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« **Studying in front of "Old Main"**
by Alexandra Christopoulos '18

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



It's only fitting that Wofford's ground breaking for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts in early May was creative... and colorful.

From Wofford gold to Carolina Panthers blue to bright red and fuchsia, representatives from the Wofford Board of Trustees and the student and faculty delegation joined Jerry Richardson '59, Rosalind S.

Richardson, Ashley Richardson Allen and me to ceremoniously turn the brightly colored soil and commemorate the beginning of building construction.

Such a joyful celebration is a testament to the philanthropic vision of Wofford alumnus and Carolina Panthers founder and owner Jerry Richardson. The Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will house Wofford's studio art, art history and theatre programs, essential to the college's strong liberal arts tradition. We will continue to keep you up to date on our progress as we look forward to the grand opening in spring 2017.

Also in May prior to receiving their diplomas, 368 Wofford students enjoyed an inspirational Commencement address from NBC Today Show national correspondent Craig Melvin '01 as he urged our soon-to-be graduates to "find your thing and do it, and figure out how to keep it going." Our graduates have been equipped with the knowledge, education and tools to transform the world, and our future will be better for it.

As the following pages will demonstrate, we look toward the future of our college with great anticipation as we begin to fulfill our strategic vision with amazing new facilities, new opportunities for learning and engagement, and exciting ways to work with and enhance our local community. I am glad you are a partner with us on this amazing journey.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef



« The Class of 2015 enjoys Samhat sandwiches in Zach's after reaching their annual giving goal of 40 percent class participation.

IT'S YOUR WORLD: SERVE IT.

Some of the Carolina Miracle League's biggest fans aren't fans—they're Wofford student-athletes, and each year they volunteer as buddies to ensure the safety and fun of the athletes with special needs.

Read more about the partnership between Wofford College and Carolina Miracle League at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »





THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

A. WISEMAN RETIRES AS DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dr. Ana Maria Wiseman, dean of international programs, retired from the college at the end of the 2014-15 academic year. In addition to promoting cross-cultural study, travel and understanding at Wofford, she helped create international study centers in Barcelona, Amsterdam and Granada. For this work, IES recognized her with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. [Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

B. JAMES AND MELVIN ELECTED TO WOFFORD COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In June the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of South Carolina elected R. Michael James '73 and Craig Melvin '01 to four-year terms on the college's Board of Trustees. They replace C. Michael Smith '75 and John B. White Jr. '72, whose terms expired. James retired in 2012 as the founding partner of WEDGE Capital Management in Charlotte, N.C. Melvin is a national correspondent for NBC's Today Show. [Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

C. WOFFORD NAMES NEW CHAPMAN PROFESSORSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

Dr. Karen H. Goodchild, professor and chair of art and art history, and Dr. Clayton J. Whisnant, associate professor of history, have been named to Chapman Professorships in Wofford's revamped Chapman Program in the Humanities. The program is an innovative approach to the Chapman family's generous support of teaching and scholarship. [Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

D. KAPPA ALPHA ORDER BROTHERS COACH LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Henry Cornelson '18, Owen Hughes '18 and Cason Wells '18 spent the spring semester coaching a Little League team of 10-year-olds. They practiced and played most of their games at local Hillbrook Park. Trent Lancaster '91 manages the league and has loved the Wofford student support. The young coaches admit that they learned a lot from the experience, had fun and worked to set a good example for their players. [Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

E. MOELLER NAMED SCICU PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) recognized Dr. John Moeller, associate professor of biology, with the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award. Moeller has taught at Wofford and has served as a mentor for undergraduate research since he joined the faculty in 2007. [Read more about Moeller's award and teaching philosophy at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

F. CLASS OF 2019, MEET YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

An enhanced focus on student success means that the college will assign each first-year student in the Class of 2019 a personal librarian. The "myLibrarian" program will give students a name and a friendly face to go to when they have questions. According to Dean of the Library Kevin Reynolds, each librarian will serve about 60 students. [Read more about new student success initiatives at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

G. STUDENTS CREATE DOCUMENTARY ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

This spring Matthew Aurednik '17, Alex Bentley '17 and Chris Cinatl, Bentley's cousin, premiered their hour-long documentary, "Flow: A Journey through History and Culture on the Appalachian Trail," at Wofford. The documentary was premiered when the three took on the trail during a polar vortex. On hand and the featured speaker for the premiere was Jennifer Pharr Davis, the current record holder for the fastest AT hike. [Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »](#)

H. SCICU SPONSORS "THANK YOU" DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Day at the State House offered grant recipients the opportunity to thank their legislators for supporting state merit and need-based financial aid. It also provided a "bird's-eye view" of the lobbying process. Attending from Wofford were (bottom to top, left to right): Director of Financial Aid Carolyn Sparks, Ryan Carter '16, Jeremiah Tate '17, Allen Lollis '15, Lillian Fant '17, Robert Massey '16, Mark Olencki '75 (college photographer) and Zack Morrow '16.



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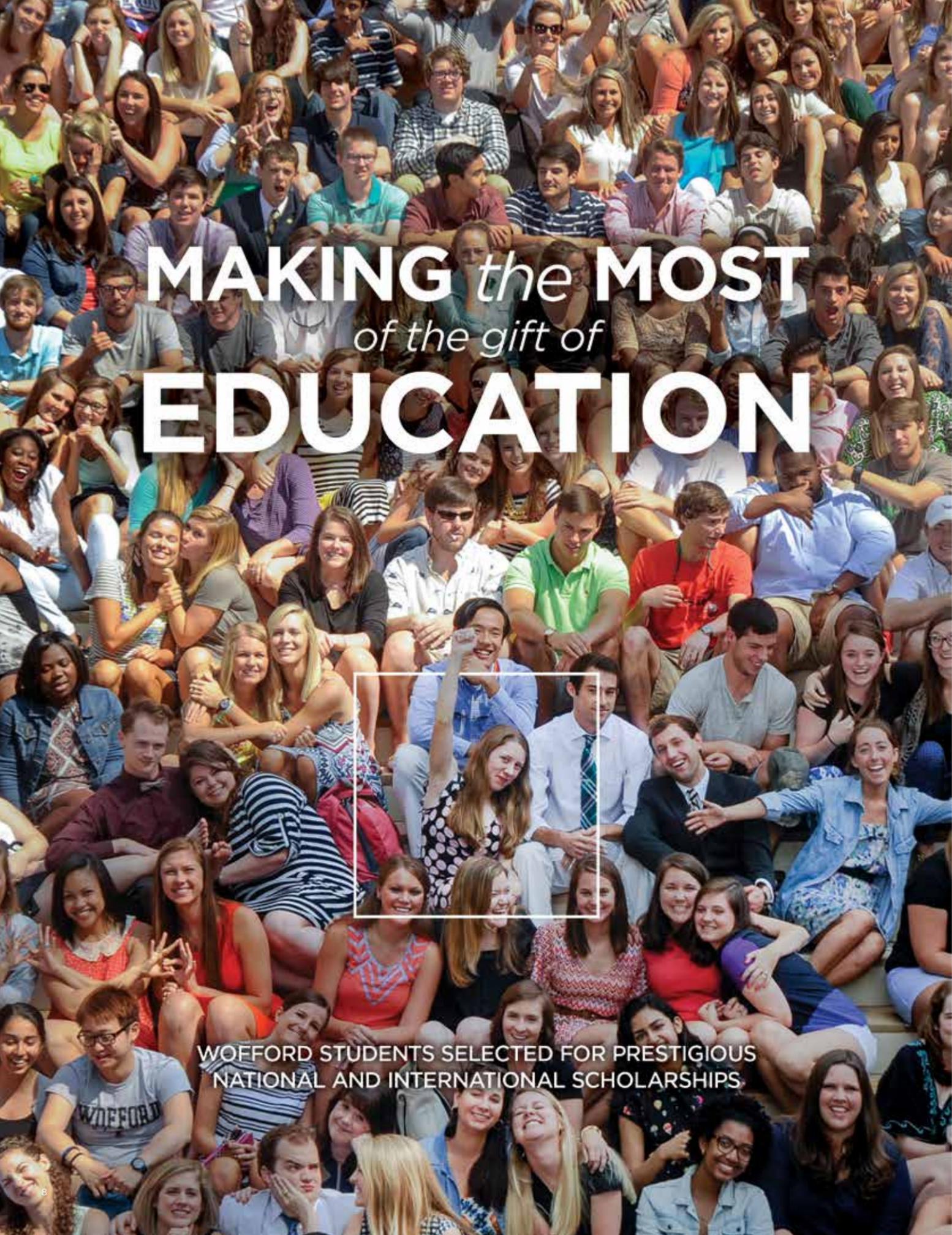
Alumni updates, Terrier features, in memoriam

UNLEASHED

At Wofford College it is usually all about the Terriers, but on March 26 it was all about a hawk. Ken Pettit, Wofford's preventative maintenance supervisor, found the injured hawk last fall. After six months of rehabilitation at the Carolina Raptor Center in Huntersville, N.C., the red-tailed hawk was returned to campus to be released.

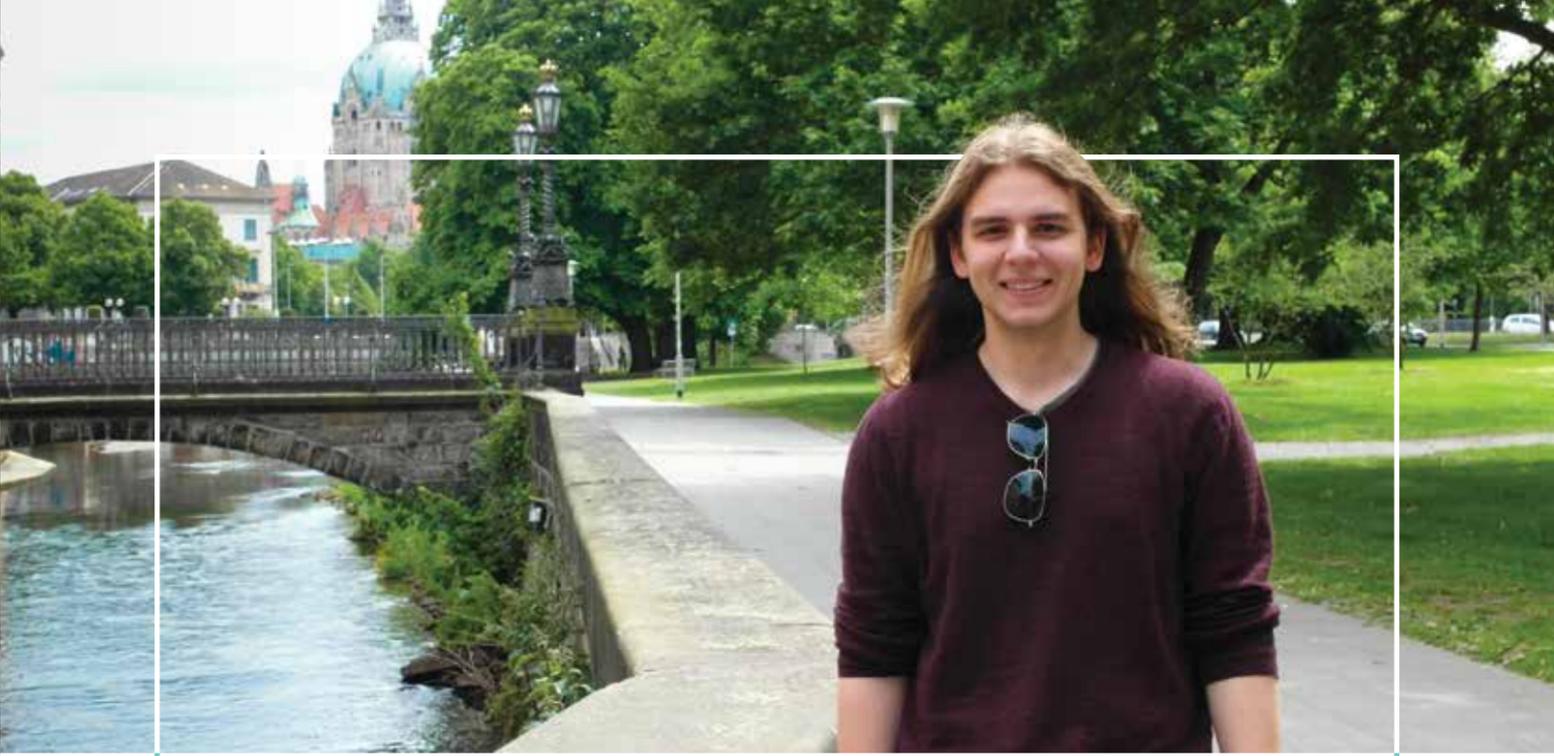
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MAKING *the* MOST of the gift of EDUCATION

WOFFORD STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



TRAVIS TROJAN ACCEPTS FULBRIGHT TO TAIWAN

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When Travis Trojan '15 played *The Game of Life* as a child, he bypassed college and went straight to a career. He was planning to follow that same path in "real life" after graduating from high school, but his parents had other plans.

Now he's glad they did. Trojan, a first-generation college student from Spartanburg, S.C., was just awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Taiwan. According to Trojan, it's one step closer to his goal of becoming a college professor.

"It's crazy. I knew very little about college growing up, now I'd love nothing better than to spend the rest of my life on a college campus teaching students and sharing my passion for languages," says Trojan. "I'm really glad now that my parents insisted that I go. I've met people from all over the country and the globe. The students, faculty and staff at Wofford have made this the best four years of my life."

