Student-athletes say THANK YOU for the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium
Tis the season of giving... but then that’s not unusual here at Wofford. 

Prema and I constantly are humbled by the generosity of the Wofford community. We have met Wofford friends who have saved much of their lives so that they could establish an endowed scholarship for a deserving student… alumni who consider it their responsibility to make an annual gift to the Wofford Fund… faculty who contribute to internship funds so that their students have access to opportunities to learn year round. All gifts, regardless of size, make a huge impact on the success of Wofford College. Some of the stories of these gifts are highlighted in this issue. For example, look for stories on Betty and Billy Wood ’50, Gary Blount ’10 and Matt ’10 and Kinli Bare Abee ’08.

In celebration of another game-changing gift, the Wofford community broke ground Oct. 20 on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium. This follows the spring 2015 groundbreaking for the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.

Wofford also made another strategic move toward accomplishing its vision of preparing superior students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars by announcing the allocation of $300,000 each year toward scholarships for first-generation college students from South Carolina and the Spartanburg community. The Office of Admission already is hard at work recruiting this first class of first-generation scholars. These gifts, and the ones to follow during this last month of 2015, will continue to improve the lives of our students, their families and the communities in which they eventually will live. Your gifts also will continue to build Wofford’s reputation as a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college. Please join us as we continue to build this extraordinary Wofford College community based on excellence, engagement and transformation.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef
Whetsell Fellow Margherita Cole ’16, an art history major and studio arts minor from Redlands, Calif., took her artwork in a comical direction this summer. Her collection of hand-drawn comic strips portrays scenes from art history. They will be on display in the Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery of the Campus Life Building through January.

Read more about Cole and her creative process at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
Carolinas Miracle League is special athletes from the spending time with the student-athletes say that League volunteer. Wofford first experience as a Miracle Marietta, Ga., enjoyed his Massey ‘19, an infielder from this fall. Above, Reed as Miracle League buddies spent some quality time Wofford student-athletes BASEBALL SHARES A. WOFFORD

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B. COLLEGE LEADS REFUGEE RESettleMENT UNDERSTANDING

The full Wofford professors Dr. Laura Barba Rhoden (modern languages, literature, and culture), Dr. Philip Darrell (religion), Dr. Mark Byam (history) and Dr. Kim Ilstrom (English) participated in a Refugee Resettlement Panel moderated by Dr. Byron McCane, Albert C. Butler Professor of Religion. The forum offered students and the local community an opportunity to hear from well-informed voices on the issues.

Read more about the H. BENTLEY

PROFESSORSHIPS

WOFFORD

E. MOSS AND SYKES NAMED TO ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

Graduated Wofford student-athletes Anthony Jones ’03, Nick Schuurman ’10 and Brandon Waring ’08 were selected by the Terrier Club’s Hall of Fame Committee for induction into the Wofford College Athletics Hall of Fame. In addition, the Hall of Fame honored Wade and Harry Keisler as the Distinguished Service Award recipients and Todd Shrewsberry as an Honorary Life Commit.

Read more about the F. WOFFORD TAILGATE SCENE IN USA TODAY

E. Moss has been named as the college’s third Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology, and Dr. David A. Sykes has been named the Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Computer Science.

According to Dr. Dennis Wiseman, provost, they each offer stellar examples of the extraordinary teachers and mentors who work with students at Wofford College.

Read more about the C. HALL OF FAME INDUCTS TERRIER STANDOUTS

G. PATEL STUDIES HEALTH CARE IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Smaller campuses host some of the best parties,” writes Joe Cahn, who has listed the Wofford tailgating scene among the “10Best: Small schools with big tailgating traditions” in the country. He raves about Wofford’s traditions in one of the college’s most beloved Homecoming 2015.

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Jessica Graham ’16 (pink headband), a senior libero on the volleyball team, set a new college record for career digs. She broke the record set previously by Reagan Styles Breitenstein ’13. Not only is Graham a standout student-athlete, she’s also a member of ROTC through the college’s Southern Guard Battalion.

Read more about Graham and her record-breaking year at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
The ball is in play!

Wofford breaks ground for the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium with celebratory tip-off event

by Annie S. Mitchell
Breaking ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium is the start of something very special that, along with the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, will be a game-changer for Wofford College.\(^{1}\)

— Wofford President Nayef Samhat

Thirty years ago, Jerry Richardson '59 arrived at the event by driving a golf cart through a tunnel of hundreds of cheering student-athletes and excited, thankful members of the Wofford community.

Tip-offs in basketball start the game," opened President Nayef Samhat. "There are no dunks, blocks or steals without a tip-off. Breaking ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium is the start of something very special that, along with the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, will be a game-changer for Wofford College."

Richardson joined at the tip-off by his wife, Rosalind Sallenger Richardson, personally provided the gift to fund the facility. The indoor stadium, slated for completion in September 2017, promises to be one of the finest, most well-conceived and most advanced arenas in all of college sports. Richardson also provided a gift to build the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, future home to academic programs in theatre, visual arts and art history.

"When Wofford decided to make the move from Division II to Division I, there was fear that we would be tempted to recruit and enroll star athletes but not star students. If anything, our standards have increased, and this facility will show our unwavering commitment to excellence in every facet of the Wofford experience," said head men's basketball coach Mike Young.

Young continued his comments by presenting Richardson with one of the seats that make up the men's basketball team bench. The seat was marked, "Reserved for #51"—Richardson's Wofford football jersey number.

"As we break ground today on the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, gratefulness just scratches the surface of how we feel," said Young. "Mr. Richardson, we sure are glad that you’re on our team. You have a seat on our bench anytime—literally!"

Richardson immediately stood and had the chair he was sitting in replaced with his personalized bench seat, drawing laughter from an energized crowd.

