Taking action

In this photo taken from a CBS News video, U.S. Army Capt. Sebastian Conour '13 holds up a sign to let Ukrainian refugees in Poland know that shelter is available. Conour was on leave in Poland when Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine.

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U.S. Army Capt. Sebastian Conour '13 journeyed to Poland in February to see the scars of a war long past and came face to face with the open wounds of a new conflict.

When Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, Conour ran toward the battle. That's what soldiers do.

Conour was in the middle of his leave, visiting the sites of World War II Nazi death camps when the invasion began. When he learned of Ukrainian refugees streaming into Poland, Conour headed for towns on the border. He didn't know what he would do when he got there, but he knew he couldn't just be a tourist any longer.
“I couldn’t see all these remnants of the horrors of the Holocaust and not do something,” Conour says. “It just happens that I was in the right place at the right time.”

Networking with Terriers

Wofford students and alumni from Johnson Development Associates and OTO Development got together to talk about internships and careers in finance, accounting and real estate development. Wofford graduates Maggie Adcock ’21, Ashlyn Chester ’21, Andy Halligan ’05, William Moore ’21 and Jason Patrick ’95 shared their experience.
Dr. Lena Hill, Washington and Lee University’s provost and professor of English and Africana studies, will discuss inclusive leadership strategies at 5:30 p.m. on March 29 at Wofford College.

Dr. Lena Hill makes lunch a priority. But lunchtime is about more than having a meal to fuel her for the rest of the day, time to run errands or catch up on her to-do list.

Her lunches are often spent getting to know others, including students, and she welcomes new colleagues to Washington and Lee University. It’s also an opportunity to mentor and support the university’s inclusion efforts.

“People are often surprised when they walk into a restaurant and see who I’m eating with,” says Hill, Washington and Lee’s provost and professor of English and Africana studies. “These lunches are rejuvenating for me, and I enjoy them, and they get me out of my box.”

Hill will discuss inclusive leadership strategies during a Women’s History Month event at Wofford College at 5:30 p.m. on March 29 in Leonard Auditorium. Hill’s talk is titled: “The Renovation Will Be Televised: A Toolkit for Inclusive Leadership.”

She will reflect on her career trajectory, her commitment to enabling diverse leadership and specific actions to undertake that can help institutions maintain important traditions while moving toward equity. The event will also be livestreamed at wofford.edu/live. Women’s Leadership organized the event, which is being funded by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the Office of the President.

More Women’s History Month events

Nora Williams ’21 will present “They Done a Very Bad Act’: Rape in the Civil War and Reconstruction” at 4 p.m. on March 30. