MAKE YOUR MARK ON MARSH

Wilson Oswald ’21, a physics major from Summerville, S.C., (right) has worked all year to upgrade Marsh Hall’s image to match its newly renovated interior. During the year he renamed the fourth floor the Penthouse, held inspired community-building and educational programming for residents and created a new, welcoming study space near the building’s lobby area. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
Our 2019 Commencement speaker, Dr. Katy Close ’83, implored the Class of 2019 to be persistent in pursuit of their passions, goals and dreams. A board-certified internist and human rights advocate, Close has worked in Haiti after the earthquake, in Liberia as a member of an Ebola crisis team and in South Carolina with underserved medical populations. She understands persistence. She also understands happiness and has found it doing what she loves. She quoted Dr. Albert Schweitzer in her Commencement address: “Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”

The liberal arts experience that students find at Wofford fosters a lifelong love of learning. It encourages students to explore and discover areas in which they thirst for more knowledge. Wofford builds community and places an emphasis on relationships, and by doing all this, Wofford provides a space where students find success.

This issue of Wofford Today shares a glimpse of what that success looks like — from stories of student-athletes to photos of Sullivan Award winners. You’ll meet Chris Underwood ’15, who just won “Survivor,” and Rebecca Gurba Cooper ’02, who has found happiness and success as a biological weapons analyst with the Department of Defense.

Enjoy these and other Wofford success stories. I’m proud of each and every one!

Go Terriers!

Nayef H. Samhat
11TH PRESIDENT OF WOFFORD COLLEGE
Where thought leads.
Thought led Wofford students such as S.J. Grant ’20, above, a psychology major from Gaffney, S.C., to join other students representing South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) to rally at the State House on April 10. The rally followed a student letter-writing campaign in support of the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program. The South Carolina General Assembly received more than 9,000 letters from college students, a new record. Students also met with Sen. Vincent Sheheen, SCICU’s 2019 Legislative Champion, who called independent higher education “very important to the growth of South Carolina.” South Carolina’s independent colleges and universities employ nearly 7,300 faculty and staff and are economic engines and cultural centers adding more than $773 million annually to the state’s economy. SCICU member colleges serve the needs of more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students.
CHESTNUT TO STUDY ABROAD IN THE MIDDLE EAST
Conner Chestnut ’21, center, an intercultural studies major from Galivants Ferry, S.C., will spend a year abroad studying in Amman, Jordan, as the recipient of a cultural immersion scholarship. He credits his professors, from left, Dr. Philip Dorroll (religion), Dr. Courtney Dorroll (religion), Dr. Youness Mountaki (Arabic) and Dr. Helen Dixon (religion) with fostering his interest in the Middle East and North Africa.
Read more online.

BANKS NAMED SCICU PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. Ken Banks, associate professor of history, has been named Wofford’s 2019 South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Excellence in Teaching award winner. Banks teaches courses that deal with the challenges of integration, cooperation and violence between peoples in motion. He loves teaching and advising undergraduates, especially when it comes to helping them improve written and verbal communication.
Read more online.

WOFFORD RECEIVES HUMANITIES INITIATIVE GRANT
Wofford is among 25 institutions that will participate in the inaugural cohort of Humanities Research for the Public Good, an initiative to promote student research, address issues of public significance and showcase rich archival and museum collections. The Council of Independent Colleges awarded the grant to Wofford to support a new student-centered project on race, landscape and history.
Read more online.

WEAVER NAMED PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR
President Nayef Samhat named Kendall Weaver ’20, an international affairs major and sociology and anthropology minor from Lexington, S.C., as the college’s 36th Presidential International Scholar. She will be abroad during the fall semester conducting research on how aid organizations’ mission statements, donors and structures frame their work with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.
Read more online.
While some students migrated to the beach for spring break, members of the Wofford chapter of the American Chemical Society accompanied Dr. Zachary Davis, assistant professor of chemistry, to the organization’s national meeting in Orlando, Fla. The annual meeting and exposition brought together more than 16,000 chemists from all over the world. Read more online.

MEACHAM VISITS CAMPUS

Pulitzer Prize–winning presidential historian Jon Meacham visited Wofford in April to talk about “Understanding Trump: The Meaning of an American Milestone.” The event, moderated by Craig Melvin ’01, anchor of NBC’s “TODAY Show,” was funded through the Lewis P. Jones Visiting Professorship endowment, a gift of Susu and George Dean Johnson Jr. ’64. Meacham also spoke with government classes and students interested in careers in journalism.

Former trustees visited the college this spring to learn more about the For Wofford comprehensive campaign. This group remains active, engaged and supportive of the college.
UNLEASHED

Defender Erin McGovern ’22 from Doylestown, Pa., helped the Terrier lacrosse team secure their first home win in program history with a 23-0 shutout over Howard University on April 18. In its second competitive season, the young team doubled its win total over its inaugural season, and three student-athletes received postseason honors. Alexandra Foulke ’21, a defender from Wyckoff, N.J.; Ally Furnari ’22, a midfielder from Lutherville, Md.; and Kelsey Thompson ’21, a goalie from Mountain Lakes, N.J., were named Second Team All-Conference. Thompson also was named to the All-Freshman Team. In June, the Terriers also gained a new head coach. Kim Eldridge, formerly head coach at Westminster College, has 20 years of coaching experience, 12 at the NCAA Division I level. She has a bachelor’s degree from the College of William & Mary and a master’s degree in athletic administration from James Madison University.
Ask any player, coach, manager or fan of the 2018-19 men’s basketball team about #snacktime and see what happens. Everyone smiles. Everyone.

The entire season gave the Wofford community ample reason to smile, cheer, hold viewing parties and travel with the team to some of the best basketball venues in the country — Lawrence, Kansas; Norman, Oklahoma; Starkville, Mississippi.

The team went 21-0 in the Southern Conference and 30-5 on the season, ranking as high as #19 in the nation and earning a #7 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Fletcher Magee ’19 broke the NCAA 3-point scoring record and was named both Lou Henson Player of the Year and Player of the Year in the Southern Conference. He and Cam Jackson ’19, who enjoyed success in the Dark Horse Dunker competition, were selected to compete in the NCAA Tournament’s 3-on-3 Tournament in the Mall of America.

If it were possible, his team would have thought hard about pushing the rewind button, or at least the pause button, but that’s not how college basketball — or life, for that matter — works. And success means opportunity. Mike Young, who coached the Terriers for 30 years, accepted the head coaching position at Virginia Tech, and assistant coach and rising star Kevin Giltner ’12 went with him. Jackson and Magee have agents and will be playing professional basketball next season. Matt Pegram ’19 is ready for a change of pace and has accepted a position with Stryker in Spartanburg. Keve Aluma entered the transfer portal and will be playing for Virginia Tech next season.

Every loss means opportunity at Wofford as well. Jay McAuley, who served the Terriers as associate head coach during the season, jumped at the opportunity to build on the Wofford basketball tradition as the new head coach, and players who made an impact last season are already working to fill positions and lead the Terriers to another championship, because that’s now the expectation for Wofford basketball.

#snacktime 2019-20 — let the countdown begin!
Forward Chevez Goodwin ’21, a computer science major with a minor in film and digital media from Blythewood, S.C.
When Fletcher Magee ’19 was about 8 years old, his grandfather took him to play golf for the first time (yes, we’re starting the NCAA’s 3-point field goal record-holder’s story with golf).

He shot 89 on 18 holes. It was his first time on a course.

“I was better than I thought I would be, and it was fun,” he says. Football, baseball, basketball, golf — Magee was naturally good at all of them, and they were fun.

Magee competed in the U.S. Kids Golf Tour World Championship at Pinehurst but dropped competitive golf in middle school because it conflicted with other sports.

“I didn’t have the time to stay good, and golf is really frustrating when you don’t have time to devote to your game,” he says.

Baseball fell by the wayside in the 9th grade, football in the 11th. Magee’s love of basketball won out, and after watching his success on the court, fans of the other sports will forever wonder “what if.”

Wofford knew that Magee was destined to become a Terrier when coaches scouted and recruited him — and they recruited him hard.

“Wofford made me feel wanted, and I loved the coaches, the players and the culture,” says the sociology and anthropology major from Orlando, Fla. The only sticking point was the Benjamin Johnson Arena, and even that Magee knew would soon be replaced by the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

Rumor has it that Magee practically sleep-walks to the gym at night to shoot. He grins and shakes his head at that.

“Some of it is that I love basketball and I want to get better. I have a certain number of shots I put up every single day, so sometimes I come in early in the morning, or I stop by at random times,” he says. Magee even spends time off the court thinking about new shots to try.

He practices fadeaways to the right, to the left, backward and forward, always with game situations and results in mind.

“I practice all that different stuff because I don’t get a lot of slow open threes in a game. I practice the shots I’m going to shoot,” he says.

March Madness extended through the spring for Magee. He worked out with four NBA teams after Wofford’s season ended. After graduation, he has workouts scheduled with a dozen more in an effort to find a good fit and get picked up either in the NBA draft or as an undrafted signee.

Magee looks back on the season and will tell anyone that this was definitely the most fun year of basketball he’s ever had.

“It was so special,” he says. “We had a group of guys that did not become complacent with success. That was the key. It’s so easy to have a slipup, but we stayed hungry.”

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He has that same faith in next year’s team.

“We have so many good, young players, and Coach McAuley is a great coach who helped us a bunch both offensively and defensively during the season,” says Magee. “It’s a different team, but they’re so dynamic.”

Magee is ready for what’s next, but he says he’ll miss the easy relationships he’s built across campus. He’s completely committed to playing basketball professionally but plans to find time for a round of golf or two. Even without practice he maintains a 7 handicap, but he may be sandbagging. Most of us would pick him with a 3.
fletcher magee ’19
GUARD

3-POINTERS
509
NCAA RECORD

3-POINT PERCENTAGE
43.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE
45.7

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE
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Wofford Record
Cam Jackson ’19 has a lion tattooed on his shoulder. It’s intimidating on the court, especially considering it’s attached to a 6’8”, 250-pound forward.

