Building a culture of environmental SUSTAINABILITY and community resilience
This issue of Wofford Today is near and dear to my heart. During January we asked the college's alumni base to nominate unsung heroes from among their ranks — people who are doing important work to make our communities safer, healthier, more educated and more economically sound. We received dozens of nominations as well as notes of appreciation from many others. It's been incredibly rewarding to read the stories that have come from this initiative, and we are committed to telling these stories long into the future.

In addition to our unsung heroes campaign, the college continues to celebrate the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, a project funded by the Romill Foundation that will link the college more closely with the Northside and Glendale communities while considering important sustainability issues on campus. College students have a tremendous capacity to influence change; that’s why we have a responsibility to address issues such as sustainability and community resilience. We are already in the process of hiring an energy metering and monitoring manager and faculty to teach in this area, and we look forward to developing a residence hall and new living and learning community in the Northside in the next few years.

You also will find amazing Interim photos in this issue that will make you long for an Interim experience of your own. In particular, read the story on Yukun Peng ’16, who found her passion for computer science and game design thanks to Wofford Interims.

It continues to be a transformative academic year, and we at Wofford College appreciate your continued interest, support and encouragement.

Go, Terriers!

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IT’S YOUR WORLD. CLIMB IT.
During Interim Jordan Thomas ’16, a chemistry major from Boiling Springs, S.C., explored the world vertically, discovering himself (and some new muscles) between rocks and hard places. Ben Cartwright, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, and Dr. Kim Rostan, associate professor of English, taught the class.
A. CELEBRATING THE “UNSELFIE” ON GIVING TUESDAY
Wofford celebrated Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving), by making gifts to the college and posting “unselfies” on social media. An anonymous group of Great Oaks Society donors issued a $30,000 challenge if Wofford could secure 300 donors in 24 hours. The media. An anonymous group posting “unselfies” on social gifts to the college and Thanksgiving) by making

B. APO CELEBRATES GOLD ANNIVERSARY
Established in 1966, the Pi Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, celebrated 50 years at Wofford in February. Sixty-three alumni gathered on campus to rededicate the chapter and share stories of service and friendship. The organization recently held its spring recruitment and continues to sponsor charity events such as Relay for Life and the Wofford Dance Marathon. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

C. RANKINGS VALIDATE WOFFORD’S PLACE AT THE TOP
Wofford does a lot of things well, and recent accolades confirm that. The college has been recognized for its study abroad participation by the Open Doors 2015 report, for its affordability by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance and as an institution that gives students the “best bang” for their buck by the Princeton Review.

D. MSNBC REPORTS LIVE ON ELECTION 2016 FROM CAMPUS
MSNBC broadcast LIVE from Wofford’s campus on Friday, Feb. 19, leading up to the South Carolina Republican Presidential Primary on Feb. 20 and the Democratic Presidential Primary on Feb. 27. Wofford’s own Craig Melvin ’01, NBC reporter and current Wofford trustee, was the anchor. The broadcast included interviews with Wofford student representatives from both political parties as well as a conversation with Wofford President Nelly Santull and Professor Robert Jeffrey.

E. WOFFORD RECEIVES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT GRANTS
Wofford has received three grants, totaling more than $110,939, if Wofford could secure 300 donors in 24 hours. The media. An anonymous group posting “unselfies” on social gifts to the college and Thanksgiving) by making

F. DABBING IN GOLD, BLACK AND PANTHERS’ BLUE
The Wofford Terriers showed their love of the Carolina Panthers in February with a gold, black and Panthers’ blue photo on the steps of Main Building. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the local community gathered to smile, point and dab for the NFL Championship Panthers. Because of the Panthers’ successful season, Wofford is expecting a record number of fans on campus this summer for training camp. It can’t come soon enough!

G. PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR RETURNS
Phile Nicholson ’16, Wofford’s 2015-16 Presidential International Scholar, has landed back on campus to finish his senior year. Last semester he spent three months in northern Israel and three weeks in Palestine studying how interpersonal interactions can subvert narratives that exist about “the other.” After his travels he says he hopes to live a life that embodies service to humanity.

H. WOFFORD BEGINS WOMEN’S LACROSSE PROGRAM
The college has named Ceri Miller head coach of the new women’s lacrosse team. The inaugural season of competition for the program will be in the spring of 2016. Miller is in her third season as the head coach of the women’s lacrosse program at Goucher College in Maryland. She will complete the 2016 season with the Gophers before joining the Terriers. Read more about Miller and women’s lacrosse at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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The POWER of the GIFT

Announcing the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College

by Jo Ann Mitchell Braxton ’89 and Laura Hendrix Corbin
On Thursday, Dec. 3, in front of Wofford’s historic Main Building, in the heart of the Roger Milliken Arboretum, surrounded by noble trees and the noble people who continue to support the important work of Wofford College, President Nayef Samhat announced a $4.25 million gift from the Romill Foundation to establish the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College. The Romill Foundation is the private foundation of the Milliken family, and Roger Milliken’s daughters, Jan and Nancy Milliken, made the gift and shared this message with the Wofford community:

Our Dad always believed that the success of Wofford and of Spartanburg were intertwined, so he would be particularly pleased with the current partnership between the campus and the community, which is integral to Wofford’s inspiring sustainability vision.

We look forward to seeing the great progress that will emerge from this initiative long into the future.

“Roger Milliken wanted his epitaph to read, simply, ‘Builder,’ and he was,” says Samhat. “He held, examined and added his design thinking and insight to virtually every blueprint for every building and landscape project at Wofford College during his 48-year tenure on the Board of Trustees. We are honored that his daughters, through the Romill Foundation, are carrying on his legacy of service to the college and community.”

Read more about the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

“Every day the Northside moves toward becoming its best self. Although this grant has many components, the part I am most excited about is the student residence hall that will be located in the heart of the Northside neighborhood. This shows significant faith in our community and in our efforts to find creative ways to strengthen both the Northside and the greater Spartanburg communities. Wofford is putting its money where its mouth is, and our community and Wofford College will both reap the benefits.”

Tony Thomas, president of the Northside Neighborhood Association and a member of the Northside Voyagers, a grassroots community development group

“Local realities are essential considerations for sustainability. That’s one reason I am excited about exploring its meaning in communities that are different, even within the bounds of Spartanburg. Glendale, where Wofford has put down roots over the past several years with the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, has a deep history on the banks of the beautiful Lawson’s Fork Creek, while Butterfly Creek on the Northside has been piped underground for decades and is set to emerge as a new community asset. The challenges are different, but the goals are the same — to find how best to seize innovative and courageous approaches to making a sustainable future that integrates our natural environment with our needs and dreams as citizens.”

