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« Celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Ditan Temple Fair

Brandon Berardo '17, a Chinese major from Clover, S.C., is studying abroad in Beijing this spring.

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



This issue of Wofford Today is near and dear to my heart.

During January we asked the college's alumni base to nominate unsung heroes from among their ranks — people who are doing important work to make our communities safer, healthier, more educated and more economically sound. We received dozens of nominations as well as notes of appreciation from

many others. It's been incredibly rewarding to read the stories that have come from this initiative, and we are committed to telling these stories long into the future.

In addition to our unsung heroes campaign, the college continues to celebrate the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, a project funded by the Romill Foundation that will link the college more closely with the Northside and Glendale communities while considering important sustainability issues on campus. College students have a tremendous capacity to influence change; that's why we have a responsibility to address issues such as sustainability and community resilience. We are already in the process of hiring an energy metering and monitoring manager and faculty to teach in this area, and we look forward to developing a residence hall and new living and learning community in the Northside in the next few years.

You also will find amazing Interim photos in this issue that will make you long for an Interim experience of your own. In particular, read the story on Yukun Peng '16, who found her passion for computer science and game design thanks to Wofford Interims.

It continues to be a transformative academic year, and we at Wofford College appreciate your continued interest, support and encouragement.

Go, Terriers!

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President Samhat throws out the first pitch of the season at the Kentucky game. Wofford won the game against the Wildcats 5-4.

Photo by Trent Brock '13

IT'S YOUR WORLD. CLIMB IT.

During Interim Jordan Thomas '16, a chemistry major from Boiling Springs, S.C., explored the world vertically, discovering himself (and some new muscles) between rocks and hard places. Ben Cartwright, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, and Dr. Kim Rostan, associate professor of English, taught the class.





THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

A. CELEBRATING THE "UNSELFIE" ON GIVING TUESDAY

Wofford celebrated Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) by making gifts to the college and posting "unselfies" on social media. An anonymous group of Great Oaks Society donors issued a \$30,000 challenge if Wofford could secure 300 donors in 24 hours. The college community met the challenge with 541 donors giving a total of \$110,939.

To read more about #WoCoGivingTuesday, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

B. APO CELEBRATES GOLD ANNIVERSARY

Established in 1966, the Pi Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, celebrated 50 years at Wofford in February. Sixty-three alumni gathered on campus to rededicate the chapter and share stories of service and friendship. The organization recently held its spring recruitment and continues to sponsor charity events such as Relay for Life and the Wofford Dance Marathon.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. RANKINGS VALIDATE WOFFORD'S PLACE AT THE TOP

Wofford does a lot of things well, and recent accolades confirm that. The college has been recognized for its study abroad participation by the Open Doors 2015 report, for its affordability by Kiplinger's Personal Finance and as an institution that gives students the "best bang" for their buck by the Princeton Review. In the fall, The New York Times also ranked Wofford among the "Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students."

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. MSNBC REPORTS LIVE ON ELECTION 2016 FROM CAMPUS

MSNBC broadcast LIVE from Wofford's campus on Friday, Feb. 19, leading up to the South Carolina Republican Presidential Primary on Feb. 20 and the Democratic Presidential Primary on Feb. 27. Wofford's own Craig Melvin '01, NBC reporter and current Wofford trustee, was the anchor. The broadcast included interviews with Wofford student representatives from both political parties as well as a conversation with Wofford President Nayef Samhat and Professor Robert Jeffrey.

E. WOFFORD RECEIVES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

Wofford has received three grants, totaling more than \$83,500, including a \$75,000 planning grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, to identify and advance academic civic engagement. The college's "Growing Greener" program received \$6,000 from the TD Charitable Foundation, and the Mary Black Foundation made a \$2,500 grant to Wofford's Arcadia Volunteer Corps to fund the Nutrition Now program.

Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. DABBING IN GOLD, BLACK AND PANTHERS' BLUE

The Wofford Terriers showed their love of the Carolina Panthers in February with a gold, black and Panthers' blue photo on the steps of Main Building. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the local community gathered to smile, point and dab for the NFC Championship Panthers. Because of the Panthers' successful season, Wofford is expecting a record number of fans on campus this summer for training camp. It can't come soon enough!

G. PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR RETURNS

Phifer Nicholson '16, Wofford's 2015-16 Presidential International Scholar, has landed back on campus to finish his senior year. Last semester he spent a month in Istanbul, Turkey, three months in northern Israel and three weeks in Palestine studying how interpersonal interactions can subvert narratives that exist about "the other." After his travels he says he hopes to live a life that embodies service to humanity.

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

H. WOFFORD BEGINS WOMEN'S LACROSSE PROGRAM

The college has named Ceri Miller head coach of the new women's lacrosse team. The inaugural season of competition for the program will be in the spring of 2018. Miller is in her third season as the head coach of the women's lacrosse program at Goucher College in Maryland. She will complete the 2016 season with the Gophers before joining the Terriers.

Read more about Miller and women's lacrosse at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »



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UNLEASHED

Delta Delta Delta sorority raises funds each year for childhood cancer research. One way that they do that is through their annual Smooch the Pooch event. This year Dr. Clayton Whisnant, Chapman Associate Professor of History, was selected to kiss a Boston Terrier during a men's basketball game.



The
POWER
of the
GIFT

Announcing the
Milliken Sustainability Initiative
at Wofford College

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
and Laura Hendrix Corbin

ROMILL FOUNDATION MAKES \$4.25 MILLION GIFT TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

On Thursday, Dec. 3, in front of Wofford’s historic Main Building, in the heart of the Roger Milliken Arboretum, surrounded by noble trees and the noble people who continue to support the important work of Wofford College, President Nayef Samhat announced a \$4.25 million gift from the Romill Foundation to establish the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College. The Romill Foundation is the private foundation of the Milliken family, and Roger Milliken’s daughters, Jan and Nancy Milliken, made the gift and shared this message with the Wofford community:

Our Dad loved Wofford.

He believed that with a Wofford education, graduates could and would bring positive change to the world. We believe he would be thrilled that Wofford has embraced the challenge of addressing important environmental and community sustainability opportunities on the campus and in its curriculum, in the local community and globally. These are issues on which he focused great thought and advocacy in the last decades of his life.

Our Dad always believed that the success of Wofford and of Spartanburg were intertwined, so he would be particularly pleased with the current partnership between the campus and the community, which is integral to Wofford’s inspiring sustainability vision.

We look forward to seeing the great progress that will emerge from this initiative long into the future.

“Roger Milliken wanted his epitaph to read, simply, ‘Builder,’ and he was,” says Samhat. “He held, examined and added his design thinking and insight to virtually every blueprint for every building and landscape project at Wofford College during his 48-year tenure on the Board of Trustees. We are honored that his daughters, through the Romill Foundation, are carrying on his legacy of service to the college and community.”

Read more about the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »



The
**MILLIKEN
SUSTAINABILITY
INITIATIVE**
AT WOFFORD COLLEGE

GRANT AMOUNT:
\$4.25 million from the Romill Foundation

SUPPORTING:
Environmental and community sustainability

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:15 p.m., Wofford College

The grant will fund the following key components:

ASSESSING THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- An energy metering system for campus buildings
- An energy manager
- A plan to use the realized savings for student innovation and future improvements

LEARNING IN THE LANDSCAPE

- A student residence hall within the Northside community
- A student living-learning community focused on sustainability
- New internships and partnership opportunities with organizations in the Northside and Glendale communities
- New courses that expand learning in environmental and community sustainability
- Community-based research program
- Two new faculty — one in community sustainability and one in environmental sustainability

INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

- Startup funds for social entrepreneurship projects to address community sustainability in collaboration with community partners

“Every day the Northside moves toward becoming its best self. Although this grant has many components, the one I am most excited about is the student residence hall that will be located in the heart of the Northside neighborhood. This shows significant faith in our community and in our efforts to find creative ways to strengthen both the Northside and the greater Spartanburg communities. Wofford is putting its money where its mouth is, and our community and Wofford College will both reap the benefits.”

Tony Thomas, president of the Northside Neighborhood Association and a member of the Northside Voyagers, a grassroots community development group

“Local realities are essential considerations for sustainability. That’s one reason I am excited about exploring its meaning in communities that are different, even within the bounds of Spartanburg. Glendale, where Wofford has put down roots over the past several years with the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, has a deep history on the banks of the beautiful Lawson’s Fork Creek, while Butterfly Creek on the Northside has been piped underground for decades and is set to emerge as a new community asset. The challenges are different, but the goals are the same — to find how best to seek innovative and courageous approaches to making a sustainable future that integrates our natural environment with our needs and dreams as citizens.”

Dr. Kaye Savage, associate professor and chair of Wofford’s Environmental Studies Department

“Roger Milliken loved slogans, but he also loved ideas, implemented and concretized. Through the implementation of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, we can expand on and enhance an idea that Roger Milliken and horticulturalist Dr. Michael Dirr began propagating in the 1980s — that of the Noble Tree ... but what does it really mean to be noble, or to be sustainable? That is the question Wofford students, faculty, staff and administration will work out over the next generations with the assistance of this enduring gift.”

John Lane, professor and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center



FOLLOWING THE BREAD CRUMBS

*Wofford Interims help Peng find her passion for
computer animation and game design*

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89



Yukun Peng '16, a native of Beijing, China, took her first computer class — Introduction to Game Design — during Interim of her sophomore year.

“I realized when I sat for six straight hours, not moving, just coding, that I had found my major and maybe even my future,” says Peng. “When I’m old and have children, they will be proud to say, ‘Hey, my mom is a game designer.’”

“PEOPLE DON’T ALWAYS EXPECT POWER IN A SMALL FIGURE,” SAYS PENG, WHO STANDS RIGHT AT FIVE FEET TALL. “THE FILM SHOWS THAT YOU NEVER KNOW THE POWER THAT SOMEONE HAS WITHIN.”

Peng already has a substantial portfolio, one that grew again this Interim. She took Computer Animation with Maya, taught by Dr. Dave Sykes, chair of the Department of Computer Science, the same professor who inspired Peng to major in computer science and pursue a career in game design.

