A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIP

Katie Palmaccio ’25, a psychology major from Savannah, Ga., interacts with students at Meeting Street Academy, a public neighborhood school serving Spartanburg’s downtown area. As part of a partnership between Wofford and Meeting Street, Wofford students in Christie Johnson’s Foundation of Literacy teacher education class worked with students two days a week during a portion of the fall semester. The partnership was mutually beneficial: Wofford students considering a career in education gained valuable field experience, and Meeting Street students received extra academic attention and mentoring from Wofford students.
When students enroll at Wofford College, the college’s Office of Admission asks them why they chose Wofford. The “academic program” always takes the top spot on the survey. Some also attend because they are eager to become Terriers like their parents and grandparents. Others say yes because the campus community was welcoming and beautiful when they visited, or they were recruited to play NCAA Division I athletics. The college’s nationally ranked alumni network and its study abroad programs and opportunities to participate in campus performing arts, leadership, and fraternity and sorority life attracts others. Regardless of the reasons, we know that Wofford College retains students at a rate of more than 90%, and more than 80% of students graduate within four years — both statistics place us among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

The type of education that Wofford provides is worth the price tag, but it’s still hard for many students and families to manage the cost. This is one of the reasons that Jerry Richardson’s gifts to the college over his lifetime are so important — from early gifts to the Terrier Club that helped athletics boosters chip away at scholarships for student-athletes, to the establishment of the Richardson Family Scholarship, to his most recent major gift of $150 million to the endowment, of which $110 million will be used forever to provide scholarships for students with financial need. Until Wofford College can give a life-changing scholarship to every student who enrolls, we will always need people such as Mr. Richardson, who gave throughout his life according to his family’s needs and growing success.

This issue was about to go to press when we learned of his passing. It was with great sadness, but also immense gratitude, that we celebrated his life on campus in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium on March 18. We continue to celebrate him in this issue of Wofford Today and with every student who says yes to Wofford thanks to a scholarship provided through his wisdom and generosity.

Thank you, Mr. Richardson.

Nayef H. Samhat
11TH PRESIDENT OF WOFFORD COLLEGE
Where thought leads.
Thought led charter members of Wofford’s Nu Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. to return to campus in February to celebrate the charter line’s 35th anniversary. Campus Life and Student Development, with the support of The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, hosted celebratory events, including a reception in the President’s Home and special recognition during the men’s basketball game. From the left are: Rod Garner ’91, Stanley Porter ’89, Cedric Smith ’88, Jason Hill ’89, Thomas Fair (Presbyterian College) and Buddy Sanders ’90. Joe Davis, who is taking the photo, was on the athletics training staff at the time, and he sponsored Wofford’s charter members and ensured their development as Kappa men ready for “achievement in every field of human endeavor.”
PANOFF RECOGNIZED

Dr. Robert Panoff, scientist in residence and instructor of computer science, is the first recipient of the Educational Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computational Science Education by the largest computer science professional society in the world. He was recognized for assisting faculty with the integration of computational science in the undergraduate curriculum. Panoff received a $2,000 honorarium.

Read more online.

HELPING HANDS

People who are rebuilding their lives after spending time in prison carry the burden of a lot of unflattering labels: criminals, ex-cons, jailbirds. Bladen Bates ‘23 prefers a kinder label: human beings. Bates, an art history and psychology major from Traveler’s Rest, S.C., is an intern with JumpStart, a ministry that helps prepare people who’ve been incarcerated to reenter society.

Read more online.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CORAL REEF RESEARCH

Chandler Dickert ‘23, Nathan Faulstich ‘23 and Dr. Geoffrey Mitchell presented research that could impact future generations of coral reefs at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting in Austin, Texas. Dickert and Faulstich are biology majors, and Mitchell is associate professor of biology. They’ve spent two summers researching coral reef bleaching through a National Science Foundation grant.

Read more online.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

Wofford’s spring gallery exhibits include “Materiality and the Divine: Baroque Art Across Europe” and “Helen DuPré Moseley: Painter, Author, Roller-Coaster Fan and Air Stewardess on Flying Saucers” in the Richardson Family Art Museum. The Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery has “Interesting Methods: 2020 Portfolio,” which involved partnering printmakers with collaborators to create the portfolio. All exhibits are up through May 21.

Read more online.
TOTAL IMMERSION
Valerie Soto ’23 and Aidan Jenkins ’24 took learning the Chinese language to another level while immersing themselves in it through renowned programs domestically and abroad. After excelling in the classroom, both used the language while traveling and experiencing the culture firsthand. Jenkins studied in Taiwan last summer. Soto spent the summer at Indiana University Bloomington before studying in Taiwan.

Read more online.

TERRIER STARTUP CHALLENGE
Eight businesses were pitched by nine students during the seventh annual Terrier Startup Challenge. Students competed for $10,000 in startup funding. Leading up to the challenge, students received coaching from the Career Center to think through their business plans and address challenges associated with entrepreneurship. Megan Santos ’23 and Kate Timbes ’23 took first prize in the competition.

Read more online.

THE MAGICAL ARMSTRONGS
The college kicked off Black History Month with a lecture about The Celebrated Armstrongs, a family of magicians who lived near Wofford. They’re the subject of a documentary that’s being produced, “Going Fine Since 1889: The Magical Armstrongs.” Jennifer Stoy of Greenville, S.C., is the producer, and Wofford’s chief equity officer, Dr. Dwain Pruitt ’95, is interviewed for the project.
The Wofford women’s basketball team made history on Feb. 25 when they claimed the Southern Conference Regular Season Championship, earning the first conference title in program history as well as the first for any women’s team at Wofford. The 2022-23 season was also the first 20-win season for the Terriers in the NCAA Division I era. The women finished with a 22-10 record.
REMEMBERING
JERRY RICHARDSON ’59
THE WAY HE WANTED TO BE REMEMBERED

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON ’89
Ten days before her grandfather’s celebration of life, Caroline Allen Campbell received a call from her mother, Ashley Richardson Allen, relaying one of her grandfather’s last wishes.

It was early evening, and she and her young daughters were walking the family dog around their neighborhood. The 5-year-old was pedaling a bicycle with training wheels. The 3-year-old was in a costume. The dog was eager to move at a brisker pace. Campbell literally had her hands full when she learned that she and her brother, Luke Richardson Allen, had been asked to deliver the first two eulogies at the celebration of life for Jerry Richardson ’59 on March 18, 2023. He died at the age of 86 on March 1.

“In that moment, my life could not have been more juxtaposed,” says Campbell, who stopped, made sure she heard her mother correctly then immediately responded, “I won’t let him down.” Her next thoughts were where to start for a man who seemed larger than life to most who knew him. She began recalling sensory memories from her childhood even before she arrived back at home. Then she called her siblings, Luke, Matt and Hannah, to collect their stories as well.

“I wanted to work their voices into what I wrote,” says Campbell. “I carry a picture in my purse of him holding me when I was about 4 years old. I remember thinking, even at that age. I like it when this one picks me up. I can see over everybody. The picture is from somewhere in Spartanburg, and I’m in a red dress, and he’s in a black suit.”

She used all of that as inspiration to begin the story of Jerry Richardson, a story told thousands of times but never from this perspective.

“He chose to be remembered first as a grandparent,” says Campbell.

“To me, he wasn’t the Jerry Richardson most people knew,” says Luke Allen. “We had the same special relationship lots of grandchildren have with a grandparent. Mine just happened to be Jerry Richardson.”

Five people gave eulogies during the service, which was held in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium on Wofford’s campus. Former Carolina Panther linebacker Thomas Davis, Wofford President Emeritus Joe Lesesne and sportscaster Jim Gray all shared stories of Jerry, JJR, Big Cat or Mr. Richardson. Campbell and Allen talked about their memories of Honey, a name that stuck from a greeting between Richardson and Campbell, his first grandchild. She and Luke Allen painted a picture of Richardson as the family’s live oak tree with roots that stretched deep into the Carolina soil and branches that sheltered and soared far beyond his humble beginnings.

“Caroline Allen Campbell carries this photo of her and her grandfather with her in her purse.”

Caroline Allen Campbell

Luke Allen and his son, Beasley, with his grandfather.
It’s a metaphor that many in the audience understood because of the sheer magnitude of his influence.


Both Campbell and Luke Allen shared how he worked hard and believed in watering the roots of home and family and working harder than everyone else in business.

“One of the best pieces of advice he gave me was that he got to be Jerry Richardson (an inductee in the North and South Carolina Business Hall of Fame, founding owner of the NFL’s Carolina Panthers, and one of the country’s top philanthropists in higher education) by being himself,” says Luke Allen. “When I was unsure, he told me to be Luke Allen, to be myself. He said that would be good enough.”

According to Luke Allen, Richardson was a process person. At his core, he wanted to understand how things worked and why people made the choices they made or did the things they did.

“Neither of us are complicated people,” says Luke Allen, who said he and his grandfather could communicate with a look or smile. “I think that’s one of the reasons we had such a special relationship.”

Luke Allen and Campbell both have memories of their grandparents, Rosalind and Jerry Richardson, and then their parents, Ashley and Steve Allen, hosting dinners, originally on Wednesday nights, for football, basketball and baseball teams.

“When I got to high school, my parents would invite my teammates to the house for a meal,” says Luke Allen. “What I thought was just bringing the team together to build camaraderie was really a lesson in family and the tradition of hospitality and support that started with my grandparents. I didn’t understand what I was a part of at the time.”

Now Luke Allen is a leader in the Wofford Terrier Club, and Allen and Campbell are both
heavily involved in their communities. Their grandfather is no longer a physical presence, but they each proudly carry his legacy.

“I hit every branch on the way out of the family tree,” says Campbell, who uses the words stubborn, fiercely loyal, observant, perceptive, ambitious and generous to describe inherent Richardson qualities. “I also see my Honey in both of my children’s brown eyes. They’re the only grandchildren or great grandchildren with his eyes.”

Luke Allen said his grandfather only shared the story of his childhood with him once.

“He never forgot where he came from and the people who helped him along the way,” says Luke Allen. “In the weeks since his death, I’ve heard story after story from people who have contacted me to talk about what he meant to them.”

People from all over the country and from every walk of life came to Wofford for the celebration of life and to offer their condolences to the family.

“In addition to all of the evidence and first-hand accounts of how he helped and encouraged people, there are 10 times as many people no one will ever know about,” says Campbell. “He made enormous anonymous gestures, and I’ve learned from him that you don’t always have to draw attention to yourself and your actions.”

Luke Allen says he will miss everything about his grandfather. “My way of honoring him will be to continue to work to provide my son with similar structure and tradition, teaching him the same things. For family … for Wofford … we definitely need to keep working to fill his shoes.”
Jerry Richardson ’59 and Bob Prevatte ’50 shared a lifelong bond that was forged on a football field in Fayetteville, N.C.

Prevatte was an assistant coach and Richardson was a talented seventh grader when they first met.

“Growing up, he had to work like hell just to get by,” says Prevatte, who turned 98 in early April. “And he did, every day. I don’t know any boy who worked harder to improve himself than Jerry Richardson.”

After four years, Prevatte moved on to become head coach at Gaffney High and began a legendary run, winning 129 games and five state championships in 14 seasons. Although he was no longer his high school coach, Prevatte was the person Richardson turned to when he was looking for a college where he could get an education and play football.

Prevatte drove to Fayetteville to pick up Richardson in a Rambler station wagon for that first visit to Wofford. On campus, they met Coach Conley Snidow before heading back to Fayetteville. The 30 cents in Prevatte’s pocket was the only money they had between them, so they shared a soft drink and a pack of crackers on the 200-mile drive home.

“I told Snidow that Richardson was a great athlete who came to play every day,” Prevatte says. “They knew what they were getting.”

Richardson arrived at Wofford in 1954 as an unheralded wide receiver with a one-fourth football scholarship. He set three team records that still stand (single-game record with 241 receiving yards, nine touchdown receptions in a season and most touchdowns in a career with 21), led the Terriers as team captain and was a two-time All-American before two seasons of professional football. His successful career in business included getting Spartan Food Systems on the New York Stock Exchange before he was 40 years old.

