“The duty to learn AND TO EDUCATE”

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Incredible things are happening at Wofford College.

Since the spring issue of Wofford Today, our men’s basketball team traveled to Wisconsin to play in the NCAA tournament. Ten of our athletics teams received praise from the NCAA through the annual scoreboard of academic achievement. Two recent graduates – David Moore and Anna Le – received prestigious Fulbright appointments. Work continued on the strategic plan for Wofford’s bright future. Prema and I “officially” became members of the Wofford family following a very special inauguration ceremony and campus and community celebration. Most importantly, 360 of our students became alumni, armed with the education and skills they need to positively impact the world.

I’m pleased that the incredible things happening at Wofford College now will be told on the pages of this refreshed and rebranded Wofford Today magazine. The magazine style used by the college since 2002 has been replaced with what we believe will better tell our story through targeted articles, stunning pictures and streamlined design. This update also is reflected online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday, where you will find enhanced online content and the ability to share stories via social media platforms.

Over its next issues, Wofford Today will continue to chronicle both the world at Wofford and Wofford in the world, and we will have some important stories to tell.

In our fall issue, we will share highlights of the college’s strategic plan. When implemented, the plan promises to reaffirm our institutional mission by expanding and deepening the academic program; enriching community and inclusiveness; making more of our physical campus; and extending the college’s reach beyond our borders.

I am excited to have the opportunity to share in this journey with you, and I look forward to our incredible future.

Go, Terriers!
Every summer since 1995, football fans from all over the country have staked their claim on a grassy hill above Wofford’s football practice fields in the hopes of seeing stars. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Carolina Panthers training camp at Wofford, the Panthers Pals kids programs and other promotions and events will occur Aug. 13 with Panthers Pals kids programs from 4-9 p.m. The training camp runs through opening day Back to Football celebration on Saturday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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COBURN RETIRES AS DEAN OF THE LIBRARY, EMERITUS

Oakley Coburn retired from the college as dean of the library and was given the title of dean of the library, emeritus, during the college’s Commencement Exercises. Coburn has been responsible for the Sandor Tesler Library since 1984. He also has directed cultural events for the college and was a champion of the arts on campus and in the Spartanburg community. On a wider scale Coburn served as a mentor to newly appointed library directors at various colleges and universities in the Southeast. Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

HIGH IMPACT FELLOWS

Launched by a $200,000 grant awarded to Wofford in 2010 by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation, the High Impact Fellows program continued this spring. The program brings faculty from area high schools together with Wofford faculty and students to collaborate in developing classroom-ready materials that reflect current research in multiple academic disciplines.

PREMA SAMHAT SWORN IN AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN

Having passed her citizenship exam, Prema Samhat, wife of Wofford President Nayer Samhat, was sworn in as a U.S. citizen on May 2. The Honorable Dennis Shedd ’75, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, presided over the ceremony. Family (including daughter Jehan, left) and Wofford friends came to celebrate with the Samhats.

SPARTANBURG AREA ALUMNI GATHERING WELCOMES MUCH-LOVED PROFESSORS

Dr. J. R. Gross, professor emeritus of fine arts, and Dr. Vivian Fisher, professor emeritus of English, enjoyed visiting with Wofford alumni, friends, faculty and staff at the Spartanburg area alumni meeting. For information about future gatherings, visit wofford.edu/alumni »

AYERS FACES WOFFORD SHARP-SHOOTER MCKEVELY IN SHOOTING COMPETITION

On April 23, head football coach Mike Ayers and Tommy McKelvey ’16, one of Wofford’s top shooters on the rifle team, squared off in a special shooting exhibition in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. They each shot two rounds (10 shots per round) from 33 feet. McKelvey, who holds the college record in rifle, remained the champion at the end of the evening. Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday for the full gallery »

SPARTANBURG HOSTS SOCON TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wofford hosted the 2014 SoCon outdoor Track & Field Championships on April 25-27. The championships marked the 85th annual Outdoor Track and Field Championship for the men and the 28th annual championship for the women.

ININAUGURATION… WOFFORD STYLE

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COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Wofford holds its 160th Commencement

SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

Wofford students earn prestigious Princeton, Fulbright and Goldwater recognitions

MAKING AN IMPACT

Jenny Bem Johnson named SCICU professor of the year

A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

Robin Welborn ’07 offers college prep opportunities for local high school students

OUR BOLD VISION

The Wofford of the future is closer than you think, and the college will be ready

CLASS NOTES

Alumni updates, Terriers in the News, Treasures from the Archives, In Memoriam
Wofford inaugurates Dr. Nayef H. Samhat as the college’s 11th president

By Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Flash mobbed
Excitement over President Nayef Samhat’s inauguration spilled over during inauguration weekend events, culminating with a student-led flash mob.
In a moving inaugural address, punctuated by strategic rays of sunlight on the misty morning event on the lawn of Main Building, Samhat shared his story before telling stories of Wofford's past and eventually giving the challenge to the entire Wofford community to help write the story of the college's future.

"One does not enter into the academy necessarily to become an administrator or provost or president, but because one loves the act and duty to learn and to educate, one loves to engage students in intellectual explorations, and to participate in the extraordinary transformation of young lives that define the experience we teachers – all of us engaged in this enterprise – whether in the classroom, the residence hall, the fields or courts of play, the stages or the studios – the experience we teachers all feel and in which we find a deep and abiding personal and professional fulfillment. …

“My sisters, Diane and Sharon, and I, are first-generation college graduates, raised by a mother and father who grew up in the Depression-era in Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Canada, and had little opportunity to attend college. But to be sure, in their lives and words, they have modeled all of those qualities that define a good life; true wisdom, love, family, understanding and the fulfillment derived from a dedicated work ethic and compassion and empathy for others. Whatever good I have become, I owe to them.”

In front of a crowd of students, faculty, staff, alumni, delegates from other institutions, and members of the Spartanburg community who just wanted to be a part of the celebration, Samhat also thanked his wife and daughters as well as his mentors and the people who have welcomed him into the Wofford community.

“My wife, Prema, and daughters, Alia, Jehani and Leila, have given me a peace of heart and soul, a reason to be and to do, and have given worth to my life. Simply by their being, they make me a better person – and like the smart women they are, they are sure to let me know when they think otherwise!