“My main job is to teach students to learn on their own so they can accomplish what they want to,” says Sykes. “Students like Yukun are creative and do that so well.”

During Interim 2016 Peng created “Predator,” a short film that tells the story of a little girl walking in the snow. She stops to wipe snow off of a sculpture and unleashes a Youkai (Japanese spirit monster). The Youkai follows the little girl, picking up and eating the crumbs she leaves while walking and snacking. The Youkai grows as it eats, and when there are no crumbs left to consume, it opens its huge, toothy mouth to gobble up the little girl. The screen goes black. The little girl screams ... then laughs. When the animation resumes, the viewer discovers that the little girl was actually another Youkai who devours the Youkai that attacked her.

“People don’t always expect power in a small figure,” says Peng, who stands right at five feet tall. “The film shows that you never know the power that someone has within.”

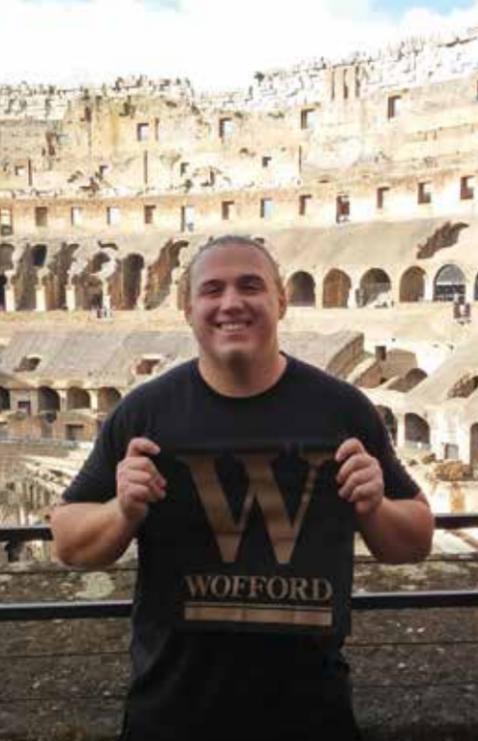
According to Sykes, to complete their animated shorts, students in the class were required to submit a proposal, identify tasks, develop storyboards as well as a plan and project timeline, share their work with the class for feedback, and polish their films for a final presentation.

“During the second week of class, one of the students joked that even if he doesn’t finish the month with a complete animation, he will have learned a lot about problem solving,” says Sykes. “That’s what I like to hear.”

This was the first experience with the Autodesk Maya program for all 20 students in the Interim. In addition to writing all of the code for her film, Peng drew the figures and scenes in the animation. The experience helped Peng solidify her plan to major in game design with an emphasis on production and computer graphics during graduate school.

To view Peng’s animated short film, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »





WHAT CLASSROOM?

INTERIM 2016 OPENS THE DOOR TO POSSIBILITY

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

World-famous fashion stylist Jeff Kim '09 travels the world with some of Hollywood's best-dressed celebrities — Michael B. Jordan, Katy Perry, Zhang Ziyi, Zoë Kravitz, Matt Damon, Sasha Pieterse, Julianne Moore, Jamie-Lynn Sigler — the list goes on and on. And it all started when he worked Fashion Week during a Wofford Interim internship experience. A business economics and Spanish major, Kim originally planned to become an attorney. Interim changed that.

Every year Wofford students have opportunities to focus on a single topic designed to expand the walls of the traditional classroom, explore new and untried topics, take academic risks, observe issues in action, develop capabilities for independent learning and consider different peoples, places and professional opportunities. Interim 2016 was no different.



REFLECTIONS ON INTERIM IN IRELAND

Since 1978, Wofford students have traveled to Ireland during Interim. They still take photos with sheep; they still eat loads of potatoes; they still stand on the Cliffs of Moher; they still fall in love with their bus driver; and they still reflect on their experiences. This year Kelsey Aylor '18 and Sarah Madden '17, two of the students who traveled to Ireland with Dr. Natalie Grinnell, professor of English, and Dr. Mark Byrnes, associate professor of history, shared a tongue-in-cheek point and counterpoint on the benefits of studying abroad, particularly in Ireland. Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.



LIVING IN A MICROBIAL WORLD

For the month of January, future health care professionals and researchers studied something that they could not see — microorganisms — and to do it, they had to swab their navels and behind their ears. According to Wofford biology faculty Dr. Stefanie Baker and Dr. Natalie Spivey, understanding the relationship between “man and microbes” is important because some cause deadly diseases such as cholera and Ebola, while others are used to make cheese or beer or to remove pollutants from the environment. Read more about the class’s microbial month at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.



MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE

Students who wanted to explore careers in fashion shared sewing machines with students who simply wanted to learn a practical skill during the Measure Twice, Cut Once Interim taught by Dr. Catherine Schmitz, associate professor of French. What they all discovered was that sewing is hard, cloth selection is important and the art of sewing carries historical, social and economic importance that they never considered until Interim. The class particularly enjoyed practicing their new skills by making pajamas for children at the Hope Center for Children in Spartanburg.



WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN FARM & TABLE?

Will Ross '16, an accounting and finance major from Philadelphia, Pa., enjoys a good meal, but now he knows more about where that food comes from and how it makes its way from farm to table. "Our class explored alternatives to the supermarket," says Ross. "Supplementing your diet with fresh, local foods is healthy and supports local farmers and businesses." Diane Farley, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, introduced the group to area farmers. She helped them examine the history of local foods and discover the significance of those foods and the processes by which they are made.



WOFFORD BASEBALL TAKES ON ITALY

Wofford is committed to providing students with a global learning experience, regardless of their field of study, socioeconomic background or athletics or co-curricular activities ... and the college's baseball team is proof. The team postponed preseason training for a few weeks to take a group trip to Italy over Interim to study the history, culture and religion of the Rome, Florence and Venice areas. To read more about the team's study abroad experience, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.



INDEPENDENT IN SWEDEN

In addition to on-campus projects and opportunities to study abroad, another group of Wofford students uses the month to intern, do research or complete independent projects. Jennifer Espenschied '18, a native of Hilliard, Ohio, spent the month in Sweden doing an independent study of the national health care system. She observed hospital practices and talked with doctors, nurses and patients. She says that in addition to giving her a basis for comparing socialized medicine to the capitalist system in the United States, the experience allowed her to experience a different way of life. The independent project solidified her plans to pursue a future in the medical field.



The Amazing IMPACT OF GIFT PLANNING

In 1992, Homozel Mickel Daniel left \$12.25 million in her will to Wofford College. The college used the funds to build on its endowed scholarship program. Now hundreds of students have benefited from Daniel's planned gift, and hundreds more benefit from other scholarships established through gift planning initiatives.

The Benjamin Wofford Society, formerly the Legacy Society, recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans. Few people have the opportunity to leave the kind of legacy that Benjamin Wofford did; however, more than 160 years after his death, we honor Wofford alumni and friends who follow his example and make a lasting impact on the Wofford community through membership in the Benjamin Wofford Society.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89 and Kelsey Aylor '18

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The impact of the William J. and Allene Neely Bennett Endowed Scholarship on Matt Watts '08

A year ago at this time, Matt Watts '08 was leading health programs for children with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver: how to brush teeth, how to handle peer pressure, how to garden and cook, how to stay safe on the Internet, how to form healthy relationships ... you name it, he taught it. Now he's using the many tools he's developed through the years to continue his service to children as assistant site director of the Cole Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

"During my time at Wofford, I was a resident assistant. I discovered a passion for mentoring younger people so that they live healthy, fun and enriching lives," says Watts. "I knew then that I would choose a career that impacts youth. I want to support youth who need it ... to make sure that their today is better than their yesterday and that their tomorrow is even better than today."

After Wofford, Watts worked in youth ministry for two years at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. While there he made contact with the United Methodist Church in Tanzania. He lived there a year with the Morogoro United Methodist Church. In 2012 he moved to Denver, Colo., to be a part of the African Community Center, a group that worked with refugees who settled in the area. He has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver since 2013.

Watts, who held a William J. and Allene Neely Bennett Endowed Scholarship at Wofford, says that the financial support he received to attend Wofford makes his current life and work possible.

"I'm grateful because the scholarships I had to attend Wofford allowed me to get a great education and not walk out of college with too many loans," says Watts. "I did not have to forgo my dreams and passions for the sake of money."

Watts married Nicole Golder Watts on Aug. 1, 2015. Both are committed to enriching the lives of children daily in Denver.

The impact of the W. Dean Cannon '50 Endowed Scholarship on Steven Cornelier '17 and Brandon Curtis '17

Steven Cornelier '17 and Brandon Curtis '17 have a lot in common. They're both from Florida, both juniors at Wofford, both defensive ends for the Terriers and both recipients of the W. Dean Cannon '50 Endowed Scholarship.

Cornelier transferred to Wofford to pursue more rigorous academics and play football for the Terriers. An accounting and finance major from Jacksonville, he was named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll and has served as an FCA student leader.

"I would not have been able to attend Wofford without my scholarship," says Cornelier. "Wofford has been good for me, especially the professors. They are so helpful and accessible."

During the past summer, Cornelier completed a management internship with Waffle House. He says it was hard work, but the lessons he learned were invaluable. After graduation, Cornelier will be working with Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C.

When Curtis, a business economics major from Bushnell, began looking at colleges, he knew he wanted to attend one that would provide him with the best academics, not just a great football program. He found his fit at Wofford.

"I'm sorry that Mr. Cannon has passed away, because I would love to thank him and tell him how much I appreciate his trust in me and Wofford College," says Curtis. "I wish I could have gotten to know him."

In addition to his involvement with the college's athletics program, Curtis has served as a summer counselor for Black Boys of Distinction, a mentoring program for young African-American men held on Wofford's campus each summer. He says all of his experiences at Wofford have helped him grow and mature.

"A Wofford education makes you look at both sides of everything," says Curtis. "I was shy when I first came to Wofford, but thanks to caring coaches and professors, I can now talk about anything with anyone. I'm grateful."

