in Kentucky, which provides each admitted student a full four-year tuition scholarship.

SEPTEMBER 2013

Wofford named ‘Up-and-Comer,’ best value by U.S. News; continues to be ranked among top national liberal arts institutions

Wofford is a “best value” and one of the “2014 Up-and-Comers” among national liberal arts colleges, nominated by peer institutions for U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.”

The college is 27th among the 40 national liberal arts colleges on the “best value” list, “Great Schools at Great Prices.” The list is determined by a formula that includes the college’s academic quality and the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid. Other institutions on the list include Amherst College, Barnard College, Washington and Lee University, the University of Richmond and Centre College.

Wofford is tied for sixth among the 10 national liberal arts colleges listed as “up-and-comers” noted for their “promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities.” Colleges on the list are cited most often by college presidents, provosts and admissions deans who were asked by the publication to identify up to 10 up-and-coming schools in their U.S. News ranking category. For Wofford, that category is national liberal arts colleges. The institutions are ranked in descending order based on the number of nominations they receive.

Wofford continues to be included in national commercial college guide books. Earlier this year, the college was listed among the country’s best institutions in The Princeton Review’s 2014 edition of its annual college guide “The Best 378 Colleges,” which also recognized it as 19th for “Best Science Lab Facilities.” Wofford was among the top 120 colleges and universities in the country – and the highest-ranked South Carolina institution – in Forbes’ “America’s Top Colleges” list. The 2014 Fiske Guide to Colleges released recently also includes Wofford, which also is included in the guide’s “Small Colleges and Universities Strong in Business” listing targeted for pre-professionals. Wofford also is again included in The Insider’s Guide to the Colleges 2014 edition.

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## 2013 Financial Highlights

Wofford College received thousands of contributions from alumni, trustees, parents, friends, the United Methodist Church, businesses and foundations during the 2013 calendar year.

Total giving for 2013 amounted to \$8,821,850. In addition, the college recorded \$1,664,561 in new pledges. Gifts were made to facility needs, endowed scholarships and to the Annual Fund, which includes the Unrestricted Annual Fund, Terrier Club and Friends of the Library.

Much of the fundraising emphasis in 2013 focused on the proposed Greek Row and the tribute to Anne and Benjamin B. Dunlap, who retired in 2013 as president of the college.

Planned gifts continue to provide an important source

of income for Wofford. The college received \$1,216,840 from bequests in 2013. In addition, more than \$2.2 million in estate gifts were created to provide future support for Wofford.

The 2013 Annual Fund provided more than \$3 million for operating costs and scholarships for student-athletes. The success of annual giving relies heavily on a cadre of volunteers led by National Annual Fund Chair Scott Gantt '83 and Terrier Club President Patrick Fant '88.

Alumni participation was 35 percent. The college, along with the alumni and parent leadership, is working diligently to ensure that gift support, as well as percentage of participation, expands in 2014. Every gift truly is important and appreciated.

Wofford's endowment continued to rebound through investment returns and gifts this year, reaching a market value of \$184,580,000 as of Dec. 31.

More than 2,600 alumni, parents and friends attended regional alumni events held in 26 communities. In addition, thousands of others visited the Wofford campus for events that included Homecoming, Family Weekend, the Easter EggStravaganza, continuing education programs, athletic gatherings and donor appreciation events.

Visit our online Honor Roll of Contributors at [www.wofford.edu/gifts/HonorRoll](http://www.wofford.edu/gifts/HonorRoll) for a complete listing of donors by category. If you would like a printed copy of your constituent list, contact Lisa De Freitas '88, director of Annual Giving, at 864-597-4191 or [defreitaslh@wofford.edu](mailto:defreitaslh@wofford.edu).



Each semester, dozens of talented and dedicated students contact alumni, parents and friends to request donations to the college, update contact information and foster connections. Here's what our student callers have to say about why they call for Wofford.

I'm learning marketable skills: how to set goals, communicate and raise funds for a good cause.

[www.wofford.edu/gifts/woc](http://www.wofford.edu/gifts/woc)

I call because it helps Wofford. Each year Annual Fund gifts offset my family's tuition expenses by more than \$2,000.

I love hearing the stories that some of our alumni tell... It makes me feel more connected to the college.



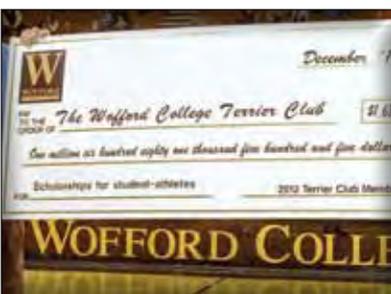
The Annual Giving Office makes it fun for us. We play games while we're calling and can win prizes. I'm learning, having a good time, meeting interesting Wofford grads and helping the college that I love. What more could I ask for?

It's a great part-time job, and I love that Wofford hires students to do this instead of professional fundraisers. I feel like I'm helping Wofford by verifying and updating info on alumni. It's a win-win situation!



**WE BUILD CHAMPIONS**  
on the court... on the field... in the classroom... in life

**HOW DOES THE TERRIER CLUB HELP WOFFORD COLLEGE BUILD CHAMPIONS?**



**Annual gifts to the Terrier Club**  
(memberships start at \$50)



**Endowed Scholarships**  
(awarded from earnings on investment)



**Annually Funded Scholarships**  
(awarded directly from a yearly gift)



**Fundraising Events**  
(the Terrier Ball, golf tournaments, etc.)

**Join our championship-building team!**

The Terrier Club has announced the launching of the "TOGETHER" campaign for the 2014 giving year. The "TOGETHER" campaign is aimed at rallying alumni, donors, ticket holders, fans, staff and community members in support of the more than 340 Wofford student-athletes as they become champions on the field, on the court, in the classroom and in life.

Consider making an early gift or pledge to the Terrier Club for 2014. Membership starts at \$50 with 11 different giving levels and various associated benefits. Special plans also are available for young Wofford alumni.

2014 spring dates and events have been announced for the Terrier Club. The calendar is filled with gatherings — golf tournaments, Football 101, athletic team reunions and more! All event information and registration links are available at [www.wofford.edu/terrierclub](http://www.wofford.edu/terrierclub).

For more information, contact the Wofford College Department of Athletics at 864-597-4090 or email Terri Lewitt ([lewitttl@wofford.edu](mailto:lewitttl@wofford.edu)) or Al Clark '01 ([clarkao@wofford.edu](mailto:clarkao@wofford.edu)).

**Here's how:**

- Commit to making annual gifts to the Terrier Club. Visit [www.wofford.edu/terrierclub](http://www.wofford.edu/terrierclub) to join.
- Attend Terrier Club events, such as:
  - Coaches Classic Golf Tournament in memory of Richard B. Lowry '71, April 24, Country Club of Spartanburg
  - Coach Mike Ayers Football 101 Ladies Clinic, April 25, 4 p.m.
  - Midlands Invitational Golf Tournament, May 1, Spring Valley Country Club, Columbia, S.C.
- Join us on game days to cheer on the student-athletes and coaches... and bring friends to share in the excitement.
- Remember Wofford athletics in your estate planning.
- Ask your employer about gift matching.

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## ANNUAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS



**456** Graduates of the past decade gave \$29,376 during a 5-day Mungo GOLD Challenge in May

**4,396** alumni donors made a contribution during the year (35 percent participation)

**331** (66 percent) of President's Club members and 303 (72 percent) of Patron Club donors moved to the new gift club level increasing revenue by \$158K



The TAGS program increased participation in the senior gift program to 41 percent, held three "Give" events and hosted a Wofford Gives Thanks Day.



**\$710,552** raised through **DIRECT MAIL** which represents a 7.4 percent increase over 2012



**64** **EMAIL SOLICITATIONS** sent with an open rate of 29 percent and a click through rate of 9 percent



**\$624,401** from 2,816 donors was raised through **WOFFORD ON CALL**



**14.6%** increase in **CREDIT CARD** gifts (2,458 in 2013) and a 69 percent increase in dollars given (\$1,504,725)



**12,682** visits to the gift **WEB PAGES** (a 12 percent increase); 1,106 of those resulted in online gifts totaling \$334,615 with an average gift of \$303



**9.8%** increase in **UNRESTRICTED GIVING**



### THE GREAT OAKS SOCIETY

(recognizing donors of \$2,500+ to the Unrestricted Annual Fund) added 24 new members and renewed 10 lapsed members

**100%**

giving by the members of the Board of Trustees, Parents Advisory Council and Alumni Executive Council

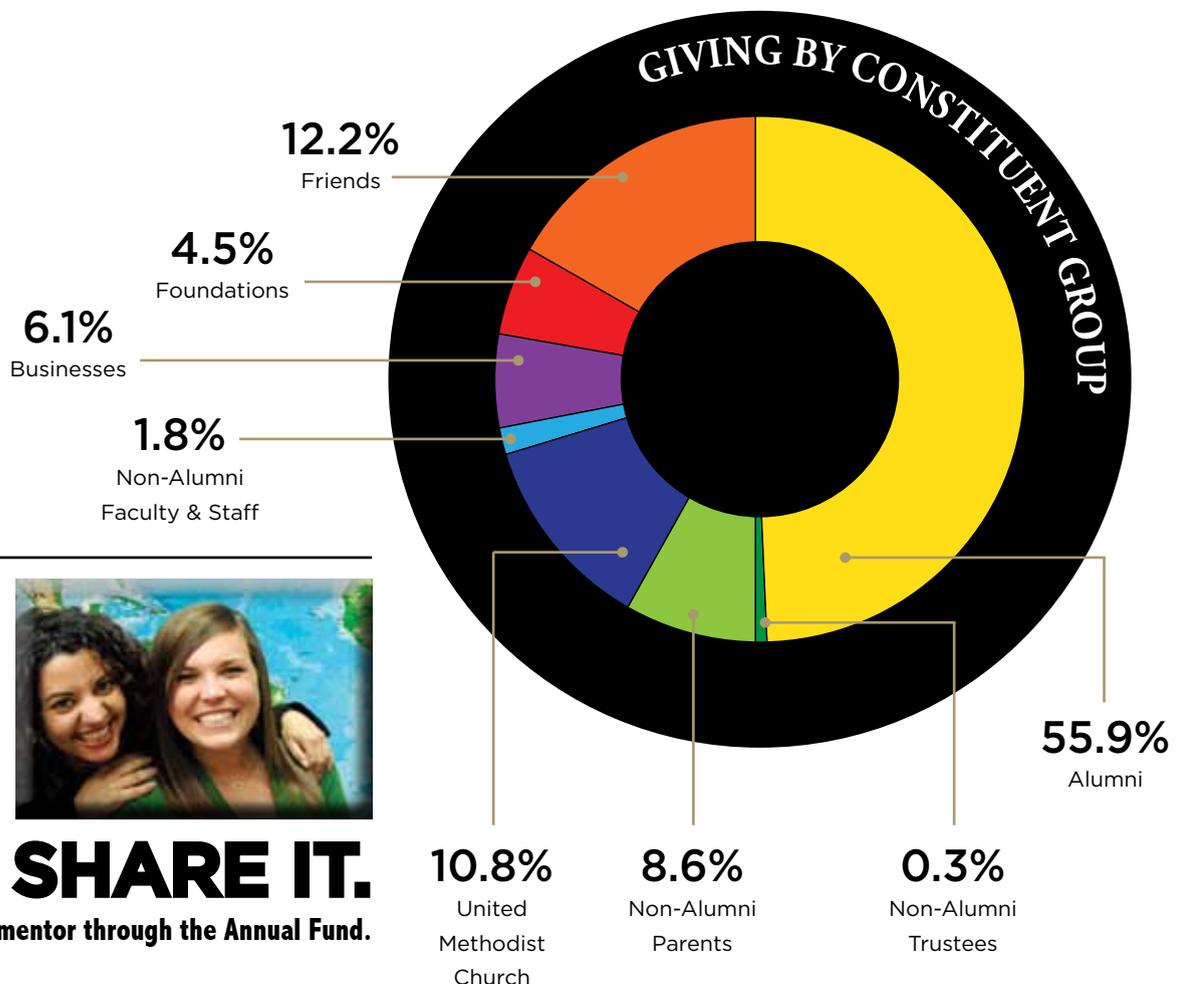
### 2013 RESULTS: THE \$3 MILLION BOTTOM LINE

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Annual Fund | \$1,611,060        |
| Terrier Club             | \$1,406,667        |
| Friends of the Library   | \$34,861           |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL FUND</b> | <b>\$3,052,588</b> |



## LEARN IT. LIVE IT. SHARE IT.

Look for information soon about how you can honor your Wofford mentor through the Annual Fund.



## Reeves, Richardson team up to encourage endowment support Challenge could mean an additional \$6 million in scholarships for Wofford students

Reeves Scholar Dana Nobles '15 would not be at Wofford without her scholarship. Neither would Richardson Scholar Drake Michaelson '16, nor would most of the 91 percent of Wofford students who receive some type of financial assistance.

"There's no question that endowed scholarships are critical to Wofford's future. That's why Ed Reeves and Jerry Richardson '59 have made another generous commitment to building the college's scholarship endowment," says President Nayef H. Samhat.

The Reeves-Richardson Challenge, issued in October 2013, promises \$1 million endowment gifts each from Reeves and Richardson if the college raises \$4 million in endowed scholarship support by Dec. 31, 2014. Any gift made toward an existing endowed scholarship counts toward the total. Newly established scholarships of \$100,000 or more also count. Meeting the challenge will mean an additional \$6 million in endowed scholarships.

"To date we've raised \$1.9 million toward our goal," says Calhoun Kennedy '89, director of development. "The support has come largely from estate gifts. A \$375,000 gift from the estate of Elizabeth Cleveland Cobb Welch that will go to the John C. Cobb Endowed Scholarship Fund and \$742,000 for three different scholarships from the estate of Tom Slaughter lead the challenge." According to Kennedy, all gifts to the Goal Line Club also meet the criteria because those funds go toward an endowed scholarship that supports a student-athlete on the college's football team.

Michaelson, a safety from Eden Prairie, Minn., received offers from several Division I colleges and universities before choosing Wofford.

"There was something special about what Wofford had to offer that influenced my decision to come here," says Michaelson. "I honestly would have to say I wouldn't be at Wofford if it were not for the scholarship."

Nobles, an English and sociology major from Belmont, N.C., was in love with Wofford after visiting the campus, but knew that Wofford was financially out of reach without a major scholarship. She received notice of her scholarship on her birthday.

"There's no way to put into words the feeling of realizing that I was going to be able to attend the college of my dreams. Beyond that it meant knowing that for the rest of my life, I would be a part of the Wofford community. Needless to say, that was the best and most unforgettable birthday dinner of my life."

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

### Fast Facts: THE REEVES-RICHARDSON CHALLENGE

- Began October 2013; Ends Dec. 31, 2014
- \$4 million in new scholarship endowment to the college triggers \$1 million from Ed Reeves and \$1 million from Jerry Richardson
- Pledges count; Goal Line Club contributions count
- Gifts to established funds and new endowed scholarships count
- As of March 15, 2014, the college is almost half way to its \$4 million goal
- To make a gift, call the Office of Development at Wofford College at 864-597-4200 and ask to speak to a gift officer, who will be happy to help.



