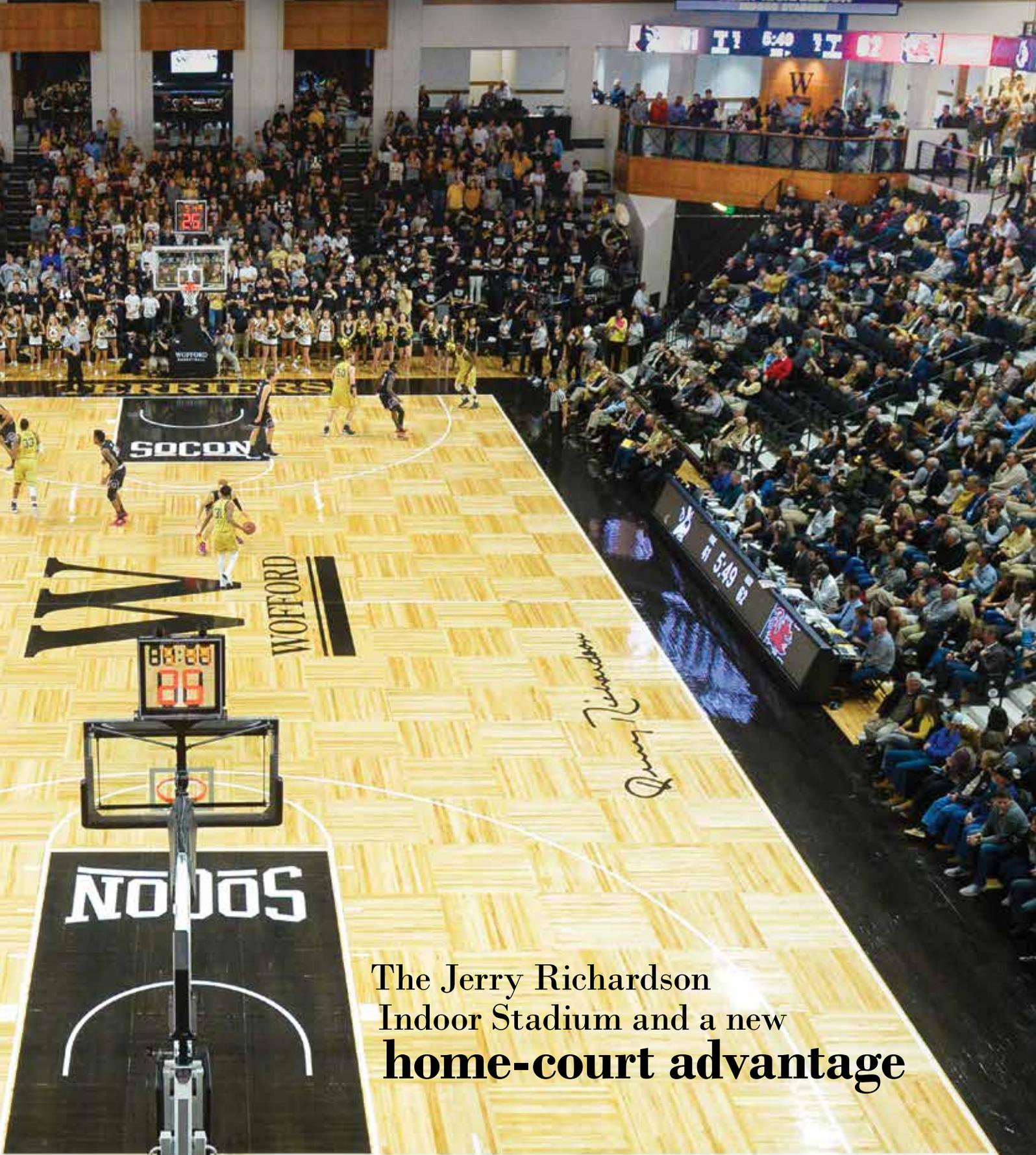


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According to Hanna Boney '19, studying abroad this semester through IES Abroad in Santiago, Chile, that's on the sign leading into Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in the world. Visit [wofford.edu/woffordtoday](http://wofford.edu/woffordtoday) to read more.

# MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



### What a semester!

Twice we celebrated the opening of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium — on Sept. 20 during the volleyball home opener and on Nov. 10 as our men's basketball team played the University of South Carolina. Representatives from the entire college community came to both events to thank the Richardsons for their generosity and return to them some of the love they have shared with all of us.

We hosted world-renowned speakers in fields ranging from journalism and sustainability to the art of Winston Churchill and the legacy of Frederick Douglass. We secured a Mellon Foundation grant to further our rethinking of the general education curriculum and an intergenerational grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and the AARP Foundation that has placed Wofford students in the community to both learn from and teach older adults.

We cheered as our football, lacrosse, soccer, golf, cross country, volleyball and rifle teams competed with the tenacity of Terriers, and we were even more proud when the NCAA graduation success rates were published for all 19 teams, once again showing without a doubt that Wofford student-athletes are students first! With many colleges and universities moving to a model that uses NCAA funding to pay student-athletes to play in college, Wofford remains committed to providing something even better — the total Wofford experience. We're starting a new LevelUp Project this year that will differentiate Wofford and give student-athletes the opportunity to join a program that will give them a competitive advantage as they prepare for the workforce or graduate school.

Read more about these and other stories within the pages of this Wofford Today, and look closely at the photos. With so many familiar faces returning to campus for Family Weekend and Homecoming, you just might find yourself in Wofford Today as well.

Go, Terriers!

  
Nayef



» President Samhat presented the Hon. Henry Floyd '70 with an honorary degree before Floyd spoke during the college's 2017 Opening Convocation.

## IT'S YOUR WORLD. WIN IT.

What better way to celebrate Mike Ayers' 30th year as head coach of the Terriers than with a Southern Conference Championship? The Terriers secured the title with a 45-7 win at the Virginia Military Institute on Nov. 11. Wofford, ranked eighth in the nation, finished the game with a 9-1 record, 7-1 in the SoCon. They celebrated their achievement at halftime of the Wofford vs. Washington and Lee basketball game on Nov. 12 in the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. The Terriers defeated the Generals 103-66.





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## THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

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### A. WOFFORD MOVES UP IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

Wofford again improved its ranking among top national liberal arts colleges in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 edition of "America's Best Colleges;" Wofford is ranked #71, up from #77 last year. Wofford also ranked #42 on the list of "Best Value Schools" and #56 in the "High School Counselor Rankings" among national liberal arts colleges.

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### B. BROOKS MAKES IMPACT ON STUDENT-JOURNALISTS

New York Times columnist David Brooks was on campus on Sept. 26 talking with student-journalists, meeting with classes and holding a public lecture to a packed crowd in Leonard Auditorium. Essence Buckman '18, a senior writer for the Old Gold and Black, wrote an essay about what these types of experiences mean for current students.

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### C. HURRICANES AFFECT STUDY-ABROAD EXPERIENCES

Brooke Baird '19 and Emma Hauser '18 spent the early part of the fall semester dodging hurricanes Irma and Maria. Baird, who is studying abroad in Cuba, was evacuated twice during hurricane season. Hauser is abroad in the Dominican Republic and evacuated only during Irma. Both remain safe and say that they learned a lot from the experience.

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### D. WOFFORD LEADS SOCON IN NCAA GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE

When the NCAA released the latest Graduation Success Rate for all Division I colleges and universities, Wofford College again led the Southern Conference with 10 of 13 teams posting a perfect score of 100. The Terrier football team also topped all other SoCon football schools with a score of 97. The results reflect data from student-athletes who began college in 2010.

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### E. PASSPORT CARAVAN COMES TO WOFFORD

CIEE brought its Passport Caravan to Wofford in October, and 88 students applied for free passports. CIEE, one of Wofford's study-abroad partners, has pledged to fund 10,000 passports through 2020 as part of the IIE Generation Study Abroad Initiative. The initiative seeks to double the number of U.S. students studying abroad by breaking down barriers of cost, curriculum and culture.

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### F. CHEE LEE BECOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

For more than 20 years, Chee Lee has enjoyed her fair share of Packers, Badgers, Bucks and Brewers games — "especially the tailgating that goes with them" — but not necessarily the cold temperatures of the Midwest. Now she's a Terrier fan as the college's new director of human resources. Lee has been in the human resources field since 2005, most recently at the University of Wisconsin.

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### G. WILE DONATES PROCEEDS OF BOOK TO WOFFORD

They called him "Mean Wile," and he liked it that way. Now Ed Wile '73 has written a book, "Mean to Meaningful," sharing his journey from angry young man to successful businessman, husband, father, mentor and philanthropist. He's touring the Southeast doing readings and signings, and the book also is available on Amazon. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Wofford student-athletes.

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### H. PRESIDENT SAMHAT TAPPED FOR NATIONAL NCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective Oct. 24, President Nayef Samhat began service on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. Samhat, who had been serving on the NCAA's Presidential Forum, fills the seat recently vacated by Dr. David Belcher of Western Carolina University. Samhat has been involved with the NCAA since 2015 and will serve in this new capacity through August 2019.

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## UNLEASHED

The women's cross country team has good reason to celebrate after back-to-back wins during the fall semester. Hannah Steelman '21, a native of Orono, Maine, also picked up two individual wins and was twice named SoCon Runner of the Week. At the end of the season, she was named SoCon Freshman of the Year and became the program's first NCAA All-Region honoree.





# THE *Remarkable*



# Jerry Richardson

*and the core values that led to the new  
Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium*

by Annie S. Mitchell

The amazingly successful career of Jerome Johnson "Jerry" Richardson '59 is a story for the ages. An All-America member of the Wofford College football team, upon graduation #51 joined the Baltimore Colts and caught a touchdown pass from the legendary Johnny Unitas in the 1959 NFL Championship game. Richardson took his title-game bonus and, together with his friend, business partner and classmate Charlie Bradshaw '59, used it to open the first franchised Hardee's restaurant in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1961. From charco-broiled hamburgers and hot apple turnovers blossomed Spartan Food Systems, which went public in 1969 and was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1976. In 1993, history changed again when the National Football League owners unanimously voted for the Carolinas to receive the 29th NFL franchise, and the former professional football player, entrepreneur and businessman successfully built a privately funded stadium and football powerhouse from the ground up.

*That Jerry Richardson was able to take a \$4,674 title-game football bonus check and turn it into a lifetime of incredibly successful business ventures that have indelibly transformed the lives and futures of countless Wofford College students, faculty, staff and alumni, not to mention the physical campus landscape for centuries to come, is nothing short of incredible. And as implausible as it sounds, that's not the most amazing part of the story.*

On July 18, 1936, Richardson, an only child, was born in a Spring Hope, N.C., farmhouse with no running water, no electricity and no access to health care. His mother worked in a women's clothing store and was paid by the hour; his father was a barber who was paid 25 cents per haircut. Most of the men in the extended Richardson family were farmers, and most of the women stayed home with children or went to work straight out of high school.

"We were not wealthy people; in fact, my family didn't have a car until I was 16 years old, but it didn't bother me any," muses Richardson. "All the members of my family were hard working,



spit-polished and clean, and never, ever late. It never occurred to me not to be on time. My grandmother would tell me it's rude and inconsiderate to be late." Richardson credits his mother as "by far" the most influential person in his life.

The Richardson family may not have had a car in the early years, but Richardson had a bike, and it was on this bike that he first learned that the best things in life involve both risk and luck. "I had streets I wasn't supposed to ride beyond, but the first thing I would do is go to that street — and ride beyond it," says Richardson. "I was not supposed to be in the creeks or jump off bridges, but as soon as I could ride to a creek or a bridge, I would jump in them and off them. I jumped in creeks and off bridges all over Nash County. My grandmother often said, 'Jerry is an active boy.'"

Going beyond, taking risks and succeeding undergirds Richardson's commitment to Wofford, just as the qualities of hard work and respect instilled in Richardson by his mother formulated the basis of his approach to life.

