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IT’S YOUR WORLD: SERVE IT.

Some of the Carolina Miracle League’s biggest fans aren’t fans—they’re Wofford student-athletes, and each year they volunteer as buddies to ensure the safety and fun of the athletes with special needs.

Read more about the partnership between Wofford College and Carolina Miracle League at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
A. WISEMAN RETIRES AS DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dr. Ana Maria Wiseman, dean of international programs, retired from the college at the end of the 2014-15 academic year. In addition to promoting cross-cultural study, travel and understanding at Wofford, she helped create international study centers in Barcelona, Amsterdam and Granada. For this work, IES recognized her with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

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B. JAMES AND MELVIN ELECTED TO WOFFORD COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In June the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of South Carolina elected R. Michael James ’73 and Craig Melvin ’10 to four-year terms on the college’s Board of Trustees. They replace C. Michael Jones ’72 and Alisa Melvin ’72, whose terms expired.

James retired in 2012 as the dean of international programs at Wofford College. 

As a member of the Wofford faculty, he has been a leader in the study of the humanities. The program is an innovative approach to the Chapman family’s generous support of teaching and scholarship.

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C. WOFFORD NAMES NEW CHAPMAN PROFESSORSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

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D. KAPPA ALPHA ORDER BROTHERS COACH LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Henry Cornelison ’18, Owen Hughes ’18 and Cason Wells ‘18 spent the spring semester coaching a Little League team of 12-year-olds. They practiced and played most of their games at local Hillbrook Park, Trent Park and a couple of local schools.

The young coaches admit that they learned a lot from the experience, had fun and worked to set a good example for their players. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

E. MOELLER NAMED SCICU PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) recognized Dr. John Moeller, associate professor of biology, with the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award. Moeller’s award and recognition come as a result of the “myLibrary” program he initiated at Wofford and has served as a mentor for undergraduate research since he joined the faculty in 2007.

Read more about Moeller’s award and teaching philosophy at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

F. CLASS OF 2019, MEET YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

An enhanced focus on student success means that the college will assign each first-year student in the Class of 2019 a personal librarian. The “myLibrarian” program will give students a name and a friendly face to go to when they have questions. According to Dean of the Library Kerri Reynolds, each librarian will serve about 50 students.

Students can request their myLibrarian by going to the library’s home page on wofford.edu. Read more about new student success initiatives at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

G. STUDENTS CREATE DOCUMENTARY ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

This spring Matthew Auerdink ’17, Alex Bentley ’17 and Chris Crandall, Bentley’s cousin, premiered their hour-long documentary, “Flow: A Journey through History and Culture on the Appalachian Trail,” at the Public Film Series. The documentary started during January when the three took on the trail during a polar vortex.

On hand and the featured speaker for the premiere was Jennifer Pharr Davis, the record holder for the fastest AT hike. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

H. SCICU SPONSORS “THANK YOU” DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Day at the State House offered grant recipients the opportunity to thank their legislators for supporting state merit and need-based financial aid.

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At Wofford College it is usually all about the Terriers, but on March 26 it was all about a hawk. Ken Pettit, Wofford’s preventative maintenance supervisor, found the injured hawk last fall. After six months of rehabilitation at the Carolina Raptor Center in Huntersville, N.C., the red-tailed hawk was returned to campus to be released.

Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
TRAVIS TROJAN ACCEPTS FULBRIGHT TO TAIWAN
by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

When Travis Trojan ’15 played The Game of Life as a child, he bypassed college and went straight to a career. He was planning to follow that same path in “real life” after graduating from high school, but his parents had other plans.

Now he’s glad they did. Trojan, a first-generation college student from Spartanburg, S.C., was just awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Taiwan. According to Trojan, it’s one step closer to his goal of becoming a college professor.

“It’s crazy. I knew very little about college growing up, now I’d love nothing better than to spend the rest of my life on a college campus teaching students and sharing my passion for languages,” says Trojan. “I’m really glad now that my parents insisted that I go. I’ve met people from all over the country and the globe. The students, faculty and staff at Wofford have made this the best four years of my life.”

Trojan begins his English teaching assignment in Taiwan in September following a month of orientation and training. He’s excited about living abroad for 11 months and giving his students opportunities to make language personal.

“I’ve learned from two semesters abroad in Beijing (China) and a semester in Freiburg (Germany), as well as from my experiences with international students at Wofford, that people in other countries really focus on the technical aspects of language,” he says. “I want to introduce my students to language as a way to tell their stories.”

Trojan majored in both Chinese and German with a concentration in gender studies. He has been accepted into Carnegie Mellon University’s prestigious Second Language Acquisition M.A. program, but is deferring that offer while he completes his Fulbright assignment. He believes after the Fulbright, he’ll be a good candidate for Carnegie Mellon’s Ph.D. program.

Trojan says Wofford provided lots of support and help with his Fulbright application. He specifically credits Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor and chair of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures who leads the Fulbright application program at Wofford; Dr. Beate Brunow, assistant professor of German; Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, associate professor of Chinese Studies; and Dr. Yongfang Zhang, assistant professor of Chinese.

Trojan was the Palmetto Chinese Star winner for South Carolina, dominating both language proficiency and cultural proficiency in the advanced level, winning first place in both. He represented the state at the regional Chinese Bridge competition in Washington, D.C., in April. Trojan’s painting received the highest score in cultural performance, and he won fourth place overall in the competition that included proficiency in speech, cultural performance and knowledge.

“Travis absolutely embodies the Fulbright mission of aspiring to world peace through intercultural engagement,” says Krick-Aigner. “I am so proud of what he has accomplished at Wofford and abroad and look forward to hearing about his future successes!”

MAKING the MOST
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WOFFORD STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
DONOVAN HICKS NAMED A HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLAR
by Sarah Madden ’17

Wofford’s Truman Scholar, Donovan Hicks ’16, talks a lot about making the most of the gift of education. A first-generation college student, Hicks came to Wofford because of a generous financial aid package and because he felt at home. The financial gifts and the gift of a Wofford welcome, however, were just the beginning.

“The Wofford liberal arts educational experience makes you stand out,” says Hicks, who this spring was awarded a Harry S. Truman Scholarship that will provide him with $30,000 toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming that will prepare him for a career in public service leadership.