Wofford’s newest member of the coaching staff, head volleyball coach Lynze Roos, followed Young at the podium. "When volleyball or basketball players lace up their shoes, step onto the arena floor and play in

The Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium

Fast Facts

» 123,000-square-foot facility
» 3,400-seat basketball arena for men’s and women’s games
» 500-seat volleyball competition venue
» 4,500-seat capacity for non-athletics events such as Commencement and concerts

Features include:
» open-air suites
» home and visitor locker rooms for various sports
» state-of-the-art training room
» coaches’ offices
» team meeting rooms

OPENING FALL 2017
Alumni and friends of the college often ask how they can help Wofford. One way is to be ready and willing to share positive Wofford experiences; those are the best advertisement for the college, hands down. Another way to help is to be prepared with “Why Wofford” elevator speeches. Here are a few highlights of the Wofford experience that are definitely worth sharing.

1. **Because Wofford Emphasizes Global Learning**
   The college is #6 in the nation among baccalaureate institutions for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit. Wofford students have studied in more than 70 countries and on all 7 continents.

2. **Because Terriers Are Tough... And Cool**
   A century ago Wofford athletics teams chose the Boston Terrier as their mascot. The small but tenacious and fierce dog is full of intelligence and energy, making it an ideal mascot for the 1,650 undergraduates who call Wofford home.

3. **Because Students Like It Here**
   94 percent of students live on campus all four years and enjoy a housing plan that supports students as they progress from first year through fourth in a close-knit community that builds a sense of personal responsibility and ultimately independence.

4. **Because Wofford Prepares Students For What’s Next**
   After taking advantage of four years of opportunities designed to help them engage and explore the world, Wofford students are prepared for what’s next. This past summer more than 200 students completed internships or research experiences around the globe. Recent internship locations include: ABC News, the Aspen Institute, the Bonner Foundation, Citigroup Hong Kong, CNN, Manipal Technologies in India, Michelin North America, NASA, Oxford University in England, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Smithsonian Institute and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

5. **Because Wofford Believes in Educating the Whole Student**
   Every part of college life—academics, athletics, residence life and co-curricular programming—works in concert to produce an environment where students learn around the clock, on campus, in the community and around the globe. Because of this commitment, Wofford scores among the best in the country on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which measures high-impact, transformative learning experiences.

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WOFFORD COLLEGE COMMITS
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TO FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

$20,000 renewable scholarships per year
designed to encourage college
by Laura Hendrix Corbin
and Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
My parents run their own heating and air-conditioning business. Having a college degree would have helped them, and I know from watching them that a college degree will be a great asset for me if I own my own business one day. I chose Wofford because the college offered me a great financial aid package, and I fell in love with the beautiful campus.”

For Patricia Orozco ’18, the biggest influence on her decision to attend college came from her parents—who never made it past the sixth grade in their home country of Mexico. Now, the Wofford College sophomore—the first in her family to go to college—encourages other high school students to become college pioneers.

“My advice to them would be to move forward,” says Orozco, who says her parents always encouraged her in her lifelong dream of going to college. “If there’s something or someone holding them back, let it go and move forward. There’s always help available, and there should not be a reason for someone not to go to college and study what they want to study.”

Now, Wofford College is providing additional support for these students, announcing plans to commit $300,000 in scholarships for 15 first-generation college students from South Carolina to attend Wofford. Five of those scholarships will be designated for students coming from Spartanburg County.

“Every year a number of outstanding first-generation students enroll at Wofford. We want to continue that tradition and make attending Wofford more affordable,” Brand Stille ’86, vice president for enrollment, says. “To do this, we announced the addition of 15 merit scholarships, valued at $20,000 per year, to be awarded to South Carolina students who represent the first generation in their families to attend college. These scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis using admission applications.”

“I believe these scholarships will be a great opportunity for first-generation students,” says Orozco, who is a Bonner Scholar and Wofford Ambassador. “Wofford is a great college, but many students are discouraged from applying because they do not know where or how to get more scholarships. A scholarship program for first-generation students will encourage them to apply here.”

According to Wofford President Nayef Samhat, nearly 15 percent of Wofford students are the first in their families to attend college.

“Wofford College is committed to providing transformative education experiences that are both accessible and affordable,” says Samhat. “First-generation college students go back and change the future of their family trees. They make their communities better places in which to live and raise families. This new scholarship program for first-generation students is intended to keep these outstanding students in our community for their college years and beyond. This scholarship is just one way that Wofford College is demonstrating its commitment to lifting our state and nation by educating the citizen-leaders of tomorrow.”

Last year the New York Times recognized Wofford as one of the most economically diverse colleges in the country and recently named Wofford among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students.” First-generation students at Wofford are similar academically to other students at the college, Stille says, but they are more likely to be underrepresented minority students.

“This initiative continues to build on our strength in economic diversity and may enhance other types of diversity, too,” says Stille. “We want first-generation students to know that financial aid is available at Wofford and that meeting the cost of a private liberal arts college may be possible for them.”

A significant number of first-generation students at Wofford come from Spartanburg County, Stille says, explaining why five of the merit scholarships have been set aside for students from Spartanburg: “This is our community, and we want to encourage and help students from our surrounding area to attend Wofford.”

Orozco, a biology major who plans to attend medical school, says she wants to come back to the Spartanburg community to serve the large Hispanic community here after she becomes a doctor.
Where I’m from, higher education is a rare thing. I apply myself at whatever I do so that I can take advantage of this opportunity. My environment motivated me to be successful. Teachers put me on an honors track in middle school, and since then I’ve always worked to be the best that I can be, whether in the classroom, on the football field or in society. I’m grateful that Wofford chose me. Coach Nathan Fuqua ’03 put his faith in me, and now I’m here getting a great education and playing football on a championship team.”

TERRANCE MORRIS ’16
a mathematics major from Chester, S.C., plays outside linebacker for the Terriers. He was sidelined in August after tearing his ACL, MCL and meniscus during the preseason.