The impact of the W. Emory Burnett Endowed Scholarship on Stacey Mangan '15

Stacey Mangan '15 has been using her experiences during her time at Wofford to aid her in the classroom. The former cross-country student-athlete is now teaching social studies at Byrnes High School in Spartanburg, S.C. During her time at Wofford, Mangan was able to compete in collegiate athletics, study abroad and create and implement a fitness program for students at Arcadia Elementary School.

Mangan says that none of this would have been possible had she not received the W. Emory Burnett Endowed Scholarship. "I would not have been able to attend Wofford, and I would have lost the opportunity to grow as a person in so many different forums," says Mangan. "My whole Wofford experience was meaningful, and through my professors' support I emerged as someone who was ready to take on the education world."

The impact of the S. Hart '31 and Margaret Bishop Booth Endowed Scholarship on Ashley O'Cain '16

Despite being a Wofford legacy, Ashley O'Cain '16 never understood her grandfather's diehard support of the college until she visited the campus during her senior year of high school. O'Cain, a biology major from Greenville, S.C., says that from the moment she stepped on the campus, "the sense of community was evident." Now in her senior year, the S. Hart '31 and Margaret Bishop Booth Endowed Scholarship recipient has flourished and tried her hardest to give back to the community.

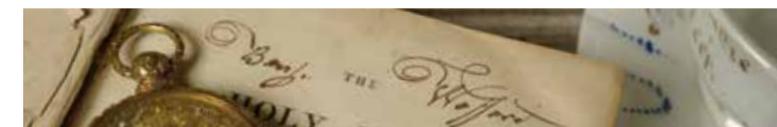
O'Cain always has been passionate about music and has spent a large portion of her college career in the music program. She is currently involved in Wofford Singers and in Goldtones. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta

fraternity and also has participated in The Space to Impact competition with a project meant to provide glucose monitors for Type 1 diabetics in areas with limited medical access. She is thankful for her scholarship because it has allowed her to receive an education without putting a huge financial burden on her parents.

The impact of the Sarah S. Butler Endowed Scholarship on Sheron Mathew '17

Sheron Mathew '17 chose Wofford because of the college's academic reputation and the small student-to-faculty ratio. "I really value the time spent with my professors," he says. "The open communication and academic challenge that they offer are very important to me." Mathew, a biology and Spanish major from Spartanburg, serves as vice president of APO service fraternity. He co-chaired the Wofford Dance Marathon to raise funds for the Greenville Children's Hospital. He started his own freelance photography business, Shisam Productions, and works as a photographer for the Bohemian, Wofford's yearbook.

Mathew, a Sarah S. Butler scholar, has worked as a volunteer intern in the emergency room at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He plans to attend graduate school to become a physician's assistant after he graduates from Wofford.



NEW FACES IN GIFT PLANNING & ADVANCEMENT

This year Smith Patterson '67 and Ed Story, two longtime staff members of the Office of Advancement, celebrated their retirement. Patterson retired as director of gift planning after 25 years of loyal service to Wofford College. Story rounded out a successful career in higher education development at Wofford, serving as associate vice president and director of development for 23 years.

"We deeply appreciate the loyal service of both Smith Patterson and Ed Story," says Dr. David Wood, senior vice president for advancement. "The campus community will benefit from the fruits of their labor for generations to come."

Lisa Harrison De Freitas '88 has taken over as the new director of gift planning at Wofford. She brings 26 years of experience in the field of advancement to her new role. She is eager to meet with the Wofford family to talk about ways planned gifts can be mutually beneficial to the college and individual donors.

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Other new faces in advancement include Dina Roberts and Matthew Roos, both leadership gift officers. Roberts joined the Office of Advancement in May. She worked in communications and development for Auburn University, her alma mater, and Tulane University. Roos previously served as director of alumni affairs at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. He is married to Lynze Roos, the head coach of Wofford's volleyball team.



- « Matt Watts (left) spent a year in Tanzania with the Morogoro United Methodist Church before returning to the States to work with youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.
- » Brandon Curtis (middle) plays defensive end for the Terriers. He wishes he could thank his scholarship donor personally.
- » Stacey Mangan (right) teaches social studies at Byrnes High School. She says she would not have been able to attend Wofford without her scholarship.

2015 ADVANCEMENT YEAR IN REVIEW



ANNUAL GIVING - NOW THE WOFFORD FUND -



In 2015 Wofford broke ground on three new game-changing facilities:
The new **GREEK VILLAGE**
The **ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
The **JERRY RICHARDSON INDOOR STADIUM**

SENIOR GIVING CAMPAIGN

186 seniors (50% of the Class of 2015) made their first gift to the college before their graduation, *setting a new senior giving record!*

#WoCoGivingTuesday on Dec. 1, 2015

541 donors gave **\$110,939**
+ **\$38,000** challenge donation
= **\$148,939 TOTAL!**

WOFFORD ON CALL

\$651,509 raised
3,068 pledges received

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- Average commitment of \$212
- 16,824 phone calls



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- GIFTS TOTAL -
93% increase from 2014

3,519
ALUMNI DONORS

1,010
PARENT DONORS

106
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112
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members

416
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RECORD YEAR!**
\$327,200 raised
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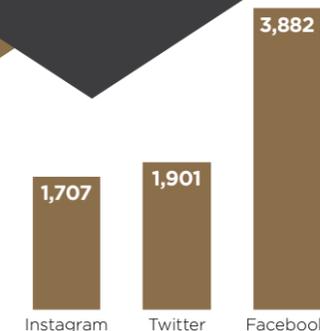
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MERIT, NEED AND
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

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23 CITIES
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THE WOFFORD FUND

ADVANCING THE COLLEGE



by Ryann Kroske McCall '13

ON JAN. 1, 2016, THE WOFFORD COLLEGE ANNUAL FUND BECAME THE WOFFORD FUND.

While there's a new name and a new look, the vision and purpose remain the same: to offer support that prepares superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars.

The Wofford Fund is composed of annual gifts that support projects, programs and other priorities critical to the advancement of Wofford College. Simply put, The Wofford Fund gathers and spreads support, touching everyone and everything on campus.

WHAT DOES THE WOFFORD FUND SUPPORT?

Area of Greatest Need — These gifts make an immediate impact, allowing the college to respond swiftly and flexibly to changing circumstances.

Faculty & Staff Development — These gifts enrich the teaching and mentoring relationships that are the hallmark of the Wofford experience. They create opportunities for research, collaboration and community engagement. They also support the recruitment and retention of the best faculty and staff in the field.

Library & Technology — Formerly the Friends of the Library, this designation to The Wofford Fund enhances the collections, materials, services and resources of the Sandor Teszler Library. Because technology and research are a vital part of the library's services, the fund also supports cutting-edge educational technology centers across campus that serve the research needs of our students and faculty.

Scholarship Support — Gifts to scholarship support ensure that Wofford continues to provide a superior, transformative liberal arts education to the brightest students, regardless of their financial situation.

Student Experiences — These gifts fund opportunities for research, internships, professional development, study abroad and other opportunities that allow students to explore their passions, refine their professional skills and engage with the community and world around them.

GREAT OAKS SOCIETY DONORS LEAD THE WOFFORD FUND

Donors who give at the leadership level (\$2,500 or more annually) to The Wofford Fund are invited to join The Great Oaks Society. Named for the stately oaks that shelter our campus, The Great Oaks Society includes special recognition and events each year for members. Young alumni may join at a discounted rate: \$750 or more annually for graduates of the past five years or \$1,250 or more annually for graduates of the past six to 10 years.

THE TERRIER CLUB CONTINUES TO PROVIDE GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

Annual gifts to the Terrier Club combine with the athletics endowment and proceeds from fundraising events such as the Terrier Ball and Wofford Invitational golf tournaments to provide game-changing athletics, academics and student experiences for the college's 323 student-athletes.

All donations to the Terrier Club go toward scholarships for Wofford College student-athletes. The Terrier Club gift year runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Giving levels are the same as for The Wofford Fund, but the Terrier Club offers additional membership benefits, which may include parking, priority seating and discounted tickets. Visit wofford.edu/terrierclub to learn more.

GIVING LEVELS

Giving-level membership is based on gifts received during the calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) and is calculated as a total of gifts to all funds at the college, including The Wofford Fund, the Terrier Club, endowment support and capital gifts. Please note that President's Circle membership is extended to those who give between \$1,500 and \$2,499 in the calendar year. Giving-level benefits for The Wofford Fund and Terrier Club are based on contributions to each individual fund. In the case of married Wofford alumni, both spouses receive giving-level credit for their cumulative gift. Matching gifts also are included in individual totals.

Partner	\$1-\$249
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Trustee's Circle	\$5,000-\$9,999
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Cornerstone Circle	\$25,000-\$49,999
Bell Tower Circle	\$50,000-\$99,999
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INSPIRATIONAL STORIES OF WOFFORD ALUMNI MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89 and Kelsey Aylor '18

In January, Wofford President Nayef Samhat sent out a notice to Wofford graduates asking for stories of unsung heroes from within the Wofford alumni family. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Stories came in of Peace Corps volunteers, teachers, coaches, clergy, volunteer firefighters, military personnel, public defenders and health care professionals, among many others.

Some people sent in notes of praise for the idea even if they did not suggest a particular graduate to feature. "I greatly appreciate your direction on this project to

spotlight Wofford heroes. Any initiative to recognize, inspire and elevate our Wofford family is good medicine for the world," wrote Barton Aiken '80 in one such message.

Samplings of the stories of unsung heroes are included here. Others are listed online, and still others will turn up in future issues of Wofford Today. Please keep the stories coming. If you have a recommendation of an unsung hero from the Wofford community, please share. Send stories to woffordtoday@wofford.edu or call 864-597-4183.



CORRECTIONAL CHAPLAIN MIKE BROWN '72: SHARING GOD'S SHALOM IN PRISON

On a rainy and cool day in December, Chaplain Mike Brown '72 stepped out of his car on Wofford's campus. It was a workday, and he was between stops. He had just picked up the remains of an inmate that he would return to Columbia for a memorial service and the spreading of the ashes in an inmate cemetery. His next stop was Livesay Correctional Institution to talk with the chaplain there. Wofford was close, and the visit brought back good memories.