“My dreams are very large. I want to go to a top-10 law school. I want to work in education policy. I would love to ultimately be the CEO of, say, the Ford Foundation, the Roosevelt Institute or some big educational institution like that. One day I will, thanks to my start at Wofford College.”

Hicks, a government and finance major from Boiling Springs, S.C., is taking yet another step toward that goal this summer. He was one of 10 people selected as a 2015 Public Policy and International Affairs Law Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. The program provides students with training and financial support for graduate school and facilitates ongoing professional development.

Hicks is quick to say that he would not be where he is without mentors on the Wofford faculty and staff. He calls Dean of Students Roberta Bigger ’81 one of his “biggest confidants” and says that Dr. Phillip Swicegood, the R. Michael James Professor and Coordinator of the Finance Program, will have his eternal respect.

“I look up to him a lot,” says Hicks. “Dr. Swicegood is always willing to listen to me and talk with me, even though I don’t want to go into corporate finance work. He completely validates my dreams and respects my path.”

As a Bonner Scholar at Wofford, Hicks provides 160 service hours per semester to South Carolina Legal Services. He also has served as vice president of the Wofford Campus Union student government organization and is director of Student to Student (S2S), a local service initiative at Boiling Springs High School that aims at positioning students so that college is an option for them. In addition, Hicks works with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), a Christian outreach ministry on campus. He has completed two summers of service, one in New York City mentoring inner-city children with Project Morray and another in India doing communications for South Carolina Legal Services. He also shares his love of Wofford with prospective students as a Wofford Ambassador.

“Education is an issue I get fired up about, mostly because I realize the impact that education has had on me. That’s why I’ve tried to make the most of it—why I’ve tried to be so involved,” explains Hicks. “I feel the need to give back. If I don’t stand out, then I feel like I’m being unappreciative of the help I’ve been given.”
WORTHY RECEIVES CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN BEIJING THIS SUMMER

by Kelsey Aylor ’17

Simone Worthy ’15, a Chinese major with minors in economics and government from Stockbridge, Ga., has been awarded the Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State. The highly competitive national scholarship will fund Worthy’s participation in an intensive, eight-week Chinese language living and learning experience, including a home stay, in Beijing, China. She left the U.S. on June 19.

“I love languages, and I think it’s important to be a global citizen and to understand other people through their language and culture,” says Worthy, who will complete requirements for graduation in August and plans to study international trade and law.

It’s that attitude and a tireless work ethic, says Dr. Yongfang Zhang, assistant professor of Chinese, that helped make Worthy an excellent candidate for the C.L.S.

“Chinese can open so many doors, but students must be at a high level of proficiency to take advantage of that. With her extensive study and commitment to excellence, Simone has put herself in a position to succeed,” says Zhang.

Worthy spent a semester abroad in China and a summer in the Middlebury Chinese Language School. She also helped with Wofford’s STARTALK summer Chinese language program for pre-college students. In addition, she has studied Spanish for five years.

Worthy is the second student in the college’s Chinese program to receive this scholarship. WestLee Parker ’16, won the scholarship and spent eight weeks in China during the summer of 2014.

NICHOLSON NAMED WOFFORD’S PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR FOR 2015-16

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Phifer Nicholson ’16 has spent much of his three years at Wofford College studying interfaith engagement and the power it can have in creating peace between differing faith communities. Now he will get a chance to experience that first-hand as the 2015-16 Presidential International Scholar, traveling to Turkey and living with an Arabic-speaking minority Christian community in a majority Muslim country.

“I have a passion for seeking and creating peace as a committed Christian in the midst of this diverse, rapidly globalizing world,” says Nicholson, of Plymouth, Minn., who is majoring in religion and minoring in business.

Nicholson was named the 32nd Presidential International Scholar by Wofford President Nayef Samhat. The innovative program allows one student to travel internationally to research an independent project. The scholar is selected based on exceptional potential to benefit humankind and a demonstrated passion for service learning, combined with a globally minded intellectual curiosity.

LAMM TO SPEND JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD AS BOREN SCHOLAR

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Helen Lamm ’17 already has a job lined up after she graduates from Wofford College in May 2017. Recently selected as the recipient of a prestigious Boren Scholarship to China, Lamm will spend a year abroad honing her language skills and another year at Wofford completing her degree before joining the federal government in the area of national security.

“I’m getting to study the language and culture that I love, and I have a job lined up after college. I’m so grateful for this opportunity and for those who helped me along the way,” says Lamm, a Chinese language major with minors in history and studio art from Florence, S.C.

While in China, Lamm will be studying environmental protection through the C.V. Starr Middlebury School in Kunming for the first semester. During Interim she will take the intensive language course in Beijing. Although plans for the second semester are still tentative, Lamm is planning to continue her environmental research or to complete an internship in either Kunming or Hangzhou.

“Helen has such a wide range of interests and knowledge—she dances well, paints well, draws well, speaks well and asks tough questions—and she brings all of that with her to class,” says Dr. Li Qing Kinnison, chair of the Chinese Studies program. “She, like Wofford Rhodes Scholar Rachel Woodlee ’13, wants to use her knowledge to build a bridge between China and the United States.”

Read the full story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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THE FUTURE’S SO BRIGHT

Class of 2015 shares postgraduate plans

Within six months of graduation, Wofford expects more than 94 percent of the Class of 2015 to be employed or in graduate school. That’s been the trend for years, and this class is definitely equipped to carry on the tradition. Here’s a sampling of what the future looks like for these newly minted graduates.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

FUTURE BOMB DISPOSAL OFFICER IN THE ARMY ORDINANCE CORPS

John Prevost
Hometown: Shelby, N.C.
Major: psychology
Prevost proposed to his wife, Erin McGaha Prevost ’15, a Wofford cheerleader planning to teach special education in the fall, during halftime of a Wofford home football game. The battalion commander and ranger challenge team leader for Wofford ROTC, Prevost was the number one cadet out of a group of 460 from all over the country last summer during basic training.
FUTURE EDUCATOR
Mary Kathryn Macklen
Hometown: Irmo, S.C.
Major: English with a concentration in African/African-American Studies and certification through the Teacher Education program
Macklen was awarded the Columbia University Teachers College Scholarship and will begin a master of education degree in social analysis at Columbia's Teachers College in the fall. She plans to focus on the issues of urban education and social justice. Captain of the women's soccer team, she was named to the SoCon All-Academic team all four years at Wofford. She served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and worked as a peer tutor in the Writing Center.

