Prepared, polished and dressed FOR SUCCESS
Student success is built into everything we do at Wofford College—from the expectation that students graduate within four years to faculty advising to finding ways to help more students study abroad. This issue of Wofford Today features some of the ways in which Wofford demonstrates its commitment to student success. You’ll find a story on the transformative gift from the Mungos that has made possible the centralization of high-impact student programs in the Michael S. Brown Village Center. There’s a story wrapping up the Terriers’ miracle football season and the efforts of so many contributing to the team’s incredible successes on and off the field. This issue also includes a story about how Wofford has helped shape the postgraduate scholarship success of generations of students.

Student success leads to graduate success, and Wofford graduates provide proof that we’re moving in the right direction. In the class notes section, you’ll find alumni success stories. Wofford graduates are doing amazing things—preserving wildlife, starting businesses, leading professional organizations, serving our communities and even competing on game shows and hiking the West Highland Way in Scotland. They’re also giving back. The 2016 Advancement Report (see pages 20-23) highlights the generosity and impact of graduates who have decided to show their gratitude to the college by paying it forward to current and future students.

Thank you all for making student success a priority. The world needs more Wofford graduates who are committed to leading meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars. Go, Terriers!
Sheron Mathew ’17, a biology and Spanish major from Spartanburg, spent the fall semester studying politics, social justice and language in Santiago, Chile. His friend, Michal Laszkiewicz, took this photo of him during a backpacking excursion in Patagonia. Mathew wrote of his experience in an IES Abroad blog.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read “Patagucci: a preview of the vale la pena journey” and find a link to Mathew’s other entries.
A. TRAKAS DEBUTS FIRST NOVEL, “MESSENGER FROM MYSTERY”

It took Dr. Dino Trakas 30 years to bring his summing, rousing, thought-provoking story of forbidden love and international intrigue to fruition, so the release of “Messenger from Mystery,” a novel set during the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, is particularly sweet. The book is available at the Wofford Bookstore, through local booksellers and Amazon.

B. LIBRARY RECEIVES N.E.H. GRANT FOR PRESERVATION AND DISASTER RECOVERY

Wofford’s Sanders Yenifer Library has received a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will fund an assessment of archival and special collections and will provide Wofford and library partners from across the Spartanburg community a chance to participate in disaster recovery training.

C. JOHNSON COLLECTION INTERNS BUILD PORTFOLIO OF EXPERIENCE

Jordan Waxman ’17 (right) and Reagan Petty ’17 advanced their careers in the arts thanks to internships through the Johnson Collection in downtown Spartanburg. Waxman served as a marketing intern, while Petty improved her curatorial skills. They both loved their work and plan to continue pursuing careers or further training in the field.

D. MILLER NAMED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Fred Miller has been named chief information officer and associate vice president for information services at Wofford. He is responsible for all information technology services to support students, faculty and staff. Miller came to Wofford from Furman University and before that Illinois Wesleyan University and Berklee College of Music in Boston.

E. ALUMNI ENJOY INTERIM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Wofford professor of mathematics Dr. Ted Monnet led a group of alums and friends of the college on a visit to South Africa in January. The group spent several days in Johannesburg learning about Nelson Mandela and apartheid, touring an HIV clinic and enjoying the people and food. They also visited Ngala Safari Lodge and Cape Town.

F. BASKETBALL DAD GOES THE DISTANCE

Love knows no distance, and Ray Sawvell, the father of Wofford men’s basketball player Ryan Sawvell ’17, takes that to heart. Ray, who lives in Mundelein, Ill., drives to every Wofford game, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing. The drive, no matter where Wofford is playing.

G. WOFFORD RECOGNIZED AS A “BEST VALUE COLLEGE”

Wofford continues to be recognized as one of the nation’s best colleges for providing an excellent education at an affordable price. The college is included in The Princeton Review’s “Colleges That Pay You Back,” as well as in Forbes, Kiplinger’s Personal Finance and The New York Times.

H. STUDENT BECOMES YOUNGEST ELECTED OFFICIAL IN S.C.

Armed with $30, his Facebook friends and just a week to campaign, Phillip Habib ’18 managed to become the youngest elected official in South Carolina. The 20-year-old from Goose Creek was elected Nov. 8 as a commissioner on the Berkeley County Soil and Water Commission as a write-in candidate.

Read more about these and other stories at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »

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UNLEASHED

Wofford welcomed area elementary schools from across Spartanburg and Cherokee counties to the 5th annual “Growing Up Gold: Education Day” on Jan. 26. The event is designed to allow children to spend time on a college campus at an early age. On the court with the enthusiastic young fans in the background are #10 Cairo Booker ‘20, a sociology major from Stone Mountain, Ga., and #3 Sarah Traynor ‘17, a French and government major from Ontario, Canada.
When the Terriers football team pulled into campus at 12:30 a.m. after the heartbreaking, double-overtime loss during the quarterfinals of the FCS playoffs against Youngstown State, several hundred Wofford students were waiting, cheering and welcoming the team back with an impromptu rendition of the alma mater.

“It put a lump in my throat,” says Mike Ayers, who just finished his 29th year as head coach. “That’s Wofford pulling for Wofford, and our guys were awestruck by the sight. This is a special place.”

That scene marked the end of the 2016 football season — a season that saw its share of misfortune and near misses — but a season that will go down in Wofford history as a season of miracles.
STARTING QB DOWN
August 13, 2016
Final pre-season scrimmage

After a productive summer camp and pre-season, the team loses Evan Jacks ’16, the projected starting quarterback, to a torn ACL.

ROACH RESUSCITATED
ON THE FIELD
September 1, 2016
Season opener vs. Tennessee Tech

“The players look fit and ready. They’re playing hard. We’re moving the ball offensively, and a guy grabs my arm and says, ‘Coach, Mike’s down.’ I get over to where he is on the sidelines, and they’re cutting his shirt off. They hit him with the defibrillator,” recalls Ayers. “If not for the people we had on the sidelines, there’s no telling what would have happened.”

Ayers is talking about linebacker Michael Roach’s collapse from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an undiagnosed heart disease that is the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in young athletes in the United States. Typically only 5 percent of people survive the condition after they go into cardiac arrest.

“For me it felt like a normal day,” says Roach, a junior from Kenosha, Wisc. “Then we had a long 13-play drive. I was tired and probably should have come off the field, but I wanted to stay out there with my team.”

After the series Roach sat down beside a teammate. He felt lightheaded. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the ambulance, disoriented but ready to go back out on the field.

Linebacker John Patterson ’18, one of Roach’s best friends, watched as Wofford doctors and trainers were joined by a cardiologist watching the game who jumped the fence to offer his assistance.

“I knew it was serious immediately,” says Patterson, who describes an almost complete silence in the stadium while Roach was down. Wofford fans said they could hear the doctors call “clear,” before shocking Roach’s heart.

“Both teams came together in the middle of the field, and they asked me to pray. I could barely talk, but I swallowed it and prayed. ‘Play for Roach’ was our theme for the rest of the game.”