"It isn't complicated," says Richardson of the core values he first wrote decades ago on a Hardee's napkin with a felt-tip black pen. Now Richardson is known by all for these simple yet timeless tenets:

### *Hard work*

"I saw my mother and father and aunts and uncles work hard. I knew I wasn't going to get a good result if I didn't work hard, too. Nobody was going to do it for me. You have to work hard to be a success in the food business."

### *Harmony*

"It helps people be happy when there is harmony. It helps me, too."

### *Teamwork*

"It's important to me, and it makes sense to me because I was an athlete. Coaches pull it off, but it's difficult to teach people who don't come from that background why it's so important. But it is."

### *Listen*

"I took 'listen' off the list one time, and it was when people told Charlie and me that we wouldn't make it to the New York Stock Exchange by the time we were 40. I didn't want to hear it, so I took it off. But we got there — and we were the third company in the state of South Carolina to get there. So I put it back on, and I listen."

### *Respect*

According to Richardson, "respect" is the most important value of all. "I always try to be respectful, and my favorite Bible verse is 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' **People just need to be nice to each other. What's the point of not being nice?**" Richardson emphasizes.



In 2009 Richardson Scholars organized a reunion and honored Mr. and Mrs. Richardson with a scholarship at Wofford that provides summer internship experiences for students.



Of his remarkable life and career, Richardson is quick to attribute a lot to luck. "That the Colts won the championship was lucky. That we had the money because of it to start the business was lucky. That I've been married to Rosalind this long is lucky," says Richardson.

He brought that luck with him to Wofford and shared it. Richardson's two latest contributions to the college — the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, home to the college's Departments of Art and Art History and Theatre, as well as state-of-the-art spaces for instruction, performances and exhibits, and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, a 123,000-square-foot facility that includes a 3,400-seat basketball arena, a 350-seat volleyball competition venue, a state-of-the-art training room and facilities for the college's basketball, volleyball and women's lacrosse teams — is the continuation of four decades of generosity to the college community. Richardson has contributed to numerous physical building projects. He has provided generous scholarships to countless Wofford students and has served on the college's board of trustees for more than four decades, honored with trustee emeritus status in 2017. Because of Richardson, Wofford has been the summer training camp home of the Carolina Panthers since 1995, a major boon to both the college brand as well as the entire Upstate. The Wofford connection associated with the media coverage of the 2017 Carolina Panthers Training Camp enabled the college's name to reach billions of people across the globe and represented \$27.5 million in comparable advertising value. Similarly, according to an impact study by Clemson University for the Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, this summer's training camp brought more than 100,000 fans to Spartanburg and generated a record \$13.2 million in economic impact to the Spartanburg community while supporting more than 260 jobs.

"Jerry Richardson is a man of action, a man of principal and a man of loyalty," says Wofford College President Nayef Samhat. "We were overwhelmingly lucky that Jerry Richardson chose Wofford, and exceptionally grateful for his ongoing and continued support of the college, its students and its mission."

During the groundbreaking of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts in May 2015, Wofford College Board of Trustees Chairman Harold Chandler '71 said that the gift was "a great building of study, of enjoyment and enlightenment, a place where young people will learn more about the joys of life, both while here at Wofford and also as they leave here and become well-rounded and dedicated servants of our world, like you, Mr. Richardson."

The remarkable story of Jerry Richardson — a man with humble beginnings who transformed not only his life, but the lives of countless others past, present and future — is nothing short of extraordinary. Yet, to Jerry Richardson, success is not complicated. "I live an unusual life," he says. "I've had a lot of help, but I haven't been given anything. Work hard and be respectful. You can't achieve these things without taking risks. And I'm still taking them."



Richardson with his elementary school friends and Coach Bob Prevatte, (third from left), at the Panthers v. Patriots game Oct. 1, 2017.



2017-18 Richardson Scholars  
(From left) Katie Beuerlein '18, Omar Elmore '19, Hawkins Shepard '20 and Jurnee Jones '21.

# A LASTING Legacy

Jerry Richardson has contributed all or a portion of the funds for the following construction projects at Wofford College:

- » Campus Life Building (1979)
- » Richardson Physical Activities Building (1993)
- » Wightman Residence Hall (renovation) (1985)
- » Roger Milliken Science Center (2001)
- » Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery, Campus Life Building (2005)
- » Richardson Physical Activities Building (renovation, 2008)
- » Joe E. Taylor Athletic Center (2009)
- » Provost's Home/Kilgo-Clinkscales House (renovation, 2010)
- » Enhancements to spectator area for Carolina Panthers Training Camp overlooking practice fields (2015)
- » Richardson Family Pavilion, Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village (2016)
- » Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts (2017)
- » Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium (2017)
- » Enhancements to the Richardson Physical Activities Building (2018)

In addition to the brick-and-mortar projects, Richardson's primary investment at Wofford College has been the Richardson Family Endowed Scholarship, which provides a full, four-year scholarship to Wofford for one incoming first-year student each year that also includes a laptop computer, summer internships, overseas travel opportunities and other enrichment activities. The Richardson Family Endowed Scholarship has been awarded continuously since 1988, changing the lives and supporting the futures of 27 Wofford students to date.

## MAJOR Influencers

Although Richardson credits his mother "by far" as the biggest influence in his life, he's quick to say he had lots of help along the way from key friends and supporters. Some of the most notable include:

**William Dixon Hardy:** a Spartanburg banker who loaned the then 27-year-old Richardson \$18,000 for restaurant equipment. "He said, 'Jerry, people want to help you,'" remembers Richardson. "I dismissed it at the time; it was just a conversation as far as I was concerned. As it turned out, however, he was right. ... I was just too young to realize it."

**Donald Keough:** former president, chief operating officer and director of the Coca-Cola Co. "He came along at the perfect time in my life," says Richardson.

**Joe Lesesne:** President emeritus of Wofford College.

**Hugh McColl:** a fourth-generation banker and former chairman and CEO of Bank of America. "Meeting him was good luck!" says Richardson.

**Bob Prevatte '50:** Richardson's Fayetteville, N.C., high school football coach, credited with bringing Richardson to Wofford College.

**Dan Rooney:** owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers who took Richardson under his wing when he came into the NFL. "He was a confidante of 25 years, who mentored and supported me as long as he lived. We spoke often, and he taught me the ins and outs of the NFL."

**John B. White Sr.:** restaurant owner of the Beacon Drive-In in Spartanburg, S.C. "John White set a good example," says Richardson. "He was the most successful restaurant person in our part of South Carolina and was a hard worker."

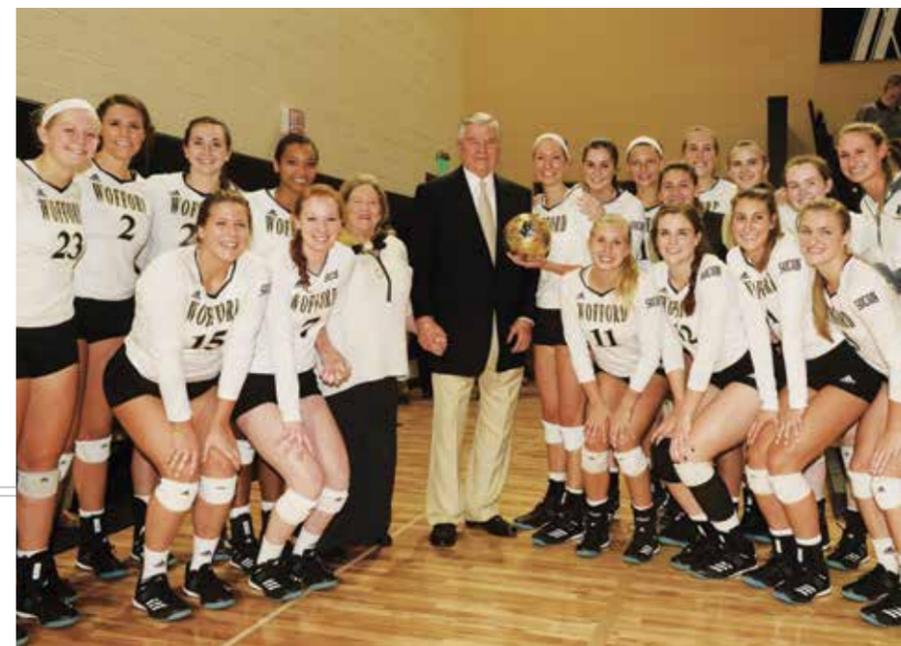
Richardson also ranks a handful of Wofford professors as major influencers in his life at a young age. "They knew I wasn't interested in academics, but they supported me anyway," says Richardson.

**Charles Edward Gauthen:** professor of history and political science from 1943 until 1964.

**John Quitman Hill '47:** professor of mathematics from 1953 until 1972.

**Lewis Pinckney Jones '38:** professor of English and history from 1946 until 1987.

**S. Frank Logan '41:** held the titles of dean of students, registrar, director of admissions, dean of admissions, director of alumni affairs and associate professor of history spanning 1947 through 1980. "Dean Logan selected me to be a hall manager of my residence hall, a position that typically didn't go to athletes. I was thankful for it as it gave me a \$30 per month income," says Richardson.



# GAME-CHANGING GIVING. GAME-CHANGING IMPACT.

JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89

## OPENING THE ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS AND THE JERRY RICHARDSON INDOOR STADIUM

I was wandering the cart paths of Cheraw State Park's golf course — wearing a Wofford cap, of course — when another junior golf parent-spectator stopped me.

He pointed at my head. "Are you a Wofford graduate?"

I smiled. "I am." We exchanged handshakes and names.

"Wofford's really on the move right now. I wish my alma mater had a Jerry Richardson. Those two new buildings he just gave you are game changers."

As we watched our sons finish the tournament, we talked about Wofford. Looking back, I probably should be a bit embarrassed by how I gushed about the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts — the creative spaces that will help prepare Wofford graduates for their futures, the gorgeous Chihuly sculptures, the incredible exhibits we've already enjoyed. I told him that I was looking forward to "Antigone" the next weekend, the first Wofford Theatre production in the new Jerome Johnson Richardson Theatre. Then we moved on to the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Nov. 10 men's basketball home opener versus the University of South Carolina. "There's not a bad seat in the house," I said. He asked about tickets, and I explained that they were sold out.

That conversation has stuck with me, especially the part that made me take another look at how lucky Wofford College is to have Jerry Richardson on our team.

Since he announced the gifts in the fall of 2014, Wofford has aptly used the words "transformational" and "game-changing" to describe the impact of the two new buildings. And they're certainly proving to be just that:

- Both the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts already have made a difference in the admission and recruiting process.
- The new buildings also advance faculty and staff recruitment and retention.
- The campus is more beautiful than ever before.
- Wofford now can bring art exhibits to the college that require security and climate control.
- The college will be able to show a new level of sportsmanship and style to visiting teams and fans.
- The college has increased course offerings in the arts to meet increased demand, and classes for the spring semester quickly filled to capacity during registration.
- We now have appropriate storage and display space for the college's permanent collection and an elegant place to thank the people who have contributed to that important resource.
- These new facilities also will affect student success, graduate preparation, national rankings and community support in ways we can only begin to imagine.



Before the buildings, however, came two gifts — timed perfectly to ignite the strategic vision — that continue to spark flames of generosity.

According to President Nayef Samhat, “After Mr. Richardson’s momentous announcements came a strategic enrollment plan to boost the college’s profile. Completion of the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village soon followed. We are enjoying a wave of new endowment support thanks to the Trustee Matching Fund, and we now have an academic exchange with the renovation of the Michael S. Brown Village Center and the relocation of the Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning near The Space in the Mungo Center. We have expanded living-learning communities and new programs that are contributing to a pipeline of student success. We’re also working with dozens of new donors on dozens of new scholarships, professorships, programs and building renovations thanks to the example of Jerry Richardson.”

Thousands of articles have been written about philanthropy in higher education. What makes alumni give? How does a college cultivate a culture of philanthropy? How do colleges and universities make a case for annual giving during a capital campaign? The truth is, giving remains a mystery, but not when it comes to Jerry Richardson.