"I couldn't resist a quick stop at my alma mater," says Brown, whose lifelong call as a correctional chaplain began during a Wofford summer internship. "Wofford College offered me the opportunity to critically look at what I wanted to do with my life. I became a lifelong learner with a zest for involvement in the community. Of course, it led me to prison for life (he grins), but here I get to watch people grow and change in positive ways, people whose lives have been horribly fractured by their behavior. There's a deep satisfaction in that."

During his 41-year career in the ministry, Brown has served as a church pastor, hostage negotiator, industrial chaplain, hospital chaplain and Army chaplain in addition to his almost 40 years of work as a correctional chaplain. The experiences have led to pastoral care in the extreme circumstances of executions and for military units at war. Although Brown has retired from military service, he still keeps the list close at hand of the 110 soldiers who died in the units he served.

"It's been an honor to walk with people in the midst," says Brown, who has done more than his share of notifications and funeral services. "Life is fragile, and it's been my task to strengthen and encourage people to face their reality.

It's the only way that they can be at peace and do the work that they need to do."

Brown's kindness and calm demeanor preach peace more effectively than any sermon. He has promised to perform a memorial service for a pagan soldier in case he became a casualty of war. He has served the final communion to people awaiting execution, and he supervises religious programming for an interfaith setting, which includes Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Wiccans, Hindus, Buddhists, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Asatrus and Rastafarians.

"Christ calls us to love, not judge," says Brown, who believes that there is no question that a faith and a faith community help people grow positively through their time in a correctional system.

Brown retired a few years ago, but returned to work because of the need. Even now, the South Carolina state prison system currently has three openings for chaplains. According to Brown, correctional chaplains not only go through seminary training, but they also must do clinical pastoral training. There is no typical day, and each of the state's 24 institutions is uniquely different. In addition, Brown serves as one of four captains in leadership for the state's nationally recognized hostage negotiation crisis response team.

Although Brown has been involved in a variety of intense situations, he says that he has never felt threatened.

"I just turned 66. I'm not on any prescriptions, and my blood pressure is 120 over 80," says Brown. "God's shalom is a powerful thing."



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LIVING FROM HER CORE: ROUSE THRIVES ALONGSIDE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON

Lanecia Rouse '00 understands the dark night of the soul.

"When I was at Lake Junaluska, I felt strongly that I had been created and called to do something creative for God and for the world. I'd seen glimpses of that, but nothing in the organized church where all of my training and experience were. I was actually considering leaving the ministry to pursue photography," says Rouse. "Then I met two visionary pastors from Houston, Texas, somewhere I never thought I'd end up, and received an opportunity to bring joy, life and beauty to the world while participating in God's healing and restoration work."

In 2011 Rouse became the project manager for The Art Project, Houston (TAPH), an organization that facilitates the recovery and discovery of the creative self for individuals experiencing homelessness and who are in transition in Houston.

"It was a nice marriage of ministry, the arts and community development," says Rouse.

In her new role, Rouse has worked with people like Solo, a military veteran with an accounting degree who ended up on the streets of Houston. Through the therapeutic art process, he was empowered to create beautiful masterpieces and dream of a new future. Solo is now a tattoo artist in north Texas with a wife and daughter. Another of Rouse's success stories is Ms. C, who lives under the bridge near the center. Ms. C has used the art project to, in her words, "feel less depressed." She paints, creates pottery and makes beautiful greeting cards, which she sells to support both herself and the ongoing work of TAPH.

"For her, art is a form of prayer," says Rouse. "She still lives under the bridge, but she has a shine and a newness about her. Ms. C can now have conversations about money and a life off the streets that she could not have before."

According to Rouse, TAPH is important because it provides creative space and resources for people in the community who are disenfranchised and underrepresented.

"This is a safe, beautiful and affirming community for people who don't have the privilege to go buy art supplies," says Rouse.

Looking back, Rouse realizes that the education she received at Wofford, especially her major in sociology, was formative in shaping her relationships with the demographics to which she has been called.

"A lot of my work has been about bringing people together from various places in our community," says Rouse. "I have days where I sit in million-dollar homes in conversations with people who care deeply about people living outdoors. Then I work side-by-side making connections with people who sleep under the bridge. I see now how what I was learning in the classroom and my heart for God were not separate things."

After graduating from Wofford, Rouse earned an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School. She served local churches in South Carolina, England and Tennessee before joining the Bread of Life team. Although Rouse is no longer the project manager of TAPH, she still serves on the organization's board, teaches workshops and thrives as a member of the community. She is now a working artist who also serves a local church part time.

"TAPH taught me that our souls and bodies hunger and thirst for beauty and the opportunity to create. Of course, we need food, a place to lay our heads and work, but we also need opportunities to hear good music, create or watch a beautiful film," says Rouse. "I learned alongside the participants to be an artist and the importance of making art accessible to all. Now, art making is my work, and I feel like I'm living from my core because of that community."

JOSH GROSS '12

Since July, Gross has been working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. From Mekele, the small city in the north where he teaches high school English, Gross has experienced his fair share of ups and downs. He contracted typhoid, but he also has grown a beard and enjoys dance parties with his host brother. Gross will be in Ethiopia for 27 months and will work as an ambassador to share American culture and promote cultural exchanges. To read more about his experiences, visit his blog at grossjoshuainethiopia.wordpress.com.



ARSENIO PARKS '11

After graduating from Wofford, Parks returned to Shelby (N.C.) High School, his alma mater, to work with Communities in Schools as a graduation coach, helping students transition smoothly from middle to high school and targeting students who are at risk of dropping out. Parks works to connect and encourage these students and values the relationships that he has built with his students. "I explain that success does not look the same for everyone," says Parks. "Whether it's the first time they've made a passing grade or their first college acceptance letter, I celebrate the progression with them. The Communities in Schools mission is 'to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life,' and I can honestly say that brings me joy."

"Humanist career choices aren't glamorous, held up on pedestals or paraded around, but they are tremendously important," says Onyx Henry '11, a classmate who nominated Parks. "We need people to continue believing in youth and striving to keep them focused and motivated, and Arsenio Parks does that every single day."

SUZANNE WHITE '98

As a public defender for Spartanburg County, White combines a passion for law with a desire to help those in need. She serves and defends people who are unable to afford representation in court. She attended the University of South Carolina School of Law and began her career at the Attorney General's office in Columbia. "After working for the state for over six years, moving to the area of public defense was a big change," says White. "I think everyone needs someone in their corner to listen to and support them, and this job gives me the opportunity to utilize my education, legal experience, personality and heart in a way that helps my clients and makes me feel that I am doing something to make a difference."

MATTHEW MORRISON '09

Morrison currently works as a volunteer coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Morrison provides counseling and empathy for the young men and women who are in the system, many of whom have been the victims of abuse and peer pressure. He also volunteers at the local homeless shelter and with the United Way.

Morrison's passion for service began during his time at Wofford, when he was involved in a severe car accident; he sustained fractured bones and a traumatic brain injury. After six months of rehab, he regained the ability to walk and has since dedicated his life to helping others in need.

MONIQUE COLLINS '13

"What I know now and wish I knew 12 months ago is that there are no saviors here. There are no gold stars or instant, greater rewards."

Collins shared the above quote on her blog while working in Macedonia as part of her 27-month pledge to the Peace Corps. She is currently working as an English language instructor for school-age children and adults and has been in the Eastern European country since September 2014. Since that point, she has experienced many cultural challenges and rewards.

"I've encountered one race-based hurdle after another, have had days full of microaggressions and offensive remarks, and have been forced to validate my experiences," says Collins. "I have to walk a tightrope of being diplomatic and polite, and in that walking I often forget who I am; my concept of dignity and confidence slips."

Despite the many challenges, Collins also has written about positive experiences she's had, whether successfully teaching American culture to her students, learning to cook Macedonian food or attending local theater productions. To read more about her experiences, visit her blog at servingwhileblack.wordpress.com.

MIKE DENNIS '90

Dennis works as the executive director of the TriCounty Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, an organization based in Orangeburg, S.C., that focuses on providing prevention, intervention and treatment to individuals and families who have been affected by alcohol and drugs. Dennis has worked in the field for 25 years and serves as a licensed professional counselor and a nationally certified addictions counselor.

JODY LEGARE '93

Legare faced a rude awakening in March 2015. Diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, he knew he needed to make drastic lifestyle changes and to implement them quickly. Since his diagnosis less than a year ago, Legare, a social studies teacher at Sun Valley Middle School in Indian Trail, N.C., has lost 90 pounds and no longer takes diabetes medication. Legare now runs six miles a day, seven days a week, and coaches the school's swim team. He uses his diagnosis and life changes to inspire others, especially his students, to eat right and exercise.

JEREMY PITTMAN '92

As the deputy field director for the Human Rights Campaign, Pittman manages daily operations and activities and coordinates staff, volunteers and field teams for the organization. Pittman is committed to social change, and prior to working at HRC, the nation's largest civil rights organization for LGBT equality, he worked with MassEquality, another LGBT civil rights group, and served as the chair of the board of the LGBT Political Alliance of Massachusetts and the director for the Equality Federation. "Jeremy has been tireless in his willingness to speak with my students and share his perspective and experiences on making social change," says Dr. Andy Hoefler '00, assistant professor of English and assistant dean of the Honors College at George Mason University.

Pittman says he feels privileged to work daily to engage supporters of equality. "It's humbling to think that the work I do has opened the door for so many loving families to enjoy the benefits of marriage and for gay and lesbian Americans to serve in the military."

Read about more unsung heroes at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

NANCY JOYCE '95

For years, artist and curator Joyce painted wheels and bikes without truly understanding what drew her to these motifs. Finally, after reading a quote from Susan B. Anthony, Joyce realized that, to her, these things meant female empowerment and freedom. Since this realization, Joyce has worked with the not-for-profit Lotus Pedals program, a branch of the Lotus Outreach organization. Lotus Pedals provides bicycles to young girls in Cambodia so that they can more easily and safely travel to and attend school.