Roach left Cookeville Regional Medical Center with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a determination to focus on helping his team in a different way.

“I can’t make a tackle, but I can be there as a motivator and help coach other players in my position. I’m also focusing extra effort on the academic side of things,” says Roach, who’s planning to go to law school and possibly start his own business. “Lots of others have the same condition I do. Maybe I can create a service or device that helps detects heart conditions at an early age.”

ANOTHER QB DOWN
September 24, 2016
Wofford vs. ETSU

Brad Butler ’17, who started the first four games of the season at quarterback, tears his ACL and is out for the year.

Left: Michael Roach #43, during the 2015 season. Below: The team huddles around Coach Ayers after a snowy practice before the Youngstown State game.
Patterson underwent surgery the next day and spent several months in a brace.

“I’m still recovering, but things are going well, and doctors are optimistic that I’ll make a full recovery,” he says.

Watching Patterson carted off the field was a sobering reminder of Roach’s life-threatening condition. It took a toll.

“JP is a tremendous leader on the team, and it was really difficult for our guys to see him leave that way,” says Ayers. “After we lost that Homecoming match, not many people gave us a chance to be more than average, but this is a strong-minded team.”

It’s also a team filled with compassion. After Patterson’s injury, teammates carried his backpack to every class. Someone donated a recliner for Patterson to sleep in while he was in the brace, and teammates picked it up and delivered it to his room. They cheered him up in the hospital and helped reassure his mom.

“It was really cool to see how many people were there for me,” says Patterson. “The coaches, my teammates, my professors and classmates — they were all just happy I was OK.”

HOWERTON DONATES BONE MARROW
October 29, 2016
Wofford vs. Mercer

David Howerton ’17 knew this probably would be his last game of the season. After four years of special teams work and a brief stint as one of this season’s legion of backup quarterbacks, Howerton was faced with a choice: finish out his senior season and enjoy a playoff run with his teammates or donate bone marrow to a 19-year-old woman with lymphoma who had run out of treatment options. He chose to save a life.

“God had his hand in this whole season,” says Ayers, who explains that the team partnered with the “Get in the Game, Save a Life” initiative, part of the Be The Match program operated by the National Marrow Donor Program.

Howerton received a phone call in August that he was a possible match. Early in the season he underwent further testing.

“It worked out that I was a perfect match,” says Howerton, a native of Asheville, N.C. “The odds of being selected are less than 1 percent,” but not during the miracle season.

“Last year he got the team’s unsung hero award. He makes us all better. We’re a closer team because of David.”

During the Mercer game, Roach and Patterson were watching from the box with the coaches. They both knew that Howerton was about to donate bone marrow, and from their experiences this season they knew how hard it would be for him to miss the on-the-field camaraderie and action.

“We were up there watching, and Howie blocks a punt then returns it for a touchdown. The coaches are working, so it’s usually pretty calm up there, but not then. We went wild. Everybody was jumping and going crazy,” remembers Roach. He started texting Howerton immediately, knowing he wouldn’t see it until he was back in the locker room after the game.

The text read: “It was lit. So proud of you dawg. All the coaches were going borkers yelling HOWEEEEE.”

“It was the greatest text ever,” says Howerton, who has avoided the spotlight for his sacrifice. “I didn’t do much. I just hope she survives. She is the true hero. I’m just a small part of this story.”

Above left: Friends Alex Hardy ’18, R.J. Hardy, Caroline Jones ’17, Michael Saraffianos ’18, Colton Clemmons ’18 and Michael Roach ’18 visited Patterson in the hospital after surgery to repair his C6 vertebra.

Above right: David Howerton’s blocked punt and recovery for a touchdown helped clinch the victory over Mercer.
FCS quarterfinals
Wofford vs. Youngstown State

Last game in Gibbs Stadium. He’s off to law school in the fall.

Right: Dequan Miller and his family shared the field before his
with a sprained ankle.

Left: Brandon Goodson leaves The Citadel playoff game
students rallied.

“The coaches rallied. The fans rallied. Our

“Man down. Man up. MAN UP!”

By the end of the season, Ayers says the team’s

mantra was: “Man down. Man up. MAN UP!”

“The guys really took that to heart,” he says,

“It’s probably the most satisfying year I’ve

ever coached. It wasn’t about wins or being in

the playoffs, but the way this group of young

men went about business. The team rallied.

The coaches rallied. The fans rallied. Our

students rallied.”

December 3, 2016
Wofford vs. The Citadel (playoffs)

With Jacks and Butler on the sidelines, Brandon
Goodson ’18 moved into the starting role for
nine games. During The Citadel playoff rematch,
he sprained his ankle. With Howerton out for
several weeks after his bone marrow donation,
true freshman Joe Newman ’20 stepped in to
lead the Terriers to a win in Charleston.

Left to right: David Marvin, Nick Colvin, Brad Butler and
Hunter Windham all scored in the 92nd percentile or
better on their postsecondary admission exams.

December 10, 2016
Wofford vs. Youngstown State
(FCS quarterfinals)

The team’s 15 returning starters and others
vying for key positions began spring practice
on Feb. 15. Those planning to graduate in May,
however, already had run their last lap and were
conditioning themselves for a new challenge.

Three of these men — Butler, Nick Colvin ’17
and David Marvin ’17 — spent the past summer
together in Spartanburg, training for their final
season, studying for their medical and dental
school admission exams and supporting each
other. They were joined by a fourth — Hunter
Windham ’17 — who already had taken the LSAT
for admission into law school.

When the test scores came back, all four had
scored in the 92nd percentile or better (two
scoring in the 99th percentile), which meant
the next steps in their futures were secure.

“They made their own miracles,” says Ayers.

“We have bright kids who are committed to
learning in the classroom and on the field.
Their success also shows the excellence of the
college’s preprofessional programs.”

Butler, a biology major from Rome, Ga., wasn’t
sure what he wanted to do when he came to
Wofford, but he knew Wofford would not be
the end. “When I stepped on campus, I told
myself. ‘This is my resume. I can’t slack.’ Now
he’ll be in medical school at the University of
Georgia in the fall.

Marvin, a biology and chemistry major from
Charlotte, N.C., has decided to use his fifth year
of eligibility to kick for the University of Georgia,
where he will enroll in a master’s program.

The extra degree will make him even more
competitive for medical school admissions.

Marvin is quick to give credit to mentors on the
team, such as Tyler Bragg ’16 and Brody Hingst
’15, who are now both in medical school. “They
gave us tips on how to manage our time and
study. Everyone learns what’s best for them, but
it comes down to having a desire to succeed.”

Colvin, a biology major with a business minor
from Statham, Ga., who will be attending
dental school at the University of North
Carolina Chapel Hill, says the group treated
their summer academic and athletic training
like a job. For him, the good test scores are a
validation that the hard work paid off.

“I remember studying the morning before a
game, feeling like I should really bring my work
so I could study some more during the half. Then
there were all the times friends were out having
fun, and I was in Miliken studying,” says Colvin.