He has been forthcoming with why he chose Wofford, why he credits Wofford as a foundation for his success and why he considers giving back the right thing to do. “As far as I’m concerned, he’s Mr. Wofford,” says President Emeritus Joe Lesesne of Richardson’s unfailing support.

Jerry Richardson gives, and he inspires giving. How appropriate that the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium stand as reminders of how one person’s loyalty, love and generosity have made the world a better place, starting right here at Wofford College.





*The*  
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From one Wofford football player  
to another

New buildings inspire scholarships  
in basketball and the arts

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

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Susan and Robby Atkins

*Just before the start of the fall semester, Robby Atkins '65 met with a group of student-athletes from the college's football team. They had finished their morning practice, cleaned up and gathered around a corner table in the college's Burwell dining hall. They were eager to meet a fellow Terrier who played football at Wofford and went on to a successful career in business. He was looking forward to meeting some of the young men being considered for the Robert D. Atkins Football Scholarship.*

Atkins has been fully funding a full-tuition, room-and-board scholarship for a student-athlete on the college football team each year since 1989. Last year Lorenzo Long '17 held the honor. This year Datavious Wilson '20, a business economics and finance major from Hartsville, S.C., was selected.

"I thank God every day that I'm a student-athlete at Wofford College," says Wilson, the college's starting linebacker. "I'm the first in my family to go to college, so I understand how blessed I am. Not everyone gets this opportunity."

Atkins caught Wilson on the field after the win against Gardner-Webb. They hugged and talked a minute. It was the start of a relationship that will build over the next three years, and both Wilson and Atkins will enjoy a lifelong tie.

"Being on the football team at Wofford was a great experience for me," says Atkins. "It provided me with an opportunity to build relationships and friendships that have endured for years."

Atkins is quick to credit his Wofford degree as a foundation to his successful career in business. He also says that he would not have been able to afford Wofford without scholarship assistance. Both are reasons that Atkins began giving back to the next generation immediately upon graduation. Those first annual gifts to the Terrier Club have grown through the years to include gifts to capital projects, leadership on the Terrier Club Board of Directors and on the college's Investment Advisory Committee, the establishment of the Atkins student-managed investment fund, the annually funded football scholarship that Wilson now holds, and most recently an annually funded scholarship for a student-athlete on the men's basketball team and an endowed scholarship for a student-artist. The two annually funded athletic scholarships eventually will be endowed thanks to a charitable lead annuity trust that Atkins set up as part of his estate plans.

"With the completion of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts,

my wife Susan and I wanted to do something special — from one former Wofford football player to another — to thank Jerry Richardson for what he has done for the college and community," says Atkins.

The new Atkins Family Endowed Basketball Scholarship reflects Atkins' admiration for Richardson, but it also honors the success of Wofford's men's basketball team and its four trips to the NCAA basketball tournament in the past six years. The Susan Chapman Atkins Endowed Scholarship in the arts pays homage to Susan's talent, particularly in pastels and colored pencils, and her passion for art and beauty — the ideal complement to the beautiful new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

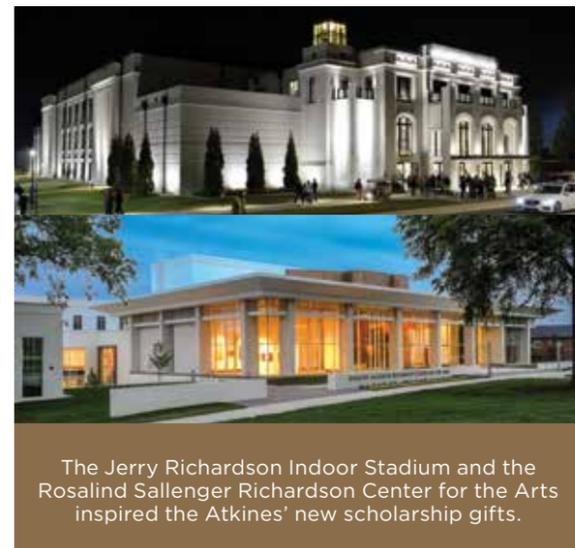
Robby and Susan Atkins, sweethearts at Spartanburg High School, married three weeks after Atkins graduated from Wofford. Three weeks after that, Atkins started a career in textiles with Deering Milliken, now Milliken and Co. He was also a second lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard. In 1983 he and Susan founded Atkins Machinery.

"We started the business on the dining room table," says Susan, who managed the administrative work until her retirement. Robby traveled the world buying and selling used textile machinery and parts until his retirement. Now their son, Greg, runs the business, but the principles of success remain the same:

- Sell something for more than you paid for it.
- Always manage cash flow.
- Have a good knowledge of the product that you're selling.
- Don't grow faster than you can manage.
- Surround yourself with good, honest and dependable people.

"It was a family business. We all cared about each other," says Susan.

That's also how they feel about Wofford.



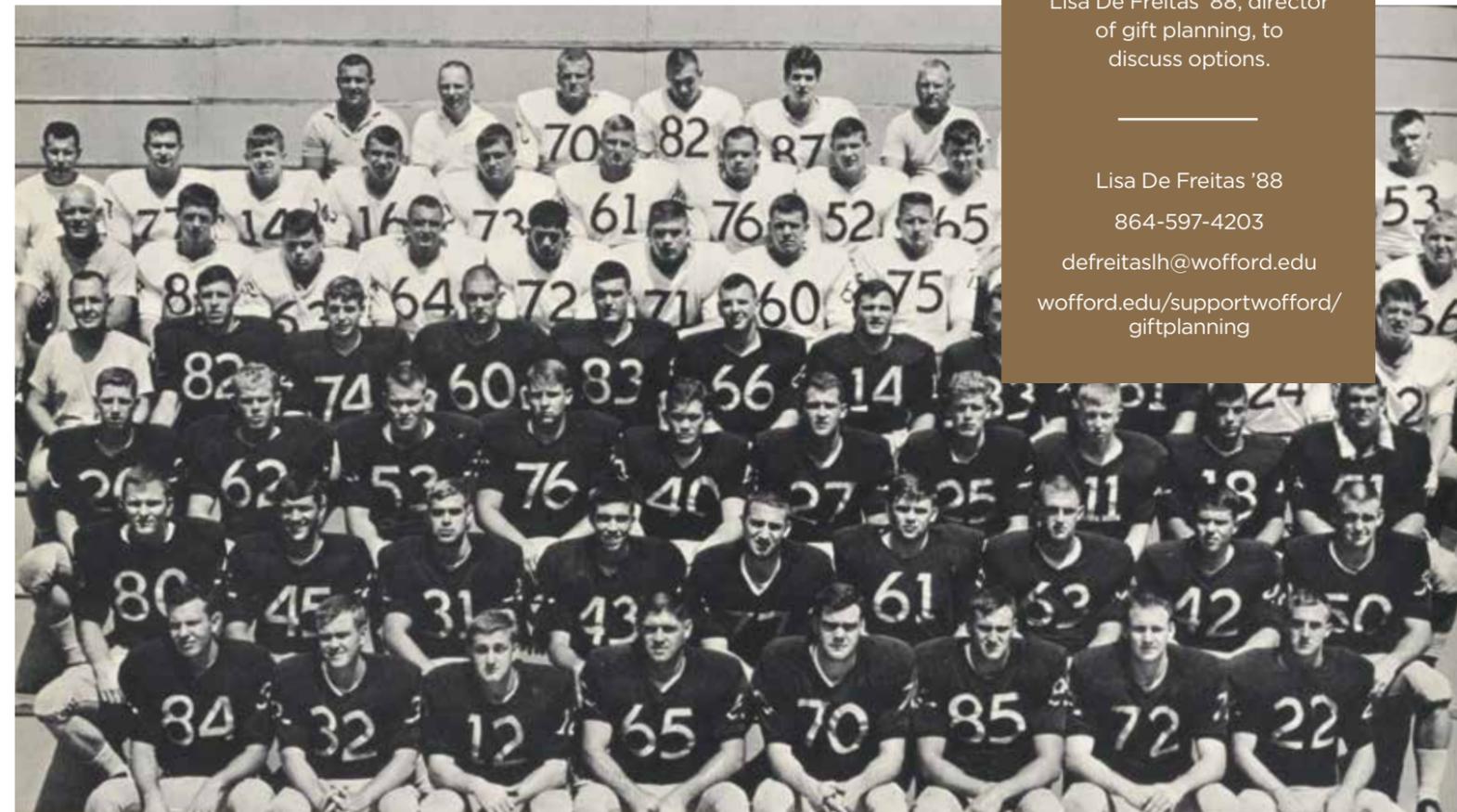
The Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts inspired the Atkins' new scholarship gifts.

"I love the college. ... In the fall, I enjoy every game I go to," says Robby, who travels with the team as much as he can and even braved the bitter cold of Youngstown, Ohio, during the playoff quarterfinals last season.

"Susan and Robby Atkins are two of Wofford's finest," says Dr. David Wood, senior vice president for advancement at Wofford. "They have continued to share their good fortune in life and business, and 27 years of student-athletes on the college's football team have felt the impact of their love of Wofford College."

Giving comes naturally to the Atkinses. Although Susan loved creating art, she put it on the back burner for years because it was best for their family and business. In addition to giving his free time in service to the country through the National Guard, Atkins also spent eight years as a guardian ad litem. They also are both quick to say that a successful marriage involves lots of "give" and a good sense of humor. Although it's not written into the scholarship description, the Atkinses hope that the recipients of their scholarships will one day pay the gift forward.

"I'd like to think that any graduate of Wofford would find some way to give something back, regardless of the amount," says Robby Atkins. "Wofford gives out lots of financial aid, so nearly everyone gets some kind of assistance to attend. I realized that many may not have the funds right out of college, but when their situation changes, I can only hope they will find a way to give back to Wofford."



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# MAKING A planned gift TO WOFFORD COLLEGE

Robby Atkins '65 (#72 below) eventually will endow his two annually funded scholarships using a charitable lead annuity trust. What's right for Atkins, however, may not be the best choice for you. Talk with your financial advisor or contact Lisa De Freitas '88, director of gift planning, to discuss options.

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# THREE FOR THREE »»»

Partnering with outside funders creates new opportunities for student success

## WOFFORD RECEIVES \$500,000 MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Gift to fund reimagination of general education curriculum

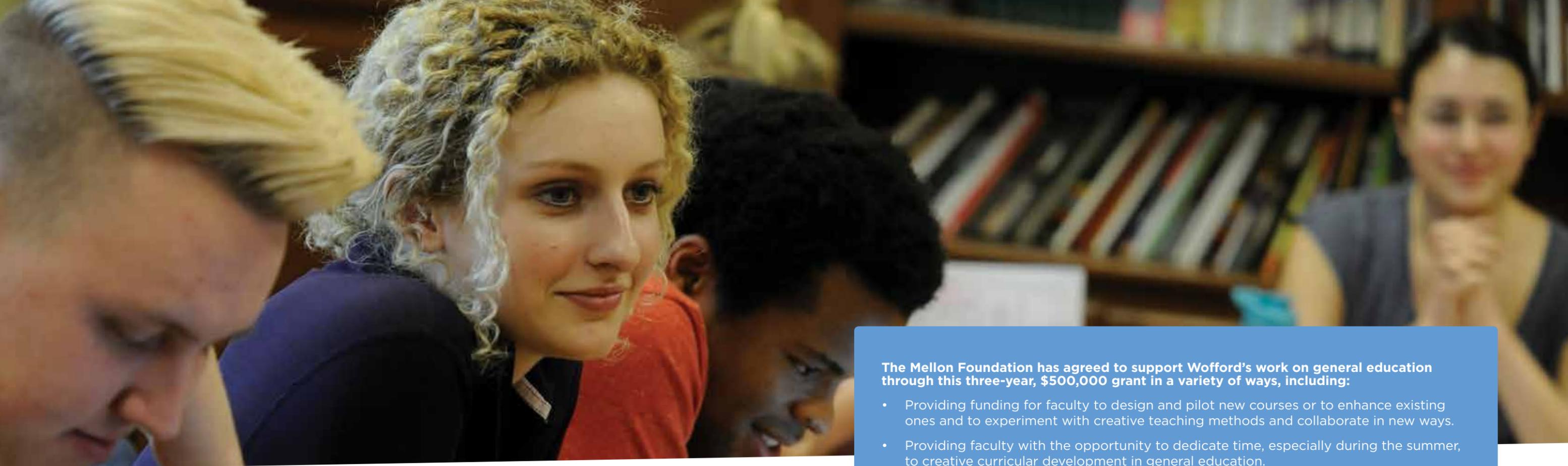
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## WOFFORD RECEIVES

# \$500,000

## MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT >>>

Gift to fund reimagination of general education curriculum

**The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** has provided Wofford with a \$500,000 grant to revitalize its general education curriculum, providing more creative and collaborative approaches to the student experience.