Joyce painted a collection featuring women on bikes and women with umbrellas, titled Bicyclette, that was on exhibition in fall 2015. She then donated a portion of the proceeds to Lotus Pedals. She personally delivered bicycles to some of the girls in Cambodia. In addition, Joyce creates cards with her message of hope: "I am smart. I am brave. I am determined."



CLASS NOTES

1936

Wofford's oldest living alumnus, **DuPre "Jack" Sassard**, recently was featured in the newsletter for The Villages at Sydney Creek in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The article highlighted Sassard's distinguished career in the military, including his work decoding Enigma messages and later commanding a site where the Army collected stolen art from World War II. Over the years he has enjoyed home renovations, stamp collecting, horses and miniature home building. His model of the San Luis Obispo Mission is in the SLO Mission Museum.

1950

World War II veteran and former Spartanburg School District 2 principal **Gene Tabbot** has been awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, one of the state of South Carolina's highest honors. The award recognizes a lifetime of service to his community, including 40 years as an educator and service during World War II.

1962

Dr. Charles Israel was a recipient of one of three 2015 Governor's Awards in the Humanities, awarded by the Humanities Council of South Carolina. He recently retired after serving 28 years as professor of English and department chair at Columbia College. His dedication to teaching, scholarship and service

in the field of literary arts has benefited thousands of students with far-reaching influence beyond the walls of academia.

1963

Henry M. Smith spent five weeks in Berlin in June studying German and touring Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, remarkable vestiges of The Wall, the Museum of German History and the Holocaust Memorial, among other sites. Smith, a former lecturer in French at the University of New Hampshire, writes that the historic, dynamic city of Berlin in the heart of Europe was a new adventure for him. He continues to reside in Durham, N.H.

1964

Dr. John Carver Edwards is currently in his 20th year as a reviewer for the Library Journal, founded in 1876. He primarily works with books about history and biography, science and technology, particularly relating to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Antebellum Period, the Great Depression and New Deal, World Wars I and II, and the histories of American aviation, the automobile and space exploration. He has reviewed 152 titles. In addition to his reviews, Edwards has authored five books and 32 professional articles. Edwards has served as a university records officer, university archivist and special projects archivist at the

University of Georgia, Athens, and as head of the private manuscripts department at the old Georgia State Archives in Atlanta.

1967

Stewart Johnson and Donnie McDonald, class chairs

Ed Callison continues to sell copies of his books, "No Sweat, GI," a Vietnam memoir, and "Journeys Through Cancer and Faith," a survivor's story that he wrote with co-author Bill Rogerson. Visit Amazon.com for the Kindle versions or contact Callison directly for a paperback copy. Callison lives in Cumming, Ga., with his wife, Anna.

1970

Buzz Rich, class chair

Johnny Linton is special counsel with Duffy & Young in Charleston, S.C.

1971

Kenneth Smith, class chair

In January, **Dr. Herbert X. Smith** announced his retirement after 35 years of practicing emergency medicine. He and his wife, Jan, are looking forward to travel and leisure time — something they have not had much of until now.

Bob Wickwire and his wife, Beth, live in Sequim, Wash. He retired after 33 years in hospital materials management and medical equipment planning.

1973

Richard Cohn Sr., founder of Cohn Construction, was featured in Columbia Business Monthly as one of Parker Poe's 50 Most Influential People. Cohn has been helping revitalize the area as chairman of the Columbia Planning Commission.

George Stewart has joined Yadkin Mortgage as a reverse mortgage consultant. He will be based in Summerville, S.C.

1977

Jimmy Guthrie was named the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce's Small Business/Person of the Year in November. Guthrie, who has worked in the automotive business for 38 years, owns Superior Motors.

1978

Armando Llorente, class chair

In December, SCNow.com featured **George Atkins** as the owner of the nation's last remaining Yogi Bear's Honey Fried Chicken, a chain of fast food fried chicken restaurants licensed by Hanna-Barbera Productions. He has owned the restaurant, located in Hartsville, S.C., since 2004.

1980

Paul Kountz Jr., class chair

Dr. Paul Kountz Jr. is a partner in Upstate Carolina Radiology in Spartanburg. He and his wife live in Greenville, S.C.

1981

Patrick Watson, class chair

Ronnie Andrews has joined the board of directors for Oxford Immunotec Global, a global company based in Oxford, England, and Marlborough, Mass. He most recently served as president of the Genetic Sciences Division of Thermo Fisher Scientific, a position he assumed upon Thermo Fisher's acquisition of Life Technologies Corp., where he had been the president of the Medical Sciences Venture.

Columbia Business Monthly recently featured **Steve Mungo**, CEO of Mungo Homes, as one of Parker Poe's 50 Most Influential People. Mungo received recognition for remaining true to the company's core values and for helping establish the Community Builder Award to recognize others who give back to the community.

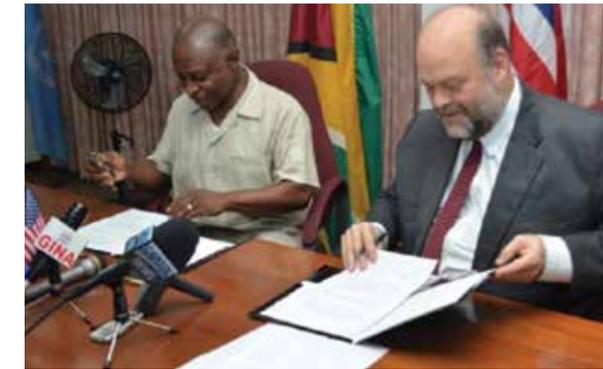
Hal W. Stevenson, a partner of Grace Outdoor Advertising, has been elected president of the Congaree Vista Guild, the business and homeowners association for Columbia's Vista arts and entertainment district.

1982

Madison Dye Jr., class chair

Whiting Preston, president of Manatee Fruit Co., is planning to develop 1,300 acres in West Bradenton, Fla., into a master-planned, mixed-use community called The Crossroads, featuring two hotels, 6,500 homes and 2.78 million square feet of commercial space.

HOLLOWAY SWORN IN AS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA



Ambassador Perry Holloway '83 (right) and Minister of Foreign Affairs Carl Greenidge sign a letter of amendment increasing U.S. support of Guyana's drug fight through the Caribbean security initiative. Kaieteur News photo

by Sarah Madden '17

Perry Holloway '83 recently was confirmed and sworn in as the U.S. ambassador to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. Previously, Guyana had been without an ambassador for more than a year. Before Guyana, Holloway served as political-military counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. "In the Foreign Service, you'll move every two or three years," said Holloway during his

stint as deputy director of the U.S. Embassy in Colombia. "When you move across town, you keep the same barber, the same doctors. When you move to another country, you have to start over with everything."

Holloway, who speaks fluent Spanish, has served with the Foreign Service in multiple Latin American countries since 1989, including Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Paraguay. He says that although challenging, life in the Foreign Service is also enriching. "The Foreign Service is a way to explore different issues, meet fantastic people and live all over the world," says Holloway, "and because of the nature of liberal arts colleges like Wofford, students are well prepared for the Foreign Service." He and his wife, Rosaura, have two children.

1984

Ken Kirkpatrick, class chair

Stuart Smith, president and broker-in-charge of the Spartanburg-based commercial real estate sales and leasing firm Stuart Smith & Co., has announced his firm's merger with NAI Earle Furman.

1986

Dr. Jeffrey Holt recently was promoted to professor of otology and laryngology with tenure at Harvard University. He teaches in the Program in Neuroscience with a research emphasis on neuroscience in the inner ear.

1987

Brand Stille, class chair

Business North Carolina magazine has named Essex Richards partner **Rob Blair** as the top family law attorney in North Carolina on its 2016 list of "Legal Elite." Other attorneys in the state selected him for the honor.

1988

Lane Glaze, class chair

W. Scott Cochran has joined Spartanburg Methodist College as its eighth president. Cochran previously served as dean of The Space in the Mungo Center at Wofford and as a consultant with Performance Solutions by Milliken.

1989

Michael Sullivan, class chair

Troy M. Cox is the chief investment officer for CERTUS Senior Living. Cox has 25 years of experience in real estate strategic planning.

Philip Merry has been promoted to vice president-commercial lines for Hutson-Etherredge Companies in Aiken, S.C. He currently represents the city's 6th district on Aiken City Council.

1990

Scott Cashion, class chair

Sean Keenan owns a commercial property management firm in Atlanta, Ga.

1991

Leslee Houck Page, class chair

Dr. Erin Bentrin and James Lever were married on Dec. 5, 2015. **The Rev. Luke Maybry '98** performed the ceremony, which included a special reading written by **the Rev. Dr. Talmage Skinner '56**, Wofford's chaplain emeritus. Bentrin, who lives in Huntersville, N.C., and is an assistant professor of psychology at Wingate University, recently published a book, "Coordinating Student Affairs Divisional Assessment," released by Stylus Publishing.



FROM THE ARCHIVES: PHI BETA KAPPA TURNS 75

by Dr. Phillip Stone '94, college archivist

When Dr. John West Harris (Wofford Class of 1916) filed an application for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Wofford College in 1930, he didn't know it would take a decade to realize his hope to establish a chapter at his alma mater. In the summer of 1940, the Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council, meeting in San Francisco, Calif., voted to grant a chapter to Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, Dr. David Duncan Wallace, Dr. Herbert E. Vermillion, Dr.

Walter A. Stanbury and Dr. Olin B. Ader, the five members of the Wofford faculty who at that time were already members of Phi Beta Kappa.

On Jan. 14, 1941 — 75 years ago this winter — Phi Beta Kappa President Marjorie Hope Nicholson, dean of Smith College, came to Spartanburg to install the Beta of South Carolina chapter at Wofford. Those five charter members subsequently elected other faculty and alumni as honorary or alumni members, and then later that year elected the first group of Wofford students. These students joined a tradition stretching back to 1776 when Phi Beta Kappa was founded at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Phi Beta Kappa remains the nation's oldest and most prestigious liberal arts honor society.

Since 1941, more than 1,000 Wofford students have been elected to membership.