“Knowing that it was all worth it feels good.”

Four members of the team made Phi Beta
Kappa: Colvin, Marvin, Anton Wahrbry ’17 and
Windham. Colvin was named to the CoSIDA
Academic All-District Team, and Marvin and
Wahrbry have been selected as FCS ADA
Academic All-Stars.

“We’ve got All-American, All-Conference and
All-Academic team members. We’ve got guys
like Dequan Miller ’17, a starting offensive guard,
who misses the first half of a game to retake
the LSAT so he could qualify for a scholarship
to go to law school.” (He did, by the way.)

“Those are the kind of guys who permeate the
team,” says Ayers.

The Wofford football program has ranked
among the top 10 percent of FCS teams in the
Academic Performance Review in eight of the
past 10 seasons. The Terriers lead the
SoCon with 146 Academic All-SoCon selections
since the program started in 2003; 10 earned
the recognition this season: Colvin, Steven
Cornellier ’16, Jared Jacon-Duffy ’17, Marvin, T.J.
Novotny ’17, Patterson, Malik Rivera ’16, Brian
Sanders ’16, Wahrbry and Windham.

“It was 100 percent a season of miracles on
every front,” says Ayers. “Wofford is a special
place. It’s about the people who walk the halls
—from the president to the people cutting
the grass and cooking the meals for the team.
We want student-athletes to come here for a
world-class education, play some football and
have some success doing it, then go out and be
productive members of society.”

What do you think: miracle season or exactly
what you’d expect from a football program at
Wofford College?

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- Curt McPhail ’96, executive director of The Space in the Mungo Center

Mungo gift clusters high-impact programs under one roof

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Clustering professional development, entrepreneurship training and internship support in the same building with international programs and community-based learning just makes sense. That’s why Stewart ’74 and Steven Mungo ’81 made a $330,000 gift to Wofford to renovate the Michael S. Brown Village Center and bring these high-impact practices together under one roof.

“We both recognize that academic studies are just the foundation of what makes a person successful later in life,” says Steven Mungo. “International studies, community involvement and internships, for example, are essential to rounding out the educational experience and making our students more competitive in the workplace.”
Stewart (left) and Steven Mungo were honored to discover new and creative ways to work with students. “I’m sure they will cook up ways of engaging students that none of them have come up with yet,” he says. The collaboration started even before the move, says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “The Office of International Programs has worked with The Space in the Mungo Center on the establishment of our new ‘Tanzania summer internship program, and many of our students studying abroad are already involved in service learning overseas,” she says.

According to Sosulski, sharing the space means sharing ideas. He believes that the proximity will allow our staff to engage the opportunity for the staffs of the different student constituencies in contact with each other and with all three offices, increasing the likelihood that students will participate in multiple high-impact practices while they’re at Wofford,” she says.

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The Office of International Programs and the Center for Community-Based Learning can be a transformative effect on our students. They provide multiple pathways that help students make meaning out of their education at Wofford and connect it to their lives after Wofford.”

That’s exactly happened for Ahele White Guthrie ’15, an English major with a philosophy minor who took advantage of all three high-impact practices at Wofford. Guthrie joined the Bonner Scholars program during her sophomore year at Wofford. She studied abroad during her junior year and completed an internship and skills assessment her senior year.

“Bonner was formative for me because it wasn’t just about community service. It was about building the capacity of nonprofit partners. My Bonner experience helped me figure out my path,” says Guthrie, who also completed her Bonner service requirements while studying abroad in New Zealand. Working with a community organization in another country allowed her to experience a different model and work with different people.

Now Guthrie, who taught in Nashville, Tenn., public schools for four years, is in a master’s program in education policy at Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College of Education, where she’s working with both urban and rural communities in Tennessee. Her goal is to determine what’s best for all students.

McPhail, Lancaster, and Story are eager to realize these same benefits for current Wofford students. “It’s certainly about helping students advance their skill sets, but it’s also about helping them find their purpose,” says McPhail. “Good institutions help students figure out what they want to do before they leave. We’ve structured our work to do this.”

Stewart Mungo says it’s just as straightforward as it seems. Wofford has such a great staff to tell. We just want to make sure that our students — the finished product — have everything they need. Even those going into medicine or dentistry or the law will certainly benefit from basic business training and these types of opportunities to practice their liberal arts education.”

Mugo also hopes the college sees an additional benefit from clustering high-impact programs and making them more convenient for students. “The University of the South, Wofford does in helping prepare graduates, the more people may give back when they find success,” he says. “Successful alumni create a successful college.”

Study abroad is a major component of Wofford’s commitment to shaping globally connected citizens. Since 2007, students have studied in 70 countries on all seven continents. Opportunities range from travel/study Interner projects to a full year at a university abroad. Co-curricular options include service learning, internships and research, and Wofford continues to be a national leader in international programs with Open Doors (2016) ranking Wofford ninth in the nation for the percentage of students who study abroad for credit.

Community-based learning offers students opportunities to develop a primary ingredient in living a happy and meaningful life: the ability to use their passions, skills and knowledge to improve the quality of the lives of others. In 2016 the college was recognized on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction. Wofford was recognized in all four categories: general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education.
THE WOFFORD FUND

$1,707,297
total contributions to The Wofford Fund

THE WOFFORD FUND ALLOCATIONS
(rank in order of contributions)
1 - Area of Greatest Need
2 - Scholarship Support
3 - Library & Technology
4 - Student Experiences
5 - Faculty & Staff Development

1,185 students receive institutional merit scholarships
1,537 students receive merit, need and athletics scholarships

Each year our students receive OVER $30 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS!

72 new scholarships established
43 additional commitments made to existing scholarships
13 members of the Benjamin Wofford Society with estate plans established scholarships

Thanks to Marsha and Jimmy Gibbs and the Trustee Matching Fund, 2016 was a record year for establishing permanently endowed scholarships at Wofford College.

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13 members of the Benjamin Wofford Society with estate plans established scholarships

The Benjamin Wofford Society recognizes individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by remembering Wofford in their estate plans.

15 estate gifts received TOTALING $1.2 MILLION
34 new estate commitments TOTALING $4.7 MILLION

$1,574,564
total Terrier Club contributions

856 guests at the 2016 Terrier Ball
$350,000 raised at the Terrier Ball — a record year!

179 Terrier Club Goal Line Club members

348 Terrier Club golf tournament participants

GIFT PLANNING

THE TERRIER CLUB

Office of Advancement
YEAR IN REVIEW
2016

3,044 alumni donors
910 parent donors

$30,334,383 in gifts
63% increase from previous year

130 GREAT OAKS SOCIETY MEMBERS

YOUR DONATION TO
THE WOFFORD FUND
HAS A REAL IMPACT ON WOFFORD STUDENTS

Eric Wagenlander ’17 AREA OF GREATEST NEED
“I made my first gift to The Wofford Fund because Wofford has helped me reach goals I would have never thought possible four years ago.”