FUTURE MINISTER
Palmer Cantler
Hometown: Johnson City, Tenn.
Major: religion with a minor in accounting
Cantler begins Duke University Divinity School in the fall with plans to pursue ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. She has a full scholarship with paid internships. At Wofford she was involved in the college's musical groups and was named Panhellenic Woman of the Year in 2015. She served on the Church-College Council and worked with the college's athletics marketing office. She also worked as the youth coordinator at Central United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. In 2015 she travelled during the summer to Israel to participate in an archaeological dig with Albert C. Outler Professor of Religion Dr. Byron McCane.

FUTURE ADDICTION RESEARCHER
Jake Wright
Hometown: Anderson, S.C.
Major: biology with a concentration in neuroscience
Wright will attend the Ph.D. program in neuroscience this fall at the University of Pittsburgh (full tuition paid with a stipend). He played on the Wofford men's soccer team for three years, completed a summer research experience at the University of Kentucky and exhibited his pottery in the Roger Milliken Science Center this spring.

FUTURE STORM CHASER
Justin Whitaker
Majors: mathematics and physics with a minor in computer science and an emphasis in computational science
Whitaker will study hurricane development while pursuing a Ph.D. in atmospheric science at Colorado State University. He ran cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field at Wofford and was one of three honor graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA. He was on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and founded the McCarthy Teszler Committee, which pairs student athletes with children and adults with special needs for mentoring and service. He was the recipient of the John Wesley Scholarship, a Dave Hart Southern Conference postgraduate scholarship, and the 2014 Meteorological Society's Guillermo Salazar Rodriguez Undergraduate Scholarship. He received honorable mention recognition from both the Barry Goldwater Foundation scholarship program and the National Science Foundation’s graduate fellowship program.

FUTURE DENTIST
Haiwen Zhang
Hometown: Beijing, China
Major: biology
Only 19 years old, Zhang is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate who will attend dental school at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston in the fall. He graduated in three years and completed an internship at MUSC last summer. He volunteered during the academic year at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and was a Helmus Creative Writing Contest short story winner.

FUTURE ACCOUNTANT
Sohne Campbell
Hometown: Paget, Bermuda
Major: accounting with a minor in business economics
A goalkeeper on the women’s soccer team, Campbell won the accounting departmental award during senior honors convocation. She was named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll all four years. Campbell will work with KPMG in Bermuda while getting her master’s degree in accounting.

KATIE PELLON
A financial services consultant with Ernst & Young in New York, N.Y.

PAUL COX
Student in the business management program at Wove Forest University

CONOR MCSHERY
Software developer and project manager for the National Security Agency in Ft. Meade, Md.

DEVAN MCCURRY
Public affairs staff with Medco & Van Allen in Charlotte, N.C.

JORDAN JENKINS
Mathematics teacher at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.

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Educational leadership consultant with Kappa Alpha Theta

BRITT FLEMMING
Student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine

TREY DALY
Teaching assistant at Jiaoton University in Xi’an, China
FUTURE CEO

Victoria DaSilva
Hometown: East Greenwich, R.I.
Majors: finance and mathematics with a concentration in applied math and a minor in studio art
After a trip to Portugal, Spain and Morocco, DaSilva will begin a job as a financial analyst with Wells Fargo Investment Bank in Charlotte, N.C. An accomplished painter and pianist who also competes nationally in sailing, DaSilva served as managing partner of the R. Michael James Student Managed Investment Fund. She was on the college’s winning CFA Institute Research Challenge team, the Math Research Group, the women’s tennis team, the Campus Union Financial Affairs Committee and the Chamber Music Trio.

FUTURE ATTORNEY

Joe Brook
Hometown: Columbia, S.C.
Majors: government and history
Brook will enter the University of North Carolina School of Law in the fall, where he plans to apply to write for the university’s law review. Brook won several South Carolina Press Association awards for his work as a senior writer on the Wofford Old Gold and Black student newspaper staff. He was vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, a member of the Hardin Pre-Law Society; a runner for Harrison, Smith, White and Coggins attorneys at law; and an avid and very vocal Terrier fan.

FUTURE ARTIST, CURATOR AND TEACHER

Mills Brown
Hometown: Florence, S.C.
Majors: art history and English with a concentration in studio art
Brown has been awarded a scholarship at American University in Washington, D.C., where she will pursue an MFA in studio art. As a Wofford student, Brown curated The Johnson Collection, started a graphic design business and published a children’s book, “The Artist’s Alphabet.” She undertook significant research on a body of important Southern landscapes and presented that research at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research.

FUTURE PROFESSOR

Chad Sauvola
Hometown: Greer, S.C.
Majors: art history and biology
Sauvola will attend MIT in the fall, where he will study molecular biology. (full tuition with stipend). He has completed research internships at MIT, the University of North Carolina and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Sauvola was one of the college’s honor graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA and was named the 2014 SCICU J. Lacy McLean Student of the Year.

FUTURE PHYSICIAN

Mariya Mohammed
Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.
Majors: biology and Spanish
A scholarship recipient planning to attend medical school at Wake Forest University, Mohammed completed three summer internships exploring various facets of health care, including an experience in computational science at Oakridge National Laboratories. She studied the health care industry in Santiago, Chile, during Interim and also spent a semester abroad in Granada, Spain. Mohammed has held leadership positions in Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and in Beta Beta Beta biological honor society.
The POWER of the GIFT

A graduate of the Class of 2015 weighs in on the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts

by Mills Brown '15
A painter since childhood, I have always known that the arts would play an important role in my education and career. However, as a senior in high school, my decision to choose Wofford over a college of fine arts became a simple one with the counseling of important faculty members such as Kris Neely '02 (assistant professor and coordinator of studio art). I quickly became a believer in the lifelong importance of a liberal arts education.

This year, a senior again, my Wofford mentors helped me make yet another life-changing decision: to pursue a master’s of fine arts in studio art from American University in Washington, D.C. Because of my undergraduate experience and the people who have helped shape it, I have the privilege of experiencing the best of both worlds: a liberal arts education as well as a studio-based experience.

