Conner Chestnut ‘21 explores The Citadel in Amman, Jordan, while studying abroad for the year in the country. The recipient of a cultural immersion scholarship, Chestnut is an intercultural studies major from Galivants Ferry, S.C. He also is pursuing a concentration in Middle Eastern and North African Studies.
Like a sustainable community, a sustainable college considers current needs in relation to the future. The people and programs of the here and now are vital to who we are as a community of learners, but Wofford College will continue to educate students far beyond the tenure of even the longest-serving faculty, staff and alumni.

With this commitment to sustainability, the college’s board of trustees and senior staff have begun to discuss the future of higher education and the future of the college — our purpose, our program, our people and our place. We will continue these conversations over the course of the year as we contemplate trends in higher education with regard to the human, facilities and fiscal resources necessary to position Wofford for success for generations to come.

This Wofford Today features stories of sustainability. We celebrate a decade of environmental studies at Wofford and the community-based learning initiatives that have come as a result of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative. We meet alumni who are making an impact in the areas of environmental, economic and social sustainability, as well as those who are creating physically healthier people and communities. Also, enjoy photos of alumni, parents and friends who returned to the college for Homecoming and Family Weekend, again showing the sustained support that Wofford needs to thrive.

Your voice matters, and I invite you to spend time considering the Wofford College of the past and present with an eye toward the future. Please contact me at president@wofford.edu if you have thoughts on the future of higher education and the sustainability of Wofford College.

Go, Terriers!

Nayef H. Samhat
11TH PRESIDENT OF WOFFORD COLLEGE
Where thought leads.
After spending much of her junior year studying abroad as the college’s 35th Presidential International Scholar, Lydia Estes ‘20 returned to campus a seasoned traveler. Before she left for her experience, however, Estes gave an incredible amount of thought to where she should go and what she should study. Thought led the art history and Spanish major with a minor in government from Carlisle, Pa., to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. There she studied “The Role of Art in Women’s Rights Movements in Latin America.”

She shared artwork she accumulated and her research on feminist identity and protest during the Family Weekend Undergraduate Research Forum and with the greater Wofford and Spartanburg communities this fall. Read more at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.
EXPLORING THE GROWING FIELD OF DATA SCIENCE

Dr. Beau Christ, assistant professor of computer science, is preparing students for success in the field of data science. He’s using his appointment as a fellow in the XSEDE Campus Champions program to develop a data science course for the spring semester and is creating a new computational and data science research lab at the college.

Read more online.

WOFFORD HOSTS SURF

Students from 10 SoCon institutions participated in the fourth annual Southern Conference Undergraduate Research Forum, held again this year on Wofford’s campus. The program encourages academic collaboration as well as athletic competition. This year, 13 Wofford students presented original research during the conference.

Read more online.

STUDENTS LEARN MARKETING THROUGH PEANUTTIEST FANS PROMOTION

Three Wofford students are getting real-life experience as digital marketers for a South Carolina food canning operation through The Space in the Mungo Center. The students sought out the campus’ “Peanuttiest Fans,” then posted their photos with banners and cans of boiled peanuts to social media.

Read more online.

BOSS’ HEALTHY BUDDIES SPREADS THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA

Dr. Dave Pittman ’94 and his psychology students are working to get Boss’ Healthy Buddies, a free nutrition education resource for grades K-4, into all South Carolina elementary schools. The ultimate goal is educating young children to make healthier food choices while at school and at home.

Read more online.
CBS Chief Washington Correspondent Spends Time with Students

CBS News chief Washington correspondent Major Garrett spoke Oct. 30 at Wofford on his new book about reporting on the Trump presidency as part of the Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security. Garrett, who enjoyed a taste of the college’s Halloween celebrations, also met with classes and student journalists.

Read more online.

Dunker Medals in World Military Games

Lt. Col. Bryan Dunker, professor of military science, earned a silver medal in the Master’s Team triathlon event at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) World Military Games held Oct. 16-28 in Wuhan, China. He also placed 12th with a 2:03 in the Olympic-distance triathlon. Dunker was a member of the USA Triathlon Team.

Read more online.

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UNLEASHED

Wofford women's soccer enjoyed a run in the Southern Conference Tournament before falling short in the quarterfinals.

The women's team has a new coach this season. Emily Grant, former assistant coach at Georgia Southern, led the Terriers to their best season since 2015. Grant holds a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, where she was team captain for the Commodores' women's soccer team. She has a master's degree in sports management from Northeastern University. Grant, who has coaching experience with University of Nevada, Las Vegas, played a season in the Women's Premiere Soccer League.
Learning on a three-legged stool

The students on the cover of Wofford Today have made the world their environmental studies classroom.

Ireland McGaughey ’20, an environmental studies and sociology and anthropology major from Savannah, Ga., studied wildlife conservation and ethics in Tanzania.

Casey Harcourt ’20, an environmental studies and mathematics major from Moreland, Ga., explored public policy, science and Spanish in Quito, Ecuador, and the Galapagos.

Reeves Goettee ’20, a biology and environmental studies major from Summerville, S.C., discovered even greater respect for sustainability while honing her photography skills in New Zealand.

The three women, who are members of the 10th anniversary class of environmental studies majors at Wofford, think global and act local. They embrace the breadth of the major while digging deep into their capstone projects. They’re products of everything the program was designed to be, and they’re going to make a difference wherever they go — no question!

Goettee’s home was in the suburbs, but she spent time in the country with her grandparents.

“The students who major in environmental studies usually come from one of two pathways,” says Dr. Kaye Savage, professor and chair of the department. “Some have grown up hunting and fishing and spending time in the woods with their families. They love that culture and love being outside. Then we have the students who come because they feel like the world is falling apart, and they need to make a difference.”

Savage speaks from experience when she says those differences make for interesting class discussions. Add the interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum to the mix, and it’s not uncommon for a topic such as climate change to start with science but jump to politics, the economy, demographics, denial and even religion or science fiction.

“In environmental studies, we emphasize the importance of the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities in understanding the world. They’re the legs of the three-legged stool on which environmental studies students must metaphorically sit,” says Dr. Peter Brewitt, assistant professor of environmental studies.
“The interdisciplinary nature of the major is what sets Wofford apart from other colleges and universities,” says John Lane ’77, who team taught the class and learning community that became the model for the major. Lane became the first director of the environmental studies program, which was designed to be broad with a rigorous fieldwork component. Interdisciplinary courses — an introduction and a senior seminar — bookend required courses and electives that highlight environmental issues in the context of different disciplines.

“You can connect environmental studies to anything,” Harcourt says. “That and the hands-on nature of the subject drew me into the major.”

Savage explains that breadth is important because environmental problems cross boundaries. “If we’re going to tackle those problems, we have to have an understanding of complex systems,” she says.

Students gain depth through the major’s capstone experience.

“The capstones are time consuming but rewarding. Working with students on projects of their own choosing and advising them as they ask questions and work through problems has turned out to be one of the more critical aspects of the program,” says Dr. Terry Ferguson ’75, associate professor and senior researcher for the Goodall Environmental Studies Center.

Harcourt chose to do a capstone project on the practicality of green roofs. It builds on knowledge in sustainability, physics, botany, data analysis and even aesthetics.

Goettee combined photography and environmental studies for her capstone, which explores how humans interact with the landscape. She took most of the photos while she was in New Zealand. “I call the photos anti-selfies,” Goettee says. “My project is a commentary on place and how people should be present in the landscape, instead of making it all about them.”

McGaughey’s capstone delves into the world of hydroponic farming. “This major speaks to my soul,” she says.
A guiding faculty

Natural resource depletion, overpopulation, deforestation, genetic engineering, global warming... Goettee still remembers the waves of environmental gloom and depressing statistics she and other students discussed for weeks in one of her first environmental studies courses.

“On one hand, I was compelled to act, but on the other, I felt like I was losing hope,” she says. “To lift our spirits, Dr. Savage had each of us bring in a positive article about the environment. It was really uplifting.”

The exercise wasn’t on the syllabus, but it’s what her students needed, so she adapted. That’s something Savage says she’s gotten better at since coming to Wofford.

Savage’s background was in environmental science, specifically geology and geochemistry. She’s also an artist, and her art — handmade paper and mixed media sculptures that explore geologic and hydrologic data — was her way into a department shared by Lane, a poet, environmental writer and professor of English, and Ferguson, geoarchaeologist and photographer.

“This was new to me,” says Savage, who team taught several introductory classes with Lane in the beginning to get the hang of the “studies” part of the major.

In the fall of 2020, Savage will be the department’s veteran and will become director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center in Lane’s stead. Lane and Ferguson both will retire at the end of the spring semester. Brewitt will take over as chair of the department.

Ferguson, who has been at the college for 40 years, was just published in Nature Scientific Reports. He will continue that research on platinum levels in sediments in the Midlands of South Carolina that supports an extraterrestrial impact event that occurred nearly 13,000 years ago. He’s also working with several other research teams, including one that’s studying the Glendale area near the Goodall Environmental Studies Center.