“The lion symbolizes strength, leadership, courage and family. They’re traits I value and aspects of life that are really important to me,” explains Jackson, who has shown those traits through his actions as well as his ink.

The team will miss the Winchester, Va., native, but so will the college community, especially those in his major department of environmental studies. Jackson chose environmental studies in part because he grew up fishing and eating the fish in Virginia’s Shenandoah River.

“For a while, we couldn’t do that because of the high mercury content. It sparked an interest,” he says.

Jackson also chose environmental studies because it offered lots of time in the field, something he says rejuvenates him. While he was injured during his sophomore year and unable to be active, he learned that writing poetry does the same. Still, nothing brings Jackson back to center like being on the court.

“Basketball calms me,” he says. “There’s nothing like being in an empty gym when I’m stressed or in a weird spot. That time helps me work through stuff.”

Jackson has signed with an agent, worked out with several teams, was invited to the Professional Basketball Combine and is considering his options.

“I don’t feel like I’m finished yet,” he says. “There’s still nothing like preparing, then playing well in front of a big crowd, finding a way to win like we did against ETSU or Seton Hall. All the collective and individual work comes together, and it’s cool to see the results.”

Although basketball has always been the plan, Jackson sees the sport as a vehicle, not a destination.

“It will take me to new places and allow me to experience life in new ways,” he says. “I’m literally going to be paid to work out, take care of my body, do what I love and see the world.”

Wofford has been an integral part of Jackson’s journey, thanks largely to his mom, Danielle Jackson.

According to Jackson, there were lots of little connections to Wofford, and his mom was big on the connections.

“My family has been great. They were always supportive of me. My mom, in particular, wanted me to think big picture. Now I see why,” he says.

Part of that big picture was being surrounded by players and coaches who would become family.

“The camaraderie bred our success,” he says. As an example, Jackson talks about how the team would play HORSE during shoot-arounds before practice or games. “They were little games you play as a kid and were fun, but they bred that competitive spirit. You’d shoot more after practice if you got your butt kicked in HORSE before.”
When Matthew Pegram ’19 graduated from Wofford, he graduated from competitive basketball.

“I had opportunities to play in the future, but I’ve had five surgeries — one after every year,” he says. At graduation, Pegram was still wearing a brace to keep his knee from bending as he recovers from surgery to repair a torn meniscus. He also sprained his ankle during the season and pushed rehab so he could play on senior night and during the postseason. “The constant injury and recovery cycle is a trend I don’t want to continue for the rest of my life. The road ended. I’m ready for something new.”

Something new means working in medical sales. Pegram is personable, smart and enjoys watching surgeries. His job will involve being in the operating room and supporting surgeons as they implant medical devices.

“The high academics at Wofford definitely prepared me for something like this right after college,” says Pegram, a business economics major from Charleston, S.C. “Wofford student-athletes don’t get a break from classes or assignments. It doesn’t matter if we’re playing in the NCAA Tournament or not, we still have to do what all the other students do.”

Pegram had big shoes to fill when he came to Wofford. His uncle, Willie Pegram ’68, is in the Wofford College Athletics Hall of Fame, and his AAU and high school coaches, Antoine Saunders ’87 and David Eaton ’04, also played basketball at Wofford.

“They influenced my decision to come to Wofford, but I also came because of the winning culture,” says Pegram. “Every four-year class has been a champion.”

According to Pegram, this team was special — from the practices to the road trips to the camaraderie on and off the court.

“This is the most connected team we’ve had since I’ve been here,” says Pegram, who promises to be “at every game going nuts” in the Wofford fan section next season. “I’m leaving, but I’m taking with me friendships and relationships that I’ll have for the rest of my life.”

Wofford College Director of Athletics Richard Johnson calls the 2018-19 men’s basketball season “lightning in a bottle.”

“We captured something powerful and elusive and were able to hold it up to the rest of the world,” says Johnson. “That’s what it was. And it was pretty special.”

The Terriers enjoyed their most successful season ever, winning a record 30 games on the way to the college’s first NCAA Tournament win in its history.

“Our men’s basketball team set new program marks for regular-season wins (26), consecutive wins (21) and wins against Southern Conference opponents in a single season (21),” says Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations Brent Williamson. “Wofford was also the first team since Davidson in 2007-08 to run the table in the SoCon regular season, going 18-0 before sweeping the conference tournament to claim its fifth NCAA Tournament bid in the past 10 seasons.”

What does this incredible journey mean to the college as a whole?

Ask the nearly 5 billion people across the globe who were exposed to the Wofford College name and brand during the team’s road to the tournament.

According to media monitoring service Meltwater, the college also received over 3,500 media hits from February to March 2019, with a total advertising value of nearly $50 million. From India to Namibia, Poland to Taiwan, the story of the mighty Terriers reached — and touched — the hearts of underdogs worldwide.

Wofford fans and friends alike got in on the action, including Craig Melvin ’01 and Wendi Nix ’96, who helped encourage and support the Terriers across the airwaves, sometimes to the annoyance of their colleagues.

“There were definitely moments where people ran from me in the hallway, hoping to avoid my constant stream of reasons why they should talk about Wofford on the air,” says Nix. “Before long, though, it seemed like all of ESPN was on board and suddenly people were coming to me with questions. It was such a fun few weeks.”

86% increase in visitors to social media
364% increase in visitors to website
1.2 million Twitter impressions
$50 million total ad value
5 billion total reach
8,957,000 people watched the Wofford/Kentucky game, the second most-watched game in the first week
Matthew Pegram
Center

Field Goal Percentage
49.1

Rebounds
353

Assists
72

Blocks
49

Steals
34
Jay McAuley
Head Coach

Years with the Terriers: 4
Wofford Championship Teams: 2
Years of Coaching Experience: 11
Jay McAuley’s first month on the job as Wofford head men’s basketball coach involved three and a half weeks in a car recruiting.

“It’s the lifeblood of the program and something I like to do,” says McAuley. After the NCAA Tournament and the college’s first tournament win against Seton Hall, Wofford’s name was familiar coast to coast. “We were the second and 10th most-watched games in the NCAA Tournament. That helps us recruit nationally for a nationally ranked program.”

McAuley says he and his new assistants will recruit year-round, and that Wofford’s academic reputation, athletics facilities and beautiful grounds make it easy.

“We’re about graduating student-athletes and hanging banners.” According to McAuley, the families of recruits understand what a college like Wofford can do for their students. “Wofford is a 40-year decision, not just a four-year decision. A place like Wofford makes an impact.”

Wofford made an impact on McAuley when he was hired right out of graduate school by former head coach Mike Young, now head coach of Virginia Tech. After learning from Young, McAuley took positions with Gardner-Webb and Furman universities. Two seasons ago when Young called and asked McAuley to come back, he didn’t think twice.

“Spartanburg is a great college town and a thriving community ideal for raising a family, and Wofford represents everything I want to be part of — high-level academics and athletics,” says McAuley. “When I made calls to my new assistants asking if they wanted to join our team, they came like that.” He snaps his fingers.

Sallie, McAuley’s wife, and Addie, their daughter, are also part of the team.

“Sallie gets that my job is crazy at times. There is no normalcy of hours,” says McAuley, who jokes — sort of — that date nights are spent eating concessions and watching recruits during high school and AAU basketball games. “She and Addie are up here whenever possible, and I invite the team to our house. I want our guys to be around families, to know that they’re part of our families, and we’re going to take care of them like they’re family.”

This past season when McAuley was associate head coach, Sallie made player flash cards so 3-year-old Addie could learn the names and faces of the players. She says they offered the added benefit of helping her and the families of other coaches learn more about the players as well.

“It’s a family affair. It takes a whole lot of commitment on his part, which translates into commitment from our family,” she says. “We love Wofford and Spartanburg, and it’s a joy to be back here. ... and imagine how nice it would be if everyone stood up and cheered and clapped for their spouse while they were working.”

Sallie and Addie bring supper to the office on late nights, and they enjoy coming to football, baseball, women’s basketball and volleyball games as well.

McAuley played four seasons of basketball at the University of Georgia and was on the 2008 team that won the SEC Tournament. He’s played in some of the best basketball venues in the country and says that nothing beats playing in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium and coaching at Wofford.

“I’m just honored to be in this position,” says McAuley. His office is still sparse, but he says he’s been too busy continuing Wofford’s championship tradition to fill the walls.

“We still have guys who played a lot, and others that played less, but they saw the blueprint,” explains McAuley. “We have an expectation and a culture that’s used to winning, and that means preparing the next class and the next team.”

The ever-popular basketball camps will continue under McAuley’s leadership, as will a commitment to work ethic, camaraderie and, of course, #snacktime.

“We recognize that this is a serious deal, but you gotta have fun doing it,” says McAuley. “Stopping at a gas station to celebrate a win with snacks is an easy way to show our guys that we appreciate their effort. Now if we win at home, we’re giving snacks to our fans. It’s a thing!”

McAuley says that Wofford basketball is special. It’s special because of the college community, the fans, the families and, most of all, the student-athletes.

“These guys aren’t out there beating their chests. They share the ball and defend as a team. They’re normal students who are part of the campus community, and they take pride in wearing a Wofford jersey,” says McAuley. “That’s the reason people drive or fly all over the country. They want to be a part of what we have here at Wofford.”
Tray Hollowell ‘21 is ready to lead.

“Fletcher led by his work ethic. He was always in the gym,” says Hollowell, an English major and guard from Hopkinsville, Ky. “Cam and Pegs were vocal leaders. We listened to them in huddles.”

Hollowell explains that he will take the lessons he learned from the championship team’s three graduated seniors and adapt them to fit his style and the needs of next year’s team.

