Fourth Dance IN SIX YEARS!
Wofford cheers on Terriers during NCAA Tournament
The Terriers continue to make their mark in the world, assisted by your support and encouragement.

After an amazing season, Wofford’s men’s basketball team finished the year with a valiant performance against the University of Arkansas in the NCAA Tournament. A win in the Southern Conference Tournament gave the Terriers outright titles to both the regular season and tournament championships, and we could not be prouder of our young men, who even now are back in the classroom and working just as hard on their studies as they did during the big dance.

Our Terriers make their mark off the court, too.

• Wofford seniors are finalizing their postgraduate plans. Palmer Cantler ’15 has been offered a full scholarship to attend Duke Divinity School in the fall—a scholarship that includes three paid internship experiences.

• Rachel Woodlee ’13, Wofford’s current Rhodes Scholar, is now in the Ph.D. program at Oxford University in England and was named one of the top 25 under 25 in U.S.-China relations by China Star magazine.

• Donovan Hicks ’16 was one of 10 people recently admitted as a 2015 Public Policy and International Affairs Law Fellow at the University of California Berkeley this summer. He is currently in the running for a Harry S. Truman Scholarship as well.

• Three students—Alexandria Arsi ’17, Richard Fields ’17 and Cole McCarty ’17—recently completed training to join the University Innovation Fellows of the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation (Epicenter), a national program that empowers student leaders to increase campus engagement with entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, design thinking and venture creation.

• The talented students who produce the Old Gold and Black student newspaper won seven awards, including three first-place recognitions, in the 2015 South Carolina Press Association Collegiate Competition.

The work of these exceptional students—and the stories highlighted on the following pages—is made possible through your encouragement, time and financial contributions. Thank you for supporting our students and the extraordinary power of the Wofford College experience.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef
WOFFORD: IT’S YOUR WORLD

During interim a group of Wofford students learned wilderness camping skills. Before their first excursion the group practiced setting up their campsite at the top of the steps of Main Building below the college’s new banners. The new “Wofford: It’s your world” tagline on these and other banners throughout campus acknowledges Wofford’s emphasis on global learning and addresses Wofford’s ability to personalize educational opportunities. It’s your world… explore it. It’s your world… engage it. It’s your world… transform it. These are just a few of the ways that students, faculty, staff and alumni can shape their world through the Wofford experience.
A. HARMON TEACHES ART THERAPY
CLASSES TO INMATES
Kate Harmon ’15, an art history major and studio art minor from St. Louis, Mo., is using her final year as a Bonner Scholar at Wofford to teach in and build support for a therapeutic art program at the Spartanburg County Detention Center. Harmon and the inmates will exhibit their works on campus in May. For a story on Harmon’s project written by Felicity Aylor ‘18, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

B. WOFFORD RANKS #4 FOR STUDY ABROAD
Again this year the Open-Doors Report of International Education Exchange has recognized Wofford College as a national leader in study abroad participation. Wofford moved up to the fourth spot on the list. The college has been in the top 10 baccalaureate institutions for the percentage of students studying abroad for credit for more than 15 years. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS TO RETIRE IN MAY
Four members of the Wofford faculty will retire in May. Mike Curta (professor of English), Dr. Angela Shiflet (Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. George Shiflet (chair and professor of leadership) and Dr. Cynthia A. Suarez (chair and professor of education) leave the college after a combined 87 years of service. Read more about their plans after Commencement at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

D. HORWITZ BRINGS SHOLOM ALEICHEM TO WOFFORD
Murray Horwitz brought “An Evening of Sholom Aleichem” to Wofford and the Spartanburg community in February. While on campus Horwitz also talked with theatre majors about careers in the field and with other members of the Wofford community on the value of a broad-based, inclusive education. Read a story about Horwitz at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

E. MCCANE SHares expertise with CNN audience
Dr. Byron McCane helped guide viewers through “Finding Jesus: Faith. Fact. Forgery,” a CNN documentary series which began airing on Sunday, March 5. McCane, the Albert C. Outler Professor of Religion at the college, regularly takes Wofford students to experience archaeological digs in the Middle East and Italy. This six-part series examines six objects purported to be from the time of Jesus. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. MASSEY ESSAY FEATURED IN WILDLIFE PUBLICATION
Lee Massey ’17 recently published an essay in South Carolina Wildlife magazine. She wrote the piece as part of a few-week humanities assignment for Colby Professor of Humanities George Stoughton. He was so impressed that he suggested that she submit the story. Massey’s essay is a humorous look into the ducks. It’s in the new issue, now on shelves. For more about student successes, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

G. WOFFORD TEAM WINS CFA COMPETITION
A team of Wofford students won the CFA Institute Research Challenge Southern Classic. Team members are Victoria DeSario ’15 of East Greenbush, N.Y.; Catherine Demens ’15 of Groveland, N.C., John Estes ’15 of Charlotte, Pa.; Al Kelly ’16 of Akron, N.Y.; and Wilt McLean ’15 of Summerville, S.C. Their adviser is Dr. Michael Marriner, assistant professor of accounting and finance. To read more about student success, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

H. RADACK SHARES INSIGHTS ON WHISTLEBLOWING
National security whistleblower Jesselyn Radack, who also is the attorney for NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, spent a week on campus in February as the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. Radack, director of national security and human rights at the Government Accountability Project, conducted classes, met with students and faculty and held two public speaking events. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
UNLEASHED

As of March 21, the 2015 Terriers became the fourth team in the nation to reach 20 wins on the season. For a schedule of remaining games, log on to WOFFORDTERRIERS.COM »
In 1955 construction began on Fraternity Row. The college built seven fraternity lodges in a project costing a total of $77,500.

For 60 years those houses have been used by students and visited by alumni. Bands, shaving cream fights, first dates… if only the walls could talk.

Now it’s 2015, and the college has come full circle with plans to build a new Greek Village.

Mike Lackey ’81, a Kappa Sigma brother, first met his wife, Susan Morrison Lackey ’81, a charter member of Kappa Delta, at Fraternity Row. Despite this sentimental connection to the old fraternity houses, Lackey acknowledges that it is time for a change. “You can’t help but notice how sad the old chapter houses look these days. They are obsolete, no longer seem to fit in with the rest of the campus, and it’s clear that they need to be replaced,” he says.

Demolition of Fraternity Row will begin in the summer of 2015, but the new Greek Village will not be built on its current site between Black Science Annex and Greene Hall. The new Greek Village will enjoy prime real estate on campus, across Evins Street from Main Building and across Cumming Street from Gibbs Stadium. Moving the location to the social center of campus will make the Greek Village easily accessible from The Village apartments, occupied mainly by seniors and juniors, and the ideal spot for pre- and postgame celebrations throughout the year.

Unlike the current Fraternity Row, the new Greek Village will serve as the home for both Greek women and men, with sororities as well as fraternities having dedicated houses. Instead of meeting in tiny offices and maneuvering around overstuffed closets in Andrews Field House, Wofford women in sororities will enjoy ample space in the Greek Village. Additionally, the new Greek Village will feature an NPHC/Multicultural House that will include offices for National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations on campus and a black alumni hall of fame. The inclusion of this home in the Greek Village provides a space for diversity initiatives and programming focused on enhancing the campus experience for the growing number of Wofford students of color.

“Students of color will have the unprecedented occasion in the Greek Village to expand and sustain their involvement in Greek life at Wofford by promoting and sharing their histories, cultures, traditions and ideas with the community,” says Ellis Calvin ’83. “The new Greek Village will become the major crucible for Wofford minority students to build personal relationships and to partner with alumni in professions that will value their liberal arts education, diversity, talents and abilities in a highly competitive world. As a Wofford alumnus, I am personally supporting and contributing to the 1854 Heritage Campaign for an NPHC/Multicultural House because of its legacy potential for minority students, the black alumni and their families to have an enduring presence on Wofford’s campus.”