For future students, however, artists in graduate school will study the same techniques and artistic movements that many have before them, but in addition to learning about impressionism or Cubism in the classroom, they also will have a studio and paintbrushes to experience the history of art-making in a much different way. Students of philosophy and literature will continue to read influential and traditional essays and plays, but now they will have a chance to see them performed, or even take part in performing plays themselves as if they were part of an ancient symposium. Students of biology, so accustomed to the hands-on experience in a lab, will have the chance to thrive in a new department of kinesthetic learning. Even students of economics and math, with their passion for detailed analysis, might find inspiration through the arts to visualize their sciences in new, original ways.

The new building’s physical location on campus also speaks to its broad impact. Tucked diagonally across the lawn from Main Building right beside the Roger Milliken Science Center, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will seamlessly connect every realm of learning and foster the growing diversity of our student body. Most importantly, the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts will continue to encourage the interdisciplinary sharing of ideas across campus, which I have discovered to be the most significant, exciting and rewarding aspect of the liberal arts experience at Wofford.

While I’d love to experience the wonders of the new building for myself, I’ll be content to return as a proud graduate and see how the new center fulfills the vision of transforming our campus community. Who knows, maybe I’ll be back here one day teaching or writing my own works. The possibilities are limitless, thanks to the power of the gift.

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Congratulations CLASS OF 2015

Speaker: Craig Melvin ’01, NBC Today Show correspondent

Honorary Degrees:
Hugh C. Lane Jr., South Carolina banker and philanthropist
Henry C. Giles Jr. ’68, longtime educator and the president of Spartanburg Community College

Teaching Awards:
Dr. John Moeller, associate professor of biology—Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science
Dr. Laura H. Barbas Rhoden, professor of Spanish—Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards:
Scott Jackson Neely ’00, pastoral executive at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg
Jon Nicholas Gault, a chemistry major with a minor in government from Union, S.C.

Mary Mildred Sullivan Awards:
Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, past president of Spartanburg Methodist College, new president of Pfeiffer University
Catherine Elizabeth Miller, an English and philosophy major from Zirconia, N.C.

Honor Graduates (4.0 GPAs):
Chad William Sauvola, an art history and biology major from Greer, S.C.
Justin William Whitaker, a physics and mathematics major with a minor in computer science and an emphasis in computational science from Free Home, Ga.
Alissa Marie Williams, a biology and computer science major with a minor in mathematics and an emphasis in computational science from Kentwood, Mich.

Read the full story on Commencement, view the photo gallery and watch the webcast at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
The United States Census Bureau reported that only 26 percent of employees in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields were women (2013 data). At Wofford College, the distribution is different: women make up about 53 percent of students in STEM fields.

In May, 94 women graduated from Wofford with majors in mathematics, computer science, biology, psychology, environmental studies, physics or chemistry. Many are headed to medical schools or Ph.D. programs to continue preparation for careers as professors, researchers, doctors, teachers and therapists. Many, like Samantha Hemleben, ’15, who recently was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Track & Field/Cross Country team, have a full scholarship with stipend to attend the University of California, Berkeley. She will pursue a Ph.D. in computational biology.

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HOLDING THEIR OWN

AN UPDATE FROM SOME OF THE WOMEN WHO WERE ON CAMPUS WHEN WOFFORD FIRST ADMITTED WOMEN AS RESIDENT STUDENTS

BY JOANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON ’89
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Whether holding their own in class or competing for playing time in Andrews Field House, Wofford’s first resident women students more than proved their place on campus. For a short period of time, their admission standards were higher than those of their male counterparts because the trustees wanted female enrollment to grow gradually. By the fall of 1978, 79 women and 221 men made up the entering class. The women of the time proved their competency, tenacity and resilience and paved the way for future women. Today the Wofford student body is split evenly between women and men.

The women of the time were pioneers, and the determination that they demonstrated on campus didn’t stop upon graduation. Here’s what some of those first residential-era women are doing more than 30 years later and what they remember most about Wofford.

Beth Dashell Wallace ’82, Shelley Henry Spearka ’75, Roberta Hurley Bigger ’81 and Dr. Carol Brasington Wilson ’81 (pictured on previous page, left to right) are all members of the faculty or staff at Wofford. They each have memories of living on campus, whereas the rest of us thought there was only one hotel room left in the entire area, so we were going camping in the Keys for Interim and having a 75-mile-per-hour storm blow away our entire tent village. There was only one hotel room left in the entire area, so all 25 of us stayed in one room that night.

Dr. Jacquelyn Holmes Bums ’81 is a small animal vet- erinarian and owner of Holmes Veterinary Hospital in Laurens, S.C. She is a deer and wild turkey hunter and has traveled throughout the United States and Mexico hunting turkeys. Wofford had ordered suede, fringed shoulder bags (so ’70s!) with a Wofford logo for our purses. “I’m not sure how many were sold, but we were touched by the thought!” Still, she says the best memories she has of Wofford are of those challenging times of change with all the grace, courtesy and deference one could ever expect.”}

Margaret Vevon Edgerton ’80 and her husband opened a nursery/garden center in Rutherfordton, N.C., right after graduation. They also started the Rutherford Too/ Builders/Developers. Edgerton went on to earn her real estate license and become a registered nurse. She currently works for Rutherford Regional Health System and sells real estate for Coldwell Banker Quarters in Lake Lure. She raised four successful children and loves to sail and coach recreational league soccer. “One of my Wofford College memories was dropping water balloons off the fifth floor of Wightman Hall when the other students were having their showers. We never hit anyone, just splashed their feet. Another memory was going camping in the Keys for Interim and having a 75-mile-per-hour storm blow away our entire tent village. There was only one hotel room left in the entire area, so all 25 of us stayed in one room that night.”

Lynn Smith Fox ’77 retired a few years ago after a long career with the Federal Reserve and now enjoys spending her time with her grandchildren. She is also the wife of a college president (St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.) and helps teach a course focused on the Fed. Fox attended Wofford for a few years but transferred to Smith College and graduated from there. She went to work on Capitol Hill right after graduation. “My daugh- ter was raised in D.C. and remembers the frantic years when I was Chairman Greenspan’s chief spokesperson and ran the public affairs program. When my husband became college president I took on a different role, working on a range of projects related to Sept. 11 and, later, the global financial crisis.” Fox says being one of the first group of women on campus during the time was hard, “but I had amazing posture and a zip in his stride, like he was full of piss and vinegar…. I came to his memorial service... sat in the back and wept through the entire service.”

