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« The face of a leader

Kathleen Barnes '18, a psychology major from Hazel Green, Ala., spent her summer in Cadet Initial Entry Training with the U.S. Army. She and two other Wofford Southern Guards ROTC cadets wrote essays about their summer leadership experiences. Find them online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



One of my favorite things about Wofford College is the communitywide culture of mentoring.

Trust, respect and a shared commitment to the transformational impact of a liberal arts education lie at the heart of these relationships, and Wofford people have mentored, guided, advised, coached and counseled each other for 162 years. This issue of Wofford Today looks at

some of those relationships, both those inherent to the Wofford experience and others, such as the Whetsell Fellowship (see page 24), that have been developed intentionally to support student growth and transformation.

We celebrate those relationships and the addition of a new class of Terriers who already are making friends and finding the resources they need to navigate college. We also celebrate a record-breaking number of visitors to our campus this summer during training camp for the NFL's Carolina Panthers; the dedication and opening of the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village; and the topping out ceremonies for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

Wofford's community becomes more dynamic with each new student and member of the faculty and staff. We welcome these new voices and new perspectives because they challenge us and keep us searching for ways to improve the Wofford experience for everyone. We especially extend a warm welcome to our new provost, Dr. Mike Sosulski (see page 8). Please introduce yourself to him next time you're on campus. He's eager to meet alumni and friends of the college and to learn more about this warm and vibrant place.

Go, Terriers!


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President Samhat celebrates the start of Panthers Training Camp at Wofford with Panthers President Danny Morrison '75 (right) and Spartanburg Mayor Junie White (left).



IT'S YOUR WORLD. BUILD IT.

Rosalind and Jerry Richardson '59 were the first to sign ceremonial beams for the topping out celebrations for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. Members of the Wofford community and Robins & Morton construction crews penned their names alongside those of the Richardsons during the September ceremonies.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

*Thank you, Wofford
Rosalind Sallenger Richardson* *Eternally Grateful
Jerry Richardson*

⌘ In keeping with their spirits of gratitude, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson added special messages to their signatures on the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts beam.



THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

A. WOFFORD SENIORS MEET WORLD INFLUENCERS

The sea of influential people from around the world that Wofford seniors and Aspen Institute interns Brandon Goodson, Roderick Todd and Sami Bernstein saw or met this summer is too full to begin to name. These summer internship experiences with the Aspen Institute in Colorado and many others are made possible each year by Michael S. Brown '76.

To read more visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

B. WOFFORD ACQUIRES NEW ASIAN ART

Jutta Bauman believes that there's something magical about handling authentic materials and letting them speak directly to us. "It allows students to take a quick journey into the past of a faraway place as well as develop an aesthetic awareness of objects completely foreign to them," she says.

Read more about her gift of stone rubbings from the Stele Forest at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. BIGGERS NAMED SCICU STUDENT OF THE YEAR

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Inc. named Victoria Biggers '17 the first J. Lacy McLean and Sterling L. Smith SCICU Student of the Year. She was selected by an independent committee from among 20 nominees, one each from the 20 SCICU member colleges. The award recognizes academic achievement and a commitment to public affairs, community service and leadership.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. WATCH THE CAMPUS CHANGE AND THE BUILDINGS GROW

The campus changes each day as Robins & Morton construction crews make quick progress on the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts (scheduled to open spring 2017) and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium (scheduled to open fall 2017).

Learn more about both buildings and view construction live stream photos at wofford.edu/constructionupdates »

E. CLASS OF 2016 GIVES BACK BEFORE GRADUATION

Before they walked across the stage during Commencement, the Class of 2016 began building their Wofford legacy by making their first gifts to the college. Through the Benefactors Senior Giving Campaign, 56 percent of the class made gifts that totaled more than \$4,500. Nayef and Prema Samhat invited all senior donors to the President's Home to celebrate.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. MAGMUTUAL GRANT SUPPORTS PRE-MED STUDENTS

Dr. George Tyson '72 and Dr. Bill James '72, two physicians involved in mentoring current Wofford pre-med students, have secured a grant from the MagMutual Foundation to support success for Wofford's future health care professionals. The grant will help fund MCAT preparation and practice materials as well as interview attire for students. James (left) came to Wofford this summer to make the check presentation.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

G. FOUR INDUCTED INTO 2016 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Committee of the Wofford Terrier Club Board of Directors has selected Noah Dahlman '11 (below), Pat Illig '10, Tim Johnson '11 and Chad Starks '94 as the 2016 inductees into the Athletics Hall of Fame. Betty and Billy Wood '50 (Distinguished Service) and Wayne Nix (Honorary Letterman) also will be honored during halftime of the football game on Oct. 29.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

H. JOINING THE COMFORT ANIMAL DEBATE

Facility dogs and comfort items remain credible resources in the courtroom thanks to researchers such as Dr. Dawn McQuiston, associate professor of psychology. McQuiston's research demonstrates that appeals based on facility dogs in the courtroom are unfounded and judges no longer must rely on their instincts when weighing questions of fairness when it comes to their presence.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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UNLEASHED

When Ernesto Barquet-Arrambide '19, a biology and theatre major from Aiken, S.C., rolled into Wofford on Aug. 3, he was all smiles. The 95-degree heat and more than 3,000 miles in the saddle couldn't dim the joy he felt for his mission — to raise support and awareness for people with disabilities through the Pi Kappa Phi Ability Experience Journey of Hope.

Read more about Barquet-Arrambide's ride at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

It takes a liberal arts college

Wofford's new provost leads conversation on mentoring

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

In grade school Wofford's new provost, Dr. Mike Sosulski, was typical of the type of student who enrolls at Wofford. He did his homework, participated in class, was involved in drama and the band, and took a foreign language because he heard the teacher was cool. That teacher became a mentor, and Sosulski is now at Wofford shepherding that same wonder of the world and love of learning.

"Terry Strohm was one of the most influential people in my early development," says Sosulski. "She was freshly out of a master's program at Purdue — young and energetic — and comfortable owning what she didn't know. She had been reading the newspaper and saw that there was going to be an exhibition of German expressionist art in downtown Chicago. She came into our class with the article and said, 'I don't know anything about expressionist art, but I think we could learn about this together.' I found that incredibly brave."

Sosulski relished the thoughts of an academic adventure. The entire class, including Strohm, researched the topic and artists in the exhibit. They learned much and taught each other.

"Watching the wonder in her eyes as we watched her learn was something I'll never forget," says Sosulski. "It's the reason I became a teacher."

Strohm's explicit mission in Sosulski's life was to teach German, but she modeled behaviors, listened and fostered an intellectual curiosity that also placed her in the role of mentor, something that Sosulski has spent a lot of time thinking about during his academic career — as a teacher, curriculum innovator, associate provost and now in the top academic position at Wofford.

"One person cannot be a mentor in every way, so it's more productive to develop a mentoring tree," says Sosulski. "This jibes with what we're learning in positive psychology; people who live happy and fulfilled lives have broad social networks, and they keep them active."

According to Sosulski, really good mentoring requires sitting with someone during the "struggle." It requires listening, sharing experiences and modeling effective behaviors. It's also a hallmark of the Wofford experience and one of the things that brought him to the college.

"We have a really wonderful faculty," says Sosulski. "They are experts in their fields and dedicated teachers and scholars. I've heard this from everyone in the Wofford community — students, alumni, people on the board of trustees — the faculty is the foundation of the Wofford experience, and I see my role as strengthening and supporting the faculty as they grow in their disciplines and teaching practices."

Sosulski values the contributions of college staff and student leaders in their roles as teachers and mentors in residence life and co-curricular areas as well.

"Our students have powerful and life-changing interactions with everyone in the Wofford community," he says. "The old chestnut about the liberal arts educating the whole person holds true. Wofford does that well in all areas. I see students supported academically, personally and socially, and I'm excited to be a part of that."

Sosulski also was attracted to Wofford's global and international focus in the general education curriculum and the sense of community that pervades student programming, faculty and staff relationships, and the alumni network.

"This is a community that wants to be together and has found structured ways to ensure that," says Sosulski, who is spending time listening to college stakeholders as a way to guide his priorities in the coming years. In a letter Sosulski sent out to campus, he lists the following as themes to drive planning:

- Investing in our faculty and fine academic programs.
- Enhancing the quality of a Wofford education through integration of curricular and co-curricular programs.
- Working together to create a diverse and inclusive community in which all of us feel a true sense of belonging.
- Building and strengthening our system of shared governance, the vital compact that keeps Wofford moving ever forward.

Sosulski continues to spend time getting to know Wofford and its people and will work with the president's cabinet and board of trustees to determine implementation priorities from the Strategic Vision and Vision in Action plan.

"When I first came to the campus and interviewed, I was impressed with the college's Strategic Vision. It's one of the most elegant planning documents I've ever seen. It addresses the entire experience — from the students to the faculty and staff to future information technology needs and curricular plans — and how they all integrate with each other," says Sosulski.

Sosulski comes to Wofford from 12 years at Kalamazoo College in Southwest Michigan. There he taught German and served as chair of the Department of German Studies, dean of the sophomore class and most recently as associate provost. His wife, Dr. Cori Crane, is assistant professor of German at the University of Texas at Austin, where she coordinates the first two years of undergraduate German study. Sosulski also has two teenage sons.

"I am standing on the shoulders of many fine leaders who have occupied this office — Dr. Dan Maultsby '61, Dr. David Wood and most recently Dr. Dennis Wiseman," says Sosulski. "Cori and I have experienced the unfailing warmth and generosity of spirit that are characteristic of Wofford College, and we are delighted to take up residence in the Kilgo-Clinkscales home on campus. ... We are indeed proud to be new Terriers!"

"Dean Thomas and Dean Preston both valued my contributions to the Student Affairs Office, not just as a work study student but as a co-worker. ... They were mentors and sounding boards for me as I learned life lessons going through Wofford."

Heidi Kerns '85 made a gift to The Wofford Fund during 2016 in memory of Kaiser Thomas, director of housing, and Mike Preston '63, dean of students.

THANKS!

Continuing the conversation on mentoring

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89 and Andrew J. Levin '16

For the Wofford Centennial celebration in 1954, Professor Kenneth Coates wrote: "Somehow, in spite of all the complexities, the individual student still manages to come in contact with the individual teacher. And occasionally, as in the old days, a student goes out and by words and deeds makes a professor remembered for good intentions, and a college respected for the quality of its workmanship."

The complexities Coates refers to are no less intricate today, and still, his words ring just as true as they did then, or 100 years before that. Relationships have always shaped the Wofford experience, and the college is still finding ways to build trust and offer a willing supply of mentors for students so that they will one day offer the same support to others.

According to Dr. Carol Wilson '81, professor of English and coordinator of academic advising, the college is full of people who spend time thinking about building relationships with students. Wofford also has systems in place so that these mentoring experiences are available to everyone. For example, Wofford's communitywide culture of mentoring starts before first-year students ever arrive on campus.

"We build trust by providing consistent messages from the beginning," says Wilson. "Mentoring is a relationship of mutual responsibility, of reciprocity

in action and care. We put the resources out there, then we do what we can to convince, educate and encourage students to take advantage of them."

Students find mentors in athletics, Greek life, diversity and inclusion, co-curricular programming, professional development, community-based learning, wellness initiatives, undergraduate research, entrepreneurship training, residence life and in the classroom.

"Wofford provides fertile ground for these types of relationships," says Wilson. "Looking back I realize how many Wofford people I consider essential to my growth. Mentoring me may not have been their specific work, but their influence has stayed with me and continues to shape my work with current students."

GUIDING THE TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

"There's an old line in the faculty handbook that specifically says that faculty are to develop 'friendships' with students. It doesn't seem like something we'd say any more, but I'd say we all have experiences with that very thing happening," says Dr. Boyce Lawton, dean of student success. "We develop quality relationships that last."

"Just wanted to thank you for the huge impact you made on my life at Wofford and beyond!

You may not know this, but you helped me get my first job post-Wofford, which not only shaped my career but also led me to meeting my future husband! I love getting the Wofford Government updates each semester!"

Courtney Green '12 made a gift to The Wofford Fund during 2016 in honor of Dr. Bill DeMars, professor and chair of the Department of Government and International Affairs.

Lawton works with Wilson and Associate Dean of Students Beth Wallace '82 to ensure that students have opportunities to connect with a variety of students, faculty and staff from the start.

"The first six weeks of the college experience are the most critical," says Wallace. That's why the college puts programs and publications in place to help students learn how to find resources and their first guides. The college offers a special FYI (first-year interface) website and a Gold Guide that gives students everything they need to know to move in and prepare for their first day of classes. The college also offers summer and pre-session orientations; student success teams made up of faculty advisers, staff guides, student orientation leaders and personal librarians; six living and learning communities; and a required one-hour FYI class that each student takes during the first semester. "We think strategically and deliberately about helping our students find ways to get involved, and we're always looking at how we can do this better," says Wallace.

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF MENTORING IN THE CLASSROOM

"The seeds of mentoring relationships are often developed in the classroom," says Ben Cartwright, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, who comes from an accounting background and model of mentoring. Cartwright has been at Wofford for three years, and when he wanted help with grading standards or with tips on engaging students outside of the classroom, he found his own mentors in associate professors of accounting, business and finance Andrew Green and Lillian Gonzalez '91.

