

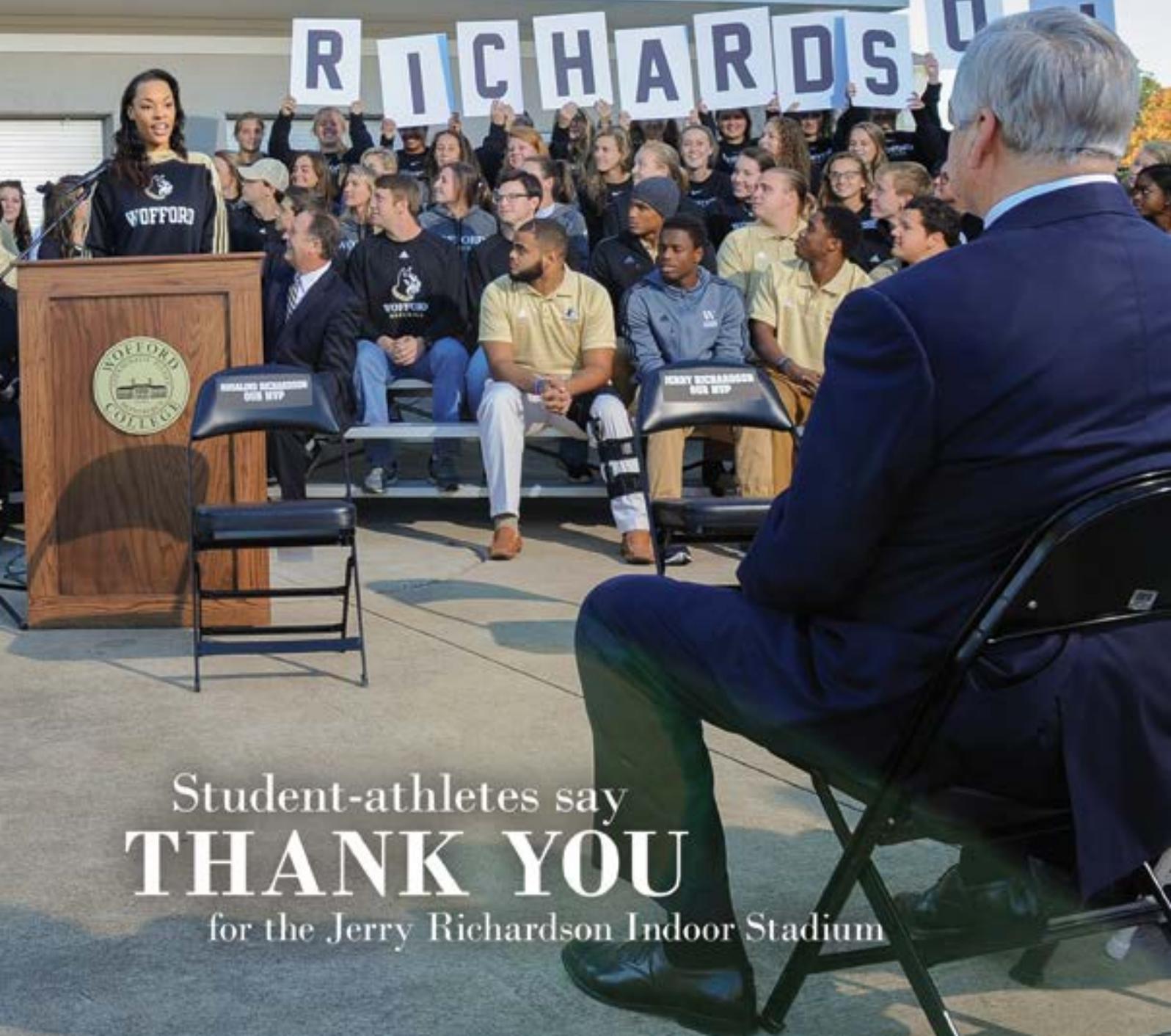
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« **Hiking the Great Wall**
WestLee Parker '16 is studying abroad in Beijing, China, this fall. He is a Chinese major from Boiling Springs, S.C.

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



'Tis the season of giving... but then that's not unusual here at Wofford.

Prema and I constantly are humbled by the generosity of the Wofford community. We have met Wofford friends who have saved much of their lives so that they could establish an endowed scholarship for a deserving student... alumni who consider it their responsibility to make an annual gift to the Wofford Fund... faculty who contribute to internship funds so that their students have access to opportunities to learn year round. All gifts, regardless of size, make a huge impact on the success of Wofford College. Some of the stories of these gifts are highlighted in this issue. For example, look for stories on Betty and Billy Wood '50, Gary Blount '10 and Matt '10 and Kinli Bare Abee '08.

In celebration of another game-changing gift, the Wofford community broke ground Oct. 20 on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. This follows the spring 2015 groundbreaking for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

Wofford also made another strategic move toward accomplishing its vision of preparing superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars by announcing the allocation of \$300,000 each year toward scholarships for first-generation college students from South Carolina and the Spartanburg community. The Office of Admission already is hard at work recruiting this first class of first-generation scholars.

These gifts, and the ones to follow during this last month of 2015, will continue to improve the lives of our students, their families and the communities in which they eventually will live. Your gifts also will continue to build Wofford's reputation as a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college. Please join us as we continue to build this extraordinary Wofford College community based on excellence, engagement and transformation.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef



« The parents of Martha Cammack '13 took a selfie with President Samhat following the dedication of the garden in her memory. See page 30 for more about Martha's Garden.

IT'S YOUR WORLD. CREATE IT.

Whetsell Fellow Margherita Cole '16, an art history major and studio arts minor from Redlands, Calif., took her artwork in a comical direction this summer. Her collection of hand-drawn comic strips portrays scenes from art history. They will be on display in the Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery of the Campus Life Building through January.

Read more about Cole and her creative process at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »





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To see a gallery of photos from the event, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

B. COLLEGE LEADS REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT UNDERSTANDING

This fall Wofford professors Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden (modern languages, literatures and cultures), Dr. Philip Dorroll (religion), Dr. Mark Byrnes (history) and Dr. Kim Rostan (English) participated in a Refugee Resettlement Panel moderated by Dr. Byron McCane, Albert C. Outler Professor of Religion. The forum offered students and the local community an opportunity to hear from well-informed voices on the issue.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. HALL OF FAME INDUCTS TERRIER STANDOUTS

Graduated Wofford student-athletes Anthony Jones '03, Nick Schuermann '10 and Brandon Waring '08 were selected by the Terrier Club's Hall of Fame Committee for induction into the Wofford College Athletics Hall of Fame. In addition, the Hall of Fame honored Wade and Mary Keisler as the Distinguished Service Award recipients and Todd Shanesy as an Honorary Letterman.

Read more and watch their moving acceptance speeches at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. STUDENTS WHO ARE LEGALLY BLIND SHARE COMMON EXPERIENCE AT WOFFORD

Scholarship students Jacey Sohm '19, of Holly Hill, S.C., and Holly Stevens '18 of Marion, N.C., have a few things in common—they're both having a great experience at Wofford, and they're both legally blind. The college offers accommodations, and they also use a variety of tools that help with the reading, study, testing and class participation necessary to excel in college.

Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

E. MOSS AND SYKES NAMED TO ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Dr. Robert E. Moss has been named as the college's third Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology, and Dr. David A. Sykes has been named the Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Computer Science. According to Dr. Dennis Wiseman, provost, they each offer stellar examples of the extraordinary teachers and mentors who work with students at Wofford College.

Read more about the McCalla professorships at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. WOFFORD TAILGATE SCENE IN USA TODAY

"Smaller campuses host some of the best parties," writes Joe Cahn, who has attended about 1,000 tailgates since 1996 and runs Tailgating.com. In the Oct. 30 USA Today, he listed the Wofford tailgating scene among the "10Best: Small schools with big tailgating traditions" in the country. He raves about Wofford's family-friendly atmosphere and the variety of food, including Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Read more about Terrier tailgating at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

G. PATEL STUDIES HEALTH CARE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dhruv Patel '16, a biology and mathematics major from Conway, S.C., returned to Wofford this fall after studying abroad in South Africa, where he observed health care professionals and worked in a variety of hospitals and clinics in the region. He calls the experience eye-opening and often uncomfortable, but vital to his growth and development as a future physician and global citizen.

Read more about his experiences at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

H. BENTLEY DEVELOPS FILM ON SNAKES

Alex Bentley '17, a biology and environmental studies major from Salem, Va., spent the summer studying, tracking and even sleeping with snakes in the Francis Marion National Forest as part of a project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy.

Read more about Bentley's research and find a link to his documentary at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »



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Jessica Graham '16 (pink headband), a senior libero on the volleyball team, set a new college record for career digs. She broke the record set previously by Reagan Styles Breitenstein '13. Not only is Graham a standout student-athlete, she's also a member of ROTC through the college's Southern Guard Battalion.

Read more about Graham and her record-breaking year at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »





The
POWER
of the
GIFT

The ball is in play!

Wofford breaks ground for the
Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium
with celebratory tip-off event

by Annie S. Mitchell



The Wofford community came out in force on Oct. 20 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new home for basketball and volleyball with a tip-off event, complete with stadium stands, fans, cheerleaders and a festive game-day atmosphere.

The celebration's most valuable player, Jerry Richardson '59, arrived at the event by driving a golf cart through a tunnel of hundreds of cheering student-athletes and excited, thankful members of the Wofford community.

Richardson, joined at the tip-off by his wife, Rosalind Sallenger Richardson, personally provided the gift to fund the facility. The indoor stadium, slated for completion in September 2017, promises to be one of the finest, most well-conceived and most advanced arenas in all of college sports. Richardson also provided a gift to build the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, future home to academic programs in theatre, visual arts and art history.

"When Wofford decided to make the move from Division II to Division I, there was fear that we would be tempted to recruit and enroll star athletes but not star students. If anything, our standards have increased, and this facility will show our unwavering commitment to excellence in every facet of the Wofford experience," said head men's basketball coach Mike Young.

Young continued his comments by presenting Richardson with one of the seats that make up the men's basketball team bench. The seat was marked, "Reserved for #51," Richardson's Wofford football jersey number.

"As we break ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, gratefulness just scratches the surface of how we feel," said Young. "Mr. Richardson, we sure are glad that you're on our team. You have a seat on our bench anytime—literally!"

Richardson immediately stood and had the chair he was sitting in replaced with his personalized bench seat, drawing laughter from an energized crowd.

Wofford's newest member of the coaching staff, head volleyball coach Lynze Roos, followed Young at the podium. "When volleyball or basketball players lace up their shoes, step onto the arena floor and play in



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— Wofford President Nayef Samhat

"Tip-offs in basketball start the game," opened President Nayef Samhat. "There are no dunks, blocks or steals without a tip-off. Breaking ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium is the start of something very special that, along with the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, will be a game-changer for Wofford College."

The Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium

Fast Facts

- » 123,000-square-foot facility
- » 3,400-seat basketball arena for men's and women's games
- » 500-seat volleyball competition venue
- » 4,500-seat capacity for non-athletics events such as Commencement and concerts

- Features include:**
- » open-air suites
 - » home and visitor locker rooms for various sports
 - » state-of-the-art training room
 - » coaches' offices
 - » team meeting rooms

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the finest facility in the Southern Conference, they will think of Mr. Richardson—and his ability to grasp the opportunities given to him as a young man on this very same ground—where he competed, studied and gave back to the community he believed in,” said Roos.

Not to be upstaged by her coaching colleague, Roos added, “Now, Mr. Richardson, Coach Young has offered you a seat on the men’s basketball bench any time, but we coaches are competitive, so I just can’t resist the opportunity to top that.” To the fans’ delight, two volleyball players immediately produced two chairs on the platform, marked with “Mr. Richardson our MVP” and “Mrs. Richardson our MVP.”

It was women’s basketball player Kentra Washington ’17, however, who offered the most poignant words.

“I am honored to represent past, present and future student-athletes here today,” Washington said to the crowd. “Mr. Richardson, we realize the significance of the gift you’ve given us, and we feel the weight of responsibility we have as student-athletes to use this facility and our gifts wisely—to become the best student-athletes, citizens and leaders we can be, and to leave Wofford College better than we found it. We all strive to follow your example.”

Washington then called on her fellow student-athletes representing all teams and sitting on stands behind the podium to produce large-scale renderings of the new stadium and a sign reading, “Thank you, Mr. Richardson!”

“Mr. Richardson, we realize the significance of the gift you’ve given us, and we feel the weight of responsibility we have as student-athletes to use this facility and our gifts wisely—to become the best student-athletes, citizens and leaders we can be, and to leave Wofford College better than we found it. We all strive to follow your example.”

— Kentra Washington ’17

Board chair Harold Chandler ’71 summarized the spirit of the Richardsons by closing: “Along with genuine words of thanks, I suggest we consider committing ourselves to living a life as they have lived... unparalleled dedication, purposeful leadership in work and life, humility, compassion, generosity. Let’s allow the reflection of them to be seen in our lives, in what we do for others and in what we do for Wofford College.”

WHY WOFFORD?

Alumni and friends of the college often ask how they can help Wofford. One way is to be ready and willing to share positive Wofford experiences; those are the best advertisement for the college, hands down. Another way to help is to be prepared with “Why Wofford” elevator speeches. Here are a few highlights of the Wofford experience that are definitely worth sharing.

1

BECAUSE WOFFORD PREPARES STUDENTS FOR WHAT’S NEXT

After taking advantage of four years of opportunities designed to help them engage and explore the world, Wofford students are prepared for what’s next. This past summer more than 200 students completed internships or research experiences around the globe. Recent internship locations include: ABC News, the Aspen Institute, the Bonner Foundation, Citigroup Hong Kong, CNN, Manipal Technologies in India, Michelin North America, NASA, Oxford University in England, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Smithsonian Institute and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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BECAUSE STUDENTS LIKE IT HERE

94 percent of students live on campus all four years and enjoy a housing plan that supports students as they progress from first year through fourth in a close-knit community that builds a sense of personal responsibility and ultimately independence.

4

BECAUSE TERRIERS ARE TOUGH... AND COOL

A century ago Wofford athletics teams chose the Boston Terrier as their mascot. The small but tenacious and fierce dog is full of intelligence and energy, making it an ideal mascot for the 1,650 undergraduates who call Wofford home.

2

BECAUSE WOFFORD BELIEVES IN EDUCATING THE WHOLE STUDENT

Every part of college life—academics, athletics, residence life and co-curricular programming—works in concert to produce an environment where students learn around the clock, on campus, in the community and around the globe. Because of this commitment, Wofford scores among the best in the country on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which measures high-impact, transformative learning experiences.

5

BECAUSE WOFFORD EMPHASIZES GLOBAL LEARNING

The college is #6 in the nation among baccalaureate institutions for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit. Wofford students have studied in more than 70 countries and on all 7 continents.

WOFFORD COLLEGE COMMITS

\$300,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS

TO FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

IN SOUTH CAROLINA

*\$20,000 renewable scholarships per year
designed to encourage college*

*by Laura Hendrix Corbin
and Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89*

ROBYN CORNETT '17

a business economics major with an accounting minor from Rock Hill, S.C., is actively involved with the Arcadia Volunteer Corps and Nutrition Now.



My parents run their own heating and air-conditioning business. Having a college degree would have helped them, and I know from watching them that a college degree will be a great asset for me if I own my own business one day. I chose Wofford because the college offered me a great financial aid package, and I fell in love with the beautiful campus.”



For Patricia Orozco '18, the biggest influence on her decision to attend college came from her parents—who never made it past the sixth grade in their home country of Mexico. Now, the Wofford College sophomore—the first in her family to go to college—encourages other high school students to become college pioneers.

“My advice to them would be to move forward,” says Orozco, who says her parents always encouraged her in her lifelong dream of going to college. “If there’s something or someone holding them back, let it go and move forward. There’s always help available, and there should not be a reason for someone not to go to college and study what they want to study.”

Now, Wofford College is providing additional support for these students, announcing plans to commit \$300,000 in scholarships for 15 first-generation college students from South Carolina to attend Wofford. Five of those scholarships will be designated for students coming from Spartanburg County.

“Every year a number of outstanding first-generation students enroll at Wofford. We want to continue that tradition and make attending Wofford more affordable,” Brand Stille '86, vice president for enrollment, says. “To do this, we announced the addition of 15 merit scholarships, valued at \$20,000 per year, to be awarded to South Carolina students who represent the first generation in their families to attend college. These scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis using admission applications.”

“I believe these scholarships will be a great opportunity for first-generation students,” says Orozco, who is a Bonner Scholar and Wofford Ambassador. “Wofford is a great college, but many students are discouraged from applying because they do not know where or how to get more scholarships. A scholarship program for first-generation students will encourage them to apply here.”

According to Wofford President Nayef Samhat, nearly 15 percent of Wofford students are the first in their families to attend college.

“Wofford College is committed to providing transformative education experiences that are both accessible and affordable,” says Samhat. “First-generation college students go back and change the future of their family trees. They make their communities better places in which to live and raise families. This new scholarship program for first-generation students is intended to keep these outstanding students in our community for their college years and beyond. This scholarship is just one way that Wofford College is demonstrating its commitment to lifting our state and nation by educating the citizen-leaders of tomorrow.”

Last year the New York Times recognized Wofford as one of the most economically diverse colleges in the country and recently named Wofford among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students.” First-generation students at Wofford are similar academically to other students at the college, Stille says, but they are more likely to be underrepresented minority students.

“This initiative continues to build on our strength in economic diversity and may enhance other types of diversity, too,” says Stille. “We want first-generation students to know that financial aid is available at Wofford and that meeting the cost of a private liberal arts college may be possible for them.”

A significant number of first-generation students at Wofford come from Spartanburg County, Stille says, explaining why five of the merit scholarships have been set aside for students from Spartanburg: “This is our community, and we want to encourage and help students from our surrounding area to attend Wofford.”

Orozco, a biology major who plans to attend medical school, says she wants to come back to the Spartanburg community to serve the large Hispanic community here after she becomes a doctor.

DR. CAROL WILSON: PROVIDING A BASE OF SUPPORT AND FOSTERING ACADEMIC COURAGE

WATCHING STUDENTS GROW IN CONFIDENCE

Carol Wilson '81 serves as professor of English and coordinator of academic advising at Wofford College. She enjoys teaching all students but has a special place in her heart for first-generation college students. As an academic coach, she advises students about time management and study strategies, but she also understands that students need good partners across the campus community who will offer college resources that support academic success. When she meets with a student for the first time, she starts by asking lots of questions about the student's hopes and goals. Wilson may also talk about football, basketball, video games, even Lilly Pulitzer... whatever it takes to build her credibility and to establish a relationship with the students who come to her for advice about academic success.

In academic coaching, she has learned a lot from Wofford's athletics teams, for whom performance is the measure of academic as well as athletic



success. "I love the idea of a 'read step,' a physical move that student-athletes use to give themselves mental space to evaluate choices before them on a court or field," says Wilson. "A student-athlete on the football team explained the concept to me, and I often encourage students to examine their academic opportunities fully, evaluate what's before them and use the resources that Wofford offers as well as all they know to decide how to proceed." Wilson has surprised more than one Wofford football student-athlete by asking about their read step.



For many students, the chance to get an education at Wofford is the biggest opportunity that they've ever had. They want to establish their place at the college and perform well quickly. We talk a good bit about academic courage because a student who is fearless on the football field—catching a pass in the middle of the field knowing that he's about to be hit—can use that same confidence when he raises his hand in class. Watching students grow in confidence and presence is the best part of my job."