Brie White ’17 STUDENT EXPERIENCES
“During my time at Wofford, I’ve been fortunate to study abroad and also gain valuable internship experience. As a senior, I have so much appreciation for my education, and I know I have many people to thank.”

Drew Copeland ’19 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
“I chose Wofford because it has a great campus environment and provides opportunities for my future. I am 100 percent sure this is where I am supposed to be, but I wouldn’t be here without generous scholarship support!”

Katherine Howell ’17 LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY
“Thanks to the updates and renovations to the Writing Center, we are getting a lot more foot traffic. We’ve also seen a greater turnout among students, especially first-year students, which I’m really happy about.”
WOFFORD on CALL

CLASS OF 2016
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: $4,500

16 students
MADE LEADERSHIP GIFTS
OF $100 OR MORE

$586,870 raised • 2,569 pledges received
35 students • 28,965 phone calls • $228 average commitment

192 SENIORS
(THAT’S 56% OF THE CLASS)
made their first gift to
the college before graduation,
setting a new senior giving record.

2016
ALUMNI EVENT RECAP

48 DIFFERENT EVENTS
23 DIFFERENT CITIES
6,634 ATTENDING

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS
April 1
Wofford tent at the Cooper River Bridge
Run Finish Festival, Charleston, S.C.

April 12-16
Wofford tent at the Heritage Golf
Tournament at Sea Pines, Hilton Head, S.C.

April 25
Spartanburg/Tryon-area alumni/gathering

April 28
Wofford tent at the Spartanburg
Critérium bike race

April 28-29
Terrier Club men’s and women’s
soccer reunion

May 3
Wofford vs. USC baseball pregame
gathering, Columbia, S.C.

May 20-21
Class of 1967 50th reunion weekend

June 10
Boston Red Sox pregame gathering

July 1
Cincinnati Reds game

August 24
Spartanburg-area alumni/oyster roast

September 22-23
Family Weekend

October 5
Camden alumni and admission gathering

October 12-14
Wofford weekend in Charleston

October 20-21
Homecoming

November 18
Wofford vs. USC football pregame,
Columbia, S.C.

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Activities: President of the Association of Multicultural Students, Resident Assistant, Arcadia Volunteer Corps
“I wish I could personally thank each donor for their gifts to Wofford. We greatly appreciate your gifts as they afford us amazing opportunities here on campus. Your contributions do not go unnoticed. Thank you!”

Meet Chris Wray ’18 - accounting and economics major
Activities: Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Phi Omega
“To each donor: Thank you for continuing to allow me and other students to experience Wofford in new ways!”
Woodlee is a doctoral student at the University of Oxford in England and the managing editor of openpop.org, an award-winning collaborative blog on global population issues, an extension of her master’s research emphasis on the politics of social policymaking in China. She is co-convener of the Rhodes China Forum, which seeks to foster understanding of China, and was named one of the “25 Under 25: Rising Stars in US-China Relations” by China Hands magazine. Recently she participated in the Salzburg Global Forum for Young Cultural Innovators.

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HICKS BECOMES WOFFORD’S FIRST MITCHELL SCHOLAR

2016 graduate to study race, ethnicity and conflict in Ireland

by Laura Hendrix Corbin

Donovan Hicks ’16 has been selected as one of a dozen members of the 2018 Class of George J. Mitchell Scholars by the US-Ireland Alliance. He is Wofford’s first Mitchell Scholar.

The scholarship program, created nearly 20 years ago by Trina Vargo, founder of the US-Ireland Alliance, attracted 323 applicants for the 12 scholarships named in honor of the former Maine senator’s contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process. Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic distinction, leadership and service. They will spend a year of postgraduate study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland.

“Studying race could never be more timely, especially in a country famous for its ethno-racial conflicts and peace negotiations,” Hicks says. “It is not an easy choice, but it is a purposed and necessary choice. ... I am proud to represent Wofford, and think of this as more of a win for Wofford and its community than myself.”

Hicks hopes more students will have the courage to apply for the prestigious fellowships that suit their needs, such as Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates Cambridge and Rhodes.

“...I've found that Wofford students can compete right beside the students of the Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities of the world and shine,” he says.

Hicks, a native of Spartanburg, graduated from Wofford with degrees in government and finance; he is also a Gates Millennium Scholar, a Bonner Scholar and a Truman Scholar. Hicks recently completed a research stay at the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality. An aspiring civil rights attorney, he is a federal analyst at Deloitte.

As a Mitchell Scholar, Hicks will study race, ethnicity and conflict at Trinity College Dublin beginning in September 2017.

“While it’s not surprising that the Mitchell Scholarship Program recognizes Donovan’s merit, I’m excited that he will have this unique opportunity,” says Dr. John Ware, chairman of Wofford’s Post-graduate Scholarships Committee. “Winning the Mitchell Scholarship is testimony to Donovan’s intellect, vision and effort. He made innumerable contributions to the Wofford community while he was here, and I look forward to hearing about his future endeavors and success.”

CONSIDERING A MAJOR POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP?

Wofford helps

When Dr. John Ware, associate professor of English and chair of the college’s Post-graduate Scholarship Committee, talks with students about applying for major postgraduate scholarships, he gives them three pieces of advice:

1. Carefully read through the “wealth and variety” of opportunities on the postgraduate scholarship page on the Wofford website. “These are pretty special opportunities that our students are well situated for because they attend a small liberal arts college.”

2. Spend time developing mentoring relationships with Wofford’s faculty. “Wofford cultivates these important relationships from the start, and our students who apply for postgraduate scholarships need those relationships and the letters of support that come out of those.”

3. Seek out opportunities to participate in college beyond the academic record or transcript. “Almost always, postgraduate applicants need to demonstrate some sort of research opportunity, community-based learning or leadership experience. Some, such as the Fulbright, weigh study abroad and second-language knowledge heavily.”

Ware has served on the scholarship committee since 2010. For many years Dr. Dan Maulsby ’61, dean of the college at the time, and Dr. Ana Maria Wiseman, dean of international programs, shared responsibilities for helping students navigate the often-complicated application process. Now the Post-graduate Scholarships Committee consists of Dr. Kara Ropp, associate professor and chair of psychology; Dr. Cynthia Fowler, associate professor of sociology and anthropology; Dr. Stacey Hettes, associate professor of biology and associate provost for faculty development; Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor and chair of modern languages, literatures and cultures; and Ware.

“Working with students on postgraduate scholarships is a group effort that involves faculty and staff beyond the committee,” says Ware, who appreciates the efforts of those who serve as volunteers to identify both scholarships and candidates, help with the application and interview process, and serve as liaisons between the college and different scholarship funders. “Many colleges and universities have offices with full-time staff who oversee postgraduate scholarship applications, so we’re unusual in this respect.”

In the fall, 17 students, from first year to senior year, attended information sessions about applying for postgraduate scholarships. The students represent departments and programs across all disciplines and aspire to futures in medicine, teaching, international relations and public policy.

