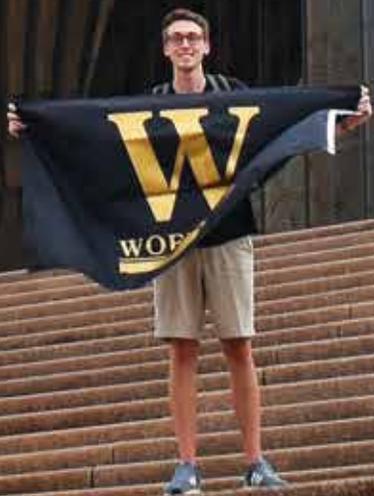


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« Of Bean boots and the Matterhorn

Thomas O'Neal '19, an environmental studies and German major from Columbia, S.C., spent the fall semester studying abroad in Freiburg, Germany. Again this year Wofford made the top 10 in the nation for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit. The college rose to #4 in the 2017 Open Doors ranking. **Read more online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.**

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT



Fifty years ago Wofford President Charles Marsh as well as Wofford faculty and trustees realized that changing political and social structures were encroaching upon the Wofford community in ways they could no longer control.

This time of uncertainty, however, opened the door for experimentation, and Interim was born. This issue of Wofford Today celebrates the innovative spirit of Interim and the faculty, staff and students who continue to explore, engage and expand the walls of the traditional classroom through civic engagement, study abroad, undergraduate research and entrepreneurial thinking.

One of the things I appreciate most about Wofford is the faculty's enthusiasm, willingness to adapt and commitment to students. They teach, but they also mentor, advise, listen, question and challenge students to stretch themselves. Wofford faculty are just as interested in the growth and development of their students as they are in keeping up with the research and trends in their respective academic disciplines. This combination is essential when preparing students for the roles they will take upon graduation — roles that provide both private fulfillment and contribution to the public good.

This is our purpose. This is our mission, and I thank each of you for doing your part to ensure that Wofford College students have every opportunity to find excellence, engagement and transformation.

Go, Terriers!

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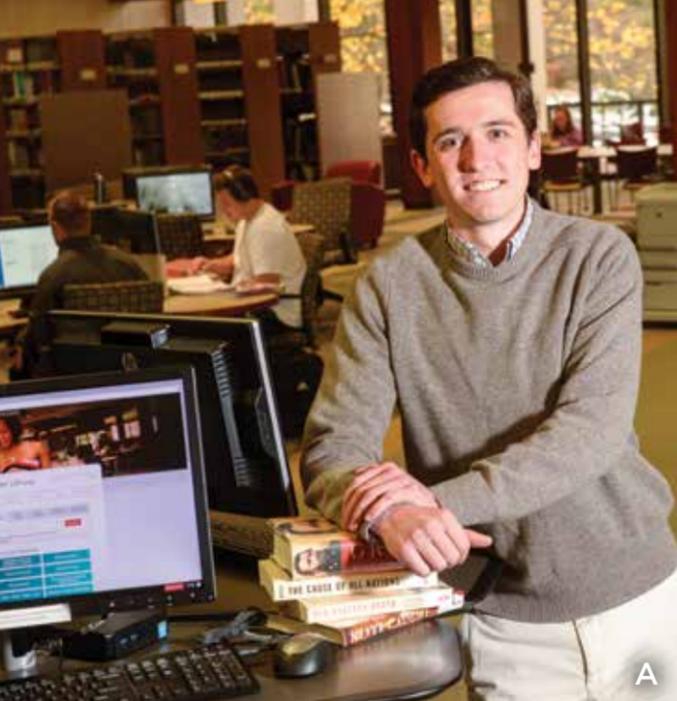
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Mike Ayers retired in December as head football coach after 30 years and the leadership of three presidents (from left Dr. Nayef Samhat, Ayers, Dr. Joe Lesesne and Dr. Bernie Dunlap).
photo by John Byrum





IT'S YOUR WORLD. TUNE IT.

The piano key crossing between the Montgomery Music Building and the Papadopoulos Building is the ideal site for a tribute to the Beatles and their Abbey Road album cover. Dr. Beau Christ, assistant professor of computer science, taught a class during the college's 50th Interim that studied the Beatles, but the students in the photo above spent their Interim learning to play the acoustic guitar under the instruction of Dr. Eun-Sun Lee, professor of music.



THE WORLD @ WOFFORD

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A. FROM SUMMER SUCCESS TO WINTER CONFERENCE

Stephen Ridley '19 attended the Liberty Fund's Liberty and Equality Conference during January in Washington, D.C. He was invited to the conference because of his success during the prestigious Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Studies this past summer. The all-expenses-paid experience was made possible by The Fund for American Studies.

Continued online.

B. GRADUATES SURPRISE BETH CLARDY WITH SCHOLARSHIP GIFT

Beth and Michael Clardy have no children of their own, but they are known as "Mama Beth" and "Pops" to some 70 Wofford students and alumni — students they have taken under their wings and into their hearts and family for 16 years. Now, the "Clardy Kids" have honored them with the Clardy Family Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Continued online.

C. CREATING A NEW STUDENT FITNESS CENTER

With the construction of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, Wofford has converted the Benjamin Johnson Arena in the Campus Life Building into a first-rate facility for campus fitness, intramural, club sport and recreational activities. The new space includes three multi-use courts, a walking/running track, cardio and weight-training equipment and renovated locker rooms.

Continued online.

D. WOMEN'S LACROSSE MAKES COLLEGE HISTORY

The Wofford women's lacrosse team made college history when it competed in the program's inaugural game in Gibbs Stadium. The team didn't win, but Hannah Mutch '21 was named the SoCon Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week. She is the first to win the conference award because this is the first season the SoCon has sponsored the sport.

Continued online.

E. PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR RETURNS TO CAMPUS

The college's 34th Presidential International Scholar, Victoria Nwankudu '19, a Spanish and international affairs major from Florence, S.C., has returned to campus after a semester studying abroad in South Africa, Peru and Morocco. She conducted independent research on the impact of language on social movements and kept a video blog of her experiences.

Continued online.

F. IN THE ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The college has several exciting exhibits this spring in the new Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, including works by Southern artist Julia Elizabeth Tolbert from the college's permanent collection, Spartanburg artist Jim Creal and the South Carolina Coastal Lithograph Projects, and student art exhibits from studio art capstone projects.

Continued online.

G. WOFFORD REMAINS A NATIONALLY RANKED BEST VALUE

Wofford continues its national reputation of being accessible and affordable with recognition on The Princeton Review's list of "Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools that Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck," released in January. The college also has been ranked highly by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Forbes, Money and U.S. News.

Continued online.

H. MCDONALD DEVELOPS APP TO IMPROVE BUSINESS TRAVEL

Of 2,000 startups presented at Plug and Play, the world's largest startup accelerator, Jack McDonald '18 and Voyway made the top 20. Voyway is a mobile travel app distinctive in its convenience and aggregation of information. It's geared toward small businesses and allows for paperless expense reporting while providing traditional travel and booking as well as useful point-of-interest research.

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UNLEASHED

Terrier fans reveled in Wofford's 79-75 victory over the University of North Carolina, the defending national champions, on Dec. 20, 2017. The Terriers also enjoyed a 63-60 win over Georgia Tech a few weeks earlier.

2017 TERRIER CLUB TOTALS

During 2017, **Terrier Club donors gave \$1,636,531** to support Wofford's 364 student-athletes. More than 1,000 people attended the Terrier Ball, which raised \$288,000. Terrier Club members also supported the college by participating in golf tournaments and in the Goal Line Club.

50
YEARS
OF INTERIM
1968-2018

DR. RODGER E. STROUP '68 ONLY HAD THE CHANCE TO TAKE ONE INTERIM WHILE AT WOFFORD.

He was a senior 50 years ago, when the college implemented the January Interim. Still, that one, monthlong course, Dr. Lewis P. Jones' Orbiting Seminar of South Carolina, greatly influenced Stroup for the rest of his life.

BY LAURA HENDRIX CORBIN

“I went to Wofford intending to go to law school, but Dr. Jones made history so interesting that I decided to go to graduate school in history,” says Stroup, who retired in 2009 after spending 18 years at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia, retiring as director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. “The Orbiting Seminar cemented my interest in social and cultural history and in preserving our history – not only the written history, but the preservation of archaeological sites, buildings and other artifacts.”

“So, Wofford, Dr. Jones and the Orbiting Seminar were pivotal in my career,” Stroup says. “I still keep my hand in the preservation of our history, working as a volunteer at the South Carolina Railroad Museum in Winnsboro – Dr. Jones was a big railroad fan – and I am just now completing a book on the history of the South Carolina State Fair.”

Interim originated from the college’s desire to have a more cross-disciplinary approach, says Dr. Joe Lesesne, Wofford’s president from 1972 to 2000, who was the first Interim coordinator back in 1968. “We wanted to be less departmentally oriented and for students to experience more interrelations with disciplines, to prepare them for life after their studies.”

Interim courses had to be innovative and experimental, and participation had to be required to be effective, Lesesne says.

Among those innovative courses was Theatre Workshop, taught by Dr. J.R. Gross, in which students explored “creative possibilities of acting, directing and staging plays....” It was the beginning of Wofford Theatre and modern Interim’s Pulp Theatre, the all-student group that produces a provocative musical each January with limited faculty involvement.

A non-credit program during Interim is Leadership Wofford, operated by the Office of Student Affairs. Students participate while also taking a for-credit course. “The four-week series provides students with practical and applicable training to become strong and effective leaders,” says Roberta Bigger ’81, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “It’s an opportunity for students to explore their strengths, talents and values while gaining additional skills and discussing

‘hot’ leadership topics. January is the best time to offer Leadership Wofford, when students have time to dedicate to personal development.”

The advent of student study/travel abroad began with that first Interim, Lesesne says. He and a group of other faculty and staff took about 60 students to Mexico for two weeks to study the language and culture while living with families there. “Wofford’s whole foreign study program for students really came out of Interim.”

Peter J. Darling ’71, of Warner, N.H., a first-year student when Interim began, says, “Interim opened such incredible and diverse offerings – almost always way outside of traditional course work offerings. In many ways, I feel that Interim cut a path for much of Wofford’s more progressive classroom and cultural changes and opportunities that continue today.” His junior-year Interim, Origins of the American Revolution with Dr. Phil Racine, was his favorite. “It was more reading than I had ever done before, but has remained an interest, and those are the only academic books I have read again.”

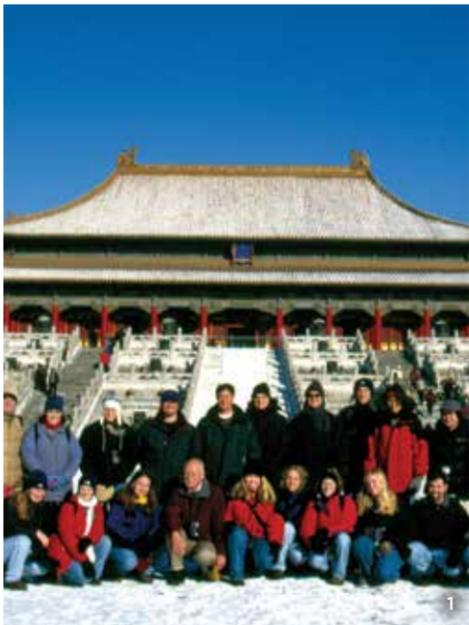
Stroup says Interim also gives students a way to make lifelong friends. He and classmates Charlie Gray ’72, former director of alumni and parent programs and director of Lifelong Learning at Wofford when he retired in 2015, and Doyle Boggs ’70, retired executive director of communications and marketing at Wofford, organized an Orbiting Seminar “reunion” in the late 1990s and continued it annually for about 15 years.

He believes the original tenet of Interim was true for him, and remains true 50 years later: “Interim allows students to step out of their comfort zone and try something that they might not otherwise do, or it provides an opportunity to delve more deeply into an area that you were interested in learning about.”

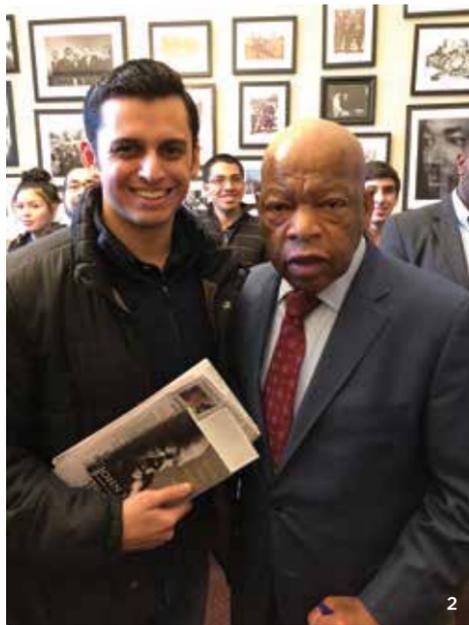
Interim still harkens back to the original Interim proposal to give “both teacher and student the liberty to explore, to experiment, to try new approaches, and in doing so, to run risks that cannot be run during the regular semester when the emphasis is different. ... The Interim program has as its keynote innovation and experimentation.”



1. Dr. Dave Sykes, professor and chair of computer science, spent the month working with students interested in creating a Wofford app.
2. Wofford students in Prague during 1969 watched history in the making during the Soviet invasion.
3. Alex King '19 (left) and Megan Kuhn '18 traveled to Tibet and Nepal during the To the Roof of the World: Life in the Shadow of Mount Everest Interim with Dr. Tom Wright, assistant professor of mathematics, and Dr. Jeremy Henkel, assistant professor of philosophy.
4. Students found time to hike between rounds during the Clinical Observations and Cultural Aspects of Health Care Interim in Chile.
5. Dr. Phillip Stone '94, college archivist, and Simon Stricklen, enrollment and scholarship officer in the Department of Military Science, invited Dr. Joe Lesesne, president emeritus of Wofford and the college's first Interim coordinator, to speak to their class during a field trip to Musgrove Mill State Historic Site. Their Interim – Remember the Cowpens: A Half Century Later – was a tribute to a similar Interim 50 years ago.
6. Stanley Porter '89, now a Wofford trustee, discovered muscles he didn't know he had during Dr. Constance Antonsen's famous fencing Interim.
7. Bailey Wise '18 (right) interned at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., where both Marion Smith '07 and Ashlee Moody Davis '15 work.
8. Students in Pulp Theatre produced M. Butterfly during Interim 2018.