“This generous support from The Mellon Foundation will allow Wofford’s faculty to pilot the new concepts they have been developing, then assess their success as part of the ongoing process of reviewing general education at Wofford,” says Dr. Michael J. Sosulski, provost. “The Wofford community knows that meeting the needs of tomorrow’s students involves careful deliberation and planning.”

Earlier this year, the faculty approved further exploration and experimentation with the general education curriculum, the core courses that all students are required to complete.

“The Mellon Foundation grant will be crucial to helping Wofford achieve its ambitious curricular goals by removing barriers — conceptual and financial — to experimentation and growth,” Sosulski says. “With the grant, the college will pilot and test some of the concepts approved by the faculty while continuing to discuss, assess, refine and approve those deemed effective.”

BY LAURA HENDRIX CORBIN

The Mellon Foundation has agreed to support Wofford’s work on general education through this three-year, \$500,000 grant in a variety of ways, including:

- Providing funding for faculty to design and pilot new courses or to enhance existing ones and to experiment with creative teaching methods and collaborate in new ways.
- Providing faculty with the opportunity to dedicate time, especially during the summer, to creative curricular development in general education.
- Allowing Wofford to create new faculty leadership roles in general education.
- Facilitating the faculty and staff’s reimaging of Wofford’s approach to pre-major advising and advisor training.
- Enhancing Wofford’s ability to support faculty who are interested in professional development in teaching and scholarship.
- Enhancing the college’s ability to share work within the broader academic community.

“The generous support of The Mellon Foundation comes at an opportune time as Wofford finds itself in the midst of some historic changes,” President Nayef Samhat says. “A top-100 national liberal arts college, Wofford has a bold new strategic vision for our future; energetic new senior academic leadership; steady enrollment; a strong endowment, with a promising campaign in its early stages; and a highly engaged faculty and staff that have eagerly co-authored that ambitious vision for the college’s future.”

In 2014, The Mellon Foundation provided Wofford with a \$100,000 grant to enhance the general education curriculum to renew emphasis on writing and further integrate information literacy, undergraduate research, electronic portfolios and the digital humanities. Also, in 2013, the foundation gave Wofford and Converse College a joint grant of \$75,000 to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of library services in the digital information age.



# SO MUCH TO >>> SHARE

Wofford awarded grant to foster community-based learning with low-income older adults

BY KELSEY AYLOR '18

**Wofford College students and low-income older local adults have new opportunities** to connect with and learn from each other through a yearlong initiative funded by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in partnership with the AARP Foundation.

Wofford is one of 21 institutions nationwide selected to receive the \$12,450 grant, Intergenerational Connections: Students Serving Older Adults; more than 90 institutions applied for the grant.

Eleven Wofford student fellows are participating in the initiative spearheaded by Dr. Kara Bopp, associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, with assistance from Jessalyn Story, director of the Center for Community-Based Learning.

“Low-income older adults in Spartanburg are in need of our attention,” says Bopp, who teaches cognitive and developmental psychology. “Older adults are too often ignored. ... Our goal is to improve their well-being through interactions with our students, but in addition,

I think we will find that our students benefit deeply from this opportunity and ultimately care about civic issues related to aging.”

Through the grant, student fellows lead weekly workshops in various community centers and assisted-living facilities in the Spartanburg area. The workshops focus on social engagement through writing prompts and creative activities. Fellow Omar Elmore '19, an English major from Greenwood, S.C., leads a group at the Archibald Rutledge Apartments that recently reflected on strengths and weaknesses. Lively discussions followed as the college students and older adults bonded over the many characteristics they shared. For an hour, age and circumstance fell away.

“For the college, this is an important step toward greater civic engagement,” says student fellow Tim Lindsey '18, a sociology major from Spartanburg. “Even though Wofford is an open campus, we can always improve on reaching out and establishing new relationships and presences.”

#### According to the CIC website, the project has four goals:

- Identify and serve the needs of older adults in college and university communities, particularly in the areas of hunger, housing, income generation and social isolation.
- Help college students develop new skills and knowledge.
- Increase student retention at independent colleges and universities through service learning.
- Develop a national network of student programs that recognize the mutual benefit of intergenerational connections.

Ashley Stewart '20, a biology major from State College, Pa., believes building these new relationships in the greater community has helped her grow. “Being able to connect and share with people you wouldn’t normally interact with is incredibly meaningful,” she says. “These older adults can offer us wisdom, and we hope we can give them something to look forward to during the week.”

Lindsey agrees. “Even though we all have older adults in our lives, many of us don’t have meaningful conversations with them. When you listen to their stories, and actually hear them, the things you learn are surprising.”

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At the end of the grant period, the Wofford student fellows each will have conducted 10 workshops in the fall and 10 in the spring, amounting to approximately 200 workshops over the year that will impact more than 200 older adults and include the interaction of 100 or more Wofford students attending workshops for service-learning requirements or other volunteer efforts. Bopp and the student fellows will compile a collection of the work produced by workshop participants in a public display planned for May 2018.

“We are finding that our residents are connecting with a youthful perspective that brings delight,” says Terril Bates, CEO of the Spartanburg Housing Authority. “Our staff is significantly impacted as the attention that the residents receive from the students assuages their anxiety and their fears and provides a very caring engagement for them. Many of these residents do not have good familial or social structures through which to experience these interactions. We have never been able to deliver this kind of experience because of the limited staffing levels. Our hope is that the students will gain insight and information that will positively impact their life journeys, as citizens and professionals.”

Juliana Rima '18, the project’s lead student fellow, says, “The whole point of the project is to give visibility and importance to a community that often does not receive those things. They are an important part of our community, and we want them to feel that.” Rima is a Spanish and psychology major from New York, N.Y.

In addition to Elmore, Lindsey, Rima and Stewart, other Wofford intergenerational fellows are Ni’Asia Daniels '18, Chandler Graham '19 (spring only), Mayson Liner '19, Sheridan Kate Murray '19 (fall only), Carly Powers '18, Arnesha Rector '18 and Emilie Tinker '20. The fellows have encouraged other Wofford students to become involved by attending workshops, and several Wofford professors — Dr. Christine Dinkins (philosophy), Dr. Kimberly Hall (English), Dr. Kim Rostan (English) and Jessica Scott-Felder (studio art) — have made this project part of their courses this semester.

For more information about the Intergenerational Connections grant, Wofford’s intergenerational student fellows, including their specific sites, and how to sign up to join a workshop, visit [sites.wofford.edu/boppkl/home/cic-aarp-grant](https://sites.wofford.edu/boppkl/home/cic-aarp-grant).



# LEVELUP

New program gives Wofford student-athletes a competitive advantage in life

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89

In the spring President Nayef Samhat (now serving on the NCAA Division I national board of directors) charged a group from the college with taking the best of Wofford's high-impact practices and adapting them to fit the complicated schedules of student-athletes.

In response, Wofford has created the LevelUp Project, a program that differentiates the college and gives student-athletes a competitive advantage as they prepare for the workplace or graduate school. The four-year program offers professional development and entrepreneurial skills training, paid study-abroad and internship experiences, and opportunities to lead, engage civically and mentor younger LevelUp participants.

"The NCAA offered colleges and universities a one-time special distribution for programming, and Wofford decided to use it to create this incredible opportunity that will help our student-athletes succeed in life," says Elizabeth Wilkes Rabb '01, assistant athletics director for compliance. Rabb explains that the NCAA has provided enough funding from its endowment so the college can sustain the program through 2025. Eventually Wofford hopes to endow the initiative, which could very well be a model program for other colleges and universities.

The inaugural class includes 20 current student-athletes. After four years, a total of 80 student-athletes will benefit from this opportunity, and the benefit is substantial.

A 2015 study from the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows that students who work a paid internship during college average \$11,000 per year more in their first jobs than students without the same work experience. Students who have studied abroad can expect an average first-year salary boost of \$6,000, and liberal arts graduates who have mastered entrepreneurial thinking experience the same \$6,000 initial salary benefit.

"Our student-athletes already offer so much. They know how to fail and recover quickly. They're coachable and take criticism well. They're open to try new things," says Rebecca Parker '11, internships and employer relations director with The Space in the Mungo Center. "Adding the skill set that they will gain through the LevelUp Project, and they will be even more marketable in the workplace, medical school, law school ... really in any area."

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Parker; Rabb; Amy Lancaster '01, dean of international programs; and Curt McPhail '96, executive director of The Space, are the college's LevelUp Project leaders. In addition to holding monthly group meetings, speaker events or trainings for LevelUp participants, each also mentors and meets individually with cohort members.

Recruits who come into the program as first-year students begin professional development and entrepreneurial skills training. They will create resumes, cover letters and LinkedIn pages and practice their interviewing skills. They will meet graduated student-athletes, who were once sitting in their seats, and maybe find inspiration from their successes. This training extends all four years.

In year two the cohort will share an academic experience with a two-week study abroad component added during Interim or at the end of the spring semester.

"For example, the group may take a class on African art during the spring, then right after the semester is over leave for a two-week study-abroad experience in Africa," says Parker.

According to Rabb, by year three, to meet NCAA regulations, student-athletes must declare a major. Staff in The Space in the Mungo Center will guide them as they secure paid internships.

"During the fourth year they will bring the culmination of their experiences back to campus as LevelUp leaders and mentors," says Rabb. Year four also will mean

additional networking and professional development opportunities in preparation for graduation. "All of this is available to the student body as well. Any student can take the classes, hear the speakers, study abroad and secure their own internship. The difference is the college is paying for these opportunities for our student-athletes using designated NCAA resources."

Da'Ja Green '21, a native of Morrow, Ga., and student-athlete on the women's basketball team, is most excited about the paid internship and study-abroad experience.

"A lot of employers are more attracted to individuals who have participated in paid internships. Also studying abroad was always something I wanted to do but didn't think I'd have the time," she says.

Both Green and Catie Cronister '20, a student-athlete on the volleyball team from Chicago, Ill., chose Wofford because it offered rigorous academics and competitive NCAA Division I athletics. They didn't choose Wofford because of the LevelUp Project, but both say it's going to make their Wofford experience even better.