Lane will be promoting another book, “Seven Days on the Santee Delta,” with two more on the way: a second novel and a nonfiction work combining autobiographical experiences growing up in Spartanburg County with Ferguson’s research on buried organic deposits. Lane also is working on another poetry manuscript.

The department’s faculty also includes Dr. Amy Telligman, assistant professor, who came to the college as part of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College. Dr. Jennifer Bradham and another tenure-track faculty member will join the department next year.

The college’s environmental studies faculty teach in a classroom without walls — from a poetry reading in the library (John Lane) to a waste audit of the campus (Amy Telligman), from a field trip to study fire ecology on Glassy Mountain (Peter Brewitt) to archaeological research (Terry Ferguson) and the examination of rocks (Kaye Savage) at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center.

“Now we have a food systems lab in the works that Amy is starting, and our students will get hands-on experience — from garden to stove. That’s a direction that we didn’t anticipate 10 years ago,” says Savage. “Who knows what our other new faculty will bring to the department? It will be amazing.”

Goetee says the conversations she has had with the environmental studies faculty after class or during their labs make the department special. “They’ve guided me toward opportunities that I never would have considered for myself, and they all foster a culture of ruggedness,” she says.

“They’re right there with you. Getting in the water. Carrying kayaks. Doing the labs. We’ve been out there in the rain, and still, somehow it’s fun,” says McGaughey.

According to Savage, Lane was rallying a class before a particularly wet, cold lab at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center when he first used the “culture of ruggedness” phrase. It’s been the department’s motto — and a point of pride — ever since.
Biology and geology were two of the first requirements in the college’s founding curriculum. The first documented field experience occurred in 1874 when Warren DuPré took 15 members of the senior class to Lake Lure, N.C., to study the effects of an earthquake. In 1964, Dr. John Harrington joined the faculty after a distinguished career as a professor at Southern Methodist University, petroleum geologist and consultant. He brought a robust, hands-on, field-based approach to learning about the environment and taught Wofford students to “see a world” broadly and across disciplines. He inspired students such as renowned naturalist Dr. Rudy Mancke ’67, as well as Ferguson and Lane.

There was also Dr. Ray Leonard, who taught Animal Ecology; Dr. Gibbes Patton, Wofford’s first full-time botanist, who was friends with pioneering ecologist Eugene Odom; Dr. B.G. Stephens ’57, a chemistry professor who taught the first environmental science classes to nonscience majors; Dr. C.L. “Ab” Abercrombie, who taught sociology, but also held degrees in biology and mathematics; and Dr. Jack Seitz, who wrote the book on global issues.

In 1970, Wofford received a three-year, $295,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for curriculum innovation. With the money, the college established a junior/senior seminar during Interim, a summer research program and a “permanent experimental sciences study group” to meet and discuss “problems arising within and between the different experimental science departments.” The grant also funded the purchase of equipment to “improve electronics instruction” and an overflight program as part of a geology laboratory. An interesting footnote: The geology overflights were done from a rented DC-3 that had flown Winston Churchill in World War II.

There was a core group of environmental activists as well. In the 1970s, Dr. Linton Dunson, professor of government, joined Patton on a statewide pollution task force, and Dr. John Fowler, also in government, and Patton began the “Friends of Lawson’s Fork” to protect the watershed in which the college is located. Harrington and others joined the Lawson’s Fork protection efforts.

Patton, Dunson and Fowler taught an early Interim, Environmental Problems and Land Use. Duane Stober, professor of physical education, offered River Voyagers, an Interim during which 15 students and two guides paddled 350 river miles from Spartanburg to the sea. Other Interims to explore environmental studies included Field Work in Archaeology, Water: Its Ecology and Politics, and Internships in Resource Management.

Ferguson’s return to Wofford continued the tradition of field-based study. His introductory geology sequence included 22 field labs and two overnight experiences during the year and further widened the college’s variety of courses that had an environmental emphasis. More and more faculty began incorporating environmental studies into their courses. Faculty in the departments of biology and chemistry were joined by faculty in economics, sociology, modern languages, English and philosophy. Environmental reading groups, art and speakers became more and more common on campus.

Several attempts to start a major in environmental studies failed, but an interest had been building in interdisciplinary majors. Lane (English) and Dr. Ellen Goldey (biology) taught courses and a learning community on the nature and culture of water that combined the sciences and the humanities. Then Goldey secured a grant from the NSF for curriculum innovation, and the college formed a group to develop and propose a major in environmental studies, which would incorporate the college’s geology department. In addition to Ferguson, who had been chairman of the geology department, and Lane, the group included Dr. Caleb Arrington (chemistry), Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden (Spanish), Dr. Cissy Fowler (sociology), Dr. Mackey Salley ’95 (physics) and Dr. Philip Swicegood (finance).

Out of this fertile ground grew environmental studies.
Onward

The college’s environmental studies program received another boost in 2015 when the college received a $4.25 million grant from the Romill Foundation to create the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford College. The initiative, which connects the college to community partners in the Northside and Glendale communities, put the college in the middle of the community and environmental sustainability conversation. It included funds to fuel student social entrepreneurs and their business ideas as well as community-based coursework and research in the partnering communities.

According to Dr. Tim Schmitz, professor of history and associate provost for administration, the Milliken Sustainability Initiative already has had a major impact on sustainability at Wofford and the surrounding community.

+ The college’s energy metering and monitoring system is in place, and the college has improved HVAC and lighting systems to realize energy savings.

+ The student innovation fund is up and running and administered through The Space in the Mungo Center. The grant also funded student workers in an urban garden in the Northside.

+ The Center for Community-Based Learning now coordinates partnerships in the Northside and Glendale communities as part of the initiative, and faculty have developed new courses in human and environmental sustainability.

+ The college purchased a house in the Glendale community, adjacent to the Goodall Environmental Studies Center. The space includes an apartment for visiting speakers or college guests as well as office and meeting space.

+ The grant has funded a series of summer charettes, or meetings, in which campus and community stakeholders look at challenges and map solutions.

+ Construction is underway on a new living-learning community on College Street in the Northside, with occupancy scheduled for spring 2020. The seven-apartment unit will house 13.

+ The grant has funded four Interim travel/study experiences, including Thinking Like An Island: Sustainability Sessions From Hawaii to Spartanburg (Dr. Dave Pittman ’94, psychology) and the Biodiversity of Costa Rica (Dr. Lori Cruze, biology, and Dr. Kimberly Hall, English). An Interim trip with community partners is planned for January 2020.
It’s been a decade since Carrie Blanton Baker ’10 graduated from Wofford as the college’s first environmental studies major. The program has evolved, but the core has remained the same, and that, according to Baker, has made all the difference in her life and career.

“I learned to step back and look at how environmental issues affect people and communities,” says Baker, who is now the environmental manager for Timken Co., in Gaffney, S.C. “It’s important to have the facts and the figures, but then we have to take them and use them responsibly.”

Baker was a junior when the college announced that it was beginning a major in environmental studies. She had studied both biology and accounting and was drawn to the hands-on nature of the new major. When she graduated, she wanted to go into the conservation field, but ended up working as an environmental technician. The job involved cleaning up meth labs, among other things. Since that first job, she has worked in waste management, safety and environmental health.

“I wanted to get into land conservation, but instead I’ve used my environmental studies background for a successful career in hazardous waste management, and this has become a true passion,” she says.

Baker is in a position to advocate for environmental protections and safety, and she also is passing along her love for nature to her 5-year-old son, Robbie.

Other Wofford graduates, whether or not they’re working in a field related to their major, share similar experiences.

**Eric Breitenstein ’12**

Breitenstein was back on campus in September for the retirement of his #7 football jersey. The college’s all-time leading rusher with 5,730 yards, Breitenstein was a superstar in the classroom and community as well as on the gridiron. After graduation, he earned a master’s degree in education and now teaches middle school science and coaches football at Jackson Creek Middle School. He lives in Bloomington, Ind., with his wife, Rachel Styles Breitenstein ’13, and their daughter, Lily.

**Brian Elgort ’14**

The planner for the town of Pineville, N.C., Elgort says his interest in urban planning coalesced during his semester abroad studying European sustainability in Copenhagen, Denmark. “Professor John Lane and Dr. Kaye Savage were both instrumental in guiding my environmental studies, which culminated in my thesis project — a study concerning the way Wofford students transport themselves around Spartanburg, particularly to and from the downtown area, as well as a redesign of the Church Street corridor between Wofford and Main Street,” says Elgort. The experience inspired him to enroll in a master’s program in city and regional planning at Clemson University, in which he focused on the urban environment and encouraging active transportation.

**Porter Crockard ’17**

Crockard is working as a mountain guide for Jackson Hole Mountain Guides and Alaska Mountaineering School. He guides rock and alpine climbing in the Teton, Beartooth, Wind River and Alaska mountain ranges.