“Coming to Wofford in 1954 as an 18-year-old with a partial scholarship was a turning point in my life,” said Richardson in 2021 after making a $150 million gift to the college’s endowment. “It is difficult to put into words how grateful I am for that opportunity and how proud I am of the tremendous progress the college has made since then. My hope is that many more young people will now be able to aim high regardless of their background or financial means.”

Prevatte checked in on Richardson during his time at Wofford, and Richardson checked in with him. It became a regular occurrence throughout their lifetimes.

“He’d call me and say he wanted my opinion on something. When I’d hear his voice on the phone, I’d ask him what he had gotten into now,” Prevatte says with a laugh.

Prevatte retired from coaching in 1969 and went to work for Richardson at Spartan Foods in 1971, rising to executive vice president before retiring in 1987.

Richardson honored Prevatte in 1988 with a gift to Limestone University in Gaffney to have its baseball field named for him. Richardson later gave $4.1 million to Limestone for construction of the Bob Prevatte Athletic Complex, which was dedicated in 2018.

Richardson checked in on his old coach for the last time about five months ago. They talked about the old times, and they talked about Wofford athletics.

“Jerry Richardson was one of the finest men I know,” Prevatte says. “He was like a son to me.”
Over the years, Jerry Richardson openly talked about the impact that Wofford College had on his life after he arrived on campus in 1954 as an 18-year-old with a partial scholarship to play football.

He spent the rest of his life making an impact on Wofford College. Richardson died March 1, 2023. He was 86.

“Mr. Richardson’s impact on Wofford College is immeasurable. I know of no one more generous with his time, wisdom and resources,” says Dr. Nayef Samhat, president of Wofford College. “While his gifts to the college and other organizations throughout the Carolinas are legendary, I will forever remember him for his quiet generosity and the gifts that didn’t capture headlines. So many have him to thank for kindnesses large and small. Our community sends condolences to Mrs. Richardson and his family. We will miss him greatly.”

Richardson, a Wofford trustee emeritus, mentored students and alumni while making game-changing financial contributions to the college.

His lifetime giving to Wofford exceeded $270 million, including a $150 million gift to the college’s endowment in 2021. That gift focused on four areas:

- Need-based financial aid impacting hundreds of students each year.
- Experiential learning opportunities for students with financial need.
- An initiative that transitioned the college’s support staff to a minimum wage of $15 per hour.
- A special fund for the maintenance, repair and improvement of campus buildings.

Earnings from the gift will continue in perpetuity and will forever influence the college.

The Richardsons have supported 14 capital projects since 1979, and 36 students have benefited from the Richardson Family Scholarship, which provides a full four-year scholarship to one student in each class. The scholarship includes books, a laptop, paid internships and a monthlong study abroad experience.

Richardson never forgot his humble beginnings. He kept a photo in his Charlotte, N.C., office of his childhood home in Spring Hope. There was no running water nor electricity. His father was a barber; his mother worked in a women’s clothing store. They didn’t have a car until Richardson was 16 years old. When Richardson enrolled at Wofford, he depended on his football scholarship and on a $30-a-month job as a resident assistant. His childhood experiences stayed with him and shaped his philanthropy with an emphasis on providing opportunities through education.

Richardson then embarked on a successful business career with his Wofford teammate, Charlie Bradshaw. Opening the first Hardee’s franchise in Spartanburg, he and Bradshaw co-founded Spartan Food Systems. Richardson later was the CEO of Flagstar, which was the sixth largest food service company in the nation.

On Oct. 26, 1993, Richardson became the first former NFL player since George Halas to become an owner when the Carolinas were unanimously awarded the NFL’s 29th franchise. The Carolina Panthers began play in 1995 and reached the NFC Championship game in the 1996 season. The Panthers won the NFC Championship in 2003 and 2015, advancing to Super Bowls in 2004 and 2016. The team has held training camp at Wofford since its inception.

Richardson is the only person to be inducted into both the North Carolina and South Carolina Business and Athletic Halls of Fame.

Throughout his life, he treasures being named the Wofford football team’s captain in 1958 as one of the greatest honors in his life. The college retired his No. 51 jersey in 2011. Richardson was named an Associated Press Little All-America selection in 1957 and 1958. Three of his records as a wide receiver still stand for the Terrier football team.
At the time of his death on March 1, 2023, Jerry Richardson ’59 was one of 118 donors with 45 years or more of consecutive giving to Wofford College. His lifetime philanthropy to Wofford exceeded $270 million.

Detailed giving records before 1979 were damaged, but Richardson’s donations to the college totaled $62,376.09 by that year. His financial contributions to Wofford since 1979 are listed on 246 lines of a spreadsheet, but his contributions extended well past those entries.

A timeline of highlights from his engagement with the college gives a sense of his impact, but thanks to his gifts to the endowment and his example of service, there is no limit to the positive influence his life and legacy will have on Wofford College and the students who benefit from his generosity.

### RICHARDSON WOFFORD TIMELINE

1954: Arrived on campus from Fayetteville, N.C., with a partial football scholarship.
1958: Elected team captain of the Terrier football team.
1959: Graduated from Wofford with an A.B. in psychology and education.
1959: Earned Baltimore Colts Rookie of the Year honors; catches touchdown pass in the NFL Championship game from Johnny Unitas.
1959: Initiated into the college’s Athletics Hall of Fame with teammate Charlie Bradshaw ’59.
1961: Opened first Hardee’s franchise in Spartanburg, S.C.
1968: Named to the Wofford Alumni Association Board.
1978: Elected to his first term on the Wofford College Board of Trustees. Served through 1990.
1979: Made donation supporting construction of the Campus Life Building.
1983: Named to Wofford’s all-time football team as a wide receiver.
1985: Contributed to the renovation of Wightman Hall.
1987: Established the Richardson Family Scholarship Fund.
1989: Moved TW Services, which bought Spartan Foods, headquarters to Spartanburg.
1991: Awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Wofford.
1992: Elected to his second term on the Wofford College Board of Trustees. Served through 2003.
1993: Awarded the NFL’s 29th franchise, the Carolina Panthers. Wofford would become the site of the team’s training camp.
1995: Brought Panthers training camp to Wofford’s campus.
1995: Awarded the Order of the Palmetto from South Carolina Gov. David Beasley.
1996: Richardson Physical Activities Building opened and named in his honor.
1999: Gave to support the construction of the Roger Milliken Science Center addition.
2004: Panthers play in their first Super Bowl.
2005: Elected to his third term on the Wofford College Board of Trustees. Served through 2017.
2005: Gave in support of the development of the Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery.
2006: Established the Jerry Richardson Endowed Football Scholarship Fund.
2006: Established the Richardson Family Athletics Scholarship.
2006: Elected to the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame.
2008: Gave to renovate the fitness facilities in the Richardson Physical Activities Building.
2009: Donated to the Joe E. Taylor Athletic Center.
2010: Helped with the renovation of the Kilgo-Clinkscales House.
2011: The college retired Richardson’s No. 51 jersey.
2014: The college honored Richardson with a statue outside of the Richardson Physical Activities Building to celebrate 20 years of the Panthers having training camp on campus.
2014: Announced the donation of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts.
2015: Announced the donation of the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.
2015: Inducted into the South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.
2016: Contributed to the Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village project; Richardson Family Pavilion named in his honor.
2017: Contributed to the expansion of the Richardson Physical Activities Building.
2019: Announced the construction of Jerome Johnson Richardson Hall.
2021: Gave $150 million, one of the largest single gifts to higher education in the country, nearly doubling the college’s endowment.
2021: Presented the Knight Commander’s Accolade by Kappa Alpha Order.
2022: Rosalind Sallenger Richardson created a fountain, based on Mr. Richardson’s class ring, and seating to overlook the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and the academic center of the campus; fountain dedicated in November 2022.
Dr. Tim Schmitz describes his career at Wofford College and being named its fourth provost as a “stroke of good fortune.”

He arrived at Wofford 23 years ago as an assistant professor of history.

“I certainly didn’t come to Wofford thinking I’d be in this position,” Schmitz says. “I was focused on getting a degree and getting a job. Getting a tenure-track job in history feels like an insurmountable task on its own, and I felt so fortunate to be offered the job at Wofford. It turned out to be a good place to be.”

Schmitz chaired the history department from 2010-14 before serving as associate provost for administration for seven years. He was interim provost for 14 months before being named provost in November. He has also served on numerous campus committees over the years.

“I’ve enjoyed collaborating with people across campus so often over the last 20 years, and I think it’s all of the meaningful relationships that define this place,” Schmitz says. “Experience and knowledge of the place, I hope, helps me in this new role.”

‘Internalizing things’

Schmitz’s problem-solving skills and work ethic most likely stem from a Midwestern upbringing that involved a newspaper delivery route at age 9. He’s self-deprecating while acknowledging how cliche it sounds, especially when adding that he stopped delivering newspapers to accept a job at a supermarket when he was 15.

Some summers were spent working with the facilities team of the local school district painting, mowing grass and troubleshooting on the job, including the use of a car jack to hoist bleachers at an athletic field. He also had summer jobs in Estes Park, Colo., at a cookie and ice cream shop, and at a Mexican restaurant as a line cook. In graduate school he started spending summers working for the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth summer program, for which he taught and later worked as a site director.

“In any of those jobs, and particularly in the setting of a residential summer program, you quickly realize that there’s a certain amount of work to be done, and if you’re a member of a team, you’ve just got to throw yourself in and do it.”

Schmitz studied history as an undergrad at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with plans of going to law school. A course on the Reformation by a historian of Spain named Geoffrey Parker, who became a mentor, led him to change his career path. Midway through his senior year, he decided to pursue advanced degrees in history after accepting a graduate fellowship from Indiana University Bloomington.

Both of his parents were teachers. His dad spent 37 years teaching history at the local high school, and his mother taught second grade.

Looking back, Schmitz recognizes that his family and life in the small university town of Charleston, Ill., home of Eastern Illinois University, influenced him.

“It would have been a small, fairly isolated, mostly agricultural community without the university,” he says. Instead, the college was essential to the identity of the town, and his friends were often children of faculty. Two classmates in his 209-person high school graduating class went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
“I grew up witnessing academic lives lived, and I was internalizing things that I didn’t realize until much later in my life,” Schmitz says. “It was an enormous gift to grow up in that town at that moment in its history.”

Embracing Wofford

Despite attending a large state university, Wofford’s small size appealed to him. He was one of 700 history majors as an undergraduate at Illinois; when he arrived on Wofford’s campus in 2000, the college had an enrollment of 1,100. (Wofford has 1,803 students today.) He recalls wandering around the campus in search of the swimming pool before realizing there wasn’t one.

Schmitz, however, soon embraced what makes Wofford unique.

“Early on, I could tell this place was different. I’d go running around the practice fields in the late afternoon, and I’d end up joining David Wood (athletics director at the time) and Danny Morrison (former athletics director and commissioner of the Southern Conference at the time) as they did the same thing,” Schmitz says. “They made me feel welcome and like a part of the community, even though I was very new to Wofford, Spartanburg and the South.”

Schmitz appreciates the Wofford community, including how well faculty know their students and how they are willing to work together on their students’ behalf. He also understands the commitment of the college’s faculty.

On a larger campus, Schmitz says he would mainly teach in his primary areas of interest, which is early modern Spain. At Wofford he was able to teach about the late Roman Empire, the French Revolution, the Spanish Civil War and numerous humanities courses on different topics of his choosing.

“Classes Schmitz would take if he was a student

“If I could go back to take college courses, there are so many I would take. I need to refresh my Spanish, and my French needs help. I always wanted to learn German too. I loved physics in high school but never took any more of it, and I always wanted to go back to math — to see if calculus might ‘click’ a bit better for me now. I’d also take a lot of philosophy and art history.”
for our students. We’re so invested in them; we try to meet their needs. Here, I was also able to create the sort of career I wanted to have — both developing these different courses and pursuing a balance of teaching and scholarly work.”