Trojan begins his English teaching assignment in Taiwan in September following a month of orientation and training. He's excited about living abroad for 11 months and giving his students opportunities to make language personal.

"I've learned from two semesters abroad in Beijing (China) and a semester in Freiburg (Germany), as well as from my experiences with international students at Wofford, that people in other countries really focus on the technical aspects of language," he says. "I want to introduce my students to language as a way to tell their stories."

Trojan majored in both Chinese and German with a concentration in gender studies. He has been accepted into Carnegie Mellon University's prestigious Second Language Acquisition M.A. program, but is deferring that offer while he completes his Fulbright assignment. He believes after the Fulbright, he'll be a good candidate for Carnegie Mellon's Ph.D. program.

Trojan says Wofford provided lots of support and help with his Fulbright application. He specifically credits Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor and chair of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures who leads the Fulbright application program at Wofford; Dr. Beate Brunow, assistant professor of German; Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, associate professor of Chinese Studies; and Dr. Yongfang Zhang, assistant professor of Chinese.

Trojan was the Palmetto Chinese Star winner for South Carolina, dominating both language proficiency and cultural proficiency in the advanced level, winning first place in both. He represented the state at the regional Chinese Bridge competition in Washington, D.C., in April. Trojan's painting received the highest score in cultural performance, and he won fourth place overall in the competition that included proficiency in speech, cultural performance and knowledge.

"Travis absolutely embodies the Fulbright mission of aspiring to world peace through intercultural engagement," says Krick-Aigner. "I am so proud of what he has accomplished at Wofford and abroad and look forward to hearing about his future successes!"

DONOVAN HICKS NAMED A HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLAR

by Sarah Madden '17

Wofford's Truman Scholar, Donovan Hicks '16, talks a lot about making the most of the gift of education. A first-generation college student, Hicks came to Wofford because of a generous financial aid package and because he felt at home. The financial gifts and the gift of a Wofford welcome, however, were just the beginning.

"The Wofford liberal arts educational experience makes you stand out," says Hicks, who this spring was awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship that will provide him with \$30,000 toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming that will prepare him for a career in public service leadership. "My dreams are very large. I want to go to a top-10 law school. I want to work in education policy. I would love to ultimately be the CEO of, say, the Ford Foundation, the Roosevelt Institute or some big educational institution like that. One day I will, thanks to my start at Wofford College."

Hicks, a government and finance major from Boiling Springs, S.C., is taking yet another step toward that goal this summer. He was one of 10 people selected as a 2015 Public Policy and International Affairs Law Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. The program provides students with training and financial support for graduate school and facilitates ongoing professional development.

Hicks is quick to say that he would not be where he is without mentors on the Wofford faculty and staff. He calls Dean

of Students Roberta Bigger '81 one of his "biggest confidants" and says that Dr. Phillip Swicegood, the R. Michael James Professor and Coordinator of the Finance Program, will have his eternal respect.

"I look up to him a lot," says Hicks. "Dr. Swicegood is always willing to listen to me and talk with me, even though I don't want to go into corporate finance work. He completely validates my dreams and respects my path."

As a Bonner Scholar at Wofford, Hicks provides 140 service hours per semester to South Carolina Legal Services. He also has served as vice president of the Wofford Campus Union student government organization and is director of Student to Student (S2S), a local service initiative at Boiling Springs High School that aims at positioning students so that college is an option for them. In addition, Hicks works with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), a Christian outreach ministry on campus. He has completed two summers of service, one in New York City mentoring inner-city children with Project Morray and another in India doing communications for South Carolina Legal Services. He also shares his love of Wofford with prospective students as a Wofford Ambassador.

"Education is an issue I get fired up about, mostly because I realize the impact that education has had on me. That's why I've tried to make the most of it—why I've tried to be so involved," explains Hicks. "I feel the need to give back. If I don't stand out, then I feel like I'm being unappreciative of the help I've been given."



WORTHY RECEIVES CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN BEIJING THIS SUMMER

by Kelsey Aylor '17

Simone Worthy '15, a Chinese major with minors in economics and government from Stockbridge, Ga., has been awarded the Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State. The highly competitive national scholarship will fund Worthy's participation in an intensive, eight-week Chinese language living and learning experience, including a home stay, in Beijing, China. She left the U.S. on June 19.

"I love languages, and I think it's important to be a global citizen and to understand other people through their language and culture," says Worthy, who will complete requirements for graduation in August and plans to study international trade and law.

It's that attitude and a tireless work ethic, says Dr. Yongfang Zhang, assistant professor of Chinese, that helped make Worthy an excellent candidate for the CLS.

"Chinese can open so many doors, but students must be at a high level of proficiency to take advantage of that. With her extensive study and commitment to excellence, Simone has put herself in a position to succeed," says Zhang.

Worthy spent a semester abroad in China and a summer in the Middlebury Chinese Language School. She also helped with Wofford's STARTALK summer Chinese language program for pre-college students. In addition, she has studied Spanish for five years.

Worthy is the second student in the college's Chinese program to receive this scholarship. WestLee Parker '16, won the scholarship and spent eight weeks in China during the summer of 2014.

NICHOLSON NAMED WOFFORD'S PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR FOR 2015-16

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Phifer Nicholson '16 has spent much of his three years at Wofford College studying interfaith engagement and the power it can have in creating peace between differing faith communities. Now he will get a chance to experience that firsthand as the 2015-16 Presidential International Scholar, traveling to Turkey and living with an Arabic-speaking minority Christian community in a majority Muslim country.

"I have a passion for seeking and creating peace as a committed Christian in the midst of this diverse, rapidly globalizing world," says Nicholson, of Plymouth, Minn., who is majoring in religion and minoring in business.

Nicholson was named the 32nd Presidential International Scholar by Wofford President Nayef Samhat. The innovative program allows one student to travel internationally to research an independent project. The scholar is selected based on exceptional potential to benefit humankind and a demonstrated passion for service learning, combined with a globally minded intellectual curiosity.

Read the full story about Nicholson at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

« (top) Dr. Yongfang Zhang, Simone Worthy '15 and WestLee Parker '16; (bottom) Phifer Nicholson '16 and President Nayef Samhat



LAMM TO SPEND JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD AS BOREN SCHOLAR

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Helen Lamm '17 already has a job lined up after she graduates from Wofford College in May 2017. Recently selected as the recipient of a prestigious Boren Scholarship to China, Lamm will spend a year abroad honing her language skills and another year at Wofford completing her degree before joining the federal government in the area of national security.

"I'm getting to study the language and culture that I love, and I have a job lined up after college. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and for those who helped me along the way," says Lamm, a Chinese language major with minors in history and studio art from Florence, S.C.

While in China, Lamm will be studying environmental protection through the C.V. Starr Middlebury School in Kunming for the first semester. During Interim she will take the intensive language course in Beijing. Although plans for the second semester are still tentative, Lamm is planning to continue her environmental research or to complete an internship in either Kunming or Hangzhou.

"Helen has such a wide range of interests and knowledge—she dances well, paints well, draws well, speaks well and asks tough questions—and she brings all of that with her to class," says Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, chair of the Chinese Studies program. "She, like Wofford Rhodes Scholar Rachel Woodlee '13, wants to use her knowledge to build a bridge between China and the United States."

Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »



THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT

Class of 2015 shares postgraduate plans

Within six months of graduation, Wofford expects more than 94 percent of the Class of 2015 to be employed or in graduate school. That's been the trend for years, and this class is definitely equipped to carry on the tradition. Here's a sampling of what the future looks like for these newly minted graduates.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

FUTURE BOMB DISPOSAL OFFICER IN THE ARMY ORDINANCE CORPS

John Prevost

Hometown: Shelby, N.C.

Major: psychology

Prevost proposed to his wife, Erin McGaha Prevost '15, a Wofford cheerleader planning to teach special education in the fall, during halftime of a Wofford home football game. The battalion commander and ranger challenge team leader for Wofford ROTC, Prevost was the number one cadet out of a group of 460 from all over the country last summer during basic training.



FUTURE MINISTER

Palmer Cantler

Hometown: Johnson City, Tenn.

Major: religion with a minor in accounting

Cantler begins Duke University Divinity School in the fall with plans to pursue ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. She has a full scholarship with paid internships. At Wofford she was involved in the college's musical groups and was named Panhellenic Woman of the Year in 2015. She served on the Church-College Council and worked with the college's athletics marketing office. She also worked as the youth coordinator at Central United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. In 2013 she traveled during the summer to Israel to participate in an archaeological dig with Albert C. Outler Professor of Religion Dr. Byron McCane.



FUTURE ADDICTION RESEARCHER

Jake Wright

Hometown: Anderson, S.C.

Major: biology with a concentration in neuroscience

Wright will attend the Ph.D. program in neuroscience this fall at the University of Pittsburgh (full tuition paid with a stipend). He played on the Wofford men's soccer team for three years, completed a summer research experience at the University of Kentucky and exhibited his pottery in the Roger Milliken Science Center this spring.



KATIE PELLON

A financial services consultant with Ernst & Young in New York, N.Y.

PAUL COX

Student in the business management program at Wake Forest University

CONOR MCSHERRY

Software developer and project manager for the National Security Agency in Ft. Meade, Md.

DEVAN MCCURRY

Public affairs staff with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, N.C.

JORDAN JENKINS

Mathematics teacher at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.

MACK BOYD

Business coordinator for Village Inc. Africa in Babati, Tanzania

CLARE MOORE

Pharmacy school student at Thomas Jefferson University

PIERCE VERCHICK

Bank Advisory Group member with Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C.

ASHLEE MOODY

Educational leadership consultant with Kappa Alpha Theta

BRITT FLEMMING

Student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine

TREY DALY

Teaching assistant at Jiaoton University in Xi'an, China

FUTURE STORM CHASER

Justin Whitaker

Hometown: Free Home, Ga.

Majors: mathematics and physics with a minor in computer science and an emphasis in computational science

Whitaker will study hurricane development while pursuing a Ph.D. in atmospheric science at Colorado State University. He ran cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field at Wofford and was one of three honor graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA. He was on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and founded the McCarthy Teszler Committee, which puts student-athletes with children and adults with special needs for mentoring and service. He was the recipient of the John Wesley Scholarship, Dave Hart Southern Conference postgraduate scholarship and the 2014 Meteorological Society's Guillermo Salazar Rodriguez Undergraduate Scholarship. He received honorable mention recognition from both the Barry Goldwater Foundation scholarship program and the National Science Foundation's graduate fellowship program.



FUTURE DENTIST

Haiwen Zhang

Hometown: Beijing, China

Major: biology

Only 19 years old, Zhang is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate who will attend dental school at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston in the fall. He graduated in three years and completed an internship at MUSC last summer. He volunteered during the academic year at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and was a Helmus Creative Writing Contest short story winner.



FUTURE EDUCATOR

Mary Kathryn Macklen

Hometown: Irmo, S.C.

Major: English with a concentration in African/African-American Studies and certification through the Teacher Education program

Macklen was awarded the Columbia University Teachers College Scholarship and will begin a master of education degree in social analysis at Columbia's Teachers College in the fall. She plans to focus on the issues of urban education and social justice. Captain of the women's soccer team, she was named to the SoCon All-Academic team all four years at Wofford. She served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and worked as a peer tutor in the Writing Center.



FUTURE ACCOUNTANT

Shonté Campbell

Hometown: Paget, Bermuda

Major: accounting with a minor in business economics

A goalkeeper on the women's soccer team, Campbell won the accounting departmental award during senior honors convocation. She was named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll all four years. Campbell will work with KPMG in Bermuda while getting her master's degree in accountancy.



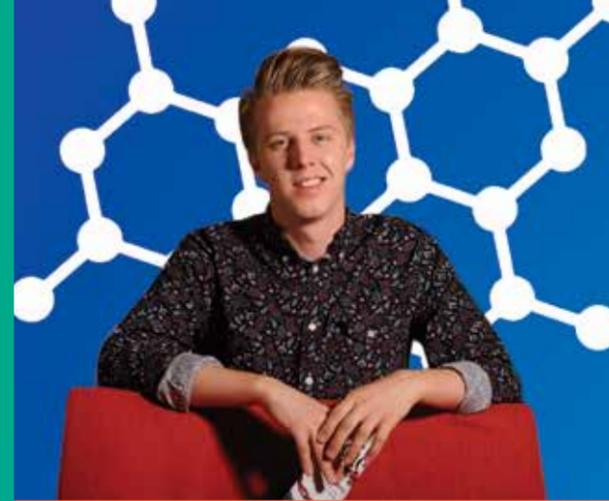
FUTURE PHYSICIAN

Mariya Mohammed

Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.

Majors: biology and Spanish

A scholarship recipient planning to attend medical school at Wake Forest University, Mohammed completed three summer internships exploring various facets of health care, including an experience in computational science at Oakridge National Laboratories. She studied the health care industry in Santiago, Chile, during Interim and also spent a semester abroad in Granada, Spain. Mohammed has held leadership positions in Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and in Beta Beta Beta biological honor society.



FUTURE PROFESSOR

Chad Sauvola

Hometown: Greer, S.C.

Majors: art history and biology

Sauvola will attend MIT in the fall, where he will study molecular biology (full tuition with stipend). He has completed research internships at MIT, the University of North Carolina and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Sauvola was one of the college's honor graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA and was named the 2014 SCICU J. Lacy McLean Student of the Year.



FUTURE ARTIST, CURATOR AND TEACHER

Mills Brown

Hometown: Florence, S.C.