Dr. Kaye Savage, associate professor and chair of Wofford’s Environmental Studies Department

“Roger Milliken loved slogans, but he also loved ideas, implemented and concretized. Through the implementation of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College, we can expand on and enhance an idea that Roger Milliken and horticulturist Dr. Michael Dirr began propagating in the 1980s — that of the Noble Tree... but what does it really mean to be noble, or to be sustainable? That is the question Wofford students, faculty, staff and administration will work out over the next generations with the assistance of this enduring gift.”

John Lane, professor and director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center

The grant will fund the following key components:

**ASSESSING THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT**
- An energy metering system for campus buildings
- An energy manager
- A plan to use the realized savings for student innovation and future improvements

**LEARNING IN THE LANDSCAPE**
- A student residence hall within the Northside community
- A student living-learning community focused on sustainability
- New internships and partnership opportunities with organizations in the Northside and Glendale communities
- New courses that expand learning in environmental and community sustainability

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**
- Community-based research program
- Two new faculty — one in community sustainability and one in environmental sustainability

**INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE**
- Startup funds for social entrepreneurship projects to address community sustainability in collaboration with community partners
FOLLOWING THE BREAD CRUMBS

Wofford Interims help Peng find her passion for computer animation and game design

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
Yukun Peng ’16, a native of Beijing, China, took her first computer class — Introduction to Game Design — during Interim of her sophomore year. “I realized when I sat for six straight hours, not moving, just coding, that I had found my major and maybe even my future,” says Peng. “When I’m old and have children, they will be proud to say, ‘Hey, my mom is a game designer.’”

“People don’t always expect power in a small figure,” says Peng, who stands right at five feet tall. “The film shows that you never know the power that someone has within.”

Peng already has a substantial portfolio, one that grew again this Interim. She took Computer Animation with Maya, taught by Dr. Dave Sykes, chair of the Department of Computer Science, the same professor who inspired Peng to major in computer science and pursue a career in game design.

“My main job is to teach students to learn on their own so they can accomplish what they want to,” says Sykes. “Students like Yukun are creative and do that so well.”

During Interim 2016 Peng created “Predator,” a short film that tells the story of a little girl walking in the snow. She stops to wipe snow off of a sculpture and unleashes a Youkai (Japanese spirit monster). The Youkai follows the little girl, picking up and eating the crumbs she leaves while walking and snacking. The Youkai grows as it eats, and when there are no crumbs left to consume, it opens its huge, toothy mouth to gobble up the little girl. The screen goes black. The little girl screams ... then laughs. When the animation resumes, the viewer discovers that the little girl was actually another Youkai who devours the Youkai that attacked her.

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According to Sykes, to complete their animated shorts, students in the class were required to submit a proposal, identify tasks, develop storyboards as well as a plan and project timeline, share their work with the class for feedback, and polish their films for a final presentation.

“During the second week of class, one of the students joked that even if he doesn’t finish the month with a complete animation, he will have learned a lot about problem solving,” says Sykes. “That’s what I like to hear.”

This was the first experience with the Autodesk Maya program for all 20 students in the Interim. In addition to writing all of the code for her film, Peng drew the figures and scenes in the animation. The experience helped Peng solidify her plan to major in game design with an emphasis on production and computer graphics during graduate school.

To view Peng’s animated short film, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
WHAT CLASSROOM?

INTERIM 2016 OPENS THE DOOR TO POSSIBILITY

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

World-famous fashion stylist Jeff Kim ’09 travels the world with some of Hollywood’s best-dressed celebrities — Michael B. Jordan, Katy Perry, Zhang Ziyi, Zoë Kravitz, Matt Damon, Sasha Pieterse, Julianne Moore, Jamie-Lynn Sigler — the list goes on and on. And it all started when he worked Fashion Week during a Wofford Interim internship experience. A business economics and Spanish major, Kim originally planned to become an attorney. Interim changed that.

Every year Wofford students have opportunities to focus on a single topic designed to expand the walls of the traditional classroom, explore new and untried topics, take academic risks, observe issues in action, develop capabilities for independent learning and consider different peoples, places and professional opportunities. Interim 2016 was no different.
LIVING IN A MICROBIAL WORLD

For the month of January, future health care professionals and researchers studied something that they could not see — microorganisms — and to do it, they had to swab their navels and behind their ears. According to Wofford biology faculty Dr. Stefanie Baker and Dr. Natalie Spivey, understanding the relationship between “man and microbes” is important because some cause deadly diseases such as cholera and Ebola, while others are used to make cheese or beer or to remove pollutants from the environment. Read more about the class’s microbial month at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

REFLECTIONS ON INTERIM IN IRELAND

Since 1978, Wofford students have traveled to Ireland during Interim. They still take photos with sheep; they still eat loads of potatoes; they still stand on the Cliffs of Moher; they still fall in love with their bus driver; and they still reflect on their experiences. This year Kelsey Aylor ’18 and Sarah Madden ’17, two of the students who traveled to Ireland with Dr. Natalie Grinnell, professor of English, and Dr. Mark Byrnes, associate professor of history, shared a tongue-in-cheek point and counterpoint on the benefits of studying abroad, particularly in Ireland. Read their story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN FARM & TABLE?

Will Ross ’16, an accounting and finance major from Philadelphia, Pa., enjoys a good meal, but now he knows more about where that food comes from and how it makes its way from farm to table. “Our class explored alternatives to the supermarket,” says Ross. “Supplementing your diet with fresh, local foods is healthy and supports local farmers and businesses.”

Diane Farley, assistant professor of accounting, business and finance, introduced the group to area farmers. She helped them examine the history of local foods and discover the significance of those foods and the processes by which they are made.

MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE

Students who wanted to explore careers in fashion shared sewing machines with students who simply wanted to learn a practical skill during the Measure Twice, Cut Once Interim taught by Dr. Catherine Schmitz, associate professor of French. What they all discovered was that sewing is hard, cloth selection is important and the art of sewing carries historical, social and economic importance that they never considered until Interim. The class particularly enjoyed practicing their new skills by making pajamas for children at the Hope Center for Children in Spartanburg.
INDEPENDENT IN SWEDEN

In addition to on-campus projects and opportunities to study abroad, another group of Wofford students uses the month to intern, do research or complete independent projects. Jennifer Espenschied ’18, a native of Hilliard, Ohio, spent the month in Sweden doing an independent study of the national health care system. She observed hospital practices and talked with doctors, nurses and patients. She says that in addition to giving her a basis for comparing socialized medicine to the capitalist system in the United States, the experience allowed her to experience a different way of life. The independent project solidified her plans to pursue a future in the medical field.