“Working as a mountain guide has been a dream since I was young. Environmental studies at Wofford has helped me better understand how climate change is impacting the fragile landscapes (especially glaciers) that make up the places I work,” he says. “Being able to communicate this information to my guests and help them develop their own appreciation for these public lands will hopefully play a small part in the uphill battle that many of these special ranges face.”
Grant McClure ’19

McClure is the fishing manager for Orvis on King Street in Charleston, S.C. In addition to retail responsibilities, he teaches fly-fishing classes, organizes trips and runs the store’s marketing. “Orvis has a long history of partnering with conservation groups like Trout Unlimited and, most recently, the Everglades Foundation,” says McClure. “On the local level, our store has a strong partnership with Charleston Waterkeeper, an organization that conducts water quality surveys and river clean-ups.” McClure says he appreciates daily opportunities to share his love for the environment with customers and conversation groups.

Savannah Paige Murray ’15

A Ph.D. candidate in rhetoric and writing at Virginia Tech, Murray’s research focuses on environmental rhetoric. Her dissertation, which she started at Wofford, studies how local farmers and landowners prevented 14 Tennessee Valley Authority dams from being placed on the French Broad River in western North Carolina between 1961 and 1972. “As an alumna of environmental studies, I understand the value of studying the ‘real world,’ and I enjoy thinking about how my own writing, as well as the writing of my students, can help secure a more sustainable and resilient world. … Through my research and teaching, I hope to inspire others to see how environmentalism is not simply a matter of being a ‘tree hugger’ or a ‘hippie,’ but that environmentalism is also an essential part of our everyday lives.”

Carol Morel ’17

Morel is working with the U.S. Geological Survey MD-DC-DE Water Science Center as a pathways hydrologist while completing a master’s degree in geology at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Mareli Sanchez ’16

Sanchez is a doctoral student in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. Her dissertation research focuses on how soil biochemistry and plant functional traits influence the community assembly and diversity of plant symbiotic fungi, both in the species-rich tropical forests of Panama and in the species-poor coastal mangroves of south Florida. “The environmental studies program at Wofford fostered an all-scales approach to environmental issues. The invaluable skills that I learned through this interdisciplinary degree have been indispensable for my graduate research, and I will continue to apply them during my professional career,” says Sanchez. “My goal as a scientist is to expand our understanding of the world by exploring how microscopic ecological networks sustain ecosystems under the threat of global change, and the environmental studies program served as my foundation to be able to achieve this.”

Hunter Bradshaw ’15

An environmental studies and biology major, Bradshaw returned to his hometown of Jacksonville, Fla., after graduation. There he started working for a regional office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. In the position he was responsible for permitting and compliance for projects impacting wetlands and surface waters. “While I was regularly implementing my academic training, I also was administering state laws and administrative codes to regulate environmental impact. The regulatory and public servant side of the job led me to pursue a master of public administration degree from the University of North Florida,” says Bradshaw, who will graduate at the end of the fall 2019 semester. He now is working in product approval with Medtronic, a medical device company.

Sheridan Kate Murray ’19

Murray is executive director for the Newberry Museum in Newberry, S.C. She credits her major in environmental studies with preparing her to think critically and consider the role of the environment in relation to a community’s culture and economy. “I find this to be especially pertinent when working to incorporate environmental history here at the museum — agriculture, namely cotton, was integral to Newberry County’s economy, and the infrastructure that developed rapidly to accommodate that industry. … Above all, environmental studies taught me to care about community.”
A first-year humanities course based on John Krakauer’s book “Into the Wild” and the enthusiasm of professor John Lane gave Godwin his first taste of environmental studies. “I realized learning in an academic setting could be linked to the passions and hobbies I enjoyed in my free time,” he says. Godwin majored in government as well as environmental studies and went on to complete law school at the University of South Carolina. He has worked asbestos cases and CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act) cases, both of which required the skills he developed through his multidisciplinary background in environmental studies. In September, Godwin moved back to his hometown of Hartsville, S.C., to work as an attorney at Saleebey & Cox, a law firm that has served the Pee Dee area of South Carolina since 1949. Godwin says the importance of place and making a difference locally also come from Lane and environmental studies. “This has had a major impact on me, and I think it is ultimately what led me back home to what I now consider a dream job.”

Nguyen is a brewer at Ghost Monkey Brewery in Mount Pleasant, S.C. “I originally thought I was going to get involved with vineyards and sustainability work, but now I plan to gain more knowledge and experience in the brewing industry with hopes of one day opening my own sustainable brewery,” says Nguyen. “Majoring in environmental studies at Wofford has impacted my life choices. I am definitely more environmentally conscious in my decisions.”

Khoi Nguyen ’17

Sara Frances Koontz ’15

After graduating with dual degrees in art history and environmental studies, Koontz moved to Charlotte, N.C., to pursue a career in the arts. She is the co-owner and co-artistic director of Beyond Dance Project, a dance studio and pre-professional company in Gastonia. She also is the manager at Sozo Gallery in Uptown Charlotte. “Though I am not, technically, using my environmental studies degree in my current careers, the environmental consciousness that the department at Wofford developed in me positively influences my decisions daily,” she says. “My worldview, perspective and appreciation of the natural world is all the better and bigger because of my Wofford environmental studies experience.”

Alex Hoots ’17

Hoots is the events and sustainability coordinator for the Colorado University Department of Athletics, which means she ensures that the university’s athletics program lives up to the sustainability standards it set in conjunction with Ralphie’s Green Stampede, a student-led sustainability organization. She says her work in zero waste management and operations with CU would not have been possible without her background in environmental studies at Wofford. In particular, she says her senior capstone — studying sustainability in regard to waste, water and transportation of Wofford’s Department of Athletics — gave her hands-on experience and knowledge that have been a huge asset in her current role.

Peter Wilson ’13

Wilson works for a boutique transactional law firm with a large tax credit practice. “Similar to Glendale, S.C., where the Goodall Environmental Studies Center is located, the communities where many of my projects are located were once hubs of industry but now face challenges and typically lack access to traditional capital. Majoring in environmental studies taught me that some things are worth saving and preserving. The most rewarding part of my job is to see new life being breathed into historic buildings and communities that constitute the backbone of our country,” Wilson says.
Danielle Peoples ’11

Peoples leads a public engagement team at Duke Energy focused on energy grid improvement projects in six states. “Duke Energy, a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of the largest energy holding companies in the U.S. At Duke Energy, we’re transforming our customers’ experience, modernizing the energy grid, generating cleaner energy and expanding natural gas infrastructure to create a smarter energy future for the people and communities we serve,” says Peoples. Over the past two years, Peoples has had the opportunity to build a new team and define public engagement at Duke Energy. “Majoring in environmental studies inspired my journey for exploring the intersections of our built environment and natural environment. My time at Wofford helped me understand how important public perception is in complex behavioral campaigns and the challenges of social bias. … I am the learner I am today because of my environmental studies experience and the diverse opportunities I’ve had during my eight years at Duke Energy.”

Rachel Brittenham ’13

Brittenham says that Wofford’s balanced approach to environmental studies prepared her for a master’s program in development practice at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. As part of her master’s, she spent three months in Rwanda working with local universities and community leaders to do research on the apiculture, or beekeeping, business. She spent two years with the U.S. Green Building Council in Washington, D.C., before starting her own businesses in Colorado. Shredder: Indoor Ski + Snowboard School will have five operational locations by January 2020. “It’s been exciting to bring my liberal arts background to this new venture as an entrepreneur and team leader,” says Brittenham. “I hope to one day push Shredder to operate LEED-certified facilities while educating our outdoor-loving clientele about the importance of sustainable choices in everyday life.”

Lucy Robertson ’14

Robertson chose environmental studies because of her interest in the complex relationship between humans and the Earth. A master’s degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia allowed her to take that interest even further. “Landscape architecture is the analysis, planning, design, management and stewardship of natural and built environments,” says Robertson. “The profession incorporates aspects of art, engineering, architecture, graphic design, horticulture, geography and ecology. I really enjoy this field because landscape architecture requires you to look at an outdoor space through many different lenses, which is exactly what I was taught to do at Wofford.” Now Robertson is putting her education into practice with Wertimer + Cline Landscape Architects in Charleston, S.C.

Environmental studies graduates, we’d love to hear from you.

Email alumni@wofford.edu to share a professional or life update.
Harold Chandler ’71 remembers the day he first met Jim Brakefield, then head football coach at Wofford College. Their conversation was pivotal in setting Chandler’s college life and beyond into motion, and, thus, pivotal for the life of the college.