Majors: art history and English with a concentration in studio art

Brown has been awarded a scholarship at American University in Washington, D.C., where she will pursue an MFA in studio art. As a Wofford student, Brown curated The Johnson Collection, started a graphic design business and published a children's book, "The Artist's Alphabet." She undertook significant research on a body of important Southern landscapes and presented that research at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research.



FUTURE ATTORNEY

Joe Brook

Hometown: Columbia, S.C.

Majors: government and history

Brook will enter the University of North Carolina School of Law in the fall, where he plans to apply to write for the university's law review. Brook won several South Carolina Press Association awards for his work as a senior writer on the Wofford Old Gold and Black student newspaper staff. He was vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; a member of the Hardin Pre-Law Society; a runner for Harrison, Smith, White and Coggins attorneys at law; and an avid and very vocal Terrier fan.



FUTURE CEO

Victoria DaSilva

Hometown: East Greenwich, R.I.

Majors: finance and mathematics with a concentration in applied math and a minor in studio art

After a trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco, DaSilva will begin a job as a financial analyst with Wells Fargo Investment Bank in Charlotte, N.C. An accomplished painter and pianist who also competes nationally in sailing, DaSilva served as managing partner of the R. Michael James Student Managed Investment Fund. She was on the college's winning CFA Institute Research Challenge team, the Math Research Group, the women's tennis team, the Campus Union Financial Affairs Committee and the Chamber Music Trio.



The
POWER
of the
GIFT

A graduate of the Class of 2015
weighs in on the Rosalind Sallenger
Richardson Center for the Arts

by Mills Brown '15

As one of Wofford's newest alumnae from the Class of 2015, I have spent much of this first postgraduate summer reflecting on my four years at Wofford.

While my mind often has been occupied by the expected nostalgia-driven memories of college, an equal part has been filled with excitement for the future of my alma mater and ideas of what the Strategic Vision will mean for us all.

A painter since childhood, I have always known that the arts would play an important role in my education and career. However, as a senior in high school, my decision to choose Wofford over a college of fine arts became a simple one with the counseling of important faculty members such as Kris Neely '02 (assistant professor and coordinator of studio art). I quickly became a believer in the lifelong importance of a liberal arts education. This year, a senior again, my Wofford mentors helped me make yet another life-changing decision: to pursue a master's of fine arts in studio art from American University in Washington, D.C.

Because of my undergraduate experience and the people who have helped shape it, I have the privilege of experiencing the best of both worlds: a liberal arts education as well as a studio-based experience in graduate school.

For future students, however, artists or not, Wofford will offer the best of both worlds from the moment

they first visit our campus. Since its founding in 1854, Wofford has excelled in the classic areas of learning. As the college continues to grow, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will enhance and deepen these same intellectual values. Art history students



will study the same techniques and artistic movements that many have before them, but in addition to learning about Impressionism or Cubism in the classroom, they also will have a studio and paintbrushes to experience the history of art-making in a much different way. Students of philosophy and literature will continue to read influential and traditional essays and plays, but now they will have a chance to see them performed, or

even take part in performing plays themselves as if they were part of an ancient symposium. Students of biology, so accustomed to the hands-on experience in a lab, will have the chance to thrive in a new department of kinesthetic learning. Even students of economics and math, with their passion for detailed analysis, might find inspiration through the arts to visualize their sciences in new, original ways.

The new building's physical location on campus also speaks to its broad impact. Tucked diagonally across the lawn from Main Building right beside the Roger Milliken Science Center, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will seamlessly connect every realm of learning and foster the growing diversity of our student body. Most importantly, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will continue to encourage the interdisciplinary sharing of ideas across campus, which I have discovered to be the most significant, exciting and rewarding aspect of the liberal arts experience at Wofford.

While I'd love to experience the wonders of the new building for myself, I'll be content to return as a proud graduate and see how the new center for the arts is transforming our campus community. Who knows, maybe I'll be back here one day teaching or exhibiting my works. The possibilities are limitless, thanks to the power of the gift.



WHY WOFFORD? ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC BALANCE

by Todd Interdonato
Head Baseball Coach

When I first came to campus in the summer of 2005 to interview for an assistant coaching position, my immediate thought was: Wofford is the best-kept secret in Division I athletics. I could not believe how a small liberal arts college could offer so much to prospective student-athletes.

True student-athletes are looking for some combination of high academic standards and successful Division I competition. Most high school athletes believe they are going to have to choose one or the other—to earn a high-level degree or pursue athletics at the most competitive collegiate level. Student-athletes who come to Wofford, however, make no concessions on either front. They receive a nationally ranked and recognized education while playing the sport they love with and against some of the most talented and hardworking athletes in the country.

We recruit against programs across the country, and when a student-athlete chooses Wofford, we invariably hear the same reasons. Their decision almost always comes back to being able to have both the best in academics and the best in athletics. Other colleges and universities simply do not offer the same balance that Wofford does.

UNIQUE... AND BETTER

Wofford College is a unique place for all of its students but even more so for student-athletes. With a student body of just 1,650, student-athletes represent almost 25 percent of the student population. Student-athletes are expected to fulfill academic requirements to maximum capability—from their first year through graduation four years later. We have had a 100 percent graduation rate for all of our baseball players in the past 10 years, and we expect that trend to continue. Also, there are no easy majors for student-athletes at Wofford. Student-athletes on the baseball team study pre-med, pre-law, finance, modern languages, history, business, philosophy, mathematics, etc.

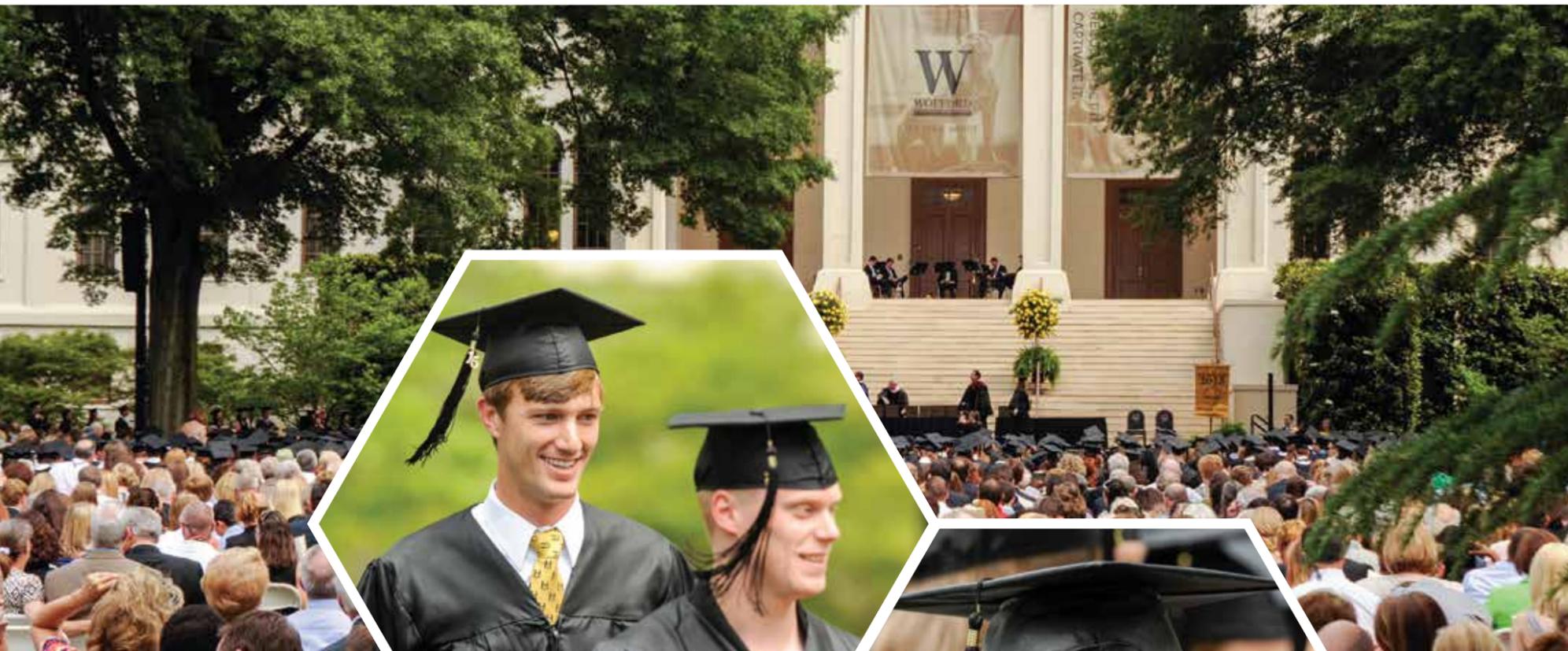
Wofford College is a place where our student-athletes are pushed and challenged as much academically as they are athletically. Wofford student-athletes cannot hide in big classes because of the college's 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio. They have to manage the time commitment required to compete at the Division I athletic level with their classes, labs, study sessions, co-curricular activities, leadership roles on campus and in the community, volunteer commitments and more.

ON-CAMPUS INTIMATE ATMOSPHERE

Ninety-four percent of students live on campus all four years, with their living and learning experience culminating in The Village during their senior year. A first-class apartment complex unparalleled at any other college or university in the country, The Village helps our student-athletes make that all-important transition from college to the real world. For four years, Wofford student-athletes are challenged on all fronts, and when they graduate they are definitely ready for what's next, whether that be graduate school, dental school, a demanding job or standing in front of their own classroom and working with their own team as a teacher and a coach.

Wofford College offers student-athletes the complete college experience—academic challenge, athletic competition, residential college life and preparation for the real world. The student-athletes who choose to push themselves in all areas of their lives for four years succeed. Wofford's program means that student-athletes who say "yes" to the challenge of Wofford College do not hear "no" from future employers, graduate schools or professional programs after graduation. It's a special place, and one that I'm proud to represent.

That's why Wofford!



Congratulations CLASS OF 2015

Speaker: Craig Melvin '01, NBC Today Show correspondent

Honorary Degrees:
Hugh C. Lane Jr., South Carolina banker and philanthropist
Henry C. Giles Jr. '68, longtime educator and the president of Spartanburg Community College

Teaching Awards:
Dr. John Moeller, associate professor of biology—Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science
Dr. Laura H. Barbas Rhoden, professor of Spanish—Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards:
Scott Jackson Neely '00, pastoral executive at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg
Jon Nicholas Gault, a chemistry major with a minor in government from Union, S.C.

Mary Mildred Sullivan Awards:
Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, past president of Spartanburg Methodist College, new president of Pfeiffer University
Catherine Elizabeth Miller, an English and philosophy major from Zirconia, N.C.

Honor Graduates (4.0 GPAs):
Chad William Sauvola, an art history and biology major from Greer, S.C.
Justin William Whitaker, a physics and mathematics major with a minor in computer science and an emphasis in computational science from Free Home, Ga.
Alissa Marie Williams, a biology and computer science major with a minor in mathematics and an emphasis in computational science from Kentwood, Mich.

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GETTING IT RIGHT

94 Wofford women from the Class of 2015 enter science, technology, engineering and math fields

by Sarah Madden '17

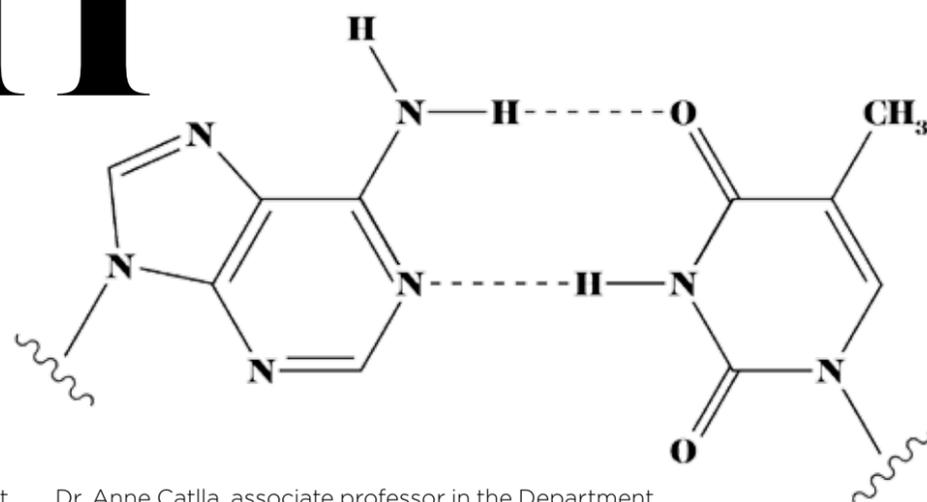
The United States Census Bureau reported that only 26 percent of employees in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields were women (2013 data). At Wofford College, the distribution is different: women make up about 53 percent of students in STEM fields.

In May, 94 women graduated from Wofford with majors in mathematics, computer science, biology, psychology, environmental studies, physics or chemistry. Many are heading to medical schools or Ph.D. programs to continue preparation for careers as professors, researchers, doctors, teachers and therapists. Many, like Samantha Hemleben '15, recognize that they are entering a world in which women are the minority and that there are specific challenges to being a woman in a STEM field.

"I always liked math, but some teachers in high school told me, 'You're not really good at it. You might not want to major in math in college,'" says Hemleben, an undiscouraged mathematics major with an emphasis in computer science from Columbus, Ohio. "I just kept taking math classes at Wofford, and I did well."

So well that Hemleben was accepted into the Ph.D. program in robotics at Oregon State University. She begins in the fall.

"It's hard for people to grasp the fact that I'm not your stereotypical computer science or math person," says Hemleben, who did summer and Interim research at Oregon State within the past year.