WOFFORD BASEBALL TAKES ON ITALY

Wofford is committed to providing students with a global learning experience, regardless of their field of study, socioeconomic background or athletics or co-curricular activities ... and the college’s baseball team is proof. The team postponed preseason training for a few weeks to take a group trip to Italy over Interim to study the history, culture and religion of the Rome, Florence and Venice areas. To read more about the team’s study abroad experience, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
In 1992, Homozel Mickel Daniel left $12.25 million in her will to Wofford College. The college used the funds to build on its endowed scholarship program. Now hundreds of students have benefited from Daniel’s planned gift, and hundreds more benefit from other scholarships established through gift planning initiatives.

The Benjamin Wofford Society, formerly the Legacy Society, recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans. Few people have the opportunity to leave the kind of legacy that Benjamin Wofford did; however, more than 160 years after his death, we honor Wofford alumni and friends who follow his example and make a lasting impact on the Wofford community through membership in the Benjamin Wofford Society.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89 and Kelsey Aylor ’18
A year at a time ago, Matt Watts ‘08 was leading health programs for children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. "Now he’s using the many tools he’s developed through the years to continue his service as children’s assistant site director of the Cole Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. “During my time at Wofford, I was a resident assistant. I discovered a passion for mentoring younger people so that they live healthy, fun and enriching lives,” says Watts. “I knew then that I would choose a career that impacts youth. I want to support youth who need it ... to make sure that their today is better than their yesterday and that their tomorrow is even better than today.”

After Wofford, Watts worked in youth ministry for two years at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. While there he made contact with the United Methodist Church in Tanzania. In 2012 he moved to Denver, Colo., to be a part of the African Community Center, a group that worked with refugees who settled in the area. He has been with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver since 2013.

Watts, who held a William J. and Allene Neely Bennett Endowed Scholarship at Wofford, says that the financial support he received to attend Wofford makes his current life and work possible. “I’m grateful because the scholarships I had to attend Wofford allowed me to get a great education and not walk out of college with too many loans,” says Watts. “I did not have to forgo my dreams and passions for the sake of money.” Watts married Nicole Golder Watts on Aug. 1, 2015. Both are committed to enriching the lives of children daily in Denver.

The impact of the W. Dean Cannon ’50 Endowed Scholarship on Steven Cornelier ’17 and Brandon Curtis ‘17

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Brandon Curtis says that he would love to thank his scholarship donor personally. “I’m sorry that Mr. Cannon has passed away, because I would love to thank him and tell him how much I appreciate his trust in me and Wofford College,” says Curtis. “I wish I could have gotten to know him.”

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- The new **GREEK VILLAGE**
- The **ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
- The **JERRY RICHARDSON INDOOR STADIUM**

### Scholarship Funding

- **1,280** students receiving institutional merit scholarships
- **1,515** students receiving merit, need, and athletics scholarships
- **250** students receiving Terrier Club funded scholarships

### Alumni and Parent Giving

- **3,519** alumni donors
- **1,010** parent donors
- **106** faculty/staff donors

### Senior Giving Campaign

186 seniors (50% of the Class of 2015) made their first gift to the college before their graduation, setting a new senior giving record!

### Annual Giving

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### Annual Giving Breakdown

- **$19,339,087** total annual giving dollars raised
- **113** Great Oaks Society members
- **$3,018,384** total annual giving dollars raised

### TERRIER Ball

- **$327,200** raised
- **980** guests

### TERRIER Club

- **112** goal line club members
- **416** golf tournament participants

### WoCoGivingTuesday

- **541** donors gave $110,939
- + $38,000 challenge donation
  = **$148,939 TOTAL**!

### Alumni Events

- **68** alumni events
- **8,054** total attendees

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*We’re social! Follow us @woffordalumni*
by Ryann Kroske McCall ’13

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Library & Technology — Formerly the Friends of the Library, this designation to The Wofford Fund enhances the collections, materials and resources of the Sandor Tesler Library. Because technology and research are a vital part of the library’s services, the fund also supports cutting-edge educational technology centers across campus that serve the research needs of our students and faculty.

Scholarship Support — Gifts to scholarship support ensure that Wofford continues to provide a superior, transformative liberal arts education to the brightest students, regardless of their financial situation.

Student Experiences — These gifts fund opportunities for research, internships, professional development, study abroad and other opportunities that allow students to explore their passions, refine their professional skills and engage with the community and world around them.

GREAT OAKS SOCIETY DONORS LEAD THE WOFFORD FUND

Donors who give at the leadership level ($5,000 or more annually) to The Wofford Fund are invited to join The Great Oaks Society. Named for the stately oaks that shelter our campus, The Great Oaks Society includes special recognition and events each year for members. Young alumni may join at a discounted rate: $750 or more annually for graduates of the past five years or $1,250 or more annually for graduates of the past six to 10 years.

THE TERRIER CLUB CONTINUES TO PROVIDE GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

Annual gifts to the Terrier Club combine with the athletics endowment and proceeds from fundraising events such as the Terrier Ball and Wofford Invitational golf tournaments to provide game-changing athletics, academics and student experiences for the college’s 323 student-athletes.

All donations to the Terrier Club go toward scholarships for Wofford College student-athletes. The Terrier Club gift year runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Giving levels are the same as for The Wofford Fund, but the Terrier Club offers additional membership benefits, which may include parking, priority seating and discounted tickets. Visit wofford.edu/terrierclub to learn more.

GIVING LEVELS

Giving-level membership is based on gifts received during the calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) and is calculated as a total of gifts to all funds at the college, including The Wofford Fund, the Terrier Club, endowment support and capital gifts. Please note that President’s Circle membership is extended to those who give between $5,000 and $24,999 in the calendar year.

Giving-level benefits for The Wofford Fund and Terrier Club are based on contributions to each individual fund. In the case of married Wofford alumni, both spouses receive giving-level credit for their cumulative gift. Matching gifts also are included in individual totals.