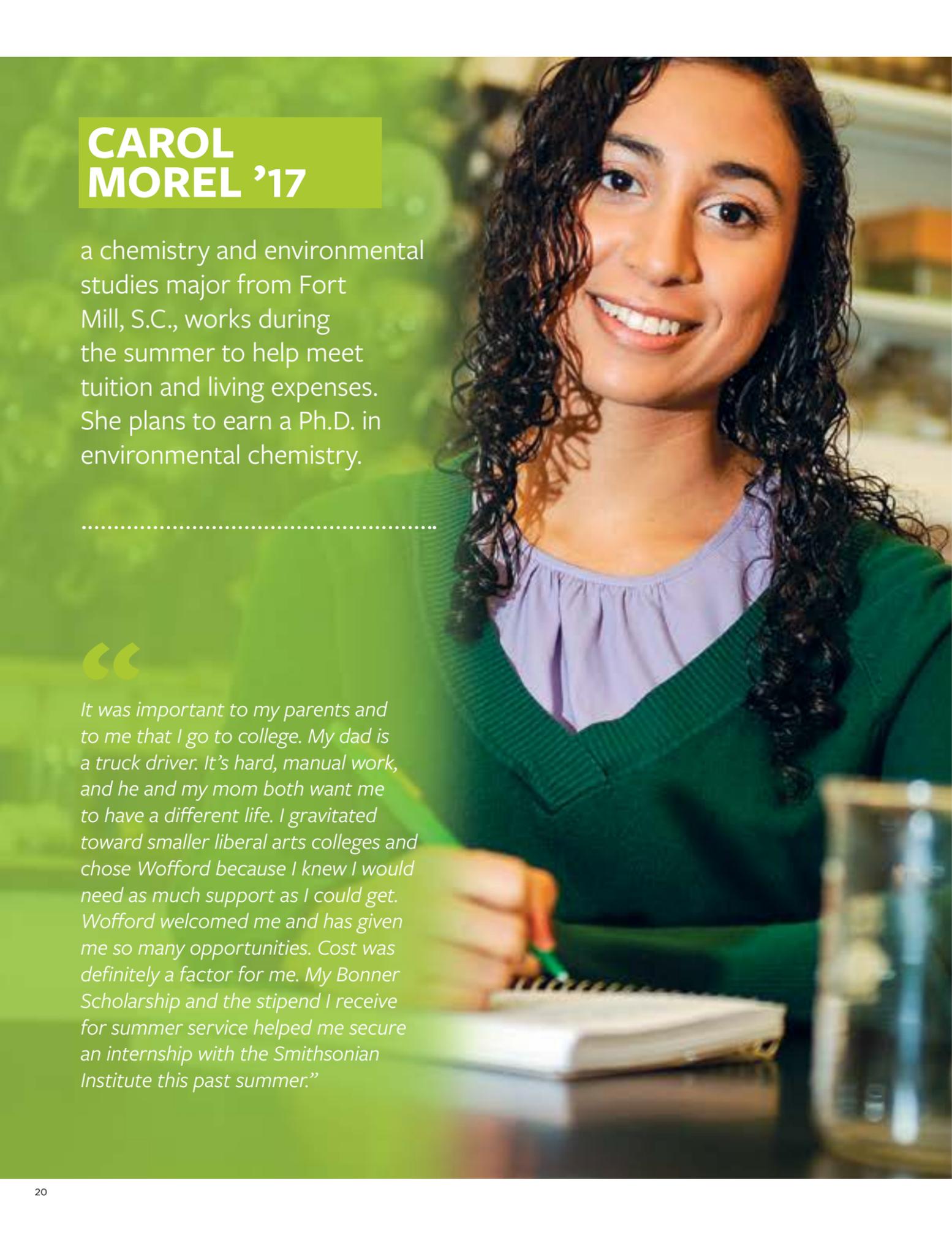
TERRANCE MORRIS '16

a mathematics major from Chester, S.C., plays outside linebacker for the Terriers. He was sidelined in August after tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus during the preseason.



Where I'm from, higher education is a rare thing. I apply myself at whatever I do so that I can take advantage of this opportunity. My environment motivated me to be successful. Teachers put me on an honors track in middle school, and since then I've always worked to be the best that I can be, whether in the classroom, on the football field or in society. I'm grateful that Wofford chose me. Coach Nathan Fuqua '03 put his faith in me, and now I'm here getting a great education and playing football on a championship team."





CAROL MOREL '17

a chemistry and environmental studies major from Fort Mill, S.C., works during the summer to help meet tuition and living expenses. She plans to earn a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry.

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It was important to my parents and to me that I go to college. My dad is a truck driver. It's hard, manual work, and he and my mom both want me to have a different life. I gravitated toward smaller liberal arts colleges and chose Wofford because I knew I would need as much support as I could get. Wofford welcomed me and has given me so many opportunities. Cost was definitely a factor for me. My Bonner Scholarship and the stipend I receive for summer service helped me secure an internship with the Smithsonian Institute this past summer.”

NEW YORK TIMES RANKS WOFFORD AMONG ‘TOP COLLEGES DOING MOST FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS’

WOFFORD LEADS SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTIONS

The New York Times has ranked Wofford College among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students,” at #70, making it the top-ranked South Carolina institution on the listing of 179 colleges and universities.

To measure top colleges’ efforts on economic diversity, the newspaper’s David Leonhardt, in his The Upshot blog, created the College Access Index. He bases his ranking on the share of students who receive Pell grants (which typically go to families making less than \$70,000 annually), the graduation rate of those students and the price that colleges charge for low- and middle-income students.

This is the second year the New York Times has put Wofford on its “most economically diverse” listing. Last year, Wofford also was the top South Carolina institution on the list. The 2014 listing was based on four-year graduation rates; this year’s colleges with a five-year graduation rate of 75 percent or higher are included, adding more colleges to this year’s rankings.

Wofford is one of only three South Carolina institutions on the list. The other two are Clemson University (71) and Furman University (161).

“Colleges obviously can’t solve all of the economy’s problems,” Leonhardt writes, “but there is a reason

that nearly all families that can comfortably send their children to college do so. For families that aren’t as comfortable, some colleges are doing much more to help than others.”

Wofford President Nayef Samhat notes: “Wofford continues to be among the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country on the key issues that most concern families when it comes to higher education—access, diversity, quality and completion. Wofford’s extraordinary and transformational educational experience is accessible, socio-economically diverse, and we graduate superior students on time.”

Carolyn B. Sparks, director of financial aid at Wofford, says, “Wofford works to attract Pell-eligible students by offering institutional need-based and merit aid as well as other federal and state funds, which can make a student’s aid package more affordable and attractive. Our financial aid plan encompasses other areas of diversity as well, such as geographic, ethnic or racial, and international.”

For the full listing, go to:

nytimes.com/interactive/2015/09/17/upshot/top-colleges-doing-the-most-for-low-income-students.html

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Pictured left to right:
Michelle Moss '17, Dmitriy Kaplun '18,
Yukun Peng '16, Dr. Polyxeni Mountroudou,
Danish Virani '17 and Lening Ruan '19.

The students call her Dr. X—an appropriately mysterious nickname for Dr. Polyxeni Mountrouidou, Wofford’s own cybersecurity expert, hacker, assistant professor of computer science and mentor to women interested in the field.

“I’m happy and honored to be here,” says Mountrouidou, who brings with her a three-year, \$295,998 National Science Foundation (NSF) education and research grant to engage undergraduates in cybersecurity learning. “Wofford offers faculty the perfect balance between teaching and scholarship. They feed each other, and research is even more fun with undergraduate students.”

As part of the grant, Mountrouidou is working with Dr. Xiangyang Li of Johns Hopkins University to develop learning modules that can be embedded into the general education curriculum.

“What better place than a liberal arts college to help develop students who are aware of the importance of cybersecurity?” says Mountrouidou. “We need people in every discipline who are aware of the gravity and consequences of a network attack. These classes will create more knowledgeable citizens who will understand both the quantitative and qualitative importance of cybersecurity, and hopefully this will create a pathway to careers in the rapidly growing field of cybersecurity.”

According to Mountrouidou, the learning modules can be embedded into technology, public policy, economics, ethics, sociology and psychology classes.

“The collaboration across disciplines that I’ve seen at Wofford will make this successful,” Mountrouidou says. “The first modules will be ready next fall, and I’ve already found a number of student researchers who will intern with me as part of the grant to develop the modules.”

Provost Dennis Wiseman is excited about the possibilities.

“Dr. Mountrouidou brings with her not just a profound knowledge of cybersecurity, but also energy and enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates,” says Wiseman. “I look forward to seeing how this will enhance the academic experience at Wofford.”

A native of Athens, Greece, Mountrouidou came to Wofford from Jacksonville University in Florida. She met Dr. Angela Shiflet, retired Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, at a conference for computer science education.

“When Angela retired, she called me,” says Mountrouidou. “She knew I loved teaching, networking with other computer scientists and conducting research with students. Wofford was a perfect fit, and I applied immediately.”

Since coming to Wofford, Mountrouidou has started weekly meetings for students interested in learning more about cybersecurity, how to defend and how to attack. The group of fledgling hackers calls themselves “Revenge of the Terriers,” and they competed in the college’s first hackathon this semester.



Dr. X took one of her beginning computer science classes to Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Glendale to show them the importance of original data collection and how computer scientists use it to dig deeper and complete data analysis and simulation in a fraction of the time it would take without computers.

“I’m amazed at the Wofford students,” says Mountrouidou. “They come after 5 o’clock and spend hours learning the basics of cybersecurity.”

According to Mountrouidou, preparing for and participating in hacking competitions helps students learn how to analyze and solve problems. They must be able to think like hackers, plan defense strategies, write code and, most importantly, make good, principled decisions.

“The first things we talk about are the ethical issues,” says Mountrouidou. “We want to win the hackathon, but we will follow the rules of the contest—no copying flags (awarded after successful completion of a challenge) and no stealing flags from other competitors.”

Mountrouidou says that it’s critical that students learn that cybertheft is a crime and that there are severe consequences for the offense. Students who can defend against cybersecurity threats will be able to write their ticket upon graduation.

In addition to her work with the hackers, Mountrouidou picked up Shiflet’s work mentoring women in computer science, and she has big plans for the women attending her monthly lunches.

“I’ve already given our women in computer science information about the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing,” says Mountrouidou. “It’s a conference that fosters the success of women in the field.”

The students must prepare an essay, request recommendations and complete an application. It’s a stretch, but Mountrouidou would love to take a group of 10 Wofford women to the next conference.

“This is something that women can be so successful at,” she says. “Mentoring women interested in the field is so dear to me. The profession is unbalanced. Only about 10 percent of the computer scientists in the field are women. That can be discouraging. I want women to see that they belong here.”

Mountrouidou says that the next lunch will focus on successes and failures. She’s shared the story of her successful NSF cybersecurity application, and she plans to tell students about the embarrassment she felt at getting a C in her first computer science class.

Yukun Peng ’16, a computer science major from Beijing, China, is already inspired. She’s currently applying to graduate school in game design and says that being a Wofford hacker and involved in the women in computer science lunches has already been beneficial.

“Having a background in network security is one of things that gaming graduate schools look at,” says Peng. “And it’s fun!”

Mountrouidou couldn’t be happier.

“I always loved breaking things to see how they worked, solving puzzles and being a detective,” says Mountrouidou, who got into programming in high school because she wanted to be a hacker. “Now I’m teaching students about cryptography and network security, how to find back doors and crack passwords. This is important work, and the students who excel will be recruited by the NSA, DOD and tech companies around the world.”



WOFFORD COLLEGE
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**Wofford College inducts 46 legacies into
The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society
during 2015 Family Weekend.**



by Ryann Kroske McCall '13

Each year during Family Weekend first-year students who are legacies (another family member attended Wofford before them) are inducted into The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society. This year the Alumni Office inducted the Class of 2019 during a special brunch. All members were recognized, took photos with Wofford President Nayef Samhat and received a lapel pin and certificate of membership.

The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society recognizes and celebrates students and alumni who play a role in continuing a family legacy of enrolling in Wofford College. Like the stately oak tree that's part of The Order of 1854's logo, membership symbolizes the deep roots of strong family ties to the college.

"LEGACY" FACTS:

- Wofford College has 139 current students who are Wofford legacies.
- Out of these 139, 46 are first-year students in the Class of 2019.





**TERRIER
COME HOME**

HOME COMING 2015

- 1. Homecoming weekend set the stage for the second Black Alumni Summit. The series of events included a check presentation for the Multicultural House in the Greek Village, a tailgate, reunion of the Gospel Choir and a reception at the president's home.
- 2. The weekend began with Classes without Quizzes. This no-quizzes, no-tuition program gives alumni a chance to take another class at Wofford.
- 3. The Terrier Ball brought a College Game Day theme to the silent auction and gala. The event raised funds for scholarships for Wofford student-athletes.
- 4. Graduates who have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation were invited to the 50-Year Club Reunion. The dinner was held at Indigo Hall in downtown Spartanburg.
- 5. Moyer's Men, members of the Glee Club during Sam Moyer's tenure at Wofford, reunited and performed during the 50-Year Club Reunion.
- 6. Tailgating remains a highlight of Homecoming weekend. Next year sororities and fraternities will have new houses in the Greek Village to serve as tailgating hubs.
- 7. Winners from the 2015 Homecoming competition were (left to right): Annie Jones '16, JaneAnn Laffitte '16, Katherine Buchanan '16 and Harry Alex '16 (Mr. Wofford).

MARTHA'S GARDEN

The college dedicated a new green space on campus adjacent to Lesesne Hall and across from the Pavilion in memory of Martha Cammack '13.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS AWARDS

Ingram, Anderson and Northside Voyagers recognized during Homecoming

The Wofford College Alumni Association presented three awards during the college's annual Homecoming Weekend. The awards ceremony was held on Oct. 24.

Recognized were Benjamin W. Ingram IV '05, Young Alumnus Award; Maj. Gen. Rodney O. Anderson '79, Distinguished Service Award; and the Northside Voyagers, Distinguished Citizen Award.

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Ingram, winner of the 2014 "Jeopardy!" Tournament of Champions, is a business control specialist with the Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. A native of Florence, S.C., he received his B.S. in mathematics, summa cum laude, from Wofford and his M.S. in mathematics from the University of South Carolina.

At Wofford, Ingram was captain of the College Bowl Team, which was the first Wofford team to compete at the College Bowl National Championship Tournament. There, he received the 2005 Pat Moonen Sportsman Award and was the third highest individual scorer in the nation. At USC graduate school, he was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon and was a teaching assistant instructing undergraduate classes in mathematics.

In 2013, Florence City Council awarded Ingram a key to the city. He has been a volunteer math tutor and on-air newspaper broadcaster with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind's radio reading program. He also volunteers with the National Academic Quiz Tournaments and the Pee Dee Academic Challenge Tournament. The School Foundation of Florence School District 1 honored Ingram this fall with the 2015 Distinguished Graduate Award.

During Ingram's regular-season appearances on "Jeopardy!" he won eight games, tying him for the seventh-best performance in the 50-year history of the show and winning him

\$177,534 and a spot in the Tournament of Champions. The tournament win garnered him another \$250,000. He holds the record for the most consecutively correct Final Jeopardy! responses and is the eighth biggest winner in "Jeopardy!" history.

The Northside Voyagers are composed of local Spartanburg citizens Wanda Cheeks, Sylvia Means, Anita "Phoenix" Miller, Deborah "Debby" Moore, Kelly Richard, Tony Thomas and Gail D. Wilkins. As part of the Northside Initiative, a major downtown Spartanburg redevelopment effort across North Church Street from Wofford's campus, a group of residents came together in 2013 to serve as community leaders. This group, which came to be known as the Northside Voyagers, was created to help ensure that Northside residents are informed and have a voice in all discussions regarding the redevelopment efforts in their community. The Voyagers' strategic goals include encouraging residents to live healthier, more active lives; identifying individuals who serve as community assets in an effort to empower them; finding opportunities through partnerships to educate community members; assisting the elderly; and fostering an atmosphere where residents take pride in the appearance of their community. Wofford is a major partner in this effort and is presenting

this award in recognition of the Northside Voyagers' successful efforts in fostering a community that can and will be a model for other communities—one that is dedicated to the prosperity and welfare of all of its residents through partnership.

Anderson is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring in 2012 after having served as deputy commanding officer of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. After a 33-year military career, Anderson settled in Fayetteville, N.C., and started his own consulting business. He continues to mentor young soldiers and works with the community to help soldiers leaving the military settle and start small businesses. One of Wofford's most distinguished military officers, Anderson grew up in the 1960s on a farm near Elloree, S.C. As an African American, he experienced desegregation and went on to earn a scholarship to attend Wofford. He joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and went to Airborne School during his junior year, learning to parachute out of low-flying aircraft. During his career, Anderson served two years as the executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He spent 15 months in Afghanistan. Anderson has been a frequent visitor to campus and the Southern Guard Battalion of the ROTC based on campus.



'TIS THE *Season* FOR *Giving*

Billy and Betty Wood establish endowed scholarship at Wofford with \$100,000 gift

Gifts to the Sandor Teszler Library special collections enrich educational experience for Wofford students

Blount finds creative way to contribute to Wofford's long-term growth

by

Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
and Sarah Madden '17



» Betty and Billy Wood in their Spartanburg home.



DOING RIGHT

Tuition was \$350 per semester when Billy Wood '50 attended Wofford. He fondly remembers chapel services and the way Dr. Walter K. Greene always began his address with “young gentlemen.” He also recalls his experiences in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity (no longer chartered on campus) and the small scholarship he received from Spartan Mills that helped him meet expenses.

“Wofford was a good thing for me,” says Wood. “The college has always been about the development of the total person.”

Because Wood and his wife, Betty, believe in the college’s mission, they established the Billy W. and Betty T. Wood Endowed Scholarship for a deserving student with a \$100,000 gift. The first Wood scholar will receive help with the cost of college in the fall of 2016, and the Woods look forward to meeting their scholarship recipient.

Billy Wood worked in sales for Duke Power. He retired in 1989. Betty Wood secured a job in accounts payable with Smith Wholesale Drugs

two weeks after she graduated from high school. She was promoted to office manager, secretary/treasurer and finally treasurer for the entire company, which by that time had become J M Smith Corp. The scholarship gift to Wofford came from proceeds from stock dividends and other investments.

In retirement the Woods remain active in the community. They volunteer with Mobile Meals and support the Hope Center for Children and the Salvation Army through the Duke Energy Retiree Program. They also are active in their church, Southside Baptist in Spartanburg, where they first met.

“We try to get to as many Wofford events as we can,” says Billy Wood. “We’ve been fortunate in retirement to have a good relationship with Wofford.”

“We’re huge football fans,” says Betty Wood. The Woods make it to all of the home football games and most of the home men’s basketball contests. They attend Homecoming and the

50-year Club Reunion, Great Oaks Society events (for Wofford Fund donors of \$2,500 or more annually), the President’s Club Holiday Party and soon the Student-Donor Scholarship Recognition Dinner held each spring. The Woods also have remembered Wofford in their wills.

Billy Wood’s Wofford rat cap sits proudly on a shelf in their den. The Wofford Bible presented to him at Commencement is worn and stuffed with verses and clippings. The names of Wofford’s faculty and staff from the 1949-50 academic year remain legible and a source of pride.

Billy Wood says that if he could share one message with future generations of Wofford students, it would be “Do right!” Betty and Billy Wood have done just that—in their professional and personal lives—and now through Wofford College.

“Through their scholarship, the names Betty and Billy Wood will remain a part of Wofford history,” says Susan Gray, director of donor services. “Thanks to their gift, Betty and Billy Wood Scholars will learn through the Wofford experience to ‘do right,’ just like the Woods. What a powerful legacy.”

ADDING ENLIGHTENMENT TO THE TEXTS

“Reading about the lives of soldiers in World War I can be enlightening, but seeing a WWI soldier’s scrapbook brings the study of the Great

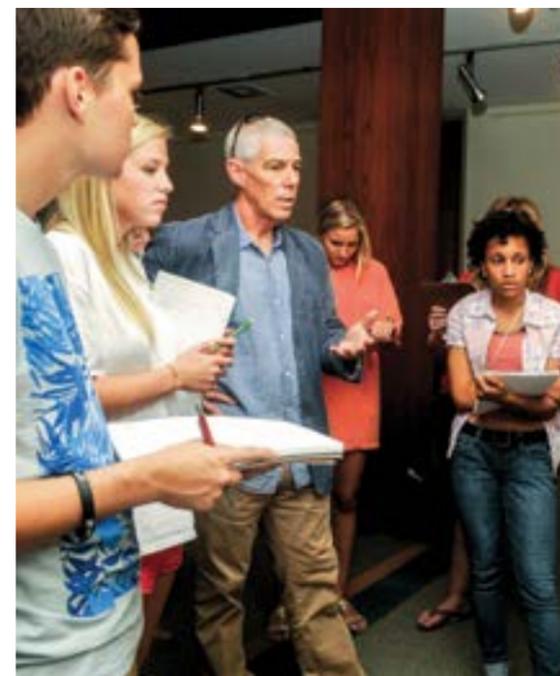
War to another level. Working directly with these kinds of resources is among the special characteristics of a Wofford education,” says dean of the Sandor Teszler Library Kevin Reynolds.

To provide as many of these hands-on learning opportunities to students as possible, Reynolds says that the library staff has been focused on building special collections, historical documents in the Archives, and works of art and objects in the permanent collection. Several recent gifts have boosted the library’s holdings and in turn enriched the educational experience for students.

David Robinson '65 donated his mother’s collection of pottery dating from the Bronze Age (ca. 2500 BCE) to the Byzantine Period (ca. 500 CE). While some of the collection will one day be displayed in the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, a portion of the collection has been on display this semester, and Reynolds says that the pedagogical value of the collection is apparent.

“At least five different courses have used the collection already this semester, as have other groups,” says Reynolds. “Other faculty members have plans to use it for teaching as well as in-depth student research.”

Another recent gift comes in the form of a 17th-century Dutch portrait, painted in 1620 by Jan Van Ravesteyn. Similar works by Ravesteyn are housed in collections at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian,



» Dr. Byron McCane shares insights on David Robinson’s gift of Bronze Age pottery.

the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Mauritshuis Royal Picture Gallery (The Hague), the Rijksmuseum (Amsterdam) and more. The portrait was given by Dr. Francis Robicsek of Charlotte, N.C. Robicsek, a long-time friend of the college, made the donation in honor of Oakley Coburn, dean of the library emeritus.

"This is a fitting tribute to Coburn's immense effort in building our permanent collection," says Reynolds. "The work is an excellent example of art of the Baroque movement. We have nothing like this in our permanent collection, and it will be a magnificent teaching resource for art history courses."