Dr. Anne Catlla, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, says this class of women faces different challenges than she did in graduate school, but they also have more opportunities available to them.

"People are more willing to talk about gender issues.... The glass ceiling becomes more of an issue, as well as work-family balance," says Catlla, who frequently brings her young son to work with her. She says that the assumption that women cannot accomplish as much once they have children is untrue.

"It makes me sad when women feel intimidated, that it's 'not for them,' or feel unwelcome. The more women we have going into a field, the better we are," she says.

Rakiya Faulkner '15, a chemistry major from Lancaster, S.C., says at Wofford being a woman in a STEM field is not unusual.

"There are so many STEM women here that I haven't really felt the pressure that others talk about," she says. "I started out in biology but loved chemistry more and was led to change majors in a business class."

While taking "Business Leadership and Beyond" with professor emeritus Dr. Jim Proctor, Faulkner says she told Proctor about her love of chemistry. He encouraged her to follow her passion. Now Faulkner is eager to begin medical school in the fall at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Another chemistry major, Emily Bacher '15, is beginning a five-year, research-based Ph.D. program in organic chemistry at Notre Dame. She was influenced by her "awesome high school teachers" to study chemistry and believes that women should not sell themselves short. She says she has felt supported at Wofford, and Annika Jansson '15, a psychology major from Folsom, Calif., and Alissa Williams '15, a biology and computer science major from Kentwood, Mich., both agree.

Jansson, a scholar-athlete on the college's women's soccer team who says the faculty of the Psychology Department have been exceptional in their encouragement, is bound for the Medical University of South Carolina with plans for a career in occupational therapy. Williams, a Goldwater Scholar who recently was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Track & Field/Cross Country team, has a full scholarship with stipend to attend the University of California, Berkeley. She will pursue a Ph.D. in computational biology.

"I came here knowing of Wofford's strong biology program, and a professor recommended that I take the computer science emphasis.... Now that I've done some internships [at Harvard Medical School, Cold Springs Harbor and the European Bioinformatics Institute in Cambridge, England], I've realized how important computer science is to biology. It's cool to be able to apply your programming skills to solving biological problems," says Williams.

According to Williams, Wofford does a good job of exposing women to different opportunities in the STEM fields, but she still would like to see even more women take advantage of the opportunities.

"It hasn't been hard at Wofford to be a woman in a STEM field just because there is so much support," says Carol Sadek '15, a mathematics and computer science double major from Mount Pleasant, S.C., "but in the real world, when you go to conferences—or grad school visits, like I've just done—the population is heavily male.... You have to deal with the fact that you are one of a few women in a male-dominated field. I think that the professors here, especially with the significant presence of female professors, make it easier for women to be in STEM fields."

Sadek, who did summer research experiences with Oak Ridge National Laboratories and with the NSA, will begin a Ph.D. program in applied mathematics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She received honorable mention for the COMAP mathematical modeling competition and was a finalist for the CCSE-SE regional computer science competition.

During the past semester 15 women taught in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas at the college. All hold doctoral degrees and three serve as department chairs.

"In 2011, the last time they produced the ranking, Forbes.com listed Wofford 14th among the nation's best colleges and universities for women in STEM fields. 'These are schools that are getting it right,' wrote Forbes. Wofford is still getting it right," says Provost Dennis Wiseman. "Our women are at the forefront of science, and we are eager to see all that they will accomplish."





HOLDING THEIR OWN

AN UPDATE FROM SOME OF THE WOMEN WHO
WERE ON CAMPUS WHEN WOFFORD FIRST
ADMITTED WOMEN AS RESIDENT STUDENTS

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Whether holding their own in class or competing for playing time in Andrews Field House, Wofford's first resident women students more than proved their place on campus. For a short period of time, their admission standards were higher than those of their male counterparts because the trustees wanted female enrollment to grow gradually. By the fall of 1978, 79 women and 221 men made up the entering class. The women of the time proved their competency, tenacity and resilience and paved the way for future women. Today the Wofford student body is split evenly between women and men.

The women of the time were pioneers, and the determination that they demonstrated on campus didn't stop upon graduation. Here's what some of those first residential-era women are doing more than 30 years later and what they remember most about Wofford.

Beth Dashiell Wallace '82, Shelley Henry Sperka '75, Roberta Hurley Bigger '81 and Dr. Carol Brasington Wilson '81 [pictured on previous page, left to right] are all members of the faculty or staff at Wofford. They experienced Wofford during the beginning of full, residential co-education and serve as role models and mentors for current Wofford women. A registered nurse, Wallace is the associate vice president for student affairs and the director of the Wellness Center. Sperka is the director of technical services in the Sandor Teszler Library. (Her sister **Kim Henry '86** is also on campus as the Macintosh support specialist and multimedia instructor for the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures.) Bigger serves the college as dean of students, and Wilson serves as the coordinator of academic advising and professor of English.

Since 2000, **Sally Nan Barber '78** has worked with the University of Virginia Health System as the special adviser to the executive vice president for health affairs and the director of government relations. Before that she practiced law in Charlotte, N.C., for 18 years with Parker Poe. She lives in Charlottesville, Va., and loves her job, especially her colleagues and the interesting and complex issues she handles every day. After being a day student for two years, Barber was a junior when the first women were admitted on campus as resident students. "I recall there were around 40 of us female residents on the top floor of Wightman Hall. A sophomore had transferred from another school [Duke], and she commented on how FEW women there were living on campus, whereas the rest of us thought there were A LOT from our prior experience." Barber fondly remembers "wonderful, bright, talented professors, including Lewis P. Jones, Phil Racine, Ross Bayard and Linton Dunson... they inspired me to do my best. Learning how to think, write and do research in college was a useful tool in law school and in my career."



Dr. Jacquelyn Holmes Burns '81 is a small animal veterinarian and owner of Holmes Veterinary Hospital in Laurens, S.C. She is a deer and wild turkey hunter and has traveled throughout the United States and Mexico hunting turkey. In 2001 she was the seventh woman in the world to complete what is called a Wild Turkey World Slam, which means she's killed one of every subspecies of wild turkey. She also "practices" herpetology, thanks in part to her friendship with Dr. C. L. "Ab" Abercrombie. She is currently doing work with a group of scientists studying rare reptile and amphibian species in the Francis Marion National Forest. As part of the study, she surgically implanted the first radio transponder in an Eastern diamondback rattlesnake (with the help of Abercrombie and Dr. Chuck Smith, Wofford associate professor of biology). Also working on the project are Jeff Holmes (Burns' brother), Dr. Chris Hope (Abercrombie's wife) and Alex Bentley '17, among others. "This species is like the holy grail of North American pit vipers, representing something that both of my brothers and I have worked toward since childhood." The group now

has three snakes either implanted with transponders or wearing rattle-tie-ons. "I have so many memories of Wofford... I felt like one of the guys; I actually had to go to vet school, which even then was 50 percent female, to feel like one of the girls." Burns fondly remembers Dr. John Pilley and has enjoyed seeing Pilley's work with Chaser make international headlines. She also says she can't talk about Wofford without mentioning Dr. Donald Dobbs. "If I think about it, I can actually feel the way it was to sit in his second-floor Milliken Science Hall lab with the windows open and smell the dogfish sharks or the cats in formalin. It would be September. He would have come in while we ate and socialized and dawdled, and he would have drawn exquisite anatomical drawings in colored chalk on the blackboard. We would be sitting there, madly copying his drawing, and he would appear in the door wearing a white lab coat and chewing a cigar."



Patricia Adiemy Icart '82, Angie Burdette Bonner (widow of Hank Bonner '80), Rhonda Burdette Atkinson '82 and Becky Cabbage Dukes '81 at Homecoming.

JoAnn Deakin Carpenter '77 then (in her senior yearbook photo) and now (as a professor of history at Florida State College).



He had amazing posture and a zip in his stride, like he was full of piss and vinegar.... I came to his memorial service... sat in the back and wept through the entire service."

Dr. JoAnn Deakin Carpenter '77 is a professor of history at Florida State College at Jacksonville. She's taught history and women's studies there for 27 years. Carpenter has a son, Michael, who currently attends the University of Florida School of Medicine. "One of my clearest memories is the scarcity of female spaces on campus when we arrived. The few women's restrooms on campus became our havens. Nowhere was more 1970s female consciousness raised than in the women's lounges located in the Sandor Teszler Library and Old Main." Carpenter also remembers gathering a group of women to talk with Dick Scutter in the college bookstore. "We provided him with a list of female consumer products we would like to see stocked in the bookstore for our convenience. Not only did Mr. Scutter quickly agree to our request, but when the new items arrived, he also had ordered suede, fringed shoulder bags (so '70s!) with a Wofford logo for our perusal. I'm not sure how many were sold, but we were touched by the thought!" Still, she says the best memories she has of Wofford are of friends, professors and administrators, "who navigated those challenging times of change with all the grace, courtesy and deference one could ever expect."

Becky Cabbage Dukes '81 is the literacy coach for Allendale-Fairfax High School and the district test coordinator for Allendale (S.C.) County Schools. She and her husband, Charles, have two children, Adam (19) and Aaron (12). "My favorite memories from my years at

Wofford College all center around the many sports events that I attended as a cheerleader. We spent many hours together practicing, traveling to games and representing Wofford at college events." Several years ago she helped organize a Facebook group of those first cheerleaders as well as suitemates and roommates. They take a summer trip every two years and gather for Homecoming. "We remember special memories from our years at Wofford and make new memories together."

Margaret Vevon Edgerton '80 and her husband opened a nursery/garden center in Rutherfordton, N.C., right after graduation. They also started Rutherford Towne Builders/Developers. Edgerton went on to earn her real estate license and become a registered nurse. She currently works for Rutherford Regional Health System and sells real estate for Coldwell Banker Quarters in Lake Lure. She raised four successful children and loves to sail and coach recreational league soccer. "One of my Wofford College memories was dropping water balloons off the fifth floor of Wightman Hall when the other students were heading to the cafeteria. We never hit anyone, just splashed their feet. Another memory was going camping in the Keys for Interim and having a 75-mile-per-hour storm blow away our entire tent village. There was only one hotel room left in the entire area, so all 25 of us stayed in one room that night."

Lynn Smith Fox '77 retired a few years ago after a long career with the Federal Reserve and now enjoys service on nonprofit boards. She's also the wife of a college president (St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.) and helps teach a course focused on the Fed. Fox attended Wofford for a few years but transferred to Smith College and graduated from there. She went to work on Capitol Hill right after graduation. "My daughter was raised in D.C. and remembers the frantic years when I was Chairman Greenspan's chief spokesperson and ran the public affairs program. When my husband became a college president I took on a different role, working on a range of projects related to Sept. 11 and, later, the global financial crisis." Fox says being one of the first women on campus during the time was hard, interesting and wonderful. She competed for the first



Sally Nan Barber '78 then (in the 1977 Judicial Commission group photo) and now (in her current position as an attorney with the University of Virginia Health System).

Anna Todd Wofford scholarships and was so impressed with Anna's triple name that she adopted "Lynn Smith Fox" professionally. "I loved the Wofford faculty and President Joe Lesesne (he got dorms for women!)... I became intellectually ambitious as a result of being around smart students and teachers. I spent Interim in London... even took my first plane flight to get there.... It was an incredible, formative experience and partly the cause of my lifelong commitment to liberal arts colleges. There's no better education, and Wofford gets it right."

Lynn Hawkins '77 says she learned to stand up for herself at Wofford. "I learned to say what I thought, even if it wasn't the most popular viewpoint. I learned that my viewpoint was often different, but no less important. Wofford made a woman out of a girl. That woman grew up to be me, and I am still standing up and speaking out for others." After graduation, Hawkins worked in child protective services investigating child abuse and neglect. She says she saw things that still haunt her today. She is now the executive director of Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition in Spartanburg. For 26 years, she has been a voice for women who are too afraid to speak.

Dr. Cynthia Moore Heldrich '79 knew she was going to Wofford when she was 5 years old. "We rode by the college all the time, and my dad told me I couldn't go there because it was for boys only. At 5, I really did not understand that; and fortunately, did not pay much attention to what my dad said. As time passed and I knew I wanted to go to med school, Wofford fit right into my plan. I met Dr. Dobbs, the most wonderful,

supportive professor I have ever known (excluding my husband, who teaches organic chemistry at College of Charleston), and with hard work and determination, I got to do what I wanted to do and have no regrets about it." The Heldrichs live in West Ashley, S.C., and have one son. Heldrich owns a pediatric practice that is part of Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

Norma Lynn Fant Higgins '81 was recently on campus celebrating the Commencement of her son, Fess Higgins, Class of 2015. After graduation from Wofford, she earned a master's degree in social work. She has worked in Washington, D.C., for Kaiser Permanente and the Psychiatric Institute of America, gaining experience in working with young women with eating disorders. When she moved back to Charleston, S.C., she opened a private practice. Currently she works for the Medical University of South

Carolina with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Environmental Control to expand testing for HIV in hospital emergency rooms and for the Ryan White Program in the Department of Infectious Diseases. She continues to work in private practice seeing college and high school students with eating disorders as well as adults with mental health concerns. Higgins says her favorite memories of Wofford involve a whipped cream fight with her roommate and her work as the student assistant for Dr. Lewis P. Jones '38. "He told me to answer the phone in his office. When he left, and the phone started ringing, it was not in its usual place in the bottom of the file cabinet, but outside on the window ledge in the snow!"



Norma Lynn Fant Higgins '81 then (above, in the 1980 Social Affairs Committee group photo) and now (left, at Wofford's 2015 Commencement ceremony with her sons).