The total cost of the new Greek Village project is approximately $7.7 million, and with the college’s investment of $2 million and a private gift of $600,000 to fund the multi-purpose pavilion located at the entrance, the remaining approximately $5.1 million has been divided by the 11 houses for fundraising purposes.
The 60-Day Blitz

On Jan. 24, 2015, the college embarked on a “60-day blitz” fundraising campaign for the Greek Village. Approximately 75 individuals, including current students and alumni representing each Greek organization and the Black Alumni Steering Committee, attended the Greek Village campaign kickoff held on Wofford’s campus. Staff representatives from the offices of Student Affairs, Development, and Marketing and Communications were present, as well as representatives from McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture.

During his welcome President Naylor Samtal emphasized the importance of Greek life to the vision of Wofford College. A hush fell across the crowded room as the designs for the new Greek Village were unveiled in an animated flyover of renderings, which included narration explaining the project’s features and architectural details.

After review of the site plan and layouts of houses in the Greek Village, discussion turned to fundraising. In order to begin construction on the Greek Village as soon as possible, each organization was charged with the mission of raising $400,000 in outright gifts and pledges by April 1. Attendees then split into their individual groups to plan fundraising geared toward their specific organizations.

Fueled by their passion for the Wofford Greek-life experience and the realization of the transformative nature of the Greek Village, dedicated fundraising leaders from each fraternity and sorority spearheaded these efforts. With the help of the Office of Development, organizations used direct mail, email campaigns, marketing videos, phone trees and other means of communication to get the word out and raise support for the Greek Village campaign.

Design of the Greek Village

The vision for the Greek Village was designed with the help of Wofford administration and Greek-life students through on-campus workshops with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture. As organizations acquire the necessary funds, they will continue to work with the architects to design a space that is uniquely their own. Organization leaders and their respective alumni advisers will have the opportunity to choose from six architectural styles and a variety of exterior materials, as well as an interior layout that suits their particular needs.

The focal point of the Greek Village will be a multipurpose pavilion, generously funded by an anonymous donor. The pavilion was designed to mirror the style of Main Building and will serve as a common gathering place in the Greek Village, suitable for campuswide functions.

The 11 houses of the Greek Village are arranged in a formal pattern to complement the Greek Revival architectural style. The colonnade at the back of the houses defines a grassy courtyard area that is available for formal and informal gatherings. Taking into consideration the patios and colonnade area of each house, organizations will have plenty of outdoor space for band parties and other events.

An initial question from both alumni and student populations involved how each house would maintain privacy. Each house of the Greek Village will have appropriate fencing and landscaping on the back patios in order to provide fraternities with proper security and control measures as required by their national organizations.

The architecture of the Greek Village will offer opportunities for students who participate in Greek life to gather seven days a week—not just on the weekends. The houses of the Greek Village will be significantly larger than the current Fraternity Row houses, providing ample space and modern amenities suitable for hosting chapter meetings, guest speakers, study sessions, social events and other programming.

The Greek Village and the Wofford Community

“The Greek Village will be something for all our constituents to be proud of,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’89, associate vice president and executive director of Development. “Wofford is one of the few institutions, if any, that is making an investment in Greek life. From a brick-and-mortar standpoint to programming, Wofford recognizes the history and importance of Greek life to our students and alumni.”

According to Kennedy, the new Greek Village will position Wofford as an example to similar institutions for excellence not only in architecture of community space, but also in standards of Greek life as a whole.

Bob Cantey ’91 of Sigma Alpha Epsilon sees the potential the Greek Village will provide in strengthening the already tight-knit Wofford community.

“The Greek Village will essentially be the center of campus. It will give the college a place where Greek and non-Greek students can attend social events and other activities,” he says. “Its open design and inclusion of sororities and the NPHC/Multicultural House will encourage a more diverse environment, allowing for friendships to form that might not otherwise have happened.

Mike Lackey agrees: “Ultimately, [the Greek Village] will be more useful to more students.”

The Greek Village also will play a role in helping alumni feel more connected to the college.

“I think it will be great for alumnae to also have a central gathering place when they come back to campus,” says Sharyn Beard Pittman ’92, a Zeta Tau Alpha sister and alumnae adviser. Pittman believes that the new Greek Village will serve as the ideal gathering spot for everything from Homecoming to reunion weekends to tailgates and more. The Greek Village will be a place for Wofford students and alumni alike to call their own.

Andrew Straburger ’13, a brother of Pi Kappa Phi, sees the Greek Village as an important stepping stone for Greek-life students and the college as a whole.

“Greek life shaped the way that I interact with the world through lessons in character and leadership,” he says. “A Wofford degree is a lot more than a piece of paper; it is a guarantee of the quality of the holder’s education and integrity. To ensure that this guarantee continues in the future, the students need a place to learn these beyond-the-classroom qualities. The Greek Village will provide a community of learning that will continue to guarantee the utmost value of a Wofford graduate’s true worth, both academically and personally.”

For more information about the Greek Village, please visit wofford.edu/greekvillage.

There you can:
• Make a gift or pledge
• Learn about available naming levels
• Track the progress of each organization
• Find answers to frequently asked questions
• Take a virtual tour
• View architectural renderings

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Wofford Office of Development at 864-597-4200

MAKE A GIFT TO THE GREEK VILLAGE

It’s easy to make a gift or pledge to the Greek Village. There are three ways to give:

1. DONATE ONLINE

Access the online giving form at wofford.edu/supportwofford/ onlinegiving and select your method of payment.

In step 2, designate your gift to the “Greek Village” and then indicate which organization you would like your donation to support.

2. MAIL YOUR DONATION

Mail your gift to the Wofford College Office of Development at 429 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303.

Make all checks payable to Wofford College and please specify which organization you would like to support.

3. CALL TO MAKE YOUR DONATION

Call the Wofford College Office of Development at 864-597-4200 to make your gift and specify which organization you would like to support.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2014 DEVELOPMENT YEAR

$9,992,444 IN GIFTS
(25% OF WHICH WERE GIVEN IN DECEMBER)

207 FACULTY/STAFF DONORS
3,815 ALUMNI DONORS
1,375 PARENT DONORS

$3,024,921 WAS GIVEN TO THE ANNUAL FUND

$1,437,537 UNRESTRICTED ANNUAL FUND

$1,551,732 TERRIER CLUB

$35,652 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FOR THE LOVE OF GIVING

WOFFORD ON CALL
(OUR STUDENT CALL GROUP)
16 PHONES
16 STUDENTS
800+ CALLS EACH WEEK
2,709 DONORS GAINED
$17,942 AVERAGE RAISED PER STUDENT
$633,220 TOTAL

TAGS CAMPAIGNS
(TEACHING ANNUAL GIVING TO STUDENTS)

$1.8 MILLION IN PLANNED GIFTS
FROM GENEROUS DONORS
(THANK YOU)

STUDENT SUPPORT

1,138 STUDENTS RECEIVING INSTITUTIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
(OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE OVER $30 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR)

1,439 STUDENTS RECEIVING MERIT, NEED AND ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS

337 STUDENTS RECEIVING TERRIER CLUB FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

AN HONOR ROLL OF CONTRIBUTORS WILL BE ONLINE IN MAY. VISIT WOFFORD.EDU/SUPPORTWOFFORD TO LEARN MORE AND GIVE TODAY! THANK YOU!