The Reeves Family with their scholars from the Spring 2013 Endowed Scholarship Dinner

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS @ WOFFORD

Scholarship support is critical to the success of any outstanding college or university and Wofford is no exception. The challenge is to help Wofford continue to be one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country while making it financially accessible for all qualified students. More than 90 percent of Wofford students receive financial aid, so every dollar given for scholarships makes a difference in whether students will have the opportunity to share in the Wofford experience.

Scholarships can be established in several ways. Annually funded scholarships are awarded directly from the gift, while endowed scholarships are awarded from earnings on an invested gift. Wofford offers two opportunities to establish endowed scholarships:

1. A minimum of \$50,000, payable over five years establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship
2. A commitment of \$25,000 payable over five years, combined with a documented estate or insurance plan for an additional \$100,000, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.

For a complete listing of all scholarship funds and their descriptions, please visit [www.wofford.edu/gifts](http://www.wofford.edu/gifts), then click on the endowment link, followed by the scholarship link. To establish a scholarship, please contact the Office of Development at 864-597-4200 and ask to speak to a gift officer, who will help you with any questions.



Each year Wofford invites scholarship donors to meet scholarship recipients. Above, from left, Winston Dees, Lee Skinner '15 and LaFon Dees '59 enjoy the gathering. The Dees sponsor the LaFon C. and Winston C. Dees Family Endowed Scholarship and the Daniel/LaFon C. and Winston C. Dees Family Endowed Scholarship.

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The Legacy Society was created by the Wofford College Board of Trustees to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of Benjamin Wofford's will and the subsequent founding of the college. It recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans. The society is composed of individuals who have provided for the future of the college through planned gifts such as charitable bequests, life income plans, gift annuities, pooled income fund contributions and life insurance designations. By confirming to the college the establishment of such plans, the following individuals are recognized as members of the Legacy Society.

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| Maryann Abbott                | Wiley & Emily Cooper              | Allen S. Guignard         | Freda & Al Lynch                | Dr. Harold E. Plaster Jr.           |
| Richard C. Adkins             | Jesse C. Crimm                    | Bob & Sara Gunter         | Larry & Rachel McCalla          | Charles & Mary Sue Poole            |
| Mrs. Mason Barrett            | Robert C. Deale III               | James R. Hackney Jr.      | Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. McLeod Jr. | Mr. & Mrs. L. Perrin Powell         |
| Marianne J. Bagwell           | C. Warren Derrick                 | Cathy & Ed Y. Hall        | Elisabeth K. McNiel             | The Hon. O. Eugene Powell Jr.       |
| Kenneth & Peggy Barton        | Dr. & Mrs. Don C. Dodson          | Mrs. Anne Hames           | Dr. & Mrs. Dan B. Maultsby      | Anne R. Price                       |
| Dr. Erin Bentrim              | Mr. & Mrs. Fred F. DuBard Jr.     | M. P. "Red" Hamilton      | Melvin D. Medlock               | Russell R. Raines                   |
| Peter D. Berry                | J. Madison Dye                    | Joe W. Hamrick            | Milton P. Moore                 | Betty Robinson                      |
| Dr. & Mrs. Robert P. Bethea   | Mark R. Erbe                      | Lee Hanning               | Charles E. Morgan               | Ron Robinson                        |
| Pamela Bond                   | Edward S. Ervin III               | Richard E. Hollis         | Dr. & Mrs. Ted R. Morton Jr.    | DuPre Sassard                       |
| Marshall W. Breland           | Bill Evins                        | Peter & Zelda Howell      | Jeff D. Moss                    | Charles W. Saunders Jr.             |
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|                               |                                   |                           |                                 | Dr. & Mrs. William C. Wilson        |
|                               |                                   |                           |                                 | Dennis & Ana Marie Wiseman          |
|                               |                                   |                           |                                 | Carl & Angela Young                 |

## Wofford received the following **ESTATE GIFTS** during 2013:

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 William M. Tunno / Mary D. Zepp

## GIFT CLUB LEVELS

Gift club levels are based on gifts received during a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) and are calculated by adding all gifts to all funds at the college, including the Annual Fund, Terrier Club, endowment support or capital gifts.

There were several changes to the college's gift club levels during 2013. The list below reflects those updated levels.

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Benjamin Wofford Society..... | \$100,000 or more   |
| 1854 Society.....             | \$50,000 - \$99,999 |
| Old Main Society.....         | \$25,000 - \$49,999 |
| Chairman's Society.....       | \$10,000 - \$24,999 |
| Trustee Society.....          | \$5,000 - \$9,999   |
| Leadership Society.....       | \$2,500 - \$4,999   |
| President's Club.....         | \$1,250 - \$2,499   |
| Patron Club.....              | \$750 - \$1,249     |
| Loyalty Club.....             | \$250 - \$749       |
| Centurion Club.....           | \$100 - \$249       |
| Contributors.....             | \$1 - \$99          |

## Sample wording for naming Wofford as a beneficiary of a will

### Bequest for a specific amount

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Wofford College, an educational institution situated at 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303, or its successor, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the\_\_\_\_\_.

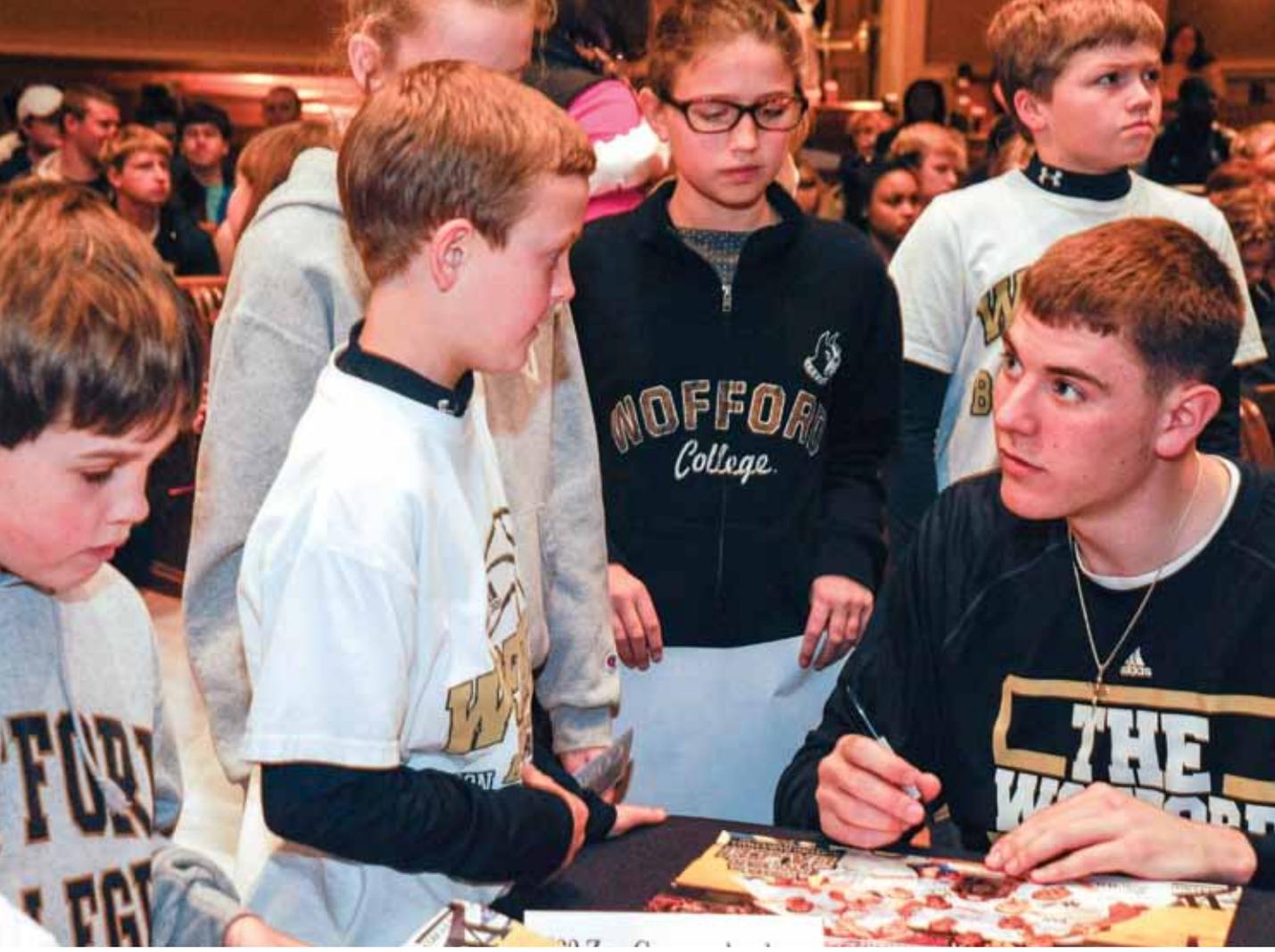
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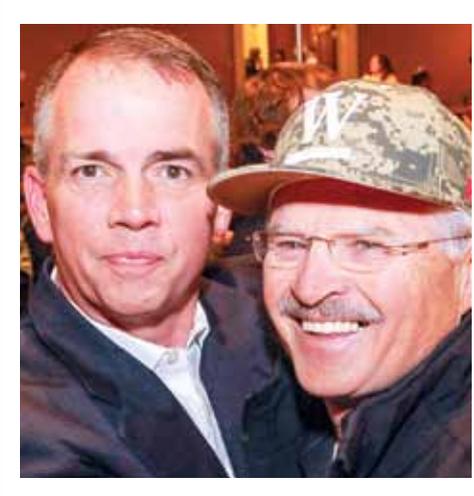
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### Bequest of percentage

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Wofford College, an educational institution situated at 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303, or its successor, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the residue of my estate to be applied to\_\_\_\_\_.

**For more information, contact Smith Patterson, director of gift planning, at 864-597-4196 or [pattersons@wofford.edu](mailto:pattersons@wofford.edu)**





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Scenes from the Wofford men's basketball team's Southern Conference Tournament Championship and Selection Sunday event, where crowds of Wofford alumni and friends turned out to meet the team and find out who Wofford was paired with in the NCAA Tournament. Above, the team's lone senior, Aerris Smith '14, made national headlines following the tournament with his moving post-game interview. Listen to the interview and read about the Terriers' remarkable season at [wofford.edu/athletics](http://wofford.edu/athletics). Join the social media community following the Terriers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. #ConquerandPrevail

# Campus update

## Perret named Presidential International Scholar

Wofford President Nayef H. Samhat has named Lindsey Grace Perret '15, a Spanish major from Charleston, S.C., as the 2014-2015 Presidential International Scholar. Perret is the 31st scholar in the college's innovative program that allows one student to travel internationally to research an independent project. The scholar is selected each year by Wofford's president as "the singular student best fitted to benefit humankind."

"Lindsey Perret is the kind of student we seek for the Presidential International Scholar – an individual who has a passion for service learning combined with an intellectual curiosity about the world around her and how she can make it a better place," Samhat says. "Her work as a Bonner Scholar, as a tutor for English as a second language students, and as a participant in the Global Leadership Program in Panama this past summer, as well as her many other activities at Wofford illustrate her energy and engagement."

Perret, who is studying abroad for the spring semester in Argentina, will be studying women as agents of change in Latin America. "Just like in the United States, patriarchal legacies in Latin America foster the repetition of limiting gender roles, but change can happen, and it often does," she says. "I want to listen to women who use a shifting local and global context in addition to imaginative leadership to unlock women's potential, and subsequently, a more complete human potential."

"I am so grateful to Wofford, President Samhat and the anonymous donor for the opportunity to pursue my project," Perret continues. "My studies at Wofford have inspired in me a passion for studying community change and women separately – to be able to study them simultaneously on such a large scale is exciting as well as challenging."

Perret is a student staff member in the Admission Office, a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Twin Towers and Spectrum. She also is a participant in the Hispanic Alliance of Spartanburg, which builds collaboration among service providers and the Hispanic community. She is a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish honor society.



## Knight named director of foundation and corporate relations

Dr. Mary Beth Knight '96 has been named Wofford College's director of foundation and corporate relations effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Knight graduated from Wofford with

degrees in English and French, and earned a degree in journalism at the University of King's College in Halifax, N.S., as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She worked as a reporter, editor and speechwriter before focusing her career on higher education.

During her nine years working in development at the University of Virginia, she earned her Ph.D. in higher education from the university in 2010. Prior to returning to Wofford in December 2012 as director of prospect research and donor management, she partnered with faculty and administrators across the country on postsecondary practice issues in her role with an education organization in Washington, D.C.

In her new position, Knight will continue to be part of the development team and lead the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of gifts to the college from private foundations and corporations. She will serve as the campus point person for institutional grants information and grants management.



## Joyce recognized by state college personnel association

In October 2013, Brian Joyce, director of student activities and Greek life, chaired a joint conference of the North Carolina and South Carolina chapters of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). More than 600 representatives of different college and university staffs in the two states attended the conference. To recognize this achievement and for outstanding service to the South Carolina association, Joyce was selected to receive this year's annual Charles Witten Service Award. He was recognized at the annual ACPA awards reception in Indianapolis on March 30.

## Wofford, Converse receive Mellon grant to study libraries

Wofford College and Converse College are poised to collaborate in a critical academic area that impacts all disciplines and students – the library. The colleges jointly have received a \$75,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their library services in the digital information age.

The 18-month study of the libraries grew out of a collaborative process between the two colleges to address higher education issues.

The study will explore the possibility of an integrated library management system, including sharing library personnel; integrating technology, including the possibility of a shared research portal for students and faculty; reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the collections in each library; conducting a usage analysis of each collection; and exploring the possibility

of sharing library personnel beyond an integrated management structure.

## Wofford receives Bringing Theory to Practice grant

Two teams of Wofford faculty have combined forces to receive a \$15,000 grant from the Bringing Theory to Practice Project, which recently awarded more than \$700,000 in support for 28 campuses nationwide.

Wofford's project is called "Civic Engagement as Whole-Student Development: Identity Formation as a Prelude to Flourishing." It will build on the groundwork laid by several college groups over the past several years related to civic engagement as whole-student development, especially two on-going projects.

Dr. Trina Jones, associate professor of religion; Dr. Ron Robinson '78, Wofford's Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and professor of religion; and Dr. Dennis Wiseman, director of the Center for Innovation and Learning, will focus on "how we can create and enhance the conditions on campus that lead to students' engaging and considering, in a deep and nuanced way, both their own identity formation and the diverse religious, spiritual and secular worldviews of others in an increasingly globalized world."

Jones, Robinson, Wiseman and Dr. Ellen S. Goldey, the William R. Kenan Jr. professor and chair of the Department of Biology, have been collaborating on a Teagle Foundation-funded grant over the past few years. This grant, shared with Elon University, focused on "the conjunction of student learning, student flourishing and religious pluralism, and on how to make an institution-wide commitment to religious pluralism, interfaith literacy and intercultural competency a sustainable part of Wofford's identity – part of its institutional DNA," Jones says.

The Bringing Theory to Practice Grant will help continue their three-year engagement with the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) that was started as part of the Teagle Grant.