“I’m looking forward to making a real impact next season,” he says. “I’m going to work hard to be an example for the younger guys.”

According to Hollowell, that also means staying on top of academics, even during the excitement of the NCAA Tournament.

“I do a lot of homework,” he says. “The coaches stress academics, and we always have study halls when we’re on the road.”

Hollowell will spend the summer helping with basketball camps, working out with his team and taking classes so the fall and spring are not as hectic ... because that’s what leaders do.
Nathan Hoover ’20 belongs to a family whose mantra is: “If you’re going to do something, do it with everything you’ve got.”

That’s not a surprise to anyone who’s ever watched Hoover play basketball.

“I show my emotions on the court,” says Hoover, a business economic major from Memphis, Tenn. “I can’t always control making shots, but I can always play with a lot of energy.”

Hoover wants another championship. Bad.

“We have a new head coach who we have the utmost trust in, and we know it’s going to take a whole lot of work, just like this year,” he says.

Hoover will spend most of the summer at home in Memphis working out with a strength coach and his trainer, a former NBA player and development coach. Hoover wants to be ready for his senior season, the competition and the fans who supported the team all year.

“Wofford’s fans made the SoCon Championship seem like a home game,” he says. “That support, it made a difference this year.”

And it will next year as well.
Storm Murphy ’21, Wofford’s starting point guard, loves the pace and the reliance on team in basketball.

“It takes five guys on the court, plus the guys on the bench and the coach, plus the fans, plus our families. It takes all of us to have an exciting and fun basketball team,” says Murphy, a finance major from Middleton, Wis.

Murphy is probably the most outgoing member of the team. He’s a leader on the college’s Orientation Staff, and he’s involved in Campus Outreach, a ministry that places college mentors in local high schools. He goes to Greece this summer through Campus Outreach, then he’ll be back on campus preparing to welcome the Wofford Class of 2023. He’ll also be working out and preparing for the 2019-20 basketball season.

“I’m excited to see our schedule, and I’m excited to be a junior because I know how Coach McAuley likes to coach and who he is; it gives us a lot of confidence,” says Murphy. “The energy hasn’t gone down at all.”
donovan theme-love '20

“We realized that we were not just participants; we were winners.”

That’s how Donovan Theme-Love ’20, an accounting major from Providence, R.I., who plays guard for the Terriers, describes the reality of experiencing his childhood dream of playing in the NCAA Tournament come true.

“It’s still unbelievable,” he says.

Theme-Love has been plagued with injuries since high school and at the end of the semester was in an orthopedic boot following surgery.

“I’m looking forward to being healthy for the first time and giving more to my team,” he says. “We’re going to write our own story.”

Theme-Love helped write the team’s #snacktime story. During the 2017-18 season, he picked up a quart of oil for the #snacktime selfie. It added a new level of goofy that the whole team embraced.

“I’ll take credit for that,” he says about starting the trend, “but we always put the crazy stuff back and got what we really want.”

In Theme-Love’s case, that could be just about anything, but SweetTarts are a favorite.
HANNAH STEELMAN ‘21

Hannah Steelman ‘21 has powered through both college and Southern Conference records — her most recent in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 2019 Southern Conference Championships, which she topped at the NCAA championships. At the National Championships in Austin, Texas, Steelman finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and eighth in the 5,000 meters. She earned first team All-America honors in both events.

Courtesy of her psychology major, she also understands the science behind the runner’s high she feels once she hits her stride.

“Getting up and out the door is the hardest part. Running is so rewarding. When you’re finished you know both physically and mentally you’ve accomplished something,” says the Orono, Maine, native whose family now lives in Aiken, S.C.

Steelman ran her first mile fun run as a 5-year-old.

“We were that family that woke up and did 5Ks,” says Steelman, who also followed in her brother Matt’s footsteps and played basketball before switching exclusively to cross country and track. Matt Steelman ‘12 was on the 2010 and 2011 Southern Conference Championship teams that first went to the NCAA Tournament; he’s now a minister.

Steelman’s immediate goal is to train, recover, be consistent, eat right and let the results continue to speak for themselves. Eventually, she plans a career in health and nutrition.
BIJONAE JONES ’19

Bijonae Jones ’19 was the first undergraduate to receive the prestigious Diversity Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). The Spanish major with a studio art minor from Blythewood, S.C., was an outside hitter on the Wofford volleyball team who recorded 172 kills, 23 service aces, 254 digs and 20 blocks during her senior season. She served as a captain three of her four years on the team.

“Serving as captain helped me mature,” she says, “and it led me into the field of coaching. I want to impact students and be the figure that people have been for me.”

The Diversity award paid Jones’ expenses to the AVCA conference. Jones has accepted a graduate assistantship to coach volleyball at LaGrange College while pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching.

BECCA EARL ’22

It’s a long way from Essex, England, to Spartanburg, S.C., but Becca Earl ’22 has found success across the pond.

Earl was named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year after posting the lowest scoring average in program history, six top-10 finishes and a win in the 2018 Terrier Intercollegiate. She FaceTimes her swing coach in England and has Wofford coach Angie Ridgeway to assist with course management and the mental stresses of the game.

She has adjusted to the food and is happy that Wofford has one of her favorite American chains on campus.

“I discovered that I really love and even crave Chick-fil-A,” she says.

Earl has made friends beyond the women’s golf team and has learned how to balance matches, practice, workouts and academic commitments.

“I’m not homesick at all. I haven’t had time,” says Earl. “I’ve been so busy and made a good group of friends. I’ll miss Wofford over the summer.”

Earl has enjoyed taking a variety of classes and discovering new interests.

ANDREW ORZEL ’20

Andrew Orzel ’20 believes every day offers an opportunity to improve his skills so he can help his team win. The finance major from Newark, Del., plays first base.

For the past two summers, Orzel, like many on the team, played in summer baseball leagues. The leagues provide an opportunity for improvement and immersion — living with a host family and playing a schedule of about 50 games between early June and mid-August. This past summer in Waynesboro, Va., Orzel also spent time each week at Camp Light working with children with special needs.

“The Camp Light kids get really excited to see us,” says Orzel. “They love baseball and look up to us. Spending time with them gives you a different perspective.”
SANDRA LÓPEZ ’21

Sandra López ’21 and her efforts to build a stronger, healthier community have drawn the attention of Campus Compact. The national organization named López a Newman Civic Fellow this spring for her public leadership and community involvement.

“I am a strong believer that the engagement of college students in their communities builds better leaders and successful adults,” says the finance major from Enoree, S.C.

López, who throws disc, shot and weight for the Wofford track team, is a Bonner Scholar and first-generation college student. She mentors high school students through the iCAN program of the Citizen Scholars Institute of The Spartanburg County Foundation, tutors second graders in the Arcadia community and works with Access Health, a program that connects low-income, uninsured individuals to health care and other services for assistance.

She’s also a member of a research team led by Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden, professor of Spanish, and Dr. Christine Dinkins, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Philosophy, to promote community-building, health and inclusion in the Spartanburg area, in particular with the area’s growing Latinx population.

CHLOE WANINK ’20

An injury had Chloe Wanink ’20 on the bench most of her sophomore season, but redshirting has its benefits. She picked up a major in sociology and anthropology to add to her psychology major, and she came back better than ever.

This season Wanink, a guard on the women’s basketball team from Cameron, Wis., became the 14th Terrier to reach 1,000 career points, moving up to number eight on the list by the end of the season. She broke the single-game scoring record set by Jenny Net ’02 with 40 points against Western Carolina, and she broke college records for most field goals in a game (17) and most consecutive double-digit scoring games (14).

The All-Southern Conference First Team selection, however, is quick to divert attention from herself to her coaches and teammates.

“Coach Garrity came in my first year with high expectations, and we’ve begun to realize that it’s not just about staying in the game with bigger schools, we can beat them,” she says. “As our confidence has grown, so has our success.”
CONRAD HEINRICH ’19

Conrad Heinrich ’19 wanted competitive Division I athletics, but he also wanted a balance between strong academics and a good social life. The finance major with minors in accounting, economics and philosophy from Sugar Land, Texas, found it in Wofford, and the combination landed him in the finance leadership development program at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Starting right after graduation, he will be rotating through on-the-job training in Boston, Pittsburgh and San Diego.

“It was challenging at times,” says Heinrich, referring to weekend track and field competitions and a fragmented practice schedule because classes and labs came first. “Coach Bomar always stressed academics. An environment like that fostered good habits and a will to succeed in the classroom.”

Heinrich’s sister, Angela Heinrich ’16, also majored in finance at Wofford, but Heinrich discovered his own Wofford way, and his teammates were a huge part of it.

“We ate meals together, socialized and studied together,” he says. “Some of the best moments of my college career have been with my teammates.”

CASSIDY HICKS ’19 + JENNA VROMAN ’21

When Cassidy Hicks ’19, left, was born, her dad put a toy racquet in her hands. Jenna Vroman ’21 started playing at age 7. The two met as members of the Wofford women’s tennis team, and this spring, their partnership led to a No. 52 posting in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Top 90 National Doubles ranking. The ranking is the first in Wofford history for any doubles pair.

“She’s good at putting balls away at the net, and I’m able to get her those balls from the baseline,” says Vroman, a biology and Spanish major from Charleston, S.C. “I’ll set her up all day long.”

“We also got better at mentally resetting when we struggled,” says Hicks. Hicks, an accounting and mathematics major from Hamilton, Ohio, begins a master’s degree in accounting at Miami University in Ohio this fall. Her success on and off the court earned her a Southern Conference Presidential Scholarship to help with graduate school expenses.

After the season, Hicks and Vroman received First Team All-SoCon recognition in doubles and singles play.
ELISABETH RALPH ’22

Elisabeth Ralph ’22 scored back-to-back goals, including a hat trick, in the college’s first women’s lacrosse home victory. The first-year student from Hillsdale, N.J., also had a turn as SoCon Defensive Player of the Week during the season. She plays lacrosse because she likes the pace and creativity of the game, and she came to Wofford because she liked the idea of helping build a program.