Goals

Schmitz believes that both he and his faculty colleagues must continue to ponder a simple question: “What does it mean to be a liberal arts college in the 21st century?” He points out that Wofford’s faculty and programs do an outstanding job of preparing students to go out into the world, “but I think we need to reexamine what the core requirements of a college major are. Are there ways to introduce a bit more flexibility and opportunity into the undergraduate experience?” He adds, “Beyond completing a major, what do we want a graduate to have experienced or done?”

Schmitz wants to see opportunities for student-faculty and faculty research continue to grow. He would like to devote more effort to enhancing the college’s curricular and cocurricular programs while increasing the integration of academic affairs with the Career Center, the Center for Community-Based Learning and the Office of International Programs.

Appreciation

Schmitz wasn’t actively looking for a provost job. He enjoyed his roles on campus and living in Spartanburg with his wife, Dr. Catherine Schmitz, professor of French at Wofford, and their 14-year-old daughter, Juliette, and two beagles. They live in a 97-year-old federal-style house in Hampton Heights, a seven-minute drive from campus.

“We really love Spartanburg. It’s such a good place to call home,” says Schmitz, who is grateful for the opportunity for professional development and career growth, all while serving Wofford for more than two decades. He also has times when he can’t believe where he’s sitting.

“I sometimes sit here and think, how can I be in Dan Maultsby’s office?” says Schmitz. Maultsby ’61, was the dean of the college for 27 years. “Dean Maultsby hired me, and I have always admired his kind, calm and good-humored leadership.”

Schmitz has witnessed growth and transformation at Wofford while the college has maintained its sense of community. A strategic plan to increase enrollment was successful. The endowment is up, and the college regularly makes national ranking lists, including those touting the high percentage of students studying abroad and Wofford’s return on investment.

“Wofford is in a good place, and in most measures, we’ve never been better,” Schmitz says.

Schmitz’s research and publications focus on early modern Spanish history. In February, he presented at a conference in Lisbon, Portugal, examining the musical and liturgical tradition of the Order of St. Jerome. His presentation examined the relationship between the Spanish monarchy and the order’s monks during the Catholic Reformation.

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**Majors**

- Accounting
- Art History
- Biology
- Business Economics
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Finance
- French
- German
- Government
- History
- Humanities
- Intercultural Studies
- International Affairs
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Spanish
- Studio Art
- Theatre

**Minors**

- Accounting
- Arabic Language and Culture
- Art History
- Business
- Chemistry
- Chinese Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Digital Media
- Finance
- French and Francophone Studies
- German Studies
- Government
- History
- International Affairs
- Mathematics
- Music Non-Performance
- Music Performance
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- Physics
- Religion
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Programs & Concentrations

- 19th Century Studies
- African and African-American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Classical Civilizations
- Computational Science
- Creative Writing
- Data Science
- Energy Studies
- Film and Digital Media
- Gender Studies
- Interdisciplinary Programs
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Pre-Professional Programs

- Military Science (Army ROTC)
- Pre-Dental
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Ministry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Veterinary Science
- Teacher Education
For 55 years, Wofford students and faculty have pushed the boundaries of what’s considered a traditional academic experience with Interim. The original Interim proposal was designed to give “both teacher and student the liberty to explore, to experiment, to try new approaches, and in doing so to run risks that cannot be run during the regular semester when the emphasis is different. … The Interim program has as its keynote innovation and experiment.”

That still happens today, and these stories of Interim 2023 share that spirit.

1. Green fashion

Students immersed themselves in the philosophy and practice of slow and green fashion, which advocates for sustainable practices like minimal production cycles and textile recycling, transparent manufacturing, use of natural dyes and fabric, and a more deliberate and intentional relationship to clothing. The class was led by Dr. Catherine Schmitz and Dr. Gillian Young.

2. Build an affordable house

Students in Dr. Bill DeMars’ Interim helped build three Habitat for Humanity houses located less than a mile from Wofford’s campus. In addition to volunteer construction, students learned about the environmental footprint of houses, energy efficiency, and the social impact on family stability and community health.

3. Arabic culture and film

Dr. Youness Mountaki led students on an exploration of Arab culture through film, reading, videos and presentations, including one on cooking and food. Students also discussed their own cultures and how they view themselves and others.

4. Living in a microbial world

What role do microbes play in shaping the human diet? How have epidemics impacted the course of human history? Is bioterrorism a real threat? Students in Dr. Natalie Spivey’s course delved into these and other questions as they investigated the interactions between humans and microbes.
Kennedy Smith ‘23 suffers so badly from claustrophobia that she once walked up 15 flights of stairs to avoid a 30-second elevator ride.

On an Interim trip to Nicaragua, Smith was able to confront her fear. Smith was one of 20 students who accompanied Dr. Katherine Valde, assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. Jennifer Bradham, assistant professor of environmental studies, for the tropical ecology and yoga course.

One of the features of the course was a temazcal ceremony, a 35-minute adventure that takes place in a small space and includes pouring water over extremely hot rocks to produce a thick cloud of steam. Smith says she started to panic as soon as the door closed.

“That’s pretty typical for me,” says Smith, a finance major from Huntersville, N.C. “But I was able to overcome it by taking cooling breaths, by centering myself and with the support of the group. Dr. Bradham was right beside me telling me I was going to be OK.”

Smith says the experience gave her a new attitude, and she no longer fears those elevator rides.

“I came out of that feeling that a weight had been lifted off my shoulders and knowing I was capable of more than I thought I was,” she says. “Knowing I can do it has given me the ability to combat the anxiety that I typically have had.”

Valde says that’s the kind of transformative experience she and Bradham intended for the course, which was offered for the first time this year. They wanted to give students the opportunity to develop the skills needed to decompress from and cope with academic rigor in healthy ways.

The goal of the course was to teach students to be mindful of how their lives connect to the natural world. Along the way, they participated in a jungle hike in a nature preserve, toured an active volcano, did yoga every day in the open air and assisted in releasing baby sea turtles into the ocean.

“I love teaching, and I love interacting with students, and I have never gotten to be a part of so much personal growth for students,” Valde says. “Just to see them face their fears and grow and change was really rewarding. And it was different for every student.”

For Jack Stomberger ‘23, the trip was a way to recover from the fall semester and dive into his final weeks at Wofford with a renewed vigor. A biology major on the pre-medical track from Danville, Ky., Stomberger says he took the Interim because he was looking for a way to deal with stress, both now and when he’s in medical school.

“I wanted to come into the start of this year strong and feeling good about myself,” he says. “This course started me off on a healthy-living journey, and I’ve never felt better about myself. That’s pushed me to want to continue that type of lifestyle.”
Weeks before Interim started, Dr. Trina Jones, professor of religion and chair of the Wofford College Department of Religion, sent each of her students a handwritten letter.

This letter was written on vintage Wofford stationery, gifted to her by the family of the late Rev. Dr. Charlie Barrett ’55, who taught in the religion department for 33 years.

She wrote to the students as a way of getting them excited about the class and ready to learn more about the “lost art of letter writing.”

“I want the students to walk away with an appreciation for the history of letter writing and an awareness of their own interactions with different forms of communication,” Jones says.

Jones’ appreciation for letter writing started during the pandemic, when she joined numerous pen pal groups to communicate with people across the world.

Several leaders of these pen pal groups and organizations were able to speak to the Interim class over Zoom during their first couple of weeks in the course.

Murphy Thornton ’24, a sociology and anthropology major from Charleston, S.C., said that she enjoyed the speakers because of their passion for their work and about letters in general.

“They really taught me to keep being excited in what you want to do and what you enjoy,” Thornton says. “Your excitement will get others excited.”

Other aspects of the coursework were more interactive, such as a calligraphy lesson from Stephanie Elmerick, owner of Sip and Script in Spartanburg.

Bailey Edwards ’23 is a psychology major and studio art minor from Charleston, S.C., and she found particular interest in the art of calligraphy, mastering the craft after only one day of practice.

“As a studio art minor, I like things that are aesthetically pleasing,” Edwards says. “I have really terrible handwriting, so when I do the calligraphy, it’s all aligned, and I do it slowly so it can be perfectly spaced.”

Jones sees a more sentimental side to the craft as well.

Dr. Daniel Welch, professor of physics at Wofford, died in 2020. Dr. Steven Zides, senior instructor of physics, and Dr. Charlotte Knotts-Zides, professor of mathematics, found fountain pens in his office from his previous Interim course on calligraphy. They gifted them to Jones.

There were enough pens to give each student two and still have enough to distribute to a future course as well.

The course is being planned again for Interim 2025. It could expand into a study abroad Interim to England, where there is a long and rich history of letter writing.
1. Hazards, disasters and catastrophes

The deadly tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanos, floods and other natural disasters that have dominated headlines over the past few decades are the result of enormous forces that are at work both inside and on the surface of our planet. Dr. Ramin Radfar and students in his course studied those forces and how they interact with civilization.

2. Stories of Spartanburg

Students used field research and the ethnographic method to approach learning about different aspects of Spartanburg, including its culture, literature, music and history. Dr. Phil Dorroll and Dr. Phillip Stone ’94 taught the course.

3. Bushcraft and wilderness survival at Glendale

Bushcraft is the use and practice of skills, thereby acquiring and developing knowledge and understanding, in order to survive and thrive in a natural environment. Dr. Amy Telligman and Dr. Youmi Efurd helped Wofford students develop these skills, as well as greater leadership and communication skills, during Interim.
Wofford’s student-led Pulp Theatre Interim performed the college’s first musical in more than seven years when it staged “The Rocky Horror Show.”

Hailie Gold ’23, a theatre and English double major from Greenville, S.C., directed the production.

“We get here (for rehearsal) at 10 a.m. and don’t leave until 6 p.m.,” Gold says. “Sometimes we will come in after hours to hang curtains, paint floors, repaint floors — do anything we can to get the show ready.”

Initially, Gold was hesitant to bring a musical to the stage because she had not been involved with musical theatre since high school and knew it would be different and harder, especially for a production that had to be complete in three weeks.

Despite this, she says Rachel Johnson ’24, a theatre major from Spartanburg, S.C., encouraged the idea and served as the music director.

The show told the classic story of Frank-N-Furter, a sweet cross-dresser played by Ryan Poole ’24, an English major from Charleston, S.C.

Kimi Crouch ’26, a biology and theatre double major from Clemmons, N.C., played Janet Weiss, and says this show differs from shows in the past because it is entirely student led.

“This show and this process have been extra special because students have built it from scratch,” Crouch says.

The 29 students in the course compose the largest cast and crew that Wofford has seen in recent history.
A STORY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

One journey, three experiences

When the Interim committee met to review student research proposals, they were particularly pleased with how Kinsley Marsh ‘23, Mackenzie Syiem ‘23 and Brady Wolfe ‘23 planned their experience in India with learning outcomes in mind. Before the three traveled and stayed together, they had each developed independent projects based on their personal strengths and interests. According to Dr. Trina Jones, chair of the Department of Religion and their project advisor, “Their overall project idea struck me as an example of both an ideal Interim project and a culminating experience in the liberal arts. It brought together four years of college experience and synthesized it, allowed for reflection, and set the stage for a lifetime of continued learning.” Below are excerpts from Syiem’s and Wolfe’s reflections from the experience.

Sharing my home country

BY MACKENZIE SYIEM ‘23

Bringing your friends home is a college experience that international students don’t usually get to have. But if there is one thing I’ve learned during my four years at Wofford, it’s that there are very few dreams I can’t turn into reality.

The seed was first planted my first year at Wofford when I was training to be an admission ambassador and heard the counselor mention interesting Interim projects past students had created themselves. I want to do that, I remember thinking. I will do that, I decided. This was perhaps Wofford’s motto in action: Where thought leads.