Partner .................................................... $1,249
Ambassador .......................................... $250-$499
Patron .................................................... $1,000-$1,499
President’s Circle ................................. $2,500-$2,499
Collegiate Circle ..................................... $2,500-$4,999
Trustee’s Circle ...................................... $5,000-$9,999
Founder’s Circle ..................................... $10,000-$24,999
Cornerstone Circle .............................. $25,000-$49,999
Bell Tower Circle ................................... $50,000-$99,999
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Library & Technology — Formerly the Friends of the Library, this designation to The Wofford Fund enhances the collections, materials and resources of the Sandor Tesler Library. Because technology and research are a vital part of the library’s services, the fund also supports cutting-edge educational technology centers across campus that serve the research needs of our students and faculty.

Scholarship Support — Gifts to scholarship support ensure that Wofford continues to provide a superior, transformative liberal arts education to the brightest students, regardless of their financial situation.

Student Experiences — These gifts fund opportunities for research, internships, professional development, study abroad and other opportunities that allow students to explore their passions, refine their professional skills and engage with the community and world around them.

GREAT OAKS SOCIETY DONORS LEAD THE WOFFORD FUND

Donors who give at the leadership level ($5,000 or more annually) to The Wofford Fund are invited to join The Great Oaks Society. Named for the stately oaks that shelter our campus, The Great Oaks Society includes special recognition and events each year for members. Young alumni may join at a discounted rate: $750 or more annually for graduates of the past five years or $1,250 or more annually for graduates of the past six to 10 years.

THE TERRIER CLUB CONTINUES TO PROVIDE GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

Annual gifts to the Terrier Club combine with the athletics endowment and proceeds from fundraising events such as the Terrier Ball and Wofford Invitational golf tournaments to provide game-changing athletics, academics and student experiences for the college’s 323 student-athletes.

All donations to the Terrier Club go toward scholarships for Wofford College student-athletes. The Terrier Club gift year runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Giving levels are the same as for The Wofford Fund, but the Terrier Club offers additional membership benefits, which may include parking, priority seating and discounted tickets. Visit wofford.edu/terrierclub to learn more.

GIVING LEVELS

Giving-level membership is based on gifts received during the calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) and is calculated as a total of gifts to all funds at the college, including The Wofford Fund, the Terrier Club, endowment support and capital gifts. Please note that President’s Circle membership is extended to those who give between $5,000 and $24,999 in the calendar year. Giving-level benefits for The Wofford Fund and Terrier Club are based on contributions to each individual fund. In the case of married Wofford alumni, both spouses receive giving-level credit for their cumulative gift. Matching gifts also are included in individual totals.

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Cornerstone Circle .............................. $25,000-$49,999
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Levels in GOLD qualify for membership in the Great Oaks Society.
In January, Wofford President Nayef Samhat sent out a notice to Wofford graduates asking for stories of unsung heroes from within the Wofford alumni family. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Stories came in of Peace Corps volunteers, teachers, coaches, clergy, volunteer firefighters, military personnel, public defenders and health care professionals, among many others.

Some people sent in notes of praise for the idea even if they did not suggest a particular graduate to feature. “I greatly appreciate your direction on this project to spotlight Wofford heroes. Any initiative to recognize, inspire and elevate our Wofford family is good medicine for the world,” wrote Barton Aiken ’80 in one such message.

Samplings of the stories of unsung heroes are included here. Others are listed online, and still others will turn up in future issues of Wofford Today. Please keep the stories coming. If you have a recommendation of an unsung hero from the Wofford community, please share. Send stories to woffordtoday@wofford.edu or call 864-597-4183.
CORRECTIONAL CHAPLAIN MIKE BROWN ’72: SHARING GOD’S SHALOM IN PRISON

On a rainy and cool day in December, Chaplain Mike Brown ’72 stepped out of his car on Wofford’s campus. It was a workday, and he was between stops. He had just picked up the cremains of an inmate that he would return to Columbia for a memorial service and the spreading of the ashes in an inmate cemetery. His next stop was Livesay Correctional Institution to talk with the chaplain there. Wofford was close, and the visit brought back good memories.

“I couldn’t resist a quick stop at my alma mater,” says Brown, whose lifelong call as a correctional chaplain began during a Wofford summer internship. “Wofford College offered me the opportunity to critically look at what I wanted to do with my life. I became a lifelong learner with a zest for involvement in the community. Of course, it led me to prison for life (he grins), but here I get to watch people grow and change in positive ways, people whose lives have been horribly fractured by their behavior. There’s a deep satisfaction in that.”

During his 41-year career in the ministry, Brown has served as a church pastor, hostage negotiator, industrial chaplain, hospital chaplain and Army chaplain in addition to his almost 40 years of work as a correctional chaplain. The experiences have led to pastoral care in the extreme circumstances of executions and for military units at war. Although Brown has retired from military service, he still keeps the list close at hand of the 110 soldiers who died for his country and the visit brought back good memories.

“It’s been an honor to walk with people in the midst,” says Brown, who has done more than his share of notifications. “It’s the only way that they can be at peace and do the work that they need to do.”

Brown’s kindness and calm demeanor preach peace more effectively than any sermon. He has promised to perform a memorial service for a pagan soldier in case he became a casualty of war. He has served the final communion to people awaiting execution, and he supervises religious programming for an interfaith setting, which includes Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Wiccans, Hindus, Buddhists, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Asatrus and Rastafarians.

“Christ calls us to love, not judge,” says Brown, who believes that there is no question that a faith and a faith community help people grow positively through their time in a correctional system.

Brown retired a few years ago, but returned to work because of the need. Even now, the South Carolina state prison system currently has three openings for chaplains. According to Brown, correctional chaplains not only go through seminary training, but they also must do clinical pastoral training. There is no typical day, and each of the state’s 24 institutions is uniquely different. In addition, Brown serves as one of four captains in leadership for the state’s nationally recognized hostage negotiation crisis response team.

Although Brown has been involved in a variety of intense situations, he says that he has never felt threatened. “I just turned 66. I’m not on any prescriptions, and my blood pressure is 120 over 80,” says Brown. “God’s shalom is a powerful thing.”

LIVING FROM HER CORE: ROUSE THRIVES ALONGSIDE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON

Lanecia Rouse ’00 understands the dark night of the soul. “When I was at Lake Junaluska, I felt strongly that I had been created and called to do something creative for God and for the world. I’d seen glimpses of that, but nothing in the organized church where all of my training and experience were. I was actually considering leaving the ministry to pursue photography,” says Rouse. “Then I met two visionary pastors from Houston, Texas, somewhere I never thought I’d end up, and received an opportunity to bring joy, life and beauty to the world while participating in God’s healing and restoration work.”