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

40 DIFFERENT EVENTS
20 DIFFERENT CITIES
5,200+ ATTENDING

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

SOCIAL MEDIA

TWITTER 1,721 FOLLOWERS
INSTAGRAM 1,244 FOLLOWERS
FACEBOOK 3,789 PAGE LIKES

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

CONTACTS

DAVID S. WOOD
Senior Vice President for Development
864.597.4200
woodds@wofford.edu

CALHOUN L. KENNEDY ’89
Associate Vice President and Executive Director for Development
864.597.3201
kennedycl@wofford.edu

ED H. STORY
Senior Associate for Development
864.597.3205
storyeh@wofford.edu

LISA E. GOINGS ’11
Director of Development Operations
864.597.3207
goingsle@wofford.edu

LISA H. DEFREITAS ’88
Leadership Giving Officer
864.597.3203
defreitaslh@wofford.edu

DAVIDSON HOBSON
Leadership Giving Officer
864.597.3202
hobsondh@wofford.edu

SUSAN GRAY
Director of Donor Relations
864.597.3204
graysd@wofford.edu

TERRI LEWITT
Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development
864.597.3206
lewitttl@wofford.edu

DEBBI N. THOMPSON ’88
Director of Alumni & Parents Programs
864.597.3208
thompsondn@wofford.edu

THOM M. HENSON ’96
Assistant Director of Alumni & Parents Programs
864.597.3209
hensontm@wofford.edu

SMITH PATTERSON ’67
Director of Gift Planning
864.597.3210
pattersonds@wofford.edu

KRISTA REDDING ’11
Director of Annual Giving
864.597.3211
reddingjk@wofford.edu

ERIN HUNTER ’13
Assistant Director of Annual Giving
864.597.3212
hunterem@wofford.edu

RYANN MCCALL ’13
Coordinator of Marketing & Communications
864.597.3213
mccallrk@wofford.edu

$9,992,444 IN GIFTS

51% Class of 2014

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.

TAGS: YOU’RE IT CAMPAIGN

171 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2014 MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT TO WOFFORD BEFORE THEY GRADUATED

PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT DYED HIS HAIR GOLD FOR A DAY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR REACHING OVER 40% PARTICIPATION.
$105,000 gift will create “best of its kind” internship program at Wofford. Mike Brown ’76 funds travel and living expenses for students pursuing work experiences.

by Lisa Mincey Ware
Students must become mentors to the next generation of students, who will then be able to give back to their communities and the world. This is the philosophy of the Internship Program at The Mike Brown Space. The program is designed to provide students with the skills and experiences they need to succeed in their future careers. The program includes extensive professional development training, mentorship opportunities, and robust internship experiences. The program is open to all students at Wofford College, and it is the only one of its kind in the country. The program is funded by a gift from alumnus Mike Brown '86, who is a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.

To be eligible for the Internship Program, students must complete a series of requirements. These include:

- Writing a personal essay about their interest in the program
- Completing an online application
- Submitting a resume
- Participating in an interview
- Having at least one letter of recommendation

Once accepted into the program, students will be matched with a mentor who will provide guidance and support throughout their internship experience. The program also includes a required writing assignment to help students reflect on their experiences and what they have learned.

The Internship Program has been very successful in helping students achieve their career goals. Many students have gone on to secure internships at top companies and organizations, and many have gone on to successful careers in a variety of fields. The program has helped students to develop the skills and experiences they need to succeed in their future careers.

If you are interested in learning more about the Internship Program, please contact the Career Services Office at Wofford College. The program is open to all students at the college, and it is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience and helps students to achieve their career goals.
USING PROBABILITY THEORY TO BEAT GAME SHOWS, TEACHING RATS TO PLAY BASKETBALL, STUDYING AND TRAVELING THE WORLD, MAYBE EVEN WORKING IN THE DENTAL CLINIC NEXT DOOR

Wofford students, COME ON DOWN!!! And learn how to win on “The Price Is Right!” Sounds like an easy A and an even easier way to spend the month of January, but think again.

According to a description of the course taught by Dr. Matthew Cathey, associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Dan Mathewson, associate professor of religion, “after examining the place and history of game shows in American culture, students will learn and use mathematical techniques in probability theory, combinatorics and game theory to learn the best strategies to beat the various ‘The Price is Right’ games.”

The 25 students in the Interim met Ben Ingram ’05, who just won the Jeopardy Tournament of Champions, and wrapped up the month by creating a Wofford-focused game show—performed before a live studio audience, of course.

Come on Down! How to Win on “The Price Is Right” offers an ideal example of what Wofford’s Interim is all about—putting theory into practice, expanding the walls of the traditional classroom and remembering that a commitment to lifelong learning is part of what makes a Wofford education so transformative.

To read more about some of the inventive, on-campus, internship and study-abroad courses during January, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday or wofford.edu/interim.
Michelle Merritt ’15 shares her family’s journey through breast cancer during her medical humanities capstone project

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Michelle Merritt ’15 remembers walking into her parents’ room as a 10-year-old and hearing them in the adjoining bathroom. Although she couldn’t see her parents, she could tell that her mother was crying. It was during Liliana Merritt’s second bout with breast cancer; the first was when Merritt was just three.

Although Merritt turned around and never spoke with her parents about the tearful moment she overheard, the memory remained so vivid that years later she put herself into her mother’s shoes and turned it into a poem, “Liliana,” part of her senior medical humanities capstone project at Wofford.

“Because I was so young when my mom was diagnosed with cancer, I didn’t really ask her a lot of questions,” says Merritt. “I made up for it this fall.” Merritt, a biology major with a concentration in medical humanities, wants to become a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. Although she’s fascinated by the medicine, she’s been just as intrigued by the feelings generated by a cancer diagnosis.

In addition to gathering facts regarding the disease—diagnosis, procedure and chemicals used to treat the cancer—Merritt delved into emotional responses. Each chapter in her medical humanities thesis represents a different perspective: the doctors, her mom, dad and older brother.

“Each chapter assumes a distinct voice in my mother’s journey,” says Merritt. “They contributed to her successful progression and ultimately influenced mine.”

Dr. G. R. Davis, Wofford professor of biology and Merritt’s medical humanities adviser, knew that in addition to studying biology she has written poetry since high school. As they met weekly to talk through the planning and progress of the project, he noted that her voice was absent and encouraged her to put her memories, thoughts and feelings into poetry.

“Could you write as if you were the cancer inside your mother?” Davis leaned across the desk and asked during one of those meetings. Merritt’s poem, “Cancer,” from the perspective of the disease, was so powerful that Davis now has both poems and a sketch drawn by Josh Holt ’14 on display in the Roger Milliken Science Center (glass case gallery on the first floor).

“Here we have two student-athletes—Michelle, who plays basketball, and Josh, who played football—working together and pursuing interests outside of their regular coursework,” says Davis. “It’s nice to be able to do medical humanities here at Wofford where a student like Michelle can combine her love of language and poetry with science.”

Merritt gives Davis lots of credit for the passion she put into her capstone. She also is quick to thank Dr. Ellen Goldey (biology), Dr. Charlie Bass (chemistry) and Dr. Carol Wilson (English) with helping her craft, review and present her project.

“Articulating my family’s journey has been rewarding, and I appreciate everyone who helped make that possible,” says Merritt, who showed her parents the poems and drawing when they were on campus for a home basketball game (although they live in Miami, Fla., the Merritts come to almost every home game).

“We were all in tears,” says Merritt. “My mom said, ‘Michelle, I’m so proud of you. I only hope this journey is mine and never yours.’”