The most recent gift was given on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, as members of the Lone Oak Masonic Lodge #372 presented the college with a portrait of George Washington. The portrait was given in honor of Wayne Bradley '64, a member of the Lone Oak Lodge, as part of a larger effort to place portraits of George Washington in schools and other institutions around the state.

"They typically sell the portraits as a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Association, but sometimes donate them as a gift, as they did for Wofford," says Reynolds. "So far, they have placed about 20 portraits in elementary schools in Spartanburg County, one in the South Carolina State House and others in locations around the state."

The portrait has been custom-framed in local cedar, and includes a plaque in honor of Bradley.

Reynolds is sure that gifts like these have a direct impact on student learning at Wofford.

"When our students have opportunities to engage with primary resources, the experiences they have are extraordinarily rich," says Reynolds.

Thanks to recent donations, the Sandor Teszler Library is definitely richer.

FROM TOP RECRUIT TO TOP DONOR

Gary Blount '10 received a full scholarship to attend Wofford and play football for the



Terriers. He still remembers looking at his tuition statement and seeing the zero balance at the bottom.

"Even then I realized that someone paid that tuition bill for me," says Blount. "I started giving back as soon as I could, but I'm now in a position to make a big difference one day."

Blount, a financial adviser with Foresters Financial Services in Charlotte, N.C., decided to augment his annual gift to the college by making Wofford the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

"I'm young and healthy, so I can get a big policy for a small premium," says Blount. "I'll make premium payments for 20 years, and Wofford is guaranteed a minimum of \$250,000. If I live a normal life expectancy, then the benefit to Wofford would be closer to \$890,000."

According to Smith Patterson '67, director of gift planning at Wofford, all of Blount's premium payments will qualify as charitable tax deductions, and one day the proceeds from the policy will provide substantial scholarship support for Wofford students.

"Gary has decided to use the proceeds of the variable whole life policy to create a named, endowed scholarship for a student-athlete on the college's football team," says Patterson. "If his Wofford interests change, the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients can change as well."

Because of both his grades and his athletic ability, Blount was a heavily recruited line-backer from Camden County High School in southern Georgia when he signed with the Terriers. He turned down offers from Harvard, Georgetown and Vanderbilt, among others, to play for head coach Mike Ayers.

"Wofford was the last college I visited, and it turned my search upside down," says Blount. "I was involved in more than football, and Wofford became home. I benefited so much from my Wofford experience that I feel a sense of responsibility to give back."

Blount and his wife, Stephanie Cloninger Blount, daughter of Rick Cloninger '79, have three sons, Noah (3) and twins Levi and Luke (6 mos.).

» Top, Gary Blount

» Provost Dennis Wiseman (center) and Dean of the Library Kevin Reynolds (to Wiseman's left) accept the Washington portrait from Lone Oak Masonic Lodge #372. The gift was made in honor of Wayne Bradley '64 (far left).



SOMETHING BIG

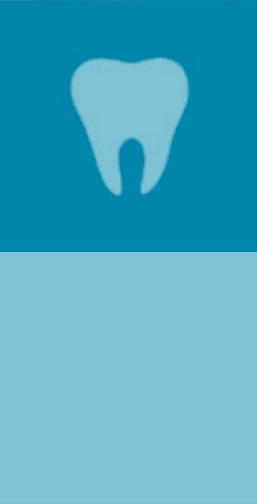
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Hitesh Tolani '04 and Virtudent won gold and \$50,000 in MassChallenge Boston, the flagship program of the world's largest start-up accelerator. Tolani designed Virtudent to increase access, lower costs and change the landscape of oral health delivery in the United States through teledentistry.

As a result, his story—from immigrant and first-generation college student to dentist, professor and entrepreneur—is attracting lots of attention.

"The night of the Republican presidential debate, the debate was trending one and MassChallenge was trending two," says Tolani. "MassChallenge asked me to share my story. They pushed it out on their blog, and FWD.us, an organization started by Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates to promote immigration reform, picked it up and will soon be meeting with me about Virtudent."

According to Tolani, who is in private dental practice in Boston, Mass., and lectures at both Harvard and Tufts universities, "My company is targeted toward lowering the barriers to dental care. We set up

pop-up dental clinics with a hygienist and Virtudent technology, which connects a dentist to the patient through the internet."

The dental care delivery model has not changed in over 200 years, says Tolani, and Virtudent's innovative approach is changing that. Tolani now has briefed Senate committees and met with governmental and corporate representatives across the country.

More than 2,500 start-ups from around the world competed in the MassChallenge competition. A few years before, Tolani and Virtudent placed second from among 135 teams in the Harvard President's Challenge, which calls for solutions from the Harvard community for some of the world's most pressing issues. Virtudent was also a winner in the Tufts 100K New Ventures Competition in 2014.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Wofford College. Even when I first started Virtudent, I reached out to Wofford alumni on the board of trustees, who spent time mentoring me and answering my questions," says Tolani.

Wofford College accepted Tolani for admission and gave him a scholarship even though his immigration status was in question.

"I still remember Lisa Yebuah '99 (who was an admission counselor at the time) calling and telling me that the Wofford Board of Trustees wanted to make sure that college happened for me," says Tolani. "That one opportunity has carried me so far, and I know this may sound corny, but I will always be indebted to Wofford."

When Tolani met the Hon. Dennis Shedd '75 at a scholarship dinner, Tolani asked, "What can I do to thank Wofford?" Shedd told Tolani his own personal story of how President Joe Lesesne found the money for him to go to law school.

Shedd, who later helped Tolani resolve his immigration issues, encouraged him to look for opportunities to pay it forward. The dean of the college at the time, Dr. Dan Maultsby '61, did the same.

"My junior year I decided that I was no longer going into computer science. I wanted to be a doctor instead, so I loaded up on classes. Dean Maultsby called me into his office and told me I was taking too many courses. He suggested I take some over the summer. I said, 'Dean Maultsby, I can't afford summer school.' He said, 'Hitesh, since when have we made you pay for classes?' When I moved into my room at the start of summer school, there was my organic chemistry book with a note that said, 'Good luck. Do well. Dean Maultsby.' How do I ever say thank you enough?" says Tolani.

Wofford folks who remember Tolani also know that there is so much more to the story, some of which he shares in "Deportation to Innovation: How Life's Unchosen Paths Prepared CEO Hitesh Tolani for a Life of Entrepreneurship," on the MassChallenge website.

To learn more about Virtudent, visit myvirtudent.com.

FROM
DEPORTATION
 TO
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Opportunities, innovation and conviction
 paying off for Dr. Hitesh Tolani*
 by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

CLASS NOTES

1943

Robert Allen and his wife, Mary Buice Allen, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 23, 2015. They met on a blind date in 1942, and in 1945 he returned briefly from his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps to marry her. They live in Gastonia, N.C., and still enjoy spending time with their five daughters, sons-in-law, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

1950

The memoir of the **Rev. Harold W. Syfrett**, "The Life Story of a Country Boy from Orangeburg, South Carolina," is now available from Amazon. The story follows Syfrett's journey as a pastor, from service in the U.S. Navy to ministering to South Carolina Baptist congregations for more than 50 years. The memoir includes tales from the USS Yorktown to campus ministry to life as a husband and father of five.

1954

Neil Bonds sent us a note sharing news of **Harry Gall Jr.** of Florence, S.C. Gall is a resident of Faith Nursing Home. Although confined to a wheelchair, Gall is busy creating a library at Faith. Affectionately known by the title of "Senator" as a Wofford student, Gall enjoys hearing about Wofford and from Wofford friends. He is one of a handful of surviving members of the students who rechartered Pi Kappa Alpha's Nu Chapter at Wofford in 1951.

William Light "Bill" Kinney Jr. received the state's highest honor, the Order of the Palmetto, on Oct. 12, 2015. Kinney is editor and publisher emeritus of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, with a 57-year career as a journalist. A renowned philanthropist, Kinney helped create and fund the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library, the Marlboro Civic Center and the Pee Dee Coalition's emergency safe shelter for abused women and children. He has served as chairman and president of many boards, including the South Carolina Historical Society and the South Carolina Archives and History Commission at the state level and the Library of Congress American Folklife Center at the national level.

1957

Dr. Don Fowler continues to serve as president of Fowler Communications in Columbia, S.C., and as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina.

1958

We were sorry to hear about the death on July 22, 2015 of Sybil McElreath Farrow, wife of **Billy Jones Farrow**. They were married for 63 years. She was a nurse and an "Army wife" who followed her husband wherever he was assigned. They enjoyed spending time with their family and traveling in their motor home, which took them to all of the lower 48 states.

A retired educator, **Denny Hammack** is now working as a part-time fitness instructor with the Siskey YMCA in Matthews, N.C.

1967

Stewart Johnson and Donnie McDonald, class chairs

Dr. Charles C. Thomas II has been recognized in "Leading Physicians of the World" in the area of diagnostic radiology and radiation oncology. He works with Radiation Therapy Associates of Western North Carolina in Clyde and Franklin, N.C.

1969

Richard L. Myers, class chair

Tommy Young and his wife, Catherine, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this fall.

1970

Buzz Rich, class chair

Don Dean is working with the National Institutes of Health to develop the next generation of cancer therapies—MET inhibitors. Dean has a rare hereditary condition that causes cancerous tumors to continually grow in his kidneys. Since his first visit to the NIH in 1992, he has had one kidney and nearly 100 tumors removed.

1975

John Moore, class chair

David Parsons is an account representative with Motion Industries in Birmingham, Ala. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

1977

The Rev. Norman Band is the pastor at Pacolet Mills Baptist Church. He and his wife, Angela, have four children, Carmen, Kaylee, Syble and Jayden.

Brad Smith was named Teacher of the Year at Beaufort High School in Beaufort, S.C., for the 2015-16 academic year. He was one of five finalists for the county Teacher of the Year award. Smith teaches health science and biomedical science. He and his wife, Cindy, live on Lady's Island with their son, Ellison, and niece, Samantha.

1979

Wade Ballard, class chair

Retired **Maj. Gen. Rodney O. Anderson** was named the new president and CEO of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. Anderson was honored at Wofford during Homecoming weekend with the college's Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Wofford College Alumni Association.

1980

Paul Kountz Jr., class chair

Scott Heath has joined Wells Fargo Advisors Private Client Group in the Spartanburg office. He is a first vice president of investments and a portfolio manager.

1981

Patrick Watson, class chair

After 21 years in Aberdeen, S.D., 18 as a general internist in private practice and three as a hospitalist, **Dr. Alec Adams** has relocated and started a new medical practice in Elgin, S.C. He has been taking new patients at Sentinel Health Partners since August 2015. He lives in Lugoff, S.C., with his wife, Sandra. They have four children.