Becky Cubbage Dukes ’81 is the literary coach for Allendale-Fairfax High School and the district test coor- dinator for Allendale (S.C.) County Schools. She and her husband, Charles, have two children, Adam (18) and Aaron (12). “My favorite memories from my years at Wofford College all center around the many sports events that I attended as a cheerleader. We spent many hours together practicing, traveling to games and representing Wofford at college events.” Several years ago she helped organize a Facebook group of those first cheerleaders as well as silentmats and roommates. They take a summer trip every two years and gather for Homecoming. “We remember special memories from our years at Wofford and make new memories together.”

Lynn Smith Fox ’77 then (in her current position as an attorney with the University of Virginia Health System).
Anna Todd Wofford scholarships and was so impressed with Anna’s triple name that she adopted “Lynn Smith Fox” professionally. “I loved the Wofford faculty and President. Joe Lescensie (he got dorms for women)... I became intellectually ambitious as a result of being around smart students and teachers. I spent interim in London... even took my first plane flight to get there... It was an incredible, formative experience and partly the cause of my lifelong commitment to liberal arts colleges. There’s no better education, and Wofford gets it right.”

Lynn Hawkins ’77 says she learned to stand up for herself at Wofford. “I learned to say what I thought, even if it wasn’t the most popular viewpoint. I learned that my viewpoint was often different, but no less important. Wofford made a woman out of a girl. That woman grew up to be me, and I am still standing up and speaking out for others.” After graduation, Hawkins worked in child protective services investigating child abuse and neglect. She says she saw things that still haunt her today. She is now the executive director of Safe Homes Rape Crisis Coalition in Spartanburg. For 26 years, she has been a voice for women who are too afraid to speak.

Dr. Cynthia Moore Heldrich ’79 knew she was going to Wofford when she was 5 years old. “We rode by the college all the time, and my dad told me I couldn’t go there because it was for boys only. At 5, I really did not understand that; and fortunately, did not pay much attention to what my dad said. As time passed, and I knew I wanted to go to med school, Wofford fit right into my plan. I met Dr. Dobbs, the most wonderful, supportive professor I have ever known (excluding my husband, who teaches organic chemistry at College of Charleston), and with hard work and determination, I got to do what I wanted to do and have no regrets about it.” The Heldrichs live in West Ashley, S.C., and have one son. Heldrich owns a pediatric practice that is part of Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

Norma Lynn Fant Higgins ’81 was recently on campus celebrating the Commencement of her son, Fess Higgins, Class of 2015. After graduation from Wofford, she earned a master’s degree in social work. She has worked in Washington, D.C., for Kaiser Permanente and the Psychiatric Institute of America, gaining experience in working with young women with eating disorders. When she moved back to Charleston, S.C., she opened a private practice. Currently she works for the Medical University of South Carolina with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Environmental Control to expand testing for HIV in hospital emergency rooms and for the Ryan White Program in the Department of Infectious Diseases. She continues to work in private practice seeing college and high school students with eating disorders as well as adults with mental health concerns. Higgins says her favorite memories of Wofford involve a whipped cream fight with her roommate and her work as the student assistant for Dr. Lewis P. Jones ’38. “He told me to answer the phone in his office. When he left, and the phone started ringing, it was not in its usual place in the bottom of the file cabinet, but outside on the window ledge in the snow.”

Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross ’81 is an associate professor of political science and international studies at McDaniel College. She’s currently on leave from McDaniel and working as the senior vice president of academic innovation for BridgeEdU in Baltimore, Md. Johnson-Ross conducted her doctoral research in Cameroon and was a Fulbright Fellow to Cameroon during 2006-07. She’s taken groups of students there as well as to Zimbabwe and also has traveled, lectured and studied in other places in Africa. Johnson-Ross was in the second group of women residents at Wofford and was offered the only black student in a class. “To be quite honest, I was very bitter about many of my experiences at Wofford... in retrospect, I gained a greater deal from Wofford I have treasured friendships and a network of alumni that can be accessed successfully (which I did even when I lived in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and spotted a Wofford bumper sticker). I also learned many of the strategies and tools that remain useful today, like mediation, listening to others’ perspectives and accepting the challenge of educating others about cultures and worldviews different from their own. I gained a world-class education at Wofford, and for that, I am grateful.”

Living in Timonium, Md., Pam Mason ’77 directs the Medical Education Grants Office at AstraZeneca in Wilmington, Del. Her department is responsible for evaluating and funding grant applications for educational activities for health care professionals. “I believe in being an active participant, not a bystander, and giving back to the community both professionally and personally. Actions always speak louder than words. It’s all about how you treat people, doing what you say and working toward positive change.” She is a fellow of the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions, past...
leader of the industry member section and currently is serving on committees for advocacy and membership. She’s been recognized over the years for contributions to the field and this year became an emeritus board member for the Allergy & Asthma Network, having served 17 years on its board of directors, including a term as chair. She also was a member of the National Task Force on CME Provider/Industry Collaboration from 1998 to 2012. After graduation from Wofford, Mason worked in pulmonary and allergy research labs at Johns Hopkins while in graduate school. From there she built a career in medical affairs and education and has become an expert in the field, directing and speaking at national conferences. She and her husband, Scot Swanson, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They have three sons and four grandchildren. “My years at Wofford helped shape who I am today. I learned a lot about myself—how to communicate, how to interact with others who may have very different opinions and how to focus on positive change. I felt challenged, both positively and negatively. It was difficult for me to understand why anyone would object to having women as students at Wofford. The other women and I started a group called the Association of Wofford Women to promote the interests of female students and address the issues that affected their lives on campus.” She still feels the influence of Dr. James Seegars, Dr. Don Scott, Dr. John Pilley, Dr. Scot Morrow and her husband, who is in the military, and their three children. After graduating from Wofford, JoAnn Miller ’78 moved to Richmond, Va., and joined the investment brokerage firm of Wheat, First Securities, where she remained for 10 years before moving back to Spartanburg. After 30 years in the Investment industry, she retired as an investment adviser from Wachovia Securities. “In 1975 I was attending a small college in North Carolina. During a visit home to see my family, I stopped at Wofford just to get some information. It was my great, good fortune to meet Charlie Gray ’72 on that fateful day. He invited me in, asked me questions and just talked to me. I didn’t think too much about it. A few weeks later I received a letter from Wofford offering me a full academic scholarship to come join the first co-ed group in the fall of 1975. Brilliant professors, friends, adventures and Wofford staff changed my life forever, and I am eternally grateful.”