In 2011 Rouse became the project manager for The Art Project, Houston (TAPH), an organization that facilitates the recovery and discovery of the creative self for individuals experiencing homelessness and who are in transition in Houston. “It was a nice marriage of ministry, the arts and community development,” says Rouse.

In her new role, Rouse has worked with people like Solo, a military veteran with an accounting degree who ended up on the streets of Houston. Through the therapeutic art process, he was empowered to create beautiful masterpieces and dream of a new future. Solo is now a tattoo artist in north Texas with a wife and daughter. Another of Rouse’s success stories is Ms. C, who lives under the bridge near the center. Ms. C has used the art project to, in her words, “feel less depressed.” She paints, creates pottery and makes beautiful greeting cards, which she sells to support both herself and the ongoing work of TAPH.

“There’s a deep satisfaction in that,” says Rouse. “She still lives under the bridge, but she has a shine and a newness about her. Ms. C can now have conversations about money and a life off the streets that she could not have before.”

According to Rouse, TAPH is important because it provides creative space and resources for people in the community who are disenfranchised and underrepresented.

“This is a safe, beautiful and affirming community for people who don’t have the privilege to go buy art supplies,” says Rouse. “At TAPH, we provide art supplies and teach opportunities to hear good music, create or watch a beautiful film,” says Rouse. “I learned alongside the participants to be an artist and the importance of making art accessible to all. Now, art making is my work, and I feel like I’m living from my core because of that community.”

UNSUNG HERO

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JOSH GROSS ’12
Since July, Gross has been working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. From Mekele, the small city in the north where he teaches high school English, Gross has experienced his fair share of ups and downs. He contracted typhoid, but he also has grown a beard, and enjoys dance parties with his host brother. Gross will be in Ethiopia for 27 months and will work as an ambassador to share American culture and promote cultural exchanges. To read more about his experiences, visit his blog at grossjoshuainedithiopia.wordpress.com.

ARSENIO PARKS ’11
After graduating from Wofford, Parks returned to Shelby (N.C.) High School, his alma mater, to work with Communities in Schools as a graduation coach, helping students transition smoothly from middle to high school and targeting students who are at risk of dropping out. Parks works to connect and encourage these students and values the relationships that he has built with his students. “I explain that success does not look the same for everyone,” says Parks. “Whether it’s the first time they’ve made a passing grade or their first college acceptance letter, I celebrate the progression with them. The Communities in Schools mission is ‘to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life,’ and I can honestly say that brings me joy.”

“Humanist career choices aren’t glamorous, held up on pedestals or paraded around, but they are tremendously important,” says Onyx Henry ’11, a classmate who nominated Parks. “We need people to continue believing in youth and striving to keep them focused and motivated, and Arsenio Parks does that every single day.”

SUZANNE WHITE ’98
As a public defender for Spartanburg County, White combines a passion for law with a desire to help those in need. She serves and defends people who are unable to afford representation in court. She attended the University of South Carolina School of Law and began her career at the Attorney General’s office in Columbia. “After working for the state for over six years, moving to the area of public defense was a big change,” says White. “I think everyone needs someone in their corner to listen to and support them, and this job gives me the opportunity to utilize my education, legal experience, personality and heart in a way that helps my clients and makes me feel that I am doing something to make a difference.”

MATTHEW MORRISON ’09
Morrison currently works as a volunteer coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Morrison provides counseling and empathy for the young men and women who are in the system, many of whom have been the victims of abuse and peer pressure. He also volunteers at the local homeless shelter and with the United Way.

Morrison’s passion for service began during his time at Wofford, when he was involved in a severe car accident; he sustained fractured bones and a traumatic brain injury. After six months of rehab, he regained the ability to walk and has since dedicated his life to helping others in need.

MONIQUE COLLINS ’13
“What I know now and wish I knew 12 months ago is that there are no saviors here. There are no gold stars or instant, greater rewards.”

Collins shared the above quote on her blog while working in Macedonia as part of her 27-month pledge to the Peace Corps. She is currently working as an English language instructor for school-age children and adults and has been in the Eastern European country since September 2014. Since that point, she has experienced many cultural challenges and rewards.

“I’ve encountered one race-based hurdle after another, have had days full of microaggressions and offensive remarks, and have been forced to validate my experiences,” says Collins. “I have to walk a tightrope of being diplomatic and polite, and in that walking I often forget who I am; my concept of dignity and confidence slips.”

Despite the many challenges, Collins also has written about positive experiences she’s had, whether successfully teaching American culture to her students, learning to cook Macedonian food or attending local theater productions. To read more about her experiences, visit her blog at servingwhileblack.wordpress.com.

NANCY JOYCE ’95
For years, artist and curator Joyce painted wheels and bikes without truly understanding what drew her to these motifs. Finally, after reading a quote from Susan B. Anthony, Joyce realized that, to her, these things meant female empowerment and freedom. Since this realization, Joyce has worked with the not-for-profit Lotus Pedals program, a branch of the Lotus Outreach organization. Lotus Pedals provides bicycles to young girls in Cambodia so that they can more easily and safely travel to and attend school.

Joyce painted a collection featuring women on bikes and women with umbrellas, titled Bicyclette, that was on exhibition in fall 2015. She then donated a portion of the proceeds to Lotus Pedals. She personally delivered bicycles to some of the girls in Cambodia. In addition, Joyce creates cards with her message of hope: “I am smart. I am brave. I am determined.”

MIKE DENNIS ’90
Dennis works as the executive director of the TriCounty Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, an organization based in Orangeburg, S.C., that focuses on providing prevention, intervention and treatment to individuals and families who have been affected by alcohol and drugs. Dennis has worked in the field for 27 years and serves as a licensed professional counselor and a nationally certified addictions counselor.

JODY LEGARE ’93
Legare faced a rude awakening in March 2012. Diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, he knew he needed to make drastic lifestyle changes and to implement them quickly. Since his diagnosis less than a year ago, Legare, a social studies teacher at Sun Valley Middle School in Indian Trail, N.C., has lost 90 pounds and no longer takes diabetes medication. Legare now runs six miles a day, seven days a week, and coaches the school’s swim team. He uses his diagnosis and life changes to inspire others, especially his students, to eat right and exercise.

JEREMY PITTMAN ’92
As the deputy field director for the Human Rights Campaign, Pittman manages daily operations and activities andcoordinates staff, volunteers and field teams for the organization. Pittman is committed to social change, and prior to working at HRC, the nation’s largest civil rights organization for LGBT equality, he worked with MassEquality, another LGBT civil rights group, and served as the chair of the board of the LGBT Political Alliance of Massachusetts and the director for the Equality Federation. “Jeremy has been tireless in his willingness to speak with my students and share his perspective and experiences on making social change,” says Dr. Andy Hoefer ’00, assistant professor of English and assistant dean of the Honors College at George Mason University.