“I also like the strong academics and community feel of Wofford. The community — both on and off the field — is actually my favorite thing,” she says. Ralph says she and her teammates have been looking forward to getting a new coach and to becoming more and more competitive.

“We’re a young team, and there’s no substitute for experience, but we’re gaining that, and once we do ...” Ralph grins and lets the statement hang. Look out competition!

ROBBIE ARMSTRONG ’20

Robbierre “Robbie” Armstrong ’20 represented Wofford and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council at the NCAA’s diversity forum in Atlanta in the fall. The business economics major from Lawrenceville, Ga., says the experience opened his eyes to a variety of issues, including the importance of mental health. “Coming from the meeting, there are things I want to bring back here, especially for student-athletes and football,” says Armstrong. “For instance, mental health is a big deal. We’ve been taught for so long to suck it up. What you’ve got going on off the field doesn’t matter. It’s important to have mental health checks.”

After the conference, Armstrong now thinks differently about diversity and inclusion and why they’re important to community.

“You take care of a place and treat it differently if you feel like you’re a part of it,” he says.

Armstrong, who started at the Naval Academy and transferred to Wofford, is an active part of the Wofford community. He’s a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, gives admission tours, has worked on campus and is a defensive lineman for the Terriers. This summer he will be interning with Northwest Mutual in the area of wealth management and working out with the football team.
MCLEOD DEAN ’19

McLeod Dean ’19 has watched the Wofford women’s track team move from seventh in the Southern Conference her first year to a second-place finish at the Southern Conference Championships this spring. Teammates Amber Lust ’19 won the 100-meter hurdles and the heptathlon, and Hannah Steelman ’21 took the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Dean added wins in the 100 meters and the 200 meters and qualified for the NCAA East Regionals.

“Last year we realized that we had a lot of potential,” says Dean. “The coaches, my teammates, we push each other so much at practice and keep each other accountable on and off the track.”

For Dean specifically, focusing on technique and form — staying down out of the blocks — has made a huge difference.

“Coach Bomar tells me before every race, ‘Drive. Just drive,’” says Dean, who will be working with Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany for 15 months after graduation. “That’s something I’ve always struggled with, and he really helped me improve this year.”

2018-19

ATHLETICS SCORECARD

58 All-Southern Conference Honors
2 SoCon Team Championships — Football and Men’s Basketball
2 SoCon Runner-ups — Baseball and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field
11 Southern Conference Individual Champions
3 Southern Conference Coaches of the Year — Johnny Bomar (cross country/track and field), Mike Young (men’s basketball) and Krissy Hall (women’s tennis)
4 Southern Conference Players of the Year — Hannah Steelman ’21 (cross country), Steelman (outdoor track and field), Fletcher Magee ’19 (men’s basketball) and McLeod Dean ’19 (indoor track and field)
3 Freshman of the Year — Becca Earl ’22 (women’s golf), Elijah Bull ’22 (outdoor track and field) and Hayes Heinecke ’22 (baseball)
5 All-Americans — Hannah Steelman ’21 (indoor track and field and outdoor track and field), Fletcher Magee ’19 (men’s basketball), Justus Basinger ’20 (football), Andre Stoddard ’19 (football) and Miles Brown ’19 (football)
#18 — Final ranking for Men’s Basketball

Only eight teams have recorded undefeated Southern Conference men’s basketball seasons since 1946. Wofford did it during the 2018-19 season.

Only four colleges or universities since 1970 have won the Southern Conference football and men’s basketball championships in the same year. Wofford has two of the four: the 2009-10 teams and the 2018-19 teams.
The college presented the prestigious Mary Mildred Sullivan Award to Victoria Nwankudu ’19 (1), an international affairs and Spanish major from Florence, S.C. The non-student recipient was Wanda Cheeks Holmes (2), community activist and grassroots leader. The recipients of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards were Will Randall ’19 (1), a biology and Spanish major from Greenville, S.C., and R. Michael James ’73 (2), former chairman of the Wofford College Board of Trustees. Randall was also the college’s 2019 Honor Graduate with a 4.0 GPA. Nwankudu will be in Morocco studying Arabic during the summer as the recipient of a Critical Language Scholarship, awarded by the U.S. Department of State. Randall has begun medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.
During Commencement, the college awarded 381 Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees to 359 graduates. The college also conferred honorary degrees on four individuals: Dr. Katherine Anne “Katy” Close ’83 (7), internist, human rights activist, and former Wofford board member, who also served as the Commencement speaker; Alice Ross Ballard (5), acclaimed ceramicist; Marsha Harrison Gibbs (6), business leader and philanthropist; and Joe Earl Taylor ’80 (4), business leader and former Wofford trustee.

Special teaching awards were presented to Dr. Alan Chalmers (3), professor of English, who received the Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Jameica B. Hill ’88 (9), professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry, was presented with the Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science.

Dr. Charles Kay (8), professor of philosophy, retired from the college after 33 years of service. He was granted emeritus status.
These graduates are prepared. NEXT. 2019
EDUARDO CASTILLO

+ Hometown: Maracaibo, Venezuela
+ Computer science and mathematics major
+ Influential Experiences: Wofford-sponsored national conferences and Brown University’s 2019 Hackathon; invaluable relationships with supportive friends and Wofford faculty and staff mentors
+ Next steps: On July 8 Castillo begins work as an associate software engineer at Slack Technologies in San Francisco, Calif. “My dreams of working in a Silicon Valley unicorn would be unattainable had Wofford not given me the invaluable opportunity to become a Bonner Scholar, with it enabling me to pursue a higher education degree in the U.S.,” says Castillo.

ABBY TRUITT

+ Hometown: Columbia, S.C.
+ Biology major with a minor in art history
+ Influential experiences: Enrollment in the Clinical Internships Interim; challenging courses in biology and excellent preparation for the MCAT; summer research; study abroad in Rome
+ Next steps: Truitt has begun medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. “I had great mentors, such as Dr. Lori Cruze, who encouraged me and gave me great advice throughout my college career,” she says.
DREW COPELAND

Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.
History major
Influential experiences: The development of a three-part series on breaking down racism and stereotypes that divide people with the support of his Kappa Sigma brothers, his Bonner Scholar cohort, friends, faculty and staff
Next steps: “I came to Wofford wanting to be a high school history teacher, and I focused my efforts on pursing that goal,” says Copeland, who committed his Bonner experience to work in the field through Arcadia Elementary, the Adult Learning Center, Meeting Street Academy and YMCA Camp Thunderbird. “At all of these amazing places, I was able to pick up on skills to allow me to not only be a better teacher, but also a better person.”

MAHNOOR HAQ

Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.
History major with double minors in religion and Arabic and a concentration in Middle Eastern and North African studies
Influential experiences: Study abroad in Rabat, Morocco; the Presidential Seminar; Interfaith leadership and event organization opportunities; Wofford’s broad-based liberal arts curriculum
Next steps: “I have attended many conferences on interfaith and peace studies,” says Haq. “I hope to pursue these topics further in graduate school after taking a gap year to travel and work.”

THOMAS TATHAM

Hometown: Canton, N.C.
Biology major
Influential experiences: Participation on the Wofford baseball team; study abroad experience in Italy
Next steps: Tatham was accepted into the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. “I was fortunate to get to play baseball for Wofford; however, I came here for the education,” he says. “In each of the five interviews for optometry school, they all mentioned how much weight playing a sport in college carries in the admission process and how good it looks for your resume.”

SARA SIMS WILBANKS

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.
Art history major
Influential experiences: Study abroad in Italy; internships in art history; support from the Department of Art and Art History; senior capstone research
Next steps: After a summer internship in Washington, D.C., at the National Portrait Gallery, Wilbanks will begin a Master of Arts in Fine and Decorative Art and Design at the Sotheby’s Institute of Art in New York City. “It has been incredible to watch the arts blossom on campus with amazing new resources such as the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, which brings state-of-the-art facilities, unparalleled art exhibitions, student artwork and guest lecturers,” she says. “What an honor it was to have had such exceptional opportunities right at my fingertips.”
ANDREAS SURI

- Hometown: Kennesaw, Ga.
- Accounting and Spanish major
- Influential experiences: Writing and directing films for the Wofford Student Film Festival; entrepreneurial training through The Space in the Mungo Center; participation on the Wofford men’s soccer team
- Next steps: "Wofford has pushed me outside my comfort zone on a daily basis," says Suri, who has begun a job as an office engineer in the preconstruction department for Holder Construction in Atlanta.

ALEX KING

- Hometown: Orlando, Fla.
- Psychology major with a minor in sociology and anthropology
- Influential experiences: Three travel Interims; participation on the Wofford women’s soccer team
- Next steps: King will work as a hotel attendant at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany. "Three travel Interims taught me so much," says King. "Camping in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia helped me learn about wildlife and sustainability efforts in Africa. A trip to Nepal and Tibet and a hike to Mt. Everest base camp gave me a lesson in culture and religion, and my senior Interim in Costa Rica to study sustainability made me want to continue to travel, learn and see more of the world."
TREY WILLIAMS

- Hometown: Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Economics and international affairs major
- Influential experiences: Networking opportunities with Wofford alumni; consulting experience through The Space in the Mungo Center; leadership as treasurer of Campus Union; interim travel and study in Greece
- Next steps: Williams joins the Wake Forest University School of Business as an M.S. candidate in management. “This program will allow me to gain valuable business acumen along with the ability to apply my course work from here at Wofford to the working world,” he says. “After I complete my master’s, I plan to pursue a career in real estate finance, management consulting or health care policy.”
MATT VARGA
+ Hometown: Ipswich, Mass.
+ Accounting major
+ Influential experiences: Support from professors in the Department of Accounting; involvement in Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; internships with Denham Capital Management in Boston
+ Next steps: After a summer internship at Deloitte in Boston, Varga will begin study toward a Master of Accounting degree at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Wofford taught me to be a self-advocate in obtaining my goals while also using the resources it offers,” Varga says.