1982

Madison Dye Jr., class chair

South State Bank named **Rhett M. Baker** market president for Greenwood, S.C., and the surrounding counties. He has more than 30 years of experience in investment sales, retail banking and commercial banking.

1983

W. Scott Gantt, class chair

The Hon. Perry H. Gravely, a South Carolina circuit judge in Pickens, S.C., is about to have another Wofford graduate in the family. His daughter, Karen, is a senior at Wofford and will graduate in May.

1984

Ken Kirkpatrick, class chair

Catherine Cabbage Brown received the Employee of the Quarter award at the Upstate Evaluation Center, where she works as a special education teacher and school 504 coordinator with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. She says she uses her psychology degree from Wofford on a daily basis.



ROBINSON PURSUES NON-TRADITIONAL TEACHING

Recent Wofford grad is currently living in Thailand to teach English in local schools by Kelsey Aylor '18

For Janie Robinson '15, the question of going abroad after graduation wasn't "if" so much as "how."

"I was lucky enough to be able to travel a decent amount at Wofford. I was certain I wanted to go abroad, but wasn't sure how to make it happen," says Robinson, who spent an Interim in Peru and a semester in Vienna. "I looked into au pairing, but it can be difficult to acquire a visa, so I was researching other options."

When she discovered the opportunity to teach English in Thailand, Robinson knew the experience would be a good fit.

"I love kids, and through teaching I had a more secure way of receiving income," she says. "Already I find my job extremely rewarding. I've been challenged in so many new ways."

Robinson landed in Thailand on Sept. 27 and completed an on-site TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) course upon arrival.

"There are a lot of differences between the U.S. and Thailand's educational systems. Thai students can't fail. Because of this, students struggle with motivation and finding purpose in their studies," says Robinson. "It's not that these students don't work, they just have a very different mindset, and we have to accommodate that. I'm learning to motivate the students with fun instead of grades and to focus on positive reinforcement to get them excited."

Robinson is currently contracted to teach for six months, but she hopes to extend her stay for up to a year.

"Thailand is beautiful, and I want to follow this experience wherever it takes me," she says. "The children I've worked with have been kind and excited to learn. In Thailand, learning English isn't simply an elective, it's an opportunity to change their lives and the lives of their family, so it's rewarding to see them working hard and taking their studies seriously."

Robinson says her experiences at Wofford, specifically her work toward her major in English, gave her the confidence to think outside the box.

"Being in discussion-based classes led to a lot of creative thinking as well as opening my mind about different ways of life," says Robinson. "Wofford gave me the support and love that helped me make the decision to do this... and whatever comes next."

BLUM ON FULBRIGHT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT IN MACEDONIA

David Blum '14 was selected as a Fulbright scholar and now is working as an English teaching assistant at Said Najdeni Elementary School in Debar, Macedonia. He works with the school's English teachers in classes for students in grades 6 through 9 and recently accompanied his students on a field trip to the U.S. Embassy.

"I help with lessons and teach the students about the United States," says Blum. "In my free time, I've been traveling, eating kebabs and listening to Wofford football radio broadcasts in the middle of the night."

While at Wofford, Blum majored in history and completed the Teacher Education program. He also studied abroad in Bosnia and Serbia.

The English Teaching Assistant (ETA) programs place Fulbright scholars in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to the local English teachers. ETAs teach English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the United States.



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Ava Thacker has joined Upstate Forever as a development associate. She will focus on maintaining and using the organization's new membership database to cater to the individual interests of members.

1985

Tim Madden, class chair

Three years ago **Duffie Stone**, 14th Judicial Circuit solicitor, created an externship program designed for law students who wish to devote themselves to public service in the field of criminal prosecution. This year, Stone extended the program to undergraduates and chose **Colin Hayton '17** for one of the five coveted spots in the Externship and Career Prosecutor Program. Hayton worked cases from arrest to deposition and had the opportunity to observe and assist with trials. To learn more, visit www.scsolicitor14.org.

1988

Lane Glaze, class chair

Donnie Cranfill is the chief vision officer of Camp Nana Papa, an online shopping and social media platform launched in 2015 designed to strengthen the bond between children and their grandparents. The platform allows customers to connect via Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram. It also offers a children's book series.

1991

Leslee Houck Page, class chair

Nelson Lindsay, Richland County's first economic development director, has joined the South Carolina Commerce Department as director of global business, a new position within the agency. He will manage project managers and be responsible for the recruitment of new companies.

1992

Nikki Palmieri Chunn, class chair

On Sept. 27, 2015, **John Critchfield** completed his first Ironman triathlon in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Ironman is a 140.6-mile race, which consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride

and a full 26.2-mile marathon. Chattanooga was a little different; the bike portion was 116 miles. Critchfield completed the race in 13:54:27, well below the 17 hours allowed for completion. He gives credit to his wife, Theresa, for helping him stay the course and complete the event.

1993

Sarah Copeland Sawicki, class chair

Jennifer Pearsall is serving as the principal of Collinswood Language Academy in Charlotte, N.C. She had worked as the executive director of CMS English Language Learner Services.

Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, welcomed **Lee Pitts** as an instructor of journalism and communications. He is a Fulbright specialist roster candidate with the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education.

1994

Alicia Nunamaker Truesdail, class chair

Duane Harvin Sr. recently opened a State Farm Agency in North Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Monica, live in Mount Pleasant with their two children, Duane Jr. (16) and Delores (14).

1995

Brandie Yancey Lorenz, class chair

The Florence Morning News featured **Dr. James Smith** for his work in treating cancer. Smith has worked with McLeod Oncology and Hematology Associates for the past nine years. The article, "Using teamwork to battle breast cancer," ran in the Oct. 21, 2015 issue.

1998

Casey B. Moore, class chair

After more than six years at the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, **Suzanne Hollifield White**, who was serving as assistant deputy attorney general, has returned to Spartanburg and is now an assistant public defender in Spartanburg County.

1999

Zach Atkinson, class chair

Stacey Kelley Bannister and **Brooks Bannister Jr.** announce the birth of their son, Wells Brooks Bannister, born May 12, 2015. He joins big sister, Ellis.

Dr. Michael Patrick O'Quinn and his wife, Nikole Marie O'Quinn, announce the birth of Poppy June O'Quinn, born Sept. 2, 2015. They have an older son, Oliver Townes O'Quinn.

2000

Anthony Hoefler, class chair

Walt Gray has joined the North Carolina Department of Transportation team as the new chief deputy secretary. Gray was hired for his strong finance and management background. He previously served as administrator of the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

Dr. Anastasia "Stacy" Wright Lin is the assistant dean of student research and associate professor of English at the University of North Georgia. She manages UNG's Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities as well as the university's nationally competitive scholarships office. She also teaches multi-ethnic literature.

2001

Jenna Sheheen Bridgers, class chair

This fall IES Abroad recognized **Amy Lancaster**, dean of international programs at Wofford, as its Volunteer of the Year. The award cites Lancaster's work as chair of IES Abroad's Barcelona program review as well as her many site visits, service on the IES Abroad Academic Council and presentations during the Forum on Education Abroad Conference and the IES Abroad Annual Conference.

2002

Yorke Gerrald, class chair

Maj. Charles Richard Dixon and **Beth Hawley Dixon** announce the birth of Matthew Charles Dixon, born Oct. 7, 2015. He joins big sister, Emmy.

Avery Greenlee has joined TowneBank Mortgage as a mortgage loan officer based in the Summerville, S.C., office. He has more than 10 years of mortgage industry experience.

Will Johnson, a shareholder and chairman of the Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd statewide manufacturing industry team, recently received the Past President's Award for Best National Report in the field of tax law at the International Association of Young Lawyers Annual Congress in London. The report addressed the complex income tax situations of athletes and entertainers who compete or perform in foreign countries. He practices in the areas of tax and economic incentives.

2003

Tracy Howard, class chair

On Sept. 27, 2015, the **Rev. Will Malambri '98** baptized Craton Lee Selander, son of **Dr. Craig Selander** and **Dr. Sara Shields Selander '05**. The baptism was held at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C.



RECENT GRADS MAKING A BIG IMPACT

Terriers share lessons learned at Wofford to help Belk.com grow

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

John Boyd '14 and his loss prevention team at the Belk.com Fulfillment Center in Jonesville, S.C., set the tone for the busy days that employees work in the 900,000-square-foot plant.

"We're the friendly faces they see when they come in," says Boyd. "We always ask how they're doing, and if they say, 'not good,' I know we've got all day to make it better."

Holly Tobias '14 brings the employees she manages candy as an incentive. As a production supervisor she sometimes finds herself in the role of mother, counselor and friend as well as motivator.

"When I came here I was encouraged to learn three things about each associate I work with," says Tobias. "On my team we're family. We help each other out and work together. That's made a real difference in getting the best out of people."

Sequan Stanley '13, also a production supervisor at the Fulfillment Center, agrees with Tobias. He recognizes top performers at the end of each shift and uses lessons learned on the football field at Wofford to encourage and lead his new team.

"Playing football at Wofford I learned to communicate, be flexible and take constructive criticism," says Stanley. "I use and now teach those skills every day."

Boyd, Tobias and Stanley are just three of the recent Wofford graduates who are

continuing their education with the Belk.com Fulfillment Center. Josh Wheeler '14 is the facility's technical analyst, and Blake Wylie '13 and Bernard Williams '15 have both worked as production supervisors.

"Not many companies will take someone right out of college and give them a supervisory role," says Chuck Worthy '84, the operations manager for Belk.com. "These young adults came to us within the past year and have made immediate and significant contributions to our growing success at the Belk.com Fulfillment Center. I promised them growth so that we can promote them or an education so that they can write their own paycheck somewhere else."

Worthy admits that he threw a lot of information and responsibility at these recent Wofford graduates, but he says that they exceeded expectations.

"This group of young supervisors has the best organizational skills I've ever seen," he says. "They have great people skills, are flexible and determined, and have a strong work ethic... and they were all tied in some way to the Wofford football team."

Boyd, a philosophy major and government minor, played on the offensive line for the Terriers all four years. Stanley, a business economics major, played linebacker. Tobias, a chemistry major, worked as an athletics trainer and equipment assistant, and Wheeler, a computer science major, carried the huge Wofford flags around the field to start the game and after each Terrier touchdown.

Belk.com in Jonesville is an e-commerce hub that has doubled in size in the past eight

years. According to Worthy, projections show that it will double again this year. On average, more than 20,000 items ship from the warehouse and distribution center each day. For 10 days beginning on Thanksgiving Day, the center will ship about 200,000 items a day.