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864-597-4185

Nelson Lindsay has joined the South Carolina Department of Commerce as the director of global business development. A certified economic developer, he was Richland County's first director of economic development and served as director of economic development for Kershaw County for more than 14 years.

1992

Nikki Palmieri Chunn

Sheryl McClerklin Booker has been elected as a trustee of The Spartanburg County Foundation. She will serve a seven-year term. Booker is a support specialist for the Spartanburg Academic Movement and serves on the board of directors for the First Tee of Spartanburg and Cherokee counties and on the community advisory board for Nurse-Family Partnership. She and her husband, Dr. Russell Booker, superintendent of Spartanburg County District 7 schools, have two sons, Grant and Maxwell.

1993

Sarah Sawicki, class chair

Todd Avant, CEO of NAI Avant, was featured in Columbia Business Monthly as one of Parker

Poe's 50 Most Influential People. Avant has served on the board of Richland County's Transportation Oversight Committee, the Vista Guild Board and the EngenuitySC Board of Advisors.

The Charleston Coastal Community Foundation has named **Darrin Goss Sr.** president and chief executive. Goss started on Feb. 15. He had been serving as president and CEO of the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, La.

Tripp Whitener has been appointed chairman of the Columbia, S.C., City Center Partnership for 2016. Whitener works with First Citizens Bank.

1994

Alicia Truesdail, class chair

In 2015, **Jennifer Nodine Bell** earned her master of science degree in college athletic administration from Coker College.

Lt. Col. Brent McCullouch recently graduated from the School of Advanced Military Studies at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He and his wife, **Susan Benton McCullouch '92**, along with their three children, have moved back to Jackson, Miss., where he will serve as the G5 for the Mississippi Army National Guard.

1995

Brandie Yancey Lorenz, class chair

Living in Hanover, N.H., **Derek Brown** has been promoted to senior associate director of leadership initiatives and principal gifts at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He also will direct the grateful patient fundraising program for the hospital.

1996

Curt Nichols, class chair

Stewart Culler Hendrix and Lance Hendrix announce the birth of a son, Leyton Woodward Hendrix, born on Oct. 14, 2015.

Dawn Hurd-Mannine is the director of the national business unit for Worldpay, a secure credit card payment services company in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Joseph, have three children, Ivey (13), Alden (10) and Ari (7).

1997

Beth M. Guerra, class chair

"Target Tokyo," written by **James M. Scott**, was named one of the 10 Best Nonfiction Books of 2015 by the Christian Science Monitor. The article in the Monitor praises Scott for uncovering "fresh material to provide an extraordinary complete account of the 1942 Doolittle U.S. air raid on Tokyo and its aftermath." Financial Advisor magazine also picked "Target Tokyo" as one of its best books of 2015.

1998

Casey B. Moore, class chair

Michael Edens is a senior vice president with Southern First Bank in Cayce, S.C. He lives in Columbia with his wife, Cynthia, and their two children, Everett (9) and Lucy (7).

1999

Zach Atkinson, class chair

Jan Ruth Streater Mayheu recently joined the Woodruff Arts Center corporate philanthropy team as manager of employees for the arts. She lives in Lilburn, Ga., with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Mary Clare (4) and Thomas (2).

Brian Nash has accepted a position as vice president of development with Agracel Inc., an Illinois-based real estate development firm with a growing Southeastern footprint. Nash will remain in Spartanburg, where he had served as director of business development with the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group.

2000

Anthony Hoefler, class chair

Meghan Audette-Nikolic and her husband, Ivan, welcomed their first child, Sara Grace Nikolic, on July 23, 2015.

In the fall, the Foothills Artisan Center in Landrum, S.C., featured the paintings of **Scott Neely**. "These Hills: Color & Abstraction" offered a kind of visual poem. Neely directs the Project for Community

PLEICONES SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT



by Sarah Madden '17

"I, Costa Michael Pleicones, do solemnly swear, that I am duly qualified, according to the constitution of this state, to exercise the duties of the office, Chief Justice of South Carolina. That I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duty thereof, preserve, protect and defend, the constitution of this state, and of the United States. I pledge to uphold the integrity and inde-

pendence of the judiciary. I pledge in the discharge of my duties, to treat all persons who enter the courtroom with civility, fairness and respect. I pledge to listen courteously. Sit impartially. Act promptly. And rule after careful and considerate deliberation. I pledge to seek justice and justice alone. So help me God."

During an investiture ceremony on Jan. 7, 2016, Costa M. Pleicones '65 repeated the above oath of office to become the chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. Retired Chief Justice E. C. Burnett III '64, a friend of Pleicones since their Wofford years, gave the opening speech. The Rev. Ron Robinson '78, Perkins Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Wofford, shared a benediction to close the ceremony. During the investiture, Pleicones was surrounded by his wife and daughters. He will serve through December 2016.

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



PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY IN FASHION

Borders uses influence as a platform to inspire change

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Ashley Borders '04 shops at Goodwill. Where some would flip right past a 1980s-era double-breasted blazer with bulky shoulder pads, she sees the basis for a dress or a hip new vest.

"Remove the shoulder pads, taper the waist ... I love to make something old new again. It's cost effective, socially responsible and eco-friendly," says Borders. "Unfortunately society fosters this mindset that if we are successful, we need to buy something new. I think second-hand is more interesting."

Borders, the fashion editor of South magazine and an international fashion designer, stylist, artistic director, costumer and image consultant, wants to show the world that fashion and sustainability can be a part of the same discussions, and she's using her designs, styling and editorial choices as a platform to express concerns of waste and overproduction in the industry.

"I do workshops for Goodwill Industries showing people how to repurpose clothes so they will have the confidence to go back into the workforce," says Borders. "I show them that you don't have to spend a lot of money or stay current on the latest trends to be professional."

In addition to her work with Goodwill, Borders also does styling for OurSkinny. She has blogged for them and has helped women learn to dress their new bodies.

"Fashion can give people confidence ... make them feel beautiful. It's a way to create the reality you want and be the best version of yourself," says Borders.

Borders taught herself to sew so that she could make clothes for her Barbie dolls. At Wofford she helped cut a path for future student-artists to follow, which included showing her designs at a charity fashion show at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Kate Middleton, who was a student at the time, modeled Borders' evening dresses.

"Grant Peacock, a Wofford trustee who recently passed away, taught me how to write a proposal to get funding for my ideas. He introduced me to manufacturers in China," says Borders. "He and others spent a lot of time mentoring me. I'm not sure I would have gotten that somewhere else."

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MCPHAIL APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SPACE



by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Curt McPhail '96 is back on campus as the new executive director of The Space in the Mungo Center.

The Space provides professional development, career services, real-world experience and entrepreneurial guidance to students.

McPhail, who previously served as a project manager of the Northside Development Group, received degrees in business economics and sociology from Wofford and received additional certification in community engagement from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“Curt McPhail brings with him a wealth of experience as a leader and expertise in developing strong, diverse partnerships, building effective teams and achieving high-quality outcomes in both local and global environments,” says Dr. Dennis M. Wiseman, Wofford’s provost.

Read more about McPhail and The Space at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

Transformation, an initiative that strengthens local faith congregations and empowers them to transform the community, especially focusing on the issues of poverty and racism.

2001

Jenna Sheheen Bridgers, class chair

The State newspaper recently featured **Anna Ross**, owner of Grapes & Gallery, a wine bar and painting studio, on Taylor Street in downtown Columbia, S.C. According to the article, “Ross works to build community through an appreciation of art, wine and craft beer.”

2002

Yorke Gerrald, class chair

Former treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, **Tony Prestipino** is now treasurer for the Florida Conference. He previously worked as a senior auditor for Deloitte and as an internal auditor for the Naval Audit Service in Washington, D.C.

Strat Stavrou is a workers’ compensation defense attorney with Willson Jones Carter & Baxley in Columbia, S.C.

2003

Tracy Howard, class chair

Robert Goings, a litigation and trial attorney with the Goings Law Firm in Columbia, S.C., recently was featured in the Columbia Metropolitan after being named a Best Lawyer for Litigation by Best Lawyers.

Stephen Long has been elected a partner in the tax practice of Baker & McKenzie, based in Dallas, Texas. Long’s practice focuses on federal and multistate tax controversy issues. He holds a J.D. from the University of South Carolina and an LL.M. from New York University.

2006

Hadley Green Inabinet, class chair

Jonathan Hyslop is now a partner at the law firm of Furniss Davis Rashkind and Saunders. The firm primarily handles civil litigation for insurance companies and local governments.

A 13-year veteran of the music industry, **Charlie Jennings** has joined Los Angeles-based event producer Danny Wimmer Presents as senior vice president of operations. Jennings previously served as vice president and producer at AC Entertainment, where he oversaw concerts and festivals such as the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

Julius Richardson is a project architect with Meyer Greeson Paullin Benson Architecture and Interior Design in Charlotte, N.C. He manages high-end, custom residential projects from conception to construction.

2007

Hunter Miller, class chair

BlueRidgeNow.com recently featured **Colby Harris** for his work with Atlanta Braves baseball player Cameron Maybin during the offseason. As the director of fitness with Parisi Speed School at the Xcel Sportsplex in Hendersonville, N.C., Harris has coached both children as well as elite college and professional athletes.

The Greenville News recently featured **Jeni Kleckley** in an article, “Female entrepreneurs changing the face of business.” Kleckley originally thought she would work as a child psychologist but realized that entrepreneurship was in her blood. She now enjoys her work as owner and operator of Monkee’s, located in the West End.

2008

Nathan Madigan, class chair

Ashley Glasgow Langley and **Michael Langley** welcomed Annabelle Ford Langley on Nov. 10, 2015 (also Ashley’s birthday). The family reports that everyone is doing well.

Kimberly R. Smith received her doctor of philosophy degree in neuroscience from Florida State University in December. Her dissertation was titled “A Psychophysical Assessment of the Role of the T1R Proteins in the Taste Transduction of Amino Acids and Maltodextrins.” She is currently a postdoctoral associate at the University of Florida in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

2009

Peyton Hray, class chair

Scott Collins completed his M.Ed. in independent school leadership from Vanderbilt University in 2015.