Scenes from the first years of female residency in Wightman Hall. The first female residential students were welcomed to campus in the fall of 1976. They lived in 15 rooms on the building's fifth floor.



Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross '81 then (in her senior portrait) and now (as a senior vice president at BridgeEdU in Baltimore, Md.).

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross '81 and Joyce Payne Yette '80 were members of the South Carolina State Student Legislature in 1979-80.

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross '81 is an associate professor of political science and international studies at McDaniel College. She's currently on leave from McDaniel and working as the senior vice president of academic innovation for BridgeEdU in Baltimore, Md. Johnson-Ross conducted her doctoral research in Cameroon and was a Fulbright Fellow to Cameroon during 2006-07. She's taken groups of students there as well as to Zimbabwe and also has traveled, lectured and studied in other places in Africa. Johnson-Ross was in the second group of women residents at Wofford and was often the only black student in a class. "To be quite honest, I was very bitter about many of my experiences at Wofford... in retrospect, I gained a great deal from Wofford. I have treasured friendships and a network of alumni that can be accessed successfully (which I did even when I lived in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and spotted a Wofford bumper sticker). I also learned many

of the strategies and tools that remain useful today, like mediation, listening to others' perspectives and accepting the challenge of educating others about cultures and worldviews different from their own. I gained a world-class education at Wofford, and for that, I am grateful."

Living in Timonium, Md., **Pam Mason '77** directs the Medical Education Grants Office at AstraZeneca in Wilmington, Del. Her department is responsible for evaluating and funding grant applications for educational activities for health care professionals. "I believe in being an active participant, not a bystander, and giving back to the community both professionally and personally. Actions always speak louder than words. It's all about how you treat people, doing what you say and working toward positive change." She is a fellow of the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions, past

leader of the industry member section and currently is serving on committees for advocacy and membership. She's been recognized over the years for contributions to the field and this year became an emeritus board member for the Allergy & Asthma Network, having served 17 years on its board of directors, including a term as chair. She also was a member of the National Task Force on CME Provider/Industry Collaboration from 1998 to 2012. After graduation from Wofford, Mason worked in pulmonary and allergy research labs at Johns Hopkins while in graduate school. From there she built a career in medical affairs and education and has become an expert in the field, directing and speaking at national conferences. She and her husband, Scot Swanson, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They have three sons and four grandchildren. "My years at Wofford helped shape who I am today. I learned a lot about myself—how to communicate, how to interact with others who may have very different opinions and how to focus on positive change. I felt challenged, both positively and negatively. It was difficult for me to understand why anyone would object to having women as students at Wofford. The other women and I started a group called the Association for Wofford Women to promote the interests of female students and address the issues that affected their lives on campus." She still feels the influence of Dr. James Seegars, Dr. Don Scott, Dr. John Pilley, Dr. Scot Morrow and Constance Armitage Antonsen. "And then there was Dr. John Harrington who was different than anyone I had ever met before. Despite not doing very well in his classes my first year, Dr. Harrington became my mentor and friend for the next three years. Two things he said to me that I have never forgotten and have guided me through life and as I have mentored others: The first was at graduation when he apologized to me for not recognizing my abilities as a freshman. The second was a few

years later when I stopped by to say hello and share what I was doing. He looked at me and said, 'Pam, cream always rises to the top. I am very proud of you.' He was the ultimate mentor. Wofford, the professors and my fellow students helped me find my voice and my confidence. That has served me well in life."

Dr. Rita Meeks '78, a transfer from Iowa State, remembers playing the mother in the Wofford Theatre Workshop's production of "Threepenny Opera" and getting straight A's in calculus (she missed only one question all year). She retired as an obstetrician/gynecologist in 2003, and now she spends her time with her family, playing golf, writing songs and playing the flute. Meeks has a new album: "The New Creed by Ria" (thenewcreedbyria.com).

After graduating from Wofford, **JoAnn Miller '78** moved to Richmond, Va., and joined the investment brokerage firm of Wheat, First Securities, where she remained for 10 years before moving back to Spartanburg. After 30 years in the Investment industry, she retired as an investment adviser from Wachovia Securities. "In 1975 I was attending a small college in North Carolina. During a visit home to see my family, I stopped at Wofford just to get some information. It was my great, good fortune to meet Charlie Gray '72 on that fateful day. He invited me in, asked me questions and just talked to me. I didn't think too much about it. A few weeks later I received a letter from Wofford offering me a full academic scholarship to come join the first co-ed group in the fall of 1975. Brilliant professors, friends, adventures and Wofford staff changed my life forever, and I am eternally grateful."

Cheryl Martin Shell '77, an assistant principal at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va., is planning for retirement in 2017. She's lived all over the

Joyce Payne Yette '80 now (photographed during Wofford's 2014 Black Alumni Summit) and then (being crowned the 1979 Homecoming Queen).



country with her husband, who is in the military, and their son, Robert Jr. Shell remembers Wofford being "very academically challenging, but it was small enough for students to personally meet with their professors and to form lasting relationships with peers and support staff."

Dr. Alice Buddin Teague '81 practiced as a partner with Charlotte Obstetrics and Gynecology before teaching medical assistant students at King's College. She enjoys combining her background in medicine with her love of teaching. Teague also stays busy with three children: Matt (21), Chris (19) and Laura (17). Her favorite memories of Wofford involve performing with the Wofford Singers in a vocal ensemble that toured the Southeastern states and Mexico with the Wofford Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Vic Bilanchone. "The music program united students from all aspects of campus who shared a love of singing and performing, and I made many lifelong friends with whom I still keep in touch!"

Judith Klase Tolbert '77 was not a traditional student when she attended Wofford. She already had bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Converse and was a piano and organ teacher and organist at St. John's Lutheran Church. She was teaching music at Presbyterian College and working as a church musician when she married Tom Tolbert '67. They have one daughter. Tolbert eventually became a CPA but continued to serve as a church musician. Tolbert says she will never forget her first biology lab at Wofford, something that taught her to have confidence and ask for help. Tolbert's family donated the works of South Carolina artist Julia Elizabeth Tolbert to Wofford, and they contributed funds for the renovation of the Montgomery Music Building (a practice room is named in their honor). "My experiences at and related to Wofford have vastly affected my life in ways I could never have imagined."

Suzanne Gray Wilkie '81 loves living on the water in Beaufort, S.C., with her husband, Billy, who is a local artist. She is a partner and controller of Gray RE Holdings and Venture Inc. Wilkie says that when she's not working, she's usually on the tennis courts. She has a son,

Chandler, who lives in Asheville, N.C. "I have many fond memories from Wofford, but most involve watching the Terrier soccer teams throughout my four years. I had friends who went to larger schools, but they always wanted to visit Wofford because we had SO many friends. That speaks volumes."

A graduate of Harvard Law School, **Joyce Payne Yette '80** is the general counsel at Promontory Financial Group in Washington, D.C. She has served on the Wofford College Board of Trustees and is currently on the steering committee of the college's Black Alumni Summit. "Some of my best memories at Wofford are from my work study job in the Admission Office. Charlie Gray '72 was the director of admission at the time. I was inspired by the dedicated staff and learned so much about Wofford that I probably wouldn't have learned otherwise. I became one of the first students who visiting applicants and their parents met upon arriving at campus. It was important to me to be able to represent an academically successful and community service-oriented student body." Yette has two daughters.

For more bios and photos from Wofford's first women, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »



» The Association of Wofford Women, 1979

» 1980-81 saw the introduction of a women's basketball team to Wofford's list of intercollegiate athletics teams. Despite having no seniors, the team's inaugural season was a success.



FROM MEMORIES OF WOFFORD TO WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW

by Sarah Madden '17

"When no one (including Spartanburg Fire and Rescue) could control the flying food, Dean [Frank] Logan stepped into the middle of total chaos: 'What in the hell is going on?!?!' Order was immediately restored, followed by T-bone steaks with trimmings served at our next evening meal!"

"Tables turned on their side for fortifications, spaghetti spatting against the floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding down, cops, fire trucks, the mob's parade down Main Street to Converse, where that oldest of traditions, a panty raid, ensued... the overreaching local constabulary sicced the dogs on us, and we called it a day. A good way to cap our years at dear ol' WC."

More than any other memory, it seems, the Wofford Class of 1965 remembers the food riot best. They shared food fight stories and other tales of their Wofford experience in a booklet published for their 50-year reunion.

Each year Wofford holds the 50th class reunion during Commencement weekend. The class joins the 50-Year Club at Homecoming, but their special reunion weekend in the spring includes leading the newest class of graduates during graduation, a reunion dinner and lots of catching up with old friends. This year 47 members of the class were present for the reunion (including Billy Rivers and Jerry Park, whose memories of the food riot lead this article).

Many alumni point to Dean Frank Logan as a mentor during their college careers. The Rev. Doug Bowling, who carried the Class of 1965 banner during Commencement, for example, tells how he met with Logan shortly after being accepted as a transfer student in 1963:

"He glared across his desk and said, 'You've been accepted to Wofford. Just how in the hell do you plan to pay for this?' I replied, 'Sir, I have no idea.' He shoved three forms across his desk. One was an annual grant from a church, the second a National Defense Loan and the third a Methodist Foundation loan. He said, 'I've filled out these forms. Now sign them!' I did! Because of his gruff love I have a degree from Wofford. May the angels bless him forever." Bowling is now enjoying life as a retired United Methodist minister in Greer, S.C., with his wife, Marlene.

STORIES FROM THE CLASS OF 1965

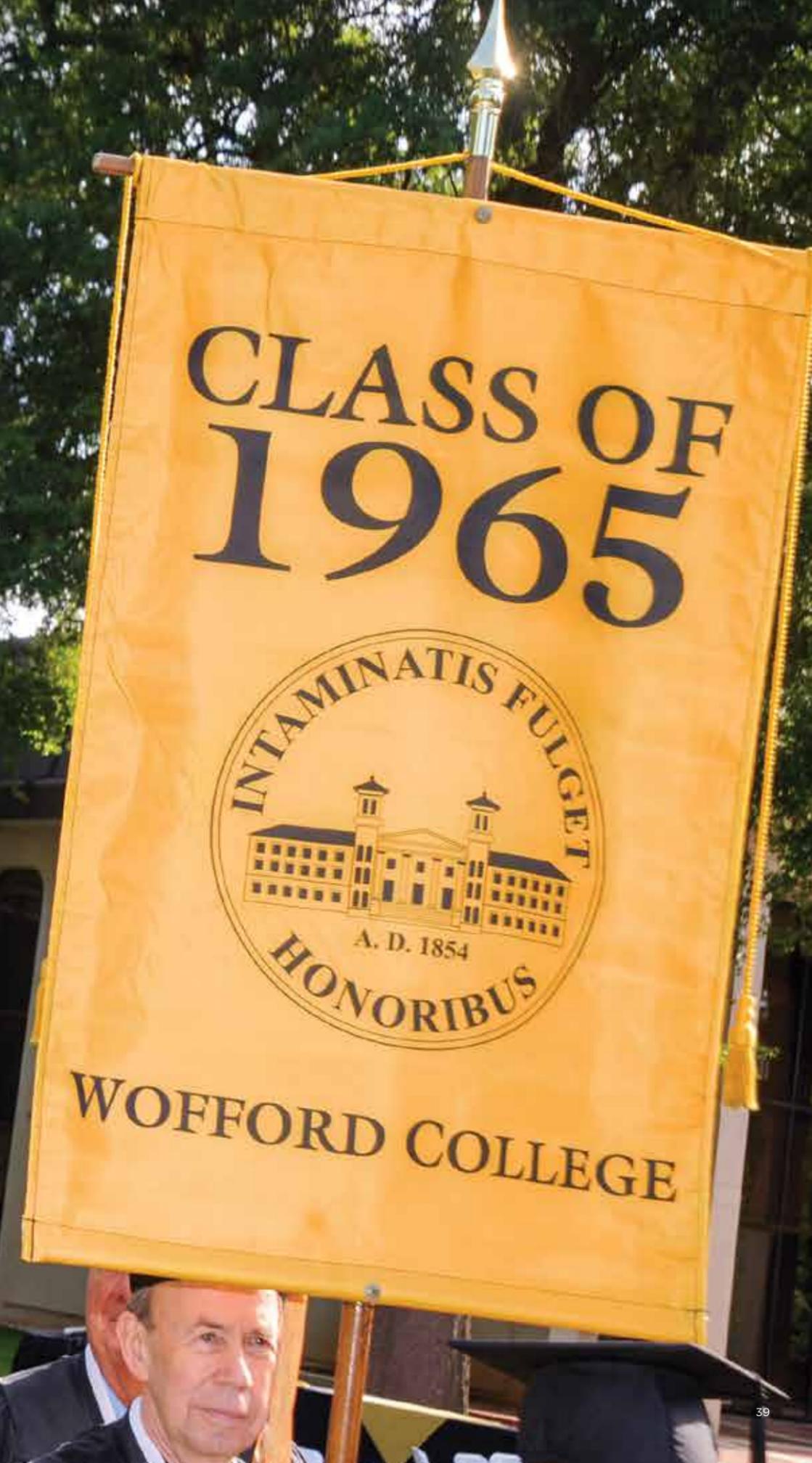
Todd Heldreth writes that he owes his wife, Carolyn, and Logan both for his degree: "Dean Frank Logan was a mentor to me and taught me what a real Wofford man should be. At graduation Wofford awarded my wife an honorary degree-PHT (Pushing Hubby Through)... This was from the heart and was well deserved." Heldreth worked 43 years in education before retiring in 2011. He and his wife live in Lexington, S.C., where he is heavily involved in his community.