"That's why these Wofford graduates are so important. They have to be flexible, positive and good motivators to keep morale up, especially during our peak season," says Worthy, who majored in history at Wofford. "We would love five or six more frontline supervisors from Wofford right now."

This fall, Worthy and Pam Massey, Belk.com's Jonesville human resources manager, came to Wofford's job recruitment fair for the first time in an effort to formalize the pipeline from Wofford to Belk.com and make the opportunities more accessible to more students. Until now Wheeler and Shelby Taylor, the athletics ticket manager, have provided the connection.

Wheeler came to Wofford from Spartanburg Community College at the encouragement of Dr. Henry Giles '68, SCC president. Wheeler worked his way through college at Adidas, fell in love with Wofford football and became a Terrier after receiving a scholarship.

"After my first Wofford football game, I thought, 'Forget the big schools, why isn't everybody watching this?' It was so exciting," says Wheeler.

He went to work at Belk.com because he felt there was lots of room to help the company grow and build a successful and challenging career at the same time. Through Taylor, he has shared the same opportunities with other recent Wofford graduates.

"We're Terriers, so we're going to make a difference in this world," says Wheeler.

ANCHORAGE 1770 TOASTS PAT CONROY AND GRAND SOUTHERN WORDS AND WAYS



Photo by Teresa Earnest

Anchorage 1770 owners and operators Frank '89 and Amy Barwick Lesesne '89 and Wofford professor of English and environmental studies John Lane '77 helped celebrate the 70th birthday of Pat Conroy, author of "Prince of Tides," "Beach Music," "South of Broad" and other best-selling novels.

Anchorage 1770, on the Beaufort, S.C., coast, provided the setting for the special literary festival. Lane participated in the poetry panel and reading.

Read Lane's journal entry about the experience at wofford.edu/woffordtoday



LEGAL EAGLES AND TRUE TERRIERS

Abees make Wofford proud
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

As an assistant attorney general Kinli Bare Abee '08 made legal history in October by securing the first human trafficking conviction in South Carolina.

"This is a big deal not only for the attorney general's office but for the state of South Carolina," says her proud husband, Matt Abee '10. "This conviction is a huge step forward in bringing justice to countless victims of what the South Carolina attorney-general says is the 'fastest-growing crime in the United States.'"

Matt is no slouch in the legal field either. A third-year civil defense attorney with Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, he is licensed to practice law in South Carolina and North Carolina out of the firm's Columbia office. He serves on the board of South Carolina Victims Assistance Network and recently litigated an international child abduction case in federal court. Matt and Kinli also volunteer as coaches on the University of South Carolina School of Law Mock Trial

team, taking the team to nationals for the first time in university history.

Still, they took time out of their hectic schedules to carry on a most important tradition—their annual Homecoming tailgate, which also celebrates their Homecoming weekend engagement on the stage in Leonard Auditorium.

"My parents didn't go to Wofford, but they haven't missed a Homecoming since I was a freshman," says Matt. "Kinli's family is the same—that's a huge testament to the effect that Wofford can have on people. That's why we host this huge tailgate every year, and it's definitely a family affair."

Kinli's niece, Payton, wouldn't miss it for the world. She has been attending Wofford's Homecoming since Kinli was a first-year cheerleader for the Terriers. "When she was 4 or 5 she used to tell me, 'Aunt KK, I want to go to Wofford because I already know everyone there,'" says Kinli. "Now she's a sophomore in high school, and Wofford is at the top of her list."

For the Abees, the tailgate tells just part of the story. Matt, who served as Campus

Union president, still enjoys being a voice of support for Wofford students. He advises Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and helped raise funds for the new Greek Village. Kinli is a national Zeta Tau Alpha officer and remains involved in Wofford's chapter. She also helped with the Greek Village project. Both contribute annually to the college, making both unrestricted and Terrier Club gifts, and they also have included Wofford in their wills.

"We believe our support of Wofford has to be a combination," says Matt. "We want to do what we can financially, but sometimes it takes boots on the ground."

Kinli says she and Matt love being at the point in their careers where they can give back.

"Staying involved at Wofford is important to us," she says. "We want to be active and engaged because the college is doing such great things."

According to Matt, he and Kinli both owe their Wofford experiences to family and the support of complete strangers who believed in providing life-changing experience for all Wofford students.

"We want future generations of Wofford students to have the same experiences we had, or better," says Abee. "We give to pay it forward and because it's fun. In the end, it's always about what's best for the students."

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

Dr. John Matthew Ferguson has relocated his family medicine practice to Mount Pleasant, S.C. Through Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, he offers comprehensive primary care to infants, children, adults, women and geriatric patients. Ferguson and his wife, **Lisa Ackerman Ferguson**, have two children, Jack Harris Ferguson (2) and Charles O'Neal Ferguson, born June 22, 2015.

Dr. Jennifer Clyburn McMaster and her husband, Donnie, announce the birth of Adalyn Elise McMaster, born May 20, 2015. She joins siblings, Douglas and Victoria.

In October GoUpstate.com featured **John Moore** of Moore Capital in the Entrepreneur's Corner. Moore is the principal of the company he founded to transform former peach orchards into the Upstate Corporate Park. In July, Dollar Tree announced plans to invest more than \$100 million to build a new distribution center at the park and create 400 jobs. Moore believes the investment in the park eventually will create more than 2,000 jobs and \$500 million in investments in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties.

2005

Ryan Waller, class chair

A 2015 M.Ed. educational leadership graduate from Winthrop University, **Kristen Keroson Clements** is a literacy facilitator for Berryhill Elementary School in Charlotte, N.C. She and her husband, **Jonathon Lennon Clements '04**, have one child, Bellamy, born Sept. 23, 2014.

2006

Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair

Brad Anderson teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies at Brentwood Middle School in San Antonio, Texas. He also serves as the assistant football and head powerlifting coach at Kennedy High School.

Amy Livingston is a business development officer for the town of Mount Pleasant, S.C. She previously worked as a program manager for the city of Charleston's Digital Corridor and as an industry liaison with ECPI University.

2007

Hunter Miller, class chair

Attorney **Joel Alexander Kozak** married Lacy Randal Lee on Sept. 19, 2015. They live in Columbia, S.C.

2008

Lauren E. Bailey recently joined Hatcher Law Group in Charlotte, N.C., as a family law attorney. She will assist clients with a variety of issues, including divorce, child custody, child support, domestic violence and property distribution.

Dr. Anna Collins married Peter Sami Salib on July 11, 2015. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Anna is a pediatrician with Arboretum Pediatrics.

2009

Peyton Hray, class chair

James F. Bakker and **Elizabeth Lamance** were married on April 18, 2015. Elizabeth is an attorney. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Jonathan Greene and **Susan Mims** were married on Oct. 22, 2015.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

Wilson Douglas Jr. and **Sarah Johnson Douglas** live in Charlotte, N.C., where Wilson is a senior account executive with Mythic Advertising. Sarah graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law and is now on the employment litigation team at Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein.

David Trant and **Kit Candler '12** were married on Aug. 1, 2015. The wedding and

reception, attended by Wofford friends, ended with a Wofford photo and the singing of the alma mater.

2012

Hallie Willm, class chair

Josh Fester and **Kaitlyn Culpeper Fester** announce the birth of John Reece Fester, born June 22, 2015.

2013

Morgan Victoria Amick, class chair

Jonathan Foster is a first-year doctoral student in mathematics education at the University of Georgia. He was a High Impact Fellow at Wofford.

2014

Shri Selvakumar, class chair

Jack Wisham of Inman, S.C., is a master's student at the University of South Carolina.



FROM THE ARCHIVES: ANDREWS FIELD HOUSE AND BENJO

Looking back at past athletics construction projects — by Dr. Phillip Stone '94

The groundbreaking of the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium gives us a chance to recall the construction of two earlier athletics facilities, the Andrews Field House and the current Campus Life Building.

The first of those two, Andrews Field House, opened in 1929. It was the gift of Spartanburg businessman Isaac Andrews, and it was designed to serve as a basketball, volleyball and even handball court. It also was to serve as a space for instruction in all indoor sports, and it could seat large crowds for significant events at the college. Soon after it opened, it hosted some of the college's 75th anniversary events. As was said at its opening, "There is no more adequate building anywhere, and it will contribute much to the physical training and athletic activities of Wofford students."

Andrews Field House replaced an earlier gym, but the previous building was not large enough to hold athletics events. Andrews was expanded twice, once in the late 1940s for racquetball courts, and later in the 1960s for locker rooms. By the late 1970s, however, it was becoming inadequate for the college's athletics needs.

In the late 1970s, the college moved to construct the Campus Life Building, and on Jan. 22, 1981, the Benjamin Johnson Arena was dedicated. The women's basketball team played the first game in the new arena prior to the dedication, and the men's basketball team played its first game against The Citadel following the dedication. The new arena had a seating capacity of 2,832 when it opened.

The Campus Life Building, dedicated in November 1980, was a much-needed addition to the college's facilities, bringing a number of different student life offices and spaces together in one area. The building has seen countless theatre productions, community events and student lunches in the canteen, Zach's, since it opened.

IN MEMORIAM

1938

Dr. Albert Clifton Smith Jr., July 19, 2015, Brunswick, Ohio. Smith served during World War II in the Army Air Corps. After the war he practiced medicine in Union, S.C., and Cambridge, Ohio, for 45 years. After retirement he volunteered with hospice and the Salvation Army.

1939

Harold Deforrest McAbee, Sept. 14, 2015, Gainesville, Ga. McAbee served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II. He retired from Milliken Textiles in 1981 following 35 years of service. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, an avid golfer, woodworker and gardener.

1940

Max Ivan Moser Jr., Sept. 13, 2015, Cliffside, N.C. Moser retired from Duke Power Co. as steam station manager. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1945. He was active in his church and a former Boy Scout leader, golfer and Wofford Terrier fan.

1949

John David Wilson Sr., Sept. 25, 2015, Martinsville, Va. Wilson served in the European Theater during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He returned to Wofford after the war to finish his education and worked as a transcriptionist for the local TB hospital. Wilson worked with the U.S. Foreign Service at embassies in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Ethiopia before returning to the States for a career in journalism.

1951

The Rev. Philip Hamilton Gibbs, Aug. 30, 2015, Cornelius, N.C. A United Methodist minister, Gibbs served congregations for more than 40 years.

1952

Dr. Roy Clinton Pittman, Jan. 20, 2015, Johnsonville, S.C. After practicing medicine as a neurosurgeon for 25 years, Pittman earned a law degree and later a master of divinity degree. For him the three were linked by the desire to help people find healing.