“I stand here because of the support and mentorship of wonderful colleagues in my career. … In the course of life, one’s path crosses in most unexpected ways with others, individuals whose honest advice, encouragement and support can have the most profound impact on your imagination of life’s possibilities. These people, in particular, did precisely that – believing in me and offering me the opportunity to imagine a career and professional path that has led me and my family to this day, on this ground and this stage. To all of them I am forever grateful. And so we officially join the Wofford family. We know that institutions stand not as buildings but as stories, stories of the people who have shaped a history and informed a future, and I am proud and humbled to share in the extraordinary and transformative stories of so many before me.”

The stories of Wofford that Samhat shared during his inaugural address included tales of Dr. John Harrington, Dr. John Q. Hill, Dr. Gus Papadopoulos ’54, Roger Milliken, Dr. Michelle Phillips Hudspeth ’95, Dr. Doug Wood ’90 and Dr. Paige West ’91.

“… that is what the stories of Wofford College are all about. … They are about making a difference in the lives of young people so that they may, too, make a difference in the world around them – whether through
commerce, law, medicine, teaching, social work, public service or parenting and friendship. And in so doing, all of us, the Wofford family today present and those to follow, will remain true to the trust handed down by the generations of this great family that preceded us.”

Samhat also referenced an essay, “Civilization’s Starter Kit,” from the New York Times by astrophysicist Lewis Dartnell as he challenged others to join Wofford in developing the successful graduates of the future.

“And let us be clear on a crucial point and principle. For us, as educators and places of higher learning, whether public or private, large or small, no matter the type of institution, to fulfill our responsibility to nurture this starter kit we must commit to the preservation and defense of the principle of academic, intellectual and creative freedom in all that we do and practice. The classroom, the campus ground, and the individual, are the preserves of liberty and human progress if, and only if, the fetters of those who fear inquiry, debate and change are cast aside. We at Wofford, with institutions in our state and nation, will lead in word and deed in the defense of this most high principle. And to this end, I therefore assert that our kind of education, a liberal arts education, is the highest form of preparation for the breadth and depth of learning, the intimacy of pedagogy, and the formation of character and community, all contribute to the capacity to embrace challenge and change without fear or hesitation. …

“As we create a vision for Wofford in the coming times, how might we as a community of learners fulfill our responsibility to educate young women and men who, themselves, are responsible for supporting our civilization? What, in other words, will we contribute to their ‘Starter Kit?’ Because the world and its change is constituted by an infinite volume of particular acts – of kindness and cruelty, of creation and destruction, of exchange and theft, we are all responsible for nurturing this kit for students today and into the future.”

In his formal acceptance of the presidency of Wofford College, Samhat said: “I accept the charge of leading this great institution, founded on the principle of John Wesley to ‘take care of the rising generation;’ the vision of its first president, William Wightman, to promote ‘broad and liberal views;’ and in the spirit offered by Benjamin Wofford and that resonates and resounds to this day and beyond: Intaminatis fulget honoribus – shining with untarnished honor.”

By the end of the weekend, everyone felt like a part of the Samhat family, and the Samhats felt thoroughly welcomed into the Wofford family.

Here were some of the highlights:

1. **STUDENT EXPO**
   Students representing various campus groups such as the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, The Space, Bonner Scholars, StarTalk, etc., lined the sidewalks between the Roger Milliken Science Center and the Burwell Building, where the community picnic following the inauguration was held. They shared information about their projects with visitors from across the country.

2. **MOVING PHOTO BOOTHS**
   Giant Polaroid-type frames floated around the picnic so people could take commemorative photos. #welcomeNayef popped up on social media feeds for weeks. #welcomePrema also picked up speed. Check out the Wofford Facebook page for more #welcomeNayef photos »

3. **DOTTIE’S TOFFEE**
   Guests at the presidential reception and dinner left with a commemorative package of Dottie’s Toffee, specially made and labeled for the occasion by owner Nick Belmont ’02 and his staff.

4. **FLASH MOB, SAM HATS**
  And THE PARTY OF THE DECADE
   Wofford students, wearing SAM hats, surprised Wofford President Nayef Samhat with a special gift – a flash mob to Pharrell Williams’ “Happy.” It was part of a celebration for the campus community attended by enthusiastic students, faculty, staff and their families.

5. **COLLEGIATE DELEGATES**
   Colleges and universities across the country sent delegates who processed in order of their year of founding. Schools also sent elaborate greetings, many of which were displayed in the Great Oaks Hall during the weekend.

6. **BOSS’S BREW TERRIER ALE**
   John Bauknight ’89 and RJ Rockers Brewing Co. repackaged its Pale Ale as Boss’s Brew Terrier Ale for the presidential inauguration. The “liberal arts libation” was served during the presidential reception and dinner before the inauguration and at the campus party after the inauguration.
Partying through the night

The campus-wide Inauguration Party, held in the Michael S. Brown Village Center and lawn, featured food by Cribbs Kitchen and music by Back 9.

Inaugural procession

Processing with President Nayef Samhat to the installation ceremony were (left to right): R. Michael James ’73, a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees and chairman of the presidential search committee, who gave the charge; Laura Kate Gamble ’14, Wofford Presidential International Scholar, who read a passage from President William Wightman’s remarks at the laying of the cornerstone of Main Building; and the Rev. Dr. B. Mike Alexander ’73, a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees, who gave the benediction.
The 50 Year Club
Members of the Class of 1964 celebrated their 50th college reunion by processing with the Class of 2014 then congratulating them after Commencement.

CLASS of 2014
Shining with Untarnished Honor

Wofford celebrates its 160th Commencement Exercises

By Laura Hendrix Corbin
Degrees were conferred to 362 graduates, three honorary degrees were presented, and two teaching awards were given. Samhat became president in July 2013, and his inauguration was held April 25 of this year. Commencement was held in Benjamin Johnson Arena due to the weather.