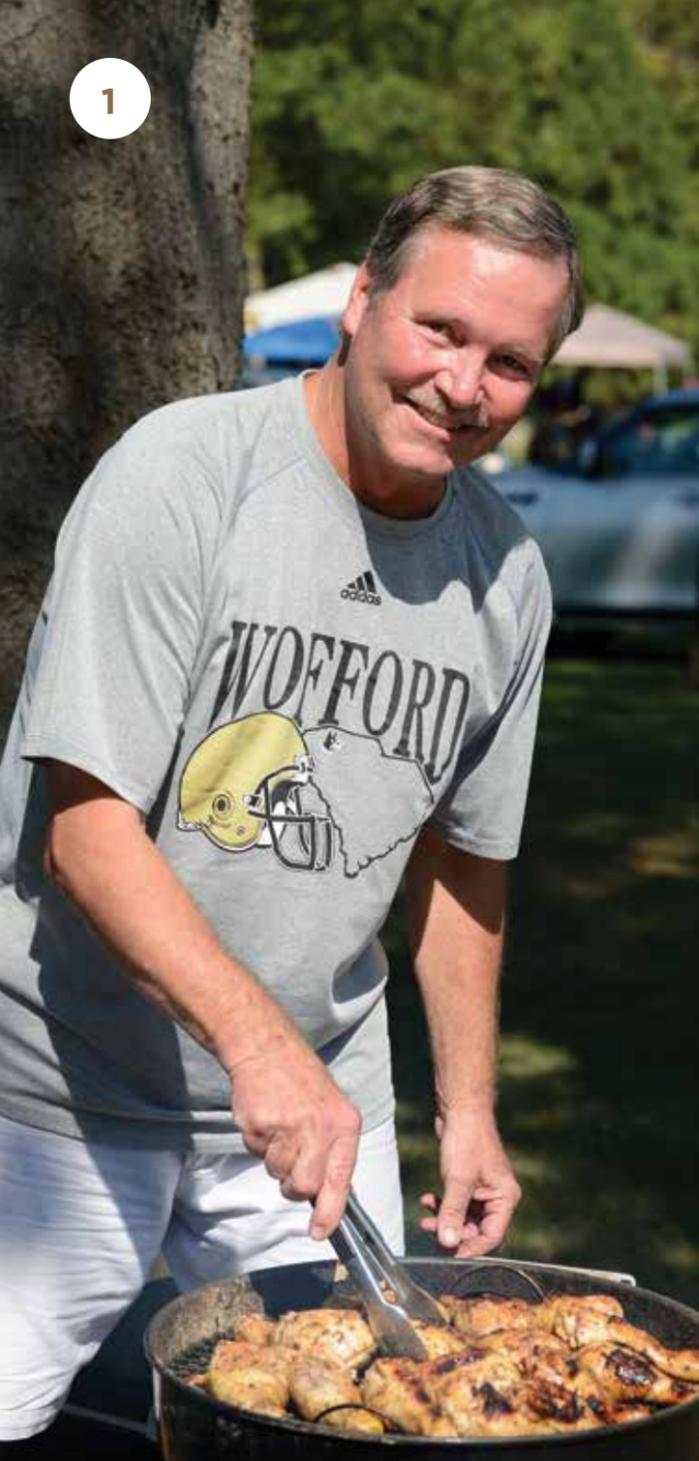
"Student-athletes often get so caught up in all the things they have to do at a certain moment that they don't take full advantage of what Wofford can do for them," says Cronister. "This new program will make sure that student-athletes are able to think about their futures with extra guidance."



# THE FANS OF FALL

*CELEBRATING THE TEAMS BEHIND THE TEAMS*

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# NOTHING SAYS FALL AT WOFFORD

like the smell of a good tailgate, the sight of students painted up and cheering for their classmates, and the sounds of “Touchdown, Terriers!” over the speakers in Gibbs Stadium.

*Here’s to the fans of fall!*

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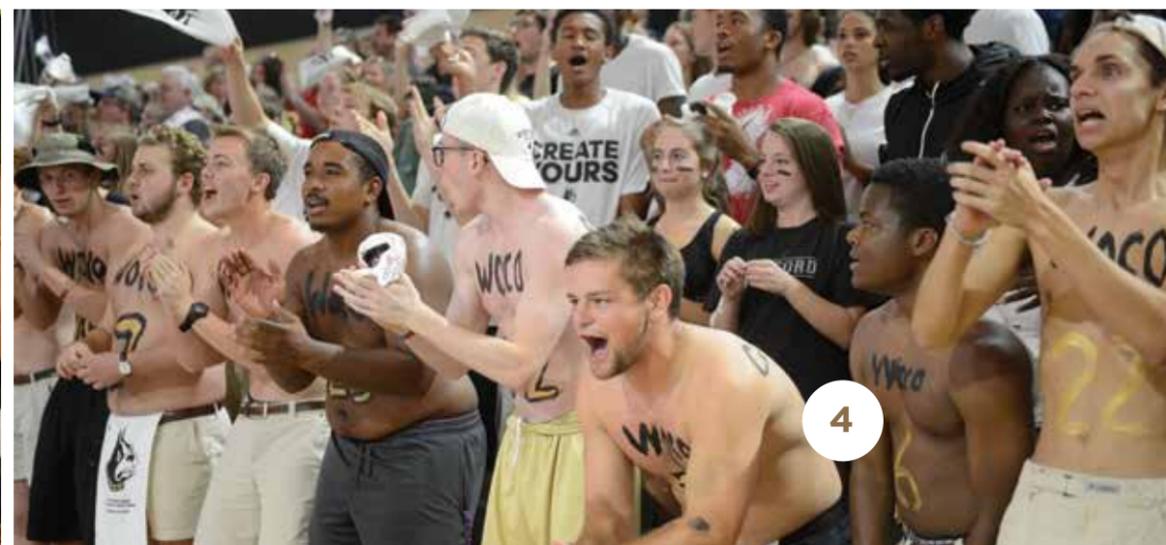
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1. Making a day of it, Bill Schuler '81 takes his pre-game tailgate to a new level before walking into Gibbs Stadium to watch the game.
2. Boss isn't just a fan, he's a fan favorite, especially with the children.
3. A century ago Wofford athletics teams chose the Boston Terrier as the college's mascot. The small but tenacious and fierce dog is full of intelligence and energy, making it an ideal mascot for the 1,684 undergraduates who call Wofford home.
4. The first volleyball match in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium was loud — really loud — and the perfect way to christen the new home of volleyball, basketball and lacrosse.
5. Celebrating Mike Ayers' 30th season as head coach of the Terrier football team, the Class of 2021 wore commemorative T-shirts.
6. Wofford has no greater fans than Rosalind and Jerry Richardson '59, here with Richardson Scholar Jurnee Jones '21 at the inaugural volleyball match in the new indoor stadium.
7. President Nayef Samhat presents super fan Virginia Dean with a football signed by head coach Mike Ayers to commemorate her 500th Wofford football game. Joining her is her son, Bob Dean.

The Class of 2021 walked to Gibbs Stadium together and made a tunnel for the team to kick off the 2017 football season.



While it's about what's going on down on the field for some, for other fans it's about a cardboard box and a steep, grassy hill.



Some of the college's most faithful fans are also members of the athletics staff. Few people put in more time than Brent Williamson and Ryan Price. Here they were up early watching the cross country teams compete at the Milliken Eye Opener in Spartanburg.



The game's always on for Joe Brunson '69, David Taylor and Mike Taylor '80.



Friends and fans (from left) Patsy and Don Jones '61, Robbie and Bill Gray '63, Lisa and Bob Capes '56, and Jill and Joe Lewis '59.



During breaks in the women's soccer match, Wofford's athletics marketing staff keeps fans engaged with a game. T-shirts are always favorite prizes.



Helping Wofford fans gear up in the cutest gold, black and Terrier gear is what Leah Harris '05 and terriertulles.com do. Her Boston Terrier, Magnolia, is also a fan favorite on game day.



Wofford played Furman in the home opener this season, and the Campbell family does a house divided as well as anyone else. Grace '21 is a middle blocker for the Terriers and her sister, Carris, plays for the Paladins.



It's important to start 'em early. Go, Terriers!



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME  
THERE'S NO TIME LIKE HOME COMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

ALUMNI, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN!



# HONORING SERVICE, LOYALTY AND LEADERSHIP

Alumni Association recognizes Gillians '04, McGirt '01, Gray '72 and Gomez-Agnoli at Homecoming

BY LAURA HENDRIX CORBIN

The Wofford Alumni Association honored three alumni and a community leader during the college's annual Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 20-21. The annual awards ceremony was held in the Jerome Johnson Richardson Theatre in the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

## Shawan Gillians '04 RISING STAR

Gillians, interim treasurer for Santee Cooper, South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility, graduated from Wofford with high honors as a double major in economics and religion. A native of Moncks Corner, S.C., she graduated from the College of William and Mary School of Law and returned to the Charleston area to join the law firm of Buist Moore Smythe McGehee. In 2011, Gillians left private practice to join the legal department of Santee Cooper, where she was associate general counsel-corporate affairs until March 2017. After receiving her MBA from the University of South Carolina, she was named to her current position.

She is a member of the board of trustees for the Coastal Community Foundation, a member of the Community Engagement Review Council for the Trident United Way and a member of the vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Charleston. She is a graduate of the Riley Institute at Furman University, Diversity Leadership Initiative and is a member of the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2018.

## William McGirt '01 PRIDE OF WOFFORD

McGirt, the 2016 Memorial Tournament champion, grew up in Fairmont, N.C., playing baseball and golf, earning scholarships in both. He chose Wofford and golf. Named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, McGirt's college career brought several major wins, including the prestigious Augusta State Invitational in his junior year and the 2001 SoCon Championship as a senior.

After college, he won the 2003 North Carolina Amateur and the 2003 Cardinal Amateur. He turned professional in 2004, spending years playing several mini-tours and the 2010 season on the Nationwide Tour. He finished tied for second at the 2010 PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament, securing his PGA Tour card. McGirt, who lives in Spartanburg with his wife, Sarah Bagwell McGirt '03, and their two children, Mac and Caroline, supports several charities, including the Walking for Kids Foundation. He is a board member of the Bobby Chapman Junior Invitational.

## Charlie Gray '72 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Gray joined the college's Admission staff right after graduation, rising to lead the Admission program starting in 1977. He moved to head the Alumni and Parents Programs in 1995 and became the director of continuing education in 2015, creating the college's popular Lifelong Learning at Wofford program. During his time working at the college, he influenced the beginning of intercollegiate soccer, helped grow the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body, and sponsored, counseled and mentored thousands of students and their organizations.

He is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International, has been a volunteer for Mobile Meals of Spartanburg for decades and has been recognized several times by Wofford's Association of African-American Students (now the Association of Multicultural Students) with their Martin Luther King Jr. Award. Gray and his wife, Susan, are the parents of three adult children, Charles, William and Ginny Gray Pryor '05.

The award Gray received has now been named the Charles H. Gray Jr. Distinguished Service Award in his honor.

## Carlos Gomez-Agnoli DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

Gomez-Agnoli located the company he founded, Dellfrio, a major importer of commercial refrigeration, in the Northside community of the city of Spartanburg because he wanted to be a part of a neighborhood that would benefit from a viable business. The Medellin, Colombia, native learned his entrepreneurial skills from his mother, father and grandfather, all of whom built businesses, from local to international, that sustained the family.

Now, Gomez-Agnoli serves on the board of directors and the housing committee of the Northside Development Group, and he supports arts funding at Cleveland Academy of Leadership. He hires students from Wofford College as interns to assist with valuable hands-on training in international business. He is a life supporter of the PAN Foundation, founded by his late father, Carlos Gomez-Urbe, to support homeless children in Colombia.

## The Rising Star AWARD

is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has demonstrated professional accomplishment and continued growth as an emerging leader in his or her community.

## The Pride of Wofford AWARD

is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has brought honor and distinction to Wofford through outstanding professional achievement.

## The Distinguished Service AWARD

is presented to a member of the Wofford Alumni Association who has distinguished himself or herself through dedicated service and commitment to Wofford College.

## The Distinguished Citizen AWARD

is presented to a non-alumnus or alumna who has served a distinguished career and has contributed extraordinary service to humanity, reflecting honor on both the recipient and Wofford.



Four years ago, a group of alumni organized the Black Alumni Summit, now an integral part of Homecoming Weekend. "We're here to communicate the fact that we have a vested interest in Wofford College, and we want to ensure that the pathways are open for future students," said Vickie Muller '83 during that inaugural weekend.

The summit continues to bring alumni together to network, encourage, share experiences with and raise support for underrepresented students.



# CLASS NOTES

## 1960

Church Women United of Columbia, S.C., has awarded **Hayes Mizell** its 2017 Human Rights Certificate of Appreciation “for distinguished leadership, dedicated service and concerned citizen action.”

## 1971

**Phillip Henry McGee** has been named a lifetime achiever by Marquis Who’s Who. McGee is an educator, entrepreneur and innovator in the field of safety education and human resource development.

## 1980

**Margaret Vevon Edgerton** is a broker and realtor with Coldwell Banker King. She works with buyers and sellers in the Tryon, Hendersonville and Lake Lure areas of North Carolina.