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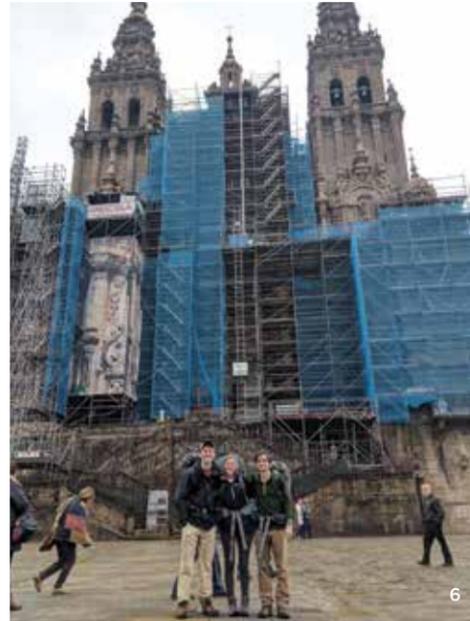
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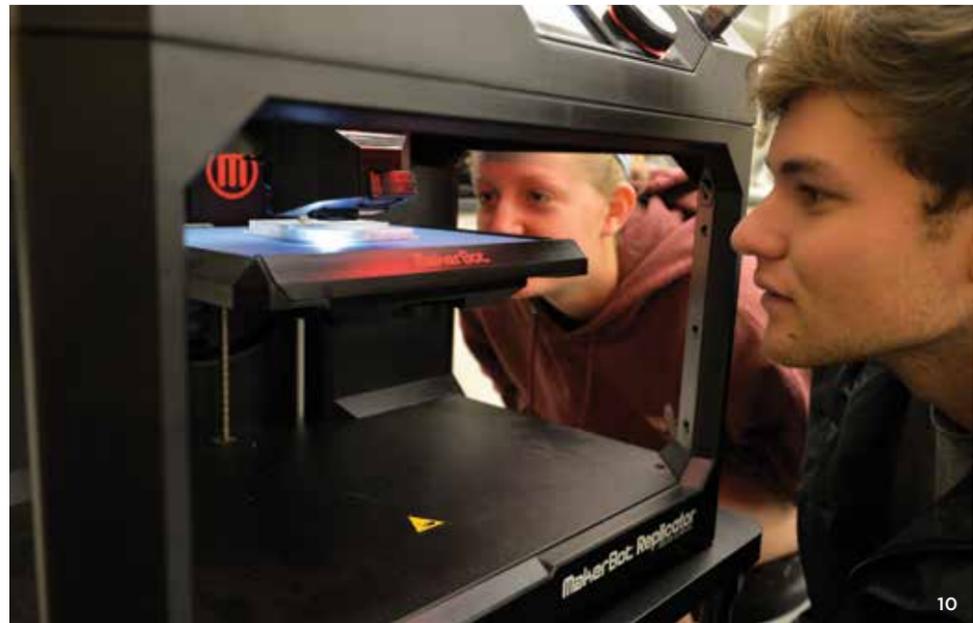
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1. In 2000 Wofford students and professors traveled to the Forbidden City during an Interim to China.
2. Fredy Madrid '20 (with Congressman John Lewis) and Wofford Bonner Scholars learned about community development in Spartanburg and Washington, D.C.
3. Wofford's ROTC program offered a hang gliding Interim in 1982.
4. Vera Oberg '20 did independent research in the Philippines, where she studied children in poverty.
5. Students in Climbing ROCKS! with Dr. Kim Rostan, associate professor of English, and Ben Cartwright, assistant professor of accounting, explored the physical and intellectual elements of rock climbing.
6. Carter Rief '19, Helen Cribb '18 and Cristian Widenhouse '18 walked the French Way of the Camino de Santiago. They focused on tourism and pilgrim initiation.
7. Dr. Lewis P. Jones' Orbiting Seminar of South Carolina, first taught in 1968, inspired in many students a lifelong love of history.
8. Jared Henderson '18 (shown) and Mark Matthews '18 researched the influence of new communications technology on economic development in Dakar, Senegal. They presented a paper on their research at the South Carolina Political Science Association Conference.
9. Dr. Chuck Smith, associate professor of biology, traveled with students to Vietnam and Cambodia to compare old and new Asia.
10. Students in Dr. James Bednar's Inventor's Lab experimented with 3D design and printing. Bednar is an associate professor of philosophy.



The
POWER
of the
GIFT

From the heart

Cassandra Baker McLeod establishes
John Guyton McLeod Jr. '66 Endowed
Scholarship for the love of her life

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

The Wofford football game was always on when John Guyton McLeod Jr. '66 and his wife, Cassandra Baker McLeod, drove from Madison, Ga., to Dewees Island, S.C., on Saturdays in the fall.

“He would get so excited listening to the game on the radio that he would practically jump up and down in his seat yelling, ‘Go, mighty Terriers.’ I’d say, ‘Are they really mighty, John?’ and he’d always say, ‘Yes, ma’am, they are!’ He loved Wofford,” says Cassandra. She has only the fondest memories of the four years that they were married before John’s untimely death from pancreatic cancer in 2005. “That’s when I decided I wanted to establish a scholarship at Wofford in John’s memory.”

Cassandra has included a significant bequest to Wofford in her will, but decided to go ahead and establish the John Guyton McLeod Jr. Endowed Scholarship with a gift in 2017 when she received a second breast cancer diagnosis. The scholarship will be fully funded by the bequest.

“Cancer was the determining factor for starting the scholarship now,” she says. “I wanted to be able to honor John and his family during my lifetime. Knowing that the money will go ahead and benefit Wofford students also makes me happy.”

Cassandra’s past work in Spartanburg as executive director of the Spartanburg Arts Council and the Spartanburg County Art Association as well as the connection through the arts and ETV with Wofford also influenced her decision.

“I love Spartanburg. It was my second home,” she says. “I made great friends there that I still keep in touch with.”

Cassandra often jokes with John’s daughter Becky McLeod Connelly '96 that she feels sure they crossed paths during the 1990s when Becky was a student at Wofford and Cassandra was with the arts council.

Cassandra accepted a job as executive director of the Madison Morgan Cultural Center in Madison, Ga., after 14 years in Spartanburg. There she met John, whose wife, Mary, had died in 1993 from colon cancer.

“She and I were diagnosed the same year,” says Cassandra, who was breast cancer free for 26 years before this most recent diagnosis. “I went to talk with him because he had just joined our board. I still remember he had on a blue oxford shirt and khaki pants that were a little frayed on one cuff. His tie was pulled down. Let’s just say he looked really good.” She still blushes at the memory.

They worked together professionally for several years before dating. She should have known it was serious when he invited her to the family vacation home on Dewees Island. He asked her to marry him in 2000 after a jog on Edisto Island, where the Baker family had a vacation home. They were married the next year. She was 50; he was 57.

“I was an only child, so John gave me family — two wonderful stepdaughters (Becky and Amanda McLeod Groves), five grandchildren, two sisters-in-law (Matey McLeod Ward and Harriet Harlee McLeod), plus the huge McLeod clan with its many ties to Wofford. All of this McLeodness truly changed my life,” says Cassandra.

John Guyton McLeod, John’s father, was a 1931 graduate of Wofford, and his grandfather, Daniel Melvin McLeod, graduated in 1890. The McLeod legacy that started with William James McLeod, who didn’t graduate from Wofford but was on an early college board of advisors in 1888, has extended to more than 40 McLeod graduates. The William James McLeod Award is given each year during the college’s Honors Convocation to the senior who has demonstrated potential for future dedicated and selfless service to the church, the state, the nation and Wofford College.

“John loved to fish (he fished for their supper then practiced catch and release). He loved to hike and play tennis, and he loved circumnavigating the island in his rowing shell. He ran three miles a day, and did the finances for our church on the Isle of Palms. He also gave so much of his time to the Dewees Island community, and really every community he ever lived in,” says Cassandra. “John was a giving, wonderful person who had the highest of values and integrity. He never spoke unkindly about anyone.”

John majored in biology at Wofford and was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, as many of the McLeods have been. He was a U.S. Army officer and veteran of the Vietnam War, for which he received a Bronze Star. He began his career in human resources and retired as corporate vice president of Avado Brands Inc.

Preference for the John Guyton McLeod Jr. Endowed Scholarship goes to a student with outstanding character, academic promise and demonstrated financial need, who is also a resident of South Carolina. Further preference is given to biology majors or members of a Wofford College tennis team.

“John and I were together such a short time, but that time was filled with a lifetime of love,” says Cassandra, who hopes that family and friends also will honor John’s memory by adding to the scholarship. “People give for so many different reasons. My reason isn’t lofty. I just did it from the heart.”



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AT WOFFORD COLLEGE

During 2017, the college received **14 ESTATE GIFTS** totaling **\$1.1 MILLION** and **20 NEW ESTATE COMMITMENTS** totaling **\$10.9 MILLION**.

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2017 ADVANCEMENT REPORT

*3,954 donors give almost \$30 MILLION
in support of Wofford students*

**CLASS OF 2017
MAKES FIRST GIFTS
TO WOFFORD**

**\$3,288,175
IN DONATIONS TO
THE WOFFORD FUND**

**94%
RECEIVED
FINANCIAL AID**

Prior to walking across the stage at Commencement and becoming members of the Wofford College Alumni Association, the Class of 2017 established their legacy by making their first gifts to the college. They set a new senior class giving record of 65 percent and raised the bar for commitment to The Wofford Fund.

During 2017, donations to The Wofford Fund totaled \$3,288,175, with \$1,636,531 of that total raised in scholarships for student-athletes through the Terrier Club. (See more information on gifts to the Terrier Club on page 6).

Gifts to The Wofford Fund Support:

- » The Area of Greatest Need
- » Academic Scholarships
- » Athletics Scholarships through the Terrier Club
- » Faculty and Staff Development
- » Library and Technology
- » Student Experiences

During the past year, 94 percent of Wofford students received some form of financial aid. The Wofford Fund helps make that possible. Other resources for students and faculty come from planned gifts (see more on pages 14-17), endowed scholarship donations, corporations, foundations and the United Methodist Church. Giving to the college in 2017 totaled \$29,964,778.

While raising funds is certainly a big part of the Office of Advancement's role at the college, Advancement staff also support Alumni Engagement, Parent Engagement and Lifelong Learning at Wofford, a program for older learners in our community. This past year the Office of Engagement and Annual Giving launched the online Wofford Book Club (wofford.edu/bookclub). In addition, a dozen graduates met with students through The Space in the Mungo Center's Lunch and Learn Speakers Series.

For more information about giving priorities, an honor roll of contributors and ways you can get involved, visit wofford.edu/supportwofford.



“As a psychology major, technology and research play a critical role in my education. I’m grateful that I have abundant access to exceptional resources that aid in continued learning. Thanks to our donors, the technology available to Wofford students makes the classroom experience positive, informative and innovative!”

RESHARIA KELLER '18



“Wofford professors see their students as more than just learners or performers in the classroom, and they take the time to invest in students and form meaningful relationships.”

WILL RANDALL '19



“We appreciate that Wofford has allowed us to have a true family experience while giving Will the independence and autonomy to make his own decisions. It is important for our student to see the sincerity of our active involvement, to realize our appreciation for his hard work and to have the support of us as parents as well as that of the wider Wofford community.”

LAURA AND MARK DAVIDSON
PARENTS OF WILL DAVIDSON '19
AND CHAIRS OF THE PARENTS
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

TEACHERS, MENTORS & SCHOLARS

Meet some of Wofford's new faculty

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Coleman thinks about teaching as a gateway to allow students to acquire new information that's built upon previous experiences. Her research is in outbreak detection, specifically on looking for clusters of symptoms that may indicate anthrax or another biological threat. She's recently begun to focus more on the idea of statistics education when it comes to consumer education. She received a faculty research award in her first year at Wofford.

FIRST JOB

"I worked at the Loop Pizza grill when I was 15, and I learned that even the smallest opportunity can be a gateway to something else. I was hired as a dishwasher — not the job I wanted — but I followed the hard work ethic that I saw in my mom and a week into the job somebody didn't show up for work. They asked me if I was willing to try working the register, and I said yes. There's always a way to work through and work up."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I'm not a good horseback rider, but my pastor has a farm and taught me to ride. Now I want to learn to ride sidesaddle. It's not the norm, but it's something I want to learn to do."

WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT WOFFORD STUDENTS?

"They are polite. I was told that even in the interview process. The students even thank you for lectures. They are really kind, but they're also willing to explore in a way that I've enjoyed."

MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES

"I prefer morning classes. I'm fresh in the morning, and my thought process is clear. Also I feel that students do not always have the obstacles in the morning that they meet later in the day."

ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR OF
MATHEMATICS

Dr. DEIDRA
COLEMAN

B.S., SHAW UNIVERSITY; M.STAT., PH.D., NORTH
CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A., HASSAN II UNIVERSITY; M.A. LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY; PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Mountaki's teaching philosophy is to empower his students and to make Arabic accessible and fun to learn. Having a Ph.D. in second language acquisition and instructional technology, Mountaki's research informs his teaching. For example, he is currently working on a paper that investigates the effects of processing instruction on the acquisition of some of the Arabic grammatical features. To put that in layman's terms, how to best teach modern standard Arabic in a way that gets students excited about learning. He frequently leaves his comfort zone to meet the learning needs of all students and makes sure that students are empowered in his classrooms. Mountaki, a native of Casablanca, Morocco, was awarded a Fulbright in 2006, which first brought him to the U.S. to teach Arabic.

FIRST JOB

"I was a machine operator in a plastic company in Casablanca. This job was during college, and I learned quickly that it's not what I wanted to do with my life. The pay was not great, but it was definitely an experience. What did I learn? Probably to appreciate what you have and to be punctual. Growing up in a very big city in a less affluent country, there were not a lot of opportunities. We worked where we could, when we could."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I like to play soccer, to watch soccer and to read news about soccer. My favorite team is Raja de Casablanca. I also enjoy long walks or hikes and going to the beach or the mountains or just seeing new cities. I read for fun. I travel whenever I have a chance. Before I moved to Spartanburg, I enjoyed having a motorcycle."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I love teaching, and if I couldn't ... I would be a tourist guide in my own country. While having fun doing it, I'd like to show people the side of Morocco that tourists don't always get to see, especially my home city of Casablanca where my family still lives."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"WhatsApp. It connects me to family and friends at home. It is also a tool that my colleagues and I use to share materials and resources regarding Arabic instruction, second language acquisition and linguistics. I could not live without WhatsApp."

ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
OF ARABIC

Dr. YOUNESS
MOUNTAKI

Dr. KIMBERLY
HALL



ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
OF ENGLISH

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Hall focuses on student agency (sharing educational control, autonomy and power), critical thinking and active and engaged learning practices in the classroom. Her research focuses on digital culture and social media. Recently she participated in a panel discussion on ephemerality that led to an article on Snapchat and a publishing opportunity. Now that journal article has turned into a book chapter.

FIRST JOB

"I worked at a movie theater in the small town in Colorado where I grew up. I got to go to the movies for free, but the best part of the job was my boss. He was influential as a mentor because of the passion, energy and generosity in which he approached his work. He hired local people and gave opportunities to others. ... I also learned how to spin cotton candy."

MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES

"I prefer to teach afternoon classes because I'm more productive as a writer in the morning and use that time to do my research and writing. I think it's important to talk with students about my own successes and failures as a writer — my practice — that I understand their research and writing. Also teaching and my students give me energy in the afternoons."

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"I would take them where we could be outdoors — hiking, cycling, somewhere that they don't speak the language, out of everyone's comfort zone. I'd like to see them develop the kind of inner resources you get when you're pushed both physically and mentally. Maybe Patagonia."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"I use Snapchat to watch Ella, my dog, at daycare. I look at The New York Times app multiple times a day, and I have a few fitness apps that I like."