KATHRYN WHILDEN
+ Hometown: Myrtle Beach, S.C.
+ Spanish and theatre major
+ Influential experiences: Participation in Wofford Theatre; learning what it means to be a global citizen
+ Next steps: “My time at Wofford has helped me figure out how to best use my skills and my passions to connect with others through art and language,” says Whilden. She will spend the summer as an organizer for a theatre and event production company in her hometown before beginning a stage and production management apprenticeship at Triad Stage in Greensboro, N.C., working with Katie O’Kelly ’12, production manager.

HELEN SEDDELMeyer
+ Hometown: Dallas, Texas
+ German and sociology and anthropology major
+ Influential experiences: Relationships with faculty mentors; community-based learning in the Northside area; involvement with The Space in the Mungo Center
+ Next steps: After several months of training, Seddelmeyer will begin Peace Corps service as a secondary English teacher in Zambia. “My time at Wofford was instrumental in guiding me toward a career working with and learning from diverse communities,” she says. “Even the small things at Wofford, like playing late-night soccer with a co-ed team and baking cinnamon rolls while watching documentaries, have helped form me into the person I am today, someone who is eager to go out into the world and give what I have to others, in the best way I can.”
+ Hometown: Columbia, S.C.
+ Government major with a concentration in Middle Eastern and North African studies
+ Influential experiences: Wofford’s broad-based liberal arts curriculum; participation on the football team; leadership experience with the Honor Council and Campus Union
+ Next steps: McQuilla is beginning a master’s program in international affairs at Pennsylvania State University, where he will be a Bunton Waller Fellow. “When I came to Wofford, I didn’t know what I wanted to do, and I didn’t know what I was really good at,” says McQuilla. “While at Wofford, I figured it out.”

+ Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.
+ International affairs and Spanish major
+ Influential experiences: Exposure to social justice, community engagement and different cultures; an internship with Project Transformation in Dallas, Texas; study abroad in Ecuador, Chile, Argentina and Peru
+ Next steps: Scavone is enrolled at Emory University School of Law. “Wofford has shaped my decision to go to law school because my professors have worked hard to teach me about the world around me,” says Scavone. “I am pursuing a law degree in hopes of a future career spent building relationships with people and helping individuals, potentially through immigration law or public policy.”

+ Hometown: Poquoson, Va.
+ Biology and German major
+ Influential experiences: Study abroad in Vienna and Rome; leadership involvement in Delta Delta Delta sorority; participation in the Intergenerational Fellows Program
+ Next steps: “I would never have imagined myself living, let alone working, in another country before being so greatly influenced by my professors at Wofford,” says Graham, who will be teaching English in Mistelbach, Austria, as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant.
Dr. William Twitty Carpenter Jr. has been awarded the Schizophrenia International Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award for his continued work in medical research concerned with schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders.

1961
Dr. Don C. Jones has been inducted into the Henderson County Education Foundation 2019 Education Hall of Fame. Jones served on the Henderson County Education Foundation board for six years before becoming the executive director in 2006. He retired from the organization in 2014. He expanded the fundraising efforts of the foundation and increased services to students and teachers.

1964
George Dean Johnson Jr. and his wife, Susu, have donated $1 million to aid in the creation of The International African American Museum, which will be located in Charleston, S.C.

1972
Managing partner of Harrison White in Spartanburg, S.C., and former Wofford trustee John B. White Jr. has been recognized in the 25th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. White has received this honor every year since 2007.

1975
Jerry W. Henry is in his fifth year as an elected member of the Association of Yale Alumni Board of Governors. He has chaired the board’s graduate and professional schools committee, served as an executive officer and now has begun a two-year term as vice chair. After graduating from Wofford with a degree in religion, he went on to earn his Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Danny Morrison has been named executive director for The Charlotte Sports Foundation. Morrison is also professor of practice in the Department of Sport and Entertainment Management at the University of South Carolina and a member of the Wofford Board of Trustees. In September 2018, John Frank Windley began a four-year term on the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions. Windley has spent 43 years in banking and currently is president of South State Bank, headquartered in Columbia, S.C.

1976
Dr. Louis Westfield Turnage Jr. is proud to announce the birth of his grandson, Logan Ronald Parker, born June 6, 2018, to his daughter, Elizabeth Turnage Parker, and her husband, Quentin, in Durham, N.C.

1977
Dr. Mike Canty has been appointed a medical advisor of Bertila’s Foundation, founded in memory of Bertila Boyd-Bostic ’88. The foundation provides support through education, care assessment and academic scholarships for college-aged women who aspire to careers in medicine or law.

1979
Rev. Jim Dennis Jr. has been appointed superintendent of the Greenville District of the United Methodist Church. Dennis has been serving as senior pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta, S.C.

1981
Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross was appointed director of the Mayor’s Scholars Program at Baltimore Community College. In the past, she has served as senior vice president of academic innovation at BridgeEdU and as a faculty member and associate dean for academic affairs at McDaniel College.

1982
CresCom Bank has appointed James Louis LaBruce as vice president and commercial loan officer in the North Myrtle Beach market.

Louis Smith has celebrated the 30th anniversary of his store, Smithworks Fine Jewelry, located on Kennedy Street in downtown Spartanburg, S.C.

1984
Stephen O’Neill Edwards has been named executive director of the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County in South Carolina, an interdenominational Christian ministry providing free primary care, medications and pastoral support to the residents of Darlington County who do not have health insurance and who do not qualify for government health programs.


YAZIGI HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRICS
by Kate Thomas

Dr. Flora Yazigi ’15 was the recipient of the 2019 Arthur E. McElfresh Memorial award upon graduating summa cum laude from Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Yazigi will be doing a three-year fellowship with the prestigious Harriet Lane Pediatric Residency Program at Johns Hopkins Hospital with the goal of eventually continuing fellowship training in neonatal medicine.

Yazigi grew up in both France and Syria, leaving Syria before the civil war started. She remembers Syria for its “beautiful country and civilization.” After beginning her higher education in France, she transferred to Wofford in the fall of 2012.

“I owe so much to Wofford College and to the faculty who have encouraged me to get this far,” she says.

The Arthur E. McElfresh award, which is dedicated to its namesake’s memory — the department chair between 1965 and 1977 — is given to the graduating senior who exhibits accomplishment and commitment in pediatrics.
Nate Woody has been named a defensive analyst for the University of Michigan football team. Woody comes to Michigan after holding positions at Wofford, Appalachian State University and Georgia Tech.

1985
Gervais Hollowell, owner of Little River Roasting Co., Little River Coffee Bar and the Little River Drive-Thru, has opened Pharmacy Coffee, an upscale coffee shop in downtown Spartanburg’s recently renovated Montgomery Building.

1988
Sara Beth Boone has been named Aynor (S.C.) Middle School’s Teacher of the Year.

1989
Suzanne Krydynski Flynn has joined HUB Carolinas as a client services consultant based in Greenville, S.C.

Kathryn Malone Lemon has recertified as a full-time autism therapist in Charleston, S.C. She also teaches piano to students with special needs.

1991
Greg Marini is president of the Savannah market for Ameris Bank. He is responsible for the core banking activities market.

1992
Jamie Fulmer has been elected to the Spartanburg City Council District 4 seat. He works as senior vice president for public affairs at Advance America.

1993
Both Spartanburg.com and the Spartanburg Herald-Journal ran nice articles on Chris Story, who was named city manager of Spartanburg in October 2018. Story had served as assistant city manager since 2009 and held the position of assistant county administrator for nine years before that.

1994
Aiken attorney Everett Keith Chandler is featured in the Aiken Standard for his philanthropic work. He founded a program, Fit 4 School, that has helped thousands of Aiken County students get a head start on the academic year.

Talmadge “Tally” Johnson participated in the annual Upcountry Literary festival in March at USC Union. He is the author of four books on South Carolina ghosts from different regions and periods in history.

The Spartanburg League of Women Voters invited Dr. Phillip Stone, Wofford’s archivist, to speak to their group about the Electoral College and its history and role in presidential elections. Stone also addressed some of the ways individuals and groups have proposed to modify it.

1995
Medical oncologist Dr. James C.H. Smith has been appointed to the McLeod Health board in Florence, S.C.

1996
Mary Jett Camp works as a math interventionist for Spartanburg District Five Schools.

Dr. Onarae Rice was honored as a Minority Access National Role Model at the 19th National Role Models Conference held Sept. 28-30 in National Harbor, M.D. He is an associate professor of neuroscience at Furman University.

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Holly Smith Abbott ’04 holding the Wofford College flag on Portal Point, Antarctica.

On March 17, 2019, after enduring ankle-deep mud, a hailstorm, temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit and 35-mile-an-hour headwinds, Abbott finished first in the female division (third place overall) in the 2019 Antarctica Half Marathon held on King George Island. Abbott has competed in half-marathons in every U.S. state and in eight Canadian provinces. She is currently working toward her goal of participating in a half-marathon on every continent.
THE SOLE SURVIVOR
CHRIS UNDERWOOD ’15 WINS SEASON 38
OF “SURVIVOR”
by Kate Thomas

“I’m not playing this game for second, third or fourth,” Chris Underwood ’15 looks into the camera on the last episode of “Survivor: Edge of Extinction.” “I’m playing this game to win.” And he did.

Growing up watching “Survivor” with his family, Underwood loved the idea of the adventure of the game. He applied to be on “Survivor” after graduation ... and again the year after ... and the year after until he finally was accepted and cast on the show.

“He always talked about ‘Survivor,’ and he began applying to play the game while he lived at Glendale assisting us at the Goodall Center,” says John Lane ’77, professor and director of Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center. “And now he’s won it, and we are so proud of him.”