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For many students, the chance to get an education at Wofford is the biggest opportunity that they’ve ever had. They want to establish their place at the college and perform well quickly. We talk a good bit about academic courage because a student who is fearless on the football field—catching a pass in the middle of the field knowing that he’s about to be hit—can use that same confidence when he raises his hand in class. Watching students grow in confidence and presence is the best part of my job.”

Carol Wilson ’81 serves as professor of English and coordinator of academic advising at Wofford College. She enjoys teaching all students but has a special place in her heart for first-generation college students. As an academic coach, she advises students about time management and study strategies, but she also understands that students need good partners across the campus community who will offer college resources that support academic success. When she meets with a student for the first time, she starts by asking lots of questions about the student’s hopes and goals. Wilson may also talk about football, basketball, video games, even Lilly Pulitzer... whatever it takes to build her credibility and to establish a relationship with the students who come to her for advice about academic success.

In academic coaching, she has learned a lot from Wofford’s athletics teams, for whom performance is the measure of academic as well as athletic success. “I love the idea of a ‘read step,’ a physical move that student-athletes use to give themselves mental space to evaluate choices before them on a court or field,” says Wilson. “A student-athlete on the football team explained the concept to me, and I often encourage students to examine their academic opportunities fully, evaluate what’s before them and use the resources that Wofford offers as well as all they know to decide how to proceed.” Wilson has surprised more than one Wofford football student-athlete by asking about their read step.

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DR. CAROL WILSON: PROVIDING A BASE OF SUPPORT AND FOSTERING ACADEMIC COURAGE

WATCHING STUDENTS GROW IN CONFIDENCE
It was important to my parents and to me that I go to college. My dad is a truck driver. It’s hard, manual work, and he and my mom both want me to have a different life. I gravitated toward smaller liberal arts colleges and chose Wofford because I knew I would need as much support as I could get. Wofford welcomed me and has given me so many opportunities. Cost was definitely a factor for me. My Bonner Scholarship and the stipend I receive for summer service helped me secure an internship with the Smithsonian Institute this past summer.”

The New York Times has ranked Wofford College among the “Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students,” at #70, making it the top-ranked South Carolina institution on the listing of 179 colleges and universities.

To measure top colleges’ efforts on economic diversity, the newspaper’s David Leonhardt, in his The Upshot blog, created the College Access Index. He bases his ranking on the share of students who receive Pell grants (which typically go to families making less than $70,000 annually), the graduation rate of those students and the price that colleges charge for low- and middle-income students.

This is the second year the New York Times has put Wofford on its “most economically diverse” listing. Last year, Wofford also was the top South Carolina institution on the list. The 2014 listing was based on four-year graduation rates; this year’s colleges with a five-year graduation rate of 75 percent or higher are included, adding more colleges to this year’s rankings.

Wofford is one of only three South Carolina institutions on the list. The other two are Clemson University (71) and Furman University (161).

“Colleges obviously can’t solve all of the economy’s problems,” Leonhardt writes, “but there is a reason that nearly all families that can comfortably send their children to college do so. For families that aren’t as comfortable, some colleges are doing much more to help than others.”

Wofford President Nayef Samhat notes: “Wofford continues to be among the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country on the key issues that most concern families when it comes to higher education—access, diversity, quality and completion. Wofford’s extraordinary and transformational educational experience is accessible, socio-economically diverse, and we graduate superior students on time.”

Carolyn B. Sparks, director of financial aid at Wofford, says, “Wofford works to attract Pell-eligible students by offering institutional need-based and merit aid as well as other federal and state funds, which can make a student’s aid package more affordable and attractive. Our financial aid plan encompasses other areas of diversity as well, such as geographic, ethnic or racial, and international.”

For the full listing, go to: nytimes.com/interactive/2015/09/17/upshot/top-colleges-doing-the-most-for-low-income-students.html
Cracking passwords and opening back doors with Dr. X and the Wofford Hackers

Pictured left to right: Michelle Moss '17, Dmitriy Kaplun '18, Yukun Peng '16, Dr. Polyxeni Mountrouidou, Danish Virani '17 and Lening Ruan '19.
According to Mountrouidou, preparing for and participating in hacking competitions helps students learn how to analyze and solve problems. They must be able to think like hackers, plan defense strategies, write code and, most importantly, make good, principled decisions.

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"The collaboration across disciplines that I’ve seen at Wofford will make this successful," Mountrouidou says. "The first modules will be ready next fall, and I’ve already found a number of student researchers who will intern with me as part of the grant to develop the modules."

Provost Dennis Wiseman is excited about the possibilities. "Dr. Mountrouidou brings with her not just a profound knowledge of cybersecurity, but also energy and enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates," says Wiseman. "I look forward to seeing how this will enhance the academic experience at Wofford."

A native of Athens, Greece, Mountrouidou came to Wofford from Jacksonville University in Florida. She met Dr. Angela Shiflet, retired Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, at a conference for computer science education.

"When Angela retired, she called me," says Mountrouidou. "She knew I loved teaching, networking with other computer scientists and conducting research with students. Wofford was a perfect fit, and I applied immediately."

Since coming to Wofford, Mountrouidou has started weekly meetings for students interested in learning more about cybersecurity, how to defend and how to attack. The group of fledgling hackers calls themselves “Revenge of the Terriers,” and they competed in the college’s first hackathon this semester.

Dr. X took one of her beginning computer science classes to Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Glendale to show them the importance of original data collection and how computer scientists use it to dig deeper and complete data analysis and simulation in a fraction of the time it would take without computers.

"They come after 5 o’clock and spend hours learning the basics of cybersecurity." the students call her Dr. X—an appropriately mysterious nickname for Dr. Polyxeni Mountrouidou, Wofford’s own cybersecurity expert, hacker, assistant professor of computer science and mentor to women interested in the field.