Dr. Anne Rodrick, associate professor of history and coordinator of the humanities, and Dr. Christine Sorrell Dinkins, associate professor of philosophy, will share in the Bringing Theory to Practice Grant to focus on empowering sophomores, and those advising them, by uncovering and providing more access to high-impact practices already available on Wofford's campus.

## Publishing fellowship named for Wofford's Curtis

Converse College's MFA program and Hub City Press announced a new collaborative venture, the C. Michael Curtis Publishing Fellowship.

The fellowship is named in honor of C. Michael Curtis, who has been the fiction editor at *The Atlantic* for more than 40 years. Curtis, professor of English at Wofford, serves on the Hub City Editorial Board. Curtis has worked with Converse MFA students as a visiting faculty member. He also has mentored Converse faculty.

The fellowship provides opportunities for MFA students to work directly with Hub City Press in all areas of publishing.



## Papadopoulos Scholars heading to England this summer to conduct computational science research

Two of the Papadopoulos Scholars, Saif Alimohamed '15 (center left) and Alissa Williams '15 (center right), will spend their summer in England completing research internships: Williams at the European Bioinformatics Institute in Cambridge and Alimohamed at Oxford University. Williams is a double major in computer science and mathematics with an emphasis in computational science (ECS). Alimohamed is a double major in biology and mathematics with the ECS. Each year Dr. George Shiflet (far left) and Dr. Angela Shiflet (far right) help Wofford students secure internships around the globe because of the connections they make during conferences and research collaborations.

## Shiflet Fulbright Specialist Program could mean international research opportunities for students

The experiences of two Wofford College professors working in January in the Fulbright Specialist Program in Brazil may lead to new international research opportunities for students and faculty.

Dr. George W. Shiflet, the Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology, and Dr. Angela B. Shiflet, the Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, spent nearly a month in Brazil working with faculty and students at the Universidade Federal Juiz de Fora (UFJF).

"This is a relatively new program, which promotes and supports international academic collaborations for periods of time shorter than the better-known Fulbright Scholar Program," George Shiflet, who was the designated "specialist" for the program, says. He is quick to point out, though, that he and his wife are "an interdisciplinary team, and our work requires both of us. In Brazil, we were treated as the team we are. We are hoping to have another project in 2015 where Angela will be the official specialist."

While in Brazil, the Shiflets were hosted by Professor Rodrigo Weber dos Santos in the Computational Modeling Program at UFJF. While in Brazil the Shiflets, authors of "Introduction to Computational Science: Modeling and Simulation for the Sciences," conducted lectures, taught two short courses and collaborated with other faculty members.

"We use George and Angela's book in our classes," Weber says. "The intersection between our research and their work is very high." Weber adds that having the two at UFJF was important to promoting international academic exchange and contributes to the personal and professional development of students. "Three students from Wofford College have chosen to make their required internship at UFJF, when other options included NASA. Now, we are seeking to give our students the same opportunity."

George Shiflet adds, "We are continuing to promote collaboration between Wofford and UFJF. Further, we are working to promote research teamwork among faculty and students at UFJF, Wofford and Clemson, through a joint grant proposal that will seed this new international research effort. We hope that it will also result in an interchange of undergraduate and graduate students. We have been in discussions with the international studies offices at both UFJF and Wofford."

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. The program awards grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative two- to six-week projects at eligible institutions in more than 140 countries worldwide. Shorter grant lengths give specialists greater flexibility to pursue projects that work best with their current academic or professional commitments. International travel costs and a per diem grant payment are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host institutions cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services.

by Laura H. Corbin

# EXPERIENCING INTERIM 2014



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# “One constant in my life for 40-plus years has been Wofford College. It’s a very powerful relationship. It’s central to my personal narrative” *John Lane, in conversation*

John Lane '77 is a professor of English and environmental studies and the director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford. As a poet, essayist and author he has been teaching students English and creative writing since 1988. He is also the co-founder and a board member of The Hub City Writers Project in Spartanburg. He has won numerous awards in recent years, and on April 26 at 6 p.m., he will be inducted into the prestigious South Carolina Academy of Authors in a ceremony at Furman University.



**Wofford Today:** Anyone who knew you in your undergraduate days figured you might become a professional writer, but when did you know that you wanted to be a college faculty member?

**John Lane:** I left Wofford thinking I might become a poet. I never thought I would be a full-time teacher. Then, the late George Martin '59 came to Wofford as head of the department of English. Deno Trakas needed some time away to work on a book project, and George got permission to hire three alumni (Scott Gould '81 and Dean Thompson '81 were the others) to teach temporarily. That was about the same time that I became a serious writer with a goal of publication. Dr. Martin hired me to teach creative writing on a year-to-year basis. I never left.

**Wofford Today:** In 2010, Mercer University Press published “Abandoned Quarry,” which included many poems you wrote during this era. What was it like to go back and revisit your earlier work?

**John Lane:** I’m tender with my former work. I don’t critique it from a vantage point of time and experience. In my mid-50s, when I selected those poems, I enjoyed going back and looking seriously at poetry I had written 20 or 30 years earlier.

**Wofford Today:** Didn’t the book win a prize?

**John Lane:** Yes, “Abandoned Quarry” brought my poetry onto center stage for a moment. I was pleased that it won the SIBA award (Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance) for best poetry book of the year, and there were some very good reviews. Although I’ve written in other genres, I’ve never lost touch with poetry. I write 15 to 20 poems a year. Maybe six or seven of those would be publishable.

**Wofford Today:** In mid-career, there was something of a transition in your work. There are more essays, more attention to what Dr. Lewis Jones '38 called “a Southern sense of place.”

**John Lane:** I always regretted that I never had a class with Dr. Jones, but he and I became close friends after he retired. Of course, there were other great teachers when I was a student — my personal trilogy would be John Harrington, Walt Hudgins and Vincent Miller.

One constant in my life for 40-plus years has been Wofford College. It’s a very powerful relationship. It’s central to my personal narrative.

For example, my favorite among my books, “My Paddle to the Sea,” has as its theme exploring the state and its sense of place through the image of water and rivers. I wrote

about people, times and places, such as a Duane Stober-led Interim canoe expedition in the late 1960s. Excursions like this one are at the heart of many great books and films. They help a writer “find the narrative.”

Sense of place is also at the heart of the Hub City Writers Project. It started when my wife, Betsy Teter, Gary Henderson and I asked ourselves the question “how can Spartanburg’s literary community help build a sense of place and history for a place that is facing many changes and challenges?” Betsy is passionate about this and very good at it. She’s a genius at shepherding books — 60 titles now and going strong.

**Wofford Today:** You’re now one of Wofford’s senior faculty members. What’s life like for you today?

**John Lane:** Today I was up at 4:30 a.m., writing a piece about the coyotes that have migrated recently into the South Carolina Upstate for my next book project. Then I did a poetry exercise. And of course, I spend many afternoons with students from Wofford and the local schools at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center. As we get older, it’s essential to make a point of being physically and mentally active.

This spring I will also be the visiting writer at the annual Sowell Conference at Texas Tech, where most of my literary papers are housed. The undergraduate students in the Nature and Culture program have been writing essays in response to some of my poems, and I’ll be commenting on their observations. I’m apprehensive about this — they find things I didn’t know were there!

This spring Hub City will release a new book on two rivers in Greenville County by four photographers, and I wrote the text.

by Doyle Boggs '70



The South Carolina Wildlife Federation presented awards to two Wofford graduates during its annual meeting in February.

John Lane '77 (right) received the Water Conservationist of the Year Award. The citation listed Lane’s body of work as a nature writer, curriculum development of “The Nature and Culture of Water” learning community and the “Thinking Like a River” initiative to encourage sustainability along local waterways, as well as his volunteer work as co-founder and board member of Upstate Forever.

John Burbage '70 (left) received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Burbage, a lifelong newspaper reporter, columnist, editor and publisher, wrote editorials that helped prove the case for legislation protecting the Edisto River’s water quality, which led to the establishment of the ACE Basin program. He is currently working to develop energy-saving programs at Evening Post Ventures LLC. Burbage has researched thoroughly carbon credits programs and registered 18,000 acres of EPPC woodlands.

Dr. George Tyson '72 (center) was at the event as a supporter of both the Wildlife Federation and his fellow Wofford graduates. (Lisa Burbage photo)



Pittman (left) accepts the Graduate of Distinction Award from the Program in Neuroscience at Florida State University.



During the colloquium lecture, Pittman shared his nationally acclaimed research on the influence of anti-anxiety drugs on taste and obesity.

## Pittman honored with Graduate of Distinction Award by Florida State University; presents colloquium lecture on his scientific career

Dr. David W. Pittman '94, associate professor of psychology at Wofford, has received the Graduate of Distinction Award for the Program in Neuroscience at Florida State University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1997.

The award, presented to Pittman on Jan. 15, 2014, is given to a former student who has excelled in his or her career since receiving a doctoral degree in neuroscience from FSU. Immediately after graduating from FSU in 2001, Pittman began his academic career at Wofford.

Pittman spent three days on the FSU campus while receiving the award, meeting with current faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in the program of neuroscience. His visit culminated with a

colloquium lecture on his scientific career investigating the influence of anti-anxiety benzodiazepine drugs on taste palatability and weight gain. The title of his colloquial address was "Enhancing Taste Palatability: GABA in the Parabrachial Nucleus."

Pittman is the first of the award's recipients to be recognized for his career at an undergraduate liberal arts institution. He received the award in recognition of both his productive research career and his mentoring and training of future scientists.

Since 2001, Pittman has published eight research papers in high profile journals with 17 Wofford students as co-authors. He has mentored 76 Wofford students majoring in psychology, biology, chemistry, philosophy and history.

"Most importantly, 70 percent of Dr. Pittman's students have continued their education in graduate or professional school," notes Dr. Robert Contreras, associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and the James C. Smith Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at FSU.

"It is humbling to be honored for a career that I hope is not half over yet," Pittman says. "Wofford College has provided an incredible environment in which we train the scientists of tomorrow, and I owe much of the success of my scientific career to the hard work of the students who have spent time in my laboratory."

To learn more about Pittman's research, visit [sites.wofford.edu/pittmandw/research/](http://sites.wofford.edu/pittmandw/research/).

by Laura H. Corbin

## Wofford psychology in nation's top 10 percent

In November all Wofford senior psychology majors took an important assessment — the Major Field Test (MFT), which is used to gauge progress in the department and to compare psychology departments across the nation. The scores are in, and for the ninth year straight, Wofford's Department of Psychology is in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in the nation.

This year is special, however, because this year's senior class has achieved Wofford's highest ever total average score — a 176 out of 200. The average score across the country is 154. This places the department in the 97th percentile nationally from a sample of 325 schools; a notable few among them are Kenyon College, Centre College and Furman University.



The **CAROLINA PANTHERS** are back on campus in 2014 for their 20th training camp. Be on the lookout for opportunities to watch practices, meet the players and coaches, and participate in activities with the cheerleaders and Sir Purr.



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# SUMMER ON CAMPUS

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**Mike Young Basketball Camps**  
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**Edgar Farmer Basketball Camps**  
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**Coach Mike Ayers Football Camps**  
June 15-17 and June 22-24



**Eric Nash Youth Football Camp**  
June 2-5



**Ralph Lundy Soccer Academy**  
Jun 19-22 and June 26-29



**ID Camp '14 (Women's Soccer)**  
June 8 and Aug. 3



**Rod Ray Tennis Camp**  
June 2-5, June 8-12, June 15-19,  
June 22-26 and June 29 -July 2



**2014 Champions Junior Golf Camp**  
June 2-5 and June 15-19



**2014 Ron Sweet Volleyball Camps**  
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July 17-20 and July 22-25



## STARTALK

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# Alumni *Keeping in touch*

- 1947**  
Our condolences go to **R. Howard Bryant** whose wife, Annie, died in September 2013. The couple had been married for more than 66 years. Bryant, a retired educator, is a member of the Central United Methodist Church, where he teaches Sunday school. He lives in Kings Mountain, N.C.
- 1949**  
Congratulations to **Archie Lewis** and his wife, Frances, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Dec. 11, 2013. They live in McCormick, S.C.
- 1950**  
Best wishes to **Harold Syfrett** who celebrated his 90th birthday on Nov. 2, 2013, at Tall Pines Baptist Church in Ladson, S.C. Syfrett is active today serving as chaplain for the Yorktown Association. He also enjoys gardening, knitting, ceramics and cooking.
- 1953**  
Retired physician **Dr. Robert E. Holman** was a guest lecturer on Nov. 20, 2013, at an event presented by the Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center. Holman's career as a physician spanned more than 50 years. He lives with his wife, Patsy, in Ellore, S.C.
- 1955**  
Retired **Col. Clyde Aiken** and his wife, Ann, live in Columbia, S.C.
- 1956**  
**Dr. Thomas A. Summers** has contributed his extensive sports history collection of approximately 1,000 items to the special collections unit of the Randall Library at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. He began collecting materials at the age of 9. The materials feature photographs, game-day programs and media guides from mainly South Carolina colleges and high schools. Also housed among the archives are mid-1950s articles related to Wofford's intercollegiate swimming team and the college's Sigma Delta Psi athletics fraternity. The online database for his collection can be accessed at [www.uncw.edu](http://www.uncw.edu), followed by a search for "tom summers sports memorabilia."
- 1957**  
Retired surgeon **Dr. Laurie Ervin** and his wife, Jennie, live in Greenville, S.C.
- 1959**  
Retired **Cmdr. Martin L. Banks III** lives with his wife, Nancy, in Burke, Va.
- 1961**  
**Russell Hughes** and his wife, Patricia, live in Saluda, S.C.
- 1963**  
The **Rev. Wayne Wood**, who is retired, lives with his wife, Elaine, in Hendersonville, N.C.
- 1969**  
**Class Chair, Richard L. Myers**  
**Dr. Bill Riley** and his wife, Carmela, live in Severna Park, Md.
- 1971**  
**Class Chair, Kenneth E. Smith**  
**Larry Stephens** and his wife, Elaine, live in Spartanburg. Stephens is a retired executive of Milliken & Co.
- 1972**  
**Class Chair, Allen S. Guignard**  
**Dr. Wade A. Carpenter** is an associate professor at Berry College. He and his wife, Sara, live in Silver Creek, Ga.
- 1974**  
**Class Chair, Jerry L. Calvert**  
**Woody Willard**, property appraiser and owner of Willard Inc., has been selected to be the 4th Congressional District representative on the S.C. Department of Transportation Commission. Willard lives with his family in Spartanburg.
- 1975**  
**Class Chair, John O. Moore**  
**Dr. Willie Stevens** is home school coordinator for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, with a primary responsibility of serving as a child advocate liaison between home, school and community. Stevens and his wife, Sharon, live in Winston-Salem, N.C.
- 1977**  
**Tony Dillon** lives with his family in Franklin, Mass. Dillon recently retired after more than 24 years as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
The **Rev. Dr. Donald Hayes** is the priest at the Church of the Advent in Marion, S.C. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Dillon, S.C.
- 1979**  
**Class Chair, Wade E. Ballard**  
Retired **Maj. Gen. Rodney O. Anderson** was guest speaker at a Martin Luther King Musical Celebration at Johnston Community College on Jan. 19, 2014. Anderson and his wife, Linda, live in Fayetteville, N.C.  
**D. Chris Goodall**, chairman and chief executive officer of Continental American Insurance Co., has been elected vice president of the Riverbanks Society. He also is a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees. Goodall lives with his family in Columbia, S.C.  
**Marty Richards** was named vice president of advancement for the Children's Museum of the Upstate on Dec. 11, 2013. Richards returns to South Carolina from Ohio, where he served as the vice president of development for the Franklin Park Conservatory.
- 1981**  
**Class Chair, G. Patrick Watson**  
**Steven Mungo** was honored in January 2014 as one of the 50 Most Influential People by Business Monthly Columbia. Business Monthly considers the contributions of each

## Legendary coaches receive recent recognitions

Four Wofford graduates who have given their lives to bringing out the best in young scholars and athletes have won special recognition this spring, bringing honor to themselves and to their alma mater.