**HONORARY DEGREES**

Dr. Charles Edward (Ed) Coffey ’74, vice president and CEO of Behavioral Health Sciences at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Mich., received the honorary doctorate of science degree; the Rev. Susan Thurston Henry-Crowe, the general secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, received the honorary doctorate of divinity degree; and Dr. George D. Kuh, the Chancellor’s Professor of Higher Education Emeritus at Indiana University-Bloomington and adjunct professor of higher education policy at the University of Illinois, received the honorary doctorate of humanities degree.

**TEACHING AWARDS**

The Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science was presented to Dr. Anne J. Catlla, assistant professor of mathematics, and the Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences went to Dr. Carol Brasington Wilson ’81, associate professor of English and coordinator of academic advising.

**ALGERNON SYDNEY SULLIVAN AWARDS**

The college also presented the prestigious Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to graduating senior Phillip Jervey Roper ’14, a biology major from Greenville, S.C., and Curt McPhail ’96, president of Greenlab Strategies in Spartanburg and project manager of the Northside Initiative.

**MARY MILDRED SULLIVAN AWARDS**

The student recipient of the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award was senior Laura Kate Gamble ’14 from Summerville, S.C., who is majoring in biology and Spanish with a concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She will graduate in December. The non-student recipient was Paula Black Baker, a Wofford trustee and a Spartanburg community leader.

**HONOR GRADUATE**

The honor graduate – the graduate with the highest GPA (3.99) – was Katherine Lee Kelly ’14 of Blythewood, S.C., an English major with a minor in history. She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa this year.

**50 YEAR CLUB**

Members of the Class of 1964 participated in the weekend’s activities, including a class reunion and participation in the processional and other events surrounding Commencement.

Dr. Nayef H. Samhat delivered his first Commencement address since becoming Wofford College’s president at the 160th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 18, 2014.
Going Places

What the future holds for the Class of 2014

Martha Tucker
Rome, Ga.
Psychology and Spanish
In August, Tucker will begin the doctor of physical therapy program at Mercer University (Atlanta campus).

Kayla Bethea
Lake Mary, Fla.
Mathematics and Philosophy
Commissioned as a second lieutenant during Commencement weekend, Bethea’s first assignment is Fort Sill, Okla., where she is stationed with the Air Defense Artillery Branch of the U.S. Army.

Shri Selvakumar
Ridgeland, S.C.
Business Economics and Government, concentration in World Politics, Finance minor
After interning over the summer with a boutique investment bank in Charlotte, N.C., Selvakumar has accepted a position with Deutsche Bank in Manhattan.

Katherine Kelly
Blythewood, S.C.
English, History minor
Kelly is working on the A Bar A Ranch in Wyoming this summer before interning with an environmental nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. During her internship, she will be studying for the LSAT and applying to law schools. She eventually plans to practice environmental law.

Kane Sherrill
Mooresville, N.C.
Accounting and Finance
After working with KPMG in Greenville, S.C., during the summer, Sherrill will begin a master of accountancy program on the way to earning his CPA degree.

Carlin Connelly
Decatur, Ga.
French and Finance
In October, Connelly will begin a seven-month teaching assistantship program in France. She will be teaching English to elementary school students in the Loire Valley.

Lindy Pence
Hoover, Ala.
Biology, Business minor
Pence has accepted an offer to attend medical school and graduate school in the combined M.D./Ph.D. program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Chase Timmons
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Greyson Mann '14 (left) spent four years looking forward to walking across the stage at Wofford’s recent graduation – “the single most important weekend in a college student’s career” – but he missed it.

He doesn’t regret it, though. Instead, the Chinese and government major from Laurel, Md., was attending a mandatory orientation session for his next big thing – a two-year teaching fellowship with Princeton in Asia (PiA), a Princeton University-affiliated program aimed at promoting the free interchange of the best ideals of the civilizations of both East and West. “I had to tell myself I’ve already given up so much for my dreams, I just can’t stop now,” Mann says.

He immersed himself into his studies – especially Chinese language and culture – while at Wofford and wants to continue that focus. “All four years of college have led to this appointment,” he says. “Whether it was my Chinese language and government studies, or my extracurricular activities here at Wofford, I always focused on fostering greater understanding for international issues.”

Mann got his first taste of Asia when, after graduating from Fork Union Military Academy, he and his best friend took a summer trip to Shanghai, where he will be going with PiA. “He introduced me to Chinese culture and helped spark the passion I have had the past four years for learning the language and understanding its culture.”

Since then, he has remained immersed, including studying abroad in China last spring with the Middlebury language program. “It was an amazing experience that pushed my academic abilities to their limit,” Mann says. “However, I began to immerse myself and study so much that I actually neglected my own health. If it wasn’t for the care of a Wofford friend’s father, who was a native of Beijing, I might not have recovered so quickly and continued to achieve all that I did.”

The experience demonstrated the sort of kindness Mann says he’s experienced in China and was part of the reason he always will be passionate about improving Chinese and U.S. relations, one person at a time. “I don’t think I ever had just one moment when I realized that the Princeton in Asia program was an ideal opportunity for me to pursue,” he explains. “It honestly just always felt right, and the natural progression of my studies.”

Mann says PiA looks for “passionate and adventurous candidates” for its fellowships, and he believes his passion for influencing personal health and wellness issues in China was among the reasons he was selected. “Throughout my travels in China I have been shown immeasurable courtesy, which has made my travels smoother and arguably even saved my life once or twice,” he says. “These experiences also have helped me gain a greater sense of self-understanding, because I have been forced to break my comfort barrier.”

At the end of their initial two-year tenure with PiA, every fellow is eligible to apply for a $10,000 grant.
with which Mann would like to open a Western-style health center.

“I have noticed that the physical, mental and emotional stress of Chinese students is taking an extremely negative toll on youth, and even leading to suicide in extreme cases,” he says, adding that he envisions a health center with a gym, counseling and other resources needed to relax and gain both mental and physical stability.

Mann says he likely will be teaching language arts in both English and Chinese, and perhaps coaching sports while at the YK Poa School in Shanghai.

“PiA will be an amazing two-year experience that will help me continue to improve my Chinese language ability and knowledge of the culture,” he says. “The PiA experience also should help me improve my resume and gain acceptance to a top-tier graduate school for international relations in two years.”