"After sitting in on several of Andrew Green's classes, I learned to make assignments challenging enough to force students to come to me after class," says Cartwright. "When you're sitting with three or four students and discussing a project, that's when you really begin to build those relationships."

LEARNING TOGETHER

When Dr. Deno Trakas, Hoy Professor of Literature, approached Katherine Howell '17, an English and government major from Greenville, S.C., about doing summer research in the humanities, she was skeptical, but trusted her mentor and said yes to applying for a South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities research grant.

"With his extensive experience as a writer, editor and professor, Dr. Trakas has been a valuable source of advice and encouragement," she says. "I probably would never have pursued creative writing had it not been for the encouragement of professors like George Singleton and Dr. Trakas. They have devoted so much time and effort to my novel, listening to my frustrated rants about struggles with progressing the plot, offering suggestions about grammar and character development, guiding me through the creative process with unceasing patience and support. Their experience as writers makes their advice all the more valuable to me."

Trakas says he and Howell are assisting one another throughout the research and revision process as they write works of historical fiction that they hope to publish upon completion.

"I think it's wonderful and unusual," says Trakas. "It's unusual in my field — creative writing — to try to figure out how to collaborate because writing is somewhat of an individual thing. But we're finding ways to work together, to help each other, and that's always inspiring."

ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS

"We're at Wofford College because we want to get to know our students," says Dr. Bob Moss, McCalla Professor of Biology. "We do senior exit interviews, and invariably our majors say that the relationships they form with faculty and the advising they receive are invaluable." Moss advises both first-year students and majors, and he puts lots of time and effort into both, which suits him just fine. "Knowing that you've supported a student, whether academically, emotionally, professionally or socially, is my favorite part of my work."

Moss is the first to admit that advising and mentoring often mean challenging students to think critically about their future. "I even make first-year students think about their plan," he says. "I'm intentional about that and about looking at their performance. A junior with a 2.8 GPA who wants to go to medical school may need a backup plan."

According to Moss, mentoring students doesn't stop at graduation. "I've had two or three graduates applying to medical school this summer. Advising sometimes goes on until they have the career that they want. At this point it's mostly about reassurance."

BUILDING TRUST AND BRIDGES

"I drop whatever I'm doing if a student wants to see me," says Jennifer Gutierrez-Caldwell, director of diversity and inclusion. "Students need to know that you understand where they're coming from. When they see you supporting them and their causes or cleaning up with them after an event, you slowly but surely build trust." Gutierrez-Caldwell believes in empowering students to act as their own agents, whether it be about opportunities to study abroad, financial aid questions or internship advice. "I encourage students from diverse backgrounds to take advantage of everything Wofford offers. What makes Wofford so unique is that everyone is here to help you. A lot of my work involves connecting students to different people on campus and building bridges for students."

Gutierrez-Caldwell says that she has benefited from mentors in every part of her life. "I was a first-generation college student whose parents did not speak English, so I relied on mentors to help guide me through the educational system," she says. "Wofford does that through the Transitions program, which pairs first-year students from underrepresented backgrounds with student mentors who help them navigate their social acclimation to college. Students do a great job of mentoring other students because they are authentic voices. Students need those peer mentors as well."

One of those peer mentors is Caitlynn Myer '18, a sociology major from Hickory, N.C., who also serves as president of Transitions.

⤵ Dr. Deno Trakas and Katherine Howell '17 mentored each other through the research and writing process this summer.



⌘ During construction of the new Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village, Jennifer Gutierrez-Caldwell (far right) rallied students to come talk about and celebrate the opening of a house for multicultural students.

“The relationships formed between mentors and mentees are strong, and I believe they not only help the mentees grow at Wofford, but also the mentors,” says Myer. “While the emphasis is placed on students of color, all students are encouraged and welcomed to participate in various workshops, seminars and programs that Transitions offers. It’s designed to enhance the experience of all students.”

MAINTAINING PERSPECTIVE

“When I think of how my character was shaped, obviously my parents had the biggest impact, but after them, my first thought is my coaches. That’s the job of a coach,” says Angie Ridgeway, head coach of the Wofford women’s golf team. “Not many people who prop you up and feed you with positivity will also tell you when you’re doing wrong, and that means on and off the course.”

Ridgeway works with her student-athletes on their time-management skills as well as their golf game.

“They know I expect them to give everything they have to golf, but it’s still more important that they give everything they have

to their education,” she says. “I like to think that being a part of a team — being a student-athlete here at Wofford — shapes them as individuals and equips them with the tools they’ll need after college. As much as I want to have a successful and winning team, I never lose sight of what’s most important.”

Ridgeway has two graduates — Anne Marie Covar ’14 and Lauren Dunbar ’15 — now attending LPGA Q-School, their next step toward playing professionally. While she’s proud of that, she’s most proud that her student-athletes have gone on to mentor others in all professions and walks of life.

Wade Lang ’83, assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator, believes in the village approach to mentoring. Like any good mentor, he doesn’t claim to know everything, but he’s excellent at helping the student-athletes on the college’s football team make connections across campus. The success shows in top graduation rates and successful graduates.

“They’re 18- to 22-year-olds. Some of them need attention; some need to be left alone. All of them have left home and are here to create a new life. We want to help them prepare for their future, but we can’t do it for them,” says Lang.

“Not only was she an incredible professor who loved tax and pigs, maybe a little too much, but she was also a role model to so many of her students. Her love for accounting made her a great professor, but her love for her students made her a great friend.”
Lauren Williamson ’15 made a gift to The Wofford Fund during 2016 in honor of Jenny Johnson, associate professor of accounting.

⌘ Coach Wade Lang ’83 considers Wofford College the ideal village for mentoring student-athletes.



According to Lang, the football team does a lot of peer mentoring. Each incoming student is matched with another player who knows what it takes to succeed on the field and in the classroom.

“We handpick mentors who have been successful and who we can count on to show our recruits how to do things right,” says Lang. “They also know that their coaches are here for them 24/7.”

RAISING THE STAKES

A mentoring component is built into the new Robert D. Atkins Venture Capital Fund, much like the R. Michael James Student Managed Investment Fund, which has been providing Wofford students with real-world investment experience since it was founded in 2008.

The Atkins Fund, made possible by a \$100,000 gift from Robbie Atkins '65, will allow students to participate in the assessment and development of new start-up businesses as part of Wofford College's partnership with Concepts to Companies, a venture capital fund based in Greenville, S.C. Under the oversight of Dr. Philip Swicegood, R. Michael James Professor and Chair of the Department of Accounting, Business and Finance, and John Warner, managing partner of Concepts to Companies, students will learn to navigate the challenges of selecting new investment opportunities. They then get hands-on opportunities to work with the new start-ups as they develop new products and target new clients. It's the ideal recipe for the development of mentoring relationships.

“When I was an undergrad, I would have loved to have this opportunity,” says Swicegood, who worked in banking and for the U.S. Treasury before coming to Wofford. “When students invest real money, they feel real pressure. Students need to feel butterflies in their stomachs. It builds character.”

REACHING BACK

Jodie W. McLean, CEO of EDENS, a national real estate development corporation, joins the Rev. Will Malambri '98, pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C., and James Meadors '81, president of Meadors Inc. in Charleston, S.C., as newly elected members of the Wofford Board of Trustees (read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday). McLean says that Joe Edens, the founder of EDENS, was one of her earliest significant mentors. “When I was starting my career, I would often make a point to meet him at the coffee pot at 5:45 a.m. I usually had him to myself, and I would use that time to pepper him with questions about our business, projects I was working on and deals I was watching. He helped me learn our business inside and out, but more importantly he taught me the values of our company by how he approached our business. Intellect and hard work will create opportunities, but character will define success.”

Edens trusted and empowered McLean, something that helped her realize the value of other mentors.

“We cannot achieve our greatest personal or professional potential alone,” she says. “It's important to have people in your inner circle who both cheer you on and push you to be better — trusted advisers who are willing to have tough conversations with you. Surrounding ourselves with people who can support us and teach us is the best step we can take to ensure your success ... great opportunities for personal and career growth emerge from these networks.”

McLean also says that it's a responsibility of those who have benefited from a mentor to “reach back and mentor those coming along with the same openness and confidence.”



The inaugural members of the Atkins Venture Capital Fund with fund donor Robbie Atkins '65. From left to right are Al Kelly '16, Victoria Biggers '17, Atkins, Graham Duncan '16, Wood Britton '17 and Alex Pruitt '17.

Newly elected Wofford trustees: the Rev. Will Malambri '98, James Meadors '81 and Jodie McLean.

“My pre-med science preparation was superior or on par with all the graduate school (MUSC) classes due to the skill and personal interest of my Wofford teachers and staff of the 1948 class.”
 Vernon Jeffords '48 made a gift to The Wofford Fund during 2016 in memory of The Wofford faculty and staff of 1948.

THANKS!





CREATING A CLASS

WHO IS THE
CLASS OF 2020?

by Leigh Ann Miller '13

When the 440 members of the Class of 2020 arrived on campus on Aug. 31, representatives from the entire college community were lining Campus Drive to greet them.

“Move-in Day is our second favorite day of the year, right behind Commencement,” says Brand Stille '86, vice president for enrollment. “Building a first-year class at Wofford is a long, carefully planned process that can take several years.”

Admission counselors send emails, letters, postcards and even texts inviting prospective students to visit Wofford's campus. They attend college fairs and visit high schools across the country. They give tours, answer questions and spend time on social media sharing Wofford information and learning more about the students considering Wofford.

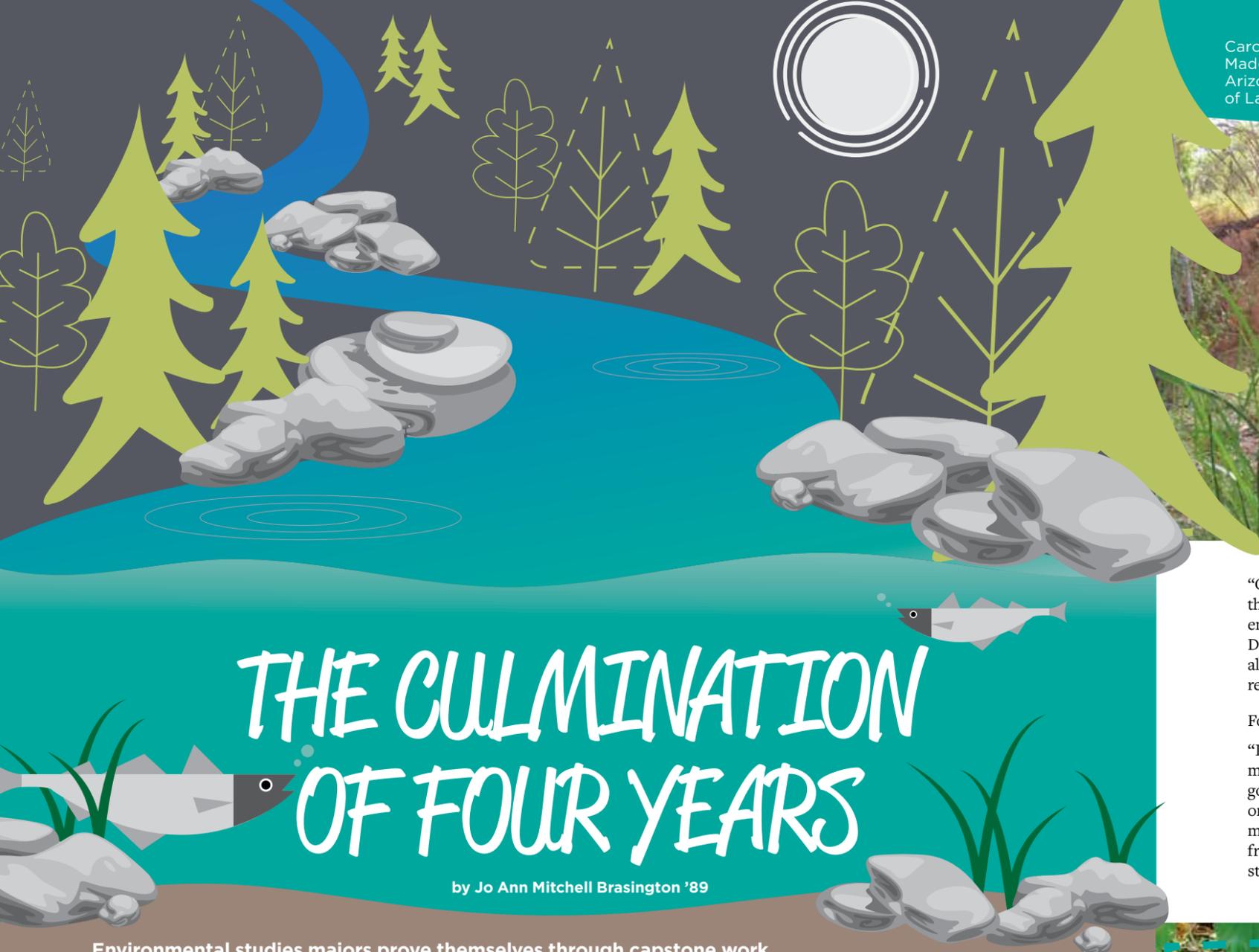
"Wofford values academic achievement and wants to attract the brightest and most talented students possible, but there is more to the admission process than just grades and scores," says Stille. "The essay matters; letters of recommendation matter; leadership and community engagement matter. The overall goal is to admit students who are enthusiastic about embracing all of the opportunities at Wofford inside and out of the classroom."