### Wally Dean '50

With the help of Wally Dean's widow and sons Glenn, Don and Bob, Spartanburg High School has created a display in its gymnasium lobby honoring the late basketball coach and principal. Dean coached the boys' basketball team, then known as the Red Birds, from 1955-1965 before becoming assistant principal. During those coaching years, his always-competitive teams won two state championships.

Dean was an All-State collegiate basketball player at Wofford. After graduation, he ranked as one of the Terriers' biggest fans,

filming football games home and away for 42 years.

### Billy Hicks '74

Many Wofford graduates over the past two years have enjoyed reading "Outside Shot: Big Dreams, Hard Times, and One County's Quest for Basketball Greatness" by Keith O'Brien. For a season, the former sportswriter for the Boston Globe followed basketball at Scott County High School in Georgetown, Ky., telling the story of the team and Coach Billy Hicks. The book seems certain to become a classic in its genre.

Hicks started his career as a high school head coach in 1978-79. This winter, as the Cardinals moved toward the post-season playoffs, Hicks attained first place on the Kentucky all-time high school coaching

list with his 857th career win, moving past the late William Kean of Louisville Central High. Hicks has coached at four schools in Kentucky (Evarts, Harlan, Corbin and Scott County), claiming two state championships and winning 30 games in six different seasons.

### Doug Lowe '75

Spartanburg High School honored Doug Lowe during its home basketball game on Feb. 7 by naming the main basketball court in Dobson Gymnasium in his honor. Lowe coached 34 years, 31 as a head coach, at Spartanburg.

Lowe never had a losing season with the Vikings, winning 17 region titles and one state championship. When he retired in 2010, his lifetime record was 626-212.

### Tim Wallace '83

Now in his 23rd season as head baseball coach at Spartanburg Methodist College, Tim Wallace is set to pass an incredible milestone with his 1000th victory. His winning percentage of .763 is among the best for active coaches in all divisions of the National Junior College Athletics Association. He will be inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame on

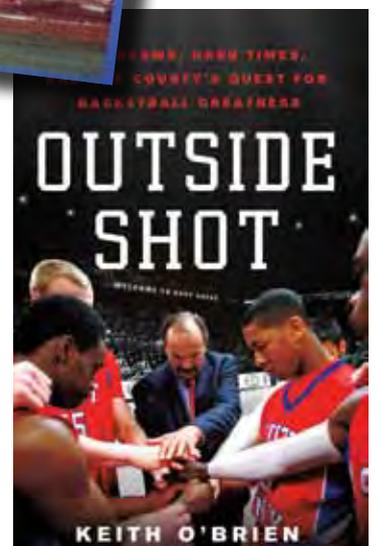
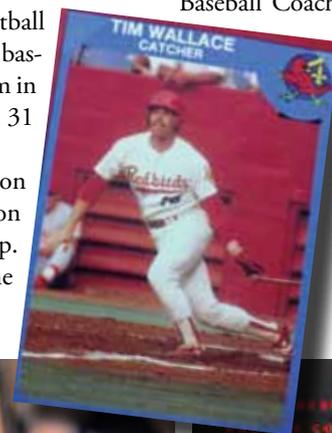
May 23. As a Terrier player, Wallace enjoyed a hall-of-fame career and then was a professional baseball standout for seven seasons.

by Doyle Boggs '70



Tim Kimzey / Herald-Journal

(Left) Wally Dean's widow and sons in front of the new display at Spartanburg High School in his honor (Above) Doug Lowe on the court at Spartanburg High that now bears his name (Right) Billy Hicks on the cover of the book about his rise to becoming the winningest high school coach in Kentucky history (Top) Tim Wallace's baseball card



person to have made the most impact on Columbia, S.C., during the year in business, government, education and nonprofit categories. Mungo is chief executive officer of Mungo Homes.

1983

**Class Chair, W. Scott Gantt**

**Rock Amick** is owner and founder of Big Rock Wealth Management. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Charleston, S.C. The couple will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on April 14, 2014.

**Dr. Meg Carman** is an assistant professor at Duke University School of Nursing. She also served at the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2013, helping to establish the first board certification for emergency nurse practitioners, and she continues to practice with Wake Emergency Physicians in Raleigh, N.C.

1984

**Class Chair, Kenneth M. Kirkpatrick**

Former assistant U.S. Attorney **Mark Moore** has joined Nexsen Pruet's Columbia, S.C., office as a member of the firm's white-collar criminal defense team. Moore is a former federal prosecutor and spent more than 24 years as an assistant U.S. attorney.

1986

**Class Chair, Brand R. Stille**

The Times-News of Hendersonville, N.C. reported that **John Ross** has been appointed to a four-year term on the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects by Gov. Pat McCrory. Ross is president and CEO of John Ross Inc., a landscape company. He will represent the interest of the public at large as the board approves exam candidates and issues permits and licenses to landscape architect.

1988

**Class Chair, C. Lane Glaze**

**Deborah Stephenson Kleckauskas** is a loan officer for DHI Mortgage, a subsidiary of D.R. Horton Homes. She lives with her family in Guyton, Ga.

1989

**Class Chair, Michael R. Sullivan**

**Jeff Reeves** has been elected president of Riverbanks Society, the nonprofit organization supporting the needs of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. Reeves is a senior vice president with Wells Fargo bank. He lives with his family in Lexington, S.C.

1990

**Class Chair, Scott W. Cashion**

**Dr. Shawna Satterfield Collins** and her husband, the **Rev. Jason Collins '93**, live in Conway, S.C. Shawna is a dentist at Carolina Center for Cosmetic and Restorative Dentistry. Jason is associate rector at St. Paul's Church in Conway. The couple has two children, Hannah and Duncan.

**Emelia Gauthier Howell** is a professional accounting tutor for Johnson & Wales University. She and her husband, William, live in Fort Mill, S.C. The couple has two children, Will and Grace.

**Laura Muegel Sippel** is employed as a business systems consultant for Wells Fargo bank. She and her husband, Jonathan, live in Fort Mill, S.C. The couple has twin boys, Daniel and Evan.

1993

**Class Chair, Sarah C. Sawicki**

**Todd Avant** was honored in January 2014 as one of the 50 Most Influential People by Business Monthly Columbia. Business Monthly considers the contributions of each

person to have made the most impact on Columbia, S.C., during the year in business, government, education and nonprofit categories. Avant is chief executive officer of the commercial real estate firm NAI Avant.

New Orleans Cold Storage announced on Feb. 19, 2014, the promotion of **Jim Henderson** to vice president of sales and marketing. He will be responsible for all of the company's warehouse and services in New Orleans, Houston and Charleston, S.C.

1994

**Class Chair, Alicia N. Truesdail**

**David Harrell** is director of acquisitions for LRC Opportunity Fund. He lives in New York City.

1995

**Class Chair, Brandie Yancey Lorenz**

Living in Columbia, S.C., **Kimberly M. Johnson** is an administrative assistant for Richland County.

**Brian Marchant** is vice president of the real estate firm The Marchant Co. Inc. He lives with his family in Greenville, S.C.

1996

**Class Chair, Curt L. Nichols Jr.**

ESPN reporter and host of "NFL Live" **Wendi Nix** was among a group of women selected to speak at the fourth annual Women's Leadership Conference and Celebration of Inspiring Women held on Feb. 26, 2014, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1997

**Class Chair, Beth Mangham Guerrero**

**Shelley Haddock Dempsey** has joined the University of South Carolina as director for evening programs which include weekend and Fort Jackson programs. She lives with her family in Columbia, S.C.

**Matt Solomon** lives in Eagle, Colo., and is the founder and owner of Alpine Arms.

1998

**Class Chair, Casey B. Moore**

**Michael Edens** has joined Southern First Bancshares Inc. as senior vice president and a team leader in the Columbia, S.C. market. He previously worked at NBSC. Edens lives with his family in Columbia.

**Mark Sullivan** is a financial adviser for Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his wife, Fran, live in Columbia, S.C. The couple has three sons, Luke, James and Grant.

1999

**Class Chair, Zach O. Atkinson**

**Rion Moore** is a broker at Windermere Insurance Group. He lives with his family in Georgetown, S.C.

2000

**Class Chair, Anthony D. Hoefer Jr.**

**Jonathan Williams** is a South Carolina assistant attorney general. He lives with his family in Columbia, S.C.

2001

**Class Chair, Jenna Sheheen Bridgers**

**Ayden Meyer** lives with his family in Charlotte, N.C. Meyer is director in foreign exchange sales for PNC Bank.

2002

**Class Chair, L. Yorke Gerrald**

**Rebecca Gurba** works as a biological weapons analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. She lives in Herndon, Va.

**John Johnston**, chief operating officer for Ed Robinson Laundry and Dry Cleaners, is a member of the Midlands' 11th class of young business leaders. Johnston lives with his wife, **Ainsley Robinson Johnston '04**, in Columbia, S.C. The couple has two children.



Peter Moore '69 (top left corner) performs with the Wofford Strings Ensemble during "Messiah," performed by Wofford's musical groups.

## Wofford recognizes Peter Moore's generosity of time and talents with student strings award

When the college awards the first Peter Allen Moore Award for Strings during Honors Convocation in May, the Wofford community will applaud for the student recipient, but they'll also be cheering for one of the college's most loyal Terriers — Dr. Peter Moore '69.

"Peter is a cherished member of the Spartanburg and Wofford community for his kindness and tireless work on behalf of everyone in need," says Dr. Eun-Sun Lee, professor of music. "We honor ourselves by honoring our dear friend for his contributions, to not only the strings program, but to all Terriers."

Moore, who mentored and advised the college's strings ensemble for years, continues to play the violin for college performances and with small groups of Wofford students in the community.

"I love working with Wofford students because they're so alive with energy," says Moore. "They're compassionate, civil young people who look for good in the world and want to change it and make it better. They're smart and an inspiration to be around."

Moore learned to play the violin through the Spartanburg public schools strings program. He stopped and even sold his violin after college, but picked it back up when he was 30. Soon after that he began playing with the Spartanburg orchestra and in small groups for local events. That's also when he reconnected with Wofford. As adviser for the Wofford strings ensemble, Moore would invite students to social gatherings at his home.

"We'd have a cookout or pizza, and to get to know each other, we'd go around the room and tell stories," says Moore.

Once Moore challenged the students to share their most embarrassing experiences as musicians. Most of the answers included forgotten instruments or disastrous recitals. Moore's story was different.

"I'm left handed, and when I was a child and first started playing, my teacher had to string a violin backwards so I could go through the correct movements," says Moore, who had two different violins, both a left handed and a right handed version, for a year. "At the recital, I played the piece and my teacher surprised me by asking me to come back and play the same piece again, but in reverse. Word got around, and I became a kind of trick pony — the boy who could play the violin backwards and forwards."

Moore ended up on the *The Tonight Show* with Jack Paar. Now, it's a funny story, but at the time, Moore, who was only 12, was embarrassed by the attention. The experience, however, helped him develop sensitivity to his students and the stress of performance.

Moore still keeps in touch with his graduated strings students and recounts with pleasure their professional successes and philanthropic contributions. Like most of them, Moore has never worked as a full-time musician, choosing instead to share his gifts as a psychologist and community volunteer.

"I'm amazed that this wonderful college, that doesn't have a music major, has the quality that we do in vocal and instrumental performance," says Moore. "A lot of the students we get at Wofford could get a degree from a top music school, but they also excel in biology or history. Wofford allows them to do both."

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

# TERRIERS in the News

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## Wood plays key role in "My Brother's Keeper" initiative

"My Brother's Keeper" is a new public/private initiative to build ladders of opportunity for boys and young men of color across America. President Barack Obama made the announcement on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the White House.

There, seated on the front row of a very distinguished audience in the East Room, was Dr. Douglas Wood '90, representing the Ford Foundation and its president, Darren Walker.

Since 2011, Wood has been a Ford Foundation program officer, working in New York City. His grant-making focuses on helping students transition from high school to college and improving the college completion rates of underserved students.

In addition to a doctoral degree from Harvard, Wood took to his Ford Foundation position broad experience as a teacher and administrator for students in grades PK-12, as well as higher education policy and administration. He says there's also a lifelong commitment to serving others that was inspired by Dr. Talmage Skinner '56 and other members of the Wofford family: "Take what you have learned out into your community and make it a better place."

Over the next five years of the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, the Ford Foundation and nine other global foundations will invest \$250 million on top of the \$100 million already invested in research and proven programs around the country that help young men of color at critical moments in their development. Corporations also will be involved.

Wood hopes to continue to be a player in this effort. "The Ford Foundation's staff and board are made up of thoughtful, dedicated people who want to make the world better," Wood says. "Our way of doing that is through strategic investment, such as helping promising young college graduates lighten their college loan debt. We believe in supporting people to take responsibility for themselves, their families and their communities."

For Wood, the White House event was especially memorable for an opportunity to have a few personal words with Obama during a meeting of senior foundation executives and corporate leaders in the Roosevelt Room. "Not bad for a kid from Chesnee, S.C.," Wood says. "Of course, none of this would be possible without my Wofford education."



## Harry Williams jumps out of a plane to celebrate his 93rd birthday

Harry Williams '42 (above center) made headlines when he celebrated his 93rd birthday by skydiving with his son, Steve Williams '80 (left), and grandson, Will Joyner.

The trio went skydiving at SkyDive Carolina when the temperature on the ground was 35 degrees and -10 in the air at the time of the jump. They jumped from 14,000 feet and fell at 120 mph.

In an interview with local media Williams said the best part of skydiving was "getting down."

## Hackney to lead Yale Divinity development efforts

Jim Hackney '77 has accepted a new position at Yale University Divinity School as the senior director of development.

"I am truly honored and humbled by this opportunity," says Hackney. "After consulting for more than 18 years with Alexander Haas I thought that I would spend the rest of my life with the firm. But learning from Dean Gregory Sterling his vision of how Yale can prepare the next generation of leadership for church and world, it became clear that this was my next move."

Hackney moves to New Haven, Conn., and begins his new job in early April.

## Johnson appointed to the Florence County Economic Development Partnership Board

Will Johnson '02, an attorney with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, was appointed to the Florence County Economic Development Partnership board by Florence County Progress Inc. in January.

Johnson focuses his practice in the areas of tax and economic incentive matters. He is the current president of the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, chairman of the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association and a member of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA), South Carolina Economic Developers' Association, and the Central S.C. Alliance Committee of 100.