According to Merritt, however, they both know that the odds say otherwise.

“Every woman in my family has had breast cancer,” says Merritt. “Ironically enough my mom had the genetic test, and it came back negative.”

Merritt, who has raised funds for breast cancer research since she was in middle school, now advocates for early detection as well. She believes sharing her capstone will help her do that.

“Sharing our story isn’t about pity, but about empowering women and men who have breast cancer to stay positive and hopeful. If they do that, they can get through it. My mom is a testament to that,” says Merritt.

To read Merritt’s poems and see a photo of Holt’s art, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
I am my grandmother’s son. Born to a teenage mother and an absent father, my grandmother—who was one of 11 and had six children of her own—supported my mother and took me in as her son. Thanks to my grandmother’s generosity and a hardworking mother, I became the first member of my family to attend college. I’ve changed the dynamic of my family, and though I never knew it, my path to becoming a soon-to-be college graduate was an unusual one.

This past November I finished my last career football game at Wofford College and sat with my family afterward, reminiscing about how I progressed from an immature high school athlete to a member of Wofford’s championship team and chairman of the college’s Judicial Commission. My grandmother was always adamant that we were well cared for despite having many heads under one roof. My mother and grandmother worked tirelessly to ensure that we had everything we needed for school, even though the prospects for completing an education in my neighborhood were statistically very bleak. Their sacrifices for our well-being and education proved to be useful to me as a lineman on my high school football team and continue to lift me up after four years as a Wofford Terrier.

I am grateful for the challenges I faced because they made me a better athlete, a more grateful student and a more serious person. I was not the first in my high school to receive a Division I scholarship for football, but there was no one I knew who chose a college like Wofford. At Wofford a student-athlete is a student first, and there are no easy majors for football players. I chose to pursue a degree in government, and I often found myself writing research papers on the bus returning from away games. I really enjoyed the majority of my courses, and I devoted twice as many hours to my studies as I did to physical training and football practice.

Even though it’s been exhausting, my academic career at Wofford has been nothing short of amazing. This semester I had the opportunity to serve as the counsel for our commander in chief on a moot court emulating the Rumsfeld v. Padilla trial. Serving as justices during the mock trial were the Hon. Henry Floyd ’70 from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; attorney Jesselyn Radack, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow who has served as legal counsel for Edward Snowden and a number of national whistleblowers; and my pre-law adviser. I also served the Wofford community by mentoring a number of students and by upholding our Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities as a member of the Judicial Commission.

I’ve come to appreciate the ways that my studies have given me a better grasp of our political world. My professors always seek critical explanation and expansive thought, which has strengthened me as a whole. I cannot recall taking more than one or two standardized exams since I’ve been here. I value this because it elevated my thinking and honed my ability to share diverse thoughts and opinions. In the end, I think I have lived up to the expectations of my mother and grandmother. I’m still a big kid at heart, but I have earned a great liberal arts education that will equip me with the tools to give back to my family and community.

During my time at Wofford, I have come to value a rich learning environment and a working relationship with my professors. As a student-athlete and leader on campus, I value collaborating with my peers in the classroom and in areas outside of the classroom that make Wofford the best place that it can be. As I consider law school acceptances, I use my Wofford experience as a standard. Years from now I envision myself as a servant leader, a legal advocate and a counselor. My mother and grandmother have been my rock and my foundation. Wofford College has helped me use that foundation to grow, change and determine a path for my future. I’m grateful to both my family and my alma mater!
"I knew from the start that the hardest part was not going to be the chemo or losing my hair, it was knowing that I wouldn’t be at Wofford for all of the things that seemed like such a big deal at the time." —Natalie Hahn ’15

On Sunday, May 17, Wofford College will confer diplomas on 394 members of the Class of 2015. Among those will be Natalie Hahn ’15, who has extra cause to celebrate. Hahn walks across the stage not only as a graduate of Wofford, but also as a survivor of ovarian cancer.

"I had a regular checkup scheduled for July 18, 2012," says Hahn. "I remember that I was busy and tried to reschedule, but my mom was insistent, so I went. Within the week I was diagnosed with dysgerminoma, a particularly aggressive tumor."

After doctors removed the tumor, Hahn missed the fall of her sophomore year to undergo a regimen of outpatient chemotherapy at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Hahn says that her mom helped her shave her head following the first treatment and served as a source of strength throughout the entire process.

"Wofford was unrelenting. It felt like home from the time I walked on the campus, but I really knew it after this happened. When I needed family and friends the most, Wofford was there," says Hahn.

Hahn says that Wofford people were always visiting, sending flowers, preparing meals for the family and volunteering to sit with her during treatments. Her boyfriend, Rags Coxe ’15, coined the term “Nattitude” to describe Hahn’s spirit of determination, and the college’s Greek life community, led by Hahn’s Zeta Tau Alpha sisters, took the phrase and ran with it—showing solidarity by wearing the Nattitude “Headbands of Hope” created by Katie Wiebusch ’13 and holding support rallies for Hahn.

"I was set to go to a big university, but changed my mind at the last minute. This is why I chose a private, liberal arts college," says Hahn. "Nothing can compare to the Wofford community."

When Hahn returned to campus for Interim after missing the semester, her hair was starting to grow back and she was 24 pounds lighter. "Nothing can compare to the Wofford community," says Hahn. "I loved what I did in D.C. I've learned that my passion for giving back is greater than I thought, and I'm definitely keeping my options open in this field."

"When I first met Natalie, I was so impressed with her approach to her project. She knew that her very-individual voice would make a positive difference for others fighting ovarian cancer. She also knew that revisiting her experiences would be difficult," says Wilson. "Natalie faced that challenge—and the responsibility of organizing her thoughts and writing—with the same determination and hope that she draws upon while undergoing treatment. She inspired me as she has her mom helped her shave her head following the first treatment and served as a source of strength throughout the entire process.

"Wofford was unrelenting. It felt like home from the time I walked on the campus, but I really knew it after this happened. When I needed family and friends the most, Wofford was there," says Hahn.

Hahn says that Wofford people were always visiting, sending flowers, preparing meals for the family and volunteering to sit with her during treatments. Her boyfriend, Rags Coxe ’15, coined the term “Nattitude” to describe Hahn’s spirit of determination, and the college’s Greek life community, led by Hahn’s Zeta Tau Alpha sisters, took the phrase and ran with it—showing solidarity by wearing the Nattitude “Headbands of Hope” created by Katie Wiebusch ’13 and holding support rallies for Hahn.

"I was set to go to a big university, but changed my mind at the last minute. This is why I chose a private, liberal arts college," says Hahn. "Nothing can compare to the Wofford community."

When Hahn returned to campus for Interim after missing the semester, her hair was starting to grow back and she was 24 pounds lighter. To ease back into the routine of college, she took an independent Intern in Washington, D.C., with the director of field engagement for the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, helping the organization develop a guidebook for women between the ages of 15 and 34 who are diagnosed with the disease.

“The speaking engagements started as therapy,” says Hahn. “As my dad says, it’s about faith, not fear, I was given these terrible cards, but I never worried, I always believed that something good would come out of this.”

Although Hahn celebrates her life and health each day, she knows that she is not out of the woods yet.

“For the first year I had to go back to my oncologist every three months. The next year it was every four months. I now see the doctor every five months and will continue that until I’m cancer-free for five years. After that the survival rate really goes up,” says Hahn.

Hahn also says she received lots of love and support from people in her hometown of Florence, S.C. The Wofford alumni network in Florence is one of the reasons she chose Wofford, and Hahn feels a special connection to both the alumni and the high school students considering Wofford.