"I’m happy and honored to be here," says Mountrouidou, who brings with her a three-year, $295,998 National Science Foundation (NSF) education and research grant to engage undergraduates in cybersecurity learning. "Wofford offers faculty the perfect balance between teaching and scholarship. They feed each other, and research is even more fun with undergraduate students."

As part of the grant, Mountrouidou is working with Dr. Xiangyang Li of Johns Hopkins University to develop learning modules that can be embedded into the general education curriculum.

"What better place than a liberal arts college to help develop students who are aware of the importance of cybersecurity?" says Mountrouidou. "We need people in every discipline who are aware of the gravity and consequences of a network attack. These classes will create more knowledgeable citizens who will understand both the quantitative and qualitative importance of cybersecurity, and hopefully this will create a pathway to careers in the rapidly growing field of cybersecurity."

According to Mountrouidou, the learning modules can be embedded into technology, public policy, economics, ethics, sociology and psychology classes.

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In addition to her work with the hackers, Mountrouidou picked up Shiflet’s work mentoring women in computer science, and she has big plans for the women attending her monthly lunches.

"I’ve already given our women in computer science information about the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing," says Mountrouidou. "It’s a conference that fosters the success of women in the field."

The students must prepare an essay, request recommendations and complete an application. It’s a stretch, but Mountrouidou would love to take a group of 10 Wofford women to the next conference.

"This is something that women can be so successful at," she says. "Mentoring women interested in the field is so dear to me. The profession is unbalanced. Only about 10 percent of the computer scientists in the field are women. That can be discouraging. I want women to see that they belong here."

Mountrouidou says that the next lunch will focus on success stories and failures. She’s shared the story of her successful NSF cybersecurity application, and she plans to tell students about the embarrassment she felt at getting a C in her first computer science class.

Yukun Peng ’16, a computer science major from Beijing, China, is already inspired. She’s currently applying to graduate school in game design and says that being a Wofford hacker and involved in the women in computer science lunches has already been beneficial.

"Having a background in network security is one of things that gaming graduate schools look at," says Peng. "And it’s fun!"

Mountrouidou couldn’t be happier.

"I always loved breaking things to see how they worked, solving puzzles and being a detective," says Mountrouidou, who got into programming in high school because she wanted to be a hacker. "Now I’m teaching students about cryptography and network security, how to find back doors and crack passwords. This is important work, and the students who excel will be recruited by the NSA, DOD and tech companies around the world."
Wofford College inducts 46 legacies into The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society during 2015 Family Weekend.

by Ryann Kroske McCall ’13

Each year during Family Weekend first-year students who are legacies (another family member attended Wofford before them) are inducted into The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society. This year the Alumni Office inducted the Class of 2019 during a special brunch. All members were recognized, took photos with Wofford President Nayef Samhat and received a lapel pin and certificate of membership.

The Order of 1854: Wofford Heritage Society recognizes and celebrates students and alumni who play a role in continuing a family legacy of enrolling in Wofford College. Like the stately oak tree that’s part of The Order of 1854’s logo, membership symbolizes the deep roots of strong family ties to the college.

“LEGACY” FACTS:

• Wofford College has 139 current students who are Wofford legacies.
• Out of these 139, 46 are first-year students in the Class of 2019.
1. Homecoming weekend set the stage for the second Black Alumni Summit. The series of events included a check presentation for the Multicultural House in the Greek Village, a tailgate reunion of the Gospel Choir and a reception at the president’s home.

2. The weekend began with Classes without Quizzes. This no-quizzes, no-tuition program gives alumni a chance to take another class at Wofford.

3. The Terrier Ball brought a College Game Day theme to the silent auction and gala. The event raised funds for scholarships for Wofford student-athletes.

4. Graduates who have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation were invited to the 50-Year Club Reunion. The dinner was held at Indigo Hall in downtown Spartanburg.

5. Moyer’s Men, members of the Glee Club during Sam Moyer’s tenure at Wofford, reunited and performed during the 50-Year Club Reunion.

6. Tailgating remains a highlight of Homecoming weekend. Next year sororities and fraternities will have new houses in the Greek Village to serve as tailgating hubs.

7. Winners from the 2015 Homecoming competition were (left to right): Annie Jones ’16, Jane Ann Laffitte ’16, Katherine Buchanan ’16 and Harry Alex ’16 (Mr. Wofford).
Ingram, winner of the 2014 “Jeopardy!” Tournament of Champions, is a business control specialist with the Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. A native of Florence, S.C., he received his B.S. in mathematics, summa cum laude, from Wofford and his M.S. in mathematics from the University of South Carolina.

At Wofford, Ingram was captain of the College Bowl Team, which was the first Wofford team to compete at the College Bowl National Championship Tournament. There, he received the 2005 Pat Moonen Sportsperson Award and was the third highest individual scorer in the nation. At USC graduate school, he was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon and was a teaching assistant instructing undergraduate classes in mathematics.

In 2013, Florence City Council awarded Ingram a key to the city. He has been a volunteer math tutor and on-air newspaper broadcaster with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind’s radio reading program. He also volunteers with the National Academic Quiz Tournaments and the Pee Dee Academic Challenge Tournament. The School Foundation of Florence School District 1 honored Ingram this fall with the 2015 Distinguished Graduate Award.

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During Ingram’s regular-season appearances on “Jeopardy!” he won eight games, tying him for the seventh-best performance in the 50-year history of the show and winning him $177,534 and a spot in the Tournament of Champions. The tournament win garnered him another $250,000. He holds the record for the most consecutively correct Final Jeopardy! responses and is the eighth biggest winner in “Jeopardy!” history.