In building the Class of 2020, Wofford received more than 2,900 applications; 43 percent of first-year students were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, and 68 are first-generation college students. Legacies account for 104 students, and 93 students will be starting their careers as Division I student-athletes. The percentage of minority students increased to 20 percent with the Class of 2020, and 45 percent of students are from out of state. Also joining the college community in the fall were 19 transfer students.

These new Terriers include authors, athletes, adventurers, writers, musicians and volunteers. Also among the class are:

- A student who rode a motorcycle through the German Alps.
- A surf instructor.
- A boat builder.
- A PGA Junior Series Champion.
- A student who has served as class president from 8th through 12th grade.
- A student who has toured with a band in the United States and France.
- A writer of four 50,000-word novels, who also performed with her choir at Carnegie Hall.
- A Civil War re-enactor.
- The former president of the South Carolina Quarter Horse Youth Association.
- A certified nursing assistant.
- A member of the junior board of the Ronald McDonald House.
- A windsurfing instructor.





THE CULMINATION OF FOUR YEARS

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Environmental studies majors prove themselves through capstone work

CAROL MOREL '17 felt like a “real scientist” this summer. While gathering research for her Wofford environmental studies capstone project, she was in Arizona modeling impacts of sulfuric acid heap leach solutions on groundwater in the Cienega Creek watershed. “I chose this topic for its immediate relevance to the community,” says Morel. “Hubday Minerals is proposing to build a copper mine in the Santa Rita Mountains. Some are opposed to its development (Save the Santa Ritas, for example) ... others are proponents of independence (from the reliance on other countries for copper) and the jobs it will bring.” Morel sees her role in the drama unfolding as that of “objective scientist” working to understand the impact the mine could have. She conducted fieldwork, collected and tested samples from wells and precipitation buckets, spoke with land owners about her research, educated herself on

the hydrogeology of the area and used a computer program to model a variety of scenarios. Morel, a major in chemistry and environmental studies from Fort Mill, S.C., will present her findings at the University of Arizona’s undergraduate research conference. “The experience affirmed my plan to go to grad school. I also got to experience the beauty of Tucson and meet some amazing people,” she says. “I gained invaluable experience in conducting and presenting research, and my mentor was incredibly helpful in finding professors at other colleges and universities who are doing similar research.” Morel’s experience is just one example of why Wofford’s Environmental Studies Department requires a capstone project. This semester 13 other students will share similar experiences as part of their major in environmental studies.

Carol Morel experienced a wet/dry walk of Maddie Canyon, in the Cienega Creek area of Arizona, with a representative from the Bureau of Land Management.



“One of the things I love about our capstone project is the way that students can focus deeply on something that they may have encountered only briefly in a class or while studying abroad,” says Dr. Kaye Savage, department chair. “As their mentors, we faculty also get to learn a great deal while helping students navigate the research process and project execution.”

For **ANDREW FOWLER '17**, the capstone experience is personal.

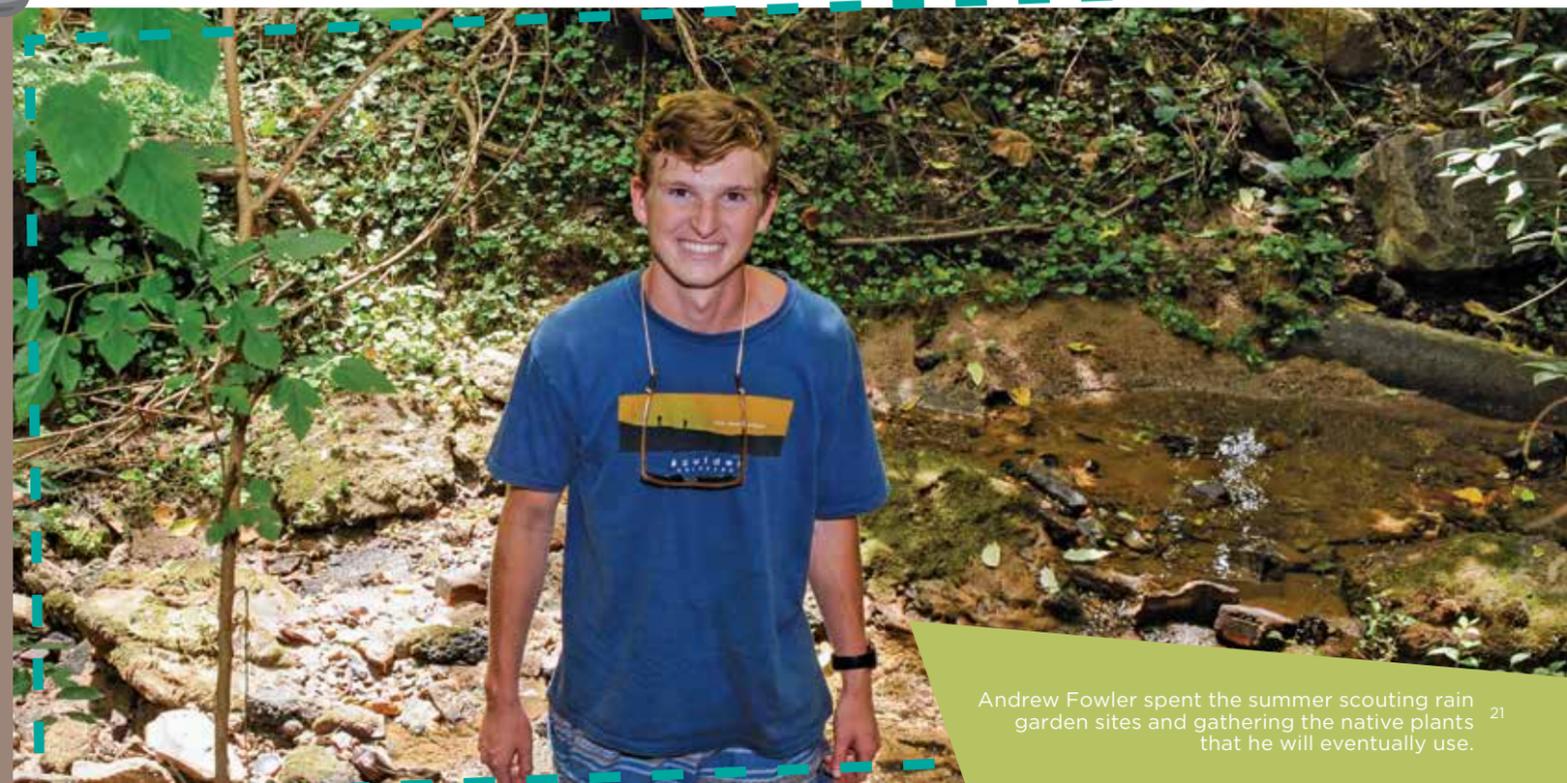
“I chose my capstone because water makes me happy. My best memories are always the ones that involve water — whether it’s going fishing with my granddad, learning to surf with my dad or putting the boat in the river and cruising around with family meeting up with various aunts, uncles, cousins, half cousins and friends along the ride,” says Fowler, a Spanish and environmental studies major from Bluffton, S.C. “Because of my respect and

love for our waters and coast, I felt it a duty to do something to protect them.”

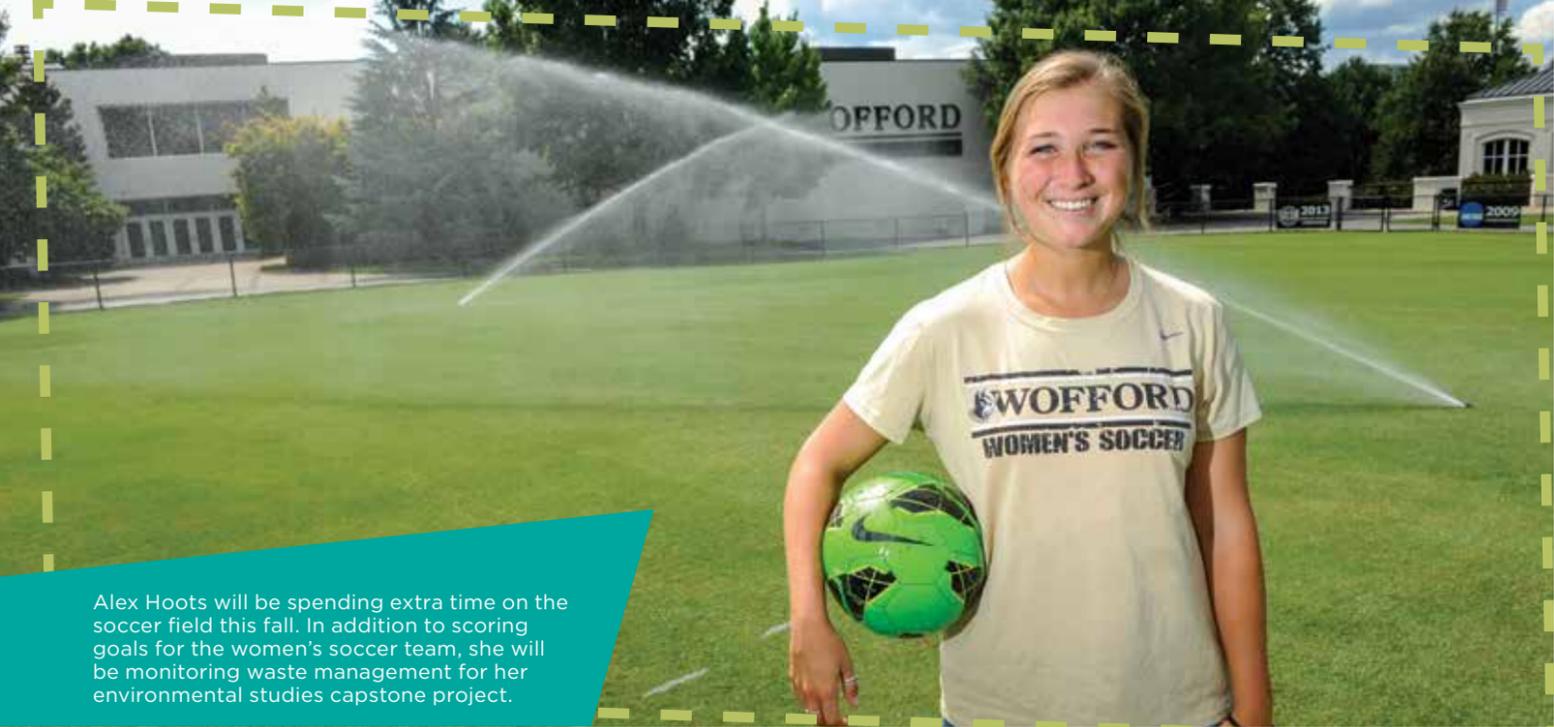
Fowler is focusing his capstone efforts on storm-water management through the use of rain gardens. The project has the benefit of addressing issues of water quality, flooding, pollution and erosion.

“Much of the surface of our community is composed of impermeable surfaces, meaning buildings, parking lots and concrete or asphalt roads that rain cannot penetrate,” says Fowler. “The basic idea of a rain garden is to give this excess water a place to naturally gather and seep into the soil to support plants that thrive in wet environments.”

Fowler has been collecting native plants all summer and researching different areas for the installation of his rain garden. He’s also excited because the rain garden has the added benefit of beautification.



Andrew Fowler spent the summer scouting rain garden sites and gathering the native plants that he will eventually use.



Alex Hoots will be spending extra time on the soccer field this fall. In addition to scoring goals for the women's soccer team, she will be monitoring waste management for her environmental studies capstone project.

ALEX HOOTS '17, a member of the Wofford women's soccer team, selected a project that incorporates both athletics and sustainability, particularly in the area of waste management.

"Water and fertilizers are both often required to maintain playing fields," says Hoots, an environmental studies major from Winston-Salem, N.C. "Runoff generated from this can affect local watersheds. What would happen if we switched to using reclaimed water from treatment facilities for irrigation purposes? It's something to consider."

Hoots also is studying actual waste — from student-athletes (for example, cups, medical tapes, headbands) and from spectators (concession waste).

"I'm doing a financial analysis that compares the costs of the current system to the costs associated with replacing disposable products with more sustainable products. I understand that these suggestions have an economic impact as well," she says.

MATT AUREDNIK '17, a student-athlete on the men's soccer team and an environmental studies major from Lexington, S.C., has built a tiny house as his environmental studies capstone project. The plan is to have Wofford students take turns living in the 77-square-foot house, a space much smaller than the typical Wofford residence hall room.

"I'm hoping to add to the tiny-house conversation by allowing people to experience it for themselves," says Aurednik. "I'll ask students who live in the house to share their impressions, both positive and negative. Whatever the outcome, I hope to inspire college students to consider the benefits of a smaller footprint."

While tiny houses often cost upwards of \$20,000 to build, Aurednik has used reclaimed items as much as possible to keep his cost to less than \$2,000. Amenities will include central heat and air, a full-sized bed, whisky-barrel shower, composting toilet, kitchen sink and table, a propane stove and as much storage as he can creatively tuck into the house.