"Students I know in Florence are starting to get their Wofford acceptance letters," says Hahn. "I’m gladly when I see some of the photos they’ve posted. It’s as if just got my letter. My Wofford journey here has been remarkable. I wouldn’t change it for the world.”

Get Nattitude! Get Hahn! Get Natas!
Henson says that nothing makes her heart beat faster than “I’m from a loving, comfortable, middle-class home,” says Henson. “I benefited from good parents and motivated teachers. Not everyone has that type of support. Dr. Schmitz’s class changed my perspective. Teach For America is an opportunity to serve and give back in a community like my hometown.”

Upon graduation these Wofford women, all with resumes filled with study-abroad, internship, leadership and service experiences, will spend five weeks completing an intensive training program and working in a summer school alongside certified teachers. They will begin their two-year commitments in high-need classrooms in the fall.

“I expect to see anything and everything,” says Stroud. “I expect to have my heart broken, my blood boiling and ultimately, my world rocked.”

“I expect to be surprised at what my students are capable of,” says Frost. “I’ve been told not to smile until Christmas,” says Carraway, who plans to use her two years in the program to earn a master’s degree in education. She’s particularly excited about her assignment to rural Alabama because her grandmother was a teacher in a low-income area of the state. “It’s a family legacy,” she says.

“My goal is to be effective, and if I’m not an effective teacher, then I’ll find another way to help this cause,” adds Stroud.

Sitting in a group in a classroom in Main Building, they all nod their heads in agreement. Whether in the classroom or eventually shaping public policy, these women believe the solution in education, “Crime, poverty, the government, the economy… we complain about these problems that could be solved if we root out the solution in education,” says Frost. “I expect to see anything and everything,” says Stroud. “I expect to have my heart broken, my blood boiling and ultimately, my world rocked.”

Four of Wofford’s best and brightest choose to Teach For America
by Jo Ann Mitchell Braisington ’89
The Terriers win the SoCon Championship to advance to the NCAA “March Madness” Tournament for the fourth time in six years.
Barry Phillips ’95 had been a fan of the NFL since he was 4 years old, so when Wofford College began hosting the Carolina Panthers for training camp the year he graduated, he was excited. Twenty years later his love for both the Terriers and the Panthers has extended to his own children.

“Wofford hosting the Panthers gave me a huge sense of pride, both as a recent Wofford graduate and also as a Spartanburg resident,” says Phillips, sales manager for Tindall Corp. in Spartanburg. “It’s cool to have a connection between your alma mater and an NFL franchise.”

Earlier this year the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Panthers and Wofford College announced that the team has extended its contract with Wofford, so summer training camp will continue on campus through at least 2019.

Phillips has raised his two daughters, ages 9 and 12, to be Panthers fans: “My daughters knew ‘Terriers’ and ‘Panthers’ before they knew their ABCs. It’s important to me for my girls to have a sense of pride for their community, and hosting summer training camp does that.”

Anna Habisreutinger Converse ’95 and her husband, Justin ’96, share the enthusiasm of their alma mater hosting the Panthers. “Our children, Marianna (12) and Hugh (10), have come to love sports and football in general—especially Wofford and Carolina Panthers football,” says Anna.

“The excitement for them begins the second the Panthers players’ cars start rolling into town. The children are on the lookout for them around every turn and really look forward to seeing the players around campus. The players are very good at saying ‘hey’ to the children; it really makes for a huge hit.”

In 2014, Wofford hosted 49,000 visitors to training camp, and the Spartanburg community enjoyed a $5.2 million economic impact. “This is exciting news for the Spartanburg community and for tourism in our region,” said Chamber of Commerce CEO Allen Smith to an overflow crowd when he made the contract extension announcement on Feb. 9. During the announcement Smith was flanked by Wofford President Nayef Samhat and Carolina Panthers President Danny Morrison ’75.

“Spartanburg is proud to be among the handful of communities hosting an NFL training camp,” Smith added. “Most teams are moving to hold their camps on their home turf—only 11 of 32 teams hold training camp away from their home cities. I want to thank Jerry Richardson ’59, owner of the Panthers, and Wofford College for creating this partnership for the community in which we all can share and enjoy.”

According to Smith, based on last year’s figures, Wofford College and the Spartanburg community will welcome 245,000 Panthers fans for a total economic impact of more than $26 million over the next five years. Panthers summer training camp is held each summer from late July to mid-August. Practices are free and open to the public, and Wofford hosts a community party during the opening weekend to celebrate camp.
1950
The South Carolina North-South Football All-Star Game was dedicated to longtime Gaffney High School coach and athlete director Bob Prevost. Prevost, who in North Carolina coached Jerry Richardson '59 during his high school football career, led the Gaffney Indians to five state championships. He also coached the north squad in the 1960 all-star game.

1960
Bill Belk and his wife, Edna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21, 2014. They live in Rock Hill, S.C.

The Rev. Zach Farmer and his wife, Lee, have moved to The Oaks (formerly known as Methodist Village) in Orangeburg, S.C.

1961
John Lawrence Sharpe III has written a book about James “Wills” York called “Growing Up in Orangeburg, S.C.”

Recently he sang the role of Nourabad in Opera South Carolina’s production of “The Pearl Fishers” and is preparing a return to Opera Southwest in the role of the title character.

1962
After 38 years in mortgage banking, Al Floyd has retired but now has joined Coldwell Banker United. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

1963
Henry M. Smith recently wrote that he spent a delightful time in France studying the question of how to use quality time in October while house-sitting. He enjoyed old and new friends, frequent walks through markets and biking. Smith continues to live in Durham, N.H.

1966
J. Hayne Fay '66, class chair

Greater Columbia Business Monthly selected Weldon Johnson as one of the Midlands Legal Elite. The magazine cited his top Columbia-area attorneys in 20 practice areas. Johnson is the senior partner for Barnes Alfred.

1969
Living in Honolulu, Hawaii, Chris Hanon works as a sales manager for Sony Hawaii Solar Inc. in Aixa Harvey McLeod Williamson Jr. and his wife, Harvey McLeod Williamson Jr., a solar consultant for Haleakala Solar Inc. in Aiea, Hawaii, moved to The Oaks (formerly known as Methodist Village) in Orangeburg, S.C.

1970
Bill Belk and his wife, Edna, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21, 2014. They live in Rock Hill, S.C.

The Rev. Zach Farmer and his wife, Lee, have moved to The Oaks (formerly known as Methodist Village) in Orangeburg, S.C.

1971
John Lawrence Sharpe III has written a book about James “Wills” York called “Growing Up in Orangeburg, S.C.”

Recently he sang the role of Nourabad in Opera South Carolina’s production of “The Pearl Fishers” and is preparing a return to Opera Southwest in the role of the title character.

1973
Dr. Robert Powers, the program director for bioscience and clinical research at Gannett Technical College, has been recognized by the Georgia Bio Community Award. The award recognizes Powers’ work in championing life sciences in both educational and economic development circles.

1974
Kim Kirkpatrick, class chair

Kim Adams Nelson, owner of Daisy Cakes, has written a cookbook that includes family stories. “Daisy Cakes: Share a Slice of Love” retails for $29.95 and is available for purchase at the Hilton Head Island Bookshop in downtown Spartanburg. Nelson developed the cookbook as a recommendation of Barbara Corcoran, one of the “sharks” from “The Shark Tank” television series that invested in Daisy Cakes. Corcoran says that Daisy Cakes has been her most successful investment since the show’s debut.