He praised Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, associate professor of Chinese studies; Dr. John Farrenkopf, professor of government; and Dr. William DeMars, professor and chair of the department of government, with contributing to his “pursuit, success and decision to participate in PiA.”

FULBRIGHT TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

David Moore’13 and Anna Le ‘13 have known each other for years – they were neighbors who met in the second grade and graduated from Paul M. Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C.

Now, they’ll be neighbors, of sorts, again as they both take 2014-15 English Teaching Assistant Program assignments this fall in Asia through the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Moore, a triple major in chemistry, mathematics and German and a Richardson Scholar, was the college’s 29th Presidential International Scholar. He will go to South Korea on the Fulbright.

At Wofford, Moore studied abroad in Germany, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Italy and South Korea. He conducted research in nuclear chemistry during an internship at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz and at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Currently, he is completing an internship in Chicago. Moore will attend Rice University following the completion of his Fulbright assignment.

Le, who will go to Vietnam under the program, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa while at Wofford, where she majored in chemistry and was on the Dean’s List every semester. She was the recipient of the Arthur B. and Ida Maie S. Rivers Award at Wofford in 2013, and she studied abroad in Vietnam, Italy and Chile.

Le spent the past year attending Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, N.C. She plans to attend medical school at Tulane University after her Fulbright assignment is completed.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Alissa Williams ’15 of Kentwood, Mich., a student-athlete who runs cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, was named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Justin Whitaker’15, a student-athlete from Alpharetta, Ga., received an honorable mention.

Williams is majoring in biology and computer science with a minor in mathematics and an emphasis in computational science. She is a member of Beta Beta Beta, the biology honor society. She also is a 2014 Papadopoulos Scholar, earning her a research internship this summer at the European Bioinformatics Institute in Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

Williams says that receiving this scholarship “is a culmination of the work and effort of many people, without whom this would never have been possible. I’m grateful for all of the people who have helped me get to this point – my summer research mentors, my professors, my parents, my teammates and my friends.”

Williams also is a member of Wofford’s record-setting 4x800 meter relay and distance medley teams in outdoor track. For more on Alissa Williams and Justin Whitaker, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
Dr. David Wood: CALLED TO SERVE

Wood is ready to hit the road as the new senior vice president for development.

Why did he decide to switch from serving the college as provost to a new role in the development office? The short answer... because the president asked.

By Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
“David Wood is the ultimate team player,” says President Nayef H. Samhat. “He has filled lots of roles at the college depending on the need at the time. Now we need his experience in the area of development and the relationships he has cultivated over the years to help continue Wofford’s upward momentum.”

Wood came to Wofford in 1997 to serve as vice president and director of athletics, leading the college into its first year of Southern Conference Division I intercollegiate athletics competition. In 2001, he became senior vice president, and in 2007, dean of the college. He was named provost in 2013.

“My approach in every job I’ve been asked to fill at the college has been rooted in the same philosophy – that we’re here to serve,” says Wood. “Working at Wofford is a calling.”

In his new role, Wood says he is most looking forward to reconnecting with alumni, friends and parents of the college. As provost, he says he enjoyed building relationships with students, faculty and staff. Now he turns outward.

“We have a great story to tell, and we’re telling it to people who already love Wofford,” says Wood. “My focus is on keeping our constituents connected, involved and interested in the important work we do at the college.”

Step one on Wood’s agenda will be visiting Wofford supporters, and he won’t be alone. According to Wood, “David Wood is the ultimate team player,” says President Samhat. “He has filled lots of roles at the college depending on the need at the time. Now we need his experience in the area of development and the relationships he has cultivated over the years to help continue Wofford’s upward momentum.”

Under Wood’s umbrella as senior vice president of development are the offices of Alumni and Parents Programs, Annual Giving (including the Unrestricted Annual Fund, Terrier Club and Friends of the Library), Fund Development, Donor Relations, Foundation and Corporate Relations, Gift Planning, and Grant Writing. That means Wood and his wife, Judy, will be in the center of Homecoming, Family Weekend and regional alumni events. They’ll be cheering on the Terriers both at home and away and will be thanking constituents at volunteer leadership meetings and events. Wood will be the person to talk with about establishing endowed scholarships, building corporate partnerships or starting a fundraising or participation challenge, and he’s eager for all of it.

“We have so many people to thank and so many Wofford success stories to share,” says Wood. “I’m ready to get out there and get started.”

WISEMAN TO SERVE AS INTERIM PROVOST

Dr. Dennis M. Wiseman, previously dean of the Center for Innovation and Learning and the Reeves Family Professor of Foreign Languages, has been appointed interim provost, effective July 1.

Wiseman has taught French, advised students, chaired the college’s institutional effectiveness and accreditation initiatives and served as a dean — all roles that have allowed him to view the college through a variety of windows.

“There aren’t too many people who know all of the moving parts,” says Wiseman. “I don’t claim to know all of them, but I do know whom to ask. Serving as provost will be a voyage of discovery, and I was much surprised and gratified when President Samhat asked me to serve. I will… as well as possible.”

Wiseman came to Wofford in 1979. He and his colleagues in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures have helped the college grow into one of the country’s top undergraduate institutions with a reputation for successful study abroad programs and the development of global citizens. Now internationally respected for his expertise in the field, Wiseman has been called to present at national and international conferences. His job as interim provost may keep him on campus a bit more, but he looks forward to the new challenge.

“I’d say the greatest challenge of this job will be the reasonable management of expectation and pace,” says Wiseman. “We have a really ambitious, young and interconnected faculty that wants to make the undergraduate experience the best that it can be for our students, but we can’t do it all today. We’re going to have to work to identify the major thematic learning outcomes that will make the greatest impact on our community and that we can support well over time.”

(Left to right) Pam and Bill Mitchell ’75, David and Judy Wood, and Richard and Carol Johnson at the Spartanburg Area Alumni Oyster Roast.
Making an IMPACT

Jenny Bem Johnson, assistant professor and coordinator of the accounting program at Wofford, has a clear idea of what makes a good teacher.

By Doyle Boggs ’70
That professional concept aligns well with that of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) consortium, which since 1953 has supported this kind of teaching on each of its 20 campuses.