B.A., GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY; M.A., GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY; PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Morris believes it's important to demonstrate relevance in the classroom, so he connects education to people and who they are as a species. He believes in engaged learning and embraces modern pedagogy. His students do a lot of group work, and he finds strategies to help students engage with the material in different ways. His research examines the evolution of sex-based physical differences in mammals and what that means in terms of carrying out necessary functions and behaviors. He also researches constraints on evolution. "We can't be good at everything," he says, comparing pit bulls to greyhounds. "I try to understand that conflict and how it influences, for example, reproduction." Last year he received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support his research.

FIRST JOB

"My first real job was at Taco Bell. I worked there with five or six friends, and I learned how nice it is to work with people you care about and value. I also learned that sour cream and guacamole guns are formidable weapons. Before that, when I was 13, I had to do community service at a small state park in Kentucky. I did such a good job that the manager hired me for the rest of the summer. I used the weed eater on trails and picked up trash."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"My partner and I just bought a house, so I'm undertaking a lot of major home improvement projects. I have no training at all with any of that, but I'm learning, and I've torn out walls, run a gas line and cut a hole through a brick wall for an exterior door."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I think I would work with NGOs that do community work. If I could do service work for my entire life I would." During his doctoral program, Morris ran an outreach program that took scientists to jails and prisons to teach science and conservation. They built a pond at the jail, and inmates raised a rare species of fish while learning skills they could transfer to life after their release.

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"Probably to Nepal or India — this area is so culturally rich and diverse. I took six years off between my undergrad and graduate school; three of those I spent backpacking through Asia. As far as my experience goes, there's no more diverse place in terms of culture. It's a total sensory overload. The people are absolutely wonderful. Nepal is great in a similar way, and it has the added attraction of the Himalayas."

B.S., UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHATTANOOGA; PH.D. UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Dr. JEREMY
MORRIS

ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR
OF BIOLOGY



» DR. AARON GARRETT

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Garrett tends to favor practicality over the abstract, so he often gives students opportunities to practice concepts. His research in the field of artificial intelligence focuses on evolutionary computation, which employs the concepts of Darwinian natural selection to find near-optimal solutions to problems. "Life is optimization, every creature attempting to maximize its niche in the environment," says Garrett. "I apply that same idea to find solutions to engineering problems." Garrett has done research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and most recently has been working on energy modeling, optimizing building envelopes to improve energy efficiency.

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I play table-top role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons. I have a group of friends that I have played with for years. We play online every Wednesday. I mostly run the game. I've been running this particular campaign for almost two years."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"If I could no longer teach, I would go to work in the software industry. My two favorite things in the world are making software and making software engineers. If you force me to give up doing the one, I guess I would just do the other."

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"I think that the most important benefits of traveling are the personal growth and sharper perspective that we find, especially about the place where we live. We don't have to travel far to find a broader view, as long as we're engaged with and open to it. I wouldn't want any travel experience to be purely an exercise in vanity, for myself or for students. It should be an experience that opens our eyes and clarifies our roles in shaping the world around us. There are plenty of those experiences, even nearby, if we're willing to see them."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"I use Audible the most."

» DR. BEAU CHRIST

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Christ incorporates engaged learning into his classes and likes to plan hands-on projects for his students. His research interests are in computer vision, essentially teaching computers to understand what they are looking at. It's a subfield of artificial intelligence. "I want to make computers more intelligent through cameras," says Christ.

FIRST JOB

"My parents owned a Sears in Beatrice, Neb., so most summers I worked for them. I did sales, basic repair work, delivery, customer support. ... I feel like everyone should have this experience. I learned how to sell an idea, communicate and deal with difficult situations."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I'm a huge Beatles fan and love to analyze their music; I taught the Beatles Interim in January. I'm also a musician and play guitar, piano and violin as well as a variety of other instruments. I have a small recording studio at home. ... I'm also a member of the Wofford faculty band. If I couldn't teach, I'd be a full-time musician."

FAVORITE MEAL IN THE BURWELL DINING HALL

"For me it's the dessert table. I'm really big on bread pudding and crème brulee."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"Robinhood for free stock trading; Pocket Yoga because I enjoy yoga; Waterminder, which reminds me to stay hydrated; Streaks to help me be productive; Duolingo because I can learn any foreign language for free."

CHRIST: B.S., DOANE UNIVERSITY; PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN » GARRETT: B.S., M.S., JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY; PH.D., AUBURN UNIVERSITY



TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Dixon considers herself a teacher of critical thinking through the study of the ancient world. "I help build what Carl Sagan calls a baloney (or B.S.) detection kit. I want students to explore a place and a time that is totally different from their own, but they're not just memorizing details from a book, they're also learning how we create knowledge, and are creating it all the time in academia." She's a Phoenicianist, who studies ancient Syria, Lebanon and Northern Israel/Palestine, specifically their sacred spaces — where they bury their dead, how they think about their gods and what they believe about the afterlife. Currently she's working on the idea of "symbolic mummification." Before coming to Wofford, Dixon was part of a five-person team in Helsinki, Finland, that was awarded an eight-year, 8 million euro grant to start a new think tank on ancient Near Eastern empires. She'll be back in Helsinki this summer and also will be presenting and conducting research in Georgia, Italy and England. For Wofford students that means a growing network with top scholars in the field and opportunities for archaeological experience.

FIRST JOB

"In high school I made gift baskets, putting candy and cookies and coffee mugs in baskets and wrapping them in cellophane to be delivered to businesses. I learned a satisfaction at getting good at something. I could look at it and say, 'I've made a beautiful basket.' I loved the presentation aspect of it. I guess that's what I'm still doing when making a website or 3D model of a temple. I'm putting a little bow on it."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"My favorite hobby is to go to cemeteries and take pictures of graves that have been requested for genealogical research through Findagrave.com. I love walking around and hiking outside in a beautiful, quiet place doing historical research."

MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES

"Afternoon ... I know I'm a good teacher if I can keep students interested at 3 p.m."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I would work in a museum. I love being around ancient objects and introducing them to people."



B.A., MCGILL UNIVERSITY; M.A., PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Dr. TIM BERSAK



TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Bersak's teaching philosophy involves "constantly challenging students" so that they will "constantly rise to meet those challenges." His research is at the intersection of health and economics, particularly considering the public policy implications of how early life and prenatal health care influence future health outcomes.

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I play ice hockey. I'm from Colorado, but I didn't play ice hockey until I came to South Carolina."

WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT WOFFORD STUDENTS?

"I appreciate their eagerness to learn, and their effort. Especially in the introductory courses, where they may not have much background knowledge of economics, they're engaged. They also have an appreciation of the learning process."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I don't know. I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't teach. Maybe work in a private-sector job; I might be more compensated, but definitely less happy."

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"Probably Iceland because I really want to go to Iceland, but not as an Interim in January."

B.A., B.S., BOSTON UNIVERSITY; M.S., PH.D., CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ART AND ART HISTORY

JESSICA SCOTT-FELDER



TEACHING AND RESEARCH

In teaching and art, Scott-Felder draws inspiration from the Ralph Waldo Emerson quote: "All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better." "We don't make mistakes," she says. "We make new discoveries when we're learning." She considers her art her research, and often pulls from the past. She secured a research grant this summer that will allow her to do a residency and ship the work back for future shows.

FIRST JOB

"I was an enumerator for the Census Bureau. It was revealing as far as how people saw or identified themselves. Race would be fluid, for example. For me as a high school student to see that really opened my eyes to identity and what that means."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I am an avid video gamer and used to beta test video games for PlayStation. I'm a big fan of action and RPG games, and I just got into virtual reality."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I would probably be an artistic filmmaker. You get to take a moving image and create an experience with light, sound and time. I think art, film and digital media in general allow for a plethora of visuals to tell a story. Or I might like to be a physicist ... or a cosmonaut."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"I love my meditation app. Google arts and culture definitely, and Google Sky Map, I use that all the time to navigate and find the stars."

B.A., SPELLMAN COLLEGE; M.F.A., GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Brewitt was an environmental educator for five years before entering a Ph.D. program. He sees teaching as telling a story with his students as an integral part of that constantly changing narrative. His research involves the politics of ecological restoration; specifically he's been working on a project that deals with the politics of dam removal in the Northwest. His book is under review for publishing. Brewitt considers working with Wofford's senior capstone students particularly rewarding. "Through the process, they go from excited to daunted to frustrated, but then they're proud of what they've accomplished at the end."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I love climbing mountains and backpacking. That's what my wife and I really like to do when we aren't working. When we were in our 20s, we climbed an 18,000-foot volcano in Mexico then got caught in a snowstorm on the way down and had to sleep on an untracked part of the mountain. I'm not glad we got lost, but it was certainly a big adventure, and it drew me and my life partner together."

WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT WOFFORD STUDENTS?

"I love Wofford students. It's a tie between how hard they work and what interesting people they are. The size of the classes we have here and the type of classes I teach offer opportunities to get to know students holistically. They take themselves and their work seriously. They want to do well and learn, and they handle themselves professionally."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I'd try to write non-fiction books, like Bill Bryson."

MUST-HAVE SMARTPHONE APPS

"I just got a smartphone a month ago, so my must-have would be the smartphone itself, and I made sure to get one that had the flashlight. I was with the flip phone for a long time. ... I have mixed feelings about how tied people are to their phones and how it's hard to disconnect, but it's an almost magical tool. Maybe the biggest improvement to life with a smartphone is having a map always with you."

Dr. PETER BREWITT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



B.A., DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY; M.A., PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Because of the technical nature of her field, Martsberger works hard to help her students personally identify with the concepts. She uses storytelling in class to map concepts to popular media, familiar objects or common life experiences. She hopes that the connections the students make with something familiar helps them identify more deeply with the physics. She also enjoys doing research with students, and her particular area of interest involves working with clinicians in hospitals to determine ways to deconstruct physiological signals to determine an array of health measures of their patients.

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I love to dance, and I used to be a very committed Irish step dancer. I considered dropping out of high school to dance full time."

WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT WOFFORD STUDENTS?

"There's so much that I appreciate about the students here at Wofford. They're generous with each other, and that spirit of thoughtfulness helps create a very nice learning environment. They're also hardworking and committed. They try their best. They're sincere. They're also very smart and dedicated to their education."

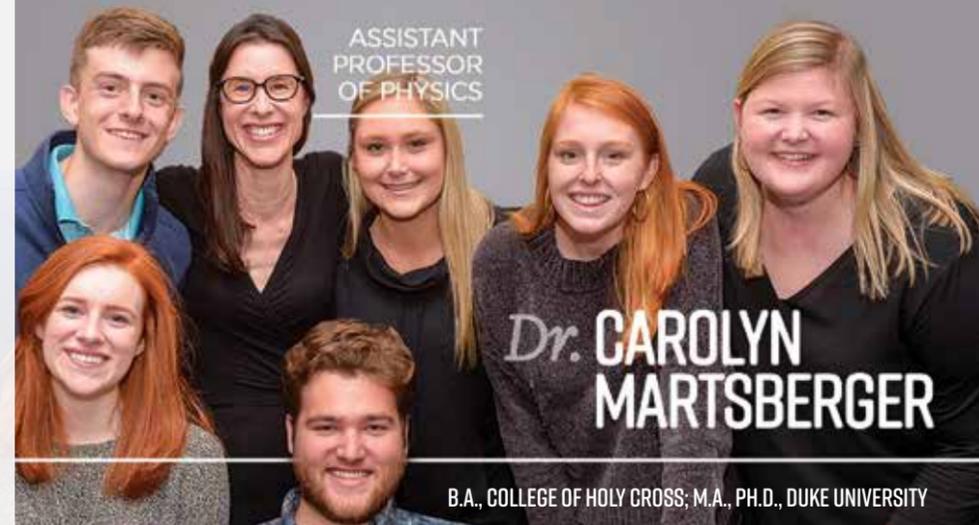
MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES

"Morning. Teaching is one of the best parts of the day for me. When I was a kid there was a Pops cereal commercial that featured a girl climbing a ladder up a high dive. When she reached the top, she leapt off the diving board and gracefully dove into a beautiful body of water. That's what starting the day teaching at Wofford feels like. It's the best!"

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

I'd say Mexico. I think that getting to know the culture and meet the people, to hear the stories of their lives and to exchange our stories would be a very authentic and meaningful experience to have with students."

Martsberger says her biggest academic wins are always related to her students. Here she's surrounded by students whom she's done research with over the past year. From left, Turner Bryant '20, a physics and mathematics major from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nick Butler '20, a physics major and mathematics minor from North Augusta, S.C.; Martsberger; Sheldon Newman '18, a physics major and mathematics minor from Columbia, S.C.; Caroline Wilson '20, a mathematics and humanities major from Knoxville, Tenn.; Caroline Lamprecht '18, a mathematics and economics major from Moncks Corner, S.C.; and Lillian Fant '17, a physics and chemistry major with a mathematics minor who has been working at Milliken and Co. since graduation but is planning to go to law school in the fall.



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Dr. CAROLYN MARTSBERGER

B.A., COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS; M.A., PH.D., DUKE UNIVERSITY

B.S., ERSKINE COLLEGE; PH.D., PURDUE UNIVERSITY

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Davis compares learning chemistry to working puzzles. He's already solved the puzzle of getting students to come to his office by keeping an impressive stock of candy readily available, not a surprise considering his research interest in flavor chemistry. He loves working with students on research, and in his first year at Wofford received a grant through the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, matched by the Wofford Office of the Provost, to purchase new equipment for teaching.

TALENTS AND HOBBIES

"Lots of chemists make good cooks, so not surprisingly, I like to bake."

WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST ABOUT WOFFORD STUDENTS?

"Wofford students appreciate the challenge. They're not complacent in getting the basic info. They want to be pushed."

MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLASSES

"Morning classes just because it gets me on campus early. The earlier I'm here, the longer I'm available for my students."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I'd open a bakery. I almost went to culinary school."



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Before graduate school, Newman taught English in Russia for two years. There he met his wife, and they had their first child. He believes in experiential learning, for the learning process to be "a full-bodied experience followed by reflection." He grew up playing sports, so he often falls back on sports metaphors. Even as a college professor, he sees himself as a coach, coaching his students through experiences that help them discover themselves and the world. His research interests include teaching and assessing intercultural competence, how best to help students prepare for an increasingly global society. He has a chapter accepted for publication on relating intercultural competencies and the language programs at Wofford.

FIRST JOB

"My uncle's dry cleaner in Sumter, S.C. It was a family business so I learned to take pride in my work and professionalism. It was physical work, tough work, but the atmosphere that my grandfather and uncle built was one of doing things well and right, whether or not anyone was watching. They treated their customers' clothes as if they were their own. I also learned to value personal connections and the respect you build for different people from different backgrounds."

FAVORITE MEAL IN WOFFORD'S BURWELL DINING HALL

"Probably fried chicken, fried okra and collard greens. I like how they do traditional Southern cooking."

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"I would take them to Russia. People in the U.S. tend to have a clear mental image of Russia, but few people have much personal contact with the country. It would be a great opportunity to deconstruct stereotypes."