1976
John W. Gandy, class chair

In December the South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians presented Dr. R. Mac Chapman with the chapter’s highest honor, the 2014 Laureate Award. Chapman, a physician in Medical Group of the campus of Carolina Coastal Community College, was recognized for his commitment to the community in which he practices as well as for his interest in the quality of medical care, education and research.

1978
Paul D. Kountz Jr., class chair

Just before Christmas, Dwayne Harris and his wife, Priscilla, adopted four children who were in Department of Social Services custody. Their story was featured on Facebook, and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal wrote a story on the growing family many times on Dec. 24. Harris serves as the assistant director of public safety at Wofford.

The ACGM Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine has announced a new award for the highest-rated genetic counselor-authored or co-authored manuscript in its scientific program during the 2015 ACGM Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. The new ACGM Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Award is given in honor of genetic counselor Carolyn Mills Lovell for her service to the chapter and her family as well as her work as medical students, residents and master of genetic counseling students at Medical College of Georgia.

1981
Patrick Watson, class chair

Matt Bolton is president of Enhanced Systems Consulting, a direct and support software development company for client/server/web and mobile applications in Johnson City, Tenn.

1983
W. Scott Gantt, class chair

Russell Cook has been named a managing director of Comropolis Ventures in Richland, S.C. Comropolis focuses on managing investment opportunities, identifying and recruiting financial professionals and new opportunities to acquire or invest in innovative new businesses. Living in Charlotte, N.C., John H. Fortsan continues to sing bass opera roles on a national level. Recently he sang the role of Iphilemon in Opera Southwestern’s production of “The Pearl Fishers” and is planning a return to Opera Southwest in the role of the title character.

1984
Ken Kirikpatrick, class chair

Kim Adams Nelson, owner of Daisy Cakes, has written a cookbook that includes family stories. “Daisy Cakes: Share a Slice of Love” retails for $29.95 and is available for purchase at the Hilton Head Island Bookshop in downtown Spartanburg. Nelson developed the cookbook as a recommendation of Barbara Corcoran, one of the “sharks” from “The Shark Tank” television series that invested in Daisy Cakes. Corcoran says that Daisy Cakes has been her most successful investment since the show’s debut.

1986
Brand Stile, class chair

Just before Christmas, Dwayne Harris and his wife, Priscilla, adopted four children who were in Department of Social Services custody. Their story was featured on Facebook, and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal wrote a story on the growing family many times on Dec. 24. Harris serves as the assistant director of public safety at Wofford.

The ACGM Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine has announced a new award for the highest-rated genetic counselor-authored or co-authored manuscript in its scientific program during the 2015 ACGM Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. The new ACGM Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Award is given in honor of genetic counselor Carolyn Mills Lovell for her service to the chapter and her family as well as her work as medical students, residents and master of genetic counseling students at Medical College of Georgia.

1987
Alana Whitney Doty has retired and is living in Spring Hill, Fla.

1988
R. Michael Sullivan, class chair

Richelle Allen is an instructor at Spartanburg Community College. She lives with her fiancée in Paulina, S.C.

Elizabeth DeMars Graham graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master of library science in 2014. She is a media specialist with Spartanburg School District 6. She and her husband, Pepper Graham, have three children: Henry (16), zest (13) and Julia (10).

1989

Recently he sang the role of Nourabad in Opera South Carolina’s production of “The Pearl Fishers” and is preparing a return to Opera Southwest in the role of the title character.

1990
Scott Cashen, class chair

Mikali Leland Jr. is a financial advisor and vice president of investments for Raymond James in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Ashleigh, have three children, Thomas, Cora and Max.

As co-owner of Turner Sports Management, Joel E. Turner, along with his brother and partner, Justin D. Turner, represented 41 clients on NFL contracts for the 2014 season. According to Turner, the business consultants in the American football league are the sports agents. One of the players represented is Brenton Bertin ‘12 of the Carolina Panthers.

1991
Niki Palmie Chouin, class chair

Living in Columbia, S.C., Erica Carter is a web developer/programmer for Seabirt.

Matt Grayson is the vice president for business development for Palmetto Construction Co. in Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Adrienne, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Aimee Pearson Heard lives in Winston-Salem, N.C., with her husband, Jonathan David Heard, and their two children, Benjamin and Malia. Heard serves as the executive director of Rose Of Salem Elementary School in Lexington, S.C.

Tammy Harris ’84 is a special education teacher at Buford Middle School in Lancaster, S.C., where she lives with her husband and two children. An attorney with Clawson & Staubes in Charleston, S.C., Chris Staubes was elected to the Charleston County Council on Nov. 4, 2014. He lives in Mount Pleasant.

1992
Brenton Bersin ’12, class chair

Dr. R. Mac Chapman was given the highest honor, the 2014 Laureate Award. Chapman, a physician in Medical Group of the campus of Carolina Coastal Community College, was recognized for his commitment to the community in which he practices as well as for his interest in the quality of medical care, education and research.

1993
Sarah Sawicki, class chair

Adam and Reese partner in charge of the firm’s Columbia, S.C., office, Rob Bethesha, has been appointed to the South Carolina Venture Capital Authority. He will serve through July 2017.

Lakeland Parent magazine featured Dr. Amy Forrest in its Nov. 15, 2014, issue titled “Dr. Mom: Ob-Gyn strikes balance between being a mom and making money.” She practices with Greenwood (S.C.) Ob-Gyn.

1994
Alicia Nunamaker Truesdell, class chair

Steve LeClair is the executive director of Hope for North CDC in North Port, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Amy, and their son, James.
Rodrick V. Stover, an area vice president with Waffle House, is responsible for the company’s operations in upstate South Carolina. He and his wife, Chantel, live in Boiling Springs, S.C.

1995
Brandy Yancey Lorenz, class chair

Maj. W. Sterling Anderson II and his wife, Anne, live in Panama City Fla., where he works as a legal advisor to the combat operations division of the 60th Air & Space Operations Center at Tyndall Air Force Base.

Gaynesville, Ga., attorney John G. Breakfield of Breakfield & Breakfield has been appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission reviews applications and interviews candidates for open judgeship positions in Georgia’s trial and appellate courts.

1996
Curt L. Nichols, class chair

James Sease Jr. is a team leader with Michelin Tire Corp. He lives in Lexington, S.C.

1997
Bath Nagham Guerrero, class chair

Andy Clark lives in Woodruff, S.C. He is vice president of finance for Spectrum Interiors of South Carolina Inc., located in Greenville.

Mike Goodwin is a senior professional health care representative with Pfizer. He and his family live in Savannah, Ga.

1998
Casey Moore, class chair

Terence Crouch is the bilingual staff assistant, supporting the ambassador and deputy chief in various projects, press releases, communications, event planning and budgets, in the embassy of the Bahamas.

Tim Raybourn is a regional cost manager with VWR International in Charlotte, N.C. He lives in Fort Mill, S.C., with his wife, Michelle Ballard Raybourn, and their five children, Taylor (18), Tucker (14), Tanner (13), Trevor (9) and Turner (July 9, 2004).

1999
Zach Atkinson, class chair

Karla Otozuko Daniel and her husband, Judson, attending the Broad River Community College, Daniel, born on Dec. 11, 2014. The family lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Ray Haymond is the vice president of Haymond’s Home Furnishings in Belton, S.C. He and his wife, Christy, have two children, Boyd (7) and Brice (6).

A special education and advanced placement psychology teacher, Elizabeth Wilson Irton was named Union County High School 2014-15 Teacher of the Year. The school director said that Irton’s “mastery degree in special education from Converse College and national board certification have made her a valuable resource to students.”