For me, thoughts at Wofford have led to an entire year of studying abroad in Granada, Spain and London; starting a business during the height of the...
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Religious thoughts far from home
BY BRADY WOLFE ’23

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In India, I was able to see many wonderful and ancient sites. We saw the ornate beauty of the Taj Mahal and the sheer scale of the Qutb Minar and experienced the Khasi Hills with acoustic waterfalls and megalithic boulders. These sites made me feel so small but also invited me to become a part of something much bigger than myself — something of transcendent scale.

To me, these experiences are akin to the many “more important” moments of one’s spiritual journey. Maybe the Taj is one’s baptism, the Qutb Minar is their confirmation and the many nature sites make up their once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage. These experiences are foundational and meaningful to religious folks, but they are not the sum total of their religious life. A spiritual journey does not contain just the Instagram-worthy snapshots. It contains the mundane experiences of daily life: a memorized, repeated prayer before bed; a moment of silence and a deep breath before a stressful exam; stating “everything happens for a reason” when nervous about a life-altering experience. These moments are not written into the schedule of one’s religious journey, and they
do not require special training to complete. They are mundane, uninspiring, unglamorous and profoundly religious.

I experienced many mundanely religious moments while in India: a sense of contentment and safety when entering the Syiems’ residence after a long day of exploring, an eye-averting fear from my travels on Indian roads, an overwhelming mix of emotions while trying an array of Indian food. These small moments have taught me profoundly religious lessons. Though I was more spiritually fulfilled from the picturesque and tourist-focused experiences that I had, my spiritual journey was still substantially impacted by these little moments. Just as someone more readily remembers their baptism over the prayer they stated before their last meal, these little moments will most likely fade from my brain in favor of the Taj, the Qutb Minar and the Khasi religious sites. However, I recognize the mundane, and I would like to thank it for enriching my travels, my experiences, my emotions and my spiritual journey.

1. Get out!
Ben Cartwright and Dr. Patrick Stanton spent the month of January leading students on adventures in the great outdoors. They visited nearby parks, hiking, paddling and learning the history of the South Carolina State Parks system. The group also traveled to North Carolina for rock climbing and mountain biking. Students studied the history of land conservation, public land use policies and the environmental impacts of outdoor recreation activities.

2. A dip into the fountain of youth
The average life expectancy has been steadily increasing over the past four decades. What habits are necessary to form as a young adult to increase chances of healthy longevity? The secrets include physical exercise, nutrition, mental exercise, social engagement and psychological well-being. Dr. Kara Bopp helped students examine these factors as they enrolled in various Lifelong Learning at Wofford courses and spent time in communities of older adults. The course met at Central United Methodist Church, the home of Lifelong Learning at Wofford.

3. An introduction to dental medicine
Designed for students seriously considering careers in dental medicine, this Interim provided an opportunity to serve a number of apprenticeships with practicing dental professionals, including Dr. Tracy Watson ’98 (pictured) and Dr. Rush-Baker Caldwell ’02 of Palmetto Orthodontics in Greenville, S.C. Although retired, Dr. Charlie Bass continues to advise this Interim.
After giving each year to the Annual Fund (now The Wofford Fund) and while making major gifts to the Neofytos D. Papadopoulos Building, the Roger Milliken Science Center and the Gus and Maria Papadopoulos Endowed Scholarship Fund, Gus Papadopoulos ’54 became the first Wofford graduate to make personal gifts of at least $1 million to the college.

During the winter meeting of the college’s board of trustees, Papadopoulos and others who have reached the $500,000 milestone in lifetime giving were recognized for their contributions to the college and their lifetime of support.

According to Calhoun Kennedy ’89, vice president for Philanthropy + Engagement, the Wofford Lifetime Philanthropists recognition dinner honored the individual and collective impact of some of the college’s most faithful givers, including:

- $445 million in total gifts to the college.
- 111 endowed scholarships.
- 21 endowed professorships.
- $157 million in capital improvements.
- $11 million in annual operating or scholarship funding.

“Almost 21,000 current students and alumni have Wofford Lifetime Philanthropists to thank for the opportunities that Wofford College can provide today. Some of the lifetime philanthropists have contributed smaller gifts over time. They’ve been consistent, and that adds up. Others have made jaw-dropping single gifts. Every single person recognized, however, has made giving to Wofford a priority because they believe in the college’s academic program, mission and ability to prepare graduates for extraordinary lives of purpose and service beyond Wofford,” Kennedy says.

If you would like to check your giving to the college and find out how you can become a Wofford Lifetime Philanthropist, contact Calhoun Kennedy, kennedycl@wofford.edu, or Lisa Harrison De Freitas ’88, defreitaslh@wofford.edu.

The Wofford Lifetime Philanthropists are also being recognized with a special plaque in the Leonard Auditorium lobby in Main Building.

“Whatever I have, I owe to Wofford.”
DR. C.N. “GUS” PAPADOPOULOS ’54
THE GIFT OF HEALTH
Blackwell-Quattlebaum Center for Wellness and Counseling Services dedicated

Hayden Quattlebaum always called her son, Andy, her courageous warrior.
From a young age, Andy took it on his shoulders to right wrongs and to stick up for underdogs — both the two- and four-legged kind. Like the time when he was 7 and he and a buddy both caught a sailfish during a fishing tournament. Everyone who caught a sailfish was to receive a trophy. When Andy’s name was called and his buddy’s wasn’t, Andy made sure tournament officials knew they’d goofed.

“He would always stand up for others,” says his father, Don Quattlebaum.
Andy also loved animals, especially his dog, Oak. When Andy went off to Clemson University, Oak went with him.
When Andy died suddenly at age 22 on March 27, 2019, the Quattlebaums were devastated.

“He was my world,” says Hayden. “He’ll be my world for the rest of my life.”
Hayden and Don created the Andy Quattlebaum and Blackwell Family Foundation to contribute to projects honoring the legacy of Andy and Hayden’s father, William Hayden Blackwell ’37, an attorney, veteran and civic leader in Florence, S.C., who died in 1981. One such project was the Wofford Wellness Center, which underwent a yearlong renovation and now bears their name.

The Blackwell-Quattlebaum Center for Wellness and Counseling Services in the Hugh R. Black House opened on Feb. 13. A dedication was held on Feb. 24.

“This opportunity came up, and it just made sense to do something to be able to honor Andy and Daddy,” Hayden says.
The updates to the Wellness Center include an additional exam room for medical services downstairs and a quiet room upstairs near the counseling center for waiting and reflection. There are additional offices for Wellness Center staff and a conference room for meetings and trainings. The lobby is more welcoming, and there is now an elevator, so this original campus home is now fully accessible.

“Andy cared so much about other people,” says Hayden. “He would have liked seeing these improvements to help students in need.”
Don says in addition to the Wellness Center being a place for students to get medical attention without having to leave campus, he wants it to be where they go when they are feeling overwhelmed.

“Things are much more difficult than when we were growing up,” he says. “I don’t know how much social media has to do with it, but the world has changed so much.”

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Fredy Madrid Jr. ’20 celebrated his 26th birthday on Feb. 13 by giving Wofford a gift. Madrid presented the college with a $25,000 check to establish the Fredy Madrid International Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. He is among the first to take advantage of a new program through the Office of Philanthropy + Engagement that allows alumni under age 40 to endow a scholarship with $25,000 instead of $50,000. “I am a firm believer that to whom much is given, much is expected,” says Madrid. “The Bonner Scholarship changed my life. The Bonner Program showed me that the impossible can become possible. This scholarship is a way for

Hampton Bryant III ’23 says receiving his financial aid package has opened a lot of doors for him during his Wofford career. Spending the spring 2022 semester in Friedberg, Germany, is at the top of his list. “I wasn’t sure I’d be able to study abroad until I knew I had that scholarship,” says Bryant, an economics and international affairs double major from Greenville, S.C. “It was an invaluable experience and one of the most beneficial things I was able to do because of that funding.” Bryant’s scholarship was made possible by the Edward R. Bagwell ’70 and Marianne J. Bagwell Endowed Scholarship Fund, which supports scholarships for students who are residents of South Carolina and who are majoring in economics and/or foreign languages. The fund was created by Marianne after her husband’s death, and its value increased significantly through her estate. The fund is supporting scholarships for four students this academic year, with an average award of $22,000. The value of the fund is currently $9.6 million. A final installment from the estate will be paid this year and will bring the balance to more than $10 million. Lisa De Freitas ’88, Wofford’s associate vice president and director of gift planning, says the fund will generate about $500,000 annually. Before attending Wofford, Edward Bagwell, a native of Landrum, S.C.,

Estate of Marianne J. and Edward R. Bagwell ’70 endows student scholarships

The renovation project cost $3.5 million. In addition to the $1.25 million lead gift from the Quattlebaums, the family of Dorothy Beadles Halligan, who served as the Wofford College nurse from 1959 to 1990, also made a substantial contribution. The first floor of the building bears Halligan’s name. Elizabeth Wallace ’82, interim vice president for campus life and student development and dean of students, says the generosity of the Quattlebaums and others who contributed to this project will definitely enhance the center’s ability to provide care to the campus community. “We are deeply grateful for the generous gifts to renovate the Blackwell-Quattlebaum Center for Wellness and Counseling Services,” Wallace says. “The renovation of this historic building will allow the staff to do an even better job of serving our community and their physical and mental health needs.”

Hampton Bryant III ’23 is one of four students receiving a scholarship supported by the Edward R. Bagwell ’70 and Marianne J. Bagwell Endowed Scholarship Fund this academic year.

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A GIFT OF GRATITUDE

Fredy Madrid Jr. ’20 celebrates birthday by creating endowed scholarship fund

Edward R. Bagwell and Marianne J. Bagwell’s estate endows scholarships
me to pay forward all the gifts that I received through many years. It’s a way to show my community, my village, that I’m grateful."

The presentation took place during a reception in the Papadopoulos Building in front of family, friends, faculty and staff. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an international student, with preference being given to Hispanic or Latinx students.

“Fredy has done enormous good for this institution as a student leader, and now as a young alumni leader,” President Nayef Samhat said during the reception.

A native of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Madrid served as Campus Union president at Wofford before earning a B.A. in economics. He chose Wofford because he felt the college’s focus on student success gave him the greatest opportunity to excel.

“When I came to Wofford, I came on a leap of faith,” Madrid says. “But I came, and I worked hard, and it made me a better Fredy. This is a project I wanted to do so that people even better than me can come to Wofford.”

Madrid is an international business expansion partner at Gibbs International in Spartanburg. He met company founder and CEO Jimmy Gibbs, a Wofford benefactor and trustee, as a sophomore and began interning for the company as a junior.

“I was intrigued by his confidence and his desire to make things better,” Gibbs says. “He’s got quite a success story behind him. He’s done everything the hard way, the good way. I’m as fortunate that he came into my life as he is that I came into his.”

served in the U.S. Army for five years. He was stationed in Germany, where he met and married Marianne.

When they returned to Spartanburg, he worked 30 hours a week while carrying a full course load at Wofford. She worked as an executive assistant at Schaerer Machinery Co. They also both performed with the Tryon (N.C.) Little Theater.

Edward graduated from Wofford in three years and then earned an MBA from the University of South Carolina. After working in management at C&S Bank, he founded Southwind Ltd., a real estate development and management firm, in Columbia, S.C. Marianne became his partner in business.

At Southwind, the Bagwells developed major urban commercial spaces throughout the Southeast, including revitalizing Columbia’s downtown in the 1980s and 1990s. Raleigh, N.C., named a portion of its downtown pedestrian mall Bagwell Plaza in his honor.

In 1995, Edward died of a heart attack at age 53. His estate funded a scholarship in honor of a favorite professor. Marianne established the endowed scholarship fund in 2009 and contributed the first $230,000. She created a trust in 2015 that named several individuals and organizations as beneficiaries, with Wofford receiving the bulk of her estate. She died Nov. 25, 2020.

“We are grateful for the generosity of Ed and Marianne Bagwell,” says De Freitas. “Because of their gift, generations of deserving students will have access to the Wofford experience.”
In the two years that Jeremiah Tate ’17 attended Wofford, he made an impression on the community.

Tate, an accounting major, was a member of the men’s basketball team. He also was a Bonner Scholar and Campus Union delegate.

