Seeing the big picture

John Harrington ’23 and Phil Feisal, president of Spartanburg Medical Center, spent Interim 2022 together to give Harrington an opportunity to learn more about the clinical and administrative aspects of healthcare.

By Brandi Wylie ’24

Many students concentrating on pre-medicine at Wofford College have plans of working on the clinical side of healthcare. John Harrington ’23 is exploring the administrative side as well.

Harrington, a biology major from Houston, Texas, spent Interim studying at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. He split time between the health system’s Spartanburg Medical Center and Pelham Medical Center campuses.
“I served as John’s mentor, and we created a schedule for him that included time with more than 15 leaders in our organization responsible for areas as diverse as oncological and cardiac services to environmental and food services,” says Phil Feisal, Spartanburg Medical Center’s president, who also is a Wofford adjunct professor of government and international affairs. “John was universally liked. He made an incredible and lasting impression on every staff member he encountered.”

Most of Harrington’s work during the Interim course was observational, shadowing various people within the hospital system. The coursework consisted of reflection prompts in which he would think about then write on his experiences in hospitals.

Harrington says he was able to fully see how different aspects of a hospital come together to provide the best care for patients.

Leaving her mark

Kate Timbes ’23, a studio art major from Columbia, South Carolina, has a busy spring working on art projects in Spartanburg, including one at the Spartanburg Opportunity Center and another with the Spartanburg Art Museum.

By Brandi Wylie ’24

For Kate Timbes ’23, studying in another country was not the most exciting part of her experience in Copenhagen, Denmark. The studio art major from Columbia, South Carolina,
was given the opportunity to become a part of the media team for the Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) and a chance to paint a mural on the wall of their student hub.

They started planning the mural in October 2021 and painting began two months later. While working on the mural, Timbes led a group of 10 to 15 individuals from the community who helped her during her 10 days of work.

She was unable to complete the mural because the COVID-19 pandemic forced her to return to the states, but she is grateful to have been able to send a digital version of the complete idea so the project can continue.

The mural is representative of Copenhagen and the cultural world she experienced while immersed in the community. The geometric shapes each contain unique designs, such as a person’s face or scenes of Copenhagen and its metro area.

“I wanted my design to embody what it meant to study abroad visually,” Timbes says.

A panel discussion on Russia and Ukraine

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has sparked many questions about the history, culture and politics of the conflict between the two nations. Wofford faculty from the departments of government and international affairs, religion and history, as well as guest Michael Peters, president emeritus of St. John’s College in New Mexico and executive vice president of the
Council on Foreign Relations, participated in a panel discussion focused on the events taking place in Eastern Europe.

Upcoming Women’s History Month event

Dr. Katharine Turk, associate professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will present “No Longer ‘His Girl Friday’: Working Women’s Activism and Notions of Equality in the 1970s.” The lecture will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 in Olin 213. Find more Women’s History Month events at Wofford.

Women’s basketball advances to postseason

Alexis Tomlin ’22 received first team honors after being named to the Southern Conference’s All-Tournament Team.

The women’s basketball team earned the Southern Conference’s spot as an automatic qualifier for the Women’s National Invitational Tournament. The entire field and the Terriers’ opponent will be announced Sunday.

More athletics updates

Marchal named SoCon Pitcher of the Week
Tomlin named SoCon Student Athlete of the Week
Tomlin, Carman earn SoCon All-Tournament nods
Mack named to SoCon All-Tournament Team