"Teachers who come to our liberal arts institutions work one-on-one with students whom they also serve as advisers, mentors and friends... they are value-centered, passionate, creative and caring," says SCICU President and CEO Mike LeFever.

This year during South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Week, SCICU honored Johnson as one of 20 winners of an Excellence in Teaching Award. The award, which includes a $3,000 professional development stipend, goes to one nominee from each of the state’s independent colleges.

"The idea of being perceived as making an impact on students is exciting," Johnson says. "Also, I have great respect for previous winners and to be included in their company is a tremendous honor.

"It meant a great deal to have my parents travel several hundred miles to attend the awards banquet," she says. "My father hates to put on a suit as much as anyone I know."

Johnson attended Appalachian State University to earn a bachelor’s and a master’s degree. After standing successfully for her C.P.A. credentials, she worked for eight years in large accounting firms in the Charlotte, N.C. area.

"I always loved the idea of preparing the next generation of accountants," she says. She took elective courses in teacher education to be prepared, and she taught basic accounting as an adjunct professor on different campuses in the Charlotte area.

When a retirement opened a position in the Department of Accounting and Finance at Wofford, Johnson applied and was chosen.

"Jenny Johnson quickly became known as a wonderful teacher, campus citizen and colleague," says Lillian Gonzalez ’91, head of the department. "She’s extraordinarily dedicated to the idea of finding connections in accounting and finance to the liberal learning experience."

For example, Johnson welcomes students from government and history into her courses, not only because of the value of basic accounting skills to almost any profession, but also because they help others in the class explore answers to the key background questions.

"The business model all good students can learn in accounting courses is applicable to personal finance and many other aspects of life," Johnson says.

An example of Johnson’s approach is the United Way’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, where she is a site coordinator at Wofford. For several years now, Wofford students have prepared almost 300 individual tax returns for low and moderate-income visitors from the community at no charge.

Dr. Ryan Johnson, whose academic specialty is in auditing. Now they are both members of the Wofford faculty and are raising their children on the campus. Their annual Halloween Party, where they host Wofford students, is one of the highlights of the year for majors in their department.

"We strive to be a student-centered department anchored in the liberal arts," Johnson says. "Ryan and I feel very lucky to be here."

Jenny and Ryan Johnson, both student favorites, enjoy working together on campus.

“From the student perspective, it’s an incredibly valuable experience in dealing with unusual problems with care and sensitivity,” Johnson says. "Two years ago a client came in for help because the IRS had notified him that he had not filed a return in 10 years! He had to bring his status up to date. Our students often are better at such things than typical volunteers because they have actually completed tax courses and know some of the latest changes.

"Beyond that, of course, is the satisfaction we share in doing good for individuals, families and communities, such as the college’s neighbors on Spartanburg’s Northside." Johnson says. "It means a lot to us when one of last year’s clients comes back and asks how the student who worked with her then is doing."

After Johnson had been at Wofford for a year, another opening in the department attracted her husband,
Welborn tells similar stories about other first-generation college students like Orozco whose improved educational opportunities will change the trajectory of their lives and the lives of their families. “Test scores are only good to get students into the school that’s best for them by helping meet requirements and helping earn merit-based scholarships,” says Welborn. “Unfortunately, many students haven’t been taught how to demonstrate what they’re capable of doing on these standardized tests.”

Welborn, communications director and educational consultant for SC Test Prep, and Executive Director Derrick Smith aren’t just teaching students “tricks” to help them boost their test scores. “The SAT and ACT remind me of logic games I played in my elementary school gifted and talented program. They reward critical thinking. That’s what we do at SC Test Prep, we teach students how to demonstrate their critical thinking skills within the limited application of standardized tests,” says Welborn.

In addition, SC Test Prep helps students navigate the college admission and financial aid process as well as develop a strong transcript and extracurricular resume. They are not the only group out there offering these services, but SC Test Prep is different because of its nonprofit status.

According to Welborn, whether real or perceived, the racial or socio-economic bias in standardized testing has become increasingly problematic with recent studies showing that only 5 percent of African-American test-takers met the ACT benchmark in all four subject areas.

“How must it feel to be a high school student, particularly a minority student, to hear this news and to know, before you ever submit an application, that you are statistically unlikely to be considered prepared for college or even capable of earning a score necessary for admission?” says Welborn.

In addition, Welborn is working with Wofford to offer service-learning opportunities for Wofford students to work with SC Test Prep to provide additional tutoring and mentoring to local middle and high school students.

Welborn majored in religion with a minor in philosophy at Wofford. He then earned a master of theological studies from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. His thesis was on the role of religious communities in improving higher education opportunities for youth. Welborn has worked in college admission for Wofford, Emory and Georgia State University. He is an associate member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, as well as a member of the National and Southern Associations for College Admission Counseling. He brings a liberal arts education, his experience in admissions, and a passion for helping others to every class and every student he teaches and counsels.

Orozco says raising her SAT score was the first step toward college and eventually medical school. “My scores went up more than 100 points,” she says. “My parents are extremely proud of me. They see in me what they weren’t able to do. Going to Wofford is a great accomplishment for me and my family.”
Launched last spring, members of the Wofford community began a journey to prepare the college for its successful future. Since that time, hundreds of individuals, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, friends and members of the Board of Trustees, have given input in the strategic planning process in four specific areas: the college’s 21st century learning agenda, leadership development, strengthening the campus and community, and expanding Wofford’s scope.

The plan promises to be aspirational, visionary, bold, and characteristically Wofford. Recommendations will be made that expand and deepen the college’s academic program, connect professional development for students to the liberal arts core, enrich community and inclusiveness, increase internal communication and transparency, make more of Wofford’s physical campus and expand the college’s reach.

The journey began with a series of listening sessions with more than 160 members of the student body, faculty and staff. These sessions were designed to help the college learn more about the qualities and practices that make Wofford great, define features to make the college more powerful and discover new investments to help the college achieve its highest aspirations. Similar listening sessions were conducted with members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Executive Council and Parents’ Advisory Council.

Following the listening sessions, an independent higher education consultant analyzed the feedback and worked with Wofford President Nayef Samhat and the board to create the focus for each of the four working groups. Over the course of many months, the working groups pursued their charges, including forming subgroups to explore questions, holding meetings to discuss topics in depth, consulting with colleagues and experts across campus, gathering information from peer institutions and developing promising ideas.