Pittman says he feels privileged to work daily to engage supporters of equality. “It’s humbling to think that the work I do has opened the door for so many loving families to enjoy the benefits of marriage and for gay and lesbian Americans to serve in the military.”

Read about more unsung heroes at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
Wofford’s oldest living alumnus, DuPre “Jack” Sassard, recently was featured in the newsletter for The Villages at Syber Creek in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Calil had been without a home since his highly distinguished career in the military, including his work decoding Enigma messages and later commanding a site where the Army collected stolen art from World War II. Over the years he has enjoyed home renovations, stamp collecting, horses and most recently his home in the model of the San Luis Obispo Mission is in the SLO Mission Museum.

Henry M. Smith spent five weeks in Berlin in June studying German and touring Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, remarkable vestiges of The Wall, the Museum of German History and the Holocaust Memorial, among other sites. Smith, a former lecturer in French at the University of New Hampshire, writes that the historic, dynamic city of Berlin in the heart of Europe was a new adventure for him. He continues to reside in Durham, N.C.

In January, Dr. Herbert X. Smith announced his retirement after 35 years of practicing emergency medicine. He and his wife, Jan, are looking forward to travel and leisure time — something they have not had much of until now.

Bob Wickwire and his wife, Beth, live in Sequim, Wash. He retired after 35 years in hospital materials management and medical equipment planning.

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Nelson Lindsay has joined the South Carolina Department of Commerce as the director of global business development. A certified economic developer, he was Richland County’s first director of economic development and served as director of economic development for Kershaw County for more than 14 years.

1992
Nikki Palmieri Chunn

Sheryl McClerklin Booker has been elected as a trustee of The Spartanburg County Foundation. She will serve a seven-year term. Booker is a supporter for the Spartanburg Academic Movement and serves on the board of directors for the First Tee of Spartanburg and Cherokee counties and on the community advisory board for Nurse-Family Partnership. She and her husband, Dr. Russell Booker, superintendent of Spartanburg County District 7 schools, have two sons, Grant and Maxwell.

1993
Sarah Starwick, class chair

Todd Avant, CEO of NAI Avant, was featured in Columbia Business Monthly as one of Parker Poe’s 50 Most Influential People. Avant has served on the board of Richland County’s Transportation Oversight Committee, the Vista Guild Board and the EnginuitySC Board of Advisors.

The Charleston Coastal Community Foundation has named Darrin Goss Sr. president and chief executive. Goss started on Feb. 15. He had been serving as president and CEO of the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, La.

Tripp Whitener has been appointed chairman of the Columbia, S.C., City Center Partnership. In 2016, Whitener works with First Citizens Bank.

1994
Alicia Traudl, class chair

In 2015, Jennifer Nodine Bell earned her master of science degree in college athletic administration from Coker College.

Lt. Col. Brent McCallouche recently graduated from the School of Advanced Military Studies at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He and his wife, Susan Benton McCallouche ‘99, along with their three children, have moved back to Jackson, Miss., where he will serve as the G5 for the Mississippi Army National Guard.

1995
Brandie Yancey Lorenzo, class chair

Living in Hanover, N.H., Derek Brown has been promoted to senior associate director of leadership initiatives and principal gifts at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He also will direct the grateful patient fundraising program for the hospital.

1996
Courtney Miller, class chair


Dawn Hurst-Marine is the director of the national office for Workday, a secure credit card payment services company in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Joseph, have three children, Ivey (13), Alden (10) and Ais (7).

1997
Beth M. Guerrero, class chair

“Target Tokoyo,” written by James M. Scott, was named one of the 10 Best Nonfiction Books of 2015 by the Christian Science Monitor. The article in the Monitor praises Scott for uncovering “fresh material to provide an extraordinary complete account of the 1941 Doolittle U.S. air raid on Tokyo and its aftermath.” Financial Advisor magazine also picked “Target Tokoyo” as one of its best books of 2015.

1998
Casey B. Morris, class chair

Michael Edens is a senior vice president with Southern First Bank in Cayce, S.C. He lives in Columbia with his wife, Cynt, and their two children, Everett (9) and Lucy (7).

1999
Zach Atkinson, class chair

Jan Ruth Streater Mayheu recently joined the Woodruff Arts Center corporate philanthropy team as manager of events for the arts. She lives in Lilburn, Ga., with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Mary Clare (4) and Thomas (2).

Brian Nash has accepted a position as vice president of development with Agracel Inc., an Illinois-based real estate development firm with a growing Southeastern footprint. Nash will remain in Spartanburg, where he had served as director of business development with the Spartanburg Economic Future Groups.

2000
Anthony Hooper, class chair

Megan Audette-Nikolic and her husband, Ivan, welcomed their first child, Sara Grace Nikolic, on July 23, 2015.

In the fall, the Footfalls Artisan Center in Landrum, S.C., featured the paintings of Scott Neely. “These Hills Color & Abstraction” is a new series of visual poems. Neely directs the Project for Community Promoting Sustainability in Fashion

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Jenna Shloem Brudges, class chair

Former treasurer of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Tony Prestipino is now treasurer for the Florida Conference. He previously worked as a senior auditor for Deloitte and as an internal auditor for the Naval Audit Service in Washington, D.C.

Strat Stavrou is a workers’ compensation defense attorney with William Jones Carter & Baxley in Columbia, S.C.

Tracy Howard, class chair

Robert Goings, a litigation and trial attorney with Willson Jones Carter & Strat Stavrou in Columbia, S.C., is now treasurer for the Florida Conference. He previously worked as a senior auditor for Deloitte and as an internal auditor for the Naval Audit Service in Washington, D.C.

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“Curt McPhail brings with him a wealth of experience as a leader and expertise in developing strong, diverse partnerships, building effective teams and achieving high-quality outcomes in both local and global environments,” says Dr. Dennis M. Wiseman, Wofford’s provost.

Transformation, an initiative that strengthens local faith congregations and empowers them to transform the community, especially focusing on the issues of poverty and racism.

Three Wofford graduates came together to bring college access opportunities to the Upstate community. Palmer Straughn, senior associate director of admission at Wofford, along with Rachel McCoy ’95, associate director of National College Fairs programs and services for the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and Rob Rhodes ’97, director of school counseling services with Greenville County Schools, joined forces to bring the first National College Fair to the state of South Carolina. The Upstate South Carolina National College Fair took place on March 19.