## William Fields chosen as finalist for Tampa Bay Business Journal's Small Business CFO 2014

Dobler Consulting, a provider of database consulting services, announced that William Fields '89, its chief financial officer, has been nominated as a 2014 CFO finalist of the year by the Tampa Bay Business Journal. Fields was nominated in the small business category.

According to Pam Huff, of the Journal: "An independent panel of judges has named 40 finalists from a pool of nominees for the 2014 CFO of the Year awards."

Fields joined Dobler Consulting in October 2013.



## Hartley recognized with lifetime achievement award

Dr. Dean S. Hartley III '68 (above) is the recipient of the Military Applications Society (MAS) Jacinto Steinhart Prize for 2013. Sponsored by the CNA Corp., the prize is awarded for outstanding lifetime contributions to military operations research.

Hartley is the author of "Predicting Combat Effects," several book chapters and numerous articles in the field of operations research, making significant impacts in four areas of military operations research: combat modeling, Human Social Cultural Behavior (HSCB) modeling, ontologies and Verification, Validation and Accreditation (VV&A). He also has served as president of MAS, as a vice-president of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS) and as a director of the Military Operations Research Society (MORS).

After four years of active duty in the Army, Hartley joined Milliken & Company and worked in industrial operations research for nine years. In 1986, he joined the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, performing governmental operations research for 15 years, before retiring in 2001 and founding Hartley Consulting, where he continues to be active in military operations research.

Hartley and his wife, Eileen, live in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## "They said yes?" "They said yes!" The world celebrates Rion Holcombe's college acceptance

Rion Holcombe's 15 minutes of fame started simply enough as a 90-second video captured on a cell phone to record him reading his college acceptance letter.

"I wanted my mother and sisters to see his reaction so I asked Susan to have her phone ready," says Danny Holcombe '86, Rion's father.

A few days later Susan Holcombe, Rion's mother, put the video on YouTube so family could share it with some of their friends.

"The Spartanburg Herald-Journal interviewed Rion, the story made the wire, and the rest is history," says Danny.

Rion's video and the story have made the Today Show, Huffington Post, Hollywood Gossip, Buzz Feed, Mirror UK, and dozens of other media outlets.

"Overnight we had 9,000 views," says Molly, Rion's 17-year-old sister, "then 300,000 by the next day. The numbers just kept going up like crazy."

Rion's heart-warming video now has more than a million hits and no telling how many reposts — one of those being from Pittsburgh Steelers strong safety Troy Polamalu. He commented on the post and forwarded it to friends.

"We just wanted to capture that special moment," says Susan. "Now we have messages from people all over the world — people in Thailand, Russia, France, Spain, China and Pakistan, some of whom say they wish they had programs like this in their countries. We even heard from a battalion of soldiers serving in Afghanistan."

College acceptance is a big deal under any circumstances, but especially so for Rion.

"This isn't something that we even considered when Rion was born 20 years ago," says Danny. "Until a few years ago, people with Down syndrome didn't have this option."

In the fall Rion will begin attending the ClemsonLIFE program at Clemson University. The program "is designed for students with intellectual disabilities who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus." At Clemson, Rion will explore careers and prepare for a life of independence.

"Rion is a very capable young man who makes good decisions," says Danny. "With a little help, he can do this."

According to Susan, some of Rion's goals include living on his own, paying his own bills and shopping for his own groceries. He already holds a job at Paul's Wood Fired Burgers in Roebuck, S.C., and is looking forward to the job he has secured for the fall at Firehouse Subs in Clemson.

"I want to work at Firehouse Subs, help out the football team and meet girls," says Rion, about his extracurricular plans during college.

Rion already has gotten to spend some quality time with the team. When the Orange Bowl Committee learned of the video, they invited Rion and his family to be their guests at the BCS Championships in Miami, Fla. Rion enjoyed hanging out on the field with the players before the game and met quarterback Taj Boyd, coach Dabo Swinney and President James Clements. He twerked, signed autographs and shook hands with half-time performers Dierks Bentley and Danielle Bradbery.

"I like the attention," says Rion, who is a member of the Special Olympics swim team and plays Miracle League baseball.

"We've never told him no, you can't do something," says Susan. "He's wanted to go to college since he heard friends in the neighborhood talking about it. Now he will."

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89



From left, Danny, Rion, Susan and Molly Holcombe, all say Rion's 15 minutes of fame has been lots of fun.

# Wofford and Project HOPE families combine to provide services for children and families affected by autism

After Stephanie Martin's son Bo was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2, she couldn't talk about it. She couldn't even use the word autism. Then she found "HOPE," and with it an even larger Wofford family.

Robert '97 and Stephanie Hyman '97 Martin started dating during their first year at Wofford. They were both student-athletes: Robert on the college's men's tennis team, Stephanie on the volleyball team. At their wedding they were surrounded by scores of friends and family, most of them Terriers. Bo, now 10, was born a few years later.

"The first year was completely typical," says Stephanie Martin. "Bo was meeting his milestones. Then he plateaued and started losing skills. We felt like he was slipping through our fingers."

Stephanie called BabyNet for help. Then came the diagnosis.

"What was so hard was that this wasn't even on our radar," she says. "For a while my full-time job was getting him the services he needed."

At about the same time, Lisa Lane, a founder of Project HOPE in Greenville, S.C., and her board of directors and staff were adding HOPE Reach to their list of services for children and families affected by autism. HOPE Reach is an intense Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy provider that serves each child in the program with 25 to 40 hours per week of therapy to help them develop language, behavioral, social and cognitive skills.

Bo and the Martins have been a part of the HOPE family since 2008, first through HOPE Reach and the foundation, and

now through HOPE Academy, an inclusion-based school where students with autism learn side-by-side with neurotypical peers. Bo is in a specialized class called "Bridging the Gap" with six students, all with autism. His teachers are certified ABA therapists that follow a HOPE-developed curriculum based on core academic subjects.

"There's literally nothing else like it," says Martin. "Big wigs in the autism education and treatment world visit HOPE Academy to benchmark its programs, and some of them can't distinguish which children in the room are the ones with autism."

Through Project HOPE, the Martins reconnected with HOPE Reach Clinical Director Mark Knight '98, who was a sophomore in Dr. James Seegars child psychology class when an opportunity to work with a child with autism in the Woodruff area opened up. That was Colby Lane, Project HOPE founder Lisa Lane's son, and Knight and Colby learned together.

According to Knight, in the 1990s doctors diagnosed one in 2,500 children with autism. Today one in 88 receive the diagnosis.

"When a child with autism starts HOPE Reach before the age of 3, 86 percent eventually can go into a mainstream environment without support. After 3, the number drops to just over 50 percent," says Martin.

After Bo's diagnosis Martin says their family went into survival mode. Now many of their friends are part of the HOPE community, and the Martins are active volunteers for Project HOPE Foundation, serving on the board of directors and volunteering at nearly every

event. Working side-by-side with them are Wofford graduates David Atchley '88, a member of the Project HOPE Foundation board and chairman of the fund raising committee; Andy Sevic '98, treasurer of the board; and the Rev. Michael Turner '97, who now serves as pastor at Advent United Methodist Church in Simpsonville, S.C., the site that has hosted HOPE Academy since it was founded.

Through Project HOPE, the Martins also met Josh Hyman '15 and members of the Wofford baseball and cross country teams.

"Robert needed another member for his HOPE Relay team, so Lisa Lane recruited her nephew Josh. The next year he brought the baseball team, and this past year the Wofford Student-Athlete Advisory Council sent 12 teams of four to run the 14 mile relay," says Stephanie. "They were all wearing their Wofford shirts. It made me proud to be a Terrier!"

For the Martins, raising awareness for autism and support for Project HOPE is now a way of life.

"The progress Bo has made because of HOPE is remarkable," says Stephanie. "The fact that he is safe, celebrated, challenged and nurtured means so much. Robert and I will do just about anything for Project HOPE."

According to Martin, the cost of providing care and therapy for a child with autism runs between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per year, and insurance coverage is complicated at best. Because it's a non-profit organization, the cost of services through Project HOPE is about \$50,000 per year, but that lower price tag



Above, the Wofford baseball and cross country teams represented the college while running to support Project HOPE. "Head coach Todd Interdonato strives to provide us with opportunities to get out in the community, and when I came to him with the idea of doing the HOPE Relay, he was completely on board," says Hyman. "During the post-race ceremony, all of our teams were recognized by the race director and the amount of gratitude we received was far greater than I could have ever imagined."

Below, Mark Knight (center) works with a child and therapist during an ABA session.



requires lots of grant writing and fundraising to supplement the cost. That's one reason that Martin and Atchley met with John Bauknight '89 and RJ Rockers Brewing Co. recently to request help. Bauknight said yes, and RJ Rockers will be the beverage sponsor for both the Evening of HOPE Gala on April 27 and the HOPE Invitational

Golf Tournament on April 28. "John's another Wofford graduate who is supporting Project HOPE Foundation and children with autism. I think it sets a great example to the current Wofford students and recent graduates to see how they can give back to their community in need," says Martin. "We look forward to further strengthening

the ties between Project HOPE Foundation and Wofford – through our fundraising events, awareness campaigns, and with volunteer and giving opportunities throughout the year."

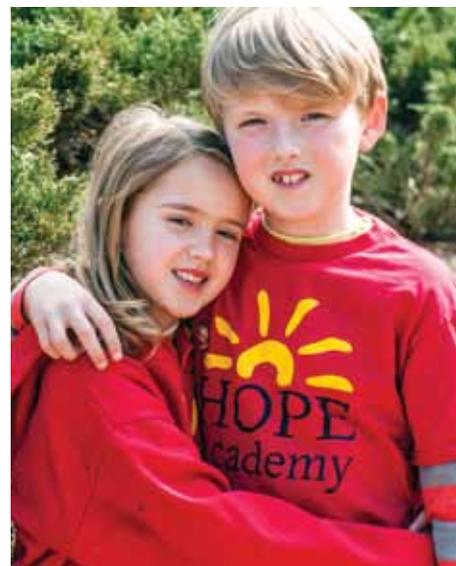
Visit [www.projecthopesc.org](http://www.projecthopesc.org) to learn more about Project HOPE Foundation and all of its services.

by Jo Ann M. Brasington '89

Mark and Cecilia Hibbard Knight '98, who also started working with children with autism during college and who still works in the profession, along with their children, Jackson (10), O'Melia Grace (8) and Duncan (5).



Below right, the Martin family, Louise, Stephanie, Bo, Durham and Robert. Below left, Bo and his sister, Louise, in their HOPE Academy class shirts. Martin says that HOPE has helped Louise become a compassionate and caring friend to fellow classmates, regardless of ability.



# A grandmother's recipe — Nick Belmont '02 keeps up tradition with Dottie's Toffee



Whether your preference is milk or dark chocolate, marry either to fresh, handmade, buttery toffee made with pure cane sugar, almonds and a pinch of sea salt, and you've got a savory piece of heaven — thanks to Spartanburg's Nick Belmont '02.

Belmont makes 50 pounds of that delectable treat every day — and more than 100 pounds a day during the Christmas holidays — as he keeps up the tradition his grandmother Dot Smith started in her Spartanburg kitchen back in 1976. Now, Belmont is in charge of the signature family candy — Dottie's Toffee — sold around the world, and still made by hand.

"My mother (Cindy Smith Holland '76) and I decided to start Dottie's Toffee in the spring of 2006, and we launched that summer," Belmont says. He knew it could be a good seller — after all, he had sold a few batches from his dorm room while he was at Wofford, even selling some to a local grocer.

Now, Dottie's Toffee is available in retail gift and gourmet shops in 42 cities in 17 states, and can be ordered online at [www.dottiestoffee.com](http://www.dottiestoffee.com). "We're in probably 100 stores, including Dean

& DeLuca's, Whole Foods and Fresh Market," Belmont notes.

"We started the business after several Spartanburg friends convinced us that we had a great product," says Belmont, who majored in economics. "We started out selling locally, and it has grown tremendously."

Dottie's Toffee Shop, where all the goodness happens, is located in downtown on Spring Street, where Belmont, his mother, and two other workers continue to make the toffee by blending Belgian chocolate, sweet cream butter, pure cane sugar, "only the best" whole and crushed almonds, and a pinch of sea salt. During the busy season, the work force doubles, sometimes adding his sister, Kesler Belmont Bridgforth '04.

It's amazing that it all happens in a 20x20 kitchen that features a large industrial stove, a large stainless steel table and an 8x8 refrigerator. All the cooking and packaging goes on in that spot.

The toffee comes in a variety of sizes, ranging from four-ounce cans for \$7.50 up to two-pound tins for \$39.

Belmont says while the toffee with milk chocolate is his top seller, the split is almost 50-50, and people

who think they prefer milk chocolate really love the dark chocolate once they give it a try. "We're starting to sell more dark chocolate," he says. "People are finding that it's not a very strong dark, so it's better than they thought." He notes that Grandmother Dot (who was known as Dot rather than Dottie) always used milk chocolate.

The toffee is made pretty much how Dot made hers — except that she used margarine instead of butter. "I was using margarine, too, but at some point the manufacturers changed the formula or something, and it just wasn't coming out right, so I decided to try real butter instead," Belmont shares. "It works and people really like the buttery taste."

Belmont says while he wasn't sure when he majored in economics exactly what he would do with the degree, it has come in quite handy now that he's an entrepreneur. Previously, he had worked in real estate and as a landscaper in Charleston, S.C. He thinks if he had had the advantages Wofford's The Space in the Mungo Center gives to students with an entrepreneurial spirit and interest, Dottie's Toffee might have taken off even earlier for him.

by Laura H. Corbin

**Dr. Erica Savage-Jeter** was presented the degree of fellow by the American Academy of Family Physicians in December 2013. She also was recognized by the Diabetes Recognition Program of the National Committee of Quality Assurance. Savage-Jeter practices at Family Medical Center in Spartanburg. She lives with her family in Jonesville, S.C.

**Maj. Tanner Spry** and his wife, **Dr. Karen Hembree Spry '03**, live in Colorado Springs, Colo. The couple has two children, Wyatt and Caroline.

**Dr. Richard Webb** is a general surgeon in the United States Army, currently deployed to Afghanistan. Webb was promoted to Major in June 2013 after completing a general surgery residency at Walter Reed Military Medical Center. Webb and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Columbia, S.C. They have one daughter, Anne Caroline.

**2004**  
**Class Chair, Fred Byers II**

**Capt. Jonathan Cheek** lives with his wife, Capt. Judith Kasper, in Waiialua, Hawaii. Cheek, a

strategic plans officer, interprets and translates national security strategy and theater campaign strategy into operational action across the Asia-Pacific region.

**Jessica Miles Gibson** is a learning specialist at the University of South Carolina Academic Enrichment Center. She lives with her husband, the Rev. Seth Gibson, in Columbia, S.C.

**Hayes Stanton** has joined the law firm of Bellamy, Rutenberg, Copeland, Epps, Gravely & Bowers P.A. In addition to practicing law, he also is certified to act as a guardian ad litem in contested custody disputes in South Carolina and is certified as a South Carolina family court mediator. Stanton lives with his family in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

**Dr. Jennifer Hardin Thompson** is the pharmacy operations supervisor at AnMed Health Medical Center. She also is on the board of directors for the United Way of Anderson County. Thompson and her husband, David, live in Anderson, S.C.

