The spring issue of Wofford Today will reach mailboxes soon. You can get a head start by reading it online. You'll find more details about the $150 million gift the college received from Jerry Richardson '59 and an interview with him. There also are profiles on the next generation of student leaders, research by Dr. David Pittman ’94 with a $400,000 National Institutes of Health grant, recognition of the heroes who’ve made the 2020-21 academic year possible and how physician alums prep Terriers for medical school interviews.

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Dr. Rachel Vanderhill is preparing for a fellowship that will give her better insight on how the federal government works.

Vanderhill, chair of the Department of Government & International Affairs, has received the Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship for Tenured International Relations Scholars. She’ll spend the next academic year working with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which is based in Washington, D.C.

“I hope to gain a better understanding of how USAID functions and how government policy is developed,” says Vanderhill, who is being assigned to the agency’s Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance. “I also believe this experience will directly benefit my teaching and advising when I return to Wofford. For example, my experience will enable me to provide Wofford students interested in working in the federal government with better, more specific advice about how to successfully pursue a government career.”

Nine faculty members from colleges and universities across the United States have been selected for the fellowship during the 2021-22 academic year.

Vanderhill recently published her third book, “Autocracy and Resistance in the Internet Age,” which focuses on social media’s role in aiding and undermining autocratic regimes in the Middle East, North Africa and the former Soviet republics. She’s expecting to do work with USAID related to her research.

Read more.
South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities recently recognized faculty from each of its 20-member schools with Excellence in Teaching Awards. Dr. Karen Goodchild, Chapman Family Professor of Humanities and chair of the Department of Art and Art History, is Wofford’s recipient this year. Goodchild oversaw the planning of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts and helped launch the college’s studio art major. She oversees all advanced independent research in art history, co-founded Wofford’s Gender Studies Program and the college’s Women in Leadership Initiative.

This is the 14th year SCICU has recognized faculty with the awards, which have rigorous guidelines and come with a $3,000 professional development grant.
Wofford College’s fraternities and sororities recently held their annual Greek Awards program and recognized the contributions by chapters and individuals. Organizations also raised nearly $24,500 for She’s Here, a campaign started by Wofford graduates Ella Patrick ’20 and Olivia Schraibman ’20 to support girls continuing their education in Sub-Saharan Africa. Find the complete list of award winners.