Matt Aurednik is adding to the tiny house conversation with his environmental studies capstone project.



Aurednik has done the construction work himself, with some help from his friends and 11-year-old brother. "I've become a YouTube and Google expert," he says.

Savage notes that she is "amazed and inspired each year" by the diversity, creativity, personal meaning and ambitious goals of the projects. "It's a way for students to bump up against limits, and then push as hard as they can to meet their goals. When they're finished, they've usually earned the pride they feel."

BEN THOMAS '16, an environmental studies and sociology major from Roebuck, S.C., says that the environmental studies capstones also offer an opportunity to connect the past, present and future of the community — one of the things that drew him to the major in the first place.

Thomas came to Wofford planning to become a doctor, but after one environmental studies class he changed his mind and his major. His project involves revising a geomorphic study of Spartanburg County originally completed by the Soil Conversation Service in the 1930s.

"My project mentor, Dr. Terry Ferguson '75, and I are studying how erosion and deposition are taking place in the watershed, and that's important because it's an indication of how dynamic the land is. For example, how has agriculture affected erosion," explains Thomas. "World War II happened and the study was lost. We're filling in the blanks."

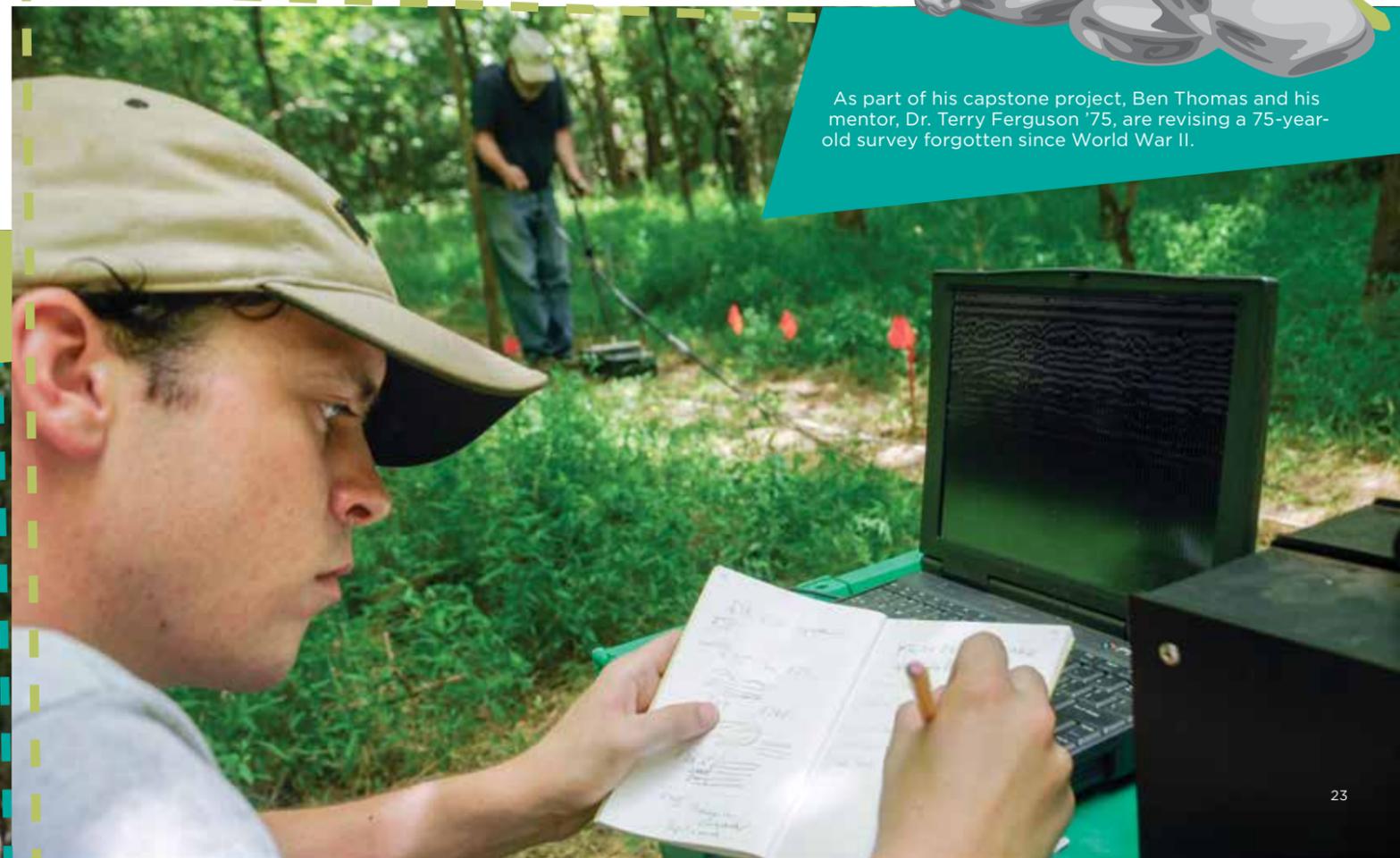
According to Thomas, the section of Ferguson Creek that they are studying has shifted eight feet east and deepened by two feet since the 1940s. Along the way Thomas says he learned how to design and conduct an experiment, think critically, work in 100-degree heat and prepare research for publishing.

Other environmental studies capstones for the fall include analyzing trash, researching sustainable transportation, determining the biodiversity of mushrooms, studying environmental horse keeping and assessing the value of walkability in downtown areas.

Environmental studies students propose their capstone projects as juniors, complete them as seniors in the fall and present the results publicly during the spring semester as part of the ENVS senior seminar. According to Savage, "It's a great opportunity for others to learn about the interesting work that these students have accomplished, and for the students to get feedback about the process that they have engaged in so deeply."



As part of his capstone project, Ben Thomas and his mentor, Dr. Terry Ferguson '75, are revising a 75-year-old survey forgotten since World War II.



A photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a dark jacket, working intently at a workbench in a workshop. He is using a tool to carve a piece of wood. The workshop is filled with various wooden items and tools, and the lighting is warm and focused on the workbench.

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Finding the artist within

Whetsell Fellowship celebrates 10 years
of mentoring, creating and exploring

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

^ Dan Whetsell '66, the woodcarver at work

Ten YEARS ago

Dr. William O. “Bill” Whetsell ’62 established the Thomas Daniel Whetsell Memorial Fellowship in the Visual Arts in memory of his brother, Dan Whetsell ’66, who died in 1998.

“At Wofford Dan began to explore and develop his interests in the visual arts, especially painting, drawing and wood sculpture,” says Whetsell. “Funding a visual arts fellowship to provide other Wofford students an opportunity to explore and expand their interests in visual arts during their college years seemed a fitting way to honor Dan’s memory.”

“Being a part of the fellowship changed my life and created in me a really powerful voice,” says Josh Holt (2013 Whetsell Fellow), who used his summer of studies in charcoal on wood and Bristol board paper to advocate for victims of human trafficking. “Art was something that I did just for fun, but the Whetsell Fellowship launched in me a passion. I still create artistic, often painful-to-view works of art to burden people to move on behalf of victims.”

Holt now works in the admission office at Spartanburg Methodist College and directs a nonprofit called Project4One that raises awareness and funding for victims of human trafficking.

The Whetsell Fellowship helped Amy Powers Makali (2009 Whetsell Fellow) find the inner confidence to travel the developing world as Wofford’s Presidential International Scholar a year later. Makali, who speaks French and Chinese as well as English, now lives in Toronto, Canada, with her husband, Victor Makali ’12, and almost 2-year-old daughter, Hallie. Amy worked in international college admissions for the Savannah College of Art and Design for a few years, and now tutors local students in English while refocusing on a professional art career.

“The Whetsell Fellowship has stayed with me,” says Makali. “I keep coming back to it and know that I will for the rest of my life.”

According to Whetsell, that’s exactly what happened with his brother, Dan. “Dan loved to carve, even as a little boy, but he had other interests as well. He did some drawing at Wofford, but majored in English and French, then went on to a graduate program at the University of Washington. He spent several summers on fishing boats in Alaska, and he would bring back a trove of intricate wood carvings.”

After his graduate program, Dan worked in England and France with a consortium of colleges in the Northwest to plan and manage study abroad opportunities for their students. A few years later he started his own consulting business in the field, but still found the time and energy to carve.

“Finally he decided to devote himself full time to wood sculpture,” says Whetsell. “In the mid-1970s he opened a studio in the Chelsea area of London. It was in a famous old building called the Glass House, where a number of other artists worked. Dan loved that environment and was very productive during that

time, creating pieces that were exhibited and sold in England, Scotland, France, Germany, Japan and the United States.”

Whetsell says that during this time his brother also recognized the need for a mentor. Dan spent time learning from and befriending the master carvers in Mechelen, Belgium. That’s where the Whetsell Fellowship takes its insistence on a mentor.

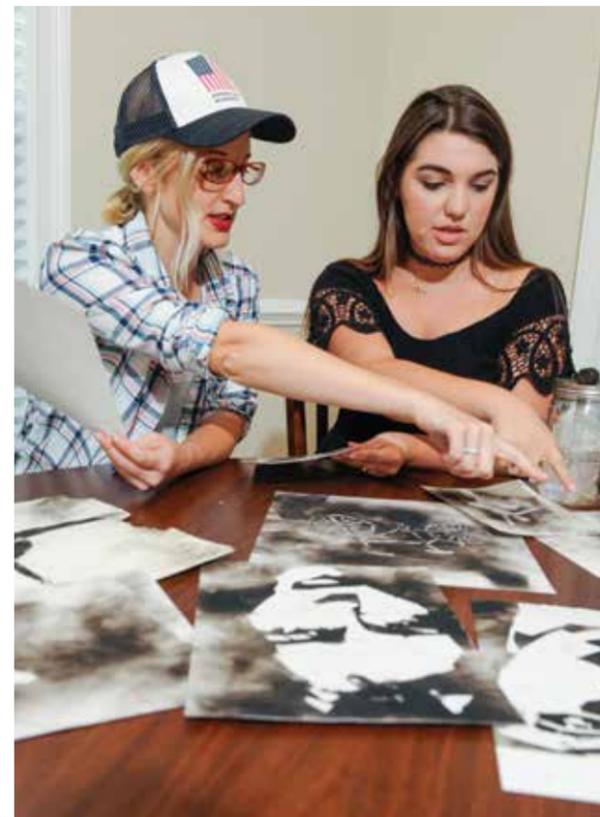
“Mentorship is two pronged,” says Whetsell. “A mentor is someone who recognizes your talent and your potential, but then the mentor has to make a conscientious effort to be a willing and giving guide.”

The 2016 Whetsell Fellow is Meagan Burns ’17. Her mentor, Jennifer Leigh Bonner, an adjunct at Wofford, is a working artist who has a particular interest in staging and photographing outdoor installations.

“Part of the reason artists become teachers is because of bright, creative students like Meagan,” says Bonner. “Her ideas are not like mine, so talking through the artistic process with Meagan informs and inspires both of us.”

Burns and Bonner spent the summer working on both visual and installation art — drawings made with smoke and portable sculptures of plastic wrap and packing tape.

“My pieces encompass a perspective on the human body and form,” says Burns. “I focus on portraying movement and environment. I love nature and like the juxtaposition between the plastic that I’m working with and the natural surroundings where they are exhibited.”



≈ Current Whetsell Fellow Meagan Burns (right) with her mentor, Jennifer Leigh Bonner.



≈ Burns installs her art at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center so she can consider the juxtaposition between the plastic and the environment.

Burns, an English major with a studio art minor from Walterboro, S.C., is moving to New York following graduation to pursue a career in design. The Whetsell Fellowship confirmed her desire to live and work as an artist.

“Dan fostered his love of art at Wofford, though he did not intend to make it his primary career,” says Whetsell. “But he did begin to find that part of himself in those years, which certainly enriched his life. The whole idea of the fellowship is exactly that: to give students an opportunity to find something within themselves that can grow because of the experience.”

Akilah Bostick (2010 Whetsell Fellow) spent several years after graduation “painting, soul searching and traveling.” Now she’s studying to become a nurse but still uses art as a way to relieve stress. “I look back at the extraordinary experience of being a Whetsell Fellow, and I realize how it not only released my untapped imagination, but also how it boosted my confidence and ability to express myself through art and life.”

Dan did eventually embrace an artist’s life and devoted himself completely to his art. Several Whetsell Fellows have done the same. Amy Chalmers (the 2008 Whetsell Fellow) lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is the program assistant for the Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum. She also teaches courses at the Columbus College of Art and Design. Her Whetsell Fellowship summer inspired her to remain active in the arts, completing an M.A. in illustration in 2014 and continuing to accept illustration commissions while working at the museum.

“I will never forget my opening reception,” says Chalmers, referring to the exhibition that each Whetsell Fellow stages once they have a collection of works ready to show. “Eight years later I’m reminded of what a unique, encouraging and formative experience the Whetsell Fellowship was. It felt important at the time, and it certainly gave me skills and confidence for future creative pursuits.”

Sarah Baldwin (2014 Whetsell Fellow) used recycled textiles to explore the blurred lines between fine art and fashion. She now teaches advanced placement art history and studio art at Christ School in Asheville, N.C.