MCPHAIL APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SPACE

by Laura Hendris Corbin

Curt McPhail ‘96 is back on campus as the new executive director of The Space in the Mungo Center. The Space provides professional development, career services, real-world experience and entrepreneurial guidance to students. McPhail, who previously served as a project manager of the Northside Development Group, received degrees in business economics and sociology from Wofford and received additional certification in community engagement from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“A veteran of the music industry, Charlie Jennings has joined Los Angeles-based event producer Danny Witter Witters as senior vice president of operations. Jennings previously served as vice president and producer at AEG Live, where he oversaw concerts and festivals such as the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

Julius Richardson is a project architect with Meyer Greenson Paulin Benson Architecture and Interior Design in Charlotte, N.C. He manages high-end, custom residential projects from concept to construction.

Brenk and Lee rounding the bases overseas

by Brent Williamson, associate athletics director for media relations

Once a baseball player at Wofford graduates, he usually hangs up his cleats and begins the next phase of his life. Eric Brenk ’14 and Alex Lee ’11, however, have found a way to keep playing the sport they love while traveling the world.

Lee, a business economics major, played in 172 career games as an infielder for the Terriers before getting his chance to head overseas. He is playing in Adelaide, South Australia, this winter after spending the summer playing with Arrows Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

“I actually started off coaching in the spring of 2014 just outside of Vienna, Austria,” says Lee. “That turned into playing in a few weekend tournaments with international teams, which led to connections that have allowed me to do this for three additional seasons between Europe and Australia.

Lee says Australia is fun, but he misses the ‘absurd things that happened in Europe on an almost daily basis, mostly due to the language barrier. More specifically, I loved the Czech Republic. There was one older guy in our club who didn’t speak a lick of English. He was always smiling and high-fiving me after games with a beer in his hand. My roommate told me that he had introduced baseball to the city back when it was Czechoslovakia, and his interpretation of the rule for hitting some runs was that you could run around the bases as many times as possible until the other team got the ball back into play. So, in theory, your team could score 28 runs on a grand slam if everyone made it around the bases seven times.”

Brenk, a double major in finance and economics, played in 158 career games at Wofford, primarily at second base. When the opportunity to play baseball professionally in America fell through, Brenk took advantage of his German citizenship and began playing in Europe. He currently plays for the Bonn Capitols of the German Bundesliga.

Charles Connelly Prevost and Jane Gresham Werrell ’50 were married on May 16, 2015.

Keri Harry, class chair Living in Spartanburg, S.C., Christina Jackson Buchheit is an independent consultant with Rodan & Fields Dermatologists. She and her husband, Phil, welcomed daughter, Layla, on Oct. 11, 2015.

Lucy Teague and Garrett Garcia were married Oct. 16, 2015, in Boca Grande, Fla.


Lauren Brown, a third-year chemistry doctoral student in the Long Research Group at the University of Tennessee, was awarded the American Chemical Society’s Women Chemist Committee and Eli Lilly & Company Travel Award. As part of the award, Brown will present her research at the Spring 2016 ACS National Meeting in San Diego, Calif. A portion of her work already has been published in the high-impact journal ACS Catalysis. Only 11 researchers around the country received the award.

John DuBose is an engineer with General Electric (power and water) in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Easley, S.C., with his wife, April Yvonne DuBose. They were married on Oct. 17, 2015.

Kristina Dukes and Christopher Werner were married on July 18, 2015. Kristina is a dual medical student and master’s of public health graduate in 2014 with a master’s degree in public health, also at USC. In 2015, Sarah Moore was named Rookie of the Year for the South Carolina Public Relations Society of America. She recently was promoted to public relations director for Complete Public Relations in Greenville, S.C.

Ruthie Dutes and Vic Bailey IV were married on Feb. 6, 2016, in Spartanburg, S.C.

Morgan Victoria Amick, class chair In January 2015, Chris Bolinger moved to Chatham University, where he is pursuing an MFA in film and digital technology. He is currently working as the writer and director of a film called “Behind Us” about estranged siblings forced to face themselves as they spread their late father’s ashes on a road trip through the American Southwest.

Living in Charlotte, N.C., Mary Katherine DuBose is an experienced associate (CPA/auditor) with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She graduated in 2014 with a master’s degree in accountancy from Wake Forest University.

Joseph McMullan and his startup recycling business, Junk Matters, have teamed up with other entrepreneurs to form Atlas Organics, a group in Upstate South Carolina that collects food waste from restaurants, hospitals, hotels, grocery stores and corporate cafeterias and recycles it in a new composting facility. After 45 days, the finished compost will be sold to the agricultural, landscaping and home gardening markets.
IN MEMORIAM

1936
Dr. William Cannon, Oct. 5, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Cannon, a notable pathologist. He and his wife, Theoleen, established a trust and named Wofford as the ultimate beneficiary. The trust will eventually support scholarships for generations of Wofford students.

1947
Donald H. Fraser, Nov. 13, 2015, Valdahon, S.C. Fraser was sent to Oklahoma to learn Japanese after completing the ROTC program at Wofford. There he became interested in the plight of minorities. He was a Navy veteran of World War II called back to active duty during the Korean War. He retired as a partner from Draper Corp. but graduated from Robinson Business School and was a member of Sigma Chi.

1949
Thomas Bartley Prince, Dec. 29, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. A U.S. Army veteran, Prince taught in Spartanburg County School 7 in Indiana and was a member of Ben Avon United Methodist Church.

1952
Bob Clay Oglesby, Jan. 14, 2016, Gaffney, S.C. Oglesby attended Wofford College and graduated from the School of Business in 1968. He was a staff photographer for the Department of Photography at Rochester Institute of Technology for Wofford College. He enjoyed challenging himself and others.

1957
Dr. Samuel Marvin Atkinson Jr., Jan. 24, 2016, Greenville, S.C. During an 80-year medical career, Atkinson served in the U.S. Air Force as chief of gynecologic oncology at Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base and as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Eglin Air Force Base. He also worked in private practice and taught in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine.

1963
Harold Thomas Ellis Jr., Jan. 9, 2016, Mount Pleasant, Texas. Ellis played quarterback for the Terriers. After graduation he enjoyed a lengthy career in the pharmaceutical industry.