“I remember the day vividly,” says Chandler, who, along with his wife, Delores, recently helped the college break ground on the new Chandler Center for Environmental Studies — just the latest in a long line of gifts the couple has provided the college, its students, faculty and staff. “My high school calculus teacher allowed me to step out of her class for a brief visit with Coach Brakefield. Those few minutes of conversation were pivotal. His personal style, candor, sense of discipline and direction appealed to me immediately. Fortunately, my teachers and administrators soon thereafter confirmed the value of a Wofford education based on their collective years of experience. I recall one particularly trusted guidance counselor telling me that, in her opinion, Wofford had the best faculty of any college in South Carolina.”

That conversation began Chandler’s journey as a celebrated Wofford football player, a successful businessman and a longtime benefactor and supporter of the college.

The new 20,000-square-foot Chandler Center for Environmental Studies, slated to open in the fall of 2020, will be Green Globe Certified for its sustainable and environmentally conscious features, such as a partial green roof and solar roof panels. The building will feature advanced laboratory space, a seminar room, outdoor patio and garden spaces, and classroom and office space for Wofford’s Department of Environmental Studies as well as the other sciences. The building also will include a system for capturing rainwater for irrigation and will use cross-laminated timbers, which are made of sustainable, all-wood construction.

At the groundbreaking event, President Nayef Samhat thanked the Chandlers for being among the largest lifetime contributors to Wofford in both resources and time. “Your legacy of giving and your visionary approach to fundraising and scholarships has transformed Wofford College, just
learning and our work toward a resilient, flourishing society that respects Earth’s intricate systems.”

Chandler says his 18-year involvement with Spartanburg-based Milliken and Co. substantially influenced the couple’s decision to be the lead contributors to the Chandler Center for Environmental Studies. He retired this year as chairman of the board of the company. Over a 48-year business career in financial services and industrial manufacturing, he served in numerous roles, from intern to chairman, president and chief executive officer, and he was a member of nine corporate boards.

“Delores and I have observed over many years that investments are actually in people, their vision and ability to execute,” Chandler says, “So, the critical initial step reflected our support of the college’s current mission and of Dr. Samhat’s leadership in particular. Our support revolves around people, such as Dr. (James) Seegars; he was a special, memorable teacher and scholar.”

Chandler says Seegars, chair of the psychology department when Chandler attended Wofford, taught one of the most significant courses he took, industrial psychology. “It really opened my mind to workplace behavior, the treatment of associates, care for people, property and our natural resources. Dr. Seegars convinced me and other students that these are the differentiating characteristics of an individual’s life and career.”

Working in various management roles at Milliken and Co., “alongside Roger Milliken, a transformational Wofford board member emeritus, allowed me the real-life experience of working to achieve a sustainable profit while, at the time, sustaining our Earth, our air, water and more, not as a scientist but as a businessperson and citizen,” Chandler says.

His time at Wofford exceeded his expectations, both academically and athletically, Chandler says. “My classmates and teammates proved to be a major part of my education. In many ways, the student body provided this unexpected combination of consistency and familiarity while also being immersed in difference and diversity. There was a quiet competitiveness on campus that fostered individual growth and yet a sense of comradery, a unique combination that I feel helped me in my years after Wofford.”
A native of Belton, S.C., and a graduate of Belton-Honea Path High School, Chandler was an outstanding student-athlete at Wofford, leading the Terrier football team as quarterback and captain, and he was named most valuable player on the team and was the runner-up for the South Carolina College Football Player of the Year in his senior year. The 1970 team played for the NAIA National Championship. He is a member of the Wofford Athletic Hall of Fame. He also was the senior cadet officer, serving as cadet battalion commander of the Southern Guards Battalion, during his fourth year, and he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation.

Chandler graduated summa cum laude from Wofford, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and was the class valedictorian. He earned his MBA from the University of South Carolina and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School’s advanced management program.

A football scholarship made it possible for Chandler to attend Wofford; he had received three other offers, but he chose Wofford because he preferred a “more intimate, private college, where you would be taught by professors, not graduate students. My visit to campus corresponded with my mental image of what I thought college should be like. That day, I made my decision that Wofford College was where I should go.”

Chandler says he learned so many lessons while playing football — “in planning, leadership, execution precision, recovery from failure — just so many valuable lessons, including, importantly, winning with humility.”

The Chandlers have supported Wofford student-athletes through endowed scholarships. They have established the J. Harold Chandler 1971 Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Delores Wilson Chandler Endowed Scholarship Fund for student-athletes and have funded four additional endowed scholarships to honor their parents and their two children — the Louie and Edna Chandler Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Stanley and Dorothy Wilson Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Jennifer K. Chandler Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Stephanie A. Chandler Endowed Scholarship Fund.

“Delores and I have enjoyed our years supporting Wofford following my student years,” Chandler says. “It has brought us great pleasure and a sense of fulfillment, even purpose. It seemed a natural extension or progression to give back, since I received a scholarship to attend Wofford. We started this journey with a goal to return in totality the sum of my scholarship aid. Later, we elevated our goal to be more commensurate with our assessment of the benefits we have received from our lifetime Wofford experience and continuing connection. We have never regretted these decisions, some made early and some later in our married life.”

They are proud of the recipients of these endowed scholarships. “These young collegiate-athletes have brought us immeasurable joy and, admittedly, occasional anxiety, watching them on the football field on beautiful fall Saturdays. We continue to hear from many of them following their graduation from Wofford. Our ultimate hope is that they, too, might choose to support future Wofford students based on their own positive experiences while on campus and later, elsewhere, which surely will have been influenced by Wofford College as ours has been.”

Chandler served on the Wofford College Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2000 and again from 2004 until his retirement from the board in 2016; he served as vice chair from 2009 to 2011 and as chair from 2011 until his retirement. In 1993, he led the task force that helped move Wofford to Division I athletics, and in 2005 he led a second task force on enrollment growth, both of which produced recommendations that have had a profound and positive impact on the college. In recognition of his retirement from the board, the board room in the DuPré Administration Building was named in his honor.

Chandler was the featured speaker at the 2017 Wofford Commencement, where he also received an honorary degree.

He was selected as Wofford’s Young Alumnus of the Year in 1983 and has led the Terrier Club and endowed athletics scholarship efforts for many years, helping to achieve more than $47 million in endowed athletics funds. The Chandlers have supported Wofford generously through scholarships and renovation and building projects over more than 45 years of involvement with the college, including being major contributors to the construction of Lesesne Residence Hall and the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village. Most recently, the college’s new outward-facing sign on North Church Street was made possible by the generosity of the Chandlers.

During the Chandlers’ marriage and 11 corporate-related family moves, they raised two daughters, and Delores Chandler managed a real estate development business spanning 38 years.
ENVS Resources

GOODALL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CENTER
The Goodall Environmental Studies Center is the hub of activities for the Department of Environmental Studies. The center overlooks the Lawson’s Fork of the Pacolet River at the historic textile mill community of Glendale. From the vantage point of this restored mill building, students have on-the-ground, real-time interactions with the natural and cultural issues they read about in the classroom.

GLENDALE HOUSE
The two-story Glendale House, located adjacent to the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, was purchased by the college as part of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative funded by the Romill Foundation grant. The building is used as a creative center, offering work and living space for visiting writers, artists and others who come to historic Glendale for research on what the future may hold for development, climate change and other global issues. The effort is based on a National Science Foundation program to create ecological research sites.

NORTHSIDE
The Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford is fueling student social entrepreneurs, their business ideas and community-based coursework and research in the Northside, an historic community near Wofford. In a new community center under construction at the corner of College and Howard streets, Wofford faculty and students will hold classes and interact with community members and partners who have ongoing public-private partnerships to redevelop the area, develop programming that will benefit the community and expand student learning opportunities. Residential space in the center will house visiting faculty, and within the next several years, Wofford students will reside in a living-learning community in the facility and fulfill the community sustainability purpose of the Romill Foundation Grant that funded the initiative.

TYSON FAMILY LECTURE ON THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF SOUTHERN ECOSYSTEMS
The Tyson Family Lecture on the Preservation and Restoration of Southern Ecosystems, established in 2012 by Dr. George Tyson ’72, is an annual lectureship devoted to issues related to the preservation, restoration and sustainability of Southern ecosystems. The speakers reflect the entire range of the multidisciplinary approach of environmental studies and include individuals from academia, business, industry, government, the arts or the nonprofit sector. These events are free and open to the public.
SUSTAINABILITY
ON THE CITY’S NORTHERN BORDER

— An opportunity to give and to receive

WANDA CHEEKS:

She wasn’t a Wofford student, but community activist and grassroots leader Wanda Cheeks used to sneak on campus in the mid-1990s to study in one of the college’s computer labs before she began her 11 p.m. night shift at Krispy Kreme.

“I was in my 20s, and I needed a quiet place to read and study,” says Cheeks.

The perception of the college at that time was closed off and not welcoming. “I felt that we were only there to go to football games, or if we were invited,” adds Cheeks.

Over the past 25 years that perception has dramatically changed.