“Because the scholarships are so various, we can accommodate students with great variations in terms of interest, experience and academic program,” says Ware. “We’ve had good success and are excited to build on that.”
Study abroad is a major component of Wofford’s commitment to shaping globally connected citizens, and cost should never be a barrier for a student when considering a semester abroad, says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “We were so proud when two of our students — Aleah Qureshi and Tim Lindsey — recently received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, giving them up to $5,000 to apply toward their study abroad experiences this spring,” Lancaster says. “We coordinated with our colleagues in the Office of Financial Aid, for example, to directly mail all students who receive a Federal Pell Grant about the Gilman Scholarship. He notes that the Gilman Scholarship is intended to widen access to study or intern abroad opportunities to many different student groups, including students with high financial need, students of color, student-athletes, students majoring in STEM disciplines and others. “It also encourages students to study or intern abroad in non-traditional destinations, such as Asia, Africa and Latin America.” Keith adds that Wofford has seen a record number of students applying for the Gilman Scholarship since the success of Qureshi and Lindsey, “and because of the intentional outreach efforts that we have made to promote this scholarship to eligible students.” In addition, Wofford has done more targeted marketing and outreach initiatives for historically under-represented student populations, Keith says. “This year, we’ve held events such as ‘Black & Abroad,’ where students of color could learn more about study abroad opportunities and could have open discussions about the intersections of race and ethnicity and international education.” Keith says he also is working with Spectrum, the college’s LGBTQ student organization, to promote study abroad opportunities to LGBTQ-identified students. “Our hope is that by doing more intentional outreach, we can help all Wofford students realize that a study abroad experience is, indeed, accessible.” Wofford already provides some scholarships and assistance to students for study abroad, such as with the Ruth O. and Joab M. Lesesne Foreign Study Assistance Fund and the Road Less Travelled scholarship, which recently has been expanded to include more locations from which students may select for their study abroad experience. “The Wofford Fund, the college’s drive for annual gifts that support projects, programs and other priorities critical to the prosperity of the college, includes a ‘bucket’ for ‘Student Experiences,’” which provides a vehicle for donors at any level to support and enhance student experiences, including study abroad. “We already have several active funds that provide assistance for students studying abroad, and now we have had several donors recently establish endowments to support study abroad,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’89, associate vice president and executive director of advancement. Most are in the process of being funded, so their activation will take a while, “but we do have donors who recognize the importance of study abroad and wish future students to have the opportunity. We invite others to become involved in this initiative as well.” Keith adds that Wofford’s office of international programs is working with federal partners to coordinate with our colleagues in the Office of Financial Aid, to promote this scholarship and other assistance for students studying abroad, and now we have had several donors recently establish endowments to support study abroad.” Two Wofford College students are among more than 850 undergraduates from nearly 360 colleges and universities across the U.S. selected to receive the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to study or intern abroad during the 2017 academic year. Aleah F. Qureshi ’18, from Sanford, Fla., is studying abroad this spring in Quito, Ecuador, in a program that focuses on development, politics and language. Timothy J. Lindsey ’18, from Spartanburg, is abroad this semester studying and participating in an international internship in South Africa. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
1. Wofford students celebrated while in a water buffalo field in Cambodia. Colleen Ballance and Andrew Green led the cultural Interim to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

2. Dr. Cynthia Fowler and Dr. Eun-Sun Lee led students in a study of Polk County, N.C., including time with renowned artists at the Tryon Arts and Crafts School.

3. Students in the California Landscapes, from Yosemite to the Golden Gate, Interim, led by Dr. Kaye Savage and Dr. Peter Brewitt, explored the state’s ecology, geology, history and literature as they journeyed from the wild coasts and redwoods of Marin to the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

4. Students in the Tracks, Scat, Song and Sign Interim with Dr. Gerald Thurmond and Dr. Doug Raymond spent time learning about animal behavior in the Carolina winter woods.

5. Students wrote for fun, academic credit and growth in Wofford’s Writer’s Workshop Interim led by Dr. Tracy Revels.

6. Through the Exploring Virtual Worlds Interim, Dr. Tracie Ivy and Dr. Joseph Spivey offered students the opportunity to examine and experience the next frontier of reality.

Visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday to read more about what Wofford students accomplished during Interim.
7. Dr. Tracy Watson ’98 encouraged the Wofford students in the Introduction to Dental Medicine Interim to be present, observant and ready to learn as much as possible during the month. Dr. Charlie Bass, Wofford’s pre-dental program advisor, leads the course.

8. From sitting in on depositions to accompanying attorneys to court, Wofford students explored careers in the legal field during Interim. Dr. David Alvis, John Fort and Dr. Dawn McQuiston advise the college’s pre-law program and organize the interim.

9. Wofford students learned about and created works of art during the Functional Beauty: The Art and Craft of Pottery taught by Dr. Natalie Grinnell.

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11. Even though we cannot see them with our naked eye, microorganisms are everywhere, and Wofford students spent Interim studying them in Dr. Stefanie Baker’s Living in a Microbial World course.

12. Students in the Clinical Internships in Medicine Interim enjoyed another culture and an intensive hands-on introduction to the field during Interim, including opportunities to work one-on-one with health-care professionals in Santiago, Chile.

13. Rome remains a “hot” travel destination, according to Wofford students who spent the month studying the area’s cultural history from antiquity to the modern era with Dr. Karen Goodchild and Dr. Peter Schmunk.

14. Dr. Dan Welch and students studied robots, artificial intelligence and androids during the Robo Sapiens Interim.
Within a few years, 16 Wofford College students will be living in a new residence hall — not on campus, but in the nearby historic Northside neighborhood. The complex, which will be linked to a common educational experience for resident students focused on community sustainability, is a major component of the $4.25 million grant from the Romill Foundation for the Milliken Sustainability Initiative, announced in December 2015.

“We are in conversations with our community partners on where this residence hall will be located and how it will integrate with the Northside residents and businesses,” says Dr. Tim Schmitz, professor of history and associate provost for administration, who is overseeing the implementation of the grant. “A resident director will be hired who will live near the students and work with community partners in the Northside to develop programming that will benefit the community and expand student learning opportunities.”

Wofford is well on its way — hiring two new professors, one with expertise in environmental sustainability and one with expertise in community sustainability, as well as hiring an energy manager and implementing a robust energy metering system for campus buildings.

Dr. Amy Telligman, assistant professor in Environmental Studies, will focus on environmental sustainability and is developing two lab courses. She will also put in place a living/learning community centered on sustainability for the fall 2017 semester.

The search to fill the second faculty position in community sustainability is in progress.

Rob Richards came to Wofford in the fall as the energy and sustainability manager whose primary responsibility is to monitor and enhance campus sustainability programs. Already 19 campus buildings, including residence halls and the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Glendale, have been metered for baseline information, so that sustainable practices can be implemented, monitored and improved as necessary.