The Northside Voyagers are composed of local Spartanburg citizens Wanda Cheeks, Sylvia Means, Anita “Phoehix” Miller, Deborah “Debby” Moore, Kelly Richard, Tony Thomas and Gail D. Wilkins. As part of the Northside Initiative, a major downtown Spartanburg redevelopment effort across North Church Street from Wofford’s campus, a group of residents came together in 2013 to serve as community leaders. This group, which came to be known as the Northside Voyagers, was created to help ensure that Northside residents are informed and have a voice in all discussions regarding the redevelopment efforts in their community. The Voyagers’ strategic goals include encouraging residents to live healthier, more active lives; identifying individuals who serve as community assets in an effort to empower them; finding opportunities through partnerships to educate community members; assisting the elderly; and fostering an atmosphere where residents take pride in the appearance of their community. Wofford is a major partner in this effort and is presenting this award in recognition of the Northside Voyagers’ successful efforts in fostering a community that can and will be a model for other communities—one that is dedicated to the prosperity and welfare of all of its residents through partnership.

Anderson is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring in 2012 after having served as deputy commanding officer of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. After a 33-year military career, Anderson settled in Fayetteville, N.C., and started his own consulting business. He continues to mentor young soldiers and works with the community to help soldiers leaving the military settle and start small businesses. One of Wofford’s most distinguished military officers, Anderson grew up in the 1960s on a farm near Elloree, S.C. As an African American, he experienced desegregation and went on to earn a scholarship to attend Wofford. He joined the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and went to Airborne School during his junior year, learning to parachute out of low-flying aircraft. During his career, Anderson served two years as the executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He spent 15 months in Afghanistan. Anderson has been a frequent visitor to campus and the Southern Guard Battalion of the ROTC based on campus.
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by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89 and Sarah Madden ’17
DOING RIGHT

Tuition was $350 per semester when Billy Wood ‘50 attended Wofford. He fondly remembers chapel services and the way Dr. Walter K. Greene always began his address with “young gentlemen.” He also recalls his experiences in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity (no longer chartered on campus) and the small scholarship he received from Spartan Mills that helped him meet expenses.

“Wofford was a good thing for me,” says Wood. “The college has always been about the development of the total person.”

Because Wood and his wife, Betty, believe in the college’s mission, they established the Billy W. and Betty T. Wood Endowed Scholarship for a deserving student with a $100,000 gift. The first Wood scholar will receive help with the cost of college in the fall of 2016, and the Woods look forward to meeting their scholarship recipient.

Billy Wood worked in sales for Duke Power. He retired in 1989. Betty Wood secured a job in accounts payable with Smith Wholesale Drugs two weeks after she graduated from high school. She was promoted to office manager, secretary/treasurer and finally treasurer for the entire company, which by that time had become J M Smith Corp. The scholarship gift to Wofford came from proceeds from stock dividends and other investments.

In retirement the Woods remain active in the community. They volunteer with Mobile Meals and support the Hope Center for Children and the Salvation Army through the Duke Energy Retiree Program. They also are active in their church, Southside Baptist in Spartanburg, where they first met.

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As a result, his story—from immigrant and first-generation college student to dentist, professor and entrepreneur—is attracting lots of attention. “The night of the Republican presidential debate, the debate was trending one and MassChallenge was trending two,” says Tolani. “MassChallenge asked me to share my story. They pushed it out on their blog, and FWD.us, an organization started by Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates to promote immigration reform, picked it up and will soon be meeting with me about Virtudent.”

According to Tolani, who is in private dental practice in Boston, Mass., and lectures at both Harvard and Tufts universities, “My company is targeted toward lowering the barriers to dental care. We set up pop-up dental clinics with a hygienist and Virtudent technology, which connects a dentist to the patient through the internet.”

The dental care delivery model has not changed in over 200 years, says Tolani, and Virtudent’s innovative approach is changing that. Tolani now has briefed Senate committees and met with governmental and corporate representatives across the country.

More than 2,500 start-ups from around the world competed in the MassChallenge competition. A few years before, Tolani and Virtudent placed second from among 135 teams in the Harvard President’s Challenge, which calls for solutions from the Harvard community for some of the world’s most pressing issues. Virtudent was also a winner in the Tufts 100K New Ventures Competition in 2014.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without Wofford College. Even when I first started Virtudent, I reached out to Wofford alumni on the board of trustees, who spent time mentoring me and answering my questions,” says Tolani.

Wofford College accepted Tolani for admission and gave him a scholarship even though his immigration status was in question. “I still remember Lisa Yebuah ’99 (who was an admission counselor at the time) calling and telling me that the Wofford Board of Trustees wanted to make sure that college happened for me,” says Tolani. “That one opportunity has carried me so far, and I know this may sound corny, but I will always be indebted to Wofford.”

When Tolani met the Hon. Dennis Shedd ’75 at a scholarship dinner, Tolani asked, “What can I do to thank Wofford?” Shedd told Tolani his own personal story of how President Joe Lesesne found the money for him to go to law school.

Shedd, who later helped Tolani resolve his immigration issues, encouraged him to look for opportunities to pay it forward. The dean of the college at the time, Dr. Dan Maultsby ’61, did the same. “My junior year I decided that I was no longer going into computer science. I wanted to be a doctor instead, so I loaded up on classes. Dean Maultsby called me into his office and told me I was taking too many courses. He suggested I take some over the summer. I said, ‘Dean Maultsby, I can’t afford summer school.’ He said, ‘Hitesh, since when have we made you pay for classes?’ When I moved into my room at the start of summer school, there was my organic chemistry book with a note that said, ‘Good luck. Do well. Dean Maultsby.’ How do I ever say thank you enough?” says Tolani.

Wofford folks who remember Tolani also know that there is so much more to the story, some of which he shares in “Deportation to Innovation: How Life’s Unchosen Paths Prepared CEO Hitesh Tolani for a Life of Entrepreneurship,” on the MassChallenge website.

To learn more about Virtudent, visit myvirtudent.com.
Robert Allen and his wife, Mary Buice Allen, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 2013. They met on a blind date in 1942, and in 1945 he returned briefly from his service in the U.S. Navy to ministering to South Carolina Baptist congregations for more than 50 years. The memoir of the Rev. Harold W. Syfrett of the Division of University Ministries celebrates their 70th wedding anniversary.