A dynamic open forum was held on campus in March, giving everyone at the college another opportunity to hear updates from each working group and share in idea formation. The working groups submitted their final recommendations in mid-April, followed by another on-campus open forum to give the Wofford community an opportunity for review, discussion and inclusion.

Over the summer, the overall plan will be drafted, reviewed with the Board of Trustees, and vetted on campus in the fall. The final plan will be submitted to the board for approval in October.

**STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUPS**

**Group 1: 21st Century Learning Agenda**
The Charge: Explore and recommend the scope of the liberal arts mission that positions Wofford as a leading 21st century liberal arts college.

**Group 2: Developing Leaders for the 21st Century**
The Charge: Recommend the shape of a residential life program that positions Wofford as a leading 21st century liberal arts college.

**Group 3: Strengthening Campus and Community**
The Charge: Recommend ways to strengthen the campus and community including collaboration/interaction across campus, internal communication, transparency and governance, pluralism of all kinds including diversity and inclusiveness, and globalism and its capacity to enrich the campus culture.

**Group 4: Expanding Wofford’s Scope**
The Charge: Recommend ways to expand the college’s scope, incorporating the global dimension with study abroad, local and regional collaboration and partnerships, branding and marketing, and recruitment, admissions, financial aid and enrollment.
CLASS NOTES

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1946
50-Year Club Chair - Harry Williams ’42

Walter Hammond shared news of the death of his wife, Carmen Hammond, on March 11, 2014. The Hammonds were married in 1946 and had six children. Those children then gave the Hammonds 14 grandchildren. Hammond writes that the family as a whole holds 38 college degrees plus several year-long special training courses. “We credit Wofford and Winthrop for giving us a good foundation to build upon,” writes Hammond.

1957

In April, the University of South Carolina honored Dr. Don Fowler, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and former chairman of South Carolina’s 50-Year Club. Fowler has taught courses on politics and the mass media for 50 years.

1958

Class Chair - John Brown

Myles Whitlock Jr. was honored in April when the Spartanburg Water System officially renamed the Lake Blacklock Water Treatment Plant in his honor. Whitlock served as a commissioner of public works for 24 years.

1959

Class Chair - Bill Bradford

Dr. William H. Hester has been appointed assistant dean for medical student education at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine’s new medical education campus in the Pee Dee area. Beginning in summer 2014, USC medical students will spend part of their clerkship rotations in Florence.

1960

In April, the Salvation Army recognized Spartanburg oncologists, Dr. Julian Josey and James Beardsen, at its annual Toast of the Town event. Josey and Beardsen spearheaded a campaign that led to the creation of the Cancer Care Committee and the Gibbs Cancer Center. Josey also helped establish a dedicated oncology floor at Spartanburg Medical Center. In May, the University of South Carolina Upstate awarded Josey an honorary degree.

1961

Class Chair - Richard Robinson

HendersonvilleLightening.com has featured Don Jones in the May 20 online issue. Jones, who is retiring after 14 years as executive director of the Henderson County Education Foundation, loves to tell stories of the children who the foundation has helped as well as stories from his college days playing Wofford football with Jerry Richardson ’59.

1966

Class Chair - Hayne Callar

The Beaumont Gazette featured Stiles Harper Jr. and his famous collection of orchids in the May 23 issue. More than 1,000 attended an event that showcased Harper’s flowers, home and Riverside property. Harper also is known in the Bluffton community for his gourmet cooking, farming and music.

1967

Class Chair - John Gandy

The Greenville News reported on May 30 that the Greenville News appointed William Brown for his work in establishing Legacy Charter, a K-12 school in Greenville, S.C. The article, published in the April 13 issue, discusses Brown’s journey from CPA and business owner to school founder. After 46 years of service to Spartanburg School District 7, Tommy Stokes retired in May. Stokes spent the past six years as principal at Houston Elementary School. Before that, he spent 25 years as principal of Pine Street Elementary School. He will continue to work with young people in the district.

1968

Class Chair - Ronnie Bruce

The Rev. Dr. Bert Blomquist, interim pastor at Morningstar United Methodist Church in Canton, N.C., offered the sermon during the Canton Community Lenten Service in April.

1969

Attorney and partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greenville, S.C., William Dennis was named by South Carolina Super Lawyers magazine as a top attorney in each state are selected for the list.

1973

Class Chair - Wade E. Ballard

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1976

Class Chair - Paul Koons

Joe E. Taylor Jr., who helped recruit the Boeing 787 assembly plant to North Charleston, S.C., while serving as head of the S.C. Commerce Department from 2006-2011, is launching a new South Carolina-based private equity firm. Southland Capital Partners, based in Columbia, will fill the state’s need to help fund promising start-ups or companies with serious growth prospects. An article about Taylor’s new venture appeared in the Sunday, May 11, 2014, Charleston Post and Courier. Taylor also is a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees.

1981

Class Chair - G. Patrick Watson

Danny Trapp is the executive director of Mecklenburg Ministries in Charlotte, N.C. He and his path to the ministry were featured in the Our Towns section of the Montgomery Herald in Troy, N.C.

1982

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1988

Class Chair - C. Lane Glaze

Walt Barefoot writes that he enjoyed seeing fraternity brothers and friends at his 25th class reunion in 2013. “It’s hard to believe it has been that long since we graduated,” writes Barefoot. He is a senior attorney with MGC Law in Florence, S.C.

1989

Class Chair - Michael R. Sullivan

As an education specialist with the Delaware Department of Education, Lynn Fulton-Archer coordinates and supports the implementation of 20 elementary immersion programs in Spanish and Chinese as part of the Governor’s World Language Expansion Initiative.

1991

Class Chair - Armando Llorente

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Johnson-Ross inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

Wofford’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this year inducted Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross ’81 (above right) as an alumnus member based on her character and scholarly achievements since graduation. She joins Dr. Paige West ’81 of Barnard College-Columbia University and Dr. David Pittman ’94 of the Wofford faculty as recent winners of this distinction.