“The bulk of the metering equipment installation was complete in late 2016, and we are beginning to build our resource consumption databases,” Richards says, noting that 12 months of data will be needed to fully assess consumption before the buildings can be evaluated and needed changes made. “We will be able to compare the buildings to other similar buildings nationally regarding their energy consumption, and we can compare them to like buildings on campus — residence hall to residence hall, for example — to know how each building is performing and whether any corrections need to be made. We will be able to determine whether any buildings are ‘outliers’ based on an index of BTU-per-square-foot-per-year usage.”

Richards, who has a degree in biosystems engineering, says the monitoring and assessment will tell how much Wofford is spending for energy consumption and whether that amount departs from the norm. “We’ll be able to determine whether it’s drawing on the electrical system, natural gas or whatever, and what the point of attack will be to improve the efficiency of the buildings.”

Richards and Jessie Baro ’01, associate vice president for facilities and capital projects, note that many Wofford students are interested in sustainability issues, particularly campus issues. Richards is participating this semester as a consultant in a student lab focusing on “green home” aspects for a house the college owns at Glendale near the Goodall Center. The students are exploring the potential for the use of solar panels, the orientation of the house, beneficial landscaping solutions and other topics.

“The work with sustainability at the Goodall Center is ongoing thanks to the Romill grant,” says Errol Lane ’77, professor of environmental studies and director of the center. “The grant has made possible some research in the watershed, and in the spring with funds from the grant, we purchased the mill house across from the center and we had been leasing as part of our ‘Thinking Like a River’ initiative. Now, with some extra funding from the grant, we are able to engage the college’s first sustainability class with recommending some green up-fits, and with guidance of visiting green architect Greg Olson, the students will emerge from the semester with a plan for future projects.”

Richards says he will make himself available as much as possible for class and lab involvement at the request of instructors, toward a common goal of student engagement in the sustainability process.

Richards also will explore options for the college to take advantage of cost incentives available from energy providers, such as Duke Energy, and he is applying for the college to join the Energy Star Program, directed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. This will provide the college with tools to manage the metering data and provide access to energy conservation materials.

The college also will conduct a survey of student attitudes toward sustainability this spring, and a new Sustainability Committee is developing ways to enhance Wofford’s sustainability efforts.
Half of the monetary savings realized in the energy-saving program will flow into a student innovation fund with the remainder going to implement future energy-reduction projects based on data gathered from the meters.

Dr. Kaye Savage, professor and chair of the Environmental Studies Department, says the Milliken Sustainability Initiative will "support participation of Wofford students across disciplines and across campus boundaries to consider the links between environmental factors and community sustainability. The range of supported experiences — community research, residential and internship opportunities in the Northside neighborhood, analyzing campus systems, implementing entrepreneurial ideas — allows many ways for students to meaningfully participate."

The first award provided by the initiative was a $19,000 grant to Dr. Dave Pittman ’94, professor of psychology, who used the funds to participate.”

Pittman says the experience changed students' ways of thinking about sustainability and gain practices in sustainability and gain awareness of the issues on campus and in their own lives. It’s something we can’t always teach in the classroom, but that’s the benefit of the Interim experience — teaching inside and outside the classroom for a well-rounded education, which in turn can be brought to bear in real-world applications."

The Romill Foundation is the personal foundation of the late Roger Milliken, a dedicated champion of Wofford and the Upstate. Milliken was the longest-serving trustee on Wofford’s Board of Trustees and was a major benefactor of the college, overseeing the growth and strategic planning for the college as well as its endowment, named in his honor. Members of his family manage the foundation.

"A lot of good things are happening as a result of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative," Schmitz says. "The grant dramatically boosts the college’s work in sustainability and will create a host of new opportunities for Wofford to partner with the local community."

Students helped clean up Anaui Beach while studying sustainability in Hawaii.»
After a lifelong career in banking throughout South Carolina, Thomas Lyles has retired. Following the sale of Tidelands Bank in Mount Pleasant, Lyles stepped down as president, CEO and chairman of the board. Lyles and his wife, Debi, have relocated to Greenville, S.C.

1972

Allen S. Guiprand, class chair

Gov. Henry McMaster has appointed John White Jr. chairman of the Transportation Infrastructure Bank, the agency that borrows and awards money for large highway projects. White is a managing shareholder in the Harrison, White, Smith and Coggins PC law firm in Spartanburg.

1973

Founder and chairman of Cohn Construction, Richard Cohn Sr., was named to the 50 Most Influential People of 2016 list by Columbia (S.C.) Business Monthly. Cohn is also a member of the board of directors of the City Center Partnership.

1974

Marc White, who is president of the North Spartanburg Rotary Club, is a proud grandpa again. Andree Marie White was born on Nov. 4, 2016, and is the daughter of Manning and Hollie White.

1977

Dr. Barry Bodie and Mary Black Health System have opened a new urology office on the hospital campus in Spartanburg.

1982

Madison Dye Jr., class chair

Seyfarth Shaw LLP announced that John W. Mills III has joined the firm’s litigation department as a partner in the Atlanta office. Mills comes from Barnes & Thornburg, where he served as a partner in the finance, insolvency and restructuring department and lending and structured finance group in Atlanta and Los Angeles.

1983

Scott Gott, class chair


1987

Twe Madden, class chair

Stonoo has announced the promotion of Howard Coker to senior vice president of the rigid paper containers and paper/engineered carriers international division.

1991

Phillip Graham is employed by Moundalean Animal Services, serving as an associate veterinarian in the Conway and Loris, S.C., offices.

1993

Sarah Stuckey, class chair

Todd Avant, CEO of NAI Avant, was named one of Columbia (S.C.) Business Monthly’s 50 Most Influential People in 2016. NAI Avant just observed its 50th anniversary.

1997

Alicia Truesdel, class chair

David Lin Harrell and Maureen Eugenia Singer were married on Oct. 29, 2016, at the Yale Club of New York. Harrell is a vice president for transactions at Prudential Capital. Dr. Nicholas Papadea of Pawleys Island, S.C., received the Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship Award, presented to dentists who seek to provide the highest quality dental care by remaining current in their profession. To earn this prestigious honor, Papadea completed 500 hours of dental continuing education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

Papadea is also an avid outdoorsman. Papadea, a pediatric dentist in Pawleys Island, has two children, EllaMarina and Nicholas. Living in Spartanburg, S.C., Craig Richard is a financial services professional with New York Life.

1998

Alix Knoos, class chair

When the first elk since 1737 wandered into South Carolina last year, Dr. Carl Walsh ’82 found himself at the center of the excitement. As past state chair and past regional chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), he answered media calls, consulted with others in wildlife preservation and shared his knowledge on the subject, educating the public not just on elk, but on the importance of habitat conservation. "Historical documents indicate that there were perhaps 10 million elk in the U.S. in the late 1600s, but they were shot with reckless abandon and the number dropped to somewhere below 100,000," says Walsh, who’s an avid outdoorsman and hunter as well as a retired family physician. "Most of the surviving elk were in little pockets deep in the Rocky Mountains; they were essentially gone east of the Mississippi River."