## 1981

**Dr. David Harkins** has joined the Lee University Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics as a visiting assistant professor in chemistry. Lee University is located in Cleveland, Tenn.

## 1983

**John Phillip Liston**, a guidance counselor from Taylors, S.C., has been appointed to represent S.C. House District Seat 10, 17 and 19 on the Greenville Health System Authority Board of Trustees.

## 1987

**Leah Bell-Bagwell** is a member of the executive team with America’s Home Place in Greenville, S.C. She and her husband, Todd, live in Easley.

## 1989

**John Bauknight** has joined the NAI Earle Furman team in Spartanburg, S.C. He remains involved in Spartanburg’s entrepreneurial community, including helping launch Spartanburg Angel Network, a group that combines the entrepreneurial culture, investor expertise and mentoring talents of investors in Spartanburg with the larger Angel Network’s proven investment model.

## 1992

**Billy Keels** has been an assistant football coach and head baseball coach at Lewisville High School for 16 years. His baseball team won the state championship in May, and his son, Trey (18), pitched a complete game in the championship final. This was Keels’ second state title. He and his wife, Angie, live in Chester, S.C. They also have a daughter, Allie (15).

## 1993

Attorney **Rob Bethea Jr.** has been named mergers and acquisitions team leader for Adams and Reese in Columbia, S.C. Columbia Business Monthly also named him to its 2017 Legal Elite listing.

The International Association of Defense Counsel has elected **Molly Hughes Cherry**, an attorney with Nexsen Pruet in Charleston, S.C., to its board of directors for a three-year term. Her legal practice focuses on litigation, business disputes, employment and labor law, insurance coverage, lender liability and professional liability.

**Ray McGuire** was promoted in May to national safety, health and environmental manager for the Nestle Sales Organization, supporting the sales and distribution teams for all Nestle products across the U.S. The new job required his family to make their 16th move, this time from Phoenix, Ariz., to Cleveland, Ohio. McGuire says it was a hard move, but the position is a great opportunity.

## 1994

SouthCrest Bank announces the appointment of 20-year financial services veteran **Kristie Wierks McMahan** as vice president and portfolio manager on its team. McMahan, who has held senior positions at four regional banks, a major investment house and two international industries, will be responsible for managing SouthCrest Bank’s commercial portfolio.

## 1997

Stonemont Financial Group, an Atlanta-based investment management firm, recently

established an office in Charlotte, N.C., and added **Matt McCoy**, who will serve as president of the new Stonemont Income Fund. He was most recently managing director and group head of the corporate net lease capital markets group at Wells Fargo.

## 1998

**Christina Pitts Lynn** moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to take a new position as the director of behavioral health with Grand Strand Hospital. She is in the process of opening a new behavioral health unit.

On July 17, 2017, **Dr. Michael Mikota** was named Central Carolina Technical College’s new president. Mikota lives in Sumter, S.C., with his wife, Camila, and two daughters, Cecilia and Penelope.

## 2001

**Jeff Plotner** and **Courtney Parades Plotner** ’04 announce the birth of Barnes Lewis Plotner, born June 26, 2017. He joins big brother Judson Gibbons Plotner. They live in Charleston, S.C.

**Anna Martin Tucker** and her husband, Gibson, welcomed their daughter, Nancy “Harriet” Tucker, on Dec. 8, 2016. The family lives in Camden, S.C.

## 2003

**Christie Kocisko Estes** and her husband, Michael, are the proud parents of twins, Josephine Marie and Sophia Eleni Estes, born Aug. 8, 2017. They live in Spartanburg, S.C.

## 2004

**Palmer Straughn**, director of admission at Christ School in Arden, N.C., married **Sara Riggs** ’10 on Sept. 30, 2017. Both previously worked in the Wofford College Office of Admission.

## 2006

**Jacque Shurburtt Burkhead** and her husband, Jason, live in Davidson, N.C., with their two children, Evelyn (2) and Anderson, born June 13, 2017. In September, Burkhead also began a new job as a territory commercial controller with Ingersoll-Rand Co.



## DISCOVERING HIS CALLING

*Pracht inducted into National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame*

*by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89*

Auctioneering gave Chris Pracht '75 a second chance.

The first decade after graduation from Wofford saw highs: becoming the youngest elected representative to the South Carolina House of Representatives at the age of 21, a career in real estate and the birth of a son, as well as lows: political defeat, family loss and life challenges. By the mid-1980s, the idealism that led Pracht into public service was replaced by “disillusionment, disappointment and despair.”

“I was at Indiana University beginning the Certified Auctioneers Institute (the only three-year certification program for auctioneers in the United States), and I walked down to Burger King housed in the Memorial Union Building to grab a sandwich,” says Pracht. Bob Glass, a well-respected auctioneer and leader in the field of charity auctions, sat down with him and asked how the course was going. “I said something like, ‘We’re just a bunch of money changers.’ ‘Young man,’ he stopped me, ‘You need a better attitude. You need to come to the children’s camp.’ At that moment, I could hear our Wofford’s Frank Logan and Charlie Gray ’72 saying ‘You go, boy!’”

Back home in Anderson, S.C., Pracht received a call and an application to help at Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Pracht spent the next 12 years changing his attitude and his life thanks in part to time spent volunteering each summer with seriously ill children at the camp. “Even when you’re giving all you’ve got, the children give you so much more than you can ever give them.”

Pracht completed the CAI Institute, renewed his interest in state and national professional organizations and started teaching courses in the CAI and NAA auctioneer certification programs. He went on to serve as treasurer of the National Auctioneers Association and was elected the first chairman of the newly formed NAA Education Institute Trustees. He served as president of the South Carolina Auctioneers Association and was inducted into the South Carolina Auctioneers Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2014 he was named the Grand Champion Bid Calling Auctioneer, and in July 2017 Pracht was surprised during the 4,000-member NAA annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with induction into the National Auctioneers Hall of Fame.

“I really enjoy the auction business, not just to make a living, but because I see how I can help people,” says Pracht. “I realized a long time ago that one of our most valuable assets is time. Things hold us down. In a sense, whatever we own owns us. Auctioneers give people back their time and new beginnings.”

Pracht, also a certified estate specialist, says auctioneers help people solve problems. “I’ve seen families divided come back together because of the way we’ve handled an estate. Seeing these families heal is a wonderful gift.”

In 2007 when the market crashed, Pracht and several of his former CAI classmates at IU formed a national franchise of auctioneers that allowed small, privately owned firms to keep their names and their businesses, while benefiting from a national network and online bidder platform. The new business model, now in its 10th year, has been a success, and Pracht remains director and secretary of International Auction Marketing Inc., DBA MarkNet Alliance. The franchise includes 60 member companies in 35 states with a partner in South Africa. Pracht’s son, Christopher, serves as general counsel for the franchise. Pracht also owns Chris Pracht Auctioneers, Realty and Auction LLC with his main office in Anderson and contact offices in Camden and Charleston, S.C. While in Camden he also works American Brittanys in the field.

According to Pracht, the auctioneer is the person responsible for all facets of the marketing, auction and transactions — from the bid calling and the contract signing to the collections and distribution of the funds. The process, however, is as much about building relationships with people as about planning, organization and sales. “The real estate auction business has been good to me,” says Pracht. “I’ve been able to make a good honest living, and I’ve met a lot of wonderful people along the way.”

For Pracht, his connection to Wofford has been a constant, and because of his love of the college and appreciation of faculty and peer support within the Wofford community, he has included Wofford in his will.

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## LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

*The Stewarts use liberal arts education to advance democracy*

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When Maggie Stewart '17 graduated in May as a double major in international affairs and religion, she applied for an internship with the International Republican Institute (IRI), a non-profit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to advance freedom and democracy worldwide. In August the organization hired her as a program associate for West Africa, the same division that her father, Ed Stewart '86, helped establish and later directed in his first job.

"The IRI has changed considerably since I was there, but it shaped my life and my career in ways I hope repeat for Maggie," says Ed, now a partner in the Prism Group in Washington, D.C. "It's both thrilling and humbling to know that my daughter would end up in her first job in the program I helped start 25 years ago. I've been to tough places and seen some of the best and worst of how humans can interact with each other. It may be counterintuitive for a father to say, but I hope my kids see some of those things, too — the good and bad."

That's just what Maggie is hoping as well. Her portfolio focuses primarily on Nigeria, The Gambia and Ghana. Right now she's writing reports for IRI's funders such as USAID and the U.S. State Department, assisting field staff with events and travel, brainstorming upcoming proposals and staying up to date on current political environments across the region.

"Hopefully soon I'll get to travel," she says. "I can't wait to be on the ground and in the thick of it!"

Maggie says that the discussion-based classes on relevant topics, study abroad experience, and the public speaking and critical-thinking skills she honed at Wofford serve her well every day in her new job.

"Dr. Dan Mathewson, a religion professor who I almost always took for upper-level religion classes, constantly encouraged

his students to have open conversations and debates, which gave me the opportunity to think critically and speak deliberately, yet respectfully. ... Wofford also taught me how to be a professional and concise writer, and in my short time in the professional world, I've learned it's a rare skill," she says.

Even after 30 years, Ed says the relevance of the liberal arts education he received at Wofford endures. "I've been involved in politics and international policy for my entire career in Washington, and I draw on my Wofford experience every single day."

Ed primarily worked in the Caribbean during his first few years with the IRI. He didn't know it at the time, but the Cold War was coming to a close. "With the opening of eastern Europe in 1989-90, IRI rapidly moved into the political turmoil of that region. It was an extraordinary time. People, who a year before had been under totalitarian rule, suddenly found themselves free," he says. Ed spent most of those years in Romania and Bulgaria working with democratic political activists and newly formed parties. Later, at the senior staff level, he led teams in establishing the Africa, Asia and Middle East divisions at IRI.

Maggie always has been interested in international affairs, and she and her dad both enjoy their "vibrant" dinnertime discussions of current events. Still, the breadth of the field seemed overwhelming until Maggie studied abroad and witnessed firsthand the economic and political upheaval in Turkey.

"The IRI was an organization I always knew of because of dad, but suddenly I realized I believed in its mission enough to focus my career around it," she says.

"It's a dramatic understatement to say that my wife, Shelley, and I are proud of both Maggie and our son Bill (a member of the Wofford Class of 2020) for choosing Wofford."

**Rachel Hutchens** has joined Sowell Gray Robinson as an associate in its Columbia, S.C., office. She focuses her practice on litigation involving premises liability, automobile torts and insurance coverage as well as personal injury defense.

### 2008

An intensive care nurse, **Mary Patton Parks Anderson** has been accepted into the master of nurse anesthesia program at the Medical University of South Carolina in Columbia. She begins in January 2018. She and her husband of six years live in Greenwood, S.C.

**Trey Antley** and **Natalia Nunez Antley** welcomed daughter **Catrina Sofia Antley** on March 15, 2017. The family lives in Columbia, S.C.

Employed with Stevens Towing Co. Inc. in Yorges Island, S.C., **Ross Thomas Miller** married **Mary Ruth Tribble** on Aug. 12, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. They live in Charleston.

### 2009

**Lane Eisenburg** is pursuing an MBA in organizational management at Emory University in Atlanta. She expects to graduate in 2019.

**Dr. Tyler Perry** joined the dental practice of Dr. David Moss and Dr. Brian Sang at Palmetto Smiles of Florence, S.C. Perry will practice family dental care and provide cosmetic, restorative and preventive treatment.

The wedding announcement in The New York Times began: "He promised her the moon and stars. They married on eclipse day. **Kelly Turek** and **Chris Dutton**, a pair of stargazers and self-described 'science fiction nerds,'" were married in Georgetown, S.C., on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017. "They spent the first few minutes of a bright future together in total darkness." The couple now lives in Florida, where Dutton is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, "considered one of the best stargazing destinations in the country."

### 2010

**Sarah Hannah Newman** is an associate in the Atlanta office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. She is a member of the litigation department and concentrates her practice on complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation.