Cheryl Martin Shell ’77 was an assistant principal at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va., planning for retirement in 2017. She’s lived all over the country with her husband, who is in the military, and their son, Robert Jr. Shell remembers Wofford as being “very academically challenging, but it was small enough for students to personally meet with their professors and to form lasting relationships with peers and support staff.”

Dr. Alice Buddin Teague ’81 practiced as a partner with Charlotte Obstetrics and Gynecology before teaching medical assistant students at King’s College. She enjoys combining her background in medicine with her love of teaching. Teague also stays busy with three children: Matt (20), Chris (19) and Laura (17). Her favorite memories of Wofford involve performing with the Wofford Singers in a vocal ensemble that toured the Southeastern states and Mexico with the Wofford Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Vic Bilanchone. “The music program united students from all aspects of campus who shared a love of singing and performing, and I made many lifelong friends with whom I still keep in touch.”

Judith Klasen Tolbert ’77 was not a traditional student when she attended Wofford. She already had bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from Converse and was a piano and organ teacher and organist at St. John’s Lutheran Church. She was teaching music at Presbyterian College and working as a church musician when she married Tom Tolbert ’67. They have one daughter. Tolbert eventually became a CPA but continued to serve as a church musician. Tolbert says she will never forget her first biology lab at Wofford, something that taught her to have confidence and ask for help. Tolbert’s family donated the works of South Carolina artist Julia Elizabeth Tolbert to Wofford, and they contributed funds for the renovation of the Montgomery Music Building (a practice room is named in their honor). “My experiences at and related to Wofford have very much affected my life in ways I could never have imagined.”

Suzanne Gray Wilkie ’81 lives on the water in Beaufort, S.C., with her husband, Billy, who is a local artist. She is a partner and controller of Gray RE Holdings and Venture Inc. Wilkie says that when she’s not working, she’s usually on the tennis courts. She has a son, Chandler, who lives in Asheville, N.C. “I have many fond memories from Wofford, but most involve watching the Terrier soccer teams throughout my four years. I had friends who went to larger schools, but they always wanted to visit Wofford because we had SO many friends. That speaks volumes.”

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Joyce Payne Yette ’80 is the general counsel at Promontory Financial Group in Washington, D.C. She has served on the Wofford College Board of Trustees and is currently on the steering committee of the college’s Black Alumni Summit. “Some of my best memories at Wofford are from my work study job in the Admission Office. Charlie Gray ’72 was the director of admission at the time. I was inspired by the dedicated staff and learned so much about Wofford that I probably wouldn’t have learned otherwise. I became one of the first students who visiting applicants and their parents met upon arriving at campus. It was important to me to be able to represent an academically successful and community service-oriented student body.” Yette has two daughters.

For more bios and photos from Wofford’s first women, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday
“When no one (including Spartanburg Fire and Rescue) could control the flying food, Dean [Frank] Logan stepped into the middle of total chaos: ‘What in the hell is going on?!?!’ Order was immediately restored, followed by T-bone steaks with trimmings served at our next evening meal!”

“Tables turned on their side for fortifications, spaghetti spattering against the floor-to-ceiling windows and sliding down, cops, fire trucks, the mob’s parade down Main Street to Converse, where that oldest of traditions, a panty raid, ensued… the overreaching local constabulary sicced the dogs on us, and we called it a day. A good way to cap our years at dear ol’ WC.”

More than any other memory, it seems, the Wofford Class of 1965 remembers the food riot best. They shared food fight stories and other tales of their Wofford experience in a booklet published for their 50-year reunion.

Each year Wofford holds the 50th class reunion during Commencement weekend. The class joins the 50-Year Club at Homecoming, but their special reunion weekend in the spring includes leading the newest class of graduates during graduation, a reunion dinner and lots of catching up with old friends. This year 47 members of the class were present for the reunion (including Billy Rivers and Jerry Park, whose memories of the food riot lead this article).

Many alumni point to Dean Frank Logan as a mentor during their college careers. The Rev. Doug Bowling, who carried the Class of 1965 banner during Commencement, for example, tells how he met with Logan shortly after being accepted as a transfer student in 1963:

“He glared across his desk and said, ‘You’ve been accepted to Wofford. Just how in the hell do you plan to pay for this?’ I replied, ‘Sir, I have no idea.’ He shoved three forms across his desk. One was an annual grant from a church, the second a National Defense Loan and the third a Methodist Foundation loan. He said, ‘I’ve filled out those forms. Now sign them!’ I did! Because of his gruff love I have a degree from Wofford. May the angels bless him forever.”

Bowling is now enjoying life as a retired United Methodist minister in Greer, S.C., with his wife, Marlene.

Todd Heldreth writes that he owes his degree to his wife, Carolyn, and Logan both for his degree: “Dean Frank Logan was a mentor to me and taught me what a real Wofford man should be. At graduation Wofford awarded my wife an honorary degree-PHT (Pushing Hubby Through)… This was from the heart and was well deserved.”

He continued working 43 years in education before retiring in 2011. He and his wife live in Lexington, S.C., where he is heavily involved in his community.

Frank James “Jim” DeVine Jr. worked in textiles for 25 years before switching to work as a wellness specialist at 47. He now works part time for the Ann Spring Close Sports Complex in Fort Mill, S.C., “I got into fitness at age 40, and have run marathons and triathlons since. I even did the ironman triathlon at age 65,” writes DeVine. “I have always been proud to be a Wofford grad.”

James D. Caggiano Jr. fondly remembers the words of his “enthralling” professors, including his geology professor, John Harrington, who taught him to understand “the was-ness of the is.” Wofford’s ROTC program was also memorable: “I/O/C did the best it could to prepare a very green, not very gung-ho second lieutenant for the most absurd first set of orders imaginable, as commanding officer of an ammunition renovation detachment that did not exist, had to be formed up, go through basic training and then deploy to Vietnam. I think I survived the ordeal.”