1953

Dr. Roderick Wilbert Powers, Sept. 19, 2015, Auburn, Ala. Powers attended Wofford on a football scholarship. He went on to earn his doctoral degree

and spent his professional career as a teacher, coach and principal in South Carolina. He retired from the State Department of Education in Alabama and after retirement enjoyed volunteering at Auburn football games.

1954

Melvin Earle Derrick Jr., Aug. 28, 2015, Maggie Valley, N.C. A nationally acclaimed sportswriter, Derrick served for a time as Wofford's sports publicity director. He started his journalism career with the Atlanta Constitution and deferred his entrance to the Army so that he could cover the 1954 college football season. He wrote for the Pacific Stars and Stripes in Japan before returning to the Constitution. He later worked for the Miami Herald, the Charlotte Observer, the Palm Beach Post, the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, the National Enquirer, the Myrtle Beach Sun News and the Virginia Pilot Ledger-Star. He repeatedly was named Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

1955

The Rev. William Joseph Vines, Oct. 12, 2015, Laurens, S.C. Vines was a member of the Tennessee Dew Drops, a student band that often played with Moyer's Men. He went on to serve United Methodist churches throughout South Carolina. Vines served as a Wofford trustee from 1974 until 1986.

1957

William Peebles Baskin III, Oct. 12, 2015, Bishopville, S.C. Baskin was an attorney in Lee County for 37 years and served as the municipal judge for the town of Bishopville for 36 years. He was a charter member of the Bishopville Rescue Squad in 1961, was the assistant director of the Lee County E-911 Communication Center for two years and served as mayor for 39 years. Baskin was a longtime member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

1959

David Oneal Johnson, Sept. 22, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Johnson served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force during the early 1950s before attending Wofford. He enjoyed a long and successful career in accounting management with Fiber Industries-Hoechst Celanese Corp. A member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, he served many terms as clerk of session and was named elder emeritus.

1961

Johnny Mack Pruett, Oct. 5, 2015, Chapin, S.C. A social worker, building contractor and retired teacher with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Pruett enjoyed building cabinets and working for the Good Works Ministry in his community.

1965

Marion Graham Drayton, Oct. 9, 2015, Bishopville, S.C. Drayton's military service included assignments in Fort Benning, Ga.; Korea; Germany; Vietnam; Washington; the Presidio Language School of Monterey, Calif.; and Panama. After retirement he became vice president of City Nursery Farms, serving as president of the South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association, among his other civic and faith-based volunteer work.

1966

Austin Dean "Skipper" Shoneke, Sept. 21, 2015, Cowpens, S.C. Shoneke taught mathematics and science at Cowpens High School and Broome High School.

Joseph Lincoln Tolbert Jr., Oct. 3, 2015, Ninety Six, S.C. While at Wofford Tolbert was a member of ROTC and the Wofford Marching Band. A Vietnam veteran, Tolbert retired from CenturyLink after 45 years of service. He also taught electronics at Spartanburg Technical College and Piedmont Technical College. He was a master forester.

1967

The Rev. Charles Rayford Humphries Jr., Aug. 30, 2015, Taylors, S.C. A retired United Methodist minister, Humphries also worked as a tax accountant who did ministerial tax returns for more than two decades. He had an extensive collection of Western movies.

1969

Ronnie Wayne Mason, Aug. 23, 2015, Rock Hill, S.C. Mason retired from Springs Industries with 30 years of service. He was heavily involved in his church and community.

1970

Ewart John "Jack" Edgerton Jr., Aug. 29, 2015, Chapin, S.C. Edgerton retired as co-owner and past president of Adluh Flour, the family business, which was founded in 1926. Adluh was his life's work and joy. Deeply interested in historic preservation, Edgerton was a founding

member of the Vista Guild. He enjoyed giving tours of the flour mill and gave several to groups from Wofford. He served 18 years on the Chapin Town Council, including a term as mayor pro tem.

1972

Randall Louis Bringman, Oct. 11, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Bringman, a member of the 1970 national championship football team, broke the college field goal record with a 46-yard kick. He served on the Wofford College Alumni Association Board and after retirement helped the equipment staff for the Terrier football team. He was a national accounts manager for ASC Industries before his retirement.

1973

The Rev. David Oliver Davis Jr., Sept. 12, 2015, Avera, Ga. Davis's service as a pastor spanned more than 35 years. He also worked with the U.S. Postal Service for 22 years. His passions were fishing with friends, cruising local thrift shops and acting in the Bartow Community Theater.

1976

Eugene Leroy "Toy" Nettles Jr., Oct. 2, 2015, Lake City, S.C. Nettles most recently served as president and CEO of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Before that he practiced law with his father, brother and sister at Nettles, Turbeville and Reddeck. He served five terms as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and was an adjunct professor at Francis Marion University. Nettles was involved with numerous boards, committees and civic organizations.

1979

Christopher Eric Wood, Sept. 11, 2015, Charleston, S.C. Wood worked for many years in the computer division of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. He was the former owner of two Wild Birds Unlimited nature stores and a huge college football fan.

1982

Robert Seymour Friedman Jr., Sept. 26, 2015, Linville, N.C. Friedman was engaged in real estate with Linville Mountain Properties. He was a reader, public affairs conversationalist and golfer.

Friends

Retired **Master Sgt. Carl D. Beck**, Sept. 13, 2015, Atlanta, Ga. A World War II veteran, Beck parachuted into Normandy on June 6, 1944, and again in 1994 and 2004 for the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the D-Day invasion. He spent some of his early years in a boxcar during the Great Depression. Beck left the Army after the war but re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. For his service, he received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, among other citations. His last military assignment was as an Army ROTC instructor at Wofford. After retirement, Beck worked as a traffic engineer for the city of Atlanta and as a security guard at Agnes Scott College.

The Hon. David Walker Harwell, Sept. 30, 2015, Florence, S.C. Harwell toured Wofford with his grandson and namesake, Walker Harwell '19, and was very proud that Walker chose to attend Wofford College. Harwell knew without

a doubt that graduating from Wofford would ensure Walker's eventual acceptance into medical school.

Dr. Henry John Janiec, Oct. 17, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Janiec received an honorary doctorate from Wofford College in 1969 for his many contributions to the arts in the Spartanburg community and beyond. A dean of the school of music at Converse College for more than 30 years, Janiec directed the Spartanburg Symphony Orchestra for 40 years and helped launch the Spartanburg High School Symphony. He played Carnegie Hall when he was 12 years old and worked with the likes of Yo-Yo Ma, Leonard Bernstein, Beverly Sills, Benny Goodman and Frederica von Stade. The Janiec Opera Co. at the Brevard Music Center is named in his honor. Janiec's daughter, Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones, is an associate provost and associate professor of religion at Wofford.

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A LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GIVING

Homecoming draws us back to Wofford so we can revisit a familiar place, enjoy venerable traditions and reconnect with old friends. Often, the experience also leaves us struck by the enormous prosperity enjoyed by the college since our time as students.

New and renovated facilities and an expansion of the campus footprint manifest Wofford's progress in the 25 years since I graduated. Equally important but less visible is the substantial

growth of the college's financial resources, which help foster a diverse, talented student body and enable new academic, cultural and athletic opportunities.

These great changes—and the increase in the value of your diploma—did not happen by accident. They occurred gradually and deliberately, the realization of long-term planning. None would have been possible without the generous support of Wofford's alumni and friends. Both large and small, our gifts collectively transformed Wofford for the better.

Looking ahead, the success of the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, announced by the college last year, requires the continued support of all alumni. This vision will help Wofford keep pace with our peer institutions in the competitive world of higher education and will ensure the vitality of Wofford for future generations of Terriers. Our Office of Advancement offers a wide range of opportunities for supporting Wofford, and all support is welcome and appreciated. Everyone can find a way to contribute!

To support the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, the Alumni Association has instituted an "Advancement Initiative" led by Michael Anzelmo '00. To find out more about the Advancement Initiative, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com, Anzelmo at michael.anzelmo@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson '88 at thompsondn@wofford.edu.

It has been a great privilege to serve as president of the Wofford College Alumni Association for 2015. The experience provided many opportunities to interact with the folks at Wofford, and has left me confident that our alma mater could not be in better hands. Wofford is a special place, and Wofford alumni can take great pride in being a part of it. I urge you to remain an active part of the Wofford community. You'll enjoy it, and Wofford will benefit from your participation. Always know that the Alumni Association is here to help.

Go, Terriers!

Andy Beeson '90
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2015, the Wofford College Alumni Association Board sought to reorganize and clarify its purpose in an effort to better serve as your voice to the college. The Wofford administration offered its full support and consistently has demonstrated a serious commitment to the success of our revamped Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Board determined that our primary goals were to serve as the liaison between our alumni and the college, provide input on alumni activities and chapter programming, and honor the achievements of fellow alumni and friends of the college. To accomplish this, we instituted four initiatives related to networking, student recruitment, alumni engagement and advancement. Members of Wofford's extraordinary staff, who have expertise in these areas, give us guidance on how to carry out these functions to complement and support related efforts of the college. With their assistance, the Alumni Association is poised to be a tremendous resource to Wofford and you.

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of Ryann McCall '13 in the Office of Advancement, our website is undergoing an overhaul to become a more helpful resource for alumni. Please keep an eye out for it in 2016.

Finally, as always, we invite and appreciate your suggestions for ways in which we can improve the Alumni Association.

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

- DEC. 10** Greenville Alumni Holiday Gathering
- DEC. 31** Wofford vs. Harvard Basketball Pregame
- JAN. 14** Wofford vs. The Citadel Basketball Pregame
- FEB. 12** Alpha Phi Omega reunion
- FEB. 15** Wofford vs. UNCG Basketball Pregame
- MAR. 23** Senior 50-Days Party
- APR. 2** Cooper River Bridge Run Finish Festival
- APR. 11-17** RBC Heritage Classic, 15th Green Skybox

Visit wofford.edu/alumni/travel for more information about opportunities to travel with the Terriers:

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Crystal '18

Spanish and biology major. Wofford College dance team member, vice president of Teaching Annual Giving to Students (TAGS)

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Harrison '17

Finance major, involved in the Outdoors Club, Wofford on Call and Greek life

"Wofford helped me learn how to work. My schoolwork has taught me to focus and provided me with opportunities for real-world application. My professors have already helped me make the transition from the classroom to applying what I learn to my life beyond Wofford."



Farahnaz '18

Bonner Scholar and founder of Farah Kindergarten, an effort to establish a nonprofit kindergarten in Kabul, Afghanistan

"Wofford is not only a life-changer—it is a place that changes and shapes the world. We have students from China, Venezuela and Rwanda, and I'm from Afghanistan. All Wofford students are leaders of the future, and Wofford is a place that will write a new history internationally."

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