While serving as a counselor at the YMCA’s Camp Thunderbird in Lake Wylie, S.C., Tate died tragically on June 22, 2015.

Margaret Green Young ’92, a Wofford trustee, and former Wofford men’s basketball coach Mike Young wanted to honor Tate by improving the walking and running track around Snyder Field and naming it after him. They issued a challenge to other Wofford parents, and Ellen and Philip Asherman, as well as other Wofford parents and alumni, answered the call.

The Jeremiah L. Tate ’17 Memorial Track opened in the fall.

“He was a Wofford man,” says Mike Young, now the men’s basketball coach at Virginia Tech. “He was kind, smart, never met a stranger and made our college community stronger by his presence. He was well liked by everyone at Wofford, his fellow students and faculty alike. I miss him dearly, his easy smile and infectious enthusiasm for life.”

Tate played basketball for three years at Lower Richland High School in Hopkins, S.C. He led the team to the Lower State Championship his sophomore and junior seasons and was named an Academic All-Star. In addition, he was a hurdler on the track and field team and was a member of the cross-country team. He earned All-Region and All-District honors in both sports. He also served as the student body president and was a member of the National Honor Society.

At Wofford, Tate appeared in 13 games across two seasons. He played a career-high nine minutes and scored his only collegiate basket during a 2014 game against Hiwassee College. Later that season, he played in the Terriers’ NCAA Tournament game against the University of Michigan.

Off the court, he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Edward K. Hardin Pre-Law Society. He was nominated for the Allstate Good Works Team, which honors student-athletes who make a difference in their communities.

Thom Henson ’96, director of parent engagement and analyst on Wofford basketball broadcasts, says his son, Michael ’25, wants to be a basketball coach one day because of Tate’s influence.

“Jeremiah Tate was a true Terrier,” Henson says. “Although he was taken away from us far too soon, he made an impact on those who knew him. I was fortunate to be able to spend time with Jeremiah during basketball seasons, and I saw how my son gravitated toward him. This track benefits all of Wofford — students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus — just like Jeremiah would want.”

Wherever he goes, Dr. Allen Mackenzie ’51 is always on the lookout for insects. It’s been a passion since he was a boy playing along Lawson’s Fork Creek in Spartanburg, and his interest intensified as a student at Wofford.

“He credits a professor at Wofford who taught a summer biology entomology class for the start of his bug collection,” says Sarah Donnan, one of Mackenzie’s four children.

That bug collection was recently donated to Wofford’s biology department. It includes beetles, hornets, dragonflies and other insect specimens from around the globe. Mackenzie lives in Spartanburg County, and Donnan and her husband coordinated the donation.

Donnan contacted Dr. John Moeller, professor of biology and the department’s chair, before the COVID-19 pandemic to gauge the college’s interest in accepting Mackenzie’s collection. The conversations and plans to visit Mackenzie’s home in Roebuck, S.C., stalled during the pandemic but resumed in the summer of 2022.

“I was blown away,” Moeller says. “They invited me into their home and showed me the collection and gave me a short history of Allen and his background and interests. I quickly started imagining ways to bring this into the classroom and research.”

Moeller was taken to Mackenzie’s basement, where five cabinets were filled with 60 trays of insects that Mackenzie collected over the years. There also were boxes of books and insects that hadn’t been mounted yet.

The collection was brought to a Wofford biology lab, where faculty and students quickly started exploring it. Moeller will go on sabbatical during the 2024-25 academic year, and he will use that time to catalog the collection.

“It’s a great collection to compare diversity of organisms,” says Moeller, who immediately noted Mackenzie’s horned beetles. “I talk about them in class quite a bit.”
Mackenzie retired to Spartanburg in the early 1990s. “Once he retired, he’d spend fall, winter and spring collecting insects, and in the heat of the summer, he’d be in the cool basement pinning them up.”

The collection includes insects that Mackenzie found while lecturing or vacationing in Costa Rica, Hawaii, Australia, Japan, Western Europe and along the Amazon River. A 1993 Wofford alumni publication announced him being named “Distinguished Rheumatologist” by the American College of Rheumatology, and he listed his hobby as traveling to rainforests with his late wife, Clara, while adding to his insect collection.

“When he updated his will 20 years ago, he started talking about making sure Wofford got his collection,” Donnan says. “We are glad to make it happen for him.”

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Beetles are one of Mackenzie’s favorite insects to study, especially the “microscopic ones that eat tiny holes in cabbage,” Donnan says.

Catching, mounting and identifying insects is a meticulous process.

“First, you prepare the animals and condition them to last,” Moeller says. “You must prep the insects to survive over time, and you want to display them and have some understanding of how to minimize the needle going into the body. Lots of experience is needed, and then the time-consuming part is identifying which organism it is, down to the species level.”

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1963
After several years without regular travel to France, Henry Smith spent six weeks in Paris in 2022. Smith, professor emeritus of French at the University of New Hampshire, resides in Newmarket, N.H.

1965
The National Eagle Scout Association and the Mecklenburg (N.C.) County Council of Boy Scouts honored Phil Adams with an Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. Adams lives in Charlotte, N.C., where he retired as a program coordinator and instructor at Central Piedmont Community College.

1967

1972
Singleton Bailey was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent. The recognition is for his dedication, commitment and leadership for the benefit of South Carolina citizens. Bailey lives in Loris, S.C., and is owner and president of Loris Drug Store.

1987
Andy Timmerman is serving a one-year term as the president of the Independent Bankers of South Carolina. IBSC advocates for community banks in the state. He is president and CEO of Abbeville First Bank.

1989
“Annoying Love: Building Family Faith,” Jamie Pettit’s first book, was released on April 7, 2022. He has been involved in Christian ministry for more than 35 years as a pastor, singer, songwriter and author.

Dr. Michele Haywood completed a certificate of professional achievement in narrative medicine from Columbia University’s School of Professional Studies. She is currently in the second year of a master’s degree program in medical humanities and bioethics at Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Bates Redwine has been promoted to professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology. He is also celebrating his 15th year of service at UAB, where he is ambulatory clinic director, geriatric division director and geriatric psychiatry fellowship training director. This past year, he also appeared in a local theatre production of “Clue” as Colonel Mustard.

1990
Lyn Walsh was recently promoted to national business director, access and reimbursement, with Syneos Health in Columbia, S.C.

1992
Child Development Resources in Williamsburg, Va., has named Jud Crihfield its director of development. He began his fundraising career in 1995 with the University of South Carolina, followed by the University of Illinois. He later worked at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland and Albright College. Most recently, he was chief marketing and development officer for VersAbility Resources in Hampton, Va.

1993
After completing 16 annual reports and 16 cybersecurity trainings, Dr. Wendy Campbell Sellers is stepping down from the faculty at Winthrop University and is starting a new position as founding director of social work programs at Wingate University.

1994
GMK Associates has named Frank Golson its director of finance. He had previously served as the company’s controller since joining the Columbia, S.C., firm in 2014.

1997
Lauren Mattox Curry, current chief operating officer for the state of Georgia, will continue her service to the state by stepping into the deputy chief of staff role, overseeing state agency operations and governor’s office communications.

1999
The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace recently released his first book, “The Sacred Year: A Contemplative Journey Through the Liturgical Year.” Published by the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate Press, the book combines the major seasons of the liturgical year with contemplative practices to discover a new way to look at time to help us live with deeper intention and connection. Pace is chaplain of Oxford College at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.
2002
In July 2022, Kristi Farmer Hoffmaster joined Okta, a market leader in cybersecurity head-quartered in San Francisco, Calif., as a new member of its security team. She evaluates the cyber posture of third parties and supports the mitigation of company risk through contractual development and assessment security.

2006
Elizabeth Frazier O’Quinn and Jason O’Quinn ’09 welcomed their daughter, Katherine Mary Elizabeth O’Quinn, on Oct. 3, 2022. Katy Mae joins big brothers and Terrier fans J.P. (6) and Bennett (3). The O’Quinns live in Cedar Grove, N.C. Elizabeth is the head of external affairs for Teach For America, North Carolina, and Jason is a project manager with Zinn Design Build.

FIELD DAY
RICK PATTERSON ’80 HAS OFFICIATED IN THREE SUPER BOWLS
By Robert W. Dalton

The call came in at 11:48 a.m. on March 31, 1996.

It was a Wednesday, and Rick Patterson ’80, who worked in banking, was sitting at his desk. The call was short and to the point. The NFL had selected him for a spot on an officiating crew.

In the 27 seasons since, Patterson, who lives in Gaffney, S.C., has officiated in countless regular season and playoff games, including Dallas at San Francisco and Cincinnati at Kansas City this January. He’s also officiated in three Super Bowls: 2003 (Tampa Bay vs. Oakland), 2005 (New England vs. Philadelphia) and 2022 (L.A. Rams vs. Cincinnati).

“Getting to the Super Bowl is a great accomplishment,” says Patterson, who played wide receiver at Wofford. “Like a player, you get there because you’re good but also because you had some luck and the ball bounced your way.”

Patterson’s officiating career began the same day in 1980 as his banking career. John Godbold, who hired him at the bank, also was an official and invited Patterson to an organizational meeting that evening. He started officiating high school games and moved up to the college level, working games in several leagues, including the Southern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference. In 1995, he worked four games in NFL Europe, where he was evaluated by NFL officials.

Patterson’s first NFL game was the New York Giants at Jacksonville. When he took the field, he was the youngest official in the league at age 36. He vividly remembers his first call, and he got it wrong.

“I threw a flag for illegal contact,” Patterson says. “I felt good at the time, but when I watched the film, I realized that it was really close, but I got it wrong.”

Patterson was a field judge for most of his career. He’s been a side judge for the past five seasons.

Being an official, he says, is a full-time job if it’s done properly. There’s intense film study, both of the previous game and of the teams for the upcoming game, and weekly tests on the rulebook. And then there’s the travel.

For most of his career, Patterson commuted to and from games while also working in the banking industry. He retired from banking in 2018.

“Your family life suffers a bit,” Patterson says. “You end up working 18-hour days trying to do it all, but it’s been a great career that provided my family with a lot of wonderful opportunities.”

On the field, Patterson wears No. 15. Officials get their number when they arrive in the league and wear it for their entire career.

“I’m only the third person to wear 15,” he says. “Someday there will be a fourth, but I’m not ready for the fourth yet.”

When he is ready, he plans to return to high school officiating for at least one season.

“I always enjoyed high schools,” he says. “I want to end where I started.”
CLASS NOTES

Dr. Ryan Richardson Smith and Terry A. Smith II welcomed their daughter and third child, Hendley Robyn “Birdie” Smith, on Aug. 8, 2022. She joins older brothers Hunter and Jeremiah. The couple lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where Ryan is a pediatric dentist with her own private practice, Sawgrass Pediatric Dentistry, and Terry is a software engineer with Accelya.

2008

Christie Wilkes McClain and Dr. Jamie McClain are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Thompson McClain Jr., who was born on Nov. 6, 2022. Thompson joins his older sisters, Louisa Williams and Elizabeth “Betsy” Alston. The family lives in Anderson, S.C., where Christie is a pediatric occupational therapist at AnMed and Jamie is an oncology physician at Anderson Area Cancer Center.

Kellee-Morgan Witherspoon Abercrombie and Colin Abercrombie announce the birth of their son, Logan Renwick Abercrombie, on July 21, 2022. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where she is a tech strategy manager at Ally Bank.

2012

Kimberlee Lockwood Cannon and John Cannon celebrated the birth of their son, Stephen David “Davis” Cannon, on Aug. 7, 2022. They reside in Irmo, S.C., where Kimberlee is the program manager of treatment services for Richland County and John is a senior internal auditor with the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

The historic Hester Store building, built in 1893 in the Easley, S.C., community of Dacusville, has been reopened as Hester General Store by Katie Smith Chaney.

FROM BOSS TO BOSS

RILEY OPENS A RESTAURANT ACROSS FROM WOFFORD’S CAMPUS IN THE HUB

By Brandi Wylie ’24

Josh Riley ’11 could once be found cheering on the Terriers in Boss’ uniform.