Walsh and other volunteers with the RMEF have been trying to change that. By raising funds to purchase and secure land, RMEF volunteers have reintroduced elk back into North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. The young bull spotted throughout the northwestern tip of South Carolina migrated from North Carolina.

"Our main function is as a wildlife habitat conservation organization. We’re pushing 7 million acres of land that we’ve protected and conserved and enhanced," says Walsh. "In 2004 we introduced 52 elk into the Cataloochee Valley of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Now there are about 300 in Western North Carolina, and they are extending their range. We’re making progress, but we’ll never get back up to the 10 million because there are too many parking lots."
**Three Graduates Selected for Liberty Fellows Class of 2018**

**2000**

Anthony D. Mayef Jr., class chair

South State Bank announced that Montague Laffitte III has been named executive vice president. He lives in Columbia, S.C., and has worked with South State Bank since 2002.

Will Ponder has joined Phillips Edison & Co. as vice president of acquisitions. He lives in Nashville, N.C.

**2001**

Anna Sheehan Bridges, class chair

Dana Bruce and her husband, Scott Fulmer, welcomed a baby girl, Ramsey Clare Fulmer, born June 7, 2016. She joins big sister Lela. Bruce recently accepted a job in Washington, D.C., as the director of strategic partnerships at The U.S. Fund for UNICEF. She and her family live in Alexandria, Va.

Congratulations to Craig Melvin and his wife, Lindsay Cuniam Melvin, who welcomed a baby girl, Phoebe (Beth). Melvin, born May 15, 2016.

The Hos. Mindy Westbrook Zimmerman has been appointed by the South Carolina General Assembly to the 8th Judicial Circuit Family Court Bench in Newberry, S.C.

Virginia Crumpler Fox and her husband, Bart, welcomed a baby girl, Marilyn Spencer Fox, born Oct. 22, 2016.

Founding program director of the physician assistant program at Charleston Southern University, Gabby Lindley Ports said the Mount Pleasant, S.C., resident is an anchor for the program’s new students and a consistent mentor and reporter for NBC. Crumplin is an anchor for WCTV in Columbia, S.C.

The Hon. Mandy Clark Sowell, born May 29, 2016. Her parents are the Rev. Bruce and Tina Sowell.

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The legal profession seems to be in a state of change. Fewer undergraduates are applying to and entering law school. Law schools are in decline as well, and some are cutting faculty and considering condensing the curriculum to two years instead of three. At the same time, fewer civil cases go to trial, and fewer attorneys try cases.

John Cuttino ’79, an attorney and shareholder with Gallivan, White Boyd P.A. in Columbia, S.C., isn’t sure where the profession is heading, but as the president of the DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar, “the world’s largest and premier organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel,” he considers considerable time thinking, writing and talking about it.

“A lot of things are going on with the practice of law and the profession in general, not just in my area of practice,” says Cuttino. “DRI is also committed to improving and seeking balance in the justice system, assisting members in dealing with the economic realities of the defense law practice and encouraging ethical practice and social responsibility. DRI started out as an educational organization in 1960. The mission, but we offer a lot more than legal education,” says Cuttino. “It used to be you were hired by a firm, stayed with them, grinded it out and moved up the ranks, but the game through coaching.


Mark Reynolds manages the Mexico inventory management team as a market group manager for Delta Air Lines Inc. He and his wife, Leland Holdeman Reynolds, live in Ga. Jack and Amanda Kilbourne Richardson of Spartanburg announce the birth of Elizabeth Jane Richardson, born Sept. 26, 2016. Dr. Caitlin Clifford Robinson is an obstetrician and gynecologist with Chesapeake Health Care. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Salisbury, Md. Dawson Smith was named chief financial officer of ROAR Logistics based in Charleston, S.C. Smith lives in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Carie. Alex Sturgis lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Melanie, and their children, Elliott Louise (1) and Eleanor Graham, born Oct. 6, 2016. Sturgis graduated from the University of South Carolina’s Darla Moore School of Business with an M.B.A. in 2016.

Dr. Lindsay Lane Verlander is working as an associate veterinarian and director of emergency services for Eastside Animal Medical Center, a 24-hour small animal emergency veterinary hospital in Grayson, Ga. She’s also the founder of Homeless Pet Initiative Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides free veterinary care to pets of homeless people in the Atlanta area.

There is an almost unbelievable number of Wofford alumni who are working as an operations analyst for Anderson County Development Organizations in Washington, D.C. Since retiring in 2000 from a 32-year career in alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention, Neal has continued to use his passion and knowledge of the topic to write and publish the book “Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment in South Carolina (1954-2004): A Synoptic History.” Published in 2015, this book led to Neal’s recognition as the Professional of the Year, awarded by the South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

A history major at Wofford, Neal did not have plans to enter the health sector, but substance abuse prevention and treatment eventually became his ministry.

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
A year ago Tyler Finney accepted a position as regional sales consultant for the Southeastern region for RiverPoint Investment Group in Richmond, Va.

Shelby Hardie works as a preconstruction coordinator with Thompson Turner Construction in Sumter, S.C.

An account executive with Vertical Strategies, a digital marketing consulting firm in Washington, D.C., Courtney Green Kittle lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Scott, a legislative assistant to Congressman Thomas Massie (KY-4). They were married on Aug. 22, 2016.

United Way of the Piedmont announced that Alex Moore has joined the staff as director of marketing and communications.

Gus White and Niki Chaisson were married on Nov. 12, 2016. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Niki runs her own fitness business, SugarBabyFit.com, and Gus is an account manager with Omni Cable.

2013
Morgan Victoria Amidt, class chair
Rachel Arling and Matthew David Samson were married on July 22, 2016. Rachel is an actor in Greenville, S.C., and works as a banker with South Carolina National Bank.

2014
Shiril Sesukasami, class chair
Tara Greaves is completing her J.D. degree at Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas. She graduates in May.

2015
Maggie Stroud, class chair
Kaitlyn Cockrell is a tax associate with Dion Hussey Hughes & Bittner in Greenville, S.C. She earned her master of professional accounting degree and her J.D. degree in May.

Brennan Hudson is a brokerage associate for Colliers International. He specializes in the sale and lease of Flex Industrial Buildings. Hudson lives in Greenville, S.C.

2016
Marissa Conrad, class chair
John Dab is a sales and operations manager for Delfitrino LLC in Spartanburg. His work involves developing new and current sales accounts and improving company efficiency.

Angela Ditolla works with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a diversity outreach specialist. She helps coordinate the DNR's diversity outreach efforts. She lives in West Columbia.

In August Meg Lacy accepted a position as an associate for Grant Thornton. She lives in Atlanta, Ga.

A financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, Angela Leigh Heinrich lives in Sugarland, Texas.

Morris Porter is a financial analyst with Hargus Pears. He lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Loring Living in Rock Hill, S.C., Dalja Rogers is working in information technology for Chester Middle School.

Chandler Stokes works as a banker with South State Bank in Columbia, S.C.