Dr. Allyson Varn Monfordi is the owner of Walesoo Family Dentistry in Lugoff, S.C. She and her husband, Rocky, have one daughter, Josiah.

A scientist with Argos Therapeutics in Durham, N.C., Elizabeth Wansley married Kevin Grogan on Nov. 15, 2014. They live in Raleigh.

Brenda Wichmann is the new Haw River Trail coordinator in Alamance County. She most recently worked with the Carolina Vegetation Survey, cataloging the plants and natural communities along the Appalachian Trail.

2000
Anthony D. Haefer Jr., class chair

The Rev. Thomas C. Byrd is serving as the youth minister for Davidsonville United Methodist Church in the Ballantyne/Waterton Conference. He lives in Davidsonville, Md.

After joining Spartanburg Water in 2012 as a senior procurement specialist, Benjamin Parrish has been promoted to purchasing manager.

2001
Jenna Stehlin Bridgers, class chair

Dana Bruce is the market president of Beam & Hinge, a website design and development firm in Columbia. S.C. She and her husband, Scott Fulmer, have a daughter, Lela Daron Fulmer (18 months).

Katharine Robbins, the human resources manager at Costco in Charleston, S.C. She and her husband, Marco, have one child, Grace.

An assistant public defender for the Beaufort County Public Defender’s Office, Helen Rose Dovel was named a South Carolina Bar Foundation Ambassador. In this new role Dovel will work with other statewide ambassadors to promote awareness for the Bar Foundation’s mission and programs.

Mac Leaphart’s new album, “Love in the Saddle, Long in the Tooth,” was released on Feb. 17. He invites Wolford friends to pick up a copy at any of his shows or on iTunes. MacLeaphart.com also has a few songs available for free download.

Maurice G. Nassar joined the Siegel Group’s Houston Market as a director. He remains involved as a member of the board of the Houston chapter of Financial Executives International.

Rosemary DeAntonio Yarwood and her husband, Craig Marsh Yarwood, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 1, 2015. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

2002
Yolke Geraldi, class chair

Dottie’s Toffees, Rick Belgium’s sweet business, now has a presence in Spartanburg. Belgium renovated a vacant building at 155 W. Main St. that now includes demonstration space as well as a larger retail area. Belgium has recently launched a new website.


Bennett Gore Jr. is an attorney with Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgado LLC in Columbia, S.C. He and his wife, Christine, have a daughter, Lela Gwinn Fulmer (18 months).

The vice president of PeopleMatter in Columbia, S.C. She and her husband, Scott Fulmer, have one child, Grace.

An assistant public defender for the Beaufort County Public Defender’s Office, Helen Rose Dovel was named a South Carolina Bar Foundation Ambassador. In this new role Dovel will work with other statewide ambassadors to promote awareness for the Bar Foundation’s mission and programs.

Mac Leaphart’s new album, “Love in the Saddle, Long in the Tooth,” was released on Feb. 17. He invites Wolford friends to pick up a copy at any of his shows or on iTunes. MacLeaphart.com also has a few songs available for free download.

Maurice G. Nassar joined the Siegel Group’s Houston Market as a director. He remains involved as a member of the board of the Houston chapter of Financial Executives International.

Rosemary DeAntonio Yarwood and her husband, Craig Marsh Yarwood, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 1, 2015. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Rick Reames ‘97 named new South Carolina revenue director by Ashley Shaw ‘97

When Gov. Nikki Haley called Rick Reames ’97 and asked him to lead the South Carolina Department of Revenue, he was honored, yet also unsure. With a large, regional law firm, Reames had spent the past 15 years building a successful tax law practice. He enjoyed his work and was invested in his team and the nearly 700 agents they served.

Reames ultimately was swayed by the prospect of helping transition the department out of what had been a tumultuous past few years and into a new era. His professional experience equipped him with a clear understanding of the department’s impact on the state’s fiscal stability. It also made Reames twenty aware of significant opportunities for improvement and the critical importance of moving the department forward.

“I appreciate the trust Gov. Haley and the South Carolina Senate have placed in me,” says Reames. “I am honored for the opportunity to advance the department in service to South Carolina.”

Reames credits Wolford for providing a strong academic foundation and unique learning experience and as fostering meaningful relationships that remain today. As director, Reames is committed to strengthening security while also advancing functionality, service and accountability. He already has instituted a system to better track internal processes and performance and has begun implementation of a new tax processing system to enhance customer service and bolster fraud detection and prevention.

“Rick Reames has proven to be a tremendous asset at the Department of Revenue since taking over the job last year, and we’re excited to see where his leadership will continue to take the agency,” Haley says. “He has done a wonderful job improving security and communications at DOR, and we are confident that, under his leadership, the agency will serve South Carolinians as efficiently and effectively as possible.”
WILLIAM MCGIRT ’01 VISITS SHRINERS HOSPITAL

In December, PGA professional William McGirt ’01 visited patients at Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children. McGirt has started the 2015 season with several impressive finishes, including one top 10 finish and four top-25 finishes. McGirt is married to Sarah Begg McGirt ’01, who also has been featured on PGATour.com. She was asked to provide insights on her husband. Read her insights at PGATour.com. She was asked to provide insights on her husband. Read her insights at PGATour.com.
IN MEMORIAM

World War II. He retired as department manager through 1959.

Wilmer A. Sims Jr. was a World War II veteran. He was a founding trustee and a member of the boards of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Spartanburg Greek Festival and the former Shabby's of Pawley's Island and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Wofford. Sims was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1999 and served as a role model and mentor for many.

Henry Grady Culbertson Jr. was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired as general manager of Land's End Restaurant. Culbertson was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wofford and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Wofford. Culbertson was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1999 and served as a role model and mentor for many.

Dr. Karen Sonja Jenks Brewer, Oct. 24, 2014, Blacksburg, Va. A professor of organic chemistry at Virginia Tech, Brewer earned the 2010 Passionate Advocate Award for her work on light-catalyzed reactions. Brewer was a strong advocate for women and minorities in chemistry and served as a role model and mentor for many.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Lawrence Glenn Hardin, Nov. 4, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Hardin volunteered for service during the Vietnam War. His military service was followed by a career as a computer programmer.

Benjamin Erment "Emrie" Branch, Feb. 10, 2015, Greenville, S.C. A Korean War veteran, Branch was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, where he taught Sunday school.

James Rufus Pruitt Jr., Feb. 10, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Pruitt retired from Greer Memorial Hospital and Spartanburg Regional Restorative Care.

Samuel "Sam" Rufus Glenn Jr., Jan. 8, 2015, Converse Falls, N.C. Glenn was a senior class president at Wofford and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Transition House, Hospice Care and the Georgia Aquarium.

Edward Mark Brown, Jan. 1, 2015, Atlanta, Ga. A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Marines, Brown retired from The Coca-Cola Co. as a Senior Staff Auditor. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Transition House, Hospice Care and the Georgia Aquarium.


Ronald Allen Stitser, Dec. 4, 2014, Boiling Springs, S.C. Stitser retired from Spartanburg Technical College, where he was a faculty member for 34 years.

James Carmen Davis, Dec. 22, 2014, Conway, S.C. During his career he served as a science teacher, worked at Waccamaw Frame Gallery and owned and operated Baxter Forks Landscaping. Davis retired from the Army National Guard as a lieutenant colonel.

Making Memorial Gifts

There are three ways to make a memorial gift to Wofford College:
1) Call the Office of Development at 864-597-4200
2) Visit wofford.edu/gifts
3) Mail a check made payable to: Wofford College

Office of Development 429 N. Church Street Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-3663

CinSaaying OR, Dec. 12, 2014, Daytona Beach, Fl, Owings piloted rotary and fixed-wing aircraft in the U.S. Army before working for Central Pediment Community College, Eastern Airlines and finally the Daytona Raceway before his retirement.