Now Riley wears a different boss’ uniform as chief operating officer of Sully’s Steamers, a bagel sandwich shop with locations throughout the Carolinas. The shop opened its newest location in The Hub, located at 578 N. Church St., directly across from Wofford’s campus and near the college’s new bookstore.

The restaurant officially opened on Dec. 1 and proved to be a hit with the Wofford community, with students and faculty alike frequenting the shop for breakfast and lunch.

Riley attended middle school, high school and college in Spartanburg, so he says it was always in the plans to open a location in the area. When The Hub opened so close to his alma mater, he seized the opportunity.

“I encourage all members of the Wofford and surrounding community to come and enjoy the food,” Riley says. “Hang out and fill up your stomachs.”

Riley, who ran cross-country and track while at Wofford, was a mathematics major.

He started work with Sully’s five years ago after frequenting the bagel shop’s location across from a bank where he worked in Greenville, S.C. He enjoyed the food so much that he would eat at the location two or three times a day.

Through his frequent visits, Riley became friends with “Sully” himself, Robert Sullivan.

“After many talks over coffee, we decided that we wanted to work together,” Riley says. “I left banking and partnered with him to take Sully’s from a one-store location to a franchise.”

Riley credits Wofford’s liberal arts education and emphasis on soft-skill development for much of his success. He supports the college’s mission to develop successful graduates and served as a judge in the Terrier Startup Challenge in November, a contest that assists students with entrepreneurship funding.

Riley encourages students to apply for part-time jobs at the shop and to potentially go into franchise work with the company after graduation.

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Jamey Bower ‘17
B.A. in Spanish, B.S. in chemistry

Jamey Bower continued his education at The Ohio State University, studying organic and inorganic chemistry. He is now a senior research specialist for Dow Chemical Co. in Houston, Texas, where he designs experiments. “I had an advantageous knowledge base in graduate school and when starting my career because of Wofford’s classes and interactions with professors,” Bower says. “Dr. Charlie Bass was one of the most influential professors I had because he also offered me a lot of career advice, pushed me to go to graduate school and gave me my first early experience in a research lab.”

Kate Campbell ‘11
B.A. in English, B.S. in psychology

Kate Campbell is the board secretary and government affairs manager at the Institute of International Education, working to educate policymakers on international educational and exchange programs. Campbell holds a masters in diplomacy and international relations and an MPA in governance and policy. She also is a student at the City University of New York School of Law, where she is focusing on immigration law. “Wofford made it so easy to study abroad, and it was my time in Jordan that sparked my passion for international relations and work with refugees,” she says.

Emily Hamm ‘19
B.A. in English, B.A. in environmental studies

After earning a master’s degree in environment, culture and communication from the University of Glasgow, Emily Hamm went to work as a project coordinator at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. Her interdisciplinary research and engagement in this role were made possible in large part because of her liberal arts education through Wofford. “Combined with my English degree, the interdisciplinary approach of Wofford’s environmental studies department prepared me for my current role, which bridges the worlds of business, finance and policymaking,” Hamm says.

Kathleen Hughes ‘19
B.A. in English

In December 2022, Kathleen Hughes started working as a consultant at Prometheus Federal Services in Washington, D.C. The company assists federal clients in planning and implementing health care transformation. While at Wofford, she studied both philosophy and English, which she believes helped hone the communication skills needed for her career in consulting. “Wofford is such a great community that allows you to build technical and soft skills,” Hughes says. “A lot of what I bring to my job are my relational soft skills. You get so much more work done when you can build a relationship with someone.”

Marcus Reid Jr. ‘21
B.A. in philosophy

After earning a master’s degree in management from Wake Forest University, Marcus Reid Jr. combined the business management skills of his graduate degree with Wofford’s liberal arts foundation to establish and operate The R Group, a holding company focused on three sectors: health and wellness, trucking, and real estate. “Having a liberal arts educational background not only helps me to find problems but solutions,” Reid says. “We were taught many skills at Wofford, such as how to properly read, write and communicate. It helps me in all sectors of my job.”

Leah Wilson ‘20
B.A. in accounting, B.A. in Spanish

After graduating from Wofford, Leah Wilson earned a master’s in professional accountancy from Clemson University. She is an audit associate at Elliott Davis in Greenville, S.C. Wilson says Wofford helped shape the communication skills she needs in her job. “The interactions I had inside and outside of the classroom with professors and the people around me helped grow the interpersonal communication skills I need to be able to talk to people of all walks of life, whether it’s the CFO of a client, senior management or new staff I’m training,” she says.
Emily Howe Learned and Michael Learned welcomed their first child, Aiden Scott Learned, on Oct. 25, 2022. The family lives in Lancaster, S.C. Emily is the human resources coordinator for the town of Waxhaw, N.C.

Samantha Borders-Shoemaker published her fourth book in January 2023. “Waiting for Scotland” is a poetry collection about reconciling the past with hopes for the future.

2015
William Ledford recently received his Ph.D. with a concentration in chemistry from the University of Tennessee. He is a product development chemist with Henkel Corp. in the Prism Program in Rocky Hill, Conn.

2017
In January 2022, Evan Hammond became a partner with Bera Wealth Advisors in Charleston, S.C.

Samantha Wagner, sales and marketing coordinator at Engenius, recently completed the Greenville (S.C.) Chamber of Commerce’s Pacesetter 2022 leadership program. Wagner has worked at Engenius since 2020 and is responsible for managing the inbound sales function, sales and marketing, writing project proposals and developing website content.

2018
Turner Padget has added Carew Alvarez V to the firm’s office in Charleston, S.C. He will focus on insurance claims counsel and litigation, including personal injury actions and various other tort claims.

Elaine Donohue and William Rivers were married at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah, Ga., on Dec. 3, 2022. She is an associate manager at Lilly Pulitzer, and he is an attorney at Wagner Hicks PLLC. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

2019
Day Harmening and Mitchell Cooper were married on Aug. 20, 2022, in Highlands, N.C. She graduated from law school in May 2022 and now works in legal compliance and risk management at Mercedes-Benz. He is an associate of corporate development and mergers and acquisitions at Orthopedic Care Partners. The couple resides in Atlanta, Ga.

2022
Hannah Halliday Wolfe married Jonathan S. Ponder on July 16, 2022, at Old St. Andrews Anglican Church in Charleston, S.C. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of South Carolina. Bridesmaids included Meredith Bean ’22, Kat Tufts ’21 and Adrianne Thackeray ’22.

FACULTY AND STAFF
Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden, professor of Spanish, gave a keynote address at the Latin American, Iberian and Latinx Studies at a Crossroads Symposium held at Skidmore College. She also published “El mal de la modernidad: el nexo eco-psicosocial en el cine contemporáneo” in “Imaginarios ecológicos en América Latina.”

INTREPID INDIA
INTERGENERATIONAL WOFFORD ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RETURN WITH STORIES AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS
By Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Keeley O’Keefe ’20 plans to travel to all seven continents before she’s 30. She checked another off her list in February when she joined a Wofford group of 31 “Intrepid India” (their WhatsApp group name) adventurers led by Prema Samhat.

“Prema made it easy,” says O’Keefe. “I’ve already told her that if there’s space in the next trip, I want to go again.”

O’Keefe, a consultant with North Highland in Charlotte, N.C., works in the company’s digital transformation and technology area. She found those skills helpful as one of the tech-savvy young alumni who were called on to troubleshoot. Caroline Harrington ’21, an analyst for a sustainable energy company in Boston, Mass., also offered unofficial tech support. She was joined on the trip by her mother and grandmother.

“I take any opportunity to travel, and I knew I couldn’t pass up the opportunity for Prema to show us her native India,” says Harrington. “That I could share the experience with my mother and grandmother was really special.”

The intergenerational trip included people in their early 20s through people about to turn 80.

The group started in Mumbai and moved to Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra and New Delhi. The Taj Mahal, a world heritage site and one of the world’s greatest architectural wonders, exceeded expectations for both O’Keefe and Harrington, as well as for Donna and Jody Traywick ’67.

“You see pictures of the Taj, and they don’t do it justice,” says Donna.

The Traywicks, who have led group travel excursions and who have traveled extensively, were impressed with everything about the experience.

“We visited a Sikh temple and took our shoes off and walked through water to clean our feet. We saw people singing and participating in religious rituals. We also went to a Hindu temple. Those experiences were so eye-opening,” says Jody.

Still, they said that spending time with other Wofford people is what made the trip so special.

“Prema put together some of the most interesting people that Donna and I have ever had the privilege of traveling with,” says Jody.

“I got even more out of the experience because I was traveling with people who have had lots of life experiences,” says Harrington. “Jody Traywick and I talked a lot about our times at Wofford, and
we discovered that we’re both huge Wofford baseball fans. It was fun to see the differences and the similarities.”

During the trip, the group began discussing a gift for Samhat to show their appreciation for the experience. The original idea was a visit to a luxury spa, but it grew from there. On March 9, members of the group surprised Samhat with a $10,000 gift to the William and Latika Rajpal Endowed Scholarship Fund, the scholarship that Samhat established to honor her parents.

Samhat was moved to tears by the gesture.

“I’m completely overcome,” she says. “I’m just grateful they enjoyed my home country with me. That was thanks enough. But I’m so appreciative of this. This is one of the most touching things that I’ve ever experienced.”

Prema Samhat is considering experiences in India for Wofford alumni and friends in February 2024 and February 2025. If you are interested, please email her at samhatpr@wofford.edu.
When he was a kid, Harry Williams ’42 kept score on a chalkboard for the Wofford men’s basketball team in exchange for free admission to Andrews Field House. That was the start of a lifetime relationship.

Williams, a member of the Wofford Athletics Hall of Fame and a founding member of the Terrier Club, died Jan. 13. He was 102.

“Harry Williams possessed all the traits that we should all strive to have,” says Richard Johnson, director of athletics. “Kind, gentle, even-tempered, he was just a sweet soul. Harry left us with an example of a life lived fully with nothing left undone. Truly, Harry was the embodiment of the Wofford ideal.”

Williams was a three-sport student-athlete at Wofford, competing in football, basketball and tennis. He used to say he had a perfect record on the tennis court — never winning a match as the No. 6 singles player.

After graduating, Williams entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and rose to the rank of captain during World War II. He graduated from the Officers Advanced Infantry Course at Fort Benning, Ga., and then the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He completed his active duty in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1951 and the South Carolina National Guard until 1966, retiring as a colonel.

Williams returned to Spartanburg after the war and co-founded CWS Insurance Agency. He served as president of the local insurance association and on insurance company advisory boards before he retired in 1990.

Williams was a fixture at Wofford football and basketball games. In 1946, Williams was one of the founders of the Eleven Club, an organization that encouraged Wofford alumni and friends to donate $11 to support the athletics program. As its membership and mission grew in scope, the Eleven Club became the Terrier Club. He also established an endowed scholarship to support Wofford’s student-athletes.

He was the first Distinguished Service Award Inductee to the Wofford Athletics Hall of Fame and was a 2011 Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Williams didn't let age slow him down. He enjoyed playing golf and scored four holes in one, the last when he was 86. He went skydiving on his 93rd, 94th and 95th birthdays. In 2020, he celebrated his 100th birthday by getting his driver’s license renewed.

“Harry Williams was truly a treasure,” says Luke Feisal ’14, associate athletics director for athletics development. “He was a positive influence on Wofford College and the Terrier Club over his lifetime. He was a passionate man with a heart for others, and his legacy will continue to impact the Wofford community.”

A lifelong Terrier, Kinney was a member of the Senior Order of Gnomes and Phi Beta Kappa as a student. He edited the college handbook and the Bohemian yearbook. He served as student body president and as vice president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also participated in ROTC and the Glee Club. One of his most cherished distinctions was Wofford’s conferral of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1999.

“I can only say that when I attended Wofford, it was hopefully to make me a better student. When Bill went to Wofford, it made Wofford a better college,” wrote Dr. Hunter Stokes ’60 in an op-ed about Kinney’s life and contributions to society.