Cheeks doesn’t need an invitation or the excuse of a game to come to campus today; in fact, you often will find her eating with students at Zach’s. And in May 2019, Cheeks was at Commencement as the non-student recipient of the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award, partly because of the community-based learning opportunities she and other grassroots community leaders are engaged in with Wofford students and faculty.
Alysa Handelsman: Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Dr. Alysa Maria Handelsman knew she was interested in social learning at an early age. “My mom is from Ecuador, so I spent a lot of time there observing different cultures and communities,” says Handelsman. That interest led her toward academic research in hip-hop followed by research into gangs and gang formation before she joined Teach for America and was assigned to an urban high school on Chicago’s South Side.

Her position with the college blends these experiences and interests as part of the Milliken Sustainability Initiative at Wofford, which is focused on community-based coursework and research in the Northside and Glendale communities. The initiative was funded by a $4.25 million grant from the Romill Foundation.

Connecting coursework with the community is the bedrock of Handelsman’s anthropology course Building Sustainable Communities. As part of the class, students complete projects ranging from providing families of Spartanburg’s Cleveland Academy of Leadership with a cookbook of healthy and accessible meals to planting fruits and vegetables for school lunches; from starting an after-school reading program for area youth living in Victoria Gardens to beginning a mentoring program for fifth grade boys.

“This kind of learning is as hands-on as it gets, and the work is meaningful and relevant,” says Handelsman.
Kealie Engels ’20:
Kealie Engels ’20, a sociology and anthropology major from Spartanburg, and other Wofford students spend time every Thursday working with the Cleveland Academy C.H.E.F.S Club. “We work with the students to plant, grow and use food in simple and healthy recipes,” says Engels, who says she gets just as much out of the experience — if not more — than her students. “I’m growing with them as much as they are growing with me, and I’m learning from them just as much as they are learning from me.”

This mutual growth is by design. “Community sustainability is a two-way partnership grounded in the methodology of learning from one another,” says Handelsman. “We don’t want to burden our community partners but engage them in a dialog — a relationship that is connected by shared goals.”

“Working with the students at Cleveland Academy has made me more well-rounded, has extended my thinking, has helped me think beyond myself and has enabled me to understand that I can both teach and learn from others,” adds Engels.

Jonathan Carter ’21:
Jonathan Carter ’21 has a lot going on. A pre-law psychology and sociology and anthropology major with a minor in philosophy from Clinton, S.C., Carter is president of Wofford Men of Color. He’s also a Gateway Scholar and a Wofford Scholar. As part of Handelsman’s class, he restarted the Kings Club for fifth grade boys at Cleveland Academy.

“The goal of the Kings Club is to enhance the character traits of responsibility, respect and problem-solving skills that will be beneficial at school, home and in the community,” says Carter, who runs the program with the help of the Wofford Men of Color.

“I became interested in this club because in today’s society African American men are only praised for their abilities to make plays on someone’s field or court or for their ability to make music,” says Carter. “We are also quick to have our images posted on news outlets for mistakes we have made resulting in branding as thugs or gangsters. It’s the responsibility of other African American men and myself to guide the youth on the right path to a more constructive future. We ultimately would just like to show these boys that they matter and they can have interests outside of being a rapper or a famous athlete.”
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AND TO RECEIVE

BILL BARNET:
“Great educational institutions like Wofford have come to realize how critical adjacent geography can be to its health, safety and opportunities to expand its footprint,” says Bill Barnet, CEO and board chair of the Northside Development Group. “Additionally, it offers a unique canvas for student learning, especially about human sustainability. Students can — and do — learn much in classrooms and labs, but we all understand, with increasing importance, the learning that goes on in communities and spaces around our comfortable campus settings.

“The investment in the Northside by Wofford and others creates hope,” he says. “The ability for students and faculty to learn and contribute through helping families and interacting with young learners is critical and inspiring.”

AMY TELLIGMAN:
Working in the community extends to other academic areas. Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Dr. Amy Telligman’s sustainable agriculture class learns how to grow and produce food by maintaining garden plots on Edgewood Avenue. Recently they harvested Jerusalem artichokes at Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center and worked with the Church of the Advent in Spartanburg to pickle them to sell as relish for a fundraiser. “It’s a practical learning experience for our students during which they can more fully appreciate their reality as well as understand how a geographic location can put others at a disadvantage,” says Telligman.

WANDA CHEEKS:
“I know that I’m welcome to anything Wofford has to offer, and Wofford students are welcome to anything the community has to offer,” she says. “This is our community.”
Social well-being is an important element in any sustainable community, and these Wofford graduates are doing their part to foster the development of healthy citizens.
Hondre McNeil ’03 has fond childhood memories of doing fitness videos with his mom in Lakeview, S.C. — Hip Hop Abs and Pilates were two of his favorites. He then would spend a few hours each weekend playing basketball with his dad. He liked the way an active lifestyle made him feel, but he didn’t understand why until he became a student-athlete on the Wofford football team.

“I red-shirted my first year and focused on getting into top condition,” says McNeil, who majored in computer science and mathematics at Wofford. “I began to understand the whys of athletic conditioning and training. I learned exactly what I needed to do to become a better, faster, stronger athlete.”

Now, in addition to his work as a human resources information systems coordinator for a local hospital in Lancaster, Ohio, he trains aspiring college student-athletes as well as people who want to get in shape and live a healthy lifestyle — both mentally and physically — as owner and operator of SWET Fitness.

“Fitness is a night and weekend job, but it’s my passion,” says McNeil.

Certified through the American Council on Exercise, McNeil also competes as a bodybuilder and coaches other bodybuilders in posing. He has his International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness pro card and competes in physique events. He and his wife, Jenny, have two children: Gabriel (10), who plays football and basketball, and Grace (7), who does gymnastics year-round.

“I understand the challenges of balancing family, work and fitness, which is why SWET Fitness’ tagline is ‘NO EXCUSES,’” says McNeil. “It’s all about balance.”
By day Meg Morrison Peebles ’07 is the director of trading operations at Global Endowment Management in Charlotte, N.C. By night, or at least while it’s still dark at 5:30 a.m., she teaches core-centric, Pilates-based classes that clear her clients’ minds, sweat out toxins, boost mood and build strength.

“My goal for clients is for them to leave feeling better than they did when they walked in,” says Peebles, a trainer for the Hilliard Studio Method. “I get the young professional crew who are ready to get the day started off right, check the workout off the list and get back to business!”

Peebles started taking classes at the studio in 2013. After being a runner for years, she struggled to find a workout that was low impact but high intensity. “I knew after the first 20 minutes that this was the answer. I got my heart rate up, my limbs were shaking, and I saw results that I had never seen before.”

Her routine has shifted a bit since she and her husband, Ty, had their first child, Maggie. Now Peebles mixes three weekly Hilliard sessions with after-work walks with Maggie. She also eats well but gives herself a break on weekends. “Exercise keeps me sane. ... I’m a million times more productive at work after waking up at 4:45 a.m. to teach the 5:30 class than if I would have slept in.”
College flags hang from the beams at Motivus CrossFit in Spartanburg. The gold and black Wofford College flag represents coaches Jan Woods Keith ’86 and Chandler Brazeal ’14, as well as the Wofford graduates who come to the gym for their fitness fix and the community that trainers like Keith and Brazeal bring to the place.

“Motivus is so diverse. Old/young. Male/female. Good athletes/beginners. People from different backgrounds. I wasn’t an athlete in college, but from day one, people were cheering me on,” Keith says. One of her strengths is the ability to relate to people who are apprehensive about lifting weights. “I was thrilled with what CrossFit brought to me as a late starter in the form of strength training. … CrossFit also gave me the confidence to complete a half marathon a few years ago.”

Keith majored in biology at Wofford and planned to enroll in medical school, but her family founded Pic-A-Flic video, and “in 1986, video beat med school hands down,” she says. Keith now runs a commercial real estate business with her husband, Jim, and coaches at Motivus, which is owned by her daughter, Joy Keith (Converse College), and two other coaches, Curtis Norwood (Newberry College) and McKenna Payne (USC Upstate and College of Charleston).

“My goal for clients is for them to leave feeling better than they did when they walked in.”

“Every class can be competitive — super competitive if that’s what you want — but it doesn’t have to be,” says Keith, who has found a niche working with wellness or master’s athletes who want to build strength and mobility as a way to improve their functional fitness. “The best weightlifter is not the best CrossFitter. The best runner is not the best CrossFitter. Everyone is out of their comfort zone. Everyone has room to grow.”

Brazeal is Motivus’s newest coach. Like Keith, he has his L1 certification and a reputation for positivity and encouragement.

“That goes back to being on the golf team at Wofford,” says Brazeal, who was captain during his junior and senior years. “That role and learning how to communicate with different people, rally a team and make everyone feel involved definitely translates to coaching CrossFit.”

Brazeal made a run at playing golf professionally after college and is now a routing specialist at Adidas and a coach at Motivus. He gravitated toward CrossFit as a way to remain fit and competitive.