### 2011

**Taylor Baker** and **Pari Barr Baker** celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Oct. 1, 2017. They live in Hot Springs, Va., with their dog, Warren. Taylor owns his own law practice, and Pari is a licensed clinical social worker in the local hospital.

**Harrison Hood** married **Morgan Allison Morrisette** on Sept. 30, 2017, on Figure Eight Island, N.C. The groom is employed by Glen Raven-Custom Fabrics, the bride with Morrisette Paper Co. They live in Greensboro, N.C.

## REUNITED TO WIN



Over Labor Day weekend a group of Wofford graduates reunited on the field to participate in the Beer City Cup, an adult soccer tournament in Asheville, N.C., that claims to be the largest adult soccer event in the country. This year teams came from as far away as London, England. The Terriers, who played for Coach Ralph Polson, chose the name the T-Puppies. The group has remained close since graduation. They still enjoy playing soccer together and continue to represent Wofford well. Oh yeah, and they won!

From left, front row then back, in the pre-game photo are: **Blair Gaines '14**, a med student at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine; **Ryan Hurst '15**, registered nurse at the UNC Medical Center; **Pierce Verchick '15**, credit underwriter on the investment advisory lending team with Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C.; **Nick Orton '15**, a physical therapy student at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; **Matthew Tran '16**, a med student at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta; **Nestor Jaramillo '16**, construction project coordinator with Great Southern Homes in Irmo, S.C.; **Alex Thompson '17**, a relationship manager in Wilmington, N.C., with Live Oak Bank's Investment Advisory Team; **Kevin Hady '16**, a regional sales manager for Crown Data Systems in Atlanta, Ga.; **Charlie Keeley '15**, a portfolio manager with United Bankshares in Washington, D.C.; **Mitch Kupstas**, an adopted Terrier; **Matt Frongello '15**, an account executive with Qualtrics in Dallas, Texas; **Carlos Dominguez-Gonzalez '15**, an X5 logistics team analyst with BMW in Spartanburg, S.C.; **Connor Davis '16**, a project manager with Cap Gemini in Atlanta, Ga.; **Connor Copeland '16**, a project manager with Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, Texas; and **Benny Puetter '15**, materials specialist with BMW.



### READY TO GET INVOLVED? College extends call for AAB nominations

The Wofford College Alumni Association Board of Directors (AAB) now is accepting applications from alumni interested in serving the college through board leadership. The AAB encourages alumni of all ages, interests and geographic locations to apply. Service involves two meetings a year and a willingness to learn more about the college and share ideas on how to foster alumni engagement.

The AAB will accept applications for the 2018-20 term through Jan. 31, 2018. Those selected will be notified on or before March 1. The first board meeting of the year will be held April 27, 2018.

Visit [wofford.edu/AABapplication](http://wofford.edu/AABapplication) to apply.

**Jonathan P. Roof**, who has been serving in the U.S. Army since graduation, was accepted last year into the special operations community. He serves as a logistics operational planner for the only special operations sustainment brigade in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. He completed his MBA in August and won honors as a team member in the best capstone project for Auburn University's culminating MBA class. He soon will be released from active duty to pursue a career in the corporate world while continuing his service in the U.S. Army Reserve.

### 2012

**Tyler Finney** is the director for the southern region at RiverFront Investment Group in Richmond, Va. He had been regional sales consultant for the southern region.

**David P. Jordan** and his wife, Ginger, welcomed daughter Hollis Grace Jordan, born July 24, 2017. She joins big brothers David Paul and Patrick. Jordan also started a new job in the spring as deputy county attorney for Horry County in South Carolina.

**Brandon Robinson**, a CPA, was promoted to tax manager on Aug. 1, 2017. He works with Cherry Bekaert in Greenville, S.C.

### 2013

**Claiborne Fletcher** graduated from Lynchburg College's doctor of physical therapy program in May 2017. She is a pediatric physical therapist in Newport News, Va.

### 2014

**Jen Harlan** and **Kyle Yelton '15** were married on May 27, 2017. Harlan is a career and internship advisor with Kennesaw State University. They live in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

### 2015

**Lauren Kirby Bove** has been hired as a learning specialist within the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes at Louisiana State University. She joined LSU from the University of Arkansas, where she worked as a graduate learning assistant for two years in the Office of Student-Athlete Success.

**Courtney Parsons** graduated with a master's degree in social work from Georgia State University in May 2017. She since has been working as the development coordinator at Kate's Club, an Atlanta-area nonprofit that provides resources and support for children who have lost a parent or a sibling.

### 2017

**Kathryn Dearie Brown** married Corbin Wilmer Arnette on April 8, 2017, in Dillon, S.C., where they now reside.

**Kentra Washington** signed a professional contract to play in the European Women's Basketball League. She will play for ZKK Bor in Bor, Serbia.

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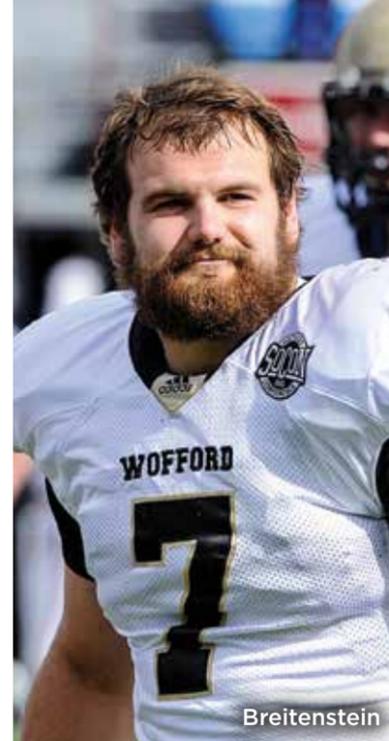


with Dr. Peter Schmunk, professor of art history at Wofford

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Cost of land package is \$3,950/person with double occupancy in 4-star hotel accommodations. Some meals and all tours and tips are included. Airfare may be made independently or arranged by Universal Travel in Spartanburg (864-576-6616). Contact Schmunk at 864-597-4599 (office), 864-585-9853 (home) or schmunkpl@wofford.edu for more information.



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## 2017 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Four inducted in their first year of eligibility

by Brent Williamson

Eric Breitenstein '12, Mac Doyle '12, Brad Loesing '12 and Ameet Pall '12 were selected by the Hall of Fame Committee of the Wofford College Terrier Club Board of Directors for induction into the 2017 Athletics Hall of Fame. For all four, it was their first year of eligibility for the honor.

In addition, the Hall of Fame committee recognized Shirley and Buddy Kirby '61 as the Distinguished Service Award recipients and Joe Edens and Stewart Johnson '67 as Honorary Lettermen.

The Athletics Hall of Fame enshrined its newest class on Oct. 7 prior to the football team's win over Western Carolina University. The Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes "those former athletes and coaches who, by outstanding athletic achievement and service, have made lasting and significant contributions to the cause of sports at Wofford College, the Spartanburg community, South Carolina and the nation."

### Eric Breitenstein

Breitenstein is the college's all-time leading rusher and was the SoCon Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. A three-time All-American, he finished third in the voting for the Walter Payton Award. Breitenstein went on to earn his M.Ed. from Arizona State University and is now a science teacher at Osborne Middle School in Phoenix.

### Mac Doyle

Doyle is baseball's career leader in hits, RBIs and total bases. He played catcher, outfield and designated hitter for the Terriers. He was named ABCA/Rawlings second team All-American in 2010. Doyle is an account manager with Shealy Electrical Wholesaler in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.

### Brad Loesing

Loesing led the team to the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Tournaments. In his senior season he played 1,265 minutes, the most in a single season in Wofford history. Loesing was inducted into

Phi Beta Kappa and named a first team CoSIDA Academic All-American. He now plays professional basketball in Germany.

### Ameet Pall

Pall is third in college history in career sacks, fifth in tackles and was the 2010 SoCon Defensive Player of the Year. An All-American, he finished second in the voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, the highest ever for a Terrier. A native of Montreal, Quebec, he was drafted fifth overall in the 2012 Canadian Football League Draft.

### Joe Edens and Stewart Johnson '67

Edens has proudly supported Wofford athletics for over 20 years. His son, Michael Edens '98, lettered in football at Wofford. The family created the Michael Edens Endowed Scholarship Fund and also contributed the lead gift to help establish the Mike Ayers Football Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Ayers' 50th birthday.

Johnson, who travels in support of Wofford teams as much as possible, joined the board of trustees in 2012. He and his wife, Ann Cobb Johnson, provided the lead gift for the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village, and they established the Mike Young Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2011. The Johnson family has provided philanthropic leadership to numerous Wofford projects, including helping establish the Terrier Ball Auction and Gala.

### Shirley and Buddy Kirby

The Kirbys have supported Wofford athletics for decades, putting the Terrier Club over the million-dollar goal for the first time in 2001, the same year the Kirbys established the James N. and Shirley T. Kirby Endowed Scholarship Fund. Their scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student-athlete who exemplifies the highest qualities of character and work ethic and who also has an interest in business and entrepreneurship.

# IN MEMORIAM

## 1943

**Ephraim Glaze Jackson**, Aug. 16, 2017, Great Falls, S.C. Jackson received three battle stars while serving in Germany during World War II. He was employed by J.P. Stevens & Co. for 37 years. He also was the first manager of Republic Federal Credit Union, where he served 23 years. He was church treasurer for 50 years.

**Dr. Robert Daniel Utsey Sr.**, Sept. 30, 2017, Lexington, S.C. Utsey spent a year after graduation stationed on Wofford's campus as a physics instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps. He then served in World War II in France and Germany in the 99th Chemical Mortar Battalion. He went on to become a dentist, spending 12 years as the first on-site dentist for the S.C. Department of Juvenile Services. In retirement his two passions were playing bridge and teaching Sunday school. Memorials may be made to Wofford College.

## 1950

**William James Clark Jr.**, Sept. 20, 2017, Manning, S.C. Clark's professional life took him from service in the U.S. Navy to Air Force mechanic to hotel owner and operator. He traveled extensively and loved spending time with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

**George P. Maughan**, Sept. 15, 2017, Southern Pines, N.C. A retired U.S. Army colonel, Maughan joined the Army as a private in 1940 and served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Maughan ended his career as director of the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Evaluation and Testing Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Jack R. Thompson**, Aug. 16, 2017, Roebuck, S.C. A retired U.S. Army first sergeant, Thompson served under General George Patton in the 10th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge. He also served during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Thompson Appliance and was active in Arcadia United Methodist Church.

## 1954

**Neil C. Bonds**, Oct. 2, 2017, Marietta, Ga. As an English teacher in Cobb County, Ga., for more than 35 years, Bonds touched numerous lives. He started a literary journal at the school and also served as the yearbook advisor. He was also a noted quilter.

**Thomas Daniel Wyatt Jr.**, Aug. 17, 2017, West Columbia, S.C. Wyatt held pharmacy and law degrees. He spent the majority of his professional career with the S.C. State Board of Health (later SCDHEC), becoming chief of the Bureau of Drug Control in 1973. He was an elder, clerk of session, Sunday school teacher and choir member at Providence Presbyterian Church.

## 1955

**Jackson Westmoreland Hambrick**, Sept. 26, 2017, Roebuck, S.C. Hambrick served with the U.S. Army's First Missile Corps in Germany before pursuing a career in the ministry. He retired as head of the ministry department at Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, S.C.

**David Lowrey Lasher III**, Aug. 26, 2017, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. A retired captain in the U.S. Navy, Lasher also served as a special investigator in the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). His work took him around the world.

## 1957

**Ronald Preston Brown**, May 5, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. While attending Wofford, Brown went to work for Draper Corp., where he remained for 47 years, eventually becoming vice president for marketing and a member of the management group that bought the company in 1985. He was a Sunday school teacher at Southside Baptist Church.

**Dr. Cobia Dwight Goforth**, July 24, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. A biologist, Goforth was president of Goforth Corp.

## 1960

**Thomas Lee Barrack**, Aug. 29, 2017, Orangeburg, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran and member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Barrack worked in sales for U.S. Plywood (Champion International) for more than 30 years. He loved hunting, fishing, woodworking and spending time with family and friends.