Kinney was the editor and publisher emeritus of the Marlboro Herald-Advocate, McColl Messenger and Marlboro Shopper and former president of Marlboro Publishing Co. He was past president of the South Carolina Press Association and a founder of the SCPA Hall of Fame.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina College of Journalism, he served in the U.S. Army.

Kinney visited all 50 states and many foreign countries and was a lifelong active member of First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville, singing bass in its chancel choir for 75 years, until his failing health would not allow him to continue.

In addition to his involvement in virtually every facet of life in Marlboro County, his passion for history and historic preservation meant service on the state and national levels. In addition to helping Wofford celebrate its centennial during his years as a student, he served as a chairman of the state’s tricentennial in 1970 and U.S. bicentennial in 1976. For 30 years, he served as a congressional appointee to the board of trustees of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress and was board chairman for three terms. He was a member of the national board of advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and chairman of its Southern Region board.

In acknowledgment of his many contributions to society, South Carolina presented Kinney with the Order of the Palmetto, its highest civilian honor, in 1996. The Alabama School of Fine Arts recognized him for his contributions to Alabama Theater with the Applause Award. He also was an actor, with over 40 character and leading roles in dramatic productions throughout the Southeast. After retiring from academic life, he appeared in more than 30 commercial films and television dramas, including “Sweet Home Alabama,” “The Legend of Bagger Vance,” “My Cousin Vinny,” “Forrest Gump,” “In the Heat of the Night” and “Fly Away Home.”

1958

Reddick Bowman Still III, Nov. 19, 2022, Spartanburg, S.C. Still was the owner and president of Still & Co. He served as president of the Spartanburg Board of Realtors and was elected to the Realtors Hall of Fame. He also served as president of the Realtors Education Foundation. He was chairman of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the Spartanburg Country Club Board of Directors. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent for more than 60 years, where he was elected to serve on the vestry as junior warden. He served as the president and longtime member of the Lake Summit Property Owners Association. He enjoyed spending time on the golf course and summers at his mountain home at Lake Summit.

William Henry Whitley Jr., Nov. 5, 2022, Concord, N.C. After graduation, Whitley joined his father in the family business, Carolina Cemetery Park Corp., and purchased it in 1976. He was active in his community and was a past president of the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Jaycees, North Carolina Cemetery Association and North Carolina Crematory Association, and the Rotary Club of Cabarrus County, where he received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He served on the Bicentennial Committee for Kannapolis. He was also a Mason and a Shriner.

REMEMBERING BILL KINNEY ’54
REMEMBERING ROBERT E. GREGORY JR. ’64

Robert E. Gregory Jr. ’64 made a name for himself as a business leader with major national companies.

Along the way, he always made time to serve his alma mater and community. Gregory died on Nov. 22, 2022.

Gregory is survived by his wife, Marie; his children, Scott ’90 and Kelly; his grandchildren; and his brother.

“Throughout his hugely successful career as a leader in the business world and as a major contributor to institutions serving healthcare, education and the arts, Rob’s loyalty and generosity to his alma mater never wavered,” says Dr. Bernie Dunlap, Wofford College’s 10th president. “He didn’t simply give, he served — and Wofford is vastly better because of him. For everyone who’s also loved the college, his example should be an inspiration.”

Gregory served as a Wofford College trustee from 1986 to 1998 and chaired the board from 1994 to 1998. He received an honorary degree from the college in 1999 and was elected to the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

After college, Gregory served in the U.S. Marine Corps before graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law and Harvard Business School.

He served as legal assistant to the chief justice of the state Supreme Court before serving as group vice president and general counsel to Spartan Mills. He then served as president of Lee Jeans Co. and president of VF Corp., one of the world’s largest apparel companies, which owned brands such as Lee, Vanity Fair, Wrangler, JanSport and others.

In 1992, he established his own firm, which specialized in financial and operational restructuring, as well as performing consultancy work for public companies. Clients included Gitano, London Fog, numerous private equity-owned companies and financial institutions. This work gained Gregory national recognition as a leading turnaround specialist.

Immediately before his retirement, he served as an operating partner of two multibillion-dollar private equity firms.

Gregory served on the boards of directors of six companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange and 16 private companies.

Starting in 2011, Gregory served as the chair of the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System board of trustees for six years before transitioning to chair of the newly formed Apella Health Management board of trustees. He also chaired the boards for The Spartanburg County Foundation and the Spartanburg Regional Foundation.

Gregory was a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor.
1963
Edgar Leonidas “Digger” Culler III, Dec. 31, 2022, North, S.C. Culler was a retired product manager with Lely Corp.

1964
Daniel Lesesne Smith III, Dec. 16, 2022, Tryon, N.C. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as a real estate broker for 35 years. He was a lifelong Episcopalian, an avid reader, a bridge player and a fixture at his beloved Lake Summit.

1966
John Drew Bateman, Nov. 27, 2022, Orangeburg, S.C. Bateman was the owner and CEO of Nametab Rentals until his retirement in 2019. He was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, where he played an instrumental role in establishing the Orangeburg Festival of Roses in 1972. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Hilton Head Island, which was his favorite place on Earth.

REMEMBERING DR. JOHN BULLARD

On the first day of the semester, students in one of Dr. John Bullard’s classes walked in to find he had written on the blackboard, “Piety is no substitute for scholarship.” On the second day of class, Bullard walked in to find that a student had replaced those words with, “All ye who enter here, abandon hope.”

“He chuckled and verified that both of the statements were true,” says Dr. Peter Moore ’69. “Dr. Bullard was an imposing scholar and teacher, but he also had a dry wit and a sense of humor.”

Bullard, who taught at Wofford for 40 years, died Feb. 11 at age 90.

Bullard joined Wofford in 1961, teaching religion and humanities as the Albert C. Outler Professor and department chair. He retired in 2001.

Bullard was a mentor to countless Wofford students, including the Rev. Dr. Will Willimon ’68, professor of the practice of Christian ministry at Duke Divinity School, retired United Methodist bishop and a Wofford trustee.

“John Bullard transformed the teaching of religion at Wofford, making Wofford’s teaching of biblical studies a model in American higher education, training generations of church leaders who came through his classes,” says Willimon.

Willimon says when he learned of Bullard’s death, he picked up a book on Christian art that Bullard gave him when he graduated from Wofford.

“Part of the book’s inscription says, ‘To Will. Thanks for your conscientious work in my classes. Of course, more than conscientiousness will be required for success in your vocation. I know you will be up to it. Keep reading, keep studying, stay open to fresh revelation.’”

In 1997, Bullard oversaw the installation of a Holtkamp organ in Leonard Auditorium, a gift from the Duke University Chapel. The organ was named for William Preston Few class of 1889, the first president of Duke University. Bullard unofficially served as the college organist, playing for weekly worship services during the academic year and at convocations and other special events until his retirement.

An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Bullard belonged to the Western North Carolina Conference for 50 years. A trained church musician, he served Spartanburg’s Central United Methodist Church as organist and choir director for 10 years and Bethel United Methodist Church for 16 years, overseeing the design and installation of a large pipe organ.

Beginning in 1994, he served as organist for the Palmetto Moravian Fellowship. He also served on the board of directors of the Moravian Music Foundation. In 1977, Kentucky Gov. Julian Carroll and the state legislature commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel in recognition for favors to Kentucky singers in his choir at Bethel.

A world traveler, Bullard won a fellowship in 1970 for a 12-month sabbatical to observe the practice of non-Western religions in their homelands. He enjoyed traveling to England and joined a Charlotte, N.C., group that visits London annually.


In his last years, Bullard resided at Eden Terrace Assisted Living in Spartanburg. He spent most of his day chatting with the staff and visitors, Moore says.

“He loved his life there,” says Moore. “He referred to it as being on a cruise, without an ocean. Even in his final days, he had a smile for everyone.”

1967
Clair Meek Walizer Jr., Oct. 22, 2022, Poquoson, Va. Walizer was a retired senior operations manager with Speigle Brands.

Paul Hugh Infinger, Dec. 21, 2022, Beaufort, S.C. Infinger practiced law for more than 50 years. He played football at Wofford and declined an offer to join the Green Bay Packers to attend law school. Golf became his game of choice, and he was a longtime member of Secession Golf Club. He also was an avid hunter.
IN MEMORIAM

1968

Dr. James Riley Gettys Jr., Nov. 15, 2022, Columbia, S.C. Gettys was a member of Pitts Radiology in Columbia for nearly 30 years. He also served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and the General Society of Colonial Wars. He spent many happy hours at the Barracks at Pawleys Island fishing for flounder, crabbing, reading and enjoying his grandkids.

James Ansel Jacobs Jr., Dec. 27, 2022, Spartanburg, S.C. Jacobs worked for Milliken and Co. for 42 years. He retired in 2009 from the company’s Apparel Division, having dealt with trade law within the Caribbean Basin. After retirement, Jacobs enjoyed pier fishing and playing golf with the senior men at Carolina Country Club.

Harry Wilson McKown Jr., Dec. 6, 2022, Chapel Hill, N.C. McKown was a research associate at the Wilson Library at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, where he worked until his retirement in 2013. His career was the perfect fit for his lifelong devotion to Southern and North Carolina history. A connoisseur of good food, wine and conversation, he loved to cook (and eat) with friends, with jokes and puns flying. He enjoyed jazz and delighted

REMEMBERING JOE E. TAYLOR JR. ’80

Joe E. Taylor Jr. ’80 always had a head for business and a heart for Wofford.

Taylor, who oversaw record investment in South Carolina as secretary of commerce, died Dec. 29, 2022.

“Our community was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Joe E. Taylor,” says President Nayef Samhat. “He was an outspoken advocate for the student experience at Wofford, serving on the board’s finance, athletics, development and student life committees. No detail was too small and no project was too big for his keen mind and strength of will.”

Taylor served on the Wofford College Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2019 and, before that, on the President’s Advisory Board, Parents Leadership Council and the Alumni Association board. Last spring, Taylor was on campus to speak with students in Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity about work ethic, entrepreneurship, leadership and community engagement.

Taylor donated $1 million for the renovation of the Curry Building, which became the Joe E. Taylor Athletic Center. The center includes a 7,000-square-foot weight room and offices for athletics staff.

He was inducted into Wofford’s Athletics Hall of Fame as an honorary letterman in 2010. In 2019, the college awarded him an honorary degree.

“Joe made a tremendous impact on Wofford College during his tenure as a trustee,” says Dr. Danny Morrison ’75, a current Wofford trustee. “He took his responsibilities seriously, giving close attention to the college’s fiscal strength and putting processes in place that, even now, guide the way the college manages financial resources. He led by example, giving generously and caring deeply. He will be missed.”

Taylor’s business career began while he was a student at Wofford when he and his father founded Southland Log Homes. Taylor quickly rose to become president and CEO. Under his leadership, Southland became the largest pre-cut log building producer in North America. He sold the company in 2005.

In 2003, then-Gov. Mark Sanford appointed Taylor the chair of the state Jobs Economic Development Authority. Three years later, Sanford named him secretary of commerce.

Taylor proved adept at attracting businesses to South Carolina. The state led the Southeast in job recruitment in 2009 and 2010. He led the team that recruited Boeing to Charleston, the largest economic development deal in state history and the national deal of the year in 2009.

He also had the national deal of the year in 2010, when he convinced First Quality Tissue to land in Anderson. And 2010 remains the top year in the number of new jobs brought into the state.

After his term with commerce ended in 2011, Taylor was appointed to the State Infrastructure Bank Board. He spent the next several years working primarily in real estate development, private equity and business advising, and holding ownership positions in numerous other ventures.

In 2014, he founded Southland Capital Partners in Columbia. He worked on residential and commercial development of the area. He also created the West Columbia Food Map, a guide to all fine eateries of Cayce and West Columbia. He was awarded West Columbia Man of the Year in 2020.

In 2021, Taylor entered the political arena, winning a seat on the Columbia City Council. He chaired the Economic and Community Development Committee and served on the Administrative Policy and Public Safety committees.