“My goal for clients is for them to leave feeling better than they did when they walked in.”
Mike Nicklas ’15 weighed about 270 pounds when he was on the offensive line for the Terriers.

“I was big, and after I was no longer playing football, my body just wasn’t healthy carrying that weight,” he says.

“I graduated and dug into the fitness industry. I was on a mission to find a balanced workout and nutrition plan.”

Nicklas fell in love with exercise because of how it made him feel. He became a certified personal trainer through the International Sports Sciences Association and now helps others struggling to lose weight and get fit. Home is Los Angeles, Calif., where he primarily works with clients who have home gyms. Nicklas also has an online fitness site, mikenicklasfitness.com, that gives beginners four different fitness modules over a 66-day period to introduce exercises and routines that may work for them.

“Getting fit and taking care of your body will transform your life in ways that you didn’t even think were possible,” says Nicklas. “It’s the foundation for everything else.”

To stay fit, Nicklas does strength training three times each week and has started a hip-hop dance fitness class at the Playground in downtown L.A. He’s using his major in business economics to run his own business, and he’s using the skills he learned as a student-athlete at Wofford to balance an increasingly busy schedule.

Visit mikenicklasfitness.com for more information.
It didn’t take long after graduation for Niki Klasnic ‘13 to find her niche in the world of fitness. After briefly exploring coaching, acting and personal training, she was watching YouTube fitness videos when she realized this was not just something she could do, this was something she would enjoy.

“I started sharing faith, fitness and wellness,” says Klasnic, whose SugarySixpack YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and app now have more than 325,000 followers. She’s worked with international fitness brands such as Adidas and Carrie Underwood and has done photo shoots with Cosmopolitan magazine. She’s also entered the speaking circuit, recently speaking at MommyCon in Charlotte, N.C. “Following this path, I’ve gotten to do a lot of things that I would never have imagined.”

Klasnic married college sweetheart Alexander “Gus” White ’12, and they’re now the parents of a busy toddler. Klasnic already was educating herself on pre- and postnatal fitness, when her pregnancy with Noah gave her the opportunity to live the wellness practices she was promoting.

“It blew my mind how much misinformation was out there,” Klasnic says. “Fitness for expectant mothers has been neglected for so long, but exercise is so positive for both mom and baby. Babies are healthier and more well-adjusted after birth. Moms who exercise recover faster postpartum, have less swelling and minimize common aches and complications.”

Visit sugarysixpack.com for more information.
Roshonda Rogers Thomas ’07 is a soldier, a mother, an entrepreneur and the owner and founder of Fortitudine Studio, a gym in Anderson, S.C., that focuses on functional fitness for women while offering healthy after-school and summer programming for children.

“I created Fortitudine because there really weren’t gyms in my area that were kid friendly for working moms,” says Thomas. “I saw a need, came up with a business plan and opened the studio.”

For Thomas, the gym had the added benefit of helping her stay physically prepared for military service while allowing her time with her three children. It gave mothers a community of support and offered healthy snacks, homework help and physical activity for children. Thomas also used Fortitudine to launch her own coffee and smoothie line, as well as Anderson Axe Throwing.

“As women, sometimes we put others first, but it’s important to think long-term,” she says, citing diabetes, thyroid issues and heart disease. “It’s also about feeling good in your clothes (both literally and metaphorically). It’s about really taking ownership of your health and respecting what you have to offer as a woman.”

For the next 10 months, Thomas’s work with community health at Fortitudine is on hold. She deployed in November with her U.S. Army Reserve unit to Iraq.

“Wofford teaches you to work really hard for what you want. You can’t just go into a class and know you’re going to make an A; you have to work for it,” says Thomas. “The pride, confidence and work ethic I honed at Wofford, have translated to every part of my life.”
As a TPI-certified golf fitness specialist, Mike McDonnell ’10 helps golfers hit the ball farther, improve their scoring average and enjoy pain-free play.

“Fitness in golf is becoming more apparent,” says McDonnell. “The golf swing is a powerful, ballistic movement that can cause pain and trouble down the road. Top golfers have a TPI professional on their team, so if you’re not implementing golf fitness, you’re missing out and will be a step behind.”

McDonnell, who majored in psychology at Wofford, was a student-athlete on the college’s baseball team. He struggled with a back injury during his last season with the Terriers and found his way into the fitness industry as he recovered. After graduation, he moved back to New York and became a personal trainer.

“I loved it,” says McDonnell. “I enjoyed establishing great relationships with clients, and my psychology background helped me understand the deep-rooted why when it came to their motivations for improving their fitness.”

After becoming a Tier X coach and curriculum innovator with Equinox in Greenwich, Conn., McDonnell and his wife, Cait, moved to Charleston, S.C. He expanded his online coaching business to stay connected with loyal clients and now trains junior and competitive amateur golfers across the globe.

McDonnell practices what he teaches. He lifts weights to strengthen his core and works on mobility and range of motion.

“Staying healthy and fit also means I’m cognizant of nutrition, and I’m a big believer in sleep,” he says.

McDonnell’s clients appreciate his attention to analytics and assessment, both of which he uses to design a customized program for each golfer.

“I formulate plans that get results,” says McDonnell. “It’s all about helping golfers maximize performance.”

Visit coachmikemac.com for more information.
Football and tailgating

A Homecoming crowd was on hand to watch Wofford defeat Western Carolina 59-7 with over 600 yards of total offense.
Rain or shine, Wofford welcomes alumni, families and friends each fall for Homecoming and Family Weekend

Returning to campus, whether for a weekend or a few hours, is a great way to show your support.

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The Goldtones reunited

Current and former members of the Goldtones held a reunion rehearsal then sang the national anthem and the alma mater during the football game.

Alumni Awards

The Terrier Club Distinguished Service Award was presented to the Atlanta Invitational Golf Committee for 25 years of support for scholarships for Wofford student-athletes. Read more about winners of Wofford alumni awards at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

Student research

Savannah Talledo ’21, a chemistry and theatre major from Spartanburg, and other students presented their research during the college’s inaugural Family Weekend Undergraduate Research Forum.

Terrier Talks

Wendi Nix ’96, a reporter for ESPN and member of the college’s board of trustees, shared memorable experiences from her career as a correspondent in the traditionally male-dominated sports industry during Homecoming Terrier Talks.

Homecoming queen

After being crowned Homecoming queen, Wells Osteen ’20, an accounting major from Sumter, S.C., received congratulations from her cheer teammates and other friends.
Black Alumni Summit

On behalf of the Black Alumni Association, Robert Mickle ’85 and Valerie Billy Sullivan ’87 presented Cameryn Burke ’21, a student-athlete on the Wofford women’s soccer team, with a travel grant. Burke is an English major from Burtonsville, Md.

Order of 1854 Heritage Society

Ralph Owens ’74 welcomed his daughter Sarah Owens ’23 into the Order of 1854 Heritage Society.

5K Fun Run

The families that run together ... enjoyed the Family Weekend 5K.

Homecoming band party

Aunt Fant and the Nocturnal Realtors played at the KA house during Homecoming. Members of the band include Patrick Fant ’88, James McKinney ’88 and Jamie McAlister ’88.
A weekend of celebrations

From friends and football to Wofford family traditions, Homecoming weekend was packed with celebrations. One of the biggest celebrations of the weekend was the Terrier Ball Auction and Gala, an event that celebrated its 20th anniversary this year.

Reunions

Whether it’s a first or a 50th, Homecoming is a time to reunite with friends.
Senior Reception
Bali Channa ‘20, a biology and Spanish major from Boiling Springs, S.C., and Nick Butler ‘20, a French and physics major with a minor in mathematics from North Augusta, S.C., introduced their families during the Family Weekend Class of 2020 Reception.

Championship rings
The men’s basketball team received their championship rings during halftime of the Homecoming football game.

Three generations
Celebrating Patrick Lindsay ‘23 and his membership in the Order of 1854 Legacy Society are his grandfather Jerry Stallworth ‘64 and his parents Heather Stallworth Lindsay ‘92 and Nelson Lindsay ‘91.

Volleyball reunion
The Wofford women’s volleyball team welcomed alumni back for a reunion and an opportunity to make connections across generations.
1953
August was a big month for Dr. Ted Morton. On Aug. 20, he and his wife, Henrietta, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, and on Aug. 13, he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor. Morton helped develop Greenwood Methodist Home, now Wesley Commons, serving that community for 27 years. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 27 years and on the South Carolina Methodist Board of Pensions. Morton is still chairman of the board of the South Carolina Methodist Foundation.