“The fellowship shaped my confidence as an artist and gave me experience creating a cohesive body of work. It also was

significant in that the themes and materials explored in the project have continued to find their way into my current work,” says Baldwin. “I never considered myself a true artist until my experience as a Whetsell Fellow.”

Callum Easter (2007 Whetsell Fellow) used his Whetsell experience as a foundation for a career in music.

“I don’t paint much any more, but I’m an artist. I’ve always been an artist,” says Easter, who is putting the final touches on his debut solo album, “Livelong Day,” written and recorded in his hometown of Edinburgh, Scotland. “I have some ideas for using sound and light and sculpture that I would like to incorporate into my live performance.”

Whetsell enjoys talking about his brother’s one-man exhibition at a gallery in Paris in November 1989. “Dan’s friends and patrons from around the world (including my wife, Anne, and me) were there. Dan was on top of the world. It was a true highlight of his career and his life. ... To make the day even more unforgettable, the opening of the exhibition was on the very day that the Berlin Wall came down.”

Whetsell was there to see the culmination of Dan’s passion and enthusiasm. Knowing that Wofford students may one day experience that same satisfaction and sense of purpose is exactly what Whetsell intended.

“The college sent us one of the watercolor paintings of 2006 Whetsell Fellow Leland Wood,” says Whetsell. “We were so impressed and still cherish it. Dan would have appreciated the transformative kind of experiences that the Whetsell Fellowship allows.”

Wood says that in addition to transforming each student recipient, the Whetsell Fellowship planted the seeds for the transformation of the arts at Wofford.

“Look no further than the construction of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts,” says Wood. “The Whetsell Fellowship provided my first realization that the Terriers who came after me would be a part of a concerted effort by the college to enhance the artistic elements of Wofford’s classic liberal arts curriculum.”



» Dan Whetsell became fascinated with representing soft objects in wood.

1. Sarah Baldwin 2014 Fellow
 2. Josh Holt 2013 Fellow
 3. Meagan Burns 2016 Fellow
 4. Amy Chalmers 2008 Fellow
 5. Margherita Cole 2015 Fellow
 6. Amy Powers Makali 2009 Fellow
 7. Callum Easter 2007 Fellow
 8. Trey Parker 2012 Fellow
- Not pictured:
Amy Horton 2011 Fellow
Akilah Bostick 2010 Fellow
Leland Wood 2006 Fellow



STILL LEARNING, STILL SERVING

Celebrating the legacy and impact of the
Dan W. and Betty Poteat Olds Endowed Scholarship Fund

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Dr. Dan Olds started serving Wofford College in 1963, and 53 years later he's still discovering new ways to mentor and improve the college experience for students.

During the spring Scholarship Recognition Dinner, Olds and his wife, Betty, met Wesley Duckett '16, recipient of the Dan W. and Betty Poteat Olds Endowed Scholarship and a computer science major with minors in economics and mathematics from Charleston, S.C. Duckett loved hearing about the college's first computers and comparing the data storage in his mobile phone to the memory in a computer that required several rooms of space.

"It's crazy to me that this little thing can store more than 3,000 times the amount that Wofford's first computer could," said Duckett during the scholarship dinner as he whipped out his phone.

"We all chuckled, but the significance of it was not lost on me," he says. "Dr. Olds paved the path for the digital age on campus, and everyone, not just computer science majors, should be grateful for his efforts."

Shay Ellison '09 was also a recipient of the Olds Endowed Scholarship and the first to receive the Dan W. Olds Computer Science Departmental Award, funded through a separate endowed fund at the college established by Betty and their children, Linda and John, in honor of Dan's retirement.

"Funding for scholarships and academic awards is extremely important to help students focus on studying and learning during school rather than worrying about paying for education," says Ellison, who majored in history and mathematics as well as computer science at Wofford. He went on to earn an advanced degree from Florida State University and a scholarship and employment from the U.S. government. He now lives in Austin, Texas, where he works with the dealer portal and application programming interface for TRUECar Inc.

The Dan W. and Betty Poteat Olds Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford was established in 1995 and funded in 2006 by John Poteat, Betty's father.

"My dad didn't get to finish college because of the Great Depression," says Betty, "but he was always interested in education."

Poteat, who became a successful businessman and philanthropist, ensured that Betty had educational opportunities. She earned advanced degrees from the University of Tennessee and Duke University, where she met Olds, a Ph.D. candidate soon to become the chair of the Department of Physics at Wofford College.



Dan and Betty Olds at the scholarship dinner
with Wesley Duckett '16



When Olds came to Wofford, he had taken only two computer classes during his undergraduate and graduate career, but he knew that the computer age was coming and began researching ways to bring computer technology to the college. In 1967 he proposed a computer time-sharing service. The first computer terminal arrived on campus in 1968, and the college shared a computer with other organizations via long-distance telephone lines until 1975 and the arrival of the Wofford WITCH. Olds helped write the grant that brought the WITCH (Wofford's Instructional Timesharing Computer from Hoechst) to Wofford. He developed and managed the college's first computer systems while teaching and administering physics. He then started the college's Computer Science Department and served as its first chairman before directing Wofford Computer Services.

"It was an emerging field. None of us knew much about it," says Olds, who taught himself then taught others, something that became a hallmark of his career.

Although the college did not offer a computer science major until much later, several of those first computer students went on to pursue careers in the field.

Ashley Carder '80 was one of those students. Carder became fascinated with the Wofford WITCH in 1977. He took the three computer classes that Wofford offered at the time and worked in the college's computer center.

"I was a sociology major, but immediately found a computer programming job after graduating from Wofford," says Carder, who has seen remarkable changes in the field over the past 35 years and has developed insurance processing websites for companies including Ford, Charles Schwab Investments, Kemper Insurance, Sears, Empire Insurance Co. and Insurance Co. of the West. Carder currently serves as the chief information officer at the South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association in Columbia, S.C. "I would not be where I am today without the guidance of Dr. Olds and the experiences in the Wofford College Computer Center in the late 1970s."

Even after retirement Olds continued to find ways to support the Wofford student experience. In 2009 he and Betty established a \$100,000 charitable gift annuity naming Wofford as the beneficiary.

"I inherited money from my mother and father that we really didn't need to live on," says Olds. "Having a bit of regular, unassigned income to spend on my genealogical interests, however, was attractive."

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These Wofford WITCH enthusiasts still hold informal reunions with Olds. As students with Olds, top, left to right: Ashley Carder '80, Kevin Hawkins '78 and Michael Senterfeit '80. Below, during a reunion at the Beacon.



The charitable gift annuity offered Olds life income and tax benefits that made the planned gift more attractive than an outright gift.

"Charitable gift annuities are easy because they're simple contracts with the college. Donors don't have to go through an attorney unless that's their preference," says Lisa De Freitas '88, director of gift planning.

Olds continues to enjoy receiving updates from former students. He and Betty have found places to volunteer in the community, and both enjoy traveling.

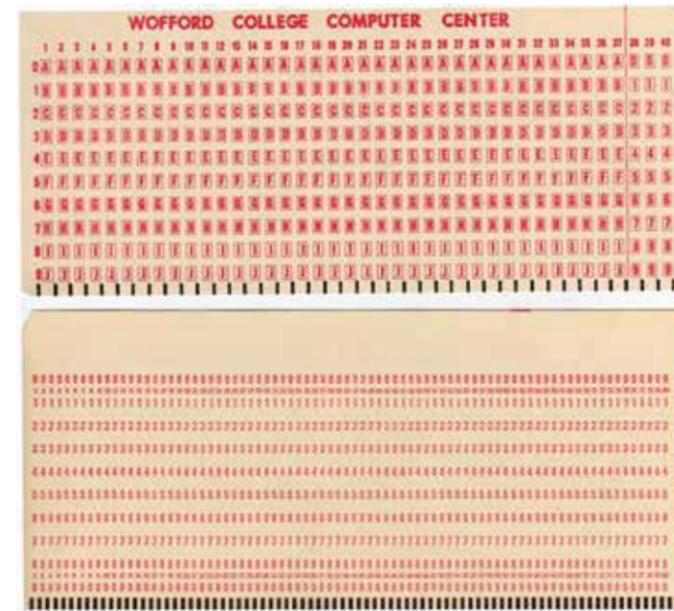
"We've traveled to China, the Caribbean, Europe and all 50 states," says Betty. "Dan's interest in genealogy began when he was around 12 years old, and we use that as an excuse to travel when we can."

"I can make a pretty good case that I'm a descendant of Charlemagne or his great-grandparents," says Olds. "I thought when I retired I'd be going to lots of courthouses and graveyards, but there's enough on the internet — images of real records — to keep me busy."

Olds, who taught the first genealogy Interim at Wofford (but only after doing research and planning to ensure it had sufficient academic merit), now has moved into DNA ancestry testing. He's tested himself, Betty, his son, his grandson and his brother.

"So far, I've gotten no unexpected results," says Olds, "but I've got another DNA kit on the way."

According to De Freitas, the charitable gift annuity is a win-win for Olds and Wofford. "Dr. Olds receives the extra income he needs to pursue his interests, and deserving students receive additional scholarship assistance. We are grateful that Dan and Betty Olds continue to put Wofford students first."



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Olds taught and directed the college's computer center during the time of punch cards, now obsolete. According to Olds, they offered lots of educational value at the time for students learning computer science.

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WOFFORD'S "CHIEF *hospitality officer*"

*Getting comfortable
with Prema Samhat*

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89



⤴ (Left to right) Ava, Prema and Zoe are often out walking and greeting students, faculty and staff.

Prema Samhat spent the afternoon of Aug. 10 shopping for a dinner party. She and President Nayef Samhat donated a home-cooked meal at the Wofford President's Home as an auction item at the Terrier Ball. They did it to raise money for scholarships for Wofford student-athletes and to show another group of friends the type of hospitality that they've become famous for over the past three years.

That's Prema in a nutshell, Wofford's "chief hospitality officer," promoting Wofford and making people feel comfortable.

"Both Nayef and I come from cultures that are very hospitable. Having people in your home and overfeeding them is how we're wired," says Prema. "I love all aspects of entertaining. It's not so much about everything being perfect, but about making people feel comfortable. If it's comfortable, then I think it's perfect."

In a sense Prema hasn't known anything else. Her father was a college president in India, so her family entertained often. After graduating from Bradford College in Massachusetts, where she met Nayef, Prema took a job in the hospitality industry and found her niche.

"I absolutely loved the hospitality industry — enhancing the guest experience, the pace, the variation in daily activities. I had a chance to meet people from all over the world," she says. The industry also gave her the opportunity to work in New York while Nayef was in graduate school at Columbia University.

People often ask Prema to tell the story of how she and Nayef met. As a student from India, she was working as an ambassador to international students for the Office of Admission at Bradford and was charged with connecting with incoming students from other countries.

"I had scratched every name off my list but some guy named Nayef Samhat." She laughs as she describes wandering around asking other international students whether they knew Nayef with no luck. Later she was venting with a friend about this impossible-to-find guy, when her friend said, "Oh, Nayef, he's right here."

"There he was sitting on the steps," says Prema, who expected to find him hanging out with the international students.

When she asked him why he wasn't, he said, "I'm not an international student. I'm from Detroit." The rest is history.

The Samhats' oldest daughter, Alia, was born in 1987, Jehan in 1989 (the year Nayef entered a Ph.D. program in political science at Northwestern) and Leila in 1994. Prema also switched from the hospitality industry to marketing and development in the health care field. Parenting and family life remained the priority.

"Our daughters will tell you I was on them 24/7," says Prema. "I wanted them to put their best foot forward, no matter what career path they chose. Nayef and I both stressed the importance of them having a good work ethic and becoming responsible, appreciative, independent and kind individuals."

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Nayef was a college professor while the girls were young. "He was a very hands-on father," says Prema. "Diapers, feeding ... all the good stuff. Our daughters definitely saw a two-parent system."

The Samhats created boundaries for their daughters then expanded them as the young women grew more mature. Alia, Jehan and Leila each began volunteering at the age of 12. Now they are living and working in Chicago; Washington, D.C.; and Germany (respectively), with scattered holidays and vacations on Wofford's campus.



« On May 2, 2014, Prema Samhat passed her citizenship exam. The Hon. Dennis Shedd '75, a judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, presided over the ceremony. Lots of family and Wofford friends were there to celebrate.

» The Samhats in front of the President's Home: (left to right) Leila, Prema, Nayef, Alia and Jehan.



“We encouraged them to speak their mind, but politely and respectfully,” says Prema. “As parents we think we have all this control. Looking back I realize how little control we actually had. I’ve come to realize that parts of good parenting are just luck. We’re lucky to have three smart, independent and kind daughters, and they’re a lot of fun. The best part is how much we all enjoy getting together.”

Although Prema says she does not shop for entertainment or as a hobby, she passed on her appreciation of a good bargain to her daughters — that and a love of shoes.

“Back in the 1960s, my mother would wear a sari with Italian sling-backs. She passed her love of shoes to me, and I passed it on to my daughters,” says Prema, smiling and shaking her head at the memory.

For Prema, the past three years living and entertaining in the President’s Home on Wofford’s campus have flown, which is probably a factor of her tireless commitment to the college community.

“Thanking people is very important. No one does it alone, so it’s essential to recognize the contributions that we all make.”