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES (SPANISH)

B.A., UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; M.A., PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Dr. BRITT NEWMAN



TEACHING AND RESEARCH

A stack of Monopoly games sits in Dr. Leebrick's office. She uses them to play an alternative version of the board game with her students to help them develop a better sense of stratification and inequality in the United States. Leebrick likes using activities such as this in class to help students apply the concepts they are learning to everyday life. Her teaching philosophy is guided by creating an environment in which everyone in the class feels heard and comfortable speaking. Leebrick's dissertation examined environmental gentrification in South Central Appalachia, and she is currently involved in a mixed-methods study that looks at the economic impacts of recreation tourism in the New River Gorge of West Virginia. She recently received funding to continue the research over the summer.

FIRST JOB

"I worked at a feed supply store on Saturday mornings in the summer. I learned a lot of things about the community I grew up in. Later I worked at a plant nursery driving a tractor; there I developed an interest in environmental justice and a better sense of the struggles that migrant agricultural workers face. That had a really big impact on me."

TALENTS OR HOBBIES

"I love roller coasters. I love trivia and board games; I once played Risk for eight hours straight. I enjoy baking. I also love to hike and have a 10-year-old daughter, a dog named Wheeler and a cat named Clementine."

IF YOU COULD NO LONGER TEACH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"I'd probably work for the Seal Conservation Society, as a park ranger or travel writer."

IF YOU COULD TAKE WOFFORD STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"I'm working on an Interim proposal now to take students to northern Italy. I got this idea when I was teaching this past summer in Austria. We plan to stay at a 13th-century castle in South Tyrol. We're calling it Slow Foods, Small Towns and Still Life: Sustainable Living in Italy."

Dr. RHIANNON LEEBRICK

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY



B.A., HOLLINS UNIVERSITY; M.A., VIRGINIA TECH; PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



A Year of Lessons Learned

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89

» WOFFORD LAUNCHES COMMUNITY-ENGAGED FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM



PARTNERING WITH A LOCAL SCHOOL

For more than 15 years Wofford Spanish 303 students have spent an hour a week learning more about language and culture, social inclusion and the public education system while tutoring and mentoring children in the Arcadia area, a predominantly Hispanic community about 10 minutes from campus.

PARTNERING WITH THE OLD AND THE YOUNG

Wofford psychology students have met course requirements by volunteering with both the community's oldest and youngest citizens as a way to experience behaviors they're learning about in the classroom while offering time and companionship in return.

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

Environmental studies faculty build community engagement and field work into most of their courses, and the Milliken Sustainability Initiative has further enhanced community partnerships in the Northside and Glendale communities.

Additional partnerships

have formed during the 2017-18 academic year thanks to the new Community-Engaged Faculty Fellows (CEFF) program, launched in the fall by the college's Center for Community-Based Learning (CCBL) and the Center for Innovation and Learning (CIL) as a way to institutionalize support to faculty who have shown an interest in including a civic engagement component in their classes.

"Wofford and Spartanburg have shared resources since the college was founded in 1854, but increasingly the college has made civic engagement a priority," says Dr. Mike Sosulski, provost. "Preparing students for the complex world they will contribute to after graduation means offering them real opportunities to practice, engage and explore in that world."

During 2017-18, 15 members of the faculty across nine disciplines accepted the challenge, 11 in the fall and four this spring.

According to Jessalyn Story, director of the CCBL, 184 Wofford students took a class this past fall that incorporated community-based learning. "The end-of-term surveys showed that 89 percent of Wofford students who took a class with community-based learning said the civic engagement component of their courses challenged them to do their best work — in part because they weren't just doing it for themselves or their professors; they felt a responsibility to the community to do their best," Story says.

Faculty fellows reported that the civic engagement component of the class improved student understanding of self, empathy, morality, concern for the well-being of others and critical-thinking skills. Faculty recognized personal benefits as well. All of the participants said they gained new insights and understanding about the community.

"The CEFF program builds on the groundwork laid in 2016-17 with the \$75,000 Arthur Vining Davis Foundations grant to strengthen civic engagement through the use of educational technology," says Story. "This new program is designed to develop trust-based, mutually beneficial partnerships between Wofford and the community that will enhance student learning and address community-identified needs."

Dr. Jim Neighbors, associate professor of English, says the CEFF program has been an ideal vehicle for a project within his humanities class to tell the story of the "Back of the College" neighborhood that once stood between Wofford and Spartanburg Medical Center.

"The emphasis on working with the community — and not in a way that would allow for any kind of social hierarchy, but a genuine partnership in which the people in the room are respected for who they are and what they've done, in which everyone can learn from each other — is a great model," he says. "Our community partners, Brenda Lee Pryce, Mitch Kennedy with the city of Spartanburg, Brad Steinecke with the Spartanburg County Public Libraries, and Monier Abusaft '11

with the local NAACP, helped us make connections in the community, and the college's CEFF program provided some financial support and a lot of logistical and helpful pedagogical support."

Part of that assistance came from Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden, associate professor of Spanish, who began introducing community-based learning into her Spanish 303 classes not long after coming to

Wofford. Now Barbas Rhoden serves as the program's faculty consulting fellow.

"We started the partnership with Arcadia Elementary School during the 2001-02 academic year in the same way that my colleagues new to community-based learning started this semester," she says. "Staff at Arcadia approached us with interest in collaborating, and we said, 'let's figure it out,' and we did. Now there are four sections of 303 that have a community-engagement component."

Barbas Rhoden is familiar with incorporating civic learning into the academic space, turning experience into critical reflection and building trust in the community. "It's something I slogged through that I can now share with others."

She admits that engaging students meaningfully in the community is not an easy thing. It means living with discomfort and uncertainty. It also means that at times success is measured in terms of lessons learned.

"My biggest takeaway would be how conscientious and generous our faculty are in participating in this program. They've provided great feedback and have lived with this interactive process with generosity and a commitment to improvement," she says. "Creating some space where community stakeholders and Wofford faculty and staff are in the same space and can connect organically is the single most important thing we can do for this program going forward."

Dr. Camille Bethea, who also teaches Spanish 303 classes, says that those new to community-based learning were not the only ones to learn from the experience.

"Those of us who have taught Spanish 303 took this as an opportunity to be more intentional about building in intercultural competence, about requiring students to think about what they experience in the community and what it teaches them about their own culture," says Bethea. "I also found the piece of interacting with colleagues and sharing insights really helpful. It made me rethink some things."

Bethea, who continues to enjoy her time in the Arcadia community, also has been a longtime volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg. She believes in both the lessons learned from community engagement and the benefits to the community, and she's thrilled when her students begin to understand the concept as well.

"In Spanish 303 we learned a lot about culture and issues that are occurring in Hispanic/Latin countries and communities by spending time with children from that background," says Ashton Stanfield '20, a biology and Spanish major from Boiling Springs, S.C. "I gave friendship, hope, dedication and love. I took away new lessons, including a greater understanding of the community, the people around me and how I can make a difference."

"It's a perspective I can't teach strictly in the classroom," says Bethea.

Terril Bates, executive director of the Spartanburg Housing Authority, also has seen the benefits from a community perspective. "We are finding that our residents are connecting with a youthful perspective that brings delight," says Bates of the Intergenerational Fellows. "Our staff is significantly impacted as the attention that the residents receive from the students assuages their anxiety, their fears and provides a very caring engagement for them. Our hope is that the students also will gain insight and information that will positively impact their professional journeys."

Dr. Amy Telligman, assistant professor of environmental studies; Dr. Gerald Thurmond, professor of sociology and anthropology; Dr. Kara Bopp, professor of philosophy; and Dr. Jeremy Henkel, assistant professor of philosophy, are all incorporating community-based learning in their classes this spring. Telligman is doing two different community engagement projects: Sustainability Science students will work with Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg to weatherize a home, and Sustainable Food Systems students will collect data for a community food system assessment. Thurmond's class, Sociology of the Family, is partnering with the Spartanburg Housing Authority and Victoria Gardens residents to do after-school programming for children and youth. Bopp is continuing her intergenerational work in the community with her Adult Development and Aging students.

Henkel is eager to build on the legacy of involvement with local schools. Henkel's Wofford students taking Critical Thinking this semester will partner with local elementary school teachers and administrators looking to develop classroom materials to elicit more reasoning and critical thinking from students, and to pilot award-winning Philosophy for Children curricula.

"I hope our students see that philosophy does have practical value. It's not just about facts or formulas or ideas. In teaching critical thinking to elementary school students, our students will be learning how to reason and argue better," Henkel says. "I hope this will be a long-term thing, not just a semester thing, because it will be good for both our students and local elementary-aged children."

A second class of CEFFs is in the works, and the CCBL and CIL are planning to add a "CBL" (community-based learning) course designation beginning with registration for the 2018-19 academic year so students can look for additional opportunities to learn on campus and in the community.

"... a **GENUINE PARTNERSHIP** in which the people in the room are respected for who they are and what they've done ..."

Dr. Jim Neighbors





MAKING HISTORY

DR. BEGOÑA CABALLERO-GARCIA
BECOMES THE COLLEGE'S FIRST DEAN
OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

On Jan. 5, 2018, Dr. Begoña Caballero-Garcia became the college's first dean of diversity and inclusion. The title, however, just makes official the work she's been doing at Wofford and in the Spartanburg community for almost 12 years.

"I love teaching, and I have a passion for social justice and for fighting prejudice and stereotypes," she says. "If you have a job that you have a passion for, then you have an ideal job, and that's the case for me."

Since she joined the Wofford faculty, Caballero-Garcia, associate professor of Spanish, has woven diversity and inclusion into her curriculum, creating a new Spanish 201 course tied to a living-learning community for first-year students. Social Consciousness: Developing Skills for the 21st Century focuses on building Spanish-language competence within a culture of social consciousness, empathy, leadership, personal responsibility, respect, collaboration, inclusion, diversity and social justice. She encourages students in her Advanced Spanish Oral Proficiency course to pick controversial topics in Spain and Latin America to study. Her 400-level Spanish Theater course deals with plays that have characters who are marginalized because of race, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender or birthplace, and her Culture of Spain course includes a grant-funded component that incorporates Middle Eastern and North African Studies to break stereotypes about the Muslim world.

Caballero-Garcia has brought numerous speakers to campus to promote diversity and inclusion and has organized panel discussions on topics ranging from immigration and DACA to the lives of diverse artists. In addition, she advises the college's RESULTS student organization that works to fight poverty in the United States, participates in Spartanburg's Hispanic Alliance, has volunteered with the Spartanburg International Festival and YouthBASE in Greenville, and has served as a pro bono Spanish/English interpreter at local health fairs and schools.

"I am truly delighted that Dr. Caballero-Garcia will be stepping into this important role at Wofford," says Dr. Mike Sosulski, provost. "The leadership she already has demonstrated in diversity and inclusion promises exciting things ahead."

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON '89



Caballero-Garcia was born in southwest Spain, not far from Portugal. She earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Extremadura and then completed a master’s degree in Latin American and Spanish literature from Western Michigan University and a Ph.D. in Spanish literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her first memory of prejudice came during childhood.

“In my community there were gypsies. People would say that they were dirty,” she remembers. “My mother was a teacher. She would always explain to us that they are normal people, just like us, and we should not have prejudices or believe stereotypes.”

Now Caballero-Garcia shares that same lesson with her Wofford students. She telecollaborates with colleges and universities around the globe to introduce her Wofford students to peers in other countries. She also encourages international travel and study, especially when students have the opportunity to live with local families so they can have more authentic, meaningful experiences.

“It’s important that students are not just tourists,” she says. “We want them to have home stays, to belong to a family so they get to know the culture. It’s important that students get a good knowledge and are prepared to accept differences and fight their own stereotypes.”

Caballero-Garcia has led Wofford students on trips to Spain, Vietnam and Cambodia, Peru and Cuba. Her pre-departure experience in the classroom includes leadership training, cooperative games and strategies for promoting openness to new people and experiences.

Whether traveling with students, promoting diversity within the Spartanburg community or working toward a more inclusive campus, Caballero-Garcia says it’s about creating an environment where people feel that they belong and can express themselves.

“There’s more to each of us than our color, gender or ethnicity,” she says. “We’re not just Hispanic or white or black. Why not focus more on what we have in common? We are more alike than we often realize.”

» Caballero-Garcia (right) with Wofford students in Vietnam in 2012.

» Top down: Caballero-Garcia and Andrew Green, associate professor of finance, traveled with students to Cuba. Here they pose in Parque Natural Topes de Collante in January 2016.

Caballero-Garcia visited a mosque in Rock Hill, S.C., in November 2016 with students in her Spanish 201 living-learning community.

After a cooking class in Spanish, Caballero-Garcia and students savored dishes from Spain and Latin America in the senior village apartments.

Caballero-Garcia has taken three Interim trips to Machu Picchu. Dr. Anne Catlla, associate professor of mathematics, also led the group in 2011.

In the coming year Caballero-Garcia will work closely with Demario Watts, assistant dean of students for diversity and leadership development; Arsenio Parks, admission counselor and director of diversity and inclusion for admission; the Presidential Committee on Diversity and Inclusion; and various student, faculty and alumni groups organized to foster a more diverse and inclusive community. She is charged with:

- Taking the 2017 Report of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion as a starting point and collaborating with faculty and staff colleagues in crafting strategies to increase and support curricular and co-curricular diversity.
- Assisting the provost in implementing a sound strategy for the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty.
- Supporting faculty development around inclusive pedagogies.
- Facilitating intergroup/interpersonal dialogue around difficulties among members of the community and collaborating with trained campus mediators when acute differences of understanding need to be addressed.
- Co-sponsoring educational experiences — curricular and co-curricular — that foster student learning across difference.
- Collaborating with staff who support international students and who advise students who study in international and domestic off-campus programs.
- Leading and coordinating diversity planning, including identifying and creating new initiatives that demonstrate the college’s commitment to a welcoming, inclusive environment for all of its students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- Overseeing a budget for activities that promote diversity and inclusion, such as diversity training, guest speakers and workshops on inclusive pedagogies.

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JOSH CONKLIN RETURNS TO WOFFORD AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

BY ANNIE S. MITCHELL

For the college's 23rd head football coach, returning to Wofford was an opportunity to come home.

After being hired by longtime Wofford football coach Mike Ayers more than a decade earlier to coach defensive backs and then special teams, Josh Conklin knew Wofford was a good fit. And although he was thankful his career took him to work with two Power Five conference teams, the Terriers were always on his mind.

"About two years ago I went through a transformation in terms of evaluating what's important, and I decided that to me it's people and relationships," says Conklin. "At Wofford, people and relationships are the root of the college and the root of the Athletics Department. Here it's about the student-athlete, it's about academics, it's about building a staff of good people, and it's about watching the players graduate and go on to do great things.

"I didn't think at 38 years old I would have this kind of opportunity," continues Conklin, "but when they contacted me I thought, 'this could be something really special.'"

The return to the Upstate also brought Conklin and his wife, Molly, closer to family. Conklin's in-laws live in Spartanburg and have Wofford roots — his father-in-law, Al Clark Jr. '76, was a four-year football letterman at the college, as was his brother-in-law Al Clark III '01. It was Al Clark III, a then staff member with the Terrier Club, who introduced Conklin to Molly on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, the night of the Wofford-Richmond playoff game.

"She was supposed to be on a date with another guy that night, but fortunately for me he got sick," says Conklin. "I saw her for the first time on the grassy hill next to the Verandah lot. We went to church together the following Sunday, then on a lunch date ... We never looked back and were married four years later."