1958
Dr. Will Carpenter was recognized this year with two distinguished national awards: the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Schizophrenia Research Society and the Pardes Humanitarian Prize from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation. Carpenter donated the $150,000 humanitarian prize to support schizophrenia research at Maryland Psychiatric Research Center at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

1967
“Evil Eye and Other Stories” completes the trilogy of “what if” short stories that the Rev. Harold Lawrence started in 2017 with “Nightflyers and Other Stories” and continued in 2018 with “Water Sprites and Other Stories.” There are 63 stories in the three volumes. Lawrence has written other stories as well while serving as a United Methodist minister in Georgia. Lawrence’s newest book is available through Amazon.

1968
Spartanburg Community College President Henry Giles was recognized in August with the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor. The award honors a half-century of service to the students and staff of SCC. During the ceremony, the SCC Foundation announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship in his honor. The scholarship will go to a second-year student seeking an associate degree in education.

1971

1979
On May 6, the Rev. Jim Caprell and his wife, Holly, welcomed their first grandson and perhaps a future Terrier, Rowen Caprell. The Caprells live in Simpsonville, S.C.

1983
Mark Cauthen, a partner with The McKay Firm in Columbia, S.C., has been recognized by Midlands Legal Elite as a top attorney practicing in the areas of workers’ compensation defense, civil litigation, construction law, subrogation and appeals.

After Hurricane Dorian ravaged the Bahamas, Cole Sanford ’19 and his friend Sam Evans flew into action.

The second lieutenants in the South Carolina Army National Guard made five flights from an airfield in West Palm Beach, Fla., to Freeport, Bahamas, in September, delivering more than 500 pounds of toiletries, tents and food.

“It was definitely good to do a little bit to help,” says Sanford. “Finding people to transport supplies was harder than collecting them. Churches and other groups had donated so much. Whole hangars were filled with bottles of water and other supplies. The experience also gave us flight hours.” Sanford, who participated in ROTC at Wofford for four years, earned his pilot license while he was in college. In January, he will begin two years of training at Fort Rucker, Ala., to learn to fly Apache helicopters.

“They’re the coolest thing that flies,” says Sanford. “Becoming an Army pilot and flying Apaches is a childhood dream.”

According to Sanford, both Simon Stricklen, Wofford’s ROTC enrollment and scholarship officer, and Dr. Boyce Lawton, dean for student success, played pivotal roles in making that dream a reality. He also says the ROTC experience at Wofford helped him make the most of his four years at Wofford.

“Pairing ROTC with a regular college experience allows you to have leadership roles amongst your peers,” says Sanford. “Because of ROTC, I had more responsibilities and more obligations, but that helped me stay engaged and focused.”

BEYOND ROTC
SANFORD FLIES AID TO THE BAHAMAS

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Jimmy Fowler was recognized in July with the Independent Banks of South Carolina Leadership Award during the 59th IBSC Annual Convention. Fowler is vice president and serves on the legislative committee for IBSC. He is executive vice president and director of commercial banking and strategic initiatives at Countybank in Greenville, S.C.

1984
Best Lawyers in America has selected Daniel Fritze and Tim Madden ’85 of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as a 2020 Lawyer of the Year in their respective areas. Fritze practices corporate law in Columbia, S.C. Madden practices family law in Greenville, S.C.

1989
Mark Bundy is a commercial project estimator for Everlast Construction in Alpharetta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Cindy, and their children, William and Elizabeth.

Brian Michel has joined ServisFirst Bank in Birmingham, Ala., as senior vice president of commercial banking. He has 21 years of banking and commercial lending experience.

1993
Wendell Jones, owner and founder of Wendell Jones Leadership Institute, is the new instructor of the Greenville Chamber Minority Business Accelerator. The accelerator was created to advance academic and economic inclusion in Upstate South Carolina, focusing on socially or economically disadvantaged businesses owned by minorities, veterans or women.
Mike Shetterly has been elected general counsel for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for 2019-20. Shetterly is the managing shareholder in the Greenville, S.C., office of Ogletree Deakins.

1995
After more than 20 years of study, Chad Gabrich received his black belt in Brazilian jiujitsu in April. “As a member of Ribeiro Brazilian jiujitsu, this has been one of my greatest achievements,” says Gabrich. “Along with my instructor, David Sumpter, we represent one of two Ribeiro schools in the entire state of Indiana.”

1996
Dr. David Cross is an associate professor at Charleston Southern University, where he teaches Arabic and Spanish. In 2017, he earned a master’s degree in Arabic from Middlebury College and completed the creation of an Arabic minor at CSU.
In the fall of 2018, he published the first issue of Charleston Magazine, a student magazine containing writings by students in Arabic classes. This past summer, he gave a presentation in Arabic at the Arab Thought Forum in Amman, Jordan. His article, “Disruption, Self-Reflection and Renovation: Revising the Arabic Influences in Don Quijote,” was accepted for publication in Dirasat: The Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Jordan.

1997
Leah Robertson Maybry has joined the Charlotte, N.C., office of SignatureFD, a financial design and advisory firm. Maybry has more than 20 years of experience in advising high-net-worth clients, including 10 years in Big Four accounting firms.

David Suber has moved to Jackson, Tenn., where he is the upper school director at the University School of Jackson.

2000
Missy Turpin teaches 10th and 12th grade English at Dauphin County Technical School in Colonial Park, Pa.

2001
Anne Wheeler Bell and Jason Bell announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Mae Bell, born June 13. The family lives in Columbia, S.C.
On Sept. 27, Willis High, who played basketball at Wofford, was inducted into the Berkeley High School Athletic Hall of Fame. At Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, S.C., he participated in football, basketball and track.

2004
Jeff Owen was promoted to senior director II of predictive analytics and data science at Walmart Inc. He and his wife, Ashley Mamele Owen ’06, live in Bentonville, Ark., with their two children, Liam (5) and Eliza (3).
Katherine Johnson “Kate” Halligan, daughter of Katherine and Andy Halligan, was born Aug. 14. The family lives in Spartanburg, where Andy is a regional director with Johnson Development Associates.

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2006
John Garrison “Jack” Conner was born Oct. 14 in Chattanooga, Tenn., to proud parents Meg Beacham Conner and Garrison Conner ’09. Jack joins siblings Rech (4) and Molly (1).
Suzanne Davis Webb married James Black Jones IV on Nov. 10, 2018. Suzanne is a nurse practitioner for Dermani Medspa. James is a corporate counsel for Credigy Solutions Inc. They live in Atlanta, Ga.
Cameron Widman Leyh and her husband, Justin, welcomed their first child, a son, named Barrett Richard Leyh, born Aug. 23. They live in Charleston, S.C.

2007
Matt Bond has been named president of United Bank’s capital market. In this role, he is responsible for the management and operation of the nine United Bank offices in Charleston, Boone and Logan counties in West Virginia. Bond lives in Charleston with his wife, Anna Frances, and son, Donald Henry.
A neuroscientist, Dr. Kimberly Smith Piersol is a postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. She and her husband, Joshua, have one son, John Harold Piersol, who will celebrate his first birthday in December.
Dr. Tiffany Tonismoe has completed her medical training and accepted a job with Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. She is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist.

2008
Ashtin Kilpatrick has joined Turner Padget in its Columbia, S.C., office as an associate attorney. She practices commercial and residential real estate law.
Austin Webb, CEO and co-founder of Fifth Season (formerly Robotany), a robotic indoor vertical farming company based in Pittsburgh, Pa., was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Great Lakes Ag Tech Summit held in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 23. Fifth Season’s first commercial-scale facility, a 60,000-square-foot robotic vertical farm, is under construction in Braddock, Pa. The plan is to start delivery of fresh greens and herbs out of the new facility in early 2020.

2009
Lisle Traywick, an associate with Robinson Gray law firm, has been named to the Leadership Columbia Class of 2020. Traywick is one of 63 up-and-coming leaders in the community. Traywick also has been elected to the board of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.
Dr. Whitney Walker Linville opened her own pediatric dental practice — Acadiana Pediatric Dentistry — in Youngsville, La.

2010
Randal Greene Jr. joined the corporate section of Williams Mullen law firm in Richmond, Va. He advises in the areas of health care and corporate law.
Both dentists in Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Emma Hughes and Dr. Michael Jauch were married Oct. 12 in Greenville, S.C.
Will Bagwell and MaryScott Calicutt were married on July 20 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, S.C. The couple lives in Spartanburg, where Bagwell is an assistant fence operations manager at Bagwell Fence Co.

2011
Craig Calhoun has been promoted to director of finance at Frampton Construction Co. He is based in the company’s Charleston, S.C., office.
Former Wofford basketball standout and assistant coach Tim Johnson has joined the staff at Furman University as an assistant basketball coach. He spent the past two years coaching at James Madison University.

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Clark Witzleben and Katy Duyava Grein were married on Aug. 24, 2019, at Gorrona Ranch in Telluride, Colo. The couple lives in Denver, where Witzleben works in sales with Bargreen Ellingson, a restaurant supply and design company.

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2015
Elizabeth van Keller has joined the Finkel Law firm in Columbia, S.C., as an associate attorney. She will help expand the firm’s Social Security disability department in the Midlands area.