**Charles H. Williams III** is an attorney in the law firm of Williams & Williams. He was selected for the

National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 in 2012 and 2013. He also is a board member of the Orangeburg Rotary Club and is vice chair of the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association. Williams lives with his wife, Lauren, in Orangeburg.

**2005**  
**Class Chair, Ryan M. Waller**

**Jaclynn Bower Goings** has joined the Charleston office of the law firm of Turner Padgett Graham & Laney P.A. Her area of practice focuses on commercial real estate, banking and corporate matters. Goings and her husband, Travis, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. The couple has one daughter, Abigail.

**Adam Regenthal** is vice president of sales for Colite International Ltd. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

**2006**  
**Class Chair**  
**Hadley Green Inabinet**

**Michael Bennett** and his wife, Rachel, live in Columbia, S.C. Bennett is associated with the technology firm Elauwit Networks.

**Hallie Moore Sessoms** is assistant director of communications for

the North Carolina Bar Association. She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

**Chris Shugart** and his wife, Anna, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Shugart is vice president of production administration for South Carolina Bank & Trust at its Charleston location.

Living in Huntersville, N.C., **Mary Beth Weaver** is employed as an emergency medicine physician assistant.

**2007**  
**Class Chair, Hunter L. Miller**

**John Inabinet** is an attorney in the law firm of Holcombe Bomar P.A. He and his wife, **Hadley Green Inabinet '06**, live in Spartanburg.

**Susanna Paul** lives in New Orleans, La. She is an account manager for Atlanta-based Gourmet Foods International.

**2008**  
**Class Chair, Nathan Madigan**

**Taylor Peace** and his wife, **Leah Hyatt Peace '09**, live in Columbia, S.C. Taylor is an attorney at the law firm of Tyler Cassell Jackson Peach & Silverman LLC, and Leah is public relations coordinator for Palmetto Health Foundation.

**Crawford Poe** and his wife, **Shana Glenn Poe '07**, live in Greenville, S.C. Crawford is a mortgage originator at Southern First Bank, and Shana is a physical therapist at Greenville Health System Children's Hospital.

**David White** has joined JHM Hotels as finance and real estate analyst. He previously held the position of controller at Serrus Capital Partners. White lives with his family in Greer, S.C.

**Dr. Norina Witt** graduated from the University of South Carolina on May 10, 2013. She is working her residency in pediatrics at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

**2009**  
**Class Chair, T. Peyton Hray**

**Jeff K. Kim**, a self-employed fashion stylist, was guest speaker at Wofford on Nov. 20, 2013, as part of the Impact program at The Space in the Mungo Center. Kim, who lives in Hollywood, Calif., has styled both men and women, including the late Cory Monteith of "Glee" and Analeigh Tipton, who starred in "Crazy Stupid Love." For the Oscars, he dressed best actress

nominee Jacki Weaver of "Silver Linings Playbook."

**Charles Prevost** has joined Baldwin & Associates LLC as a tax accountant. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

**Nathaniel Smith** is an associate attorney for the law firm Mabry & McClelland. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

**2010**  
**Class Chair, Kari Harris**

**Fran Battles** works as a speech-language pathologist for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and Jones Therapy Services. She lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Living in Morgantown, W.Va., **Evan Conard** is a title attorney for CONSOL Energy.

**Virginia Regan Foote** earned a master's degree as a physician assistant from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2013. She and her husband, Jonathan, live in Charleston, S.C.

**Michael Q. Gault** has joined Spartanburg law firm Harrison, White, Smith & Coggins P.C. Gault graduated from the Charleston School of Law and was admitted

to the South Carolina Bar in 2013.

Congratulations to **Justin Hunter** on earning his law degree from the Charleston School of Law in 2013. Justin was sworn in to the South Carolina Bar on Nov. 18, 2013. He is a law clerk for the Hon. R. Knox McMahon.

**2011**  
**Class Chair,**  
**Nam Hai Pham**

**Meredith Few** is employed as a sales and marketing administrator for the Tool and Gage House. She lives in Rock Hill, S.C.

**Charlotte Perrow Law** and her husband, Tyler, live in Beaufort, S.C. She is a commercial lines account manager at Kinghorn Insurance Agency of Beaufort LLC.

**2012**  
**Class Chair**  
**Hallie Marie Willm**

**Nicole Girard** earned her master's degree in accounting from North Carolina State University in 2013, and works as a tax associate at Grant Thornton LLP. She lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Living in Columbia, S.C., **Hannah Leirmoe** teaches theater and public speaking at Wilson Hall School.

**Ryan Mattie** is a financial analyst at American Electric Power (AEP), working specifically on a high growth joint venture between AEP and MidAmerican Energy. He lives in Austin, Texas.

**2013**  
**Class Chair**

**Morgan Victoria Amick**  
**Cliff Ayers** is a development analyst at EDENS Inc. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Living in Columbia, S.C., **Langley Altman** is an assistant project manager for the political internet firm Push Digital.

**Danner Benfield** is employed as a sales associate at Poston and Co. He lives in Charleston, S.C.

**Mary Carman Jordan** has joined Core Care Medical as a corporate team administrator. She lives in Spartanburg.

**Ryann Kroske McCall** is SEO (search engine optimization) copywriter for the internet marketing firm Click Optimize. She and her husband, Andrew, live in Raleigh, N.C.

Living in Arlington, Va., **Kellee-Morgan Wither- spoon** is a junior account manager for Active Engagement.

**Tom Wood** is a financial analyst for OTO Development. He lives in Spartanburg.

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

## Marty Bauer inspires new method of travel with RidePost

**M**arty Bauer '07 has the solution to a problem running rampant across colleges and universities.

According to Bauer, universities are enrolling more students to increase revenue. As undergraduates climb in number, universities demolish parking lots to build facilities, decreasing the amount of space for cars on campus. Meanwhile, students and parents want to cut down on vehicular costs, especially when owning a car can cost up to \$9,000 a year. This phenomenon has led to college admissions' second most asked question: do students need cars on campus?

Without cars, however, students still need safe and affordable transportation. To combat this issue, Bauer, a finance major as a student at Wofford, started RidePost.

"It's a private transportation network for college students, faculty and staff," says Bauer, "The goal is to make it easier for people to not bring a car to campus."

RidePost is a ride-sharing company that connects people who need rides with people who have cars. Though there is a public element to RidePost, it specifically targets universities, creating private networks exclusive to those who attend a certain school. It also offers an airport shuttle service to big universities whose students need to travel during busy times of the year, such as around Thanksgiving or Christmas.

RidePost already has been implemented at Clemson University, Duke University, Western Carolina University and Dickinson College.

"The vision always has been to create the fourth element of transportation," says Bauer, "Ten to 15 years ago, people didn't have cell phones on campus. Now a cell phone is probably one of our most prized possessions. There's a lot of technology that's come through, and traditional transportation is like that. As owning a car gets more and more expensive, and more technology is out there to enable us to not own a car, people are looking for alternative transportation."

RidePost is an alternative to planes, trains and buses, which can involve high expenses and close contact with strangers. RidePost attempts to breach barriers by connecting people. A person seeking a ride has access to a potential travel partner's background, including mutual friends and interests. Bauer knows the benefit of this option through personal experience.

As a graduate student at the University of South Carolina, Bauer was required to live and work overseas for one year. During



his stay in Europe, he spent every weekend traveling to a new city or country. European transportation relies heavily on trains, and the high cost of tickets started to weigh on Bauer's finances. He turned to ride-sharing, and what he found was a cheaper, more rewarding way to travel.

"I ended up being in a car with three other people who were super interesting. They were excited to talk to us, and we were excited to learn from them. I had a great experience and saved a whole lot of money" says Bauer.

"Then the light bulb went off. I could spend the next six to eight months that I was living over there traveling this way. I started doing that every weekend. I was hooked," Bauer adds.

He changed a 120 euro ticket into a 15 euro car ride. When he returned to the United States, he wondered why such convenient ride-sharing options didn't exist and decided to start his own.

"We think that A) it's a good business, but B) we're solving a really big problem," Bauer says.

Colleges and universities pay Bauer for an annual license to the private network, which ensures access only to verified students and faculty members.

"You're either a vitamin or a painkiller," says Bauer, "It's much better to be a painkiller. People pay for painkillers. When there's a problem, we want to be able to fix it."

Ridepost is headquartered in Greenville, S.C. Bauer is also the managing director at the Iron Yard, a mentorship-driven accelerated business program based in Spartanburg. Bauer used the resources of the Iron Yard to start RidePost. Now, he helps other companies gain momentum.

Bauer hopes to implement RidePost at Wofford next year. Students could access a network of other verified Wofford students and faculty. Bauer believes that using RidePost to make these types of connections fosters community.

"I think community is important in every realm. What we do is really built upon trust. We make sure that everything we do is as transparent as possible," says Bauer.

On starting a business, Bauer says, "It's definitely extremely challenging. It's one of the most challenging things you'll do, but it's also one of the most rewarding things that you can do in life."

by Addie Lawrence '16

## Grigg launches Exposed Brick DC



**F**or many young alumni, the transition from student to graduate can be difficult. Throw in the daunting task of trying to find the perfect post-Wofford "home," and it's easy to get overwhelmed, especially in an area like Washington, D.C. It was that feeling that drove Jamie Grigg '11 to start Exposed Brick DC.

"Put simply, Exposed Brick DC is a 'curated Craigslist.' I take the hassle out of finding a rental by combing through Craigslist daily and handpicking the coolest spaces for rent in DC," says Grigg.

Grigg believes that apartment hunting should be fun and exciting, not daunting. This led her to develop the concept of "apartment shopping." Exposed Brick DC is essentially the window display of the Washington, D.C. rental market. Beyond posting the most interesting spaces available for rent in the area, Grigg also offers rental market advice and decorating inspiration.

Grigg says her experiences and education at Wofford helped give her the skills and confidence to launch EBDC.

"In a lot of ways, Wofford breeds entrepreneurs. Wofford is full of self-starters that are also extremely bright. Those two things together are what breed innovation," she says.

An English major at Wofford, Grigg spent a lot of time writing in college, but admits that after graduating she wasn't able to write as much as she would have liked. The creation of EBDC has allowed her to fill that void by combining her passions for writing, real estate and design. Once she had the concept and created her website, Jamie says the Wofford community has played a major role in helping her spread the word about EBDC since its launch in September 2013.

She currently is running EBDC while working full time as director of accounts for a boutique public affairs firm. She says the hardest part of running her business is managing her time and staying current, because the best places in D.C. can be rented in a matter of hours.

"Managing a demanding career while trying to launch something you are passionate about is not always easy," says Grigg.

The biggest surprise for Grigg so far has been the site's success. In its first 90 days Exposed Brick DC received almost half a million page views. She also has been featured in several D.C. news sources and blogs, including UrbanTurf, the Washington Post Express, BisNow, InTheCapital and Famous DC. Although she hopes to turn EBDC into a viable business one day, Grigg's primary focus is protecting the site's authenticity and building brand loyalty. For her, the most rewarding part of running EBDC right now is hearing that she has helped someone by taking the stress out of the apartment hunting process.

What advice does Grigg offer to those looking to start their own business?

"Reach out," she says. "When I started the site, I made a promise to myself that I would take every meeting I could get. Input from others is extremely valuable.... Starting your own business consumes you to the point where an outside perspective is sometimes the best one. If and when you are successful, pay it forward."

by Ashley Rowe



## Geoffrey Thomas — scholar, teacher, mentor, coach

The sunrise was still pink in the eastern sky on Saturday, Jan. 18, but already the suburban Spartanburg campus of Paul M. Dorman High School buzzed with activity.

It was the day of the annual Cavalier Challenge Quizbowl Tournament, and more than 80 teams from all over the South and beyond were arriving.

Orchestrating all this activity and welcoming the guests was Geoffrey Thomas '04. Having played with Dorman's varsity scholars during his high school days, he now serves as the team's coach.

"High school quizbowl at its highest level has continued to evolve since I was on the team at Dorman," Thomas says. "Magnet academic schools in large cities have raised the bar on knowledge and skill required to be competitive at the highest level. Dorman (with six national championship tournament titles) is proud to be among the elite programs even though it has a typical student profile for a large suburban school district.

"Public school is a great American experiment. Large high schools are stratified—in a way, they are three schools in one. But that's the real world.

"Dorman students stack up because of their work ethic and the self-confidence that comes from being part of a proud organization and tradition," Thomas says. "Last year, in a national tournament in Atlanta, we played the defending champion from San Jose, Calif., in a showdown game. We got off to a great start and momentum built up over the course of the match, as it usually does. We won with a score of more than 400 points, truly amazing in a national tournament against a first-rate opponent."

After his high school graduation, Thomas did not enroll at Wofford intending to be a public school teacher. He aimed toward medical school or perhaps another field in the sciences. "I explored in a lot of different directions in college, but I never really was satisfied.

"My Wofford professors and mentors (Dr. G. R. Davis and Dr. George Shiflet) told me, 'you seem to be a teacher.' It took me a while to get past the fact that high school teaching sometimes carries a bit of a stigma among the brightest college students.

"Then I began to understand that first-rate secondary school teachers have amazing talent, and they love what they do. They are scholars in terms of the subject matter they need to know. They are counselors who can deal with personal issues and ambitions of individual students at a difficult stage of growing up. In a way, they have to be performers, because every day, every class is an event. Above all, good teachers have the ability to share insights, to stimulate all part of the brain. Working with bright young men and women of this age group, you can actually see all this begin to come together before your eyes."

At Dorman, Thomas, who majored in biology and art history at Wofford, now teaches chemistry and art history. "Dr. Peter Schmunk at Wofford changed my life in one required course," Thomas says. "That was where everything opened up for me."

And then, he spends many hours in coaching the Cavalier quizbowl team. "Quizbowl is not in itself enough to produce a really learned person," he says, "but it does introduce the talented student to many different ideas and involves a distinctive and important variety of intellectual discipline."

Entering the climatic weeks of its season, Thomas hopes his 2014 team will be a contender for championships in the two big national quizbowl tournaments. Dorman will travel to Reston, Va., May 24-25, for the PACE (Partnership for Academic Competition) national championship (Dorman finished fourth in 2013). Then to Chicago on May 30-June 1 to play in the National Academic Quiz Tournament, (NAQT), which last year drew a field of 250 teams. (Dorman finished eighth in 2013.)

by Doyle W. Boggs '70

# Wofford Weddings

## 1960

**John Cornelius Williams** married Jane Sexton Long, Aug. 30, 2013. They live in Spartanburg.

## 1984

**David Harold Hanna Sr.** married Mary Ann Mcgee Hanna, Sept. 20, 2013. They live in Moore, S.C.

## 1997

**Marion Moise Moses** married Ashlee Nicole Carmichael, Dec. 28, 2013. Marion holds a law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law and is the owner of the law offices of Marion M. Moses LLC. Ashlee, a graduate of Clemson University, is a field marketing specialist at Boston Scientific. They live in Columbia, S.C.