David Parsons is an account representative for the Wofford College Alumni Association. He was named Teacher of the Year in 1981, a citation from Wofford on a daily basis.

Dr. Charles C. Thomas II is working with the National Institutes of Health to develop the next generation of cancer therapies—MET inhibitors. He is an account representative.

Gall is busy creating a library at Faith. Affectionately known as the Rev. Harold W. Syfrett, Robert Allen continues to serve as president of the Wofford College Alumni Association.

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Ava Thacker has joined Upstate Forever as a development associate. She will focus on maintaining and using the organization’s new membership database to cater to the individual interests of members.

1985
Tim Madden, class chair
Three years ago Duffie Stone, 34th Judicial Circuit solicitor, created an externship program designed for law students who wish to devote themselves to public service in the field of criminal prosecution. This year, Stone extended the program to undergraduates and chose Collin Hayton ’17 for one of the five coveted spots in the Externship and Career Prosecution Program. Hayton worked cases from arrest to deposition and had the opportunity to observe and assist with trials. To learn more, visit www.scjudicial14.org.

1988
Lane Glaze, class chair
Donnie Cranfill is the chief vision officer of Camp Nana Paa, an online shopping and social media platform launched in 2015 designed to strengthen the bond between children and their grandparents. The platform allows customers to connect via Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram. It also offers customers a virtual experience that allows them to “play” with children.

1991
Leslie Houch Page, class chair
Nelson Lindsay, Richland County’s first eco- city developer, has joined the South Carolina Commerce Department as director of global trade. Lindsay, who represents a position within the agency, will manage project managers and be responsible for the recruitment of new companies.

1992
Nikki Pfannenstiel, class chair
On Sept. 27, 2015, John Critchfield completed his first ironman triathlon in Charlotte, Tenn. The ironman, consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a full 26.2-mile marathon, was a little different; the bike portion was 116 miles. Critchfield completed the race in 15:54:27, well below the 17 hours allowed for completion. He gives credit to his wife, Theresa, for helping him stay the course and complete the event.

1993
Sarah Copeland Sadek, class chair
Jennifer Pearssal is serving as the principal of Collinswood Language Academy in Charlotte, N.C. She had worked as the executive director of CMS English Language Learner Services.

1999
Zach Atkinson, class chair
Stacey Kelley Bannister and Brooks Bannister have announced the birth of their son, Brooks Bannister, born May 12, 2015. He joins big sister, Ellis.

1988
Anthony Hoffer, class chair
Wait Gray has joined the North Carolina Department of Transportation as assistant director of communications. He is a Fulbright specialist roster candidate with the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education.

2000
Nikki Palmieri Chunn, class chair
1991
Alicia Nunamaker, class chair
Duane Harvin Sr. recently opened a State Farm Agency in North Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, Monica, live in Mount Pleasant with their two children, Duane Jr. (16) and Delores (14).

2001
Jennifer Sheehan Bridgers, class chair
This fall, IES Abroad recognized Amy Lancaster, dean of international programs at Wofford, as its Volunteer of the Year. The award was presented during the 2015 IES Abroad Barcelona program review as well as the IES Abroad’s 40th anniversary celebration. “Using ‘teamwork to battle breast cancer,’ ran in the Oct. 21, 2015 issue.

2001
Brande Yancey Lorenz, class chair
The Florence Morning News featured Dr. James Smith for his work in treating cancer patients. Smith worked with Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Hematology Associates for the past nine years.

2002
Casey B. Moore, class chair
After more than six years at the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Suzanne Hollifield White, who was serving as an assistant deputy attorney general, has returned to Spartanburg and is now an assistant public defender in Spartanburg County.

2002
Yorkie Goralick, class chair

2003
Avery Greenlee has joined TowneBank Mortgage in Spartanburg as an assistant loan officer based in the Summerville, S.C., office. He has more than 10 years of experience.

2003
Tracy Howard, class chair
On Sept. 27, 2015, the Rev. Will Malamby ’88, pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and the IES Abroad Annual Conference.

ANCHORCHE 1770 TOASTS PAT CONROY AND GRAND SOUTHERN WORDS AND WAYS

Anchorche 1770 owners and operators Frank ’89 and Amy Barwick Lessing ’89 and Wofford professor of English and environmental studies John Lane ’77 helped celebrate the 70th birthday of Pat Conroy, author of “Prince of Tides,” “Beach Music,” “The Emerald Pool” and other bestselling novels.

Anchorche 1770, on the Beaufort, S.C., coast, provided the setting for the special literary festival. Lane participated in the poetry panel and reading.

Read Lane’s journal entry about the experience at wofford.edu/woffordtoday

Terriers share lessons learned at Wofford to help Belk.com grow
by Jo Ann Mitchell Bresingham ’89

John Boyd ’14 and his loss prevention team at the Belk.com Fulfillment Center in Jonesville, S.C., set the tone for the busy days that employees work in the 900,000-square-foot plant. “We’re the friendly faces they see when they come in,” says Boyd. “We always ask how they’re doing, and if they say, ‘not good,’ I know we’ve got all day to make it better.”

Holly Tibbs ’14 brings the employees she manages candy as an incentive. As a production supervisor she sometimes finds herself in the role of mother, counselor and friend as well. “When I came here I was encouraged to learn three things about each associate I work with,” she says. “To be a team player, to be my own family. We help each other out and work together. That’s made a real difference in getting the best out of people.”

Sequon Stanley ’13, also a production supervisor, she sometimes finds herself in the areas of tax and economic incentives.

Until now Wheeler and Shelby Taylor, Drug Free Awareness Week, with the IES Abroad’s Barcelona program, presented during the 2015 IES Abroad Annual Conference.