Frank James "Jim" DeVine Jr. worked in textiles for 25 years before switching to work as a wellness specialist at 47. He now works part time for the Ann Spring Close Sports Complex in Fort Mill, S.C. "I got into fitness at age 40, and have

run marathons and triathlons since. I even did the Ironman triathlon at age 65," writes DeVine. "I have always been proud to be a Wofford grad."

James D. "Jim" Traywick fondly remembers the words of his "enthraling" professors, including his geology professor, John Harrington, who taught him to understand "the was-ness of the is." Wofford's ROTC program was also memorable: "ROTC did the best it could to prepare a very green, not-very-gung-ho second lieutenant for the most absurd first set of orders imaginable, as commanding officer of an ammunition renovation detachment that did not exist, had to be formed up, go through basic training and then deploy to Vietnam. I think I survived the ordeal." Traywick lives in Cope, S.C., with his wife, Nancy, and runs Frog Level Farm in Edisto Island with his nephew and son. He enjoys flying his Cessna 172 to the beach for weekends. He currently is planning a flight to Cuba.

Some class members were unable to attend the reunion, including Dan H. Montgomery Jr., who lives in Japan as a retired teacher, and Ray T. Sawyer, who lives in the United Kingdom and built his career on the study of leeches ("yes, the bloodsuckers," he writes). Dominic Alfred "Mickey" Caggiano Sr. was also unable to attend, but reports that since graduating from Wofford he has been involved in, among other things, commercial development, including assisting on the design of the "Peachoid" water tank and Premium Outlets "The Yellow Mall" in Gaffney. Rob Moreland also missed the reunion, but he may have been unable because of his work as a national disaster response volunteer with the Red Cross. He has completed 26 deployments, including New York City during 9/11 and New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.



FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 1965

BY DR. PHILLIP STONE '94, ARCHIVIST



The Class of **1965** came to Wofford in **SEPTEMBER 1961** with **249** members.

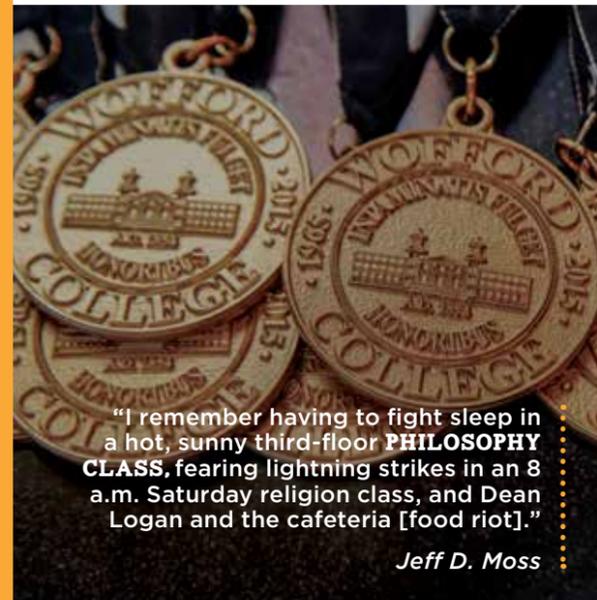
They came to a newly reconstructed **MAIN BUILDING** and a new **MILLIKEN SCIENCE HALL**.

While they were students **SHIPP AND DUPRE HALLS** opened, and the student body first grew beyond **1,000 STUDENTS**.

At the start of their senior year, Wofford became the **FIRST PRIVATE COLLEGE** in South Carolina to **DESEGREGATE**, making the Class of 1965 the first class to graduate from an **INTEGRATED WOFFORD COLLEGE**.

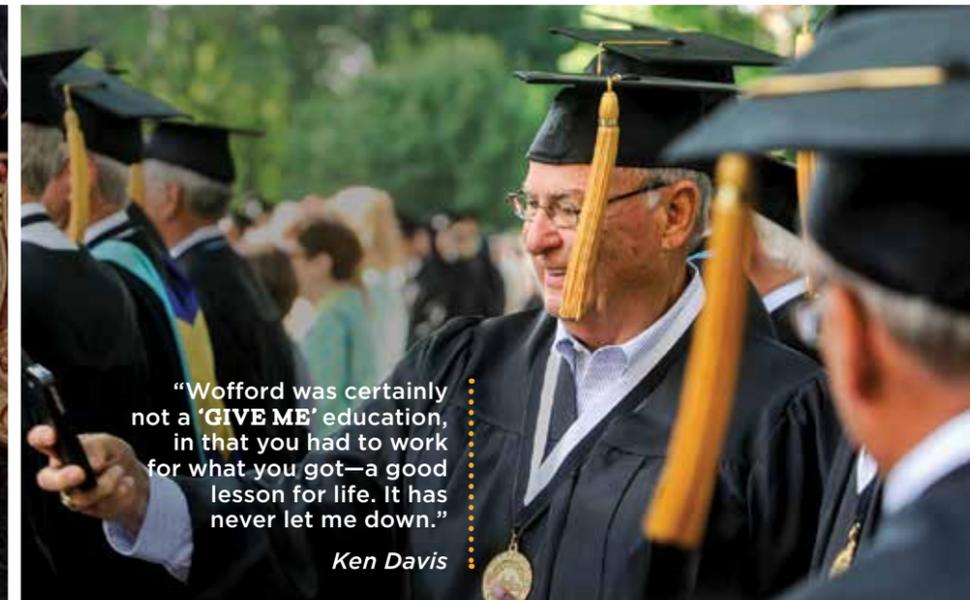
The business office was still running the **PLEASURE FUND**—created by a member of the Class of 1939—and the Old Gold and Black student newspaper noted that on afternoons before a fraternity weekend or dance, the **BUSINESS OFFICE** looked like a loan office!

For **HOMECOMING**, the bands included **THE VIBRATIONS**, **DR. FEELGOOD AND THE INTERNS** and **MAURICE WILLIAMS AND THE ZODIACS**.



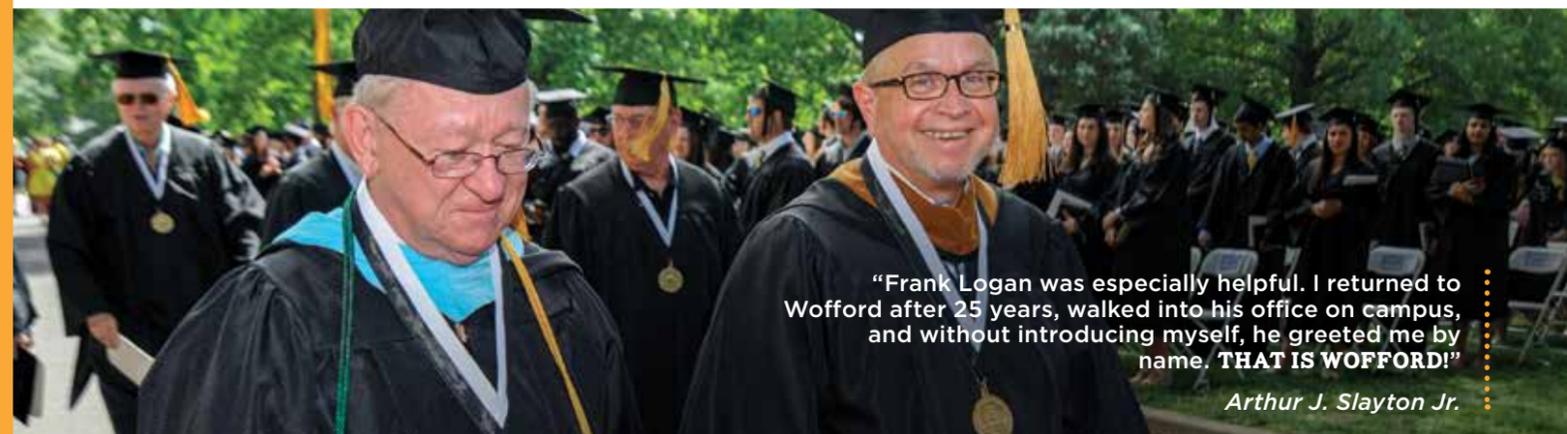
"I remember having to fight sleep in a hot, sunny third-floor **PHILOSOPHY CLASS**, fearing lightning strikes in an 8 a.m. Saturday religion class, and Dean Logan and the cafeteria [food riot]."

Jeff D. Moss



"Wofford was certainly not a **'GIVE ME'** education, in that you had to work for what you got—a good lesson for life. It has never let me down."

Ken Davis



"Frank Logan was especially helpful. I returned to Wofford after 25 years, walked into his office on campus, and without introducing myself, he greeted me by name. **THAT IS WOFFORD!**"

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CLASS NOTES

1970

Arthur W. "Buzz" Rich, class chair

Herb Lanford has been re-elected by the national membership to serve on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association of America. He also was re-elected to serve on the executive committee of the board.

1973

Dr. Bill Patterson is a dentist with San Marco Dentistry in Jacksonville, Fla. He lives in Switzerland, Fla.

1974

Jerry Calvert, class chair

Ed Garner is an engineer and project manager with AECOM in Columbia, S.C., where he lives with his wife, Laura.

1975

John O. Moore, class chair

Ken Poe is the president and owner of Kenneth W. Poe Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Charlotte, N.C., where he lives with his wife, Joy.

CresCom Bank has named **John Riddick** commercial market executive and senior vice president in the Charleston, S.C., area.

Craig Williams serves as vice president of Pinnacle Bank in Easley, S.C. He and his wife, Donna, live in Clemson.

1979

Wade Ballard, class chair

The Rev. Charles Lever is the senior minister of Orange Park First United Methodist Church in Orange Park, Fla.

Dr. Marshall L. Meadors III, a family medicine physician, has been installed as the 154th president of the South Carolina Medical Association. Meadors practices with Primary Care Associates in Anderson, S.C., where he is a founding partner. He is a certified medical director and serves as medical director of National HealthCare-Anderson.

1981

Patrick Watson, class chair

Pioneer Investments named **Henry Orvin** as senior vice president, head of business development in the United States. He is based in Boston, Mass. Orvin has more

than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry.

1984

Ken Kirkpatrick, class chair

Super Lawyers magazine recognized **Cal Watson** in its 2015 edition. This is the eighth consecutive year that he has been selected for the list. Watson, an attorney with Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, was honored in the business litigation practice area. He also was recognized as Lawyer of the Year at the South Carolina Lawyers Weekly's 2015 Leadership in Law awards dinner in March. Watson currently serves as president of the South Carolina Bar Association.

1991

Leslee Houck Page, class chair

Keith Green is a contractor and the owner of Amstar Enterprise Service Inc. in Atlanta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Debie.

1992

Nikki Palmieri Chunn, class chair

Kellie Crook Kanipe is a CPA and manager of the assurance and tax departments



Monier Abusaft '11 (right), currently a law clerk with The Hon. Mark Hayes '80, will be joining Chief Justice-Elect Costa Pleicones '65 (left) as a law clerk in August. Abusaft, a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School, says that Pleicones has been a role model since they first met during Abusaft's senior year at Wofford. "I hope to follow his footsteps to the public defender's office and one day to the bench," says Abusaft.

THE HON. COSTA M. PLEICONES NAMED CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT

Other Wofford graduates tapped for the judiciary

The South Carolina General Assembly unanimously elected The Hon. Costa M. Pleicones '65 chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court on May 27. He will take office in January.

Pleicones, a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, began his career as an attorney with the U.S. Army. He then held positions as a public defender, municipal judge and county attorney before entering private practice. He was elected to the circuit court in 1991 and became an associate justice in 2000.

Pleicones has been a featured lecturer throughout the state, including several visits to Wofford to talk with students in the pre-law program.

In February the South Carolina legislature voted to elect two other alumni to new judgeships. The Hon. Roger E. Henderson '71 of Chesterfield was elected to the South Carolina Circuit Court for the 4th Circuit. He most recently served as a family court judge. Also, The Hon. Perry H. Gravely '83 from Pickens has been elected to the South Carolina Circuit Court for the 13th Circuit.

with Johnson, Price, Sprinkle PA. She lives in Fletcher, N.C.

Blair Cato Pickren Casterline attorney **Gary Pickren** won the REGAL award for real estate closing attorney of the year. The firm is located in Columbia, S.C.

1993

Sarah Sawicki, class chair

Molly Hughes Cherry has been elected secretary of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association and will serve a one-year term as well as remaining on the association's board of directors. Cherry is certified by the state Supreme Court as a specialist in employment and labor law. She is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet in Columbia.

1997

Beth Mangham Guerrero, class chair

A physical therapist living in Denver, Colo., **Aimee Kramer Smedley** and her husband, Nigel, announce the birth of Violet Snow Smedley, born March 23, 2015.

1998

Casey Moore, class chair

Former Junior League of Greensboro, N.C., president **Julie Malloy Copeland** was named a recipient of the 2015 North Carolina Governor's Volunteer Service Award. Copeland is the vice president of talent management and development at HRD Strategies Inc. She serves as a director with the National League of Junior Cotillions, actively volunteers with Junior Achievement and is a graduate

of Leadership Greensboro. She was a Bonner Scholar at Wofford and recently was named an "Impact Leader" by Business Leader magazine and a "Top 40 Leader Under 40" by the Triad Business Journal.

Congratulations to **Bobbie Jean and Wells Shepard**. Bobbie Jean teaches English language at Dorman High School and was named the Spartanburg County School District 6 Teacher of the Year. Wells was recently named executive director of enrollment at Spartanburg Methodist College. He has 16 years of experience in counseling and recruiting students.