This season of the popular television show was different than the previous 37 seasons. Players who were voted off had the option to head home or go to the Edge of Extinction, an island with even fewer resources than the main island. Underwood says being voted off in episode three was blindsiding and hard to come to terms with, but he knew he wasn’t ready to quit. He spent 27 nights on Extinction Island waiting for his chance to return.

“Now I am going to do everything in my power to win this game,” he said on the show after winning the re-entry challenge. Underwood compares “Survivor” to a high-stakes poker game. He didn’t know if his cards would get him to the end, but he threw in his chips anyway. Giving his immunity necklace to Julie and going head to head with Rick Devens, his closest friend in the game, was a huge risk.

“This was actually a really tough moment for me,” says Underwood, who knew he had to make big moves in the final few days of the game in order to warrant respect and convince the jury that he was deserving of the title of Sole Survivor.

“I think he showed off a great many liberal arts skills in that last push to victory,” says Lane.

Underwood says his environmental studies capstone — paddling from Spartanburg to the ocean with, as Lane calls it, “minimum gear and maximum enthusiasm” — and his study abroad experience in Ecuador helped prepare him to survive “Survivor.”

“I like to think his undergraduate study abroad experience conducting field research in the San Pedro de Vilcabamba region of Ecuador was great preparation for his time on ‘Survivor,’” says Amy Lancaster ’01, dean of international programs. “After all, students who have studied abroad typically demonstrate a better capacity to navigate ambiguity, work in teams and think critically.”

Continued online.
2003

ConstructionEquipmentGuide.com featured Heath Hanna and his work as president of Contour Mining & Construction in Columbia, S.C. The article ran on March 25, 2019, and was titled “Contour Mining & Construction Makes Big Jobs Look Easy.”

Laurin Parham Manning and Dr. Edwin Laverne Gandy were married Feb. 23, 2019, in Hartsville, S.C. Laurin is now pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at the University of South Carolina.

2004

John Hackney has been promoted to managing director of Wells Fargo Securities (Energy and Power Investment Banking) in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Hitesh Tolani, founder and CEO of virtudent, has been named to Benco Dental’s 40 under 40. Tolani is a member of the adjunct faculty at Tufts School of Dental Medicine and is a tutor and advisor at Harvard College in the fields of entrepreneurship and health care.

2005

Former Wofford basketball player Ricaye Harris participated in the Ball4Good women’s celebrity basketball game at Spartanburg Day School.

Bonnie Allen Lynch has been selected to participate in Leadership Greenville, a 10-month leadership development program in which participants look into the issues facing Greenville County. After graduating from Wofford, she attended the University of South Carolina School of Law and now focuses her practice on business, construction, utility and personal injury litigation.

Janet E. Rhodes has joined the board of Trustus Theatre. Rhodes participated in several vocal groups while attending Wofford and also performed with the Sandlapper Singers in Columbia, S.C. She is the newest partner at Burnette Shutt & McDaniel in Columbia, S.C.

2006

Joseph P. Bias was recognized by the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division as the co-recipient of the 2009 South Carolina Young Lawyer of the Year award.

Dr. Katie Langley Cash and Garrett Harrison Cash ’09 welcomed baby boy James Harrison Cash on Nov. 12, 2018.

2007

Keisha Lynne Dyer has been appointed treasurer of Bertila’s Foundation, organized in memory of Bertila Boyd-Bostic ’08. In addition, Jamie Wilson ’09 is the foundation’s legal advisor and Dr. Jacqueline Savage ’08 has been appointed medical advisor. The foundation provides support through education, care assessment and academic scholarships for college-aged women who aspire to careers in medicine or law.

2008

Megan Marie Early-Soppa has been inducted into the National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. Early-Soppa is an associate for Fox Rothschild and works in the firm’s Greenville, S.C., office.

SAYING “YES” TO OPPORTUNITY

REBECCA GURBA COOPER ‘02 FOLLOWS PASSION FOR SCIENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ‘89

Wofford prepared Rebecca Gurba Cooper ’02 to say “yes.”

Now she’s a biological weapons analyst with the Department of Defense (DOD), and “yes” means a life she could never have dreamed of while she was a student.

“I was a science major, but I wasn’t interested in medical, dental or vet school. Instead I fell in love with molecular diagnostics and genetics,” says Cooper. She credits close relationships with Wofford professors for encouraging her to challenge expectations and pursue her interests. “The success I’ve had in my life and in my career have come from being flexible, from identifying opportunity and taking it.”

Cooper earned a Master of Science in biotechnology from Pennsylvania State University. While in graduate school, she worked at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. The organization’s mission spoke to her.

“I was working with the war fighter and preparing them for toxins that they may find in the field,” says Cooper. She discovered that she excelled in areas that involved working with people, solving problems and communicating results, but she didn’t enjoy the lab work.

After graduate school Cooper went to work for a consulting company, and there honed her ability to translate science speak for those who don’t understand science. The experience, in turn, prepared her to work with the Department of Defense. Within six months she was living in South Korea.

“Living overseas and working for the government is an incredible experience,” says Cooper, whose job was analyzing intelligence to determine the credibility of biological threats.

Currently Cooper is working in Washington, D.C., on a joint duty assignment as a biological issue manager, which means she’s constantly reviewing intelligence, analyzing data, developing strategies and writing policies to protect the world from biological weapons of mass destruction.

Cooper said “yes” again in the spring to an invitation to return to Wofford’s campus to talk with students in The Space in the Mungo Center.

“I was recruited by the DOD because of my technical background. That’s worth its weight in gold right now,” says Cooper, who encourages students to remain positive and open to opportunity. “The DOD and other governmental agencies need folks with STEM backgrounds.” Speaking as a woman working in the field of national defense, “We need more diversity as well.”
2008

Fielder Huntley has received his CPA license after completing the Master of Accountancy program at the University of South Carolina. Huntley works as a staff accountant at McGregor & Company in Columbia, S.C.

Wendelyn West Kelly now serves as chief of staff at Working Simply in Charlotte, N.C.

Jack Richardson and Amanda Kilbourne Richardson welcomed baby boy Oliver Edwin Richardson on July 31, 2018. They live in Spartanburg, where Jack is an accountant with Swaim Brown and Amanda is director of annual giving at Wofford.

Yumi Kobayashi Weathersby is a program coordinator at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. She holds an MBA from University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business.

2009

John Robert Barth and Kevin N. White are happy to announce the arrival of Hampton Mitchell Barth-White on Mar. 18, 2019.

Andrew Dobson and his wife, Sarah, welcomed daughter Lyla Marie Dobson on Jan. 25, 2019.

2010

Rev. Chris Michael Bailey was a guest speaker on Feb. 17 at Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. He studied religion and philosophy at Wofford and continued his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary. He now serves as campus minister for Marshall UKirk.

McCown Bridges Griffin and Jeffrey Motte Griffin welcomed a daughter. Eliza Parker Griffin was born July 30, 2018.

Dr. Hunter Alexander Smith has joined LowCountry Women’s Specialists as a physician with the obstetrics and gynecology practice. Smith works out of the Summerville and North Charleston offices.

2011

Raul Ceballos and his wife, Luisa Gonzalez, currently live in Los Angeles. Gonzalez works in the L.A. Unified School District and is an advocate for teachers’ rights. Ceballos studied improv at The Groundlings and is a voice actor. He also has worked in short films in collaboration with actor, writer and filmmaker James Skinner ’12.

Caitlin Walsh Ranfft and Martin Ranfft welcomed baby boy Jacob Ranfft on Jan. 18, 2019. Jacob was born in Braunschweig, Germany, and is the grandson of Marshall T. Walsh ’71 and great-grandson of Thomas Emmet Walsh ’41.

Nathan Redding graduated from Clemson University with his Ph.D. in plant and environmental sciences. He is now on the faculty at Clemson University as a lecturer in the biological sciences department.

Vordman Carlisle Traywick III has been appointed to serve on the advisory board of the University of South Carolina School of Law Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism.

2012

Courtney Green Knittle has been promoted to senior business development and marketing manager at Monument Policy Group in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Scott, welcomed daughter Emma Leighann Knittle on Feb. 5, 2019.

EDUCATING CHILDREN ABOUT MONEY
BUFF WRITES CHILDREN’S BOOK ABOUT FINANCE
by Kate Thomas

When Maureen Buff ’14, a finance and economics major from Lilburn, Ga., was at Wofford, she knew that she wanted to do more with economics; she just wasn’t sure what.

She got her answer when starting her career with Live Oak Bank in Wilmington, N.C. Through her work as an associate relationship manager, Buff was given opportunities to volunteer around the community. One of these opportunities involved working with Junior Achievement USA, an organization that provides information to kindergarten through 12th grade students about entrepreneurship and finance-readiness. It was here that she came up with the idea for a children’s book about finance.

“I went to the bookstore after a day at Junior Achievement and searched the children’s section for a book about money,” Buff says. “I even asked the clerk, and she couldn’t find one in the system either.” Buff decided to write and illustrate one, merging her love and talent for the arts and finance.

“No Money Monday” follows two siblings, Fin and Nance, who need to buy ingredients to make muffins for a bake sale. There’s only one problem: they can’t use money! The rest of the story is about how Fin and Nance use a bartering system to get the ingredients they need.

“No Money Monday” is only the beginning to the story of Fin and Nance,” says Buff, who plans to write and illustrate a series featuring the duo while exploring different concepts regarding money. She is currently working on her second book, which will focus on the concept of lending. “Money is a huge stressor for people. I want to educate children about money and finance early to create an awareness that eventually leads to more freedom and less stress as adults.”

Buff credits a lot of her success to her time at Wofford and the lasting support system that she continues to find even years after graduation.

“When I was writing the book,” says Buff, “I would send it to my former finance and economics professors to look at. Even though I had graduated, they were still there to encourage and support me.”
Dr. Thomas Schnibben has joined the faculty at Francis Marion University as an instructor of mathematics. He holds a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

Marchant Real Estate recently welcomed a new team of agents, including Kirby Rivers Stone, from BrownStone Property Advisors.