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The business office was still running the Pleasure Fund—created by a member of the Class of 1939—and the Old Gold and Black student newspaper noted that on afternoons before a fraternity weekend or dance, the business office looked like a loan office!

For Homecoming the bands included The Vibrations, Dr. Feelgood and the Interns and Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs.

"Remember having to fight sleep in a hot, sunny third-floor Philosophy class, fearing lightning strikes in an 8 a.m. Saturday religion class, and Dean Logan and the cafeteria [food riot]."

Jeff D. Moss

"Wofford was certainly not a 'give me' education, in that you had to work for what you got—a good lesson for life. It has never let me down."

Ken Davis

"Frank Logan was especially helpful. I returned to Wofford after 25 years, walked into his office on campus, and without introducing myself, he greeted me by name. THAT IS WOFFORD."

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A “FOOL” AND HIS MONEY

Jason Moser shares investment secrets with his daughters—and the rest of the world

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Hannah Moser (age 10) and Ansley Moser (age 8) put their fairy tooth and birthday money to work. They invest in Starbucks, Under Armour and Apple, as well as four other companies, but then what do you expect from the daughters of Jason Moser ’93, an analyst for The Motley Fool?

In typical Fool fashion (which means that it’s easy for the average person to understand), Moser shares investment tips, and sometimes parenting advice—especially when it comes to money.

Moser says he started talking with his daughters about the stock market over lunch at Panera Bread Co.

“At the time I worked shares in Panera, so I just said, ‘Hey, we own a little bit of this business,’” says Moser. “Now they definitely appreciate the fact that when they put on their Under Armour gear when we shop at Whole Foods, they are paying themselves. They think it’s own part of a business, to be on board and support what they’re doing.”

Working at The Motley Fool allows Moser the flexibility of taking and picking up his daughters from school each day. He loves the time with them, whether they talk investing or not, and he loves his job.

“I can’t speak highly enough of this place,” he says. “I’ve been with The Fool for more than five years, and I don’t feel like I go to work…. It’s like Montessori school for adults.”

After graduating from Wofford with a B.A. in economics, Moser went to work as a management trainee at the American Bank of Commerce in Spartanburg. He then worked as a financial advisor with Fidelity Investments, but then what do you expect from the daughters of Jason Moser ‘93, an analyst for The Motley Fool?

“Heavy Gravity,” class chair

In April, Lacey Hilliard Dellinger joined the staff of MeadWestvaco as a sales development executive. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, Matthew.

Living in Conroe, Texas, with her husband, Mark, who is a sales executive with CB&I in The Woodlands, says: “I was a student-teacher with CB&I in The Woodlands. They were married this past August.”

LaFlyette and Ancy Mia Young Stewart announce the birth of Colman Annice Stewart, born Oct. 24, 2014. She joins big brother, Cameron. The family lives in North Augusta, S.C.

Nathan Madison, class chair

Leah Gaylor Fitch and Austin Fitch ’09 announce the birth of Marla Fitch, born Dec. 21, 2014. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Amber Evans Ludeman is the CEO of My Solar System and her husband, Russell Steven Ludeman, live in Altus, Okla.

Payton Huy, class chair

Both employed by the U.S. Senate, Paige Halley and Allen Hanson were married on Oct. 25, 2014. They live in Arlington, Va.

Dr. Ashley Carr Sims and Dr. Cole Sims announce the birth of Collins McCoy Sims, born Feb. 23, 2015. The family lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Will Higo and Cruze Springs were married May 2, 2015. Will holds a master’s degree in accounting and is employed with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Spartanburg. Candice has a master’s degree in health administration. She is employed by Greenville Health System. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Kate Hendricks and Othniel Laffitte were married May 21, 2015. They live in Greenville, S.C., where Othniel is a relationship manager at First Citizens Bank. Kate is a law clerk for the Hon. Helen Elizabeth Burriss of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Spartanburg.

A reunion assistant for Converse College, Kelsey Leahy lives in Spartanburg.

Nan Pham, class chair

Paige Forrester and Grant Smith were married on May 2, 2015. They live in Pauline, S.C.

Completing her medical residency in pediatrics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Dr. Amna Ahmed Hussain lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Zain.

Jessica Lee and Christopher Dunkerley were married April 11, 2015. Lee is a contact center team manager for Blackbaud Inc. She and her husband live in Charleston, S.C.

Halle Wilhite, class chair

Rob Gorrell has been hired by Colloton Preparatory Academy in Walterboro, S.C., to be the head varsity football coach. Gorrell has been a member of the Barnwell High School football and basketball coaching staff as well as a math teacher for the past three years.

Lizzy Lambert, a May graduate of Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law, recently heard her article: “The Internal Revenue Service and Bitcoin: A Taxing Relationship,” accepted for publication in the Virginia Tax Review. The article discusses the tax reporting approach to the valuation of bitcoins and the problems that arise from this approach. Lambert has been hired as a student-writing editor for the Mercer Law Review and an editor for the Journal of Student Media and is currently enrolled at the University of Florida Levin College of Law in the tax program.

Sarah Carter lives in New York City, and is an analyst with Barclays.

Living in California, James Detter is working as the executive director of Loris Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, a subsidiary of Blackbaud Inc.

James Lawson has been named minister to students at Secona Baptist Church in Spartanburg. He plans to begin seminary this summer.

THREE GRADUATES RETURN TO SHARE INSIGHTS

Clinical Psychology 420 uses practicing clinicians to train future professionals

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Dr. John LeFebvre, chairman of the Department of Psychology, expects his Clinical Psychology 420 students to struggle in this class—but he doesn’t expect them to struggle alone.

Three Wofford graduates—Stefanie Carrigan ’06, Erin Cosho ’07 and Paige Forrester Smith ’11—are practicing therapists in the Spartanburg community—tools returning to campus this spring, presenting real-life scenarios, talking to the class about careers in the field, and serving as sounding board and advisors for class discussions.

“This class helped set me up for success in graduate school. I was constantly referring back to the notes,” says Cosho, who works as the Spartanburg County School District 1 school-based supervisor through Spartanburg Area Mental Health (SAMH). She also offers contract therapy at the Children’s Advocacy Center. “I was honored to be asked to return.”