1999

Zach Atkinson, class chair

Mary Elizabeth Wilson Ireton was named the Union County School District Teacher of the Year. She teaches special education in grades 9-12 in the KEYS program. She also teaches advanced placement psychology in grades 11 and 12 at Union County High School.

2000

Anthony Hoefler, class chair

After 10 seasons as an assistant coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Miami, **Darrick Gibbs** has accepted a position as head coach of the University of North Florida Ospreys. Gibbs helped guide the Hurricanes to the best six-year stretch in program history.

Julie and **Matt Moxley** announce the birth of Elizabeth Caudill Moxley, born Jan. 1, 2015. She joins big brother Lofton Bowers Moxley (2). The family lives in Johns Island, S.C.

The president and owner of Snip-its Haircuts for Kids, with locations in Charlotte, N.C., and Greenville, Columbia and Lexington, S.C., **Jill Hagerman Raedels** lives in Lexington, S.C., with her husband, Christopher, and daughter, Piper (7).

Ryan Vassy Holler lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with her husband, Kyle, and three children, Adlai (9) and Langston and Louisa (5).

2001

Jenna Sheheen Bridgers, class chair

Tiffany Burkett is an attorney and the owner of Burkett Law Firm in West Columbia, S.C. She lives in Cayce.

Living in Columbia, S.C., **Dale Ness Jr.** is director of business development with Boyer Construction and a real estate investor with Ness Properties LLC. He and his wife, Kerri, have a 5-year-old son, Dale III.

2002

Yorke Gerrald, class chair

Brothers **John Henderson** and **Wesley Henderson '07** have opened a business law firm in downtown Charleston, S.C. Their practice focuses on the needs of startups, entrepreneurs and businesses.

2003

Tracy A. Howard, class chair

Jeb Carlisle is a recipient of Consulting magazine's Rising Star of the Profession award. Carlisle serves as director of Carlisle & Gallagher Consulting Group in Charlotte, N.C.

SILVERMAN TEACHING AND WRITING IN JAPAN



Alex Silverman '14 teaches English through the JET Program at an international high school in Tokyo. His classes range from basic communication to thesis writing and debate. "It is the hardest and the best thing I have ever done," says Silverman. "Now Japan feels like home, and I cannot imagine leaving anytime soon."

When he's not teaching or traveling, Silverman writes for JapanTravel, and he recently finished an internship writing for Phi Beta Kappa's The Key Reporter.

"Living and working in Japan has profoundly inspired how I view the world and how I view myself. I am living my dream," says Silverman. "I always will be thankful to Wofford for giving me the courage to grow. The list of people who inspired me at Wofford is long, but sincere. Thank you to Dean Oakley Coburn, Tim Brown, Dr. Deno Trakas, Dr. Byron McCane, Professor Mike Curtis, Dr. Rickey Madden, Dr. A.K. Anderson, Dr. Tracy Revels and Dr. Anne Rodrick for expanding my mind... to Dr. G.R. Davis, Dr. John Moeller, Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner and Dr. Beate Brunow for expanding my world... and to the Wofford community—from Miss Cathy at Player's Corner to the outstanding reference librarians to my friends who became my family—for expanding my heart. To Dr. David Efurd especially, whose teaching sparked my interest in Japan and whose unwavering support got me here. I am forever grateful for what you have done for me."

Read more and find links to Alex's articles at wofford.edu/woffordtoday. »

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A “FOOL” AND HIS MONEY

Jason Moser shares investment secrets with his daughters—and the rest of the world

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Hannah Moser (age 10) and Ainsley Moser (age 8) put their tooth fairy and birthday money to work. They invest in Starbucks, Under Armour and Apple, as well as four other companies, but then what do you expect from the daughters of Jason Moser '95, an analyst for The Motley Fool?

In typical Fool fashion (which means that it's easy for the average person to understand), Moser shares investment tips, and sometimes parenting advice—especially when it comes to money.

Moser says he started talking with his daughters about the stock market over lunch at Panera Bread Co.

“At the time I owned shares in Panera, so I just said, ‘Hey, we own a little bit of this business,’” says Moser. “Now they definitely appreciate the fact that when they put on their Under Armour gear or when we shop at Whole Foods, they are paying themselves. They think it's cool to own part of a business, to be on board and support what they're doing.”

Working at The Motley Fool allows Moser the flexibility of taking and picking up his daughters from school each day. He loves the time with them, whether they talk investing or not, and he loves his job.

“I can't speak highly enough of this place,” he says. “I've been with The Fool for more than five years, and I don't feel like I go to work.... It's like Montessori school for adults. You come in and do.... Every day is a new challenge and a new opportunity. It's never mundane and never boring.”

After graduating from Wofford with a B.A. in economics, Moser went to work as a PGA professional at golf courses in South Carolina and Maryland. He met and married his wife, Robin, then went to work with Bank of America before joining his wife in work for the U.S. Department of State in Cairo and Kazakhstan. In Kazakhstan, he discovered The Motley Fool, but after returning to the U.S. Moser worked with Travelers Insurance before landing the job with The Fool.

“The reason I know how to invest is because my dad taught me,” says Moser. “Whether it's golf or investing or whatever, there's so much value in learning about things when you are young. The lessons take hold, and when it comes to investing, time is the individual investor's greatest advantage.”

If Moser could give one bit of investment advice to current Wofford students, he says that it would be to start early.

“I know it's extremely difficult to get in the mindset of saving when you're a student and taking out loans, but start as early as you can, even if it's just getting started as soon as you graduate. Make sure you're investing in your company's 401k plan if nothing else,” says Moser. “You can't start soon enough.”

To read Moser's blog or connect with him via social media, visit my.fool.com/profile/TMFJMo/info.aspx »

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

John W. Hackney and his wife, Tara, announce the birth of Elizabeth Quinn Hackney, born May 11, 2015. She joins big sister Reece. The family lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Deena Bateh Wallace and John Wallace announce the birth of John Mack “Jack” Wallace, born Feb. 28, 2015. He joins big sister Grace (2). The family lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

2005

Ryan Waller, class chair

Emma Litzenburg Ball and **Thad Ball** welcomed Jasper Brownlee Ball on April 21, 2015. The family lives in North Charleston, S.C.

Living in Charlotte, N.C., **John Newton** is director of business development for Experis Finance.

Callison Tighe & Robinson attorney **Janet Rhodes** was named a Super Lawyers Rising Star in the practice area of employment and labor law. The firm is located in Columbia, S.C.

2006

Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair

In April, **Lacey Hilliard Dellinger** joined the staff of MeadWestvaco as a sales development executive. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, Matthew.

Living in Conroe, Texas, with her husband, Max, **Kat Martin Sanchez** is a senior accountant with CB&I in The Woodlands. They were married this past August.

LaFayette and **Anya Marie Young Stewart** announce the birth of Coleman Annice Stewart, born Oct. 8, 2014. She joins big brother Tripp (2). The family lives in North Augusta, S.C.

2008

Nathan Madigan, class chair

Leah Gaylor Fitch and **Austin Fitch '09** announce the birth of Nora Marie Fitch, born Dec. 21, 2014. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Amber Evans Ludeman is the CEO of Matchstick Social. She and her husband, Russell Steven Ludeman, live in Altus, Okla.

2009

Peyton Hray, class chair

Both employed by the U.S. Senate, **Paige Hallen** and Allen Hanson were married on Oct. 25, 2014. They live in Arlington, Va.

Dr. Ashley Carr Sims and Dr. Cole Sims announce the birth of Colston McCoy Sims, born Feb. 23, 2015. The family lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

2010

Kari Harris, class chair

Will Hipp and **Candice Springs** were married May 2, 2015. Will holds a

master's degree in accountancy and is employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Spartanburg. Candice has a master's degree in health administration. She is employed with Greenville Health System. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Kate Hendricks and **Othniel Laffitte** were married on March 28, 2015. They live in Greenville, S.C., where Othniel is a relationship manager at First Citizens Bank. Kate is a law clerk for the Hon. Helen Elizabeth Burris of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Spartanburg.

A reunion assistant for Converse College, **Kelsey Leahy** lives in Spartanburg.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

Paige Forrester and Grant Smith were married on May 2, 2015. They live in Pauline, S.C.

Completing her medical residency in pediatrics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., **Dr. Amna Ahmed Husain** lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Zain.

Jessica Lee and Christopher Dunkerley were married April 11, 2015. Lee is a contact center team manager for Blackbaud Inc. She and her husband live in Charleston, S.C.

2012

Hallie Willm, class chair

Rob Gorrell has been hired by Colleton Preparatory Academy in Walterboro, S.C., to be the new head varsity football coach. Gorrell has been a member of the Barnwell High School football and basketball coaching staff as well as a math teacher for the past three years.

Lizzy Lambert, a May graduate of Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, recently had her article, “The Internal Revenue Service and Bitcoin: A Taxing Relationship,” accepted for publication in the Virginia Tax Review. The article discusses the current IRS approach to the valuation of bitcoins and the problems that arise from this approach. She has served as a student-writing editor for the Mercer Law Review and an editor for the Journal of Southern Legal History. She currently is enrolled at the University of Florida Levin College of Law in the tax program.

2014

Sarah Carter lives in New York, N.Y., and is an analyst with Barclays.

Living in Calabash, N.C., **James Detter** is working as the executive director of Loris Rehab and Nursing Center, a subsidiary of Wilson Senior Care.

James Lawson has been named minister to students at Secona Baptist Church in Pickens, S.C. He plans to begin seminary this summer.



THREE GRADUATES RETURN TO SHARE INSIGHTS

Clinical Psychology 420 uses practicing clinicians to train future professionals
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Dr. John Lefebvre, chairman of the Department of Psychology, expects his Clinical Psychology 420 students to struggle in his class... but he doesn't expect them to struggle alone.

Three Wofford graduates—Stefanie Carrigan '05, Erica Cosh '07 and Paige Forrester Smith '11, all practicing therapists in the Spartanburg community—took turns returning to campus this spring, presenting real-life scenarios, talking to the class about careers in the field, and serving as sounding boards and advisers for the students, many of whom will become clinicians themselves one day.

“This class helped set me up for success in graduate school. I was constantly referring back to the notes,” says Cosh, who works as the Spartanburg County School District 1 school-based supervisor through Spartanburg Area Mental Health (SAMH). She also does contract therapy at the Children's Advocacy Center. “I was honored to be asked to return.”

Cosh majored in psychology and sociology at Wofford and earned her master's degree at the University of South Carolina.

“Even if students in the class are not going to become practicing therapists, everyone in health care is going to deal with people with mental issues,” she says. “This class helps the students realize that their own experiences, biases and issues affect their diagnosis and response to the patient. Being aware helps them remove that variable.”

Smith, who earned a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Converse College and went on to earn her state license in the field, also works with SAMH. As the Department of Social Services (DSS) liaison, she assesses clients and does therapy with clients of both organizations.

“This was my favorite class at Wofford,” says Smith, who majored in psychology and minored in religion. “I was prepared for graduate school, but more importantly it has prepared me for the challenges of the workplace.”

Smith says that she takes time out of her day to help with the class because she wants to prepare Wofford students for the different people who will walk through the door.

“Spartanburg Area Mental Health is happy to give us the time to help with Dr. Lefebvre's class because they want us involved in the community. Also, someone in the class could be the next mental health professional,” she says.

Lefebvre, who designed the class, expects students to finish the course with the ability to think and write like a clinician.

“Other schools often teach this type of class as a how-to, we use a problem-based approach,” he says. “Students study textbook theories then apply them to real-world scenarios. Because they are based on actual situations, the cases are much harder and the lines are fuzzy. The students have to come up with a diagnosis, but they're not ever sure. They struggle mightily with this, and I want that because that's what they will experience professionally.”

Carrigan, a psychology major at Wofford who went on to earn a master's degree in marriage and family therapy at Converse, says the class was beneficial to her for that very reason.

“Cases are not all black and white,” says Carrigan, the Spartanburg County School District 2 school-based therapist with SAMH. “This class helped prepare me for the times I don't know a definite diagnosis but have to find a way to help anyway.”

Carrigan, Cosh and Smith now feel like they've come full circle, and they all believe that helping teach the class is making them better therapists.

“Dr. Lefebvre sends us the students' papers,” says Carrigan. “These students are smart, and they have fresh eyes and insights. Sometimes they point out something that clicks and that I can use to help a patient.”

According to Lefebvre, Carrigan, Cosh and Smith are in good company. Dr. James E. Seegars, professor emeritus of psychology, was the first professional to present cases to the class. Other local mental health practitioners have followed suit.

“We have a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for sharing that experience right here in Spartanburg,” says Lefebvre. “Our graduates have made good and done well, and we appreciate them returning to share with current students.”

IN MEMORIAM



1941

George Edwin Tate Sr., April 10, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Tate served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was commandant of the USAR School and founded Tate Furniture. During his furniture career, Tate was named Business Man of the Year by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. He also spent 25 years in banking, retiring from Wells Fargo. Tate Plaza at Liberty Bridge is named in his honor. A leader of Wofford alumni events in Greenville, Tate most recently organized the annual feeding of the Wofford football team. He was a charter member of Phi Beta Kappa at Wofford.

1945

David Lee Bishop Jr., March 24, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Bishop was a pilot in the Army during World War II. While serving he was shot down, captured and held as a prisoner of war for several months in Germany. He helped found Bishop Furniture Co. and served the community through the United Way, Civitans, Hospice and Mobile Meals.