Conklin's interest in academics started at an early age. Both of his parents were elementary educators, and education was of primary importance to them. "I have a love of teaching and a love of learning, and a college like Wofford allows you to become connected with the entire community — with the faculty, the staff, the other students. Wofford is a family

STATS

- Born in Gillette, Wyoming
- Bachelor's degree in physical education from Dakota State University, where he was a starting linebacker and Academic All-American for the Trojans
- Master's degree in sport administration from South Dakota State
- Married to Molly Clark Conklin in 2011; together they have 5-year-old Clark and 1-year-old Millie

COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **WOFFORD:** Head Coach (2018-)
- **PITTSBURGH:** Defensive Coordinator (2015-17)
- **FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL:** Defensive Coordinator (2013-14)
- **TENNESSEE:** Safeties (2012)
- **THE CITADEL:** Defensive Coordinator and Safeties (2010-11)
- **WOFFORD:** Defensive Backs (2007-09), Special Teams (2009)
- **SOUTH DAKOTA STATE:** Defensive Backs and Special Teams (2005-06), Graduate Assistant (2003-04)



« Josh and Molly Clark Conklin
» Molly with Clark (left) and Millie



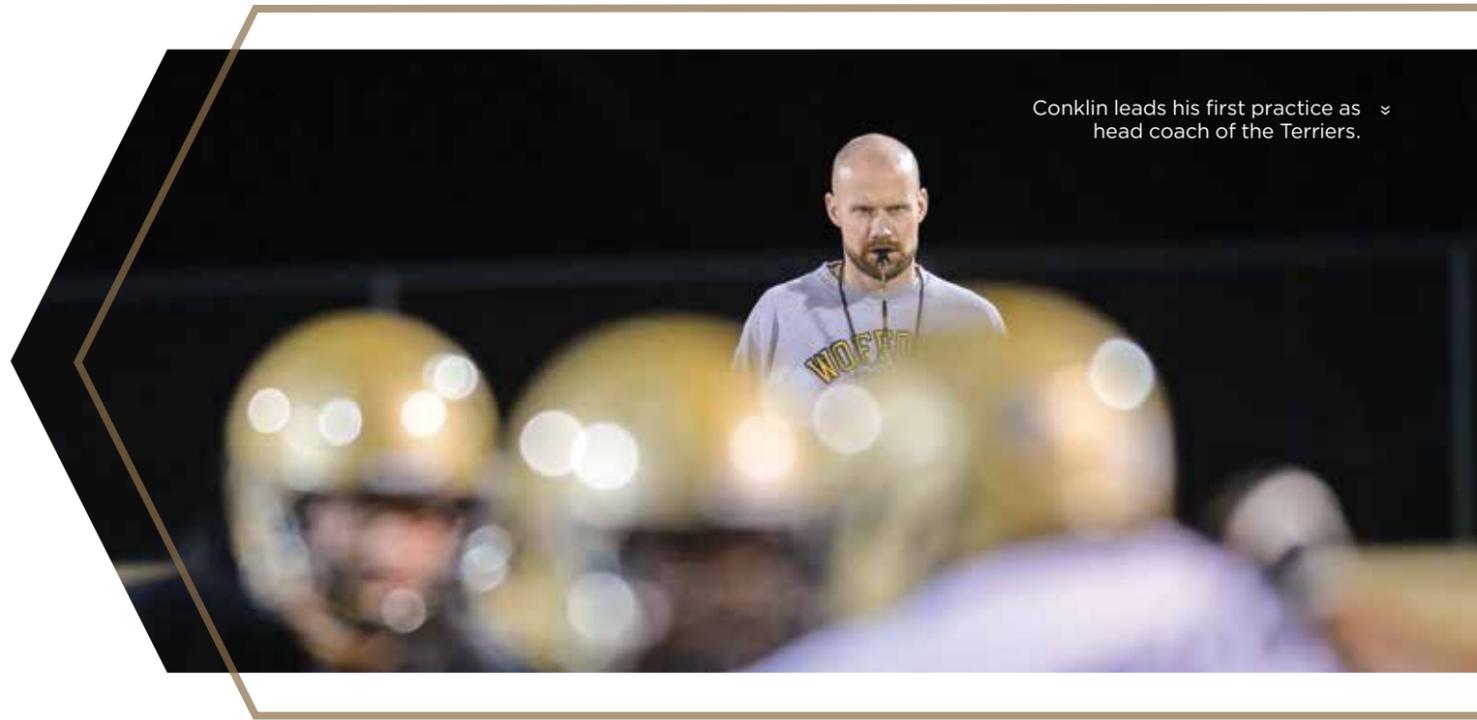


environment, and Molly and I appreciate that — there’s a lot of love here, a lot of family. And thanks to Coach Ayers, the football program is a place where coaches can bring their kids, where it’s a family. It’s the place I want to be.”

Conklin includes Ayers on his short list of mentors and major influencers, along with his mother, father and in-laws. He also credits Ayers for a large portion of his coaching philosophy, which starts and ends with the relationships he has with his players. “I think you really have to understand how guys function and view the world, and understand that every generation is different. To be a successful coach, you have to be willing to understand what motivates your players — what drives them to perform at a high level,” says Conklin. “I want us to continue to play our brand of football. I want us to be known as a tough, physical group. I want the team to live by the tagline ‘define the standard’ in everything they do, both outside and inside football. I want our fans to see a team that runs the ball physically, that stops the ball physically. I want the fans to see that we play tough, hard-nosed football and we win games in a methodical fashion. That’s the brand it has been, that’s the brand that needs to continue, and that’s the brand that needs to expand.”

“Josh is the complete package,” said Wofford Director of Athletics Richard Johnson during Conklin’s introduction to the

« From top: Al Clark Jr. '76 and Debbie Clark, both with granddaughter Millie; Larry and Shelley Conklin with grandson Clark



Conklin leads his first practice as head coach of the Terriers.

campus community. “He has the Wofford DNA we were looking for along with a great depth and breadth of external experience. We are thrilled to have him carry on the legacy of Mike Ayers and Wofford football.”

Although the heart of the college is the same, upon his return Conklin has been impressed with the strategic additions he sees on the campus. “The facilities have always been good, but the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts are really magnificent,” says Conklin. “The college has also done some really good things with strength and conditioning, which provides a better experience for the student-athletes. You know the place is going in the right direction when these things happen.

“Plus,” adds Conklin, “we love to eat out and are excited by all the new restaurants in downtown Spartanburg!”

As Conklin looks toward the season, he hopes the Terrier community will continue to provide for and support the college’s student-athletes in all ways — emotional, financial and academic. “We are developing both players and men; men who will graduate from Wofford and go out and be leaders in their communities,” says Conklin. “It’s not just about winning games, it’s about player development. I want to make the complete Wofford experience the best experience possible for my team.”

When Josh Conklin was named head coach of the Terriers, Rock Amick '83 couldn't resist sharing his excitement. He welcomed Conklin on behalf of Lowcountry alumni. From left with Wofford flags flying in an uncharacteristic Charleston, S.C., snow are Bill Cochran, Wofford parent and grandparent; Amick and his wife, Kathy, Converse College Class of 1982.



from COFFEE FARM to COLLEGE CAMPUS

WOFFORD HAS TWO COFFEE SHOPS ON CAMPUS AND HALF A DOZEN COFFEE SHOPS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE COLLEGE.

During Interim, Dr. Mark Byrnes, professor and chair of history, and Dr. Cecile Nowatka, professor of psychology, taught a class on luxury comestibles, including coffee, and Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden, professor of Spanish, has served as a translator for several Little River Roasting Co. buying trips to Spanish-speaking countries. When Gervais Hollowell '85, owner of Little River Roasting, invited Wofford photographer Mark Olencki '75 to join him on a coffee-buying trip to Nicaragua, we couldn't help learning more about what goes into the farming and production of coffee.



1. A worker picks out what doesn't belong — dried cherry skins, sticks, imperfections — during the drying process at Finca Las Promesas.

2. Coffee farmer Gonzago Castillo Moreno (in the white hat) owner of Finca Las Promesas de San Blas in Dipilto, Nicaragua, offers coffee and bananas to buyers as a gesture of hospitality. Gervais Hollowell '85 is in the white shirt with the yellow mug.

3. Workers carry bags of cherries to the pulper, some more than 100 pounds.



7. A worker screens the coffee coming from the pulper to keep the skins and debris away from the seeds. Pulping is the process that separates the seeds from the cherry.

8. These coffee seeds are so precious that the farmer is drying them in his living room in San Rafael del Norte. The seeds are from plants that are Roya resistant; they will be sold to farmers that need them.

9. Don Miguel's family welcomes everyone to the kitchen for unbelievably fresh coffee.



4. Mark Olencki '75, Wofford's college photographer and a great appreciator of coffee, traveled with Hollowell and the staff at Little River Roasting on their coffee-buying trip to Nicaragua in January. Wofford's Acorn Cafe serves Little River Roasting Co. coffee.
5. Coffee farming in Nicaragua is a family business. Coffee supports more than 45,000 families that own and operate small farms.
6. The cupping room at Las Segovias ensures quality control. Hollowell checks the aroma, flavor, uniformity and cleanliness of the coffee.

CLASS NOTES

1954

Now retired, the **Rev. Gary Donald Barber Sr.** is writing a book on the significance of the number seven in the Bible. During his career, he served as a chaplain and officer for the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1984, stationed in places such as Alaska, Greece, Thailand and Texas. He then was minister of First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Fla., from 1988 to 1998. Barber is proud of his family's Wofford legacy, including his son, the **Rev. Don Barber '86**, and three granddaughters, **Stewart Barber Young '09**, **Ellison Barber '12** and **Lindel Barber Wacloski '14**.

1963

In March 2017 **Henry M. Smith** traveled to Cuba for 10 days. He writes that he traveled "with 20 other kindred souls representing Witness for Peace in an educational-cultural exchange." After the Cuba trip, Smith made his annual trip to France. He continues to live in Newmarket, N.H.

After serving as public address announcer for Woodruff High School football games in Woodruff, S.C., for 50 years, **Milton Smith** announced his retirement on Oct. 27, 2017.

1968

Sam Rollins and his wife, Marlene, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 22, 2017. The celebration continued in Newberry, S.C., on Dec. 30, 2017, with their four children and 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Will Willimon presented "Jesus for Today," a full-day program at First United Methodist Church of Hendersonville, N.C., on Feb. 3. Willimon, a member of the Wofford College Board of Trustees, is a professor of theology at Duke University Divinity School.

1969

Mike James Foxworth and his wife, Linda LeMaster Foxworth, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 20, 2017.

1977

Tindall Corp. announced **David Britt** as vice president and general manager of its South Carolina Division. Britt has a 29-year career at Tindall Corp., a national leader in precast, prestressed concrete structures.

1978

The University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center named **Keith L. Riddle** as its new vice president for mission integration.

1979

The Clinton Presbyterian Community, a retirement community in Clinton, S.C., welcomed **Jim Elliot Caprell** as its chaplain on Dec. 7, 2017. Caprell previously served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Simpsonville, S.C., for 21 years.

1982

Fox News interviewed **Van Hipp** on Jan. 22 regarding issues of the U.S. military and the effects of the government shutdown on the military. Hipp is chairman of American Defense International Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm.

Robert Mitchell retired as deputy director of legal services for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services at the end of June 2017. He served the organization for more than 35 years. Upon retirement he accepted a position as worship and music director at Morningside Baptist Church in Spartanburg.

1983

Countybank of Greenville, S.C., has announced the promotion of **Jim Fowler Jr.** to the position of executive vice president of corporate banking and strategic initiatives. Fowler is a second-generation banker with more than 34 years of experience in the financial industry. He has been with Countybank for 19 of those years.

1984

Hospice of North Central Ohio welcomed **Chris Laux** to its board of directors

Glen Padgett recently retired after 30 years as an educator and coach. Most recently, he served nine seasons as Concord (N.C.) High School's head football coach. His career is highlighted by two appearances in state championship games and the highest winning percentage in Concord's history (more than 72 percent).

1988

The Rev. Furman Lee Buchanan, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Greenville, S.C., coordinated an event with the Islamic Society of Greenville to donate and package more than 31,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization serving developing countries. The interfaith event was featured in the Greenville News.

1989

Will Penny Jr. was recognized as a certified advisor of personal insurance by the Aresty Institute of Executive Education at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. The third-generation

president of Penny Insurance Agency lives in Hendersonville, N.C.

1990

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution recently featured **Zenobia Edwards** and her nonprofit organization I Am. B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L. Inc. The message of empowerment to young girls has become recognized nationally.

Liem Nguyen announced his new position supporting Honda of Mexico in Celaya, where he will be for the next two years.

1991

Travis Yates was inducted into the Sumter (S.C.) Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 2017 class on Nov. 16, 2017. Yates was a standout defensive end at Hillcrest High School, going on to play inside linebacker at Wofford. He led the Terriers in tackles in each of his last two seasons and was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American.

1992

Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains and Midlands has announced **Margaret Green Young** as a new member to its board of directors. Young is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

1993

South State Investment Services announced the appointment of **Harold Lawson** as senior vice president and financial consultant for its Spartanburg branches. Lawson brings more than 22 years of investment management experience to the role.

Tracey Pulliam Rogers has been in the real estate business for almost 20 years and recently affiliated with Peace Sotheby's International Realty in Pawleys Island, S.C. The company specializes in luxury real estate on the Waccamaw Neck.

1994

SouthCrest Bank announced the appointment of 20-year financial services veteran **Kristie Wierks McMahan** as vice president and portfolio manager on its team serving the metro Atlanta region. McMahan lives with her husband, Scott, and daughters, Lily and Olivia, in Decatur, Ga.

1999

Angel Whitmore Gray is a licensed independent clinical social worker employed at the Technical College of the Lowcountry. She facilitates short-term individual and group counseling for college students struggling with anxiety, depression, substance abuse and other ongoing issues.



THE LONG ROAD HOME

Denomy and First Cavalry Black Sunday experience featured in NatGeo miniseries

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

In March 2004, three days after the birth of his first child, Col. Troy Denomy '96 deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

"We were largely in the mindset that we would be doing a lot of stabilization. We were rebuilding infrastructure," says Denomy, who, at the time, was a captain and the commander of Charlie Company, 2-5 Cav in the First Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Less than a week into his tour, however, the peace-keeping mission changed when militants ambushed soldiers on a sanitation mission in Sadr City, Baghdad. The ensuing eight-hour, citywide firefight between 800 soldiers and more than 2,000 enemy combatants left eight soldiers dead and more than 60 wounded, including Denomy.

"There were very special Americans who did very heroic things that day for their brothers to the left and to the right," says Denomy, who, along with Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky (then a lieutenant colonel), led the mission to rescue the patrol pinned down by the initial attack. "As Lt. Gen. Volesky says, 'uncommon valor was common that day.'"

ABC war correspondent Martha Raddatz retold the story of Black Sunday – April 4, 2004 – in her book "The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family," and the National Geographic Channel has shared it again in a powerful eight-part miniseries by the same name that aired between Nov. 7 and Dec. 12, 2017. Episodes are available on YouTube. Jason Ritter plays Denomy, and Kate Bosworth plays his wife, Gina. Although portrayed throughout the miniseries, the Denomys are featured in three episodes: "Black Sunday," Part I and Part II and "Into the Unknown."