**Miles Phillips Powell**, Sept. 20, 2017, Hickory, N.C. Powell worked for many years as a sales management executive with Hickory Printing Co. He was active in the community, including helping found the Lake Hickory Rotary Club, where he had served as president.

## 1961

**James Watts Hudgens**, Sept. 22, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a communications officer onboard the USS Navarro, Hudgens died after a long battle with ALS. He spent most of his career as an attorney with the Ward Law Firm and was an avid community volunteer.

**William Vaughn Witherspoon Jr.**, Sept. 24, 2017, Raleigh, N.C. Witherspoon attended Wofford on a baseball scholarship. He continued to pitch after graduation for a New York Yankee's Triple-A team. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at Wofford and spent most of his career with 3M Co. as a national sales manager. After retirement, he and his golden retriever enjoyed serving the community as a certified therapy team.

## 1966

**Walter Edwin McDaniel III**, Aug. 15, 2017, Greenville, S.C. McDaniel began his career with Orders Mattress, was owner of The Ugly Biscuit and worked 32 years in sales at Sitton Buick. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for service in the Vietnam War.

## 1968

**Robert McNary Mullis**, Aug. 10, 2017, Columbia, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a CPA and enjoyed all things outdoors, including arrowhead hunting, farming and fishing.

**Glen Franklin Vick II**, Aug. 23, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. A retired educator, Vick taught and coached in Spartanburg County School District 7 for 30 years.

## 1969

**Edwin Roger Heaton**, Sept. 29, 2017, Greenville, S.C. Heaton died after a brief battle with cancer. He retired as a senior systems engineer after 35 years with IBM. Active in Fourth Presbyterian Church, his greatest enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren.

## 1973

**Charles Thomas Marsh Jr.**, Aug. 27, 2017, Asheville, N.C. He died of pancreatic cancer. Marsh was an innovative spirit, an environmental activist, bioregional educator, permaculture designer and organic landscaping pioneer. He co-founded Earthhaven Ecovillage in the early 1990s and Useful Plants Nursery, the only regional nursery dedicated to edible, medicinal and dye plants.

**James Wyatt Phillips Jr.**, Aug. 26, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. Phillips enjoyed a long, successful career in individual and family therapy and was the owner of Working Well Inc., an employment assistance program. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed taking his grandchildren "snake hunting," nurturing their love of nature. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, Phillips made a log cabin and everything in it by hand. It's now a courtyard sanctuary treasured by family and friends.

## 1976

**Andre G. Stanley**, Aug. 19, 2017, Gaithersburg, Md. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., he was a policy analyst for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products. He was completing courses at the University of Chicago's Ph.D. program in public health at the time of his death.

## 1982

**Michael DeWitt Fields**, Aug. 23, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C. Fields loved everything outdoors and helped develop Glendale Outdoor Leadership School and other projects through the Palmetto Conservation Foundation.

## 1984

**William Paul Bennett Jr.**, Oct. 4, 2017, Columbia, S.C. A member of Kappa Alpha Order, Bennett retired from BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.

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# REMEMBERING



**Paul Hardin III, July 1, 2017, Chapel Hill, N.C.**

Hardin served as the eighth president of Wofford College from 1968 to 1972 before leaving to become president of Southern Methodist University and later chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During a time of turmoil on college campuses, Hardin instituted a number of reforms at Wofford, including the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Alcoholic beverages were permitted in certain places on campus during Hardin's era and compulsory chapel assemblies were abolished. Women also were admitted for the first time as full-time day students. An avid golfer, he competed as an amateur in the 1962 British Open, recorded six career holes in one and shot his age on numerous occasions. Above all, he was devoted to his wife and family.



**Dr. Edmund Schley Henry, Oct. 1, 2017, Tryon, N.C.**

Henry joined the Wofford faculty in 1970 and served until his retirement in 1997. During his tenure he participated in SAT workshops for local high school students and coached the Wofford college bowl team. A much-loved professor of English, Henry was considered a mentor by many, giving bright and interested students his books and inviting groups of English majors to his home for gourmet meals. His daughters, Shelley Sperka '75 and Kim Henry '86, were among the first women to graduate from Wofford.



**Dr. W. Raymond Leonard Sr., Oct. 18, 2017, Spartanburg, S.C.**

Leonard joined the Wofford faculty in 1949 and later was named Reeves Professor of Biology and chair of the Department of Biology, a position he held until his retirement in 1993. In 1973, 20 physicians he taught honored him with the establishment of the Walter Raymond Leonard Scholarship Fund. In 1987, he was named the Kenan Professor of Biology. Leonard was also an avid Terrier athletics fan and rarely missed a home football or basketball game. He served as faculty athletic representative and was named an honorary letterman in 1993. In 2012 Wofford dedicated a new student apartment building in the senior village in his honor, and the department's top award is named for him.



**Dr. Larry Hearn McCalla '43, Oct. 10, 2017, Greenville, S.C.**

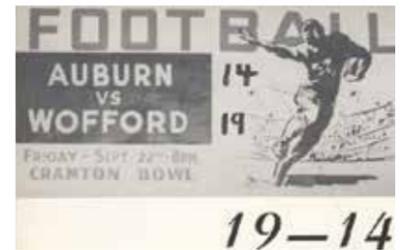
A retired surgeon, McCalla was generous with his community and Wofford College, sharing his time, talents and resources to make his corner of the world a brighter place. Among his many contributions to the college, McCalla was instrumental in the \$14 million bequest from the late Homozel Mickel Daniel; the bequest established three faculty chairs at the college in honor of McCalla. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 62 years, served on the Wofford Board of Trustees (1964-76) and was elected to five terms on Greenville County Council, including two terms as chairman. Wofford conferred upon him an honorary degree in 1994. Memorials may be made to Wofford College.



**Toccoa Wise Switzer, Aug. 5, 2017, Union, S.C.**

A loving and beloved wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend who brought joy to all who knew her, Switzer shared that same affection with the students at Wofford College. She served on the college's Board of Trustees from 1990-2002, helped establish an endowed scholarship at the college and made a lead gift to bring baseball back to Wofford's campus. Switzer Stadium was named in her family's honor. She also was devoted to Union County, supporting numerous community organizations and Grace United Methodist Church, where she was a leader and Sunday school teacher for 40 years.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE WOFFORD-AUBURN GAME, SEPT. 22, 1950



by Phillip Stone '94

Taking part in the very first intercollegiate football game in South Carolina in December 1889, Wofford's team has had many memorable moments. The late 1940s and early 1950s, under legendary head coach Phil Dickens, have a good number of those highlights. Coming off an 11-0 regular season in 1949, ending with a New Year's Day loss in the Cigar Bowl in Tampa to Florida State, the 1950 Terriers were hopeful of another good season.

Members of the Eleven Club — the precursor to the Terrier Club — were perhaps a little less than enthusiastic when the 1950 schedule appeared. The first game was against Auburn University, a perennial power. On Sept. 22 the Terriers traveled to Montgomery, Ala., for the game against the Tigers.

The game turned out to be a lot closer than anyone expected. Auburn jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first touchdown. Then Wofford scored twice, taking the lead at 13-7. Auburn scored again, taking a 14-13 lead, but Wofford got the final score and escaped Montgomery with a 19-14 victory. They were aided by three Auburn fumbles, and a good passing attack.

Auburn went on to a dismal season, losing all 10 games. Not surprisingly, their coach, Earl Brown, in his third season, was shown the door at the end of the season. Wofford lost to Stetson University the next week, which was its first regular season loss since 1947.

For more from Wofford's special collections, including a link to college archivist Phillip Stone's "From the Archives" blog, visit [wofford.edu/library/uniquecollections](http://wofford.edu/library/uniquecollections) »



**“Standing together in light”**

Wofford College’s chapter of Amnesty International held a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims of the Las Vegas shooting on Oct. 4. “By standing together in light, we stand up against evil acts like this,” says Vera Oberg ’20, a psychology major from Spartanburg and events and communications coordinator for the chapter.

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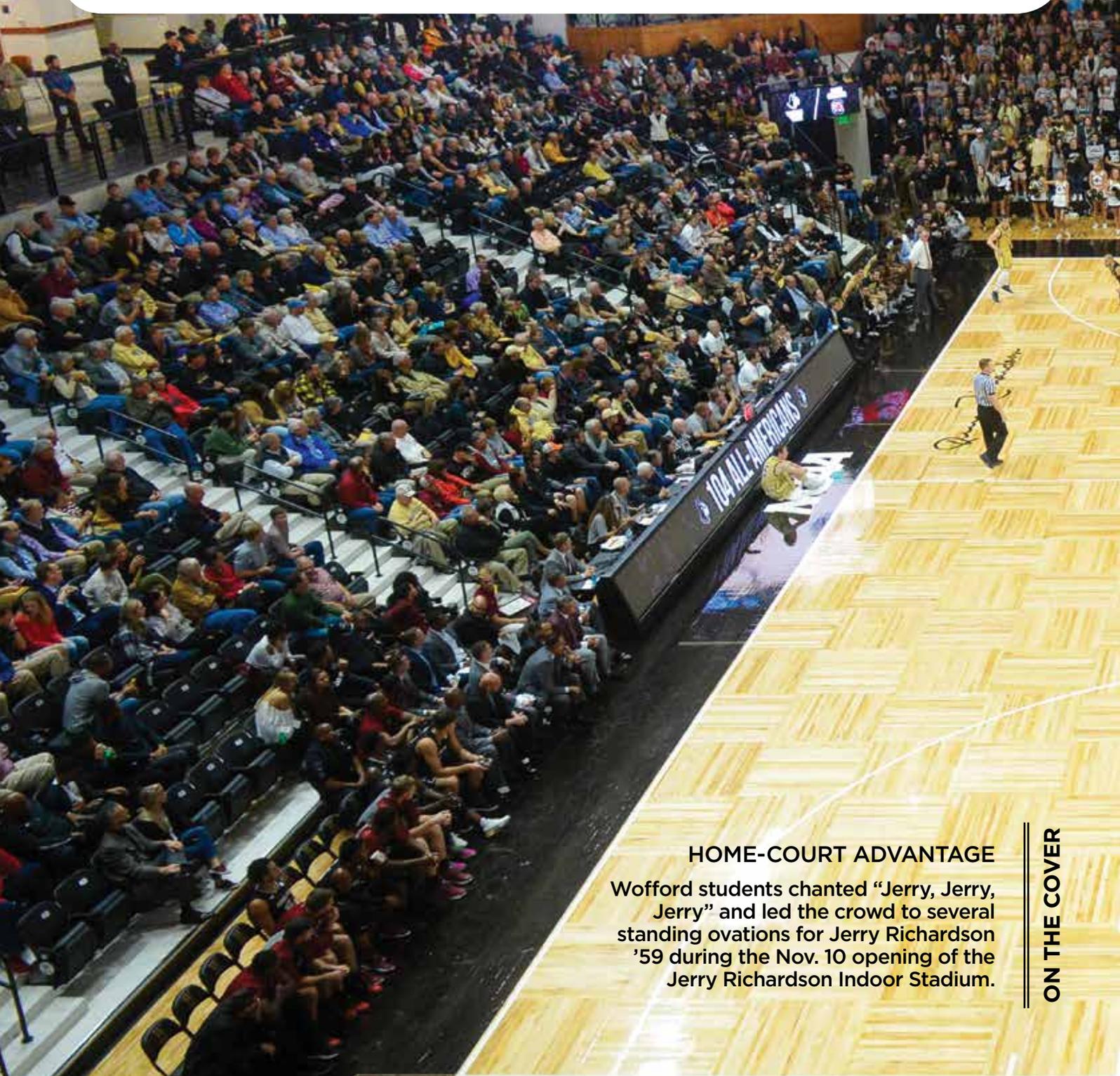




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Wofford students chanted “Jerry, Jerry, Jerry” and led the crowd to several standing ovations for Jerry Richardson '59 during the Nov. 10 opening of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

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