Johnson-Ross earned her doctorate in international relations at the University of South Carolina. She is currently a member of the faculty at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., where she also has served as associate dean of academic affairs since 2009. She has been a Fulbright Scholar and Ambassador and has been honored Most Valued Professor by the college’s Multicultural Student Leaders.

There are today 283 chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, representing a small fraction of the 3,000 four-year colleges and universities across the United States. In addition to undergraduate members in course, a chapter may initiate one honorary member and three alumni in each triennium.
The School District of Pickens County board of trustees has named Danny Merck as superintendent of schools. Merck had been serving as principal at Daniel High School in Central, S.C.

In November, Phillip Merry was re-elected to a four-year term on the Aiken (S.C.) City Council representing the sixth district. Merry is a business development officer with Hutson Etheredge Companies.

Eva Smith has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of business and organizational leadership by the Brevard College Board of Trustees. Smith also does research in hospitality and tourism business and education trends and serves as president of the Southeastern Chapter of the Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Educators.

Mike Gentry has been chosen as the new director of athletics at Landrum (S.C.) High School. He has been serving the school as a mathematics teacher and offensive coordinator for the football team as well as assistant boys’ basketball coach at Chapman High School.

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Alumni receive medical degrees

In April, Jacqueline Shurburne Burkhead was promoted to commercial finance manager with Johns Manville. She leads a finance team responsible for monthly, year-end, and long-term sales planning and reporting for the insulation systems division. She lives in Spartanburg.

2007

Class Chair - Hunter L. Miller


Playing the role of Jean Valjean in “Les Misérables,” Matias Mariani wowed audiences in the Greenville (S.C.) Little Theatre’s production of the musical. According to an article in the Greenville News from May 18, more than 20 actors auditioned for the 36 roles on the show. Mariani, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory and now a music recruiter for Converse College, says the role of Valjean is one of the toughest he’s ever faced, but he has enjoyed this opportunity to step outside of his comfort zone.

Dr. Leandra Parris, an assistant professor at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., completed her Ph.D. in 2013 from Georgia State University. She and her husband, Ben Griffin, live in Bloomington.

A logistics officer with the U.S. Army in Fort Hood, Texas, Rosalonda “Riri” Rogers lives in Kileen with her husband, Stephen, and their 1-year-old daughter, Julianna.

Bascom Lawrence Self was born on March 07, 2014. He is the son of Justin and Laura Studstill Self. They live in Columbia, S.C., where Laura is a senior auditor with Elliot Davis.

John Thomas Whitmire and Anne Pearce Thralkill were married March 8, 2014, in Greenville, S.C., where they live and work.

Dr. Robert Sidney Williams is a professional development analyst for UnitedHealthcare in Westerville, Ohio. He lives in Columbus.

2008

Class Chair - Nathan Madigan

Austin Michael Baker married Lauren Patricia Robbins on March 8, 2014. He is a teacher at Dorman High School in Spartanburg. She is a teacher at Sara Collins Elementary School in Greenville. They live in Duncan, S.C.

Living in Gainesville, Va., Joshua Collier works as an air traffic control specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Randolph Chapman Revercomb Jr. and Melissa Anderson Williams ’10 were married on April 5, 2014, in Columbia, S.C. She is employed by The McCammon Group in Richmond, Va. He works with Wurth Revaco, also in Richmond.

Whitney Steelman earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington. He now works with Walgreens.

Andrew and Laura Lynn Williams Stubbs welcomed Anna Kate Stubbs, born Feb. 12, 2014. The family lives in Rock Hill, S.C.

A physician with Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. Elizabeth Steadman married Michael Andrew Talley on March 9, 2014. They live in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Living in New York, N.Y., Susan Simons Swanson is an associate of Crescent Capital Group focusing on investor relations. She previously worked in the financial group at Apollo Global Management.

Mary Blanton Wheeler married Dr. Jeffrey Cowell, Sept. 28, 2013. They live in Lexington, Ky., where Mary Blanton is a clinical pharmacist in cardiology at the University of Kentucky.

Michael Gault recently joined the Spartanburg-based law firm of Harrison, White, Smith & Coggins, P.C. He graduated from the Charleston School of Law in 2013. He will practice in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury and general civil litigation.

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Alumni receive medical degrees from USC School of Medicine


Treasures from the Archives

T-shirt Collection

Yes, the college archives has a few T-shirts in its collection. Some of these shirts date from the 1970s. Whether it’s for Homecoming, Spring Weekend, Greek events, or even an all-night fundraiser in the library, college students love having T-shirts. They’re a great way to document student life, and in the future, it’s quite likely students will look at these with some amusement. Let us know if you have one that you’d like to donate to the collection. Read the full article at wofford.edu/woffordtoday (and find out just what SUTWARK means...) »

Starks recognized with diversity award

Dr. B. Chad Starks ’94 was given the Louis L. Redding Diversity Award in May from the University of Delaware. Starks, who had been serving as space grant associate director for the university, received the award for efforts he has made that have enhanced and implemented diversity programs and activities that have resulted in a significant change in the campus climate. Starks also has accepted a tenure-track position in the criminology department at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va.
The University of South Carolina for 25 years, was a professor of pharmacy at the Medical University of South Carolina. He graduated from Wofford. He was the 4th Construction Battalion (Sea Bees) in 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. During his 43 years, he served in the Korean War. A B-24 bomber pilot during World War II, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a proud member of Underwater Demolition Team 11.

Gibson practiced family medicine in Anderson and served as a captain in the U.S. Army and as a flight surgeon in Japan. He was a certified Circuit Court mediator. He was an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice and then the IRS of athletics, coach and teacher at Wallace Community College, S.C. A Marine Corps veteran, Colvin served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the U.S. Air Force Special Forces, Patterson finished his three war patrols on a Polaris Sub and served in a medical unit of Submarine Squadron Four in Charleston, S.C. After a long medical practice in California, he became medical director for a national insurance company.

Henry C. Bonner Jr., March 5, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. A Marine Corps veteran was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a proud member of the U.S. Navy. He was an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice and then the IRS.