2016
Robert E. Hart Jr. and Elie Brantley ’18 were married on Sept. 7 at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C.

2017
Dr. Katherine Janiec Jones, professor of religion and associate provost for curriculum and co-curriculum, was a keynote speaker at the Vocation and the Multi-Faith Academy conference at Pepperdine University. She also wrote a post in Vocation Matters, a blog sponsored by NetVUE, “Who Cares for the Caregivers?” which centers on vocation, burnout and suicide.

2018
Charlie Mogul has joined The Peninsula Company’s commercial brokerage team in Charleston, S.C. Additionally, he will be working as an analyst in the company’s development division.

2019
Miles Brown is on the roster of the NFL’s Arizona Cardinals as a defensive tackle. Brown, #72, joined the team as an undrafted rookie free agent.
Sarah Harste ’10 learned to weave about five years ago during her first winter in Ohio.

“I had no idea that winter lasted past February,” says Harste, a Georgia native. “I was growing pretty desperate to find activities I could do from the comfort of my heated room.”

That desperation turned into a creative career as a fiber artist, something Harste says no one in her life — including her — saw coming.

“I think anyone who pursues a liberal arts education is excited by the idea of learning about and experimenting with subjects outside their comfort zone,” says Harste. “That conditioning of wading in the unfamiliar — and figuring out how to get familiar with it — prepared me for this very unexpected transition.”

Now Sarah Harste Weavings shares space with a floral subscription business in a burgeoning neighborhood in Columbus. Her studio is bright and overflows with colorful yarns.

“I love playing with color combinations. So many people are afraid of including bold colors in their home or wearing bold colors, but I think a love of color is innate in all of us,” Harste says. She encourages the people who come to her workshops to take risks and enjoy the experience. “So many people have a fear around their creativity or are overly critical of themselves. It’s a confidence boost to make something from start to finish in an afternoon. Especially in this age where so much of our day-to-day lives require us to be on computers and phones, a lot of my students express that they are starved for time spent making something with their hands.”

Harste appreciates the pace and patience that weaving and macramé require. “It’s as much about the process as it is about the finished product,” she says, which is one of the reasons she joined the 100 Day Project on social media and committed herself to making a woven wall hanging every day for 100 days.

“You know you’re going to get backed into a corner creatively at least a few times. Having to make another piece day after day means that you get bored really easily with the styles you’re comfortable using, and you have to branch out and try new techniques just to keep your sanity,” Harste says. “The great thing was that I started to look forward to getting bored during the challenge, because whenever I was bored, I ended up trying something so outside my comfort zone that it was thrilling to see how the piece unfolded.”

After Harste’s #100daysofmacraweaves, she exhibited all 100 pieces chronologically. “It was like walking into an explosion of color and texture,” she says. “The whole experience felt like my wedding day: a blur of emotions, heartfelt moments of connection and the thrilling and stress-inducing realization that all these people are here to celebrate you and your experience.”

Find Harste’s weavings online at shesgotthefever.com.
IN MEMORIAM

1942
Randolph Bowen Bradford, Sept. 8, 2019, Pauline, S.C. Bradford was the first president and co-founder of the South Carolina Professional Photographers Association, and he went on to serve the interests of many local and national professional photography societies. He was a photographer for the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and president and general manager of B&B Studio before opening Bradford Photography.

1949
Philip John Forlidas, Aug. 31, 2019, Charlotte, N.C. For five decades, Forlidas worked in partnership with his brother, Angelo, as an apartment developer and owner and as a home builder. He was a past president of the Charlotte Home Builders Association and a past vice president of the North Carolina State Board of the Home Builders Association. A proud member of the Greek community, he was a founding member of the first Holy Trinity Cathedral Foundation, past president of the Order of Ahepa Marathon Chapter and secretary of the Order of Ahepa Charitable Trust Foundation. He was a Boy Scout volunteer for 40 years and helped more than 100 boys earn their Eagle Scout award.

1950
Niles Edwin Hanna Sr., Aug. 14, 2019, Enoree, S.C. Hanna served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War then returned home to run the family business, P.H. Hanna & Son general merchandise. He was also the owner of Niles Hanna Fuel Oil, Enoree Washerette and Kwik food store in Greer. He was a lifelong member of Enoree United Methodist Church, where he loved singing in the choir. His love of Wofford was evident in his generosity and attendance at football games.

1952
Virgil William Marsh, May 22, 2019, Evanston, Ill. Marsh served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps during the Korean War. He worked in administration at several hospitals, including M.D. Anderson in Houston, Texas, before working in alternate health care delivery systems for several major insurance companies. He was president of local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, and in retirement he volunteered with Global Mission of the Lutheran Church of America at Rainey Hospital in Chennai, India, and advised the Church of South India in the establishment of a health care plan for employees.

1953
William Simpson Glenn III, Aug. 23, 2019, Lawrenceville, Ga. Glenn served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was in the field of sales and marketing his entire life. Later in his career, he owned a firm that sold gifts and vintage paper products. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville and an avid tennis player.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
A CENTURY OF ROTC AT WOFFORD
by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94, college archivist

An important institution that connects the campus to the nation celebrates a century at Wofford this year.

The U.S. Army issued an order on Dec. 29, 1919, creating a Reserve Officers’ Training Corps unit at Wofford. The granting of an ROTC unit came after college officials agreed to establish a course of military training on the campus and to meet other requirements as set by the Army. Wofford became one of the first denominational colleges to host an ROTC unit.

ROTC was not an entirely new concept at Wofford in 1919; during World War I the student body was organized into the Student Army Training Corps, essentially...
turning the campus into a military post. Students took both academic courses and military training, with Army officers responsible for military training and the faculty responsible for regular instruction. This continued until the end of World War I and likely created the model for the establishment of ROTC after the war.

At times in the 1920s and 1930s, the number of students participating in ROTC no doubt made the college look like an Army base. Within two years, 64 of 80 sophomores and 70 of 166 freshmen were in the first- or second-year basic course. ROTC grew nationally during this time, and by the 1950s, ROTC units throughout the country produced the majority of both reserve and regular Army officers. Lean economic times in the 1930s made participation in ROTC that much more important for students as it gave them scholarships, uniforms and stipends, no doubt making it possible for many of them to remain in college. The nation’s investment in ROTC paid off when World War II broke out and thousands of trained officers were ready and available to serve. Hundreds of Wofford alumni of all ranks served throughout the world during World War II, and that service continued through subsequent conflicts.

Today, ROTC maintains a strong presence on campus, and in February 2020, the library will open an exhibit that focuses on the centennial of ROTC at Wofford. The exhibit will feature photos as well as artifacts that show how ROTC has evolved and influenced life on the campus.
In the last years of his life, the Rev. Benjamin Wofford’s thoughts turned toward his legacy.

On Feb. 1, 1850, Wofford signed a will that left $100,000 to establish a college: $50,000 to be placed in an endowment and an equal amount set aside to purchase land and erect Main Building. He passed away that December. Just a few years later in the fall of 1854, Wofford College opened its doors.

What started with Benjamin Wofford’s bequest continues today as a nationally ranked liberal arts college.

“Wills are important, but more than 70 percent of American adults don’t have one,” says Lisa Harrison De Freitas ’88, director of gift planning at Wofford. “Some people haven’t gotten around to it. Others don’t feel like they have enough assets to go to the trouble. Still others feel like establishing a will is too expensive.”

A new partnership between the college and FreeWill addresses those concerns and offers people a cost-free way to protect their assets and designate their personal property to the people or organizations they hold dear.

A bequest to Wofford College is not a condition of the service, but Zach Barnes ’16 used the opportunity to give anyway.

“From the time I was accepted into Wofford and offered scholarships that allowed me to attend, I have had the
Dr. Onarae Rice ’96, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience at Furman University, was back on Wofford’s campus twice this fall.

In September, he was recognized by the Spartanburg Housing Authority with the Dr. John C. Bull Award of Achievement in Science and Medicine. The commemorative award was presented to Rice during the organization’s 80th anniversary dinner and awards, held in the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. The event honored the accomplishments of past residents to showcase the housing authority’s positive impact on the community.

During his acceptance speech, Rice talked about the importance of developing resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. “Don’t look at that as a hindrance but as an opportunity to develop skills that most of us wish we had in the workplace,” said Rice.

A few weeks later, Rice was back on campus to talk with students, faculty and staff about the transformative power of undergraduate research. The event was part of the college’s “The Pedagogy and Power of Undergraduate Research Luncheon Series,” sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Center for Innovation and Learning.

As a student at Wofford, Rice interned at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, N.Y. After graduation he returned to the laboratory to work in the medical department before earning master’s and doctoral degrees in biopsychology at Stony Brook University.

Rice continues to share with Furman undergraduates his research on the underlying brain mechanisms involved in the rewarding properties of drugs of abuse.
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