In 2015, **Joshua Harris** earned his MBA in finance from the University of South Carolina. He has joined the Clemson University Finance Department as a major adviser and personal finance lecturer. He and his wife, Cassandra, live in Moore, S.C.

2004

Fred Byers, class chair

Bryan Kelley is now a shareholder of the Elmore Goldsmith law firm in Greenville, S.C. Kelley joined the firm in 2009 and primarily represents general contractors, subcontractors, developers, owners and surety companies in construction and surety claims and disputes. He was selected to Super Lawyers magazine’s Rising Stars list for construction litigation in 2014 and 2015.

Jeffery Eric Owen and **Ashley Mamele Owen** '06 welcomed daughter Elizabeth Blake Owen on Nov. 20, 2015. She joins big brother William Robert Owen (2).

Three Wofford graduates came together to bring college access opportunities to the Upstate community. **Palmer Straughn**, senior associate director of admission at Wofford, along with **Rachel McCoy** '95, associate director of National College Fairs programs and services for the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and **Rob Rhodes** '87, director of school counseling services with Greenville County Schools, joined forces to bring the first National College Fair to the state of South Carolina. The Upstate South Carolina National College fair took place on March 19.

2005

Ryan Waller, class chair

Dr. Lauren Stephens Holliday completed her medical training in 2015 and is now a cardiologist with Columbia Heart Clinic. Her husband, **Jason Holliday** '06, owns Sandlapper Development, a real estate management and development group in Columbia, S.C.

Adam Regenthal lives in Columbia, S.C., and is the vice president of global sales for Colite, a global signage provider.



A TERRIER CHANGEUP

Brenk and Lee rounding the bases overseas

by Brent Williamson, associate athletics director for media relations

Once a baseball player at Wofford graduates, he usually hangs up his cleats and begins the next phase of his life. Eric Brenk '14 and Alex Lee '11, however, have found a way to keep playing the sport they love while traveling the world.

Lee, a business economics major, played in 172 career games as an infielder for the Terriers before getting his chance to head overseas. He is playing in Adelaide, South Australia, this winter after spending the summer playing with Arrows Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

“I actually started off coaching in the spring of 2014 just outside of Vienna, Austria,” says Lee. “That turned into playing in a few weekend tournaments with international teams, which led to connections that have allowed me to do this for three additional seasons between Europe and Australia.”

Lee says Australia is fun, but he misses the “absurd things that happened in Europe on an almost daily basis, mostly due to the language barrier. More specifically, I loved the Czech Republic. There was one older guy in our club who didn’t speak a lick of English. He was always smiling and high-fiving me after games with a beer in his hand. My roommate told me that he had introduced baseball to the city back when it was Czechoslovakia, and his interpretation of the rule for hitting home runs was that you could run around the bases as many times as possible until the other team got the ball back into play. So, in theory, your team could score 28 runs on a grand slam if everyone made it around the bases seven times.”

Brenk, a double major in finance and economics, played in 158 career games at Wofford, primarily at third base. When the opportunity to play baseball professionally in America fell through, Brenk took advantage of his German citizenship and began playing in Europe. He currently plays for the Bonn Capitals of the German Bundesliga.

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A FAMILY AFFAIR

Fowler cleans uniforms for the Panthers and the Terriers

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Bill Fowler '57 knows which football stadiums leave the toughest stains. He knows which dry-cleaning chemicals give uniforms the best smell, and he knows the water-temperature combinations that help new jerseys hold their color.

He should.

After all, he's been cleaning uniforms for the NFL's Carolina Panthers for the past 21 years.

"They gave me this jersey the first season," says Fowler, pointing to the inaugural season commemorative patch on the left shoulder of the jersey. It's twice the size of the jerseys of today. "They don't want any excess material today. They don't want the defense to have anything to grab onto."

The late Coach Lee Hanning, former Wofford football coach and equipment manager, introduced Fowler to Jackie Miles, the equipment manager for the Panthers. Fowler already was cleaning Wofford's coaching gear and helping with especially stubborn stains on player uniforms.

On a typical week during the season, Fowler Brothers Cleaners picks up the Panthers' uniforms in Charlotte on Monday. Then he returns them fresh on Wednesday.

"We use a cleaner with a citrus smell," says Fowler. "You never want a locker room smelling like a locker room. If it smells like an orange or grapefruit grove, you're OK."

Wofford works into the Fowler Brothers schedule with a Tuesday pick up and Thursday return.

"With Wofford and the Panthers, it's all a family affair," says Fowler.

Fowler started working in the family business when he was 12, and he says he'll be happy if he takes his last breath among the hangers, irons and racks of clothes.

Until then, he's proud to be one of the few dry cleaners in the country serving both a championship college team and a championship NFL team.

An attorney with Williams Hendrix Steigner and Brink in Lexington, S.C., **Michelle Lee Boykin** married Jonathan Scott Matthews on Oct. 17, 2015. They live in Columbia.

Charles Connelly Prevost and **Jane Gresham Werrell '10** were married on May 16, 2015.

2010

Kari Harris, class chair

Living in Spartanburg, S.C., **Christina Jackson Buchheit** is an independent consultant with Rodan & Fields Dermatologists. She and her husband, Phil, welcomed daughter, Layla, on Oct. 11, 2015.

Lucy Teague and **Garrett Garcia** were married Oct. 16, 2015, in Boca Grande, Fla.

Justin Hunter, an assistant attorney general with the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, married Cassity Ann Brewer on Oct. 3, 2015. They live in Columbia, S.C.

2011

Nam Pham, class chair

Lauren Brown, a third-year chemistry doctoral student in the Long Research Group at the University of Tennessee, was awarded the American Chemical Society's Women Chemist Committee and Eli Lilly & Company Travel Award. As part of the award, Brown will present her research at the Spring 2016 ACS National Meeting in San Diego, Calif. A portion of her work already has been published in the high-impact journal ACS Catalysis. Only 11 researchers around the country received the award.

John DuBose is an engineer with General Electric (power and water) in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Easley, S.C., with his wife, April Venable DuBose. They were married on Oct. 17, 2015.

2012

Hallie Willm, class chair

Kristina Dukes and Christopher Werner were married on July 18, 2015. Kristina is a dual medical student and master's of public health student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Chris is a doctoral student in public health, also at USC.

In 2015, **Sarah Moore** was named Rookie of the Year for the South Carolina Public Relations Society of America. She recently was promoted to public relations director for Complete Public Relations in Greenville, S.C.

Ruthie Oates and Vic Bailey IV were married on Feb. 6, 2016, in Spartanburg, S.C.

2013

Morgan Victoria Amick, class chair

In January 2015, **Chris Bollinger** moved to Chatham University, where he is pursuing an MFA in film and digital technology. He is currently working as the writer and director of a film called "Behind Us" about estranged

siblings forced to face themselves as they spread their late father's ashes on a road trip through the American Southwest.

Living in Charlotte, N.C., **Mary Katherine DuBose** is an experienced associate (CPA/auditor) with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She graduated in 2014 with a master's degree in accountancy from Wake Forest University.

Joseph McMillan and his startup recycling business, Junk Matters, have teamed up with other entrepreneurs to form Atlas Organics, a group in Upstate South Carolina that collects food waste from restaurants, hospitals, hotels, grocery stores and corporate cafeterias and recycles it in a new composting facility. After 45 days, the finished compost will be sold to the agricultural, landscaping and home gardening markets.

2014

Shri Selvakumar, class chair

Evie Kytan is now working as a franchise consultant for Pure Barre. She lives in Spartanburg, S.C.

2015

John William Cox was awarded the United States Army Achievement Medal for Exceptional Meritorious Achievement for his work ethic, performance and mentorship of others. Cox is currently a second lieutenant serving at Fort Rucker, Ala., in the U.S. Army Aviation Branch.

Amelia Norman has been accepted to the M.S.N. nurse practitioner program at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She will begin her focus in women's health this fall.

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IN MEMORIAM

1936

Dr. William Cannon, Oct. 5, 2015, Asheville, N.C. Cannon was a retired pathologist. He and his wife, Theoleen, established a trust and named Wofford as the ultimate beneficiary. The trust will eventually support scholarships for generations of Wofford students.

1947

Donald H. Fraser, Nov. 13, 2015, Walterboro, S.C. Fraser was sent to Oklahoma to learn Japanese after completing the ROTC program at Wofford. There he became interested in the plight of minorities. He was a Navy veteran of World War II called back to active duty during the Korean War. He retired as a partner from the Jefferies, McLeod, Unger law firm. Fraser enjoyed crafting historically accurate military models and miniature soldiers.

1949

Thomas Bartley Prince, Dec. 29, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran, Prince taught in Spartanburg County District 7 schools and was a member of Ben Avon United Methodist Church.

1952

Bob Clary Oglesby, Jan. 14, 2016, Gaffney, S.C. Oglesby attended Wofford College but graduated from Robinson Business School. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from Draper Corp.

Dr. L. Benton Williams, Dec. 6, 2015, Georgetown, S.C. Williams served as a 30-caliber machine gunner with the 8th division in the U. S. Army in Germany during World War II. He came to Wofford on the GI Bill. He practiced general medicine for 58 years.

1953

Robert A. Youmans Sr., Nov. 22, 2015, Furman, S.C. Youmans served in the Army during the Korean War. He was an agriculture leader in the state, serving on boards for Farm Bureau, Farm Credit and Clemson University.

1954

Harold M. "Sonny" Cannon, Dec. 23, 2015, Roebuck, S.C. Cannon was the former owner of C.L. Cannon & Sons,

Cannon Roofing Co. Inc., Roof Masters Inc. and Canny Supply Inc. In remembrance of Cannon, memorials may be made to the Harold M. (Sonny) Cannon Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford.

1955

Thurman Robert Martin, Nov. 20, 2015, Moore, S.C. Martin served in the U.S. Navy and worked in accounting and textiles. He asked that memorials be made to the general scholarship fund at Wofford.

1957

Dr. Samuel Marvin Atkinson Jr., Jan. 24, 2016, Greenville, N.C. During his 50-year medical career, Atkinson served in the U.S. Air Force as chief of gynecologic oncology at Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base and as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Eglin Air Force Base. He also worked in private practice and taught in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine.