Peter Scott Spurka, Jan. 5, 2015, Tryon, N.C. Spurka spent two years in the U.S. Army before graduating from Wofford. He eventually worked at Wofford College.

Lawrence Glenn Hardin, Nov. 4, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Hardin volunteered for service during the Vietnam War. His military service was followed by a career as a computer programmer.

John Kenny Wood, Jan. 27, 2015, Boiling Springs, S.C. Wood was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired as the retired manager of the Spartanburg Military Energy plant.

Roddy was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired as rodger Spears, Jan. 5, 2015, Tryon, N.C. Spears worked two years in the U.S. Army before graduating from Wofford. He eventually worked at Wofford College.

A WWII C-47 pilot, Patrick retired from the U.S. Air Force operating out of southern Italy. After World War II, eventually as a pilot with the 15th Airlift Wing. Patrick spearheaded the reunification of the United States and Germany and traveled to every military base and office in the United States to ensure that every soldier and civilian had a voice in the reunification of the United States and Germany.

Connestee Falls, N.C. Glenn was a senior class president at Wofford and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Transition House, Hospice Care and the Georgia Aquarium.

Glenn was a senior class president at Wofford and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Transition House, Hospice Care and the Georgia Aquarium.


RETURNING TO WOFFORD WITH A NOVEL AND N.Y. TIMES RAVE REVIEWS

“Fate Moreland’s Widow,” the haunting first novel from award-winning poet, environmentalist and storyteller John Lane ’77 (right), delves into historically inspired events of life, lovehood, death and destiny against a rural Southern backdrop on the cusp of modernity. As Lane’s nuanced characters contend with overarching questions of loyalty and responsibility, he leaves little doubt that these vexing dilemmas of the past resonate still today.

John Lane, professor of Environmental Studies and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford, is a 2014 inductee into the South Carolina Academy of Authors.

JAMES SCOTT’S LATEST NOVEL, “TARGET TOKYO,” JUST RELEASED BY W.W. NORTON & CO.

In December 1942, as American forces rallied the dead at Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt gathered with his senior military counselors to plan an ambitious counterstrike against the heart of the Japanese Empire: Tokyo. Four months later, on April 18, 1942, 16 U.S. Army bombers, under the command of demented pilot Jimmy Doolittle, lifted off from the deck of the USS Hornet on a one-way mission to bomb the enemy’s factories, refineries and dockyards and then escape to free China. Most of the bombers ran out of fuel and crashed. Others were captured and tortured in Japanese POW camps. Others faced a harrowing escape across China.

Not since Leana Hillenbrand’s “Unbroken” has there been such a riveting and powerful story of American airmen overcoming the impossible. Impeccably researched, “Target Tokyo,” the recent novel by James M. Scott ’81, gives a gripping narrative of combat and survival from the multiple perspectives of the American, Japanese and Chinese people whose lives were irrevocably changed by the raid and its aftermath. The result is a tale of bravery and sacrifice that forces readers to confront the human costs of heroism.

A former Neiman Fellow at Harvard, Scott is the author of “The War Below” and “The Attack on Liberty,” which won the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morrison Award. He lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with his wife and two children.

JOHN LANE ’77 PENS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FIRST NOVEL

“Fate Moreland’s Widow,” the haunting first novel from award-winning poet, environmentalist and storyteller John Lane ’77 (right), delves into historically inspired events of life, lovehood, death and destiny against a rural Southern backdrop on the cusp of modernity. As Lane’s nuanced characters contend with overarching questions of loyalty and responsibility, he leaves little doubt that these vexing dilemmas of the past resonate still today.

Lane, professor of Environmental Studies and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford, is a 2014 inductee into the South Carolina Academy of Authors.

“Epic... One of the most incredible accounts of American military valor I’ve ever read” — Pat Conroy
THE WOFFORD NETWORK

The Citadel hasn’t beaten Wofford in football since Nov. 12, 1998 (cue laughter). Unfortunately, The Citadel routinely beats Wofford, and just about every other college or university, in the realm of alumni networking.

To address this baffling disparity, the Alumni Executive Council (AEC) plans for the Wofford Alumni Association to tap into the loyalty of our graduates by concentrating on alumni networking for career and business development purposes. We want our section of the college’s website eventually to include a place for our fellow Terriers to post information about their businesses and services, allowing alumni to support each other and thereby strengthen “The Wofford Network.” We also want to include a more user-friendly alumni directory database and information about how to offer internships for Wofford students.

Strengthening the value of our Wofford diplomas through networking will help alumni grow professionally and in business, but it all depends on your active engagement. Please stay tuned for more information on “The Wofford Network.” Let’s set a new standard in alumni participation.

THE SPACE TO BECOME A BETTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Wofford students form a lifetime bond with the college, and the alumni association aspires to keep this connection vibrant. Success in achieving this goal requires that the AEC periodically reconsider and update its vision and mission, just as the college recently did in creating its new long-term strategic vision.

During its winter meeting, the AEC participated in a vision-planning workshop facilitated by Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space in the Mungo Center, Wofford’s groundbreaking program designed to help students use the communication, research, problem-solving and critical thinking skills learned through studying the liberal arts to prepare for a career or graduate school, launch their own businesses or consult with existing organizations. The workshop employed The Space’s innovative approach to chart a path for the Wofford Alumni Association to reach its potential for serving the college and each other.

Complementing Cochran’s workshop was a marketing and communications session led by Annie Mitchell, Wofford’s dynamic new vice president for marketing and communications. In this workshop we identified the best approach to fulfill our mission of serving as your voice to the college and acting as a conduit of information from the college back to alumni.

It’s your alumni association, and we greatly value your input. We especially appreciate your thoughts about what you want the alumni association to offer and how Wofford alumni can better support each other and the college. To share your thoughts, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com or contact the Office of Alumni and Parents Programs at alumni@wofford.edu.

WOFFORD ALUMNI OFFICE CHANGES

Wofford alumni of my generation remember Charlie Gray ’72 as the director of admission who penned our letters of acceptance, in the process earning our eternal gratitude. Gray left the Admission Office several years ago to serve as the college’s director of alumni and parents associations, which includes the AEC. While AEC members came and went, Gray was a constant presence and dedicated leader of the group.

The AEC experienced a bittersweet moment in January when Gray moved into a new role as director of continuing education. Although sorry to lose him as a regular part of our group, we were delighted to have Debbie Thompson ’88 add oversight of the alumni association to her existing duties as director of alumni and parents programs. With Thompson guiding us, we know we are in excellent hands and that the future of the alumni association is bright.

Go Terriers!

Andy Beeson ’80
President, Wofford College National Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit Wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

APRIL 28 Knoxville Alumni / Admission Event
APRIL 30 NYC Alumni Event
MAY 1 Spartanburg Bike Race
MAY 2 Wofford Family Day at Carowinds
MAY 6 Wofford vs. USC Baseball / Pregame
MAY 7 Atlanta Young Alumni Event
MAY 16-17 Class of 1965 50th Reunion
JUNE 11 Spartanburg Young Alumni Event
JUNE 12 Wofford Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
JULY 18 Washington Nationals Game / Pregame
JULY 18-26 Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition
JUNE 13 Wofford Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
JUNE 13 Wofford Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
JULY 18-26 Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition
JUNE 13 Wofford Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
JUNE 13 Wofford Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
JULY 18-26 Passage of Lewis and Clark Expedition