“When Nayef chose to move into higher education administration and long before being a college president became a reality, we both knew that our partnership and the energy we brought to this role were very important,” says Prema. “I chose not to work once I came here because I wanted to be available to either host or attend as many Wofford events as possible, both on campus and away.”

Just as Prema continues to add to her gold and black wardrobe, complete with incredible shoes, of course, she also continues to enhance the spirit of community that defines the Wofford experience.

Almost immediately she and Nayef started monthly Thursday afternoon gatherings designed to bring Wofford employees together from every department to build community and collaboration. She and Nayef invite 12 randomly selected students to their home once a month for pizza and conversation. She and Dean of Students Roberta Bigger '81 co-founded a program for young women on campus to give them resources as they prepare to transition to life after graduation, and she serves on the board of the United Way of the Piedmont, the Chapman Cultural Center and the South Carolina State Museum Foundation.

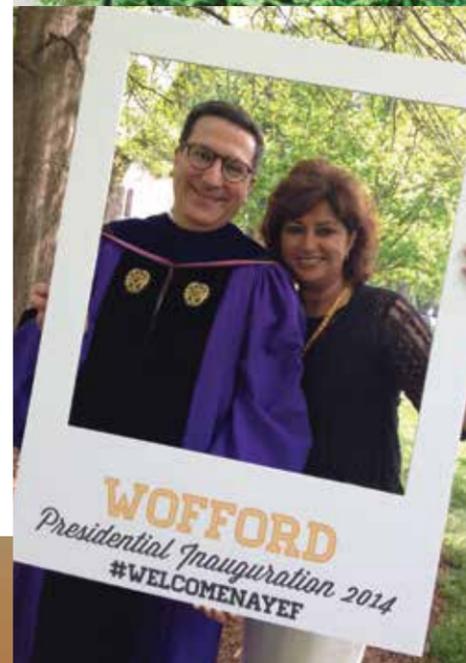
“Service in the community has been a great way for me to get to know people off campus and become closely connected with Spartanburg,” says Prema, who says that being “enthusiastic participants” in Spartanburg’s food and beverage scene also has helped. “I think we’ve eaten at every restaurant in Spartanburg.”

The Samhats also initiated an annual employee recognition event.

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Regardless of the event, Prema believes in making it special and improving each year. “There’s such a culture of community here,” she says. “Growing that is a priority.”

In the spring, the college held an employee recognition dinner for faculty and staff celebrating five-year employment anniversaries. Prema orchestrated the event as the college’s unofficial “chief hospitality officer.”



CLASS NOTES

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Charlie Bradshaw celebrated his 80th birthday in July 2016, and the celebration continued on Aug. 4 when The First Tee of Spartanburg and Cherokee counties hosted Charlie's Challenge, a junior adult golf tournament at the Country Club of Spartanburg. The event was funded through the Judy Bradshaw Children's Foundation.

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Ronald G. Bruce, class chair

Dr. Craig Burnette delivered the commencement address to the 2016 graduating class at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, N.C. He is a U.S. Army veteran and has spent more than 28 years with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations recently named **Bud Mingledorff** to its board of trustees. Mingledorff is chairman of the board of Mingledorff Inc. and has served as president of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International, Peachtree Corners Rotary Club, Ansley Kiwanis Club and the Georgia Wholesalers Association. He lives in Bluffton, S.C., with his wife of 35 years, Shirley.

1972

Allen S. Guignard, class chair

On June 26, Mike Ayers, Wofford head football coach, presented **Dr. George Tyson** with the Jerry Richardson '59 Community MVP Award at the South Carolina Coaches for Charity annual fundraising event. Presented by the Fisher DeBerry Foundation (founded by **Fisher DeBerry '60**), the event raises awareness and financial support for charitable organizations.

1974

Jerry Calvert, class chair

Det Bowers has been named managing director over the statewide offices of the commercial real estate firm of Newmark Grubb Wilson. He lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Polly.

The South Carolina Arts Commission has launched a new initiative, "The Art of Community: Rural S.C.," as part of its work with the South Carolina Promise Zone. **Bob Reeder** has been named co-chairman of the advisory council that will champion this program. Reeder serves as a program director and field program manager for Rural LISC (the rural component of the Local Initiatives Support Corp.).

1980

Paul Kountz Jr., class chair

The Delaware State University board of trustees unanimously approved **Dr. Valencia "Lynn" Beaty** as vice president for human resources. She also serves as the college's assistant vice president for civil rights and Title IX coordinator.

Todd Dorman is a professor and vice chair for the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He also is associate dean for continuing medical education, the senior associate dean for education, and serves as the president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

1981

Patrick Watson, class chair

The Columbia Chamber of Commerce has named **Steven Mungo** as the 2016 Military Advocate of the Year. He was recognized during the organization's 114th annual gala in September.

1982

J. Madison Dye Jr., class chair

Richard Meehan Jr. recently published two new books, "The Janitor's Closet," a nonfiction account of how to open and stay successful in the cleaning business, and "Omega Station," a shared-world sci-fi anthology. Meehan is vice president of Marko Inc., his family's janitorial and cleaning supply business in Spartanburg.

1984

Ken Kirkpatrick, class chair

Bonnie Ferguson Butler of Lorton, Va., graduated in May with a master's degree from the University of Richmond. Her focus was on art in Western culture with an emphasis on 20th-century art movements outside of the mainstream.

Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business recently ranked **Cal Watson** among the nation's best in the area of general commercial litigation. Watson is a partner of the Sowell Gray law firm in Columbia, S.C.

1986

Brand Stille, class chair

Rhonda Watt Tobias has joined Washburn and Co. as an accountant. She and her husband, **Dean Tobias**, live in Spartanburg. Dean works with Canal Insurance in Greenville, S.C.

1990

Scott W. Cashion, class chair

Dawn Samuels Rockey is the coordinator of case management services with the University of West Florida. She lives in Pensacola with her two daughters.

1992

Nikki Palmieri Chunn, class chair

The Huffington Post recently published an interview with **Heather Onstott**, CFO at Freight Farms Inc. The company manufactures the Leafy Green Machine, a shipping system used primarily by hydroponic farms. Onstott also is a venture partner at LaunchCapital's Boston office and serves on the advisory board of The Capital Network. She lives in Cambridge, Mass.

1993

Sarah C. Sawicki, class chair

Tripp Whitener has joined South State Bank as a senior commercial lender. He is responsible for growing the bank's commercial and industrial portfolio, primarily in the central part of South Carolina with a focus on the Columbia and Lexington areas.

1994

Alicia Truesdail, class chair

Assistant chief counsel **James A. Jones** represents the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement in administrative immigration hearings and related apprehension, detention and removal processes before the Executive Office for Immigration Review. He recently transferred to the Charlotte, N.C., office after nearly 20 years in Miami, Fla.

1995

Brandie Yancey Lorenz, class chair

Rachel Hannah McCoy is the director of counselor relationship management for the College Board in the Atlanta area. She is responsible for initiatives that support the work of school counselors in the state of Georgia.

1997

Beth Mangham Guerrero, class chair

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal recently named **Lauren Mattox Curry** the deputy director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Curry

was previously the chief of staff for the Georgia Emergency Management/Homeland Security Agency. She and her husband, **Eugene Curry '94**, live in Marietta, Ga.

1998

Casey B. Moore, class chair

Colleen Cunningham Ammidown and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Mackenzie Judith Ammidown, April 3, 2015. She joins big sister Olivia, age 4.

Wynne Kerby Davis is a senior rail and transit specialist in the Washington, D.C., office of WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff. She and her husband live in Alexandria, Va.

Christina Pitts Lynn welcomed a baby boy, Joshua Redmond Lynn, on May 8, 2016. He joins big brother David. The family lives in Columbia, S.C.

1999

Zach Atkinson, class chair

Amy Carpenter Dodson recently was selected as San Diego area manager for Hire Heroes USA, a nonprofit organization empowering U.S. military members, veterans and spouses to succeed in the civilian workforce. She lives in San Diego, Calif., with her husband and two children.

John Warren Floyd and his wife, Nealie, announce the birth of Thomas Willard Floyd, born July 8, 2016. He joins big brother Benjamin. The family lives in Spartanburg, S.C.

2000

Anthony D. Hoefler Jr., class chair

The United Nations Agency for Relief and Works for Palestine Refugees in the Near East has appointed **Meghan Audette-Nikolic** deputy director for programs for the West Bank Office.

Bradley S. Talbert has been named chief executive officer of Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, S.C. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons.

2002

Yorke Gerrald, class chair

Will Johnson, a shareholder in Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd's Columbia, S.C., office, has received the 2016 American Bar Association "On the Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyers Award." He also has been named one of six ABA Young Lawyers Division 2016 "Stars of the Year."

Spartanburg attorney **Ryan Langley** and his wife, Leigh Anne, have launched JB's Pr%, a company that manufactures alcoholic ice cream based on an old family recipe. They offer about a dozen flavors, all manufactured at their facility in Columbia, S.C.

2003

Tracy Howard, class chair

Attorney **Michael Montgomery** has been recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of South Carolina Super Lawyers, an annual publication for attorneys and law schools. Montgomery is an attorney with Sowell Gray in Columbia, S.C. His practice focuses on premises

liability, automobile and trucking torts, insurance coverage and product liability.

Sarah Woodard Thornton and husband Mitchell welcomed baby girl Anna Clarke Thornton on Nov. 6, 2015. The family lives in Charleston, S.C., where Thornton is a law clerk for the Hon. Stephanie P. McDonald.

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

Elizabeth Rhem Cavanaugh and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a son, John Dudley Cavanaugh, born Dec. 22, 2015. The family lives in Houston, Texas.

2005

Ryan Waller, class chair

It's a girl for **Andy Halligan** and his wife, Katherine. Their daughter, Margaret Stuart "Molly" Halligan, was born July 17, 2016. The family lives in Spartanburg.

Home Furnishing Business magazine recently named **Joey Ray** to their "Forty under 40" class of 2016. He is vice president of Garden City Furniture in Garden City, S.C., and is a third-generation member of the family business.

Catherine Powell Regan and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Marion Regan, born July 30, 2015. She joins big sisters Caroline and Madeleine.

Caroline "Carrie" Marie Schultz and Brian Peck were married April 9, 2016, in York, S.C. **The Rev. Dr. P. William Greeley III '75** officiated the ceremony. The couple lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Carrie is employed by TD Bank and Brian by Carnegie Mellon University.

2006

Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair

Carlyle Cromer has joined the Charleston, S.C., office of Turner Padgett Graham and Laney. He is a member of the firm's business transactions practice group. Cromer transferred from the firm's Myrtle Beach office, where he practiced primarily in the area of commercial litigation.

Clark Teaster Dawson has joined the law firm of Rogers Townsend & Thomas in Columbia, S.C. She is with the firm's transactional law department and focuses on residential real estate and title matters.

Melissa Fried is an associate attorney with Nexsen Pruet. She is with the firm's labor and employment law practice group in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Miriam Hahn married Quincy Thomas on May 21, 2016, in Augusta, Ga. Miriam teaches in the Department of Theatre and Dance at Ball State University, and Quincy is a Ph.D. candidate and adjunct instructor in the Department of Theatre and Film at Bowling Green State University.

Erin Leigh Higgenbotham graduated in May 2016 from West Virginia University with a doctoral degree in counseling psychology. She is working as a staff therapist at the Talley Center for Counseling Services at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia.

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ELIZABETH SHULER '07 TO DIRECT DONOR RELATIONS FOR WOFFORD

by Ryann McCall '13

Elizabeth Shuler '07 joined the Office of Advancement in July as director of donor relations after the retirement of Susan Gray. Shuler comes to Wofford from her most recent position as director of operations for Pure Barre.

Shuler will coordinate donor recognition events and initiatives and will work with Wofford's endowed scholarship donors.

"I'm especially excited about working with our endowed scholarship donors because I think that is one of the most genuine and heartfelt gifts. To give another person the opportunity to attend Wofford opens up tremendous opportunities," she says.

Shuler and her husband, Bert Shuler '07, are excited to be back at Wofford and are ready to attend lots of events.

Hadley Green Inabinet and **John Hollis Inabinet '07** are the proud parents of Mary Lewis Agness Inabinet, born July 30, 2016. The family lives in Spartanburg.

The Rev. Kris Roof is the pastor at Peace Tree United Methodist Church in Collierville, Tenn. He is a church planter in the Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Roof and his wife, Alyssa, are new parents; Harrison Bennett Roof was born March 5, 2016.

South State Bank announced that **Chris Shugart** has been named senior vice president. He and his wife, Anna, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with their two children.

Lewis White Jr. and his wife, **Lauren Crosby White '07**, live in Augusta, Ga. White is a commercial real estate representative at Hull Property Group. Lauren completed otolaryngology head and neck surgery residency in June 2016 and will join Augusta ENT.

2007

Hunter Miller, class chair

Brittany Ann Lewis has completed graduate school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and now is working as a nurse practitioner in Charlotte, N.C.

Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Va., has named **Philip Winslow Vann** to the school's advisory council. He is a brokerage associate with Colliers International and lives in Columbia, S.C.

2008

Nathan Madigan, class chair

Jason Andrew DeKoster and his wife, Leslie, of Baltimore, Md., are the proud parents of baby boy Andrew Garrett DeKoster, born June 13, 2016.