Joel Wyman Hand Jr., Nov. 4, 2015, Bamberg, S.C. Hand was well known at Wofford for playing his drum set and singing in the Glee Club. He went on to study photography at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. He operated a photography studio and became a staff photographer for the Department of Health and Environmental Control in Columbia, S.C. Hand was active in the United Methodist Church and was a founding member of the South Carolina Professional Photographers Association.

1959

Dr. William Wesley Pendleton, Nov. 30, 2015, Salem, S.C. Pendleton earned his Ph.D. from Tulane University and spent most of his career as a professor at Emory University.

1960

Richard Warren Baird, Jan. 29, 2016, Lake City, S.C. Baird built a successful career as a commercial lender.

1961

Dr. Charles L. "Buddy" Garrett Jr., Nov. 10, 2015, Jacksonville, N.C. Garrett retired in 2008 after practicing forensic pathology

for 42 years. He served a term as president of the Joint Alumni Council of the Medical University of South Carolina. He received the university's distinguished alumnus award and spoke at commencement. Garrett served as president of the North Carolina Medical Board and was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state of North Carolina's highest civilian honor.

The Rev. Edward Donald McKinney, Dec. 4, 2015, Greenville, S.C. A veteran of World War II, serving in the 8th Air Force 493 Bomb Group, 861st Squadron, McKinney was a retired minister of the United Methodist Church.

1963

Harold Thomas Ellis Jr., Jan. 9, 2016, Mount Pleasant, Texas. Ellis played quarterback for the Terriers. After graduation he enjoyed a lengthy career in the pharmaceutical industry.

1964

Dr. Willie "Wicky" B. Moseley, Dec. 24, 2015, Greenwood, S.C. Moseley practiced psychiatry for 30 years. As a Wofford student he was senior editor of the Old Gold and Black student newspaper and a brother in the Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity.

1968

David "Terry" Harned, Nov. 28, 2015, Rockford, Ill. Harned worked for Co-Lin Metals Inc. for more than 30 years. He was a sports enthusiast who particularly loved golf, bowling and tennis.

1969

Thomas Bouchier Armstrong Jr., Feb. 5, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Armstrong spent 30 years as a pharmacist at Smith's Drugs. He was a 29-year member and two-time president of the R&B Shag Club of Spartanburg.

1974

Van T. Hill, Dec. 15, 2015, Charlotte, N.C. Hill's Sigma Nu fraternity brothers remained among his closest friends throughout his life. He worked in textiles, real estate and as the facilities manager at Christ Episcopal Church. He taught bridge to beginners and loved experiencing good food and new restaurants.

1975

Robert Benedict "Roben" Eleazer III, Feb. 6, 2016, Due West, S.C. Eleazer worked in sales with Milliken & Co. and BEST Inc. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to sail, hunt, travel, scuba dive and fly fish.

1976

George Roberts Sperling, Jan. 4, 2016, Shelby, N.C. Sperling worked in the family business at Loy's Men Shop and later in real estate property management and as a substitute teacher.

1980

Mark Grey Raines, Dec. 6, 2015, Florence, S.C. Raines was the owner and operator of Raines Hospitality Inc. He enjoyed driving short-track late model stock cars and took great pride in his racing win in the Southeast Division Championship in 1990.

1992

Zachary Bayard Maddox, Jan. 19, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Maddox was a teacher at Spartanburg High School for 19 years. A true Renaissance man, he loved teaching, playing the drums, yoga, books, music, movies, the Tour de France, Manchester United and engaging with the world by challenging himself and others.

1997

The Rev. Robert Christopher Barrett, Feb. 24, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C., and New Palestine, Ind. "Pastor Chris," as he was lovingly known by most of his parishioners, was a fourth generation United Methodist minister. He received his master of divinity degree from Duke University and served churches in Blacksburg, Manning, Charleston and Spartanburg. During his nearly four-year battle with lymphoma, he inspired hundreds of people by writing of his experiences and sharing the lessons of faith that arose from his illness. Barrett was Wofford's Presidential International Scholar. During his lifetime, he traveled to 38 countries and as many states. No matter where he was, he distinguished himself with his infectious laugh and joyful service to others. Barrett was the son of Sally Cross Barrett '69 and Dr. Charles Barrett '55, a longtime member of the religion faculty at Wofford. Memorials may be directed to the Chris Barrett Fund for Community Justice at Wofford.

2013

Jordan David Small, June 28, 2015, Okemos, Mich. Small traveled extensively and participated in the National Outdoor Leadership School trip to India. His travels also included trips to Japan, Indonesia and Thailand. Small loved photography and the arts and was an internationally published photographer and writer.

2015

Jacob West Summers IV, Nov. 15, 2015, Columbia, S.C. West was a second semester senior at Wofford. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Summers loved watching sports, ice hockey in particular, and he enjoyed politics and debate.

Friends

Cathy Conner, Dec. 11, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Conner worked in Information Technology for Wofford College. She was well loved by students, faculty and staff and asked that memorials be made to the Cathy Conner Scholarship Fund at Wofford.

Leon Steele Goodall, Jan. 5, 2016, Columbia, S.C. Goodall was the father of Wofford trustee Chris Goodall '79. Goodall retired as president and chairman of Continental American Insurance Co. He was an active member of Washington Street United Methodist Church and spent many years working in support of education initiatives in the state of South Carolina.

The Rev. Robert Jackson James, Feb. 20, 2016, Charlotte, N.C. James was the father of Wofford trustee R. Michael James '73. After U.S. Naval service during World War II, James worked in electrical contracting. After receiving the call to ministry, he served Presbyterian churches in Georgia and North Carolina, including service as the general presbyter/stated clerk of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Susan Keller, Dec. 10, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Keller spent her career in education, retiring from Spartanburg Day School. She was the wife of Dr. Jim Keller, Samuel Pate Gardner Professor emeritus at Wofford. The family asks that memorials be made to the general scholarship fund at Wofford.

D. Grant Peacock, Dec. 31, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Peacock served on the Wofford Board of Trustees from 2005-2013 and was instrumental in the creation of the college's Chinese language

program. He also offered years of support and professional mentoring to Wofford students through The Space in the Mungo Center, the college's professional development program. An accountant and attorney by training, Peacock was first and foremost an entrepreneur.

Kaiser Thomas, Jan. 28, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Thomas came to Wofford in the late 1970s as a sergeant major with the college's Southern Guard ROTC battalion. When he retired from the Army, Thomas stayed on at Wofford as the assistant dean of students and director of housing. His sense of humor, quick wit and love of students made him a favorite among the Wofford student body, many of whom he mentored and stayed in touch with long after graduation.

Donald James Welch, Jan. 22, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Welch served Wofford College as the dean of students and later as the college chaplain. While at Wofford he also taught religion, philosophy, public speaking and humanities. He served as pastor of numerous churches and held leadership positions at several other colleges. In 2013, Welch retired as resident minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, an interdenominational church in Moore County, N.C. The Rev. Dr. Paul James '76 followed him in that role and delivered a talk on the occasion of Welch's retirement. Read it online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

Making Memorial Gifts

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- 3) Mail a check made payable to: Wofford College Office of Advancement 429 N. Church Street Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-3663

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A LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EVERY ALUMNUS WANTED. EVERY ALUMNUS NEEDED.

I am pleased to introduce myself as the Wofford College Alumni Association president, the first popularly elected president of the association. A native of West Columbia, S.C., and a 1983 Wofford graduate, I have more than 30 years of experience in higher education, specifically in financial aid administration. I currently serve as manager of technology services for the Office of Student Financial Services at Midlands Technical College. I have served as a board member of the Pink and Green Community Service Foundation and Teach the Truth Ministries, and I have been a loyal member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for 36 years.

I could not be prouder of the college's accomplishments. Wofford College's

transformative educational opportunities have resulted in more than 16,700 living alumni who excel in various careers and who are making their communities better places. The alumni board represents each and every one of you, and we are eager to enthusiastically serve our college and students with your help. My mission as board president is to engage Wofford alumni in a manner that honors the past, present and future of the institution, while pursuing new initiatives, new faces and making a new commitment to alumni awareness and the association. I hope to gain a new connection with current students, who I like to think of as "future alumni."

We will continue to work toward building a strong **Wofford network**, increasing **alumni engagement**, fostering **student recruitment** and raising support for the college through **advancement**. Lifelong engagement with the college offers opportunities to have fun, meet lots of great people and give back to your alma mater! Here are a few specific things you can do to help:

- Attend alumni events.
- Consider Wofford graduates for jobs or internship experiences.
- Visit the campus and talk with students about your career.
- Visit the Wofford website so you can talk with others about what's happening on campus.
- Encourage potential Terriers to choose Wofford by sharing your memories and experiences with them.
- Organize an alumni gathering or game watch party.

There's much more to come, and the Wofford College Alumni Association invites your participation. Visit wofford.edu/alumni/WCAA to learn more. Also feel free to contact me at suttonv88@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson '88, director of alumni and parents programs, at thompsondn@wofford.edu to get involved.

Vicki R. Muller '83
 President, Wofford College Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

APRIL 11-17	University Club @ RBC Heritage Golf Tournament	JUNE 20	Houston Astros MLB Game
APRIL 13	Florence Alumni/Admission Gathering	JUNE 22	Texas Rangers MLB Game
APRIL 21	Thermal Belt Alumni Gathering	AUG. 25	Spartanburg Area Surf & Turf
APRIL 28	Terrier Club Midlands Invitational	SEPT. 23-24	Family Weekend
APRIL 29	Orange County, CA Alumni Gathering	OCT. 21-22	Homecoming
APRIL 30	Los Angeles Alumni Gathering		
MAY 6	Spartanburg Criterium		
MAY 14-15	Commencement/Class of 1966 50th Reunion		
MAY 19	Terrier Club Coaches Classic Golf Invitational		
MAY 21	Carowinds Family Day		

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

APRIL 24 - MAY 5, 2016 - Mediterranean Passage
OCT. 2-10, 2016 - Autumn in America's Heartland

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