2013
Kellee-Morgan Abercrombie is working as a web applications developer at Ally Bank in Charlotte, N.C.

Ty Gregory has been inducted into the Greer High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The All-American played on the offensive line at Wofford.

2014
Sam Northop is the new education reporter at The Post-Star. Northop earned a master’s degree in journalism from American University.

Chase West is working as a sell-side equity research associate at Consumer Edge Research in New York City.

2015
Rachel Cooley is working as a physician’s assistant specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery for Wake Forest Baptist Health. After graduating from Wofford, Cooley attended Wake Forest School of Medicine for a master’s in medical science.

2016
Former Wofford volleyball player Liz Buterbaugh has been inducted into the Hilton Head Prep Hall of Fame.

2017
Alexander Nolan works as a wealth management advisor at DFG Advisors in Arizona. He provides holistic financial solutions to individuals and closely held businesses.

OTHER NEW BOOKS FROM WOFFORD GRADUATES

“They Stole Him Out of Jail: Willie Earle, South Carolina’s Last Lynching Victim” by William B. Gravely ’61

The 309-page book, published in February 2019 by the University of South Carolina Press, tells the story of Willie Earle’s murder within the historical context of the state’s troubled past with the issue of racism. Gravely is a professor emeritus at the University of Denver.

“Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita and the Battle of Manila” by James M. Scott ’97

Published in October 2018 by W.W. Norton & Co., Scott’s book is considered the definitive history of one of the most brutal campaigns of the war in the Pacific. “Rampage” was named a best book of 2018 by the editors at Amazon, Kirkus and Military Times.

“Neighborhood Hawks: A Year Following Wild Birds” by John Lane ’77

After reading J.A. Baker’s 50-year-old British nature classic “The Peregrine,” Lane found himself stalking resident red-shouldered hawks in his neighborhood in Spartanburg, S.C. He shares his enlightening observations in this book published in April 2019 by University of Georgia Press.

“This Atom Bomb in Me” by Dr. Lindsey A. Freeman ’00

The book traces what it felt like to grow up suffused with American nuclear culture in and around the atomic city of Oak Ridge, Tenn. The book was published by Stanford University Press in February and is available on Amazon.com.

Anna Grace Hall and Philip Miller Snyder were married on Apr. 27, 2019, in Greenville, S.C.

Michael Weimer joined BB&T as a business service officer in commercial lending. He comes to BB&T with three years of commercial banking experience at Great Southern Bank in Springfield, Mo. In his new role, he will be responsible for identifying, developing, managing and expanding commercial banking relationships in the greater Wilmington, N.C., area.

Justin William Whitaker and Alissa Marie Williams were married on Mar. 30, 2019 in Fort Collins, Colo.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:
THE GHOSTS OF COMMENCEMENT PAST
by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94, college archivist

Commencement traditions have evolved quite a bit at Wofford over the past 165 years, but some parts of the ceremonies have remained consistent. What has changed, what has remained the same and what are some newer traditions?

At a Wofford Commencement in the 19th century, most members of each graduating class had to give an address. Gradually, that tradition evolved to a few selected graduates giving addresses. Today an invited guest — in recent years, a distinguished graduate — gives the Commencement address. Commencement week used to feature a series of debates, an alumni banquet, receptions, the baccalaureate service and a presidential address, and finally the graduation ceremony itself. That has gradually evolved to two main ceremonies — a Baccalaureate and Commencement — and a few other celebratory events spanning Friday through Sunday of Commencement weekend.

It’s probably not a surprise that the location of the Commencement ceremony has moved several times, given the growth of the class and the college’s changing facilities. For the first 105 years, the ceremony was in Leonard Auditorium, the room that older alumni might remember calling “the chapel.” But, with postwar growth, the student body could no longer comfortably fit into Leonard, and so in 1960, Commencement moved outside to the front lawn of Main Building.

Part of the reason for an outdoor graduation may have been the renovation of Main Building around 1960 as well. Beginning in 1969, Commencement moved to Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. A renovation of that location in 1999 brought Commencement back to the lawn of Main Building, where it has been, except for rainy days, for the past 20 years.
IN MEMORIAM

1948
Carl Francis “Frank” Lowe Jr., April 28, 2019, Anderson, S.C. Lowe was retired from Greer Drug Co. He was a lifelong Baptist with service as a deacon. He enjoyed golf and singing in the church choir.

1951
Ralph Homer Campbell, Feb. 4, 2019, Asheville, N.C. Campbell worked 43 years for the Social Security Administration, finishing his career as Asheville’s assistant district manager. He was proud of his 57 years of perfect attendance in Kiwanis, 45 years of which were with the Kiwanis Club of Asheville. He played the French horn at Wofford and later joined the Asheville Community Band. He and his wife both became charter members of community bands in Hendersonville and Brevard.

William Whitfield “Bill” McNeill, Feb. 28, 2019, Waynesville, N.C. A graduate of Emory University Candler School of Theology, McNeill served numerous United Methodist churches as pastor before becoming district superintendent in Orangeburg, S.C. In retirement he was an associate pastor at Long Chapel United Methodist Church and a volunteer chaplain at Silver Bluff Nursing Home.

1952
George Hilliard “Red” Cross, March 22, 2019, Valdosta, Ga. Cross served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War as a radar and air traffic controller. He retired from Valdosta Insurance Services. Cross was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Valdosta Boys & Girls Club.

James Kenneth “Jim” Haley, March 15, 2019, Winston-Salem, N.C. A former Marine, member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and president of the Wofford Alumni Association, Haley had an active professional life, including work with the Savannah River Plant, Procter & Gamble and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal. After retirement, he formed James K. Haley and Associates, a commercial real estate firm. He was a member of Centenary Methodist Church and enjoyed traveling, gardening, spending time at Lake Norman and playing with his grandchildren.

Dr. Charles Mansfield “Charlie” Webb, March 21, 2019, Tryon, N.C. Webb served as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War. He graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1958 and was board certified in anatomic pathology in 1966. In 1972, he joined Spartanburg Pathology Associates in Spartanburg, and was an advocate for patient rights on the Spartanburg Regional Hospital Institutional Review Board, on which he served for 20 years, as chairman for the last two years. He also served as chairman of the Greenville General and St. Francis Hospitals’ Institutional Review Board. Webb played a pivotal role in the founding of the Gibbs Cancer Center.

1954
Sherry Eugene “Gene” Awtrey, March 19, 2019, Columbia, S.C. Awtrey played quarterback for the Terriers before serving with the U.S. Army Special Forces for 20 years. A decorated Vietnam War veteran, he retired from active duty in 1974 as a lieutenant colonel. After that he served as a senior military advisor and baseball coach at Benedictine Military Academy. He earned his MBA from the University of Georgia and went on to teach at Chester and Lower Richland high schools. He enjoyed travel, golf and fishing.

Dr. Hugh Robert “Bob” Brown Jr., March 8, 2019, Maryville, Tenn. Brown served in the U.S. Army for 22 years before retiring as lieutenant colonel in 1976. He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his doctorate in theology from Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies. He pastored two churches in North Carolina for 17 years.

Dr. John Joseph “Joe” Mitchell, March 31, 2019, Columbia, S.C. After teaching mathematics at Eau Claire High School, Mitchell served as a lieutenant and code breaker in the U.S. Army. He devoted 38 years to Columbia College, holding positions of associate professor of mathematics, dean and vice president for enrollment management and vice president for business affairs. Mitchell was a member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. He volunteered with Prisma Health Hospice and served as a trustee of the Methodist Credit Union.

Howard Colton Weast, Feb. 15, 2019, Greensboro, N.C. Weast served in the U.S. Marines for five years before graduating from Wofford. He retired from Lincoln National Insurance Co. Weast volunteered with Mobile Meals, Crop Walk and Hinshaw United Methodist Church, where he cooked breakfast for the men’s breakfast club for 30 years and taught the Asbury Sunday School class.

1955
Dr. Charles Henry “Charlie” Coker, Feb. 5, 2019, Greenville, S.C. Coker received his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of South Carolina. He was professor of European history at Presbyterian College from 1967 to 1999 and was recognized with the Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award, the Outstanding Faculty Service Award and Professor of the Year honors during his tenure. He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir.

1956
Harold Walker “Buddy” Alley Jr., Feb. 16, 2019, Seneca, S.C. Alley served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Tanneker in the Arctic and Caribbean during the Korean War. He received his master’s degree from Clemson University and began his career as a teacher, coach and principal at the former Keowee High School in Oconee County. He then worked as a counselor for South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation until his retirement. Alley was a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, the Seneca Lions Club and the South Carolina Behavioral Services Board.

Rev. Dr. William Paul Carlson, Feb. 13, 2019, West Columbia, S.C. Carlson held degrees from both Duke University Divinity School and Emory University. He began the first Christian marriage and family counseling service at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in 1969. He retired from the Counseling Center and his private practice, the Columbia Institute of Therapeutic Awareness.

Rev. Robert Beaty “Bob” Clyburn, March 29, 2019, Aiken, S.C. After earning a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University, Clyburn served churches in South Carolina until his retirement in 2001. He also served on the district board of missions and board of ordained ministry for many years. He was a Sunday school teacher, Stephen minister and member of the choir of St. John’s United Methodist Church.

James Daniel Lewis Jr., May 2, 2019, Jacksonville, Fla. Lewis held many positions with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, retiring as senior vice president of operations. He also worked for Coastal Emergency Services prior to his retirement. An entrepreneur, he had interests in real estate and an auto brokerage firm.