Entrepreneurial fever leads Webb to develop RoBotany and Pure Sky Farms

Austin Webb '10 hasn’t always known what his passion was. Actually, he spent two and a half years after graduating working the wrong job. When he realized it, he let his position with Lockheed Martin as a financial analyst in the Finance Leadership Development Program.

“I went into investment banking, which I probably should have done from the start,” he says. “I helped middle market companies raise equity and debt capital or sell their companies. I understood the long-term viability of indoor vertical farming.”

That’s where RoBotany’s patent-pending technology comes in. RoBotany uses automated robotics and software analytics to transform its indoor vertical farming techniques. The robotics allow for improved labor efficiency, increased butter yields per square foot and newfound sustainability. The software system monitors every aspect of the controlled environment while optimizing plant growth and taste and eliminating the need for pesticides.

“At the end of the day, for the consumer, this means hyper fresh, hyper local produce that can be grown inside any city limits all year-round,” says Webb. “And it means produce grown with 95 percent less water versus traditional agriculture. No topsoil degradation and no runoff pollution.”

Webb, who majored in finance and minored in economics, credits his experiences at Wofford with allowing him to reach this point. In particular, he credits finance professors Andrew Green, Dr. Michael Merriman and Dr. Philip Swicegood with serving as ideal mentors and leaving a positive and lasting impact on his life.

“The liberal arts background has increased my ability to think critically in the workplace,” says Webb. “Thinking critically is my highest strength as a characteristic for recruiters and it is extremely important for any co-founder or executive of a start-up.”

Read the full story online at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
IN MEMORIAM


Dr. Walker Hardee Ford, Dec. 27, 2016, Anderson, S.C. Ford spent the majority of his career in public school education, retiring as principal of Shell Point Elementary School in Beaufort, S.C. He was a longtime member of The Baptist Church of Beaufort, where he was a Sunday School teacher and deacon.

Benjamin A. Brown Jr., Nov. 19, 2016, Lancaster, S.C. Brown fought in three major campaigns during World War II: the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and the Central Europe Campaign. He came to Wofford as a veteran. A CPA, Brown spent his career with Springs Industries, serving as secretary of the tax department for 25 years. After retirement he enjoyed building furniture and volunteered his accounting skills.

Dr. Grover C. Tuggle Sr., Dec. 18, 2016, Chester, S.C. Tuggle was a B29 flight engineer in the U.S. Army during World War II, a retired optometrist and a veteran. A CPA, Brown spent his career with Springs Industries, serving as secretary of the tax department for 25 years. After retirement he enjoyed building furniture and volunteered his accounting skills.


Bruce Group Inc. as a senior vice president of the Brokerage Group and later as president of the Brokerage Group. He was a retired major in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of major. He was a member of the Theta Sigma Phi Fraternity in the senior class and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was later elected as the archon of the school's athletic program and served as the editor of the school's yearbook. After graduation, he worked for several years in the insurance industry before returning to Wofford to serve as an assistant professor in the Department of Economics. He served as the director of the Bureau of Economics of the Federal Trade Commission. At the time of his death, he was the J. Wilson Professor of Economics at the College of Charleston, and had taught at Cornell, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, George Mason and University of Mississippi.

Dr. William West Kellett III, Dec. 28, 2016, Hilton Head, S.C. Kellett did medical mission work for 20 years and loved dancing with his wife, playing tennis and hiking.

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The Rev. Dr. Julius W.D. Jackson, Dec. 27, 2016, Philadelphia, Pa. While serving several churches, Jackson also was vicar of St. Bethabara, Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia. He was on the board of a family owned business, Dixie Electronics.

Kevin Stuart Williams, Nov. 4, 2016, Daytona Beach, Fla. Williams died after a short illness. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and was a sales associate with Baldwin Automotive in Laurens.

A sandal-loving avid sportsman.

Dr. Horace Edwin “Win” Williams, Jan. 23, 2017, Columbia, S.C. Williams was co-founder of Island Car Wash in Columbia. He was the head of the family owned business, Dixie Electronics.

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The Rev. James D. Stewart, Nov. 25, 2016, Greenville, S.C. Stewart was a United Methodist church in South Carolina, Arizona and Nevada.

Dr. William M. Page Jr., Nov. 11, 2016, Laurens, S.C. Page served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Wofford. For more than 20 years he was a sales associate with Baldwin Automotive in Laurens.


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COMMITTED TO SERVE

Chief Justice Pleicones swears in Representatives Atwater and Smith in private ceremony

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Just before the South Carolina General Assembly broke for the holidays, reelected representatives Murrell Smith ’90, R-Sumter, and Todd Atwater ’88, R-Lexington, walked into the state’s Supreme Court courtroom where Chief Justice Costa Pleicones ’65 swore them in during a private ceremony.

Pleicones was to retire at the end of the year, and Atwater and Smith did not want to miss the opportunity to renew their commitment to serve the state with fellow Wofford graduate Pleicones presiding.

“When opportunities for unique memories come along, I think it’s important to take advantage of them,” says Atwater, whose hand was on Pleicones’ Wofford Bible during the ceremony.

Smith, a partner in the Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler and Smith Law Firm, was first elected to the General Assembly in 2001 and currently is serving on the Ways and Means and Ethics committees. Atwater began his first term in 2011. He serves on the Labor, Commerce and Industry and Rules committees. Both find service challenging but rewarding.

“Serving as a state representative has been a dream of mine since college,” says Smith. Smith housesat as a student for Wofford professor of art history and Republican party leader Constance Antonsen during George Bush’s campaign for president in 1988. “Answering her phone and taking messages from people running Bush’s campaign fueled my desire to go into politics.” Smith also credits government professors the late Dr. Linton Dunson, who was close with the late S.C. Sen. Strom Thurmond, and Dr. Jack Seitz, who held more liberal and challenging political views. “Dr. Seitz helped me realize the importance of bridging political gaps” for the good of the state and nation, says Smith.

Atwater came to Wofford planning to become a doctor. An intern internship with S.C. Rep. Floyd Spence as well as classes in business economics, history and religion, opened his eyes to a career in business and politics. Atwater went on to law school and since has worked for Strom Thurmond, the State Chamber of Commerce and Gov. David Beasley. He served as CEO of the South Carolina Medical Association for 13 years and is now CEO of SCMA Members Insurance Trust. When Rep. Nikki Haley became governor, Atwater saw the opportunity, ran and was elected to fill her house seat.

“Politics can be a blood sport in South Carolina, but I want to contribute with common sense and decency,” says Atwater. “Wofford continues to produce graduates who rise to the top, and I’m proud to be associated with Wofford graduates like Costa and Murrell who are willing to step up and take a stand in tough situations.”
DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Student Athlete Advisory Committee leaders (left to right) David Marvin ’17, Brandon Goodson ’18 and Sarah Traynor ’17 worked with the college’s Department of Athletics and Men’s Wearhouse to ensure that Wofford student-athletes leave Wofford dressed for success. To read more about the program, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.