"There was the potential that we would fight, but intelligence was that it would be a fairly peaceful year," he says. "We never envisioned the citywide ambush we experienced on that day."

Between debriefs, the book, media interviews and now the miniseries, Denomy and the other soldiers in his battalion have had to recall those days and that tour of duty repeatedly over the past 14 years. It's been both a blessing and a curse.

"In a way it's been therapeutic, but time passes and healing – both emotionally and physically – occurs at different rates for different people," says Denomy. "Pulling those memories back out and talking about them is not the easiest thing to do. Reading it in a book almost makes it more academic, but seeing it projected on screen ... it's a more visceral reaction."

Producers of the miniseries painstakingly created Sadr City at Fort Hood, where they shot the miniseries. According to Denomy, many families spent time on the set. "One of the things that was absolutely remarkable about the experience was that the Gold Star families could walk re-creations of the same streets where their loved ones served and made the ultimate sacrifice," says Denomy. The way the actors, producers and directors connected to the story and to the families made the miniseries a success by Denomy's standard. He also appreciates the way the book and the miniseries told the story of the impact back home.

"In Iraq we were dealing with what was right in front of us," he says. "Back home they were working, keeping families running, taking care of each other and the wounded that returned, and worrying about us. Separation always creates a level of stress. When the environment is dangerous, stress increases."

In 2004, families had to wait for the 24-hour news cycle to learn about conditions in Baghdad. Now the prevalence of Facetime, Skype and social media eases the burden of separation. "These are critically important for keeping the connection with families," says Denomy, who majored in history and played soccer at Wofford. He met his wife via email through a fellow soldier while deployed to Bosnia in 1999.

"Our joke is that we did online dating before it was a thing," says Denomy. They kept up the correspondence and eventually met back home at Fort Campbell, Ky. Now Denomy and Gina, a teacher, have two sons, Merrick (14) and Luke (10). They currently are stationed in the Washington, D.C., area where Denomy is assigned to the Pentagon and is working in the development and acquisition of weapons systems for the U.S. Army. Next fall he will transition to a colonel-level three-year command at Fort Belvoir, Va., for a project called Soldier Warrior.

When asked, Denomy talks about Black Sunday, but almost reluctantly and always with reverence and respect for his brothers in arms.

"That day was absolutely a watershed day for the war in Iraq, but it wasn't the seminal part of my life," he says. "The book and miniseries are about a particular set of circumstances and a particular group of people. Many units have experienced similar situations, and those stories will never be told."

Denomy is quick to say that the story is not about him. "It is about a collective group of unbelievable soldiers, who I had the privilege to serve with, and their families. There's no doubt in my mind that I'm alive today because of their sacrifices."

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**FROM THE ARCHIVES:
 REDISCOVERING WOFFORD'S
 LITERARY SOCIETIES**



by Phillip Stone '94, college archivist

Occasionally friends of Wofford might hear a reference to the college's literary societies or to student debates in years gone by. Perhaps someone's grandfather or great-grandfather had a program or document from the Preston Literary Society or the Calhoun Literary Society. But what were these societies? What did they do and when did they exist?

The literary societies passed out of existence in the early 1950s, but for a century, they played an important role in student life at the college. The Calhoun Literary Society, the first society, was founded less than two months after the college opened. Eight students met to organize the society in September 1854. They chose to name themselves after the most famous South Carolinian of the 19th century, John C. Calhoun. Four years later, students organized a second society, this one named after another South Carolina political leader of the day, Sen. William C. Preston.

The two societies held weekly meetings, which were run in accordance with parliamentary procedure. Members were responsible for participating in a weekly debate, and each meeting featured orations by individual members. These debates and speeches were judged by other society members. Fines for tardiness, absences or missing the spittoon could be steep. The practice that students received in their speaking and writing skills was so important that by the early 1870s, the faculty made membership in a society mandatory.

You can learn more about the literary societies by visiting the Sandor Teszler Library Gallery through the end of May. A number of ledgers, books, photographs and other artifacts of the four literary societies are on display there. There's more on the From the Archives blog as well at blogs.wofford.edu/from_the_archives.

Read the full story about Wofford's literary societies online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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In October **Jan Ruth Streater Mayheu** began working at Helping Mamas, a baby supply bank in Georgia, as director of individual support. She lives in Lilburn, Ga.

Linnie Boteler Pawlek is the founder and executive director of Teach by Tech, a nonprofit organization providing financial literacy and business education classes to vulnerable female populations around the world. The organization works with refugees in Colorado and will expand its program to Ghana in 2018.

2000

Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra selected **Kathryn Hummers Boucher** for the League of American Orchestras' Emerging Leaders Program, the flagship of the league's leadership development offerings. Boucher joined the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra as executive director in May 2014.

Coker Gamble Powell, who lives in Spartanburg, works for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and is responsible for the organization's largest fundraising campaign, Light the Night, in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. The fundraiser earns more than \$70 million annually.

2001

Radiology Associates of Macon, Ga., announced the addition of **Dr. Joshua Cooper** to its practice as a diagnostic radiologist.

Maj. Philip Shields received his doctorate in executive leadership from the University of Charleston (W.Va.) in May 2017. He is a pilot in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and works as a manger for a General Electric company. Shields and his wife live in Spartanburg with their children, Allie (7), Walt (3) and Emmalee (2).

2002

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety announced **Kimberly Dawn Grande** as the new executive director of the Inmate Grievance Resolution Board. Grande has practiced law for more than a decade and previously held a position with the North Carolina Department of Justice, where she was an assistant attorney general.

William Hardwich Rhodes received advanced-level training from the American Association of Premier DUI Attorneys on defending against hospital blood tests. He is a full equity partner in the Burts Turner & Rhodes law firm.

William "Strat" Stavrou Jr. practices law in the Columbia, S.C., office of Wilson Jones Carter & Baxley. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2005 and practices exclusively in the area of worker's compensation defense. He and his wife, Emily, have three children, Liza, Will and Kate.

2003

Tripp Bradley and **Carolyn Laffitte** were married on July 29, 2017, in Greenville, S.C. The wedding party included **Lindsey Batavia, Kay Garrett, Adrienne Lowe, Lauren McWilliams, Amanda Parker, Pierrine Thomas, Van Horger '01** and more than 50 other Wofford friends.

2004

Virtudent, the first commercial teledentistry practice in the U.S., founded by **Dr. Hitesh**

Tolani, was featured in a HuffPost article on Jan. 5, 2018, "How Virtudent is working with HR teams to increase access to healthcare." Since its founding in 2014, Virtudent has partnered with such companies as Microsoft, Uber and Wayfair.

2005

Wofford football defensive coordinator **Shiel Wood** joined the staff at Georgia Tech, coaching safeties and assisting on special teams for the Yellow Jackets.

2006

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Magazine selected **Joseph Bias** as one of its "Leadership in Law" honorees for 2018. Bias is a managing attorney at the Vernis and Bowling law firm in Columbia, S.C.

Jesse Cole, owner of the Gastonia Grizzlies and the Savannah Bananas of the wood-bat collegiate summer Coastal Plain League, recently published "Find Your Yellow Tux - How to be Successful by Standing Out," a book sharing his message of uniqueness and positivity.

Richard Lofton Cox joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Greenville, S.C., in late 2017 as a broker associate.

Melissa Fried and Sam Spence were married on Oct. 14, 2017, at St. Luke's Chapel in Charleston, S.C. A reception followed at the Gov. Thomas Bennett House. She is an associate attorney with Nexsen Pruet.

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLC announced **Emily Luther** as a new partner in its Columbia, S.C., office. Luther advises and represents public and private organizations in the areas of public finance and economic development.

2007

Katherine Aul and Michael Cervoni were married on Aug. 19, 2017, in Ballston Lake, N.Y. Michael is a digital director for MRM/McCann, and Katherine is the founder and principal of a landscape design/build firm. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Tyler Colpini and his wife, Lilla, welcomed daughter Laura McCants "Lolly" Colpini on July 24, 2017. She joins brother William (2).

Mike Greene and his wife, Leigh, recently relocated to Cary, N.C., where he accepted a corporate counsel position with HCL America Inc. The couple also welcomed their first child, Patrick Christopher Greene, on Oct. 3, 2017.

Eric Lance and **LeAnn Lancaster** welcomed a baby girl, Claire Holland Lance, on April 26, 2017.

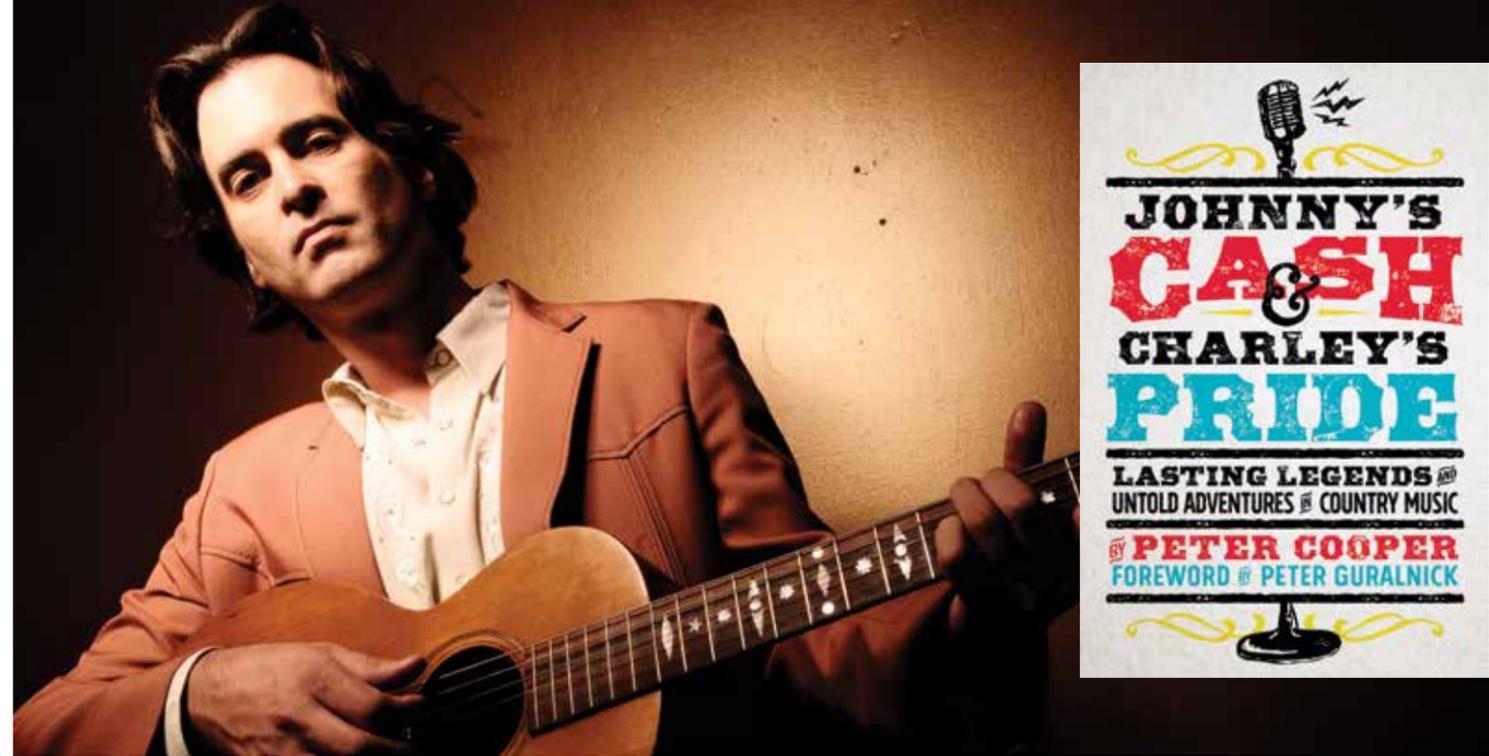
Catherine Jones Miller and **Hunter Miller** announce the birth of Mary Hunter Miller born Dec. 27, 2017. The family lives in Harrisburg, N.C.

Ty and **Meg Morrison Peebles** welcomed daughter Margaret Marion "Maggie" Peebles on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018. The family lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Derek Michael Swindall graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law with a master of laws in taxation in 2017.

2008

Max Martin LaPrade married Joanna Capelin on Oct. 14, 2017, in Durango, Colo.



THE STUFF OF LEGEND

Cooper publishes book, releases new album during 2017

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When your job allows you to meet Charley Pride, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Taylor Swift, George Jones, Merle Haggard and other country music legends, you're bound to have stories to tell.

Peter Cooper '93, senior director, producer and writer at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tenn., has met his share of legends and told his share of stories but usually in coffee shops, around the dinner table or backstage.

In 2017 Cooper, also a senior lecturer in music at Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music, made those stories available for the world when he published "Johnny's Cash & Charley's Pride: Lasting Legends and Untold Adventures in Country Music."

"People are curious about the master musicians I've been privileged to know, and I'm eager to talk about them," says Cooper. "And while there are plenty of histories written about country music, there was nothing out there similar to this book."

With Cooper, Taylor Swift talked about baking cookies and fear. Kris Kristofferson found the courage to joke about his battle with dementia. Loretta Lynn showed Cooper the sparkly performance dresses she had hanging in the shower of her tour bus while talking about cooking eggs and tellin' it like it is. Nancy Jones, George Jones' fourth wife, asked Cooper to write the epitaph for George Jones' gravestone, and he did. All of those stories are in the book, plus many more. "Johnny's Cash & Charley's Pride" is rich and nostalgic, sometimes funny, and always thought-provoking, but in a way that sneaks up on you. The book is a quick read, and I was sorry for that when I turned the last page.

But don't just take my recommendation. Don Gonyea of NPR's All Things Considered, Morning Edition, Weekend Edition and Here and Now programs listed "Johnny's Cash & Charley's Pride" among his favorite reading of 2017. American Songwriter's Paul Zollo gave it four out of five stars and called

the book "a window into the real Nashville. It's both objective and subjective." No Depression, The Journal of Roots Music, writes of the book, "If you want the Grand Tour, there's no better guide than Peter Cooper, and the winsome tales in this book serve as his map for you."

As a bonus for Wofford folks, Matthew Teague '94 and Spring House Press published the book. Teague is a founder and editorial director for Spring House, but before that was literary editor at the Oxford American, managing editor of Fine Woodworking and editor of Popular Woodworking Magazine. He's a third-generation woodworker, an editor with dozens of books under his belt and a journalist with bylines in Outside, Field and Stream, The Inspired House and Fine Homebuilding. Although Cooper and Teague didn't know each other at Wofford, they've since discovered much in common. "Matthew is nothing short of brilliant, which is not why I like him. He's a nice person, and a great dad, which is why I like him," says Cooper.

As if publishing a critically acclaimed book during 2017 was not enough, Cooper also recorded an album, "Profiles in Courage, Frailty, & Discomfort," with the distinctive blend of what he calls "three unique yet connected sensibilities. Eric Brace is a powerful singer and a sensitive soul. Thomm Jutz is among the world's greatest acoustic guitar players, and he's the world's most successful ex-German bluegrass songwriter. I write stories that rhyme and rely on these fellows to make them stand out."