Taylor received the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, and the Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Coaches Association. He was an avid bird hunter, published cookbook author, wedding planner and state fair pie judge.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda Walker Taylor; daughter, Ann Taylor Corontzes ’18; and son, John Walker Taylor ’20.
in attending the annual North Carolina Jazz Festival in Wilmington.

Stephen Allen Middlebrook Jr., Oct. 30, 2022, Dallas, Texas. Middlebrook served as a door-gunner and crew chief with Charley Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, First Cavalry Division, during the Vietnam War. He was wounded twice, earning two Purple Hearts. He also earned the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement and 33 Air Medals. He moved to Dallas in the early 1970s, joining the training class of Reynolds Securities. He later went to work at Drexel Burnham Lambert, rising to vice president and assistant office manager. A competitive tennis player earlier in life, he enjoyed skiing, cooking, traveling, hunting, beach music and doing the Wall Street Journal and New York Times crossword puzzles.

1969
Gregory Clayton Hughes, Dec. 3, 2022, La Plata, Md. Hughes was co-owner of Hughes Builders with his brother. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson, watching NASCAR and cheering for the Washington Commanders.

1970
Wayne Melton Norris, Jan. 7, 2023, Columbia, S.C. Norris was the owner of Whitehall TV Sales and Service for 46 years. He also taught math and served as a recruiter at Midlands Technical College, where he was nominated by the president as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America of 1976. He was chosen by the Jaycees as an outstanding educator. He served on the Cayce Town Council and was a member of the Irmo Optimist Club, serving as president several times. He sponsored and coached over a decade of baseball and softball for his children, and he enjoyed boating with them. A former member of Faith Presbyterian Church in White Rock, he served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of The Gideons International, serving several terms as president.

1972
William Clyde Smith III, Jan. 28, 2023, Edisto Island, S.C. Smith graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy and had a long career with Eli Lilly & Co. He enjoyed traveling and spending time at his cowboy home in Colorado.

1975
Malcolm Jones “Mal” Caldwell, Dec. 25, 2022, Spartanburg, S.C. Caldwell served his community as an educator, assistant principal, principal, and track and football coach. He was a passionate powerlifter and a skilled woodworker. He was well known for his familiar stories, good jokes and the 1985 pickup truck that he loyally drove.

1977
Emily Morris deQuincey-Newman, Nov. 20, 2022, Columbia, S.C. A partner in Andries Van Dam Art & Antiques, deQuincey-Newman was chaplain of the Columbia chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for which she was former chapter regent. She also was a member of the Society of Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge.

Douglas Eugene Jackson, Nov. 14, 2022, Woodruff, S.C. Jackson was an account executive with Providence Printing. He enjoyed fishing, watching football and spending time with family and friends.

George Cameron Todd Jr., Aug. 30, 2022, Spartanburg, S.C. Todd was a partner of Signature Wealth Partners at the time of his death. He was previously a vice president with Merrill Lynch for 30 years. Todd, who gave of his time, talent and resources to the college and Spartanburg community over the years in a variety of capacities, served on the Terrier Club Board of Directors, the Alumni Association board and the Parents Advisory Council. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Wofford Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001 and was recognized as the Young Alumnus of the Year by the college’s Alumni Association in 1993. In 1984, Todd and his wife, Sarah, established the G. Cameron Todd and Elizabeth C. Todd Endowed Scholarship at Wofford in honor of his parents. Awards are made annually to students planning to enter the field of business, with preference given to student-athletes. Memorials may be made to this fund.

1986
David M. Renwick, Nov. 18, 2022, Spartanburg, S.C. After beginning his career in corporate banking, Renwick joined the family business, Safeguard Safety Shoes, for the next 25 years. He was a four-year letterman on the Wofford baseball team and served as team captain. He was the father of current Terrier Jack Renwick ’24. He was at every function involving his children, whether coaching or cheering them on from the stands. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, where he served as a deacon.

1993
Peter Michael Cooper, Dec. 6, 2022, Nashville, Tenn. Cooper was an award-winning country music journalist and Grammy-nominated musician. He started his journalism career with the Spartanburg Herald-Journal before moving to Nashville in 2000 to join The Tennessean as a music writer. During his 15-year tenure, he covered a wide range of events and personalities, from the deaths of George Jones and Johnny Cash to the rise of Taylor Swift. Cooper’s words are etched in stone on a monument at Jones’ graveside, alongside the lyrics of “He Stopped Loving Her Today.” In 2014, he went to work at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, where he remained as the museum’s senior director, producer and writer until his death. He also was a songwriter who recorded and released his own music. He put out three solo albums and three with singer-songwriter Eric Brace. He and Brace co-produced “I Love: Tom T. Hall’s Songs of Fox Hollow,” which was nominated for a Grammy for Best Children’s Album in 2012. In February, he was included in the Grammy Awards’ tribute to music industry icons who died within the past year.

Hugh Dave “Tripp” Whitener III, Dec. 7, 2022, Columbia, S.C. Whitener had a long career in the banking industry, most recently with First Horizon Bank. He was a 2001 graduate of Leadership Columbia and was chosen as a Top 20 under 40 by The State newspaper in 2008 for outstanding community service and leadership. He served on numerous community boards, including Town Theatre, Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties, Indian Waters Council, City Center Partnership and South Carolina Central Alliance Committee of 100. While at Wofford, he shared his love of music and cassette mix tapes with the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, for which he proudly served as the “Music Man.”

1996
Julie Kristen Ballenger, Sept. 18, 2022, Charleston, S.C. Ballenger had a passion for the arts and enjoyed painting, live music and concerts. She enjoyed traveling and was always planning her next vacation. She worked in the food and beverage industry, holding various positions throughout her career.

2011
Keaton Bryce Thompson Sr., Dec. 17, 2022, Martin, Ga. Thompson was chief operating officer for Wilcorp Environmental Solutions. He was a four-year letterman on the Wofford football team and was team MVP for the 2009 season.
The library has evolved considerably over the college's almost 170 years.

When Edward C. Jones designed Main Building, he included space for the college's library. For most of the college's first 60 years, a second-floor room housed the college's growing collection of books and periodicals. A member of the faculty served as the librarian, and professors often donated books to the collection.

The college's two literary societies also maintained libraries for the use of their members. Around 1894, the societies turned over their books to the college library. In that decade, the college finally hired a librarian to manage the collections. The addition of the literary society libraries meant that, by 1897, the library had expanded into a second room on the second floor of Main Building. But as the curriculum changed, and as the faculty and student body grew, the library needed to grow as well.

By 1910, the college had plans to build its first freestanding library. With a gift from Julia Smith, the daughter of Wofford's original English professor, Whitefoord Smith, and additional funds raised by President Henry N. Snyder, the college built the Whitefoord Smith Library (now the Daniel Building). This library contained more space for books as well as a large, traditional reading room for student use. The 1910 College Catalogue noted that the library held about 20,300 books, not counting a large pamphlet collection. The building had enough shelving for about 35,000 volumes and expansion space for another 17,000 books. The reading room had space for about 70 researchers. The building itself was designed with heating, lighting and shelving appropriate to that day's standards for care of books, and the collection was cataloged using the Dewey Decimal System, reflecting the growing professionalization of libraries.

In the years after World War II, the college entered a period of growth, and the library needed to expand again. The college added a wing on each side of the building, which provided space for more books, more researchers and some new (for the 1940s) technology. One wing housed a new reference room with additional study space. The other included a projection room for showing films to classes or groups, space for listening to audio recordings, and a treasure room, the predecessor of today's archives. The renovation also replaced the wooden floors with fireproof concrete. Following the expansion and renovation, the library could seat around 250 readers and housed a collection of about 48,000 books and bound periodicals. The building's estimated capacity was close to 85,000 books. Faculty used the new projection room to add audiovisual instruction to their courses.

That renovation served student needs for the next 20 years, but by the mid-1960s, the space was becoming inadequate. Its print collection had grown to around 87,000 volumes, and its seating capacity had declined. With around 1,000 students on campus and a changing faculty, the 13,000-square-foot library was out of capacity. Students began campaigning for a new library, even running a front-page story in the Old Gold and Black with the headline “We Need a Library!” The college began plans for a three-floor, 43,000-square-foot structure soon afterward, and the Sandor Teszler Library opened in August 1969. It was dedicated in honor of Sandor Teszler in 1971. When it opened, the $1.5 million facility had a capacity of 150,000 volumes and could seat considerably more researchers than its predecessor.
The current library has proven its capacity for flexibility, which is fortunate since the needs and expectations of library users have changed considerably over the past 54 years. The library had not entered the digital age when the building opened, but the landscape for libraries is quite different today from what it was in the early 1970s. Libraries have moved from being focused on storing books to being places where the user experience is central. Today, Wofford’s Sandor Teszler Library provides access to 119,000 periodicals and 900,000 books in electronic formats as well as a floor of print books. Perhaps the best thing about these electronic formats is that students can access them anywhere, even when they are studying abroad.

Archives and special collections have become part of this digital transformation as well, both by collecting materials that are in electronic formats and by digitizing books and papers to make them available to researchers around the world. Even with increased digital resources, the library is still a popular place to study and do research — maybe even more so with a self-serve coffee bar, the Wofford Writing Center, presentation creation and practice spaces, and personal librarians who are eager to work with students.

Academic life at Wofford is different than it was in 1854 or 1954, but the focus on the liberal arts education and on excellence in undergraduate teaching has remained constant. In 2023, the Sandor Teszler Library is still focused on student success by providing a thoughtfully curated collection of academic resources for students, staff and faculty.
Jamie Inabinet stays busy with family and as manager of corporate treasury with AvidXchange in Charlotte, N.C., but he finds time to stay connected to Wofford.

**CHOOSING TO GIVE**

Jamie Inabinet ’16

You made three small gifts to Wofford while you were still a student. Do you remember what motivated you to contribute?

Working and interacting with the advancement office engrained a strong sense of giving while at Wofford and beyond. Knowing the people behind the gift requests and seeing the impact the gifts have on the college made the difference.

You have continued to be very loyal with gifts every year since graduation. Why?

Since graduating, a greater sense of legacy drives me ... working toward having at least a small part of Wofford’s history and growth be in my name. It will be a while before my children attend Wofford, but by the time they get there, I would like to have our family name engrained in the Wofford legacy.

Last year you committed to establishing a named endowed fund at Wofford. What influenced you to do this, and how will the funds help a current student?

My experience during college and active work after graduation with Pi Kappa Phi — I’m still the Wofford chapter’s advisor — motivated me to provide another formal vessel for alumni donations to benefit the brothers and any other student who may receive the award. ... Hopefully, the scholarship will allow the recipients to pursue their dream internships knowing they have funds for living expenses if necessary.

In 2019, you took advantage of the FreeWill service the college offers and chose to leave a bequest to Wofford in your will. Was the process easy? Why did you decide to include Wofford in your estate plan?

The process was incredibly easy! Knowing my goal to eventually open an endowed scholarship, I wanted to provide one last contribution to it once I pass.

You have served the college in several capacities since graduation. Can you talk a little about those roles (reunion chair, Graduates of the Last Decade ambassadors, myMentor volunteer) and how they have strengthened your ties to Wofford?

I’ve found these roles great for maintaining formal ties, not just with the college but with a lot of alumni from my class and classes of young alumni.
Since the establishment of a U.S. Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps unit on campus in 1919, 101 Wofford alumni have died while on active duty during World War I and World War II, as well as during wars in Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East.

To honor their service and sacrifice, a group of alumni veterans and student ROTC cadets are working with college leaders to establish a public space on campus that will bear the names, class years, service branches and ranks of those who died while on active duty.

The memorial will be designed to educate future generations as well as honor those who have served and died. In addition to the physical space, the college will develop a webpage with information on each memorialized alumnus.

Visit wofford.edu/militarymemorial to learn more and make a gift.
The Wofford College community celebrates his life and the impact he has had on making the Wofford experience accessible ... now and forever.