Building block

Dr. Ramin Radfar and Carson Harrell '24 conduct research on campus in the Roger Milliken Science Center.

By Robert W. Dalton

Trust the process.

That's one of the lessons Dr. Ramin Radfar, professor of chemistry, is teaching as he guides Carson Harrell '24 through a summer research project.

Harrell is attempting to isolate an enzyme that breaks down glucose in the body and generates energy. Slowing the breakdown could be useful in slowing the growth of cancer cells, which require a great deal of energy to grow.

"In this process he's going to basically learn the techniques of extraction, purification, making solutions, crystallizing proteins and so forth," Radfar says. "That's basically my goal. We are not going to cure cancer in a couple of months, but summer research gives an opportunity to students to learn these techniques so if they go to graduate school or medical school they can use them later on."
Harrell, a biology major from Columbia, South Carolina, is no stranger to research. He worked on a project involving knee-replacement patients as a requirement to graduate from the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics. He says he’s happy that he’s been able to be in a lab over the summer.

“I thought this would be a good opportunity to work in the science department with the professors,” says Harrell, who is one of 38 Wofford students participating in undergraduate research with 21 of the college’s faculty focused on 19 different projects.

Proud moment

Jason Kellinger ’24 represented Great Britain in an international rifle competition in some of the sport’s most challenging environments.

By Jackie Carman ’22, Office of Marketing and Communications Intern

Jason Kellinger ’24 earned an opportunity that he will always treasure. Kellinger, an undeclared major from Calne, England, represented Great Britain in the Scottish Open Fullbore Rifle competition.

“Representing Great Britain will always be a proud moment of my life,” says Kellinger, who was one of 12 selected for Great Britain’s under-19 team.

His team, which finished third after competing against England and Scotland, competed in the three-day competition in some of the sport’s most challenging environments on a dozen ranges at distances between 400 and 1,000 yards.
2021 Hall of Fame Class

Former Wofford College student-athletes Connor Davis ’16 (men’s soccer) and Matt Milburn ’16 (baseball) have been selected by the Hall of Fame Committee of the Wofford College Terrier Club Board of Directors as the 2021 inductees into the college’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

A date for the induction ceremony will be announced later. The ceremony also will include the induction of the class of 2020. The 2020 class includes Maggie Bosley ’14 (women’s soccer), Karl Cochran ’15 (men’s basketball), Rob Galloway ’15 (men’s tennis) and Forrest Lasso ’15 (men’s soccer). In addition, the Hall of Fame will honor Converse Draper, retired utility crew supervisor, as the Distinguished Service Award recipient, and Mary Ann Phillips, a loyal supporter of the college and Wofford athletics for more than 50 years, as an Honorary Letterman. Draper and Phillips were selected in 2020.

The Hall of Fame recognizes “those former athletes and coaches who, by outstanding athletic achievement and service, have made lasting and significant contributions to the cause of sports at Wofford College, the Spartanburg community, South Carolina and the nation.”

Read more about Davis and Milburn.