Produced by Red Beet Records in East Nashville, "the album is three voices and three guitars, with no additions or subtractions," says Cooper.

Although Cooper jokes that he's probably not going to be asked to play next year's Super Bowl halftime show, recording the album and publishing the book sure made 2017 a fun year.

MSJAGGS.BLOGSPOT.COM: JAGGARD DOCUMENTS HER UNEDITED JOURNEY TO BEAT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

When Meredith Jones Jaggard '06 says “MS is the best thing that’s ever happened to me,” jaws drop, eyes narrow and heads tilt. Then she says it again.

“Seriously, MS has been great,” she explains, talking about the multiple sclerosis diagnosis she received three years ago. “Life is crystal clear, and every day I wake up and am so grateful for my life and my relationships. People think I’m crazy, but when life hands you something like this, how you deal with it is how you’re defined.”

When Jaggard was a student at Wofford, she often felt that something was “off.”

“Wofford was so much fun, though. I was living my best life, so I brushed my worries aside,” she says. The extreme fatigue continued, but it didn’t stop her from the physical demands of Interim in Costa Rica or a job at a fly fishing ranch in Colorado after graduation. Finally, in April 2015, she looked at her husband, Alex “Jaggs” Jaggard, and said, “I think I have a brain tumor. Something in my body is not right. I can feel it.”

Doctors in Columbia, S.C., where Jaggard was working in the alumni office at the University of South Carolina, found brain lesions and diagnosed her with MS. One of the physicians painted a particularly grim picture: She soon would be confined to a wheelchair, she would never have children, and she should not expect a long life.

“I knew that was not going to be my story,” says Jaggard, who began blogging primarily so she didn’t have to have the same conversations over and over with family and friends concerned about her health.

“When you’re diagnosed with an incurable disease like this, everyone panics,” Jaggard says. “I didn’t want others to panic because I wasn’t.”

Now she writes because it’s therapeutic. She can look back at previous blogs and see her progress and know that the lifestyle changes she’s made are really working. Jaggard now eats a vegan (plus cheese pizza) diet. She subscribes to yoga and regular exercise, meditation, vitamin supplements and acupuncture, and has cut as much stress as possible out of her life. She and Jaggs also moved from South Carolina to Oregon so she could live in a cooler climate, be near her doctors and finish her fight to beat MS.

“The blog has made my connections with friends, family and people in similar circumstances so rich,” she says. “I get to tell the truth and let others know they’re not alone.”

Since Jaggard changed her lifestyle and moved to Oregon the lesions that were active on her brain have gone away without any scarring. She’s not on medication, which can cause negative side effects, and the disease seems to be under control. Team #MSJaggs has raised more than \$30,000 for Walk MS, a yearly fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Meredith and Jaggs are planning a trip to Iceland then to Greece when she officially beats the disease.

“My doctors and neurologists have said, ‘If we could take your attitude and give it to all of our patients, MS would look a lot different,’” says Jaggard, who now works as a social media manager and strategist for a restaurant group in Oregon. “Jaggs and I promised ourselves that we would live our life the way we want our story to be told. We’re doing that every day. Maybe one day I’ll even be telling it on the ‘TODAY’ show with Craig Melvin ’01.”

Sarah McClure was named one of South Carolina’s Chef Ambassadors for 2018. She is chef and manager of Southside Smokehouse in Landrum, S.C.

Tidelands Health has announced the addition of **Dr. Lash Springs** to its medical staff. Springs’ interests include pediatrics, sports medicine and geriatrics.

2009

John Marion Campbell III and Carolyn Roena Vaught were married on Oct. 21, 2017, at the home of the bride, Hobonny Fields, in Timmonsville, S.C. The couple lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

After four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, **Capt. Edward Henderson** and his wife, Christie, moved to Florence, S.C. He continues to serve as a civil affairs team leader. Their son, Roger Edward “Hank” Henderson III, was born on Oct. 20, 2017. Henderson also began working with the law firm of Turner Padgett Graham and Laney in late November.

Brent Owen was named among “Colorado’s 2017 Class of Up and Coming Lawyers” by Law Week Colorado, an award that recognizes lawyers who have been in practice five years or fewer and achieved significant accomplishments in their careers.

2010

Kyle Raymond Bateh and Stephanie Ann Alley exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 4, 2017, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Little Rock, Ark. A reception followed at Chenal Country Club.

Branson William Hyatt and Kaley Joy Smith were married on July 1, 2017, at The Standard in Knoxville, Tenn. The couple lives in Knoxville. The groom is in his fourth year of ob-gyn residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, and the bride is director of special events and catering at Café 4.

2011

Charles LaPrade married Ashley Simon on May 27, 2017, in Greenville, S.C. The two met in June 2012 when attending a mutual friend’s birthday celebration, both of them wearing tie-dyed shirts. During the wedding ceremony, a ring-warming ceremony was held in which LaPrade hung his band from a tie-dyed shirt.

Krista Jones Redding graduated with an M.A. in organizational leadership from Columbia College on Aug. 5, 2017. She is a leadership giving officer at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

Scott Schultz Jr. and **Molly Nicholson McCroory** were married on Nov. 18, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C. They live in Jacksonville, Fla., where Schultz is an orthopedic surgery resident.

2012

Lizzie Lambert and Dallas Cox were married on April 22, 2017. Lizzie works at Scroggin & Co. as an attorney with a focus on estate planning, business law and tax planning.

Atticus Fehl and Natalie Hamrick were married on Sept. 2, 2017, at Mauldin United Methodist Church in Mauldin, S.C.

Hallie Marie Willm married Brooks Biediger on Jan. 20, 2018, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia, S.C. They live in Columbia.

Bedford McNair Wooten and **Sarah Elizabeth Monroe** ’14 were married on Nov. 4, 2017, at Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville, S.C. The couple lives in Columbia, S.C.

2013

Gaston Albergotti and Allen Pennell were married Sept. 2, 2017, at All Saints Church in Linville, N.C.

Franklin Cole Brown and **Caitlin Michelle Felkel** exchanged vows on Jan. 27, 2018, at the Cotton Dock at Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens in Mount Pleasant, S.C. They honeymooned in the Bahamas and now live in Greenville, S.C.

William Brooks DaSilva and **Kackie Lewis Smith** were married on Jan. 27, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, S.C. The groom is employed with BB&T Government Finance as a sales officer. The bride works for Wells Fargo Middle Market Banking as a relationship manager.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution featured **Mary Frances Flowers**’ store in a Valentine’s Day-themed article on Jan. 24, 2018. Mary Frances Flowers & Gifts specializes in handmade women’s jewelry and men’s goods, such as cufflinks and tie bars.

Charles Malcolm Turner and **Alex Heil** were married on Jan. 6, 2018, at Greenville Country Club in Greenville, S.C. They honeymooned in Colorado and now live in Greenville.

Hunter Holladay and Louise Alsbrooke Smunk exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 30, 2017, at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree, S.C.

Jenny Simons Welter married Kevin Horn on Oct. 7, 2017.

2014

Chadwick Walton and **Cameron McNair Crawford** wed on Oct. 21, 2017, at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst, N.C. The couple honeymooned on the Dutch Caribbean island of Curaçao. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

David McCutchen Jr. and **Elizabeth Anne Seabrook** exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 16, 2017, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. The couple lives in Greenville, S.C.

2015

Connell Anderson joined Johnson Development Associates in May 2016 as industrial development manager. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

FC Cincinnati, a soccer club, announced the addition of **Forrest Lasso** as a defensive player in November 2017. Lasso spent the past three seasons with the Charleston Battery and was voted the team’s Defensive Player of the Year.

2016

Robert Massey and Katy Hinson were married on Oct. 7, 2017, at Converse College. They live in Darlington, S.C.

Maude Porter McBride received her MBA in December 2017, from Texas A&M Corpus Christi. She married Christopher McBride in July 2017. The couple now lives in South Korea.

Matthew Waldman has taken a position as the concessions manager for the Berglund Center in Roanoke, Va. He oversees concessions operations for the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs professional hockey team as well as theater performances, concerts and other special events.

In an NBC Sports article on Jan. 22, 2018, **Katherine Whisenhunt** was featured for her participation and success in a baseball arbitration competition. The University of Virginia

Law School student and her partner, Luke Zaro, won the competition. Reporter Craig Calcaterra wrote this about their win: “I had the privilege of seeing them argue in preliminary rounds as well as the finals and can say that their victory was well-earned. Some opposing attorneys are going to have their hands full with these two one day.”

2017

Caroline H. Dillon is attending the masters in management program at Wake Forest University. She will graduate later this year.

Andrew Novak qualified for the RSM Classic, allowing him to make his PGA Tour debut, after facing more than 90 golfers in competition on Nov. 13, 2017. The RSM Classic was held at the Seaside and Plantation courses of the Sea Island Golf Club and ran from Nov. 16-19. It marked the first time that two Wofford men’s golfers played in a PGA Tour event as Novak joined current PGA Tour professional William McGirt ’01. Novak also medaled at the Highland Oaks PGA Q-School tournament in Dothan, Ala.

Katherine Elizabeth Schwarzentraub is employed with the University of Maryland as an education abroad administrator.

Sam Veremchuk is the outreach coordinator at the Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg. GoUpstate recently featured Veremchuk’s work, which involved scattering art throughout the community with newly designed utility box covers.

The Washington Wild Wings of the Frontier League announced the signing of **Carson Waln** to its 2018 roster as a catcher. For his four-year Wofford career, Waln hit .285 with an on-base percentage of .377.

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IN MEMORIAM

1937

Charles Edwin Gregory Sr., Oct. 18, 2017, Spartanburg. Gregory was a longtime member and leader of Cudd Memorial Baptist Church. He was employed by Milliken & Co. for 26 years before working with the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

1939

James M. Brown, July 1, 2017, Irving, Texas. Brown served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. Among other medals, he was awarded the Bronze Star for combat on the front lines in Germany in 1944 and the Purple Heart after losing his left arm and two fingers on his right hand in action near the Saar River. Despite his disability, he loved to play tennis and became an avid golfer, becoming known as the “one-armed bandit” by his golfing buddies. He was active in his community and in First United Methodist Church of Irving.

Robert Bethune King Sr., Oct. 18, 2017, Anderson, S.C. King served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and later in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He played football and baseball for the Terriers and retired as Anderson County Emergency Preparedness director. He was active in his community and in St. John’s United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to The Wofford Fund.

1941

William Leonard Still, Nov. 18, 2017, Spartanburg. A World War II veteran, Still established The Still Agency (real estate and insurance), which was in business for 30 years. He taught real estate at Spartanburg Technical College (now Spartanburg Community College) for 50 years. He held many leadership roles in the Spartanburg community, including service on the Mayor’s Advisory Council, the Spartanburg Development Authority and the Spartanburg County Board of Education.

1944

James Allen Grigsby Sr., Nov. 5, 2017, Fredericksburg, Va. After farming in his early 20s, Grigsby felt called to become a minister. He retired from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference in 1986 after service in churches across South Carolina.

1947

Dr. Larry A. Jackson, Nov. 7, 2017, Greenwood, S.C. Jackson was a navigation bomber on a B-17 during World War II. He returned to Germany after the war, teaching and setting up a library and study center in camps for people displaced by the war. The experience was the start of a career in education that eventually led to his 19-year tenure as president of Lander College (now Lander University). He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Wofford and the Order of the Palmetto from the state of South Carolina. After retirement he became very active in the Greenwood Food Bank.

1948

Capt. Benjamin Bernard Fowke Sr., Dec. 12, 2017, Virginia Beach, Va. Fowke was a U.S. Navy aviator for 33 years with service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Before retirement, he also served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Naval History Center in Washington, D.C. He was most proud of his assignment to Test Pilot Training School and subsequent tour as a test pilot at Patuxent River,

Md., and his tour as commanding officer of VRC-50, a large carrier transport squadron in Japan.

1949

James Bryant Cantrell, Nov. 21, 2017, Spartanburg. A lifelong supporter of the college, Cantrell enjoyed a career in banking and finance. He was a member of the Optimist, Sertoma and Lions clubs and rarely met a stranger. He was also a founding member of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church.

1950

The Rev. Billie Allen Haire, Jan. 19, 2018, Lincolnton, N.C. Haire died as the result of a massive stroke. He served churches across North Carolina, and after retirement returned to First United Methodist Church of Lincolnton as a Sunday school teacher and prayer group leader.

Dr. Hal Trimmier Jr., Nov. 12, 2017, Orangeburg, S.C. He was an optometrist in Bennettsville, S.C., for 58 years. He was past president of the Bennettsville Jaycees and Bennettsville Rotary Club, in which he was recognized for perfect attendance from 1965 to 2010. He was active in the church and community and loved to fly and play golf.

1951

William Woods Wilson, Jan. 6, 2018, Columbia, S.C. A huge fan of Wofford athletics, Wilson was buried in old gold and black. He was a member of the Wofford golf team and enjoyed the sport throughout his life. He retired from the South Carolina Department of Revenue after 33 years of service.

1952

Pressley Dorn Best, Oct. 19, 2017, Galivants Ferry, S.C. A member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at Wofford, he was also a member of the Terrier basketball team. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the South Carolina public school system after 30 years of service as a teacher, coach and assistant principal. He also was the director of recreation for the city of Mullins for 17 years.

Dr. Robert Gray Mann, Dec. 13, 2017, Easley, S.C. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Mann was a family practitioner and member of Berea First Baptist Church.

1953

The Rev. James McCoy Armstrong Jr., Oct. 22, 2017, Charlotte, N.C. Armstrong served United Methodist churches across Western North Carolina in a career that spanned almost 70 years.

1955

Nelson W. “Nellie” Carmichael Sr., Dec. 10, 2017, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Nelson retired from Myrtle Beach Air Force Base as the deputy base civil engineer when the base closed. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

The Rev. Dr. Clarence Odell Pittman, Dec. 26, 2018, Greenville, S.C. A retired United Methodist minister, Pittman served churches across the Carolinas. He was also a conference director of congregational development.

1956

Julian Harris Foster, Jan. 14, 2018, Spartanburg. A U.S. Army veteran, Foster loved history and was an avid collector of clocks. He was the eastern regional vice president of Van Water & Rogers Inc.

Ben Lewis Koon, Oct. 5, 2017, St. Petersburg, Va. Koon was an avid golfer, and he loved baseball and his grandchildren. He was a faithful member of St. Marks United Methodist Church.

1958

Graham Manly Eubank, Oct. 28, 2017, Johns Island, S.C. Eubank was president of Kappa Alpha Order at Wofford. He then served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. A gifted storyteller, he gave of himself to church and community and was generous with Wofford College. Eubank founded Palmetto Ford and was honored repeatedly for his work in the automotive industry. His boat, Sportin’ Life, won the Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series Championship twice.

Lt. Col. Harry Douglas Hunter, Jan. 18, 2018, Columbia, S.C. Hunter served in the U.S. Army from 1959 until his retirement in 1983, including two tours in Vietnam. He also worked in the insurance field before retirement.