Allison Elizabeth Merrill and Brandon O'neal Vanhook were married on April 9, 2016, in Greenville, S.C. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Allison is employed by QuintEvents and Brandon works for Select Physical Therapy.

Lash Springs and **Mary Loyal Laffitte Springs '09** announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Edens Springs, born April 12, 2016. The family lives in Charleston, S.C.

2009

Peyton Hray, class chair

Dr. Troy Christopher Beavers is a family medicine resident at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Va. He graduated from the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine and lives in Abingdon with his wife, Nicole, and their daughter, Claire.

Alexandra Marie Blumenthal is a pediatric nurse practitioner in endocrinology with Children's of Alabama in Birmingham.

Spartanburg Magazine recently featured **Erica Brown** in an article on young leaders. Brown is a patient navigator for the Healthy Outcomes Program at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic. She also is a member of the Spartanburg City Council, representing District 6.

Angelyn Dionysatos served as an alternate from Georgia's 6th Congressional District at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. She works in public relations in Atlanta and serves as president of the Atlanta Young Republicans.

Blair Waddell Mard has joined the Herman Walldorf Commercial Team as an affiliate broker after six years as a retail recruiter for the River City Co., downtown Chattanooga's economic development engine. She will work in the retail, office, industrial and investment sectors of the southeast Tennessee and north Georgia real estate markets.

Michelle Boykin Matthews has joined the law firm of Gaffney Lewis & Edwards in Columbia, S.C., as an associate attorney.

2010

Kari Harris, class chair

Caitlin Ashlie Buxton, a May 2016 graduate of the University of South Oklahoma College of Law, married Joseph Walter Otto on May 28, 2016. They live in Colfax, Iowa.

Lauren Holland Carter received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Florida State University on Aug. 6, 2016. She is a postdoctoral fellow in bio-behavioral medicine in the Medical University of South Carolina's Department of Psychiatry. She and her husband, Kit, were married in Kiawah Island on Oct. 17, 2015.

Mark Dale Chappell Jr. and Laura Lane Hoover were married July 16, 2016, at

Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. Lane is a first-grade teacher, and Mark is an attorney with Chappell, Smith and Arden. The couple lives in Columbia.

Matt Vick is the chief operating officer of FreedomCare in Las Vegas, Nev. His primary responsibility is to oversee all operation functions and collaborate with the executive team regarding best practices. He and his wife, **Aubrey Thomson Vick**, live in Las Vegas with their two children.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

William Dwyer James and **Sloan Alexandra Rogers** were married July 16, 2016, in Columbia, S.C. They celebrated with family and friends, including alumni representing Wofford classes between 1967 and 2016. Alex graduated from the Mercer University physician's assistant program in May 2016 and is now a physician's assistant at an orthopedic urgent care clinic in Savannah, Ga. William is a financial analyst at the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion.

Sara Diane Johnson graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Ph.D. in cancer immunology in 2016. She lives in Johns Island, S.C.

The law firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel in Chattanooga, Tenn., announced that **Logan Chase Threadgill** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. He is a cum laude graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Law.

Emily Knight Shier is a clinical instructor at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Community and Public Safety Psychiatry Division of the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department. She works primarily in the forensic psychiatry program assisting with forensic court evaluations.

Caitlin Elizabeth Walsh is a technical editor with Volkswagen AG in Wolfsburg, Germany.

2012

Hallie Willm, class chair

Aften Blackwell and John Beeler were married on Nov. 7, 2015, in Baltimore, Md. Aften is employed by Catholic Relief Services and acts as a coordinator on a USAID-funded project that aims to improve the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS.

An account executive with DWA Healthcare Communications Group in Carmel, Ind., **Caroline Capshaw Burdette** married Robert William Martin IV on July 2, 2016. Bob is the director of membership and assimilation as well as the single ministries coordinator at College Park Church in Indianapolis.

Colleton Prep Academy in Walterboro, S.C., has named **Rob Gorrell** athletics director. He served as the head football and golf coach during the 2015-16 school year.

Caroline Rose Franks is a clinical nurse in the Carolina's Healthcare System's new nurse residency at Carolina's Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. She works in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Levine Children's Hospital.



TOO BUSY TO RETIRE

John Meyers '75 uses expertise to secure Cahuilla customs

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Twenty years ago the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla (Cah-we-uh) Indian Reservation didn't have electricity. Ten years ago they didn't have communications. Today they have both and are using their geographic location and the expertise of retired Col. John Meyers '75 to secure their future and protect their customs and heritage in Southern California.

Meyers, the president, CEO and chairman of the board of the Santa Rosa Cahuilla Corp., was raised on the reservation.

"My sister and brother still live out there," says Meyers, who now calls Pawleys Island, S.C., home. "My sister, who's four years younger than me, still raises cattle the way our family has for generations. She's tougher than woodpecker lips."

According to Meyers, the non-gaming tribe owns the highest peak in the San Jacinto Mountain range. The Santa Rosa Indian Reservation lies between Palm Springs and Anza, which makes it a prime location for business and government communications relay systems. In addition to facilitating the establishment of the business enterprise, Meyers also is using his experience to develop policies, procedures and other organic governing documents for the tribe.

Meyers started developing his understanding of governing systems upon his graduation from Wofford.

"I came to Wofford on the GI Bill," says Meyers, who did two combat tours in Vietnam. "By that time I was dead serious about completing my education and getting my degree."

Meyers was in the minority during his time at Wofford — married, a military veteran and an American Indian. Still he says his experience with professors and friends such as Dr. John Harrington, Dr. Phil Racine, Dr. Dan Maultsby '61 and Dr. Constance Armitage Antonsen was transformative.

"At the time I think there were five veterans in my class," says Meyers. "We were veterans of a very unpopular war. When I stepped onto campus, Dr. Joe Lesesne was a major in the South Carolina Army National Guard. I never felt as if I was in a place in which the military was looked down upon. I felt comfortable all the time that I was there."

Meyers went on to work in Washington, D.C., for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Labor. He earned a master's degree from the National War College and completed a decorated 31-year military career in the Army Reserves, including a combat tour during Operation Desert Storm.

"The opportunities I had and the places I served offered me rich experiences," says Meyers, who still spends most days working via email and Skype, although he does make the trip from South Carolina to the reservation four times each year. "Someone took the page with the definition of retirement on it out of my dictionary."

Pictured above: John Meyers with his wife, Alvida; their dog, Max; and two of their grandsons, Jason and John Joseph (son of Felicite Meyers Kassar '99)

Henry Lucius Lafitte III has joined the law firm of Buyck, Sanders & Simmons as an associate attorney. He lives in Charleston, S.C.

Anne Griffin Patterson and **Thomas Edward Tafel** were married in Orangeburg, S.C., on June 4, 2016. Anne is a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Palmetto Health Richland, and Thomas is employed at the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. The couple lives in Columbia, S.C.

Paolo Miguel Arce and **Emily Ann Shaw '13** were married on May 28, 2016, at Cleveland Park Event Center in Spartanburg. Paolo is a pediatric resident at Greenville Memorial Children's

Hospital, and Emily is a perfumer with Grace Management Group.

Dr. Whitney Lane Walker and Brandon Jay Linville were married on June 11, 2016, in New Iberia, La. The couple lives in New Orleans.

2013

Morgan Victoria Amick, class chair

Spartanburg-based company Atlas Organics has opened a new composting facility near Honea Path, S.C. The company was formed when Atlas Organics merged with Junk Matters, a commercial recycling business owned by **Joseph McMillin**. McMillin,

SHE'S NOW 'THAT' PERSON: ASHLEIGH WILSON '08 HAS FOUND HER PASSION ADVOCATING FOR OTHERS



by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Four days after the historic October 2015 flooding in Columbia, S.C., the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers had a FEMA emergency hotline up and running for people who needed flood-related legal assistance. Ashleigh Wilson '08, secretary/treasurer of the group, was in charge of implementing the service.

"From mid-October through the first of January, 90 young lawyer volunteers helped more than 500 people in our community," says Wilson, who also serves as vice chair and former scholar of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers' Public Service Committee. "I know there are lots of bad lawyer jokes out there, but I hope people learned that the young attorneys in our state were willing to step up in

a time of crisis. The American Bar Association raved about how fast we moved and how many young lawyers volunteered to serve."

Her work during the flooding was just one of the things Wilson loves about being an attorney.

"I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer, even before watching too much 'Ally McBeal,'" says Wilson in the Bowman and Brooke conference room overlooking downtown Columbia. "Growing up, the people in my community doing cool things and advocating for others were attorneys."

Wilson majored in philosophy at Wofford and went on to law school at Wake Forest University. She clerked for the Hon. Robin B. Stilwell in Greenville, S.C., then worked for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office for almost four years. She's been an associate at Bowman and Brooke for just over a year and loves every minute of her work as what she affectionately calls a "nerd lawyer."

"We're a products liability defense firm with 250 attorneys and 12 sites across the United States. That means I get to spend my days figuring out how stuff works — like guardrails and air bags, for example. It's a cool job and perfect for a liberal arts graduate."

In her limited time away from the office or courtroom, Wilson is a Special Olympics volunteer and now serves on the organization's state board of directors.

"I love working with Special Olympics because it brings sports into people's lives, and through sports we can learn to be better people," says Wilson, who particularly enjoys serving as a tennis partner for an athlete with special needs. "I'm a young professional. I can't always give money, but I can give time, and I get so much more back from the experience."

who founded Junk Matters as a student at Wofford, is the CEO of Atlas Organics, based in Spartanburg.

2014

Shri Selvakumar, class chair

Maria Byrd Davenport is a clinical research coordinator with the University of Virginia. She manages clinical trials in the hematology/oncology division, focusing on trials related to thoracic oncology. She lives in Charlottesville.

James Randall Detter is an administrator with Sava Senior Care in Lexington, N.C. He leads the overall financial and regulatory operations of the 106-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Erin Nicole Frost returned to the Upstate this summer after teaching English in Australia.

2015

Maggie Stroud, class chair

Natalie Erin Clark has joined Vera Lloyd as a development associate in the Little Rock office. She is responsible for assisting in all aspects of fundraising activities for the nonprofit organization.

Fess Higgins is a computer program analyst with the Boeing Co. in Charleston, S.C.

The Greenville, S.C., office of Colliers International has named **Brannan Hudson** as a brokerage associate. He had been working as an assistant golf coach at Wofford.

Ashlee Moody is an education programs associate with the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Lindsey Grace Perret recently began working as a population health specialist in health equity at the South Carolina Hospital Association. She lives in West Columbia.

Hank Davis has accepted a position as government affairs associate at Witt Global Partners, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C.

2016

Marianna Conrad, class chair

Susannah Bryant, a recent English and environmental studies major from Clinton, S.C., is a young adult volunteer serving with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in Zambia. For three years, Bryant co-moderated Spartanburg UKirk, the Presbyterian college student organization.

Luke Taylor Leftwich, a pitcher with the Lakewood, N.J., BlueClaws, tied a career high with 11 strikeouts on June 13. MLB.com also chose him as the South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week. The Lakewood BlueClaws is a Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phillies drafted Leftwich in 2015 as a seventh-round pick. Other Wofford baseball players recently drafted include **Matt Milburn**, who was drafted by the Oakland A's in the 29th round, and **Will Stillman**, who was selected by the San Diego Padres in the sixth round of the 2016 MLB Draft.



BOSSHARDT'S STILL RUNNING

From Wofford cross country and track to the United States Air Force Marathon Team

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

In 2007 during her junior season, Lauren Bosshardt '08 scored the first ever distance point for Wofford at the Southern Conference Track and Field meet. She was selected as a CoSIDA Academic All-American, and when she graduated she held eight college records (5K, 6K, indoor track mile, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters, and outdoor track 3,000 steeplechase, 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters). Now she's a U.S. Air Force physician (Capt. Bosshardt or Dr. Boss, her favorite) and a new member of the USAF Marathon Team.

"I continue to run because I have a passion for it. I dare say I may be addicted to it," says Bosshardt. "It has been the one constant in my life. Running picks me up when I'm feeling down. It's always there for me."

After Bosshardt graduated from Wofford, she spent four years in medical school at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She then completed her emergency medicine residency at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

"My grandfather is retired Army. I have always admired his character and his life experiences," says Bosshardt, who wanted to become a doctor but didn't relish leaving med school with massive debt. "The honor of serving this

unique patient population combined with the opportunity to have some amazing life experiences made enlisting an appealing choice."

Bosshardt applied to the USAF team after posting several winning race times while she was stationed at Osan Air Base in South Korea. She was selected to represent the Air Force in a region that covers most of Europe, where she's now stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath in England.

According to Bosshardt, the athletes who are selected for the team receive extra leave, paid travel, lodging, a uniform and entry to races.

"Most of the training will be on my own, which I'm used to, because the other five members of my team (a total of four men and two women) are at different bases in Europe," says Bosshardt. "Being a student-athlete at Wofford was a challenge that taught me countless lessons about self-discipline, time management and leadership. I think above all I value what it taught me about balancing work and life. It's helped me sustain my running passion through medical school, residency and now as a member of the USAF Marathon team."

IN MEMORIAM

1939

James H. Kelley, May 13, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Kelley retired from the accounting department at Sonoco Products. His family asks that memorials be made to Wofford College.

1941

Oren L. Brady Jr., June 24, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Brady served with the U.S. Army's 315th Bomb Wing in Guam from 1942 to 1946. He served as Spartanburg County treasurer for 20 years. After retirement Brady owned and operated Frame House Antiques in Campobello, where he previously served as mayor.

1944

Cecil Pearce Pate Jr., July 7, 2016, Winston-Salem, N.C. Pate served with the U.S. Marines from 1942 through 1945.

1947

The Rev. George W. Wannamaker, June 16, 2016, Powder Springs, Ga. During his sophomore year at Wofford, Wannamaker enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps to serve in World War II. He returned to Wofford after the war then went on to become a United Methodist minister and pursue a life dedicated to social justice.

1949

Bobby G. Collins, June 30, 2016, Anderson, S.C. Collins served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was director of benefits for Chatham Manufacturing, and he taught sociology and anthropology at Surry Community College. He was active in church and community and served on the board of directors for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Dr. Robert Edward Cuttino, June 23, 2016, Beaufort, S.C. The minister of Baptist Church of Beaufort for 10 years, Cuttino has been credited with starting 10 churches in the area. His career spanned 65 years, including service as president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Missions were a passion, and his travels took him to 33 countries. Cuttino co-founded Operation Good Neighbor, a program that brought racially diverse churches together to meet community needs.

L. Frederick Robertson, Aug. 8, 2016, Hendersonville, N.C. Robertson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for Wyeth Labs for 30 years. He was instrumental in the development and building of Gardner Acres swimming pool and tennis courts, and he volunteered for Crisis Assistance Ministries and Meals on Wheels in Gastonia.

Paul M. Wommack, June 19, 2016, Irmo, S.C. A World War II veteran, Wommack retired as manager from Bellsouth/AT&T after 35 years in sales and public relations. He also worked in the automotive industry.

1950

Hulon "Paw" Fagan, May 23, 2015, Belmont, N.C. Fagan owned and operated 13 Hulie's restaurants in the Southeast as well as Harrigan's restaurant and the Shrimp Boat in Asheville, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 through 1945.

Dr. Almon Leroy Way Jr., May 28, 2016, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Way was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, an international honor society in the social sciences, as a student at Wofford. He served in the U.S. Army's 317th Heavy Tank Battalion at Camp Polk, La., before becoming a teacher. Way was a beloved professor of history, geography, constitutional law and public policy.

1957

Stephen Jennings Huntley, June 6, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Huntley was a member of the basketball team at Wofford. He enjoyed a 40-year career in the retail industry, working for Efirds Department Store and Belk Hudson Co. Huntley helped establish the Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg.

1958

Beverly O'Neal Cochran Jr., July 22, 2016, Avondale Estates, Ga. Cochran was the former administrator and CEO of the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Ga. He was an early leader in integration in the Atlanta area and spent his career improving the lives of children who had been abused, abandoned or neglected.

1961

Dr. Glynn D. Coates, Feb. 8, 2016, Virginia Beach, Va. Coates retired after 30 years of service as a professor in the psychology department at Old Dominion University.

Harper D. Hawkins, July 12, 2016, Greenville, S.C. Hawkins was retired from Union Pacific Railroad after more than 30 years. His lifelong passions ranged from running and hiking to choral singing and the violin.

1962

Edwin Dean Long, June 18, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran, Long retired from the construction industry. He was active in the life of First Baptist Church of Spartanburg.

1963

Robert M. "Bobby" Hipp, June 6, 2016, Columbia, S.C. Hipp attended Wofford on a football scholarship. He served in the military for two years before working in sales until his death. He was active in church and community, including service as a mentor for children at Forest Lake Elementary School.

Joseph Leslie Hosman, May 13, 2016, Katy, Texas. A member of ROTC and the tennis team at Wofford, Hosman served in the U.S. Army

following graduation. He went on to a 30-year career as a computer systems analyst, spending considerable free time in service as an assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts.

1967

S. Keith Ammons, July 30, 2016, Columbia, S.C. Ammons played basketball at Wofford and went on to a career teaching students with visual impairments at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. He was an avid golfer.

James M. "Jim" Saleeby, June 27, 2016, Florence, S.C. Saleeby dedicated his career to family law and practiced in the Pee Dee area of South Carolina for more than 40 years.

1970

Richard M. Blum, July 28, 2016, Marion, S.C. Blum retired from the U.S. Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He spent 30 years with Horace Mann Insurance and was a charter member of the Red Man River Club.

Donald Allen Dean, May 22, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Dean had a heart attack while mowing a pasture at the family farm in Cannon's Campground. Dean played basketball at Wofford and went on to teach in the local schools, serve in the U.S. Air Force and work in economic development for the Office of the Governor. Dean spent 24 years working with the National Institutes of Health to identify the genes and pathways of his type of hereditary cancer. "The Dean's Genes" now are routinely studied in medical colleges. Dean loved Wofford athletics, and the family asks that memorials be made to the Wally Dean Scholarship Fund (in memory of Dean's father) at Wofford.

Bobby Key, June 2, 2016, Glendale, S.C. Key retired from Dave Edwards Toyota. He was active in his church and played the mandolin in the Band of Brothers gospel group.

1976

Dr. Gerald Kenneth Johnson, June 2, 2016, Manning, S.C. Johnson attended Wofford on both football and academic scholarships. He co-founded Pee Dee Emergency Medical Associates and later Santee Cooper Urgent Care. He was head B-team football coach at Laurence Manning Academy for many years and was the team physician for more than 20 years.

1981

Lawrence A. "Skip" Bryant Jr., Sept. 29, 2015, Charleston, S.C. Bryant worked in banking, government for the City of Charleston and business for Charleston Place.

1982

Jeffrey A. Johnson, Aug. 5, 2016, Conyers, Ga. Johnson held a master of divinity degree and a law degree. He served as a lay minister and attorney while pursuing an abundant life with family, friends and hobbies.

1993

Charles Thomas "Chuck" Mozingo, July 14, 2016, Rock Hill, S.C. A 10-year veteran of the Rock Hill Fire Department, Mozingo died after a battle with leukemia. Friends and co-workers called him "the gentle giant." His perfect day was fishing with his sons. As a student he was a standout defensive tackle and leader on the Terrier football team.

2017

Sarah MacGregor Ruffin, July 27, 2016, Winston-Salem, N.C. An environmental studies major and studio art minor at Wofford, Ruffin was serving as a recycling intern at Spartanburg County Solid Waste at the time of her death. Friends and classmates called her adventurous, creative and sincere. She had a strong commitment to achieve social justice for everyone.

Friends

Helen Hutto Brabham, May 13, 2016, Columbia, S.C. Brabham and her husband, the late Rev. William Walter Brabham, served South Carolina United Methodist Church for 45 years. She helped establish the William H. Brabham Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Wofford in 1985 in memory of her son, William H. Brabham '71.

Lue Cille B. Gibbs, May 28, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. The mother of Wofford trustee Jimmy Gibbs, Gibbs was the wife of the late Melvin "Razor" Gibbs Jr., the namesake of Wofford's Gibbs Stadium.

Alexander "Duke" Holloman, July 13, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Holloman was a campus safety officer at Wofford at the time of his death. He joined the Wofford community after retiring from the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Holloman was a graduate of Clemson University.

Dr. Matthew A. Stephenson Sr., Aug. 9, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Stephenson joined the Wofford faculty in 1963 and retired in 2000. During his tenure he held the T.B. Stackhouse Professorship in Economics and served as chairman of the department. He was largely credited with building the college's successful business economics program.

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RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS IN WILDLIFE BIOLOGY: S.C. WILDLIFE SOCIETY PRESENTS WILLIAMS WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

R. K. "Kenny" Williams '66 considers the South Carolina wetlands the best classroom in the world, and if that's the case, this master student and master teacher gets top marks.

In the spring the South Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognized Williams with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his nearly 50 years of service to the Southeast and the state as a certified wildlife biologist.

"Waterfowl habitat is my forte, but baseline reports for conservation easements have become a large part of what I've done. Over the past 20 years, I've probably done 65 to 70 different properties. I'm pleased with that," says Williams, who spent 10 years as a regional biologist with Ducks Unlimited before continuing his career as a land management consultant. Before that Williams worked for 22 years as the manager of Kinloch Plantation in Georgetown, S.C.

"Managing and protecting our green spaces are ways that we can offset the effects of population growth and urban sprawl," says Williams. "It's a matter of protecting water quality, air quality and wildlife habitats. You can't protect enough wildlife habitat and green space."

Williams says he majored in biology at Wofford at a time when most biology majors became doctors. He took a different path that led him to Auburn University for a master's degree.

"When I first went to work in the Santee Delta in 1969, until about 1986, we had a tremendous population of waterfowl — green-wing teal, diving ducks, northern pintail, American wigeon — but they have dwindled. The continental population, however, is at an all-time high," he says. "My theory is that the most successful conservation plan ever conceived — the North American Waterfowl Management Plan — coupled with global warming has created a short-stopping phenomenon."

Williams explains that improved habitat conditions and milder temperatures in northern climates have created conditions that make it attractive for waterfowl to migrate lesser distances. "Mallards can now spend the whole winter in Manitoba if they're not pushed out by snow cover and freeze-up."

Although semi-retired Williams still enjoys monitoring conservation easement lands, doing field trips and workshops for college students, and speaking to groups about wetland ecology. He also loves spending time with his children and grandchildren.

"I've enjoyed my career and continue to enjoy every bit of it," he says, "except maybe for the mosquitoes."

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SEPT. 23-24	Family Weekend	NOV. 29	Jacksonville Alumni Gathering
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NOV. 1	Atlanta Alumni Gathering	JAN. 8-20, 2017	South Africa Alumni Interim
NOV. 1	Terrier Club Upstate Invitational	JAN. 7-17, 2017	Baja & The Riviera
NOV. 4	Terrier Club Volleyball Reunion	JAN. 14-22, 2017	Argentina Alumni Interim
NOV. 9	Columbia Alumni & Admission Gathering	MAY 23-JUNE 1, 2017	Vineyards & Vignettes
NOV. 11-12	Wofford vs. Chattanooga Bus Trip	OCT. 7-17, 2017	Mediterranean Radiance

The archivist's list of the
TOP 10 FACULTY MEMBERS
 in Wofford's history

by Dr. Phillip Stone '94, college archivist

This is not a list of the best teachers. That's such a subjective question, and not many people would be able to compare the teaching abilities of each of the faculty members on this list. Rather, this list has on it individuals who, in the course of their time at Wofford, had a significant influence on some aspect of the college. Some were the leading scholars in their fields. Some brought something new to the college. Some had influence as the mentors for a generation of alumni. To avoid making judgments about the living, everyone on this list is deceased.

H. DONALD DOBBS,

professor of biology from 1955 to 1995, started the careers of a generation of physicians. His Biology 111 course made him respected, loved and feared. Alumni still tell Don Dobbs stories at reunion events. He was part of a generation of faculty members who built the strong programs in the sciences we have at Wofford today.

JOHN W. HARRINGTON,

professor of geology from 1963 to 1981, was an innovative teacher. He also had a significant impact on his students, and his books, "To See a World" and "Dance of the Continents," were organized around trying to get his readers to understand science. More than teaching science, Harrington mentored students and taught a way of looking at the world and understanding it.

JAMES A. CHILES,

professor of German from 1914 to 1947, wrote widely adopted German textbooks, including "First Book in German" and "German Prose Composition." While at Wofford he founded a group called Deutscher Verein, which evolved into the national German honor society Delta Phi Alpha. Wofford holds the alpha chapter.

DAVID DUNCAN WALLACE,

Class of 1894, professor of history from 1899 to 1947, was a prolific author and scholar and was by all accounts the leading South Carolina historian of his day. He returned to Wofford after earning his Ph.D. in history at Vanderbilt, and his four-volume "History of South Carolina" is detailed enough that no one will ever write anything like it again. He also wrote the centennial history of Wofford.

CHARLES F. NESBITT,

Class of 1922, professor of religion from 1939 to 1966, taught and influenced a generation of clergy in and around South Carolina. With his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Nesbitt helped transform the teaching of religion by bringing critical commentary and analysis to teaching Biblical and other topics.



CONSTANCE ARMITAGE ANTONSEN,

associate professor of fine arts. Antonsen began teaching art history courses at Wofford in 1962 and continued well into the 1990s. She was not the first woman to teach at Wofford, but she was one of the first instructors to teach courses in art history, opening up some new subject materials to a student body that had not often been exposed to them. She was a legend, with oft-told stories of her exploits saving artifacts from the Nazis during World War II. She also taught fencing and was active in national Republican Party affairs.

LEWIS P. JONES,

Class of 1938, professor of history from 1946 to 1987, was the first holder of the William R. Kenan Jr. professorship. He was a widely published author, an expert in South Carolina and local history and a leading member of the faculty in the late 20th century. He also was remembered as one of the outstanding teachers at the college.

KENNETH D. COATES,

professor of English from 1928 to 1969. Along with his longevity, Coates helped start creative and journalistic writing at Wofford and guided student publications. He edited the Spartanburg Journal during World War II and also edited the college's World War II alumni newsletter. In his older years, he relished his role as a campus character.

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