1947

Adlai Cornwell Holler Jr., March 10, 2015, Charleston, S.C. Holler was a commissioned Army Air Corps pilot during World War II and a U.S. Air Force chaplain from 1952 to 1982, during which time he was awarded the Legion of Merit. He was assigned stateside and overseas in Italy, Spain and Vietnam. After military retirement he served as a United Methodist pastor and counselor.

1949

Richard Leonhardt Heaton, April 27, 2015, Atlantic Beach, Fla. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Heaton was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wofford. He was employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for 40 years. He loved gardening, hiking and photography.

1950

James Alvin Cannon, March 22, 2015, Fountain Inn, S.C. A third-generation funeral director, Cannon was one of four founding members and a past president of the Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce. He served on the city council, as a volunteer firefighter and helped organize Fox Run Country Club. He was a charter member and past president of the Lions Club.

Addie Clyde Tomblin, March 31, 2015, Spindale, N.C. Tomblin was proud of his textile mill roots and his service in the Philippines during World War II. Tomblin's obituary states that he and his wife, Janet, were the first to be married in the Wofford College chapel. He practiced law until his retirement in 2006, serving as the attorney for the town of Spindale for 31 years.

Dr. Fraughton Godbold Ford, March 14, 2015, Walhalla, S.C. A retired college professor and U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, Ford was a Sunday School teacher and secretary of the Walhalla Lions Club.

Charles Y. Workman Jr., April 5, 2015, Rock Hill, S.C. When his father died, Workman left college to run the family business, the Workman-Greene Co. Later he joined Cleveland Cotton Products Co., where he managed the sales force for 23 years. He served in the Army National Guard.

1951

Billy Smith Davis, May 12, 2015, Columbia, S.C. Davis received his draft notice the same day as his Wofford diploma. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 before beginning his career with First Federal Savings and Loan in Spartanburg. He retired from Union Federal Savings and Loan.

1952

James "Jimmy" "Stick" Rufus Gordon, April 2, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Gordon retired as an agent from New York Life Insurance. He was a founder, loyal member and past president of the Wofford Terrier Club and past president of the college's Alumni Association. He played on the 1949 undefeated football team, known as the "49ers." Gordon was inducted into the Wofford Athletics Hall of Fame in 1986.

1953

Dr. Robert Evans Holman, March 18, 2015, Elloree, S.C. A veteran of World War II, Holman spent more than two years "before the mast" aboard the USS Frost and received the Presidential Unit Citation for sinking five Nazi U-boats. Holman practiced medicine in Elloree for 55 years, even on his back porch if that's what his patients needed. He and his wife, Pat, wrote several books and articles, including "The Black Bag" and "Homeward Bound." He was poet laureate for the Edisto Medical Society and founder of the Elloree Free Clinic and the Left Bank Medical Society. The college awarded Holman the Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and the town of Elloree held several Bob Holman Appreciation Days. He made more than 300 bluebird houses, now scattered throughout the Southeast, that he gave away to friends and family.

1954

Henry Clarke Bynum, May 7, 2015, Sumter, S.C. Bynum was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the Wofford tennis team. He founded Bynum Insurance Co. and was active in his church and in the community.

Frank Love McElwee Jr., April 17, 2015, Clover, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he began teaching at York Elementary School right after graduation. He was the first principal

of York Junior High School and then became a counselor for the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

George Turner Perrow Sr., May 17, 2015, Cameron, S.C. A retired farmer and former co-owner of Cameron Cotton & Seed, Perrow was active in the church and community. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

1955

George "Jerry" Jester, April 22, 2015, Salina, Kan. Jester left Wofford to play football for the University of Wyoming, where he later was inducted into the football hall of fame. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1974.

1957

James Anderson Berry Jr., April 1, 2015, Union, S.C. A first lieutenant and pilot in the U.S. Army, Berry was a Realtor in Atlanta, Ga. He played piano by ear and was a master photographer, sketch artist and ornithologist.

Craig Templeton, April 18, 2015, Napa, Calif. Templeton attended Wofford on a basketball scholarship. He spent two years in counterintelligence with the U.S. Army before enjoying a long career with New York Life. He believed in public service and was proud to have donated his body to the Stanford School of Medicine.

1958

Donald James Petersen, May 8, 2015, Columbia, S.C. Petersen served as a medic in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative before owning and operating Carolina Surgical Specialties Co. for 24 years. He and his wife loved to travel.

1959

Alvis Jesse Bynum, April 19, 2015, Sumter, S.C. A member of the Wofford tennis team and Kappa Alpha Order, Bynum worked in banking before going to work for Cities Supply Co., where he served as president for 27 years. He was an active member of the community.

Donald Ray Dagenhart Sr., April 5, 2015, Lanett, Ala. Dagenhart enjoyed a long career with Milliken & Co. and Interface Flooring Systems. He was a Boy Scout leader, Little League baseball coach and active member of his church.

1964

Carroll Dean Solesbee, March 23, 2015, Moore, S.C. A self-employed CPA, Solesbee was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the North Spartanburg Rotary Club.

Nathaniel Sylvester II, April 20, 2015, Cape Carteret, N.C. He opened his first Piggly Wiggly grocery store in 1966 and his

second in 1978. Sylvester served the Cape Carteret community in a variety of ways for 37 years.

1968

Robert Grimmert Gray, March 22, 2015, Charlotte, N.C. Gray served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of captain. He enjoyed a successful career in medical sales.

1969

LeRoy Edward Dennis Jr., April 23, 2015, Brunswick, Ga. Known for his humor and wise counsel in church, community and business matters, Dennis enjoyed family and friends after his retirement.

1970

Thomas Neil Lentz, May 13, 2015, Hickory, N.C. Lentz served as one of two students, along with six faculty members, in Graz, Austria, during the summer of 1969 to develop an experimental curriculum for Wofford. He served as an instructor of art history and studio art at Wofford from 1972 to 1976. Lentz worked in advertising in New York before joining Broyhill Furniture in Lenoir, N.C. In 2006 he established an Internet-based wellness company, where he was principal and co-owner until his retirement in 2012. He served as president of Wofford's Alumni Association in 1994.

1972

Michael John Roebuck, March 4, 2015, Shelby, N.C. Roebuck was the assistant athletics director for academic services at Gardner Webb University, where he cared for student-athletes as if they were his own children. He trained for and competed in marathons, triathlons and an Ironman competition.

1979

Michael Allgood Johnson, April 26, 2015, Greenville, S.C. He served as the Wofford student body treasurer twice and president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was vice president of his family's business, Old Colony Furniture Co.

1981

Milledge Thomas Pitts Jr., March 13, 2015, Columbia, S.C. He was the owner and operator of Absolute Titles, a real estate title research company.

1989

Verner Freeman "Rose" Tate Jr., April 26, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C.

He worked for Adidas for years and served as the music minister at Skylyn United Methodist Church.

Friends

Blanche "Bonnie" Yvonne Bellamy Gordon, March 21, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. A 1952 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Gordon was the 1951 Wofford Homecoming Queen. The wife of James "Jimmy" "Stick" Gordon '52, she was a schoolteacher and community volunteer.

Jane Gage Fishburne Hipp, May 6, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Hipp was the mother of Wofford trustee Neel Hipp. She was an avid supporter of education, establishing an endowed scholarship at Wofford.

Edward Patterson "Pat" Perrin, May 21, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. A longtime supporter of Wofford, Perrin was a retired attorney with the firm of Perrin, Perrin, Mann & Patterson. He was well loved in the Spartanburg community for his philanthropy, humor, community service and character.

Orville Stanley Smith Jr., May 3, 2015, Columbia, S.C. Smith was a former trustee of Wofford College. He helped the state of South Carolina develop a statewide technical college system and the Riverbanks Zoo. He purchased a tiger cub as the first animal for the zoo.

Elaine Stone Wagner, April 28, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Wagner worked as a high-fashion model for Hattie Carnegie in New York right out of college. She later worked as the fashion coordinator for Jonathan Logan. Later she took art classes and studied painting. She taught studio art at Wofford as well as in the Spartanburg community before her retirement.

Making Memorial Gifts

Three ways to make a memorial gift to Wofford College:

- 1) Call the Office of Development at 864-597-4200
- 2) Visit wofford.edu/supportwofford
- 3) Mail a check made payable to Wofford College to:
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Remember to include the name of the person you are honoring with your gift to the college.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The women before there were women

by Phillip Stone '94

After a vote by the Board of Trustees in October 1975, the college admitted its first women resident students in the fall of 1976. Sometimes that gets shortened, somewhat inaccurately, to a statement that leads people to believe that these were the first women to attend Wofford.

While it's true that those first resident women students experienced Wofford in a different way, it is not true that they were the first women to graduate from Wofford.

From the spring of 1971 to the spring of 1976, several dozen women attended as day students. Beginning in February 1971 with four women, three of whom were daughters of professors, the numbers increased to about 25 in the fall of 1971. One of those first four women day students graduated in the spring of 1972, and the number of graduates grew each year. But the story of Wofford women doesn't start in the spring of 1971.

Throughout the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, women occasionally attended and completed degrees. In particular, a number of women attended summer school and often participated in summer graduation. From records in college catalogues, almost every class from 1947 to 1959 had at least one woman graduate. Beyond that, women were regular enrollees in the college's graduate programs, which existed from the early 1900s to around 1951. These afternoon and summer courses frequently drew area teachers, and perhaps half of the Master of Arts degrees awarded by the college in this era went to women. The nursing program at Spartanburg General Hospital had women taking certain courses in the 1950s and early 1960s on campus as well.

Before that, Dean A. Mason DuPre's daughter, Caroline DuPre Wells, attended and graduated with the Class of 1934. Her attendance was fairly unusual in that era because she attended during the regular semester and graduated at a regular Commencement.

Even earlier than that, Wofford experimented briefly with coeducation between 1897 and 1904. Two women enrolled in each class beginning in September 1897, so by the fall of 1900, eight women were taking courses alongside the 200 or so men. Each of these eight women graduated between 1901 and 1904, though the college ended the experiment after the last of these women graduated. At one point, one of those eight women was actually the college's oldest living graduate. In other words, a college that was supposedly a "men's college" had an alumna as its oldest living alumnus!



WELCOME CLASS OF 2015

Our ranks grew by 368 with the graduation of the Class of 2015 in May. On behalf of the Wofford College Alumni Association, we welcome our newest Wofford alumni to the fold and congratulate them on their achievement.

VICKIE MULLER ELECTED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FOR 2016

The alumni association recently elected Vickie R. Muller '83 of Columbia, S.C., as president for 2016. Muller brings to the association substantial professional experience in higher education and volunteer experience leading the Black Alumni Summit's highly successful campaign to raise money for the multi-cultural house and engage African-American alumni more fully in the life and work of the college. Her natural leadership skills make her a perfect fit to lead the Wofford College Alumni Association. We are fortunate that she is willing to serve.

TALKING WOFFORD AND CROP ROTATION

Gathering tobacco on my dad's farm during the summers when I was growing up taught me a lot, like the value of sunscreen and of keeping a hoe within reach to fend off water moccasins. It also taught me the value of planning ahead for the next crop, even while harvesting the crop still in the field.

Likewise, Wofford's Office of Admission continuously plans ahead for the next crop of students. One crop graduates. Another prepares to enroll, and year after year, crop after crop, outstanding students become outstanding graduates. Our Wofford degrees become stronger with each class. The work of the college's Admission Office, however, does not happen by accident. They need alumni assistance to succeed in their work.

As a member of the Wofford College Alumni Association, you can help by identifying prospective students in your community and getting them to visit the campus. Describe the value of a Wofford education. Tell personal stories about your Wofford experiences. These help prospective students connect to the college on a personal level. Once on campus, the Office of Admission is adept at helping prospective students determine how Wofford fits into their future.

Invariably, questions such as "How can I afford Wofford?" and "How is Wofford different from other liberal arts colleges?" arise when talking to prospective students. Concise but effective answers to these questions soon will be available on the Alumni Association website. Your answers to these questions, along with your personal stories about Wofford, provide an effective combination for recruiting and allow you to help Wofford without spending a penny.

The Alumni Association recently began a new student recruitment initiative to help the Office of Admission organize alumni volunteers to serve in their local communities. These alumni volunteers will represent Wofford in a variety of roles, including hosting prospective students in their homes and attending similar events. Primarily, these alumni volunteers serve as friendly reference points for prospective students and their families. Please stay tuned for more information on this exciting new initiative.

Go Terriers!

Andy Beeson '90
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

JULY 18	Washington Nationals Game / Pregame	SEPT. 25	Parents Advisory Council Meeting
JULY 18-26	Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition	SEPT. 25-26	Family Weekend
AUG. 1	Red Sox Game / Pregame	OCT. 8	Charleston Young Alumni Event
AUG. 9-23	Grand Danube Passage	OCT. 9	Charleston Invitational Golf Tournament
AUG. 13-21	Baltic Marvels Cruise	OCT. 9	Bowens Island Alumni Event
SEPT. 3	Spartanburg Area Oyster Roast	OCT. 10	Citadel Football Pregame Event
SEPT. 5	Bus Trip to Wofford vs. Clemson Football Game	OCT. 23	Alumni Association Board Meeting
SEPT. 10	Atlanta Alumni Event	OCT. 23-24	Homecoming Weekend
SEPT. 11	Atlanta Invitational Golf Tournament	NOV. 2	Upstate Invitational Golf Tournament
SEPT. 17	Columbia Young Alumni Event		



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FAMILY WEEKEND — SEPTEMBER 25-26

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