Franklin Milton Mann, Nov. 20, 2017, Roebuck, S.C. Mann was an attorney with Perrin, Mann, Patterson, Pressley LLP. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of Roebuck United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the Spartanburg Rotary Club.

1959

Wilbur J. Arnette, Jan. 26, 2018, Lake City, Fla. Arnette enjoyed careers in social services, banking and poultry farming before his retirement. He loved the outdoors.

John C. Howren Jr., Jan. 30, 2018, Johnson City, Tenn. Howren worked in the petroleum industry until his retirement. He served 12 years on the Johnson City Board of Education with two terms as chairman.

Donald Edward White, Jan. 22, 2018, Spartanburg. A U.S. Navy veteran, White was a whiz with numbers and began working with an accounting firm in Spartanburg that eventually became Scott Taylor White and Wingo. He was known and teased for never missing a day of work and was still working five days a week as recently as the summer of 2017. He was also an avid Terrier football fan and enjoyed gardening, woodworking and reading.

1960

Joe Thomas Pugh, Feb. 4, 2018, Atlanta, Ga. For 40 years Pugh was an active Wofford volunteer, working closely with the Office of Admission to recruit the Atlanta area’s best and brightest to attend Wofford. There’s no way to measure how many Terriers he brought to Wofford and the impact they’ve had in the world after graduation. A U.S. Navy veteran, Pugh retired from IBM and enjoyed spending his time speaking to various groups. Memorials may be made to the Georgia/Witan Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford.

1961

Capt. Basil Thomas “Foxy” Brown, Oct. 24, 2017, Kansas City, Kan. Brown retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He then went to work with the Social Security Administration as a benefit authorizer.

1962

James M. Gibert, Jan. 25, 2018, Woodruff, S.C. Gibert was a consummate businessman, enjoying interests in Western Auto, a Goodyear tire store,

WDRF Radio and Gibert Co. Inc. real estate brokerage firm, among others. He also was active in his church and community.

G.J. “Jeff” Hutchins Jr., Feb. 1, 2018, Columbia, S.C. Hutchins retired from BB&T Dealer Services Sales and Finance. He was a huge sports fan and involved in the life of Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, S.C.

Clyde Wallace Keeter Jr., Dec. 14, 2017, Bristol, Tenn. Keeter never met a stranger. He lived in Bristol for more than 50 years, where he retired from Strongwell Corp. He served in the U.S. Army, the Army Reserve and was a Baptist.

Charles Coastes Wade, June 28, 2017, Conway, S.C. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford, Wade spent his life in service to others. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam and was an organizing member, deacon and elder of Westminster Associate Reform Presbyterian Church. He retired as general manager of Wade-Lott Inc.

1963

Thomas Miles “Tuck” West Jr., Dec. 12, 2017, Georgetown, S.C. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wofford, West worked in banking before becoming vice president of Marion Lumber Co., then a stockbroker. He loved the South Carolina coast and spent time serving several community organizations in the Winyah area.

1964

Jackie Dean Bailey, Feb. 5, 2018, Union, S.C. Retired from the textile industry, Bailey was the owner of Bailey’s Grill. He was an active member of Lockhart First Baptist Church.

Jimmy Glenn Bright, Jan. 29, 2018, Greenville, S.C. A real estate broker/developer and owner of Build-Lease Associates Inc., Bright was instrumental in the land acquisition for BMW and other area industries. He was involved in civic, church and professional organizations.

Daniel Reid Cox, Oct. 22, 2017, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Cox was the assistant director at Waccamaw Center for Mental Health in Horry and other surrounding counties for 34 years. Upon retirement, he enjoyed woodworking, spending time with his grandchildren and service at Helping Hand, a local crisis intervention program.

Winfred Dean Jones, Jan. 8, 2018, Chesnee, S.C. Jones played professional baseball for the Giants organization. He went on to teach and coach at Chesnee High School for 47 years.

Francis Harrison “Copper” Horton Jr., Jan. 13, 2017, Greenville, S.C. Horton was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Wofford. He faithfully served his country and his church.

1966

Dr. Alfred Brevard Boykin Jr., July 14, 2016, Columbia, S.C. Boykin was a pulmonary critical care doctor who served at the Veteran’s Hospital in Columbia for 41 years. He loved hunting, fishing and farming.

1967

L. Cameron Howell III, Jan. 28, 2018, Columbia, S.C. After a long career in property ownership and management, Howell retired from Bank of America in 2004. He was past president of the Builders and Owners Management Association of South Carolina.

Jennings Gray McAbee Sr., Dec. 17, 2017, Thomson, Ga. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford, McAbee joined the family business,

M.G. and J.J. Dorn Inc., after graduation. Later he was owner and president of Savannah Valley Cable Co. He served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1975 to 1998. He was known for his support of tourism and the environment and for putting people above the party.

1968

Herbert Edward “Mac” MacMurphy, Nov. 1, 2017, Seneca, S.C. MacMurphy loved nature, birds and any outdoor activity. He served in Vietnam in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman attaching to a Marine Battalion. He was injured during service and was awarded the Purple Heart.

1969

Garr Leroy “Roy” Pridgen, Nov. 5, 2017, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Pridgen owned Strand Corp. travel agency and was president of Red Bull Tour and Travel. He also was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach.

1971

The Rev. Dr. James Craig Butler, Dec. 3, 2017, Marietta, Ohio. Butler served churches in Monroe and Huntersville, N.C., and in Marietta and New Concord, Ohio. He retired as associate presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia.

Ferris Kimball “Kim” Joyner Jr., Nov. 25, 2017, Charleston, S.C. Joyner was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. He practiced law in Colorado before joining as general counsel Sun Oil, which eventually became ExxonMobil. Extremely generous with Wofford and proud of his family’s Wofford connections, Joyner established an endowed scholarship in 2014, the Ferris and Thelma Joyner Endowed Scholarship Fund. Memorials may be made to that fund.

1975

Wilson Henry “Woody” Lear III, Nov. 17, 2017, Melbourne, Fla. Lear devoted his business career to property management.

1976

James Cleveland Blanton III, Dec. 14, 2017, Kansas City, Mo. Blanton enjoyed a lifelong career in reinsurance, which began with Lloyd’s of London. He was on the Wofford track and field team.

John Herman Hall Jr., Oct. 28, 2017, Spartanburg. Hall was the fire chief at Hilltop Fire District for 28 years and a fireman for 45. He retired from the police force with more than 26 years of service.

1977

Sam Morgan King Jr., Jan. 24, 2018, Spartanburg. King taught English and coached football at McCracken Junior High School for 20 years. He later supervised Spartanburg County Adult Education for 11 years.

1978

David Fulton Wood, Nov. 1, 2017, Inman, S.C. Wood was an attorney and owner of the Wood Law Office for 35 years. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was a loyal Wofford Terrier Club supporter.

1979

William Fitch Lachicotte III, Nov. 27, 2017, Charleston, S.C. Lachicotte was a graduate of both Wofford and Clemson through the 3/2 engineering program. He was part of the master team for the 81st Regional Support Command, previously with the Charleston Naval Shipyard. His work was essential to the upgrade of Army Reserve bases throughout the Southeast.

1980

The Rev. James Otis Harper, Jan. 18, 2018, Union, S.C. A retired United Methodist minister, Harper pastored churches in South Carolina for more than 35 years. He was serving at Wesley Chapel United Methodist and Lockhart United Methodist at the time of his death. He enjoyed the Lowcountry beaches and the seafood of the area.

1981

Howard E. Peterson, Jan. 14, 2018, Abbeville, S.C. Peterson worked with the IRS until health issues forced his early retirement. He was involved in choirs in Abbeville, Greenville, S.C., and Atlanta, Ga.

1982

The Rev. Timothy L. “Bo” Waldrop, Jan. 16, 2018, Spartanburg, S.C. Waldrop was the pastor of East Spartanburg Wesleyan Church and a chaplain with the Spartanburg City Police.

2008

Bertila Ivane Delora Boyd-Bostic, Oct. 29, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Boyd-Bostic died after a battle with cancer. She was a Bonner Scholar at Wofford and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She and her husband started the Bostic and Boyd Law Firm and worked to establish a firm known for integrity, advocacy and understanding. She also was active in the community.

2013

Cameron Alexander Kimber, Dec. 13, 2017, Atlanta, Ga. Kimber was employed as a data analyst with ATL Plus and was a member of the World of Faith Family Worship Cathedral. At Wofford, Kimber helped start SCATE (Sharing Create Art Through Expression). He also was a member of the student-managed James Investment Fund.

2015

Tarek Jaquan Odom, Jan. 9, 2018, St. Augustine, Fla. Odom died unexpectedly doing what he loved best — playing football. He was a stand-out for the Terriers partly because of his size, strength, speed and athleticism. Off the field he was loved for his warmth, gentleness and humility. He played 46 career games at Wofford, finishing with 126 tackles, 34 for loss. He was an All-SoCon defensive lineman and played briefly in the Arena Football League.

Adam Isaiah Wirth, Nov. 20, 2017, Kansas City, Mo. Wirth loved the study of chemistry. He majored in the subject at Wofford, as well as mathematics. He was a Wofford Scholar.

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BOOK YOUR ESCAPE

Rutherford's invite Terriers to try Escape Artist Greenville

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89

Kim and Will Rutherford '07 believe everyone needs a place to escape to ... and from. In Escape Artist Greenville, they've created both.

Their custom escape room adventures are designed to "transport people to another world," says Will. "We want to give people a fun experience that they haven't seen somewhere else."

That's one of the things that set Escape Artist Greenville apart from other escape rooms. Will and Kim design each game themselves. They create the story, set the stage and are always looking for the next challenge for their guests.

Currently, Escape Artist Greenville offers four adventures: Dr. Fratelli's Cabin (a traditional escape), the Fallout (a team-building challenge), The Inventor's Enigma (a rescue mission) and The Lift (an abbreviated elevator scenario).

The Rutherford's started Escape Artist Greenville in 2016 and moved to their current location on 209 East Stone Ave. in Greenville, S.C., in September 2017. Their passion for creating fun experiences for others, however, started long before that.

Will, an offensive lineman for the Terriers during his college days, majored in physics partly because of his mild obsession with theme parks. He did two internships at theme parks as a student (one at Universal Studios in Orlando and the other in Germany) and was one of the masterminds behind Pi Kappa Die, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity Halloween haunted house.

He met Kim while getting his master's degree in engineering at Clemson University. Will earned his master's degree in 2009 and went to work for General Electric in Florence, S.C. In 2011 GE transferred him to Greenville, where he worked

with the company for five more years. During this time Will and Kim were spending much of their down time creating adventures.

"Every year we would spend months working to build and design a haunted house with 12 actors that we ran one night a year for free," says Kim. While the two loved the creativity and camaraderie that came from the experience, it seemed a shame to do so much work for such a short period of time. At a home haunters convention, Will and Kim went to a session on escape rooms.

"We started planning on the way home," says Will. "Kim's the risk taker, so not long after we got back she met with a realtor and signed a lease for the space."

Will now uses his engineering skills exclusively at Escape Artist Greenville, and Kim, a physical therapist by day, does whatever needs to be done in her off time. They also have five additional part-time team members who love dressing up, getting into character and sharing their passion for escape rooms.

According to Will, Escape Artist Greenville will have a horror room ready in time for Halloween 2018, and he and Kim are planning a comical adventure as well. "Maybe we'll have people escape from their great-aunt's dinner party or something like that," says Will.

They're even taking The Lift adventure to a wedding in October.

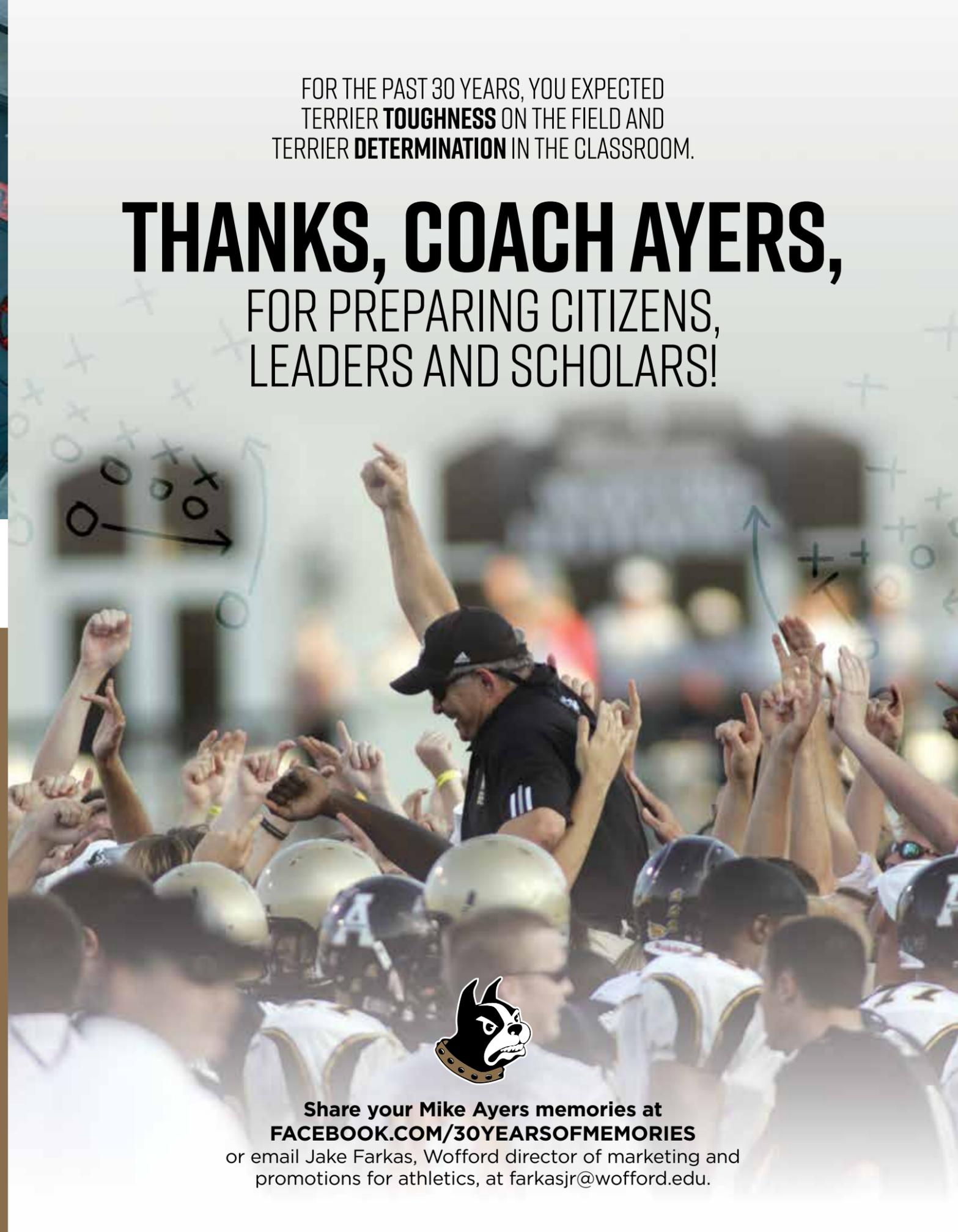
"This couple came to our escape room, became addicts and were engaged in an escape room," says Will.

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