Cosho majored in psychology and sociology at Wofford and earned her master’s degree at the University of South Carolina.

“Even if students in the class are not going to become practicing therapists, everyone in health care is going to deal with people with mental issues,” she says. “This class helps the students realize that their own observations, biases and issues affect their diagnosis and response to the patient. Raising awareness helps them remove that variable.”

Smith, who earned a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy from Converse College and went on to earn her state license in the field, works with SAMH. As the Deputy Director of Social Services (DS) liaison, she assesses clients and does therapy with clients of both organizations.

“This was my favorite class at Wofford,” says Smith, who majored in psychology and minored in religion. “I was prepared for graduate school, but more importantly it has prepared me for the challenges of the workplace.”

Smith says that she takes time out of her day to help with the class because she wants to prepare Wofford students for the different people who will walk through the door.

“Spartanburg Area Mental Health is happy to give us the time to help with Dr. LeFebvre’s class because they want us involved in the community. Also, someone in the class could become the next mental health professionals,” she says.

LeFebvre, who designed the class, expects students to finish the course with the ability to think and write like a clinician.

“Other schools often teach this type of course as a how-to, we use a problem-based approach,” he says. “Students study textbook theories then apply them to real-world scenarios. Because they are based on actual situations, they learn much harder and the lines are fuzzy. The students have to come up with a diagnosis, but they’re not over-sly. They struggle mightily with this, and I want that because that is what patients do.”

Carrigan, a psychologist major at Wofford who went on to earn a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy at Converse, says the class was beneficial to her for that very reason.

“Cases are not all black and white,” says Carrigan, the Spartanburg County School District 2 school counselor and therapist who worked with Wofford students for the class. “I was not certain how to approach these or how to help students, but the class helped me for the times I didn’t know a definite diagnosis but have to find a way to help anyway.”

Carrigan, Smith and Cosho all feel they’ve come full circle, and all they believe that helping their classmates will enable them to better help patients.

“Dr. LeFebvre sends us the students’ papers,” says Carrigan. “These students are smart, and they have great eyes and insights. Sometimes they point out something that clicks and that I can use to help a patient.”

According to LeFebvre, Carrigan, Cosho and Smith are in good company. Dr. James E. Seagraves, professor emeritus of psychology, was the first departmental’s present cases to the class. Other local mental health practitioners have followed suit.

“We have a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for sharing that experience right here in Spartanburg,” says LeFebvre. “Our graduates are hard-done and well, and we appreciate them returning to share with current students.”
George Edwin Tate Sr., April 10, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Tate served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was Commander of the USAF School and founded Tate Furniture. During his furniture career, Tate was named Business Man of the Year by the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1976. He was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

Addie Clyde Tomblin, April 22, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Addie Clyde Tomblin was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at Wofford. She was an active member of the community. She was active in the church and community. She was a member of the community.

James Alvin Cannon, April 23, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Cannon was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

Dr. Fraughton Godbold Ford, March 14, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Dr. Ford retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, Ford was a Sunday School teacher and secretary of the Wofford Lions Club.

Charles Y. Workman Jr., March 22, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Workman was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

George “Jerry” Jester, April 22, 2015, Salina, Kan. Jester left Wofford to play football for the University of Wyoming, where he later was inducted into the football hall of fame. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1974.

James Anderson Berry Jr., April 1, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Berry was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

Billy Smith Davis, May 12, 2015, Columbus, S.C. Davis received his draft notice the same day as his wife’s diploma. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1943 before beginning his career with First Federal Savings and Loan in Spartanburg. He retired from Union Federal Savings and Loan.

James “Jimmy” “Stick” Rufus Gordon, April 2, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Gordon was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

Donald James Petersen, May 8, 2015, Columbus, S.C. Petersen served as a medic in the U.S. Marines during World War II. He worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative for several years before opening a private orthopedic surgical practice.

Dr. Robert Evans Holman, March 18, 2015, Ellerlee, S.C. Holman was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

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Michael John Roebuck, March 4, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Roebuck was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

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Nathaniel Sylvester II, April 20, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Nathaniel was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

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Michael Allgood Johnson, April 26, 2015, Greenville, S.C. Johnson was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

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Vernon Freeman “Rose” Tate Jr., April 26, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Tate was a member of the community. He was active in the church and community. He was a member of the community.

Karen Lentz, May 13, 2015, Hickory, N.C. Lentz served as a nurse with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. She was a member of the community. She was active in the church and community. She was a member of the community.

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TALKING WOFFORD AND CROP ROTATION

Gathering tobacco on my dad’s farm during the summers when I was growing up taught me a lot, like the value of sunscreen and of keeping a hoe within reach to fend off water moccasins. It also taught me the value of planning ahead for the next crop, even while harvesting the crop still in the field.

Likewise, Wofford’s Office of Admission continuously plans ahead for the next crop of students. One crop graduates. Another prepares to enroll, and year after year, crop after crop, outstanding students become outstanding graduates. Our Wofford degrees become stronger with each class. The work of the college’s Admission Office, however, does not happen by accident. They need alumni assistance to succeed in their work.

As a member of the Wofford College Alumni Association, you can help by identifying prospective students in your community and getting them to visit the campus. Describe the value of a Wofford education. Tell personal stories about your Wofford experiences. These help prospective students connect to the college on a personal level. Once on campus, the Office of Admission is adept at helping prospective students determine how Wofford fits into their future.

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Go Terriers!

Andy Beeson ’90
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

WELCOME CLASS OF 2015

Our ranks grew by 368 with the graduation of the Class of 2015 in May. On behalf of the Wofford College Alumni Association, we welcome our newest Wofford alumni to the fold and congratulate them on their achievement.

VICKIE MULLER ELECTED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FOR 2016

The alumni association recently elected Vickie R. Muller ’83 of Columbia, S.C., as president for 2016. Muller brings to the association substantial professional experience in higher education and volunteer experience leading the Black Alumni Summit’s highly successful campaign to raise money for the multi-cultural house and engage African-American alumni more fully in the life and work of the college. Her natural leadership skills make her a perfect fit to lead the Wofford College Alumni Association. We are fortunate that she is willing to serve.

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