On the innovation team

Maggie Royce ‘22, an English major from Cary, North Carolina, is the lone intern on the Chick-fil-A enterprise innovation team this summer.

Maggie Royce ‘22 never imagined that a Chick-fil-A gift card she received in 2020 would lead to more than a chicken sandwich and waffle fries.

Royce won the gift card through a women’s ministry. Her mother suggested that Royce investigate internship opportunities with the company.

“I’d never really thought about it,” says Royce, an English major from Cary, North Carolina. “I started the interview process last August. It was an extensive process with five or six interviews.”

Royce was selected for an internship with Chick-fil-A’s enterprise innovation team, which is housed at the company’s support center in Atlanta, Georgia. The company is hosting about 75 interns this summer, but Royce is the only one with the enterprise innovation team.
Acknowledging commitment

Dr. David Wood, senior vice president for advancement, served Wofford College for 24 years and has been part of major campus milestones during that time. He recently announced his retirement.

Dr. David S. Wood began his career at Wofford College by shepherding the Terriers into the Southern Conference at the dawn of the NCAA Division I era. He capped it by leading a comprehensive campaign that netted more than $470 million in gifts and pledges. In between, he helped implement the college’s plan to carefully grow enrollment.

Now Wood, the senior vice president for advancement, has announced his retirement after 24 years of service. He previously served as director of athletics, senior vice president for planning and as provost.

Calhoun Kennedy ’89, executive director for advancement, will serve as interim, and Wood will remain connected to the college during a national search for his replacement.

“David has served the college with distinction, integrity and grace,” says President Nayef Samhat. “He has been a true servant leader who has worked in whatever capacity the college needed most. His influence has been transformational.”

Wood arrived in 1997, serving as director of athletics. Wofford had made the jump to NCAA Division I two years earlier, and Wood helped steer the Terriers’ entrance into the Southern Conference.

“Prior to my coming here, Wofford, in my opinion, made one of the boldest decisions in the history of liberal arts colleges by choosing to move up to Division I athletics,” Wood says. “There was a natural skepticism, and there should have been. Obviously, we demonstrated that we could do it, and I was just delighted to play a small role in all of what has occurred here.”
Starting in 2002, Wood helped put together a plan to slowly grow the college’s enrollment. At the time, Wofford had 1,050 students. The plan called for incremental increases – first to 1,250 students, then 1,450 and 1,600.

Offensive coordinator Wade Lang announces retirement

Wofford football offensive coordinator Wade Lang has announced his retirement effective June 30. A 1983 graduate of Wofford, he has spent 33 seasons as an assistant coach, including the last 31 as offensive coordinator.

As a member of the coaching staff, he has been a part of 12 NCAA Playoff appearances (two NCAA Division II and 10 NCAA FCS) and seven Southern Conference championships. He has coached over 20 All-Americans, five Academic All-Americans, 150 All-Southern Conference players, two SoCon Freshmen of the Year and two SoCon Offensive Players of the Year.

Under Lang’s direction, Wofford has consistently ranked among national leaders in team rushing, total offense and scoring. Wofford has finished either first or second in the Southern Conference in rushing in 22 of the past 24 years, and the Terriers have been among the top 10 in rushing nationally for 24 consecutive seasons.

He has coached some of the most prolific quarterbacks in college history, including Shawn Graves, Travis Wilson, Josh Collier, Ben Widmyer, Mitch Allen and Joe Newman.