1959
Cotesworth Pinckney “Coty” Fishburne, April 10, 2019, Rock Hill, S.C. A graduate of the Medical College of Virginia Dental School, Fishburne served as a captain in the U.S. Army for two years before establishing his dental practice in 1965 in Rock Hill, S.C. Even after his retirement, he contributed to the dental profession through many dental inventions. He served on the board of the Medical University of South Carolina for 25 years.

1962
James Milledge “Jim” Gibert, Jan. 25, 2018, Woodruff, S.C. Gibert was the owner and broker of Gibert Co. He was a member of the Woodruff Rotary Club, The Huguenot Society of S.C., Emma Gray United Methodist Church, the Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg County Board of Education, Woodruff Investment Club and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

1963
Thomas Moore Callison, April 19, 2019, Forest City, N.C. Callison taught at Chase High School and East Rutherford High School, where he also served as the assistant principal and basketball coach. He went on to teach English at Isothermal Community College. He enjoyed listening to the blues, playing basketball and coaching.
1964
William Clyde “Bill” Keels Sr., April 27, 2019, Chester, S.C. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Keels was a former president of Rotary. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a first lieutenant. He also served as the county attorney for Chester County and attorney for Chester County Natural Gas. He volunteered for the Chester Ministerial Food Pantry at Purity Presbyterian Church.

James Renny Lands Jr., May 9, 2019, Piedmont, S.C. Lands enjoyed watching sports and was an avid fisherman. He retired from the state of South Carolina.

Robert Edward “Bob” Poland, Nov. 7, 2018, Jacksonville, Fla. Poland began his professional career in the insurance industry at Gulf Life Insurance, retiring as senior vice president with Allstate. He loved fishing and sports.

1965
Charles Daniel “Danny” Broome, April 10, 2019, Boiling Springs, S.C. Broome retired after 30 years of dedicated service to Spartanburg School District Two Schools, where he was adored and loved by children, faculty and staff.

1966
Charles Lindsay Weathers, April 22, 2019, Spartanburg, S.C. He was a plant manager for Pepsi in Sumter, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., before retiring from Coca-Cola Consolidated.

1968
Lucas Carroll Padgett Jr., Feb. 24, 2019, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Padgett was stationed with the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany, from 1968 to 1971. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and practiced corporate law for 46 years in Charleston.

1969
Roger Jennings Byers, Nov. 17, 2018, Rutherfordton, N.C. Byers served in Germany during the Vietnam War. He worked as a general construction contractor for the Department of Corrections for many years before retiring as a masonry instructor at Chase High School. Byers was a member of Caroleen United Methodist Church and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association. He was an avid outdoorsman and served as scoutmaster for Troop #137 for 46 years.

1970
Billy Mac Allen, Feb. 26, 2019, Simpsonville, S.C. Allen served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of Christ Church Episcopal.

1972
William M. “Bill” Damon, Oct. 9, 2019, Lawrenceville, Ga. Following a 27-year career in management, most of which was spent with the Coca-Cola Co., Damon took early retirement in 2000 to start his own consulting firm, Value-Based Marketing Solutions Inc. He loved travel and in later years pursued a lifelong passion by joining archaeological excavations in Greece, Turkey, Israel and Jordan.

1974
Rev. Theodore Abraham “Ted” Kirk, April 2, 2019, Black Mountain, N.C. Kirk served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1954. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and went on to serve as a Methodist minister for many years in the Western North Carolina conference.

1976
Risher Rainey Fairey, March 10, 2019, Columbia, S.C. Fairey was executive director of the Camden Archives and Museum, adjunct professor of history at Midlands Technical College and had a consulting business. He was a devoted member of Spring Valley Baptist Church.

1980
John Belton O’Neal Compton Jr., Feb. 18, 2019, Sumter, S.C. Compton served in the U.S. Navy for four years before enrolling at Wofford. He started a production company, Bear Films, with his friends, which produced and directed numerous award-winning commercials for Ford, Bojangles and others. He was an award-winning actor, writer, producer, photographer and director. His photography has been featured in exhibitions and collections around the world.

1984
William James “Bill” Thrower, Feb. 2, 2019, Charleston, S.C. Thrower worked as a civilian agent for the Naval Investigative Service in Norfolk, Va. He later attended law school at Western Michigan Cooley Law School. He moved back to his hometown of Charleston to become an attorney with the Charleston County Public Defender’s Office before going into private practice.

2013
Stephanie Brooke Forehand, Feb. 24, 2019, Enterprise, Ala. Forehand was Little Miss Coffee County and Young Miss Clayhatchee, as well as a cheerleader at Wofford College.

FRIENDS
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Arthur Ted Ballard Jr., May 23, 2019, Spartanburg, S.C. Ballard flew 67 successful combat missions during the Vietnam War before being shot down over North Vietnam. He was a prisoner of war from 1966 until 1973. After retiring from the U.S. Air Force, he spent 22 years as senior instructor for the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Gaffney High School. In 2015 when his wife, Ruth, died, Ballard established the Dr. Kevin Dale Ballard ’80 Endowed Scholarship at Wofford in honor of his wife and his son, who had a distinguished career in toxicology before his death in 2009. Ballard was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Wofford Alumni Association in 2017.

Mary O. McCartney McCully, April 19, 2019, Orangeburg, S.C. McCully was the widow of Robert W. McCully Sr. ’55. McCully received her undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of Nebraska. She was an economic administrator for the city of Bamberg and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She and her late husband established the Robert W. McCully Endowed Scholarship in 1994 for a student-leader and member of the college’s football team. Gifts in her memory may be made to this fund.
IN MEMORIAM

ANNE JOHNSON
BOYD DUNLAP
JAN. 15, 2019
COLUMBUS, N.C.

Anne Dunlap served the Wofford College community as the wife of President Emeritus Bernie Dunlap. She had been fighting cancer for several years at her death. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, she worked in banking and taught high school. During 55 years of marriage, she and Bernie raised three children, traveled widely and adored their dogs and mountain home. The Wofford community also adored her. Dr. Anthony Hoefer, now associate professor of English, assistant dean of the Honors College and director of the University Scholars Program at George Mason University, wrote this in tribute, mirroring the thoughts of many who knew her.

“In January, 2000 — exactly 19 years before her passing — Anne Dunlap was in Rajasthan, India, helping Bernie lead what would end up being their final Interim trip. India. I was one of the students on this trip. As transformative as each new experience was for me, the most meaningful thing about that trip turned out to be the chance get to know Mrs. Dunlap.

“Though I was a senior, this trip was my first time outside the United States. I’d been saving and planning since I was a freshman for the biggest adventure possible. My confusion and uncertainty at that moment, however, extended beyond my inexperience as a traveler. I was closing in on graduation; I had applied to law schools, but I was coming to understand that this wasn’t the right route.

“I think I probably knew what I wanted to do, but it was only after several extended conversations with Mrs. Dunlap on a bus, cruising long and often desolate roads in Rajasthan, that I said it aloud and began to embrace it. I don’t recall these as pep talks — this wasn’t ‘you can do it!’ Instead, in my recollection, these were clarifying conversations, full of both teacherly questions and wisdom, as well as regular reminders of the great privilege and joys of academic life: of discovery, learning, reading, asking questions and mentoring others. A keen observer and an intellectual in her own right, Mrs. Dunlap had developed a perspective on an academic life that perhaps no one else could offer me. She spoke with honesty, insight and excitement about the world in which she and Bernie had lived and raised their family. And she modeled it, too: this was the work that she and Bernie were doing on each of their Interim trips.

“Wofford provided me with an embarrassment of riches when it came to support and mentorship. Classrooms and conversations with folks like Talmage Skinner, John Cobb, Larry McGehee and yes, Bernie Dunlap, led me to want to be a professor. But it was Anne Dunlap who convinced me that I could pull this off — and maybe even more, that I needed to give it a shot.

“In India, I certainly didn’t know much about where I was, and I was even less certain as to where I had headed. Nineteen years later, I’m knee-deep in my own family and my own academic career, and I have no idea where I’d have ended up if not for Mrs. Dunlap. I am so grateful for that trip and for the chance to get to know her.”

ELIZABETH
JOHNSTON
“LIZ” PATTERSON
NOV. 10, 2018
SPARTANBURG, S.C.

A former Wofford trustee and Wofford parent to Pat Patterson ’92 and Catherine Patterson Gramling ’99, Liz Patterson loved Wofford College. According to her daughter, Catherine, “Although she wasn’t a graduate of the college, her wardrobe and loyalty to the college certainly made people think she was.” In her mother’s eulogy, Catherine said: “She was the biggest football fan I knew … always had to be in her seat before the game began and often didn’t leave until the game was over regardless of score. This year was the first year that she wasn’t able to attend a football or basketball game. We grew up sharing a pew at church (Central United Methodist in Spartanburg) with the Lesesnes, and Lewis Jones ’38 sat behind us, so Wofford was just part of our life!”

Patterson was the daughter of U.S. Sen. Olin D. Johnston ’21. With degrees from the University of South Carolina and Converse College, she began her career as a public affairs officer with the U.S. Peace Corps and went on to a life of public service, including election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986. She was the first woman elected in her own right to Congress from South Carolina.

Among her numerous awards and honors is an honorary degree from Wofford College.

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+ Construction of a new environmental studies building.

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TWO WEEKENDS FOR WOFFORD

HOMECOMING
October 18-19, 2019
During Homecoming, celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Terrier Ball Auction and Gala, Friday, Oct. 18, Spartanburg Marriott. There’s also football vs. Western Carolina, reunions and much more.

FAMILY WEEKEND
October 25-26, 2019
Tailgate before the Chattanooga football game and enjoy opportunities to meet other Wofford families.

For more information, visit wofford.edu/advancement.
ALL SEASON Wofford's men's basketball team showed the nation a picture of success on the court and in the classroom and community. This summer at the 2019 NCAA Track and Field Championships, Hannah Steelman '21 did the same, taking the Bronze Medal in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and earning All-America honors in two events. Read more about why Wofford fans would follow these Terriers anywhere.