This fall, Worthy and Pam Massey, Belk.com’s Jonesville human resources manager, came to Wofford’s job fair to encourage Wofford graduates, but he says that they have an older son, Oliver Townes O’Quinn. Poppy June O’Quinn, born Sept. 2, 2015. They have an older son, Oliver Townes O’Quinn.

The setting for the special literary festival in Beaufort, S.C., coast, provided

Craig Selander ’89, professor of English at the University of North Carolina Industrial Commission.

Dr. Anastasia “Stacy” Wright Lin is the assistant dean of student research and associate professor of English at the University of North Carolina Asheville. She has served as assistant director of the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Office since 2011.

“Not many companies will take someone right out of college and give them a supervisory role,” says Chuck Wright ’84, the operations manager for Belk.com. “These young adults came to us within the past year and have made immediate and significant contributions to our growing success at the Belk.com Fulfillment Center. I promised them growth so that we can promote them or an education so that they can write their own paycheck somewhere else.”

Worthy admits that he threw a lot of information and responsibility at these recent Wofford graduates, but he says that they exceeded expectations. “This group of young supervisors has the most organizational skills I’ve ever seen,” he says. “They have great people skills, are flexible and determined, and have a strong work ethic... and they were all tied in some way to the Wofford football team.”

Boyd, a philosophy major and government minor, played on the offensive line for the Terriers all four years. Stanley, a business economics major, played in the Terriers’ chemistry major, worked as an athletics trainer and equipment assistant, and Wheeler, a computer science major, competed on the Wofford flag team to start the game and after each Terrier touchdown.

Worthy, who majored in history at Wofford, says, “We would love five or six more frontline supervisors from Wofford right now.” This fall, Worthy and Pam Massey, Belk.com’s Jonesville human resources manager, came to Wofford’s job fair in an effort to formalize the pipeline from Wofford to Belk.com and make the opportunities more accessible to more students. Until now Wheeler and Shelby Taylor, the athletics ticket manager, has provided the connection.

Wheeler came to Wofford from Spartanburg Community College at the encouragement of Dr. Henry Giles, ‘89, SCC president. Wheeler worked his way through college at Adidas, fell in love with Wofford football and became a Terrier after receiving a scholarship.

“After my first Wofford football game, I thought, ‘I forgot the big game? I can’t everybody watching this?’ It was so exciting,” says Wheeler.

“Very Terriers, so we’re going to make a difference in this world,” says Wheeler.
Abees make Wofford proud by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

As an assistant attorney general Kinli Bare Abbe O’Dell made legal history in October by securing the first human trafficking conviction in South Carolina. “This is a big deal not only for the attorney general’s office but for the state of South Carolina,” says her proud husband, Matt Abbe ’10. “This conviction is a huge step forward in bringing justice to countless victims of what the South Carolina attorney general says is the ‘fastest-growing crime in the United States.’”

Matt is no slouch in the legal field either. A third-year civil defense attorney at Mount Pleasant, S.C., Kinli is a national Zeta Tau Alpha officer and remains involved in Wofford’s chapter. She also helped with the Greek Village project. Both contribute annually to the college, making both unrestricted and Tier Hall Club gifts, and they also have included Wofford in their wills.

“We believe our support of Wofford has to be a combination,” says Matt. “We want to do what we can financially, but sometimes it takes boots on the ground.”

Kinli says she and Matt love being at the point in their careers where they can give back.

“Staying involved at Wofford is important to us,” she says. “We want to be active and engaged because the college is doing such great things.”

According to Matt, he and Kinli both owe their Wofford experiences to family and as an industry liaison with ECPI University.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: ANDREWS FIELD HOUSE AND BENJO
Looking back at past athletics construction projects — by Dr. Philip Stone ’04

The groundbreaking of the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium gives us a chance to recall the construction of two earlier athletics facilities, the Andrews Field House and the current Campus Life Building.

The first of those two, Andrews Field House, opened in 1929. It was the gift of Spartanburg businessman Isaac Andrews, and it was designed to serve as a basketball, volleyball and even handball court. It also was to serve as a space for instruction in all indoor sports, and it could seat large crowds for significant events at the college. Soon after it opened, it hosted the college’s 75th anniversary events. As was said at its opening, “There is no more adequate building anywhere, and it will contribute much to the physical training and athletic activities of Wofford students.”

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Dr. Albert Clifton Smith Jr., July 19, 2015, Brunswick, Ohio. Smith served during World War II in the Army Air Corps. After the war he practiced medicine in Union, S.C., and Columbus, Ohio, for 45 years. After retirement he volunteered with hospice and the Salvation Army.

Harold Deforest McAbee, Sept. 14, 2015, Gainesville, Ga. McAbee served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II. He retired from Miliken Textiles in 1981 following 35 years of service. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Gainesville, an avid golfer, woodworker and gardener.

Max Ivan Moser Jr., Sept. 13, 2015, Cliffsside, N.C. Moser retired from Duke Power Co. as steam station manager. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1945. He was active in his church and a former Boy Scout leader, golfer and Wofford Trojan.

John David Wilson Sr., Sept. 25, 2015, Martinsville, Va. Wilson served in the European Theater during World War II and was named elder emeritus. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1945. He was active in his church and a former Boy Scout leader, golfer and Wofford Trojan.

Marion Graham Drayton, Oct. 9, 2015, Bishopville, S.C. Drayton’s military service included assignments in Fort Benning, Ga.; Korea; Germany; Vietnam; Washington; the Presidio Language School of Monterey, Calif.; and Panama. After retirement, he was vice president of City Nursery Farms, serving as its president of the South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association, among his other civic and faith-based volunteer roles.

Austin Dean “Skipper” Soneke, Nov. 21, 2015, Cowpens, S.C. Soneke taught mathematics and science at Cowpens High School and Blue Ridge High School.