1967
David “Terry” Harned, Nov. 30, 2015, Rockford, Ill. Harned worked for Co-Lin Contracting. After receiving the call to ministry, he served Presbyterian churches in Georgia and North Carolina, including service as the general presbyter/state clerk of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, a interdenominational church in Moore County, N.C. The Rev. Dr. Paul James ‘76 followed him in that role and delivered a talk on the occasion of Welch’s retirement. Read it online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

1975
Robert Benedict “Roben” Eleazer III, Feb. 6, 2016, Due West, S.C. Eleazer worked in sales with Milliken & Co. and BFGoodrich Tire Company. He served churches in Blacksburg, Va., and served as a substitute teacher.

1976
George Roberts Spaling, Jan. 4, 2016, Shelby, N.C. Spaling worked in the family business at Loy’s Men Shop and later in real estate property management and as a substitute teacher.

1980
Mark Grey Raines, Dec. 6, 2015, Florence, S.C. Raines was the owner and operator of Raines Hospitality Inc. He enjoyed driving historic race cars, collecting stock cars and took great pride in his racing win in the Southeast Division Championship in 1990.

1997
The Rev. Robert Christopher Barrett, Feb. 24, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C., and New Palestine, Ind. “Pastor Chris,” as he was lovingly known by most of his parishioners, was a fourth generation United Methodist minister. He received his master of divinity degree from Duke University and served in Blacksburg, Va., and Manning, Charleston and Spartanburg. During his nearly four-year battle with lymphoma, he inspired hundreds of people by writing of his experiences and sharing the lessons of faith that arose from his illness. Barrett was Wofford’s Presidential International Scholar. During his lifetime, he traveled to 51 countries and as many states. No matter where he was, he distinguished himself with his infectious laugh and joyful spirit. Barrett was the son of Sally Cross Barrett ’69 and Dr. Charles Barrett ‘55, a longtime member of the religion faculty at Wofford. Memorials may be directed to the Chris Barrett Fund for Community Justice at Wofford.

2013
Jordan David Small, June 28, 2015, Okemos, Mich. Small traveled extensively and participated in the National Outdoor Leaders School trip to Hope Valley, a nonprofit that also included trips to Japan, Indonesia and Thailand. Small loved photography and the arts and was an exceptionally published photographer and writer.

2015
Jacob West Summers IV, Nov. 15, 2015, Columbia, S.C. West was a second semester senior at Wofford. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Summers loved watching sports, particularly basketball, and he enjoyed politics and debate.

2016
Friends
Cathy Conner, Dec. 11, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Conner worked in Information Technology for Wofford College. She was well loved by students, faculty and staff and asked that memorials be made to the Cathy Conner Scholarship Fund at Wofford.

Donald James Welch, Jan. 22, 2016, Spartanburg, S.C. Welch served Wofford College as the dean of students and later as the college chaplain. While at Wofford, he also taught religion, philosophy, public speaking and humanities. He served as pastor of numerous churches and held leadership positions at several other colleges. In 2013, Welch retired as resident dean of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, an interdenominational church in Moore County, N.C. The Rev. Dr. Paul James ‘76 followed him in that role and delivered a talk on the occasion of Welch’s retirement. Read it online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

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1) Call the Office of Advancement at 947-5470
2) Visit wofford.edu/supportwofford
3) Mail a check made payable to: Wofford College Office of Advancement 429 N. Church Street Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-3663

Remember to include the name of the person you are honoring with your gift.
A LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EVERY ALUMNUS WANTED. EVERY ALUMNUS NEEDED.

I am pleased to introduce myself as the Wofford College Alumni Association president, the first popularly elected president of the association. A native of West Columbia, S.C., and a 1983 Wofford graduate, I have more than 30 years of experience in higher education, specifically in financial aid administration. I currently serve as manager of technology services for the Office of Student Financial Services at Midlands Technical College. I have served as a board member of the Pink and Green Community Service Foundation and Teach the Truth Ministries, and I have been a loyal member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for 36 years.

I could not be prouder of the college’s accomplishments. Wofford College’s transformative educational opportunities have resulted in more than 16,700 living alumni who excel in various careers and who are making their communities better places. The alumni board represents each and every one of you, and we are eager to enthusiastically serve our college and students with your help. My mission as board president is to engage Wofford alumni in a manner that honors the past, present and future of the institution, while pursuing new initiatives, new faces and making a new commitment to alumni awareness and the association. I hope to gain a new connection with current students, who I like to think of as “future alumni.”

We will continue to work toward building a strong Wofford network, increasing alumni engagement, fostering student recruitment and raising support for the college through advancement. Lifelong engagement with the college offers opportunities to have fun, meet lots of great people and give back to your alma mater! Here are a few specific things you can do to help:

• Attend alumni events.
• Consider Wofford graduates for jobs or internship experiences.
• Visit the campus and talk with students about your career.
• Visit the Wofford website so you can talk with others about what’s happening on campus.
• Encourage potential Terriers to choose Wofford by sharing your memories and experiences with them.
• Organize an alumni gathering or game watch party.

There’s much more to come, and the Wofford College Alumni Association invites your participation. Visit wofford.edu/alumni/WCAA to learn more. Also feel free to contact me at suttonv88@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson ’88, director of alumni and parents programs, at thompsondn@wofford.edu to get involved.

Vicki R. Muller ’83
President, Wofford College Alumni Association

UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:
Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

APRIL 11-17 University Club @ RBC Heritage Golf Tournament
APRIL 15 Florence Alumni/Admission Gathering
APRIL 21 Thermal Belt Alumni Gathering
APRIL 28 Terrier Club Midlands Invitational
APRIL 29 Orange County, CA Alumni Gathering
APRIL 30 Los Angeles Alumni Gathering
MAY 6 Spartanburg Criterium
MAY 14-15 Commencement/Class of 1966 50th Reunion
MAY 19 Terrier Club Coaches Classic Golf Invitational
MAY 21 Carowinds Family Day
JUNE 20 Houston Astros MLB Game
JUNE 22 Texas Rangers MLB Game
AUG. 25 Spartanburg Area Surf & Surf
SEPT. 23-24 Family Weekend
OCT. 21-22 Homecoming

Visit wofford.edu/alumni/travelopportunities for more information about opportunities to travel with the Terriers:
APRIL 24 – MAY 5, 2016 - Mediterranean Passage
OCT. 2-10, 2016 - Autumn in America’s Heartland

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GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY WHILE LEARNING ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Students in Dr. Terry Ferguson’s advanced environmental studies course take a break from their research and writing to dig around in the courtyard behind the Black Science Annex.