## 2000

**Samuel Benjamin Harrelson** married Merianna Neely, Oct. 19, 2013. Sam is president of the marketing firm Harrelson Agency. The Rev. Merianna Neely Harrelson serves as interim pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship Church in Lexington and editor of Harrelson Press. She also is a graduate student at Gardner Webb University's School of Divinity. The couple lives in Columbia, S.C.

## 2002

**John Irvine Henderson** married Natalie Joyce Wooten, Nov. 2, 2013. Natalie, a graduate of North Carolina State University, is artist director of the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition. John, a graduate of the Charleston School of Law, is an associate attorney. They live in Charleston, S.C.

## 2004

**Emily Hunt Walker** married Brandon Kyle, Feb. 1, 2014. Emily is a real estate manager with CBRE Inc. in Washington, D.C. Brandon, a graduate of the Charleston School of Law, is employed by the National Right to Work Defense Foundation in Springfield, Va. He also is a captain with the Army National Guard. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

## 2006

**Amanda Marie Addy** married Michael Cornelius Gerald Jr., Dec. 7, 2013. Amanda holds a master's degree in human development and early childhood disorders and also has an advanced degree in therapeutic riding. She is community relations director and a national certified instructor at Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding. Michael works as a defense analyst at Science Applications International Corp. They live in Charleston, S.C.

**Leanna McCaskill Leonard** married Norman Isaac Boatwright IV, Feb. 1, 2014. Leanna is employed by the Resort Shop in Johns Island, S.C., and Ike works for Seamon Whiteside and Associates in Mount Pleasant, S.C. They live in Mount Pleasant.

**Mary Elaine Mungo** married Russell James Dubisky, Nov. 9, 2013. Russell, a graduate of North Carolina State University, is executive director for the South Carolina Insurance News Service. Mary is a principal of Mungo Homes. They live in Irmo, S.C.

## 2007

**Fred Stafford Kelly** married **Wendelyn Leigh West '08**, Feb. 1, 2014. Wendelyn works for Ettain Group and Fred works for Newbridge Bank. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

## 2008

**Perry McPherson Buckner IV** married **Amy Catherine Green '11**, Dec. 14, 2013. Amy holds a master's degree in accounting from the College of Charleston and is a certified public accountant at Elliott Davis LLC. Perry, a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, is an attorney at Young Clement Rivers LLP. They live in Charleston, S.C.

**Amanda Joi Elton** married Jeremy Gossett, Nov. 9, 2013. Amanda is a financial analyst for Johns Manville, and Jeremy is an accountant for Cooper Standard Automotive. They live in Spartanburg, S.C.

**Kathryn Elizabeth Isbell** married Bradley Pate Pogue, Sept. 28, 2013. Katie is a nurse at Palmetto Health Richland. They live in Columbia, S.C.

**Matthew Samuel Sumner** married Amanda Brooke Lansdell, Nov. 16, 2013. Matthew is a financial adviser for AXA Advisors LLC. The couple lives in Boiling Springs, S.C.

## 2009

**Jessica Lynn Dowd** married Philip Andrew Crouch, Nov. 28, 2013. Jessica holds a master's degree in library and information science and works as a librarian at Columbia College. Philip attended the University of South Carolina and works for Anson Mills. They live in West Columbia, S.C.

**Edwin Thompson Kinney** married Ashley Elizabeth Bernard Stover, Nov. 9, 2013. Edwin earned a law degree from the Charleston School of Law and is an attorney at the Mullikin Law firm in Camden, S.C. Ashley holds a master of medical sciences degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and is a physician assistant at Palmetto Health. They live in Columbia, S.C.

**William Chandler Pitts** married **Kristen Nicole DeYoung '10**, Nov. 23, 2013. Kristen is a fourth year student at the College of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. William is employed with First Federal Bank. They live in Charleston, S.C.

**Mary Claire Bishop** married Matthew Phillip Williams, Nov. 16, 2013. Claire is a counselor at the Phoenix Center. They live in Chesnee, S.C.

## 2010

**Marshall McCown Bridges** married **Jeffrey Motte Griffin**, Nov. 2, 2013. Marshall holds a master's degree in mass communications from the University of South Carolina and is the marketing coordinator at the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry in Charleston. Jeffrey is vice president of business development at Huguenot Fuels Inc. They live in Charleston, S.C.

## 2011

**Paul Thomas Bartholomy** married Janelle Elise Cibock, Aug. 24, 2013. Paul is employed by the Better Business Bureau in Charlotte, N.C., and Janelle works at Novant Health Heart and Vascular Institute. They live in Charlotte.

**Justin David Cook** married **Lindsey Gayle Huston**, Aug. 3, 2013. Lindsey earned her master's degree in interactive media from Elon University in 2012 and now works as a marketing professional at a certified public accounting firm. Justin is enrolled in graduate school at Wake Forest University School of Law. They live in Kernersville, N.C.

## 2012

**Bradford Ritter Bracey** married **Kristen Jenkins Bracey**, Nov. 16, 2013. Brad is a financial analyst for the CNL Financial Group, and Kristen is director of marketing for Threshold Placement Services. They live in Orlando, Fla.

**Gwendolyn Jane McDaniel** married Derik Geitgey, Sept. 14, 2013. Gwen is a case worker for the Children Services of Wayne County, Ohio. They live in Lakeville, Ohio.

## 2013

**Chrystan Taylor Buckner** married Phillip Grimshaw, Oct. 19, 2013. Chrystan is a biology/pre-med graduate of Wofford. Phillip is a graduate of the College of Charleston and is chief executive officer and founder of Phillips Technologies. They live in Greenville, S.C.

# Wofford Births

## 1990

**Murrell Smith** and his wife, **Macaulay White Smith '00**, of Sumter, S.C., announce the birth of George Murrell Smith III, Oct. 21, 2013.

## 1998

**Stuart Moore** and his wife, Grace, of Columbia, S.C., announce the birth of Margaret Stuart Moore, Dec. 4, 2013.

## 1999

**Jan Streater Mayheu** and her husband, Tim, of Lilburn, Ga., announce the birth of Thomas Oliver Mayheu, Oct. 14, 2013.

## 2000

**Erin Goodwin Hunt** and her husband, Darryl, of Tampa, Fla., announce the birth of Sloane Hunt and Sienna Hunt, Dec. 9, 2013.

## 2001

**Morgan Pyles Page** and her husband, Mike, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., announce the birth of Fallon Page, Dec. 17, 2013.

## 2002

**Preston Brittain** and his wife, Elizabeth, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., announce the birth of Preston Dunbar Brittain, Dec. 19, 2013.

**Kimberly Grande Stanko** and her husband, Michael, of Raleigh, N.C., announce the birth of Andrew "Grady" Stanko, Nov. 13, 2013.

## 2004

**Dr. Erin Carnes** and her husband, Jason, of Davidson, N.C., announce the birth of Audry Faye Carnes, May 30, 2013.

**Robert Guthrie** and his wife, **Rebecca Cato Guthrie**, of Wilmington, N.C., announce the birth of Parker Ellis Guthrie, Jan. 31, 2014.

**Dr. Matthew Ferguson** and his wife, **Lisa Ackerman Ferguson**, of Summerville, S.C., announce the birth of Jack Harris Ferguson, Aug. 28, 2013.

**Craig Thomas** and his wife, Molly, of Ridgeland, S.C., announce the birth of Emily Catherine Thomas, Nov. 16, 2013.

## 2005

**Joseph Boyd** and his wife, **Dr. Emily Sandifer Boyd**, of Pleasant View, Tenn., announce the birth of Caroline Boyd, Sept. 12, 2013.

## 2007

**Dr. Skip Schumann** and his wife, **Lauren Jackson Schumann**, of Charleston, S.C., announce the birth of Anne Louise Schumann, Nov. 19, 2013.

## Wofford legal eagles team up to give students a taste of careers in law

Dr. David Alvis, assistant professor of government, and Dr. John Fort '74, associate professor of economics, looked no further than the college's alumni database to find help teaching a pre-law Interim class they call a sort of litmus test for students interested in law school.

"The idea is to give students an idea of whether or not this is a field they want to go into," says Alvis.

According to Alvis, Wofford has had success in preparing students for admission to law school and for successful careers after. Between 25 and 35 Wofford seniors are admitted to law school every year, and the local legal system reflects those numbers. Five Spartanburg Magistrate Court judges are Wofford graduates: Roberto Inclan '73, James Paslay '68, Donny Willingham '90, Charles Jones '73 and John Moore '04.

Paslay describes magistrate court as the "offensive line of the court system." Jones notes that the magistrate court has the most contact with citizens and that the magistrate judges sometimes have to do the work of the attorney and the judge since attorneys are often absent from the magistrate court process. This way, Wofford alumni are having a significant impact in the lives of everyday citizens.

Paslay and Inclan affirm that Wofford helped prepare them well for their legal careers.

"A Wofford education helped me develop the thinking and reasoning process that is essential for a good lawyer," says Paslay, who was a general practice lawyer before taking his position in the magistrate court.

"Wofford taught me to organize, analyze and make decisions in complex matters. In other words, it taught me to think and decide in an organized and structured manner," says Inclan, who formerly supervised complex liability cases.

Fort and Alvis are grateful for the generosity of alumni, such as the magistrate judges, and for others who also helped to make the Interim so successful, including Joel Collins of the Collins and Lacy law firm; the Hon. Dennis Shedd '75, U.S. Court of Appeals; Michelle Rahman, associate dean of admissions at the University of Richmond; John Benfield '78, dean of admission at Charleston School of Law; and John B. White Jr. '72, Harrison White Smith & Coggins.

During Interim, the students received an introduction to the state and federal judiciary before spending two and a half weeks shadowing attorneys in local law firms. The coursework included a trip to the South Carolina Supreme Court made possible by the Hon. Costa Pleicones '65, a justice on the court. The class also made admissions visits to the law schools at the University of South Carolina, University of Richmond and Charleston School of Law.

For those students who are settled on law school, the tours can give a sense for the planning that is necessary for admission.

"They really have a sense by the end of Interim of what they need to do to be a competitive candidate for law schools," says Fort.

Students in the class praised its preparatory nature.

"It was a great experience. There was a lot of opportunity to get a feel for what being a lawyer entails. I would recommend it for anyone considering law school because either way you'll know by the end of the Interim if it's what you want to do," says Isaac Halverson '15.

If the past is any indication of the future, Alvis says that South Carolina will continue to feel Wofford's influence in local and state legal practice.

"Our students have both discipline and critical thinking skills, and it's a great testament to the faculty at Wofford," says Alvis. "Law schools always emphasize that the best kind of student is one with a rigorous liberal arts education. In fact, when we visit Columbia they have a nickname for Wofford's influence in the legal field: 'the Wofford Mafia.'"

by Peter Elbaum '14

# GOLD & BLACK

## gatherings

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |                                |                     |                                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| April 1 .....  | Raleigh Area Alumni Event      | July 19 .....       | New York Yankees Pregame / Game  |
| April 5 .....  | Cooper River Bridge Run        | August 9 .....      | Baltimore Orioles Pregame / Game |
| April 13 ..... | Easter EggStravaganza          | August 14 .....     | Atlanta Young Alumni Event       |
| April 15 ..... | Spartanburg Alumni Event       | August 15 .....     | Family Movie Night               |
| April 17 ..... | Charlotte Young Alumni Event   | August 21 .....     | Pickin' Crackin' and Shuckin'    |
| May 2 .....    | Spartanburg Regional Bike Race | September 4 .....   | Charleston Young Alumni Event    |
| May 3 .....    | Family Fun Day at Carowinds    | September 11 .....  | Columbia Young Alumni Event      |
| May 30 .....   | Family Movie Night             | October 3-5 .....   | Family Weekend                   |
| June 7 .....   | Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo   | October 24-26 ..... | Homecoming                       |
| June 14 .....  | Atlanta Braves Event           |                     |                                  |
| July 5 .....   | Boston Red Sox Pregame / Game  |                     |                                  |

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Oct. 20-28, 2014, 7-Night Luxury Cruise — Venice, Split, Kotor, Durres/Tirana, Corfu, Roarmina, Sorrento/Capri, Rome

#### WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II BATTLEFIELDS

Aug. 16-28, 2014  
13-Day Historical Journey  
Southern England,  
Northern France, Belgium,  
The Netherlands

#### GREAT PACIFIC NORTHWEST

July 25-Aug. 2, 2015,  
American Queen Steamboat Company

#### BALTIC MARVELS

Aug. 13-21, 2015,  
Oceania / Aboard the Marina

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Three members of the Class of 1971 and their wives represented Wofford while visiting Whistler Mountain in Canada during October 2013. From left, Joanne and Henry Medlock, Mary Jane and Donnie Shuler and Jane and Sterling Allen.



Above, Wofford friends gathered for the wedding of Amy Simpkins '13 and Brandon Robinson '12. Amy is now a student at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. Brandon is an accountant with Cherry Bekeart, a CPA firm in Greenville, S.C. (Mark Olencki photo)

Below, Daniel '11 and Emily '11 Uldrich Hall shared this photo from their wedding featuring the Wofford graduates in attendance. Emily is in pharmacy school, and Daniel is in dental school, both at the Medical University of South Carolina. (Carri Bass photo)



## New releases

# The Wofford bookshelf

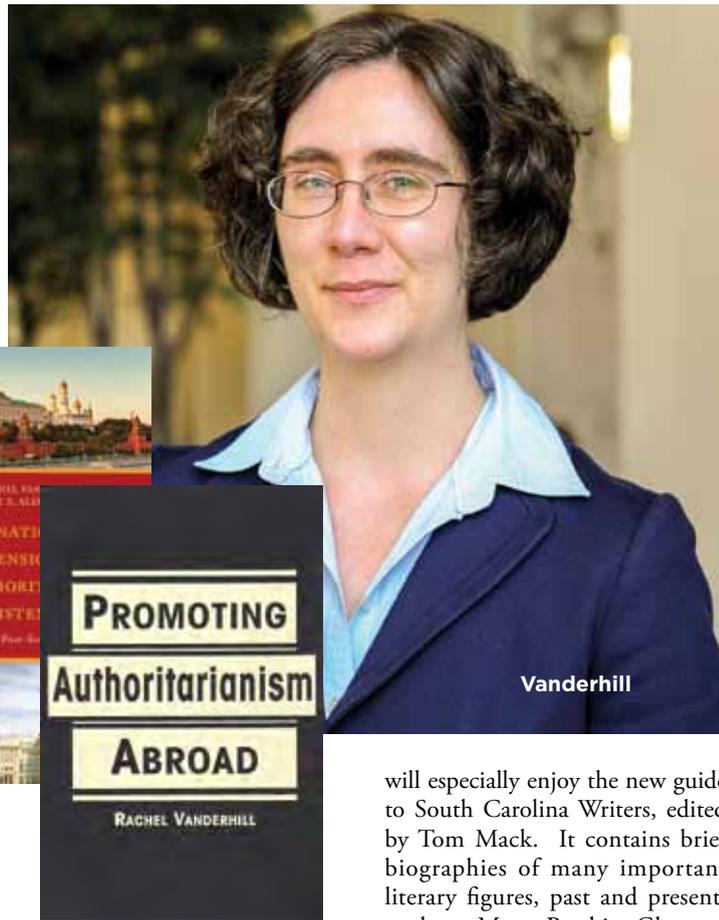
by Doyle Boggs '70

**Rachel Vanderhill, "Promoting Authoritarianism Abroad." Lynne Reinner Publishers, 2013, and "International Dimensions of Authoritarian Persistence, Lessons from Post-Soviet States," (coeditor, Michael E. Aleprete Jr.), Lexington Books, 2013.**

Dr. Rachel Vanderhill joined the Wofford Department of Government this spring, just as the Olympic games were winding down and Russian troops were moving into Ukraine. The world newscasts were timely, as she is the author of one book on the persistence of authoritarian states around the world since 2000 and the editor of another. Both books use her careful research on the relationships of contemporary Russia with former Soviet states as case studies.