William Peebles Baskin III, Oct. 12, 2015, Bishopville, S.C. Baskin was an attorney in Lee County for 37 years and served as the municipal judge for the town of Bishopville for 36 years. He was a charter member of the Bishopville Rescue Squad in 1970 and was the assistant director of the Lee County E-911 Communication Center for two years and served as mayor for 39 years. Baskin was a longtime member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Charles Rayford Humphries Jr., Aug. 30, 2015, Taylors, S.C. A retired United Methodist minister, Humphries also worked as a tax accountant who did minimal tax returns for more than 25 years. He had an extensive collection of Western movies.

Ronnie Wayne Mason, Aug. 23, 2015, Rock Hill, S.C. Mason retired from Springs Industries with 30 years of service. He was heavily involved in his church and community.

Ewart John “Jack” Edgerton Jr., Aug. 29, 2015, Chapin, S.C. Edgerton retired as co-owner and past president of Adluh Flour, the family business, which was founded in 1926. Adluh is his life’s work and was started in historic downtown Chapin. Edgerton was a founding member of the Vista Guild. He enjoyed giving tours of the flour mill and gave several groups from Wofford tours over 18 years on the Chapin Town Council, including a term as mayor pro tem.

Randall LouisBringman, Oct. 11, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Bringman, a member of the 1970 national championship football team, broke the college field goal record with a 46-yard kick. He served on the Wofford College Alumni Association Board and after retirement helped the equipment staff for the Terrier football team, as well as served as accounts manager for ASC Industries before his retirement.

The Rev. David Oliver Davis Jr., Sept. 12, 2015, Avera, Ga. Davis’s service as a pastor spanned more than 35 years. He also worked with the U.S. Postal Service for 22 years. His passions were fishing with friends, cruising local thrift shops and acting in the Bartow Community Theater.

Eugene Leroy “Toy” Nettles Jr., Oct. 2, 2015, Graniteville, S.C. Nettles served as president and CEO of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Before that he practiced law with his father, brother and sister at Nettles, Turbeville and Reddeck. He served five terms as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and was an adjunct professor at Francis Marion University. Nettles was involved with numerous boards, committees and civic organizations.

The Hon. David Walker Harwell, Sept. 30, 2015, Florence, S.C. Harwell toured Wofford with his grandson and name- sake, Walker Harwell Jr., and was very proud that Walker chose to attend Wofford College. Harwell knew without a doubt that graduating from Wofford would ensure Walker’s eventual acceptance into medical school.

Dr. Henry John Janie, Oct. 17, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Janie received an honor- ary doctorate degree from Wofford College in 1969 for his many contributions to the arts in the Spartanburg community and beyond. A dean of the school of music at Converse College for more than 30 years, Janie directed the Spartanburg Symphony Orchestra for 40 years and helped launch the Spartanburg High School Symphony. He played Carnegie Hall when he was 12 years old and worked with the likes of Yo-Yo Ma, Leonard Bernstein, Beverly Sills, Benny Goodman and Frederica von Stade. The Janiec Opera Co. at the Brevard Music Center is named in his honor. Janie’s daughter, Dr. Katherine Janie Jones, is an associate provost and associate professor of religion at Wofford.

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In 2015, the Wofford College Alumni Association Board sought to reorganize and clarify its purpose in an effort to better serve as your voice to the college. The Wofford administration offered its full support and consistently has demonstrated a serious commitment to the success of our revamped Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Board determined that our primary goals were to serve as the liaison between our alumni and the college, provide input on alumni activities and chapter programming, and honor the achievements of fellow alumni and friends of the college. To accomplish this, we instituted four initiatives related to networking, student recruitment, alumni engagement and advancement. Members of Wofford’s extraordinary staff, who have expertise in these areas, give us guidance on how to carry out these functions to compliment and support related efforts of the college. With their assistance, the Alumni Association is poised to be a tremendous resource to Wofford and you.

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Go, Terriers!
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Homecoming draws us back to Wofford so we can revisit a familiar place, enjoy venerable traditions and reconnect with old friends. Often, the experience also leaves us struck by the enormous prosperity enjoyed by the college since our time as students.

New and renovated facilities and an expansion of the campus footprint manifest Wofford’s progress in the 25 years since I graduated. Equally important but less visible is the substantial growth of the college’s financial resources, which help foster a diverse, talented student body and enable new academic, cultural and athletic opportunities.

These great changes—and the increase in the value of your diploma—did not happen by accident. They occurred gradually and deliberately, the realization of long-term planning. Nona would have been possible without the generous support of Wofford’s alumni and friends. Both large and small, our gifts collectively transformed Wofford for the better.

Looking ahead, the success of the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, announced by the college last year, requires the continued support of all alumni. This vision will help Wofford keep pace with our peer institutions in the competitive world of higher education and will ensure the vitality of Wofford for future generations of Terriers. Our Office of Advancement offers a wide range of opportunities for supporting Wofford, and all support is welcome and appreciated. Everyone can find a way to contribute!

To support the Strategic Vision for Wofford College, the Alumni Association has instituted an “Advancement Initiative” led by Michael Anzelmo ’00. To find out more about the Advancement Initiative, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com, Anzelmo at michael.anelmo@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson ’88 at thompsond@wofford.edu.

It has been a great privilege to serve as president of the Wofford College Alumni Association for 2015. The experience provided many opportunities to interact with the folks at Wofford, and has left me confident that our alma mater could not be in better hands. Wofford is a place that changes the lives of students, and shapes the world. We have students from China, Venezuela and Afghanistan. All Wofford students are leaders of the future, and Wofford is a place that will write a new history internationally.

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Bonner Scholar and founder of Farah Kindergarten, an effort to establish a nonprofit kindergarten in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Finance major, involved in the Outdoors Club, “Wofford helped me learn how to work. My schoolwork has taught me to focus and provided me with opportunities for real-world application. My professors have already helped me make the transition from the classroom to applying what I learn to my life beyond Wofford.”

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