1950 Allen Edison Crawford, May 1, 2014, Union, S.C. Crawford was the owner of the Columbia School of Industrial Arts and a distinguished professor of industrial arts. He was the co-founder of the Department of Industry, Workforce Development and Education and a retired professor at the University of South Carolina. He was the author of the book, "From the Archives" blog.

1952 Dr. Charles William Love Sr., May 5, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Colvin served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the U.S. Air Force Special Forces, Patterson finished his three war patrols on a Polaris Sub and served in a medical unit of Submarine Squadron Four in Charleston, S.C. After a long medical practice in California, he became medical director for a national insurance company.

1953 Dr. Charles H. Weaver, May 13, 2014, Randolph, N.C. Weaver was an educator for 45 years, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, superintendent and superintendent of schools in a variety of roles. He was a certified Circuit Court mediator. He was an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice and then the IRS.

1955 Wallace Mathias Wright, March 3, 2014, Boerne, Texas. Wright served with the U.S. Air Force as a captain in the Korean War. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force as a member of the U.S. Air Force Special Forces, Patterson finished his three war patrols on a Polaris Sub and served in a medical unit of Submarine Squadron Four in Charleston, S.C. After a long medical practice in California, he became medical director for a national insurance company.


1958 Charles E. "Chuck" Morgan, April 3, 2014, Atlanta, Ga. In 2008, Morgan established the Berry and Charles E. Morgan Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford. After the addition of his estate, the fund balance now stands at $364,000. Morgan had held the telephone communications business in Clearwater, Fla., until his retirement. The family has asked that memorials be made to the Wofford College Terrier Club.


1960 Clifton Brown Crosland, April 8, 2014, Irmo, S.C. Crosland was director of athletics, coach and teacher at Wallace High School for more than 30 years. The school’s athletics field was named in his honor in 1970, and in 2010 he was inducted into the Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

1961 The Rev. Dr. J. Larry Amos May 21, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Amos was a dedicated community leader and is known for his "From the Archives" blog.


1967 Samuel Kirkland Ham, April 14, 2014, Florence, S.C. Ham’s life revolved around his love for his wife and their family, and his philanthropic work in the community.

1968 John Patterson, March 30, 2014, Charlotte, S.C. After serving two tours of duty in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Army’s Special Forces, Patterson earned his Wofford degree in 1972. He worked for Danon Sports before starting his own sales company.


1970 Carol E. "Buck" Derrick Jr., April 29, 2014, Boice, N.C. Derrick was a professor at the University of South Carolina and in 1997, he became director of the Department of Environmental Health. He is known for his "From the Archives" blog.

1972 Dr. William Robbins Ewing Sr., May 9, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. A Marine Corps veteran was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a proud member of the U.S. Navy.

1973 William Herman Sandifer Jr., March 18, 2014, Orangeburg, S.C. Sandifer was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.


1976 Bonneau Driggs Lesesne, April 14, 2014, Andrews, S.C. Also a graduate of the University of South Carolina, he was a professor of mathematics and science and coach of volleyball and tennis in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

1977 Dr. Hampton Wade Collins III, April 16, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Collins was a cardiology electrophysiologist and partner at Columbia Heart. He also served as director of the Electrophysiology Laboratory at Palmetto Health Richland and as a clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

1978 Tamatha R. Williams, April 22, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Williams earned a master of liberal arts degree in the University of South Carolina. She enjoyed her work as a children’s services librarian.

1979 Laurie Lomas Patton, March 3, 2014, Charlotte, N.C. Patton was president of Lifeworks, a non-profit organization. She also volunteered at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in her later years.

1980 John "Jennie" Yoo, April 22, 2014, Born in Seoul, South Korea, Yoo was studying abroad at the University of Alberta in Canada at the time of her death. He was a philosophy and sociology major.

1981 Francis Holland “Frankie” Hardy, May 18, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Hardy, along with her husband, the late Dick Hardy, was a well-loved teacher and supporter of Wofford. She also volunteered at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in her later years.

1982 Rev. Foster Barney Fowler Jr., May 27, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Fowler served as the rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Spartanburg, S.C. Gifts may be made to that fund in his memory.


1984 Dr. William Robbins Ewing Sr., May 21, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. A retired building contractor, Boerne, Texas. Wright served with the U.S. Air Force as a captain in the Korean War. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a proud member of the U.S. Navy.

1985 G. Marshall Burns, Dec. 24, 2013, Simpsonville, S.C. Burns was a financial adviser. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and in 1997, he became director of the Department of Environmental Health. He is known for his "From the Archives" blog.

1986 Laurie Lomas Patton, March 3, 2014, Charlotte, N.C. Patton was president of Lifeworks, a non-profit organization. She also volunteered at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in her later years.

1987 Rev. Dr. J. Larry Amos

1988 Samuel Kirkland Ham, April 14, 2014, Florence, S.C. Ham’s life revolved around his love for his wife and their family, and his philanthropic work in the community.

1989 John Patterson, March 30, 2014, Charlotte, S.C. After serving two tours of duty in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Army’s Special Forces, Patterson earned his Wofford degree in 1972. He worked for Danon Sports before starting his own sales company.

1990 The Hon. Wade S. “Chip” Weatherford III, March 31, 2014, Gaffney, S.C. Weatherford was an attorney and Municipal Court judge. He is a certified Circuit Court mediator and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

1991 Ellen Lee Tillett, May 27, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Tillett served the college as director of public services in the Sandor Foundation. She was an avid supporter of Wofford. She also volunteered at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in her later years.

1992 Bonneau Driggs Lesesne, April 14, 2014, Andrews, S.C. Also a graduate of the University of South Carolina, he was a professor of mathematics and science and coach of volleyball and tennis in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

1993 William Herman Sandifer Jr., March 18, 2014, Orangeburg, S.C. Sandifer was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

1994 Dr. Hampton Wade Collins III, April 16, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Collins was a cardiology electrophysiologist and partner at Columbia Heart. He also served as director of the Electrophysiology Laboratory at Palmetto Health Richland and as a clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

1995 Tamatha R. Williams, April 22, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Williams earned a master of liberal arts degree in the University of South Carolina. She enjoyed her work as a children’s services librarian.
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October 3-5, 2014

HOMECOMING
October 24-25, 2014