Vanderhill, who earned her doctoral degree at the University of Virginia and came to Wofford from Wheaton College in Illinois, points out that Ukraine, although it has struggled with democracy since the collapse of the Soviet Union, has had free and fair elections. More recently, a resurgent Russian economy and a "clever" leader, Vladimir Putin, have made it possible for Moscow to reassert itself and export its brand of "soft authoritarianism." (By contrast, North Korea offers an example of a "hard authoritarianism," where the state is maintained by force.) Typical international response to such activities, such as the imposition of economic sanctions, is often ineffective.

"In the academic community, political scientists seek to understand and interpret what is going on in the world, which is interesting for students," says Vanderhill. "However, I often warn that none



of us are able to predict the future when an event like the Arab Spring or the invasion of Crimea begins to unfold. There are simply too many variables."

**Tom Mack (editor), "The South Carolina Encyclopedia Guide to South Carolina Writers" foreword by George Singleton. University of South Carolina Press, 2014.**

"The South Carolina Encyclopedia" was published in 2006 to be "a people's encyclopedia," a comprehensive and revealing look in the culture of the Palmetto State. Thanks to the South Carolina Humanities Council, the work of the contributors to the original project is being carried forward in a new series of books that focus on specific topics, published by the University of South Carolina Press.

Members of the Wofford family

will especially enjoy the new guide to South Carolina Writers, edited by Tom Mack. It contains brief biographies of many important literary figures, past and present, such as Mary Boykin Chesnut (1823-1886), Benjamin E. Mayes (1894-1984), W.J. Cash (1900-1941), James Dickey (1923-1997), James Kilgo '63 (1941-2002), John Lane '77 (1954-) and Nikki Finney (1957-).

A particularly valuable feature of the book is the two-page introduction by George Singleton, current occupant of the John C. Cobb Chair in the Humanities at Wofford. Few authors have captured the state's culture so perfectly, with wit and grace.

**Christine Sorrell Dinkins and Jeanne Merkle Sorrell (editors), "Our Dissertations, Ourselves: Shared Stories of Women's Dissertations." Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.**

"Our Dissertations, Ourselves" engages readers in intimate stories from 20 women who wrote doctoral dissertations across nine disciplines: biology, English literature, modern

languages, history, mathematics, music, nursing, philosophy and social work. Through dialogue with these women, the authors found that much of the dissertation journey is shaped by the challenges and transformations in the writer's own identity and relationships. Designed to invite readers into shared experiences, this important book provides support and guidance for women writing dissertations, their advisers, and all those on the journey with them.

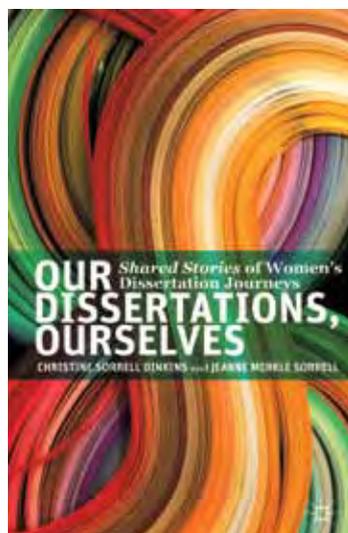
**Elizabeth Cox, "Night Talk: A Novel." Graywolf Press, 1997.**

From 2006-2013, Elizabeth Cox jointly held the John C. Cobb Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Wofford. She received the Robert Penn Warren Award for her body of work, which includes novels, short stories, poetry and essays, and she has been honored numerous times as one of the leading contemporary Southern literary figures.

This fall, Cox will return to Wofford as the author featured in The Novel Experience. First-year students will read and discuss "Night Talk." In this story, two young women, one black and one white, explore similar feelings from different perspectives. Ultimately, the novel is about love in all shapes and shades and forms.

**John Thomas Fowler, "Trotting Sally: The Roots and Legacy of a Folk Hero." Kennedy Free Press, Spartanburg County Public Libraries, 2104.**

John Thomas Fowler weaves together two tales in this book: the legend of "Trotting Sally," who in the difficult days of Reconstruction and Jim Crow was a familiar African-American street musician in Upstate South Carolina, and the true-life biography of the real man few people outside his family knew, George Mullins. Fowler is an accomplished fiddler who has done much to preserve the culture of Upstate South Carolina.



# DEATHS

1940

**The Rev. Dr. William Tracy Medlin Jr.**, Dec. 24, 2013, Winston-Salem, N.C. Dr. Medlin graduated from the Duke Divinity School and received an honorary doctoral degree from Pfeiffer University. He served many churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and was conference secretary for seven years. At the time of this death, he was almost 98 years old and ranked as the oldest ordained elder in the conference.

1942

**William Hugh Reeves**, June 6, 2013, Altavista, Va. Mr. Reeves was a World War II veteran, serving with the 31st Fighter Group in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was personal director of Altavista Weaving/Burlington Glass Fabrics for 30 years. For 69 years, he was a member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was chairman of the board of trustees and served in numerous other capacities. He was active in the Lions Club and other civic organizations.

1944

**Robert E. Griner Sr.**, Oct. 21, 1921, State College, Pa. Mr. Griner was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the China coast with underwater demolition teams, precursors to today's SEALs. For 30 years, Mr. Griner was an agent with Prudential Insurance Company in Pennsylvania, retiring in 1983. An avid hunter and sportsman, he was a member of the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

1946

**James Carl Phillips**, Feb. 10, 2014, Campobello, S.C. After a number of years in public school teaching, Mr. Phillips was associated with Springs Industries. He was a member of the Campobello First Baptist Church, where he was the organist for 50 years as well as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a charter member of the Campobello Civic Club.

**Dr. Charles David Williams Jr.**, Jan. 9, 2014, Matthews, N.C. Dr. Williams graduated from the Duke University School of Medicine and dedicated his life to the private practice of internal medicine and pulmonary disease. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps and was a member of a number of medical boards and professional organizations. Particularly noteworthy in his career were discoveries that he and his colleagues made in controlling the highly infectious Ardmore Disease. A talented musician, Dr. Williams loved various types of music and was accomplished on piano, clarinet and saxophone. He was an active member and elder at the Sardis Presbyterian Church.

1947

**John Wesley Hamby Sr.**, Dec. 5, 2013, Irmo, S.C. Mr. Hamby served a year as president of the Wofford student body, graduating and earning his law degree at the University of South Carolina. He retired as president of the James C. Greene Co. after 58 years. He also served a term as president of the National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Irmo. Mr. Hamby was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

1948

**The Rev. Charles Blackmon**, Jan. 27, 2014, Rock Hill, S.C. Mr. Blackmon was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as an administrative staff sergeant in the European Theater. He graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in 1952 and served as a minister in four Methodist churches in the Indiana Conference before returning to South Carolina in 1966. In addition to being named pastor emeritus of Bethel United Methodist Church, he held a number of positions with the S.C. Employment Security Commission. Over the years, he was active in many religious and civic organizations including the Rotary Club of Columbia (33 years).

1950

**Riley O'Neill Casey**, Jan. 11, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Casey was a longtime resident of Enoree, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he worked for Abney Mills and Reeves Brothers, where he was a well known participant in Textile Baseball. He was a longtime member of Cedar Shoals Baptist Church in Enoree.

**Charles Cleveland Dempsey**, Jan. 20, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Dempsey was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and lived in Campobello before his final illness.

**Marion Wendell Hodge**, Nov. 4, 2013, Tullahoma, Tenn. Mr. Hodge served on the U.S.S. Enterprise during World War II. He was also a Navy veteran of the Korean conflict. After a 40-year career as a metallurgist, Mr. Hodge retired from the U.S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center (A.E.D.C.). He was active in community life in Tullahoma, especially the First Presbyterian Church and Meals on Wheels.

**Peter William Postal Sr.**, Jan. 8, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Postal enlisted in the Army in June 1944. After his military service, he completed his bachelor's degree and graduated from the Augusta Law School. He retired from State Farm Insurance Co. after 33 years of service. He was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Spartanburg.

1952

**Vernon Harrison Bright Sr.** Nov. 22, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. After he retired from Eastern Airlines, Mr. Bright worked in sales and transportation with car dealerships in the Charlotte area. He was a World War II veteran, a Mason and a past president of the Charlotte Shrine Club.

**Gailliard Cordie "Gilly" Simmons**, Dec. 20, 2013, Anderson, S.C. Mr. Simmons was a retired public school teacher and coach. He was a professional Dahlia Grower who won many awards. Before he retired, he coached state championship basketball teams at T.L. Hanna High in 1966 and 1967 and directed a popular basketball summer camp at the Anderson YMCA. He was a member and deacon at the First Baptist Church of Anderson.

1954

**Aubrey Talmadge Noland**, Dec. 13, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Noland retired from Monsanto in 1985 after a long career in the textile industry.

**William E. Owenby**, Nov. 9, 2013, Union, S.C. Mr. Owenby was first associated Excelsior Mills and later was a registered insurance agent for Nationwide. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Union since 1949.

1955

**Marshall Brock Roper Sr.**, Dec. 27, 2013, Inman, S.C. Mr. Roper served in the U.S. Army and was the owner/operator of Cromer's Abattoir for 57 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Covenant.

**Lt. Col. Asa Warner Tindall Jr.**, Dec. 5, 2013, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Tindall was a retired officer in the U.S. Army who also served as assistant commissioner with the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs. He earned a master's degree at George Washington University and also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College.

1958

**Thomas Richard Furse Sr.**, Jan. 6, 2014, Columbia, S.C. After his graduation from Wofford, Mr. Furse began a distinguished career in the early years of data processing. He retired in 1991, after managing the exploration and petroleum engineering center for ARAMCO in Dhahan, Saudi Arabia. Returning to South Carolina he was active in a number of charitable and religious organizations.

**Archie Ingram Barron Sr.**, Jan. 20, 2014, Seneca, S.C. Mr. Barron was retired from the Phillips Fibers/Amoco Fabrics and Fibers, where he worked from 1961 through 1999. A prominent civic leader, he served for 19 years on the board at the Oconee Medical Center, where he was chairman for 11 years. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Oconee County Council. He was a deacon, elder and trustee of Seneca Presbyterian Church.

**John Newton Bennett**, Jan. 5, 2014, Richburg, S.C. Mr. Bennett retired from Bowater Corp. as a purchasing manager after 28 years of service. He was a member of the Union ARP Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher.

1963

**Julian Wilcher Osbon**, Jan. 23, 2014, Augusta, Ga. Often called, "An Augusta Original," Mr. Osbon was a creative business and civic leader in that city on the Savannah River. He began his business career as the president of the family business, Osbon Auto Supply Co., but he soon expanded the enterprise with the development of Osbon Medical Systems Ltd., and later Osbon and Associates. One of his noteworthy innovations was a pioneering vacuum therapy system for the treatment of erectile dysfunction. He was active in a number of civic activities and boards related to the historic preservation of downtown Augusta. He received the Spirit of Georgia Award for his contribution to economic development. Mr. Osbon served on the Board of Trustees of Wofford College from 2000 to 2011. His generosity to his alma mater was reflected in support for a series of critical capital projects, such as the Roger Milliken Science Center campaign, as well as efforts to secure funding for endowed scholarships and professorships.

1964

**Gray Ellesor Moore Jr.**, Nov. 6, 2013, Greenwood, S.C. Mr. Moore was president of the G.E. Moore Co., division of MB Kahn, one of South Carolina leading construction companies. It has been responsible for many landmark buildings such as the Josephine Abney Lander Cultural Center. Mr. Moore was also a well-known outdoorsman, immensely enjoying deep-sea fishing and deer hunting.

1965

**Calvin Dean Hughes**, Nov. 7, 2013, Pawleys Island, S.C.

**Charles Morgan Stuart Jr.**, Dec. 3, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Known as "Chic" at Wofford, Mr. Stewart played on the Terrier baseball team and was a fraternity chapter and student body officer. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law before starting his own law firm in Greenville, practicing trust and estate law until his retirement. He was a member of the Taylors First Baptist Church.

1966

**Charles Frederick Abernethy**, July 13, 1943, Charlotte, N.C.

**Marvin Clifton Moore Jr.**, Nov. 24, 2013, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Moore died after a battle against metastatic melanoma. Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Army from 1966 through 1968. He then worked in bridge design for the South Carolina Department of Transportation and was a consultant for Triplett-King and Associates. He was the church treasurer at Shandon United Methodist Church and a Boy Scout leader, serving as a volunteer with Harvest Hope Food Bank and as a chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

1971

**Tony Duke Littlejohn**, Nov. 14, 2013, Rutherfordton, N.C. Mr. Littlejohn was a retired junior high school teacher who also coached football and basketball.



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1972

**James Fleming Bomar**, Sept. 9, 1949, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Mr. Bomar died after a long illness related to myelofibrosis. Before relocating to the Charleston area, he lived in Spartanburg for many years, working as a contractor.

1973

**Robert Leroy "Roy" McMillan III**, Jan. 4, 2014, Raleigh, N.C. Mr. McMillan was an independent residential contractor for many years, later joining Williams Reality and Building Co. as a superintendent. He was known for a calm, thoughtful approach to his work, and his problem-solving skills. An Eagle Scout in his younger days, he was a noteworthy environmentalist, and he loved summer activities in and around the Riverton community in Scotland County.

1979

**Edwin Kelley Lathan Jr.**, Nov. 16, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Mr. Lathan was a real estate certified commercial investment member (CCIM). He was associated with Colliers International and president of the Latco Development Company. He founded Entre Computer Center in Sumter, S.C. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, the St. Andrews Society and the Downtown Rotary Club.

1980

**Jefferson Davis Johnson**, Feb. 10, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Johnson was employed with Computer Sciences Corp. for 30 years.

2000

**Penny Koger**, Dec. 31, 2014, Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Ms. Koger died suddenly at her residence and was buried with military honors at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. A graduate of the Wofford Army ROTC program, Ms. Koger served first as a commissioned officer in the Signal Corps, and then in a series of demanding civilian staff positions for the Army and the Navy. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Honolulu. She was featured in the January 2008 issue of Ebony Magazine as one of the "30 Rising Leaders Under 30," and she was the 1997 Volunteer of the Year for the Spartanburg Boys & Girls Club.

2005

**Jason Thomas Green**, Feb. 5, 2014, Summerville, S.C. Mr. Green died at his home after a brief illness. He was a graduate of the Charleston School of Law, a member of the South Carolina Bar and a member of the Turbeville Southern Methodist Church.

Friends

**Phyllis P. Bemelmans**, Jan. 5, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mrs. Bemelmans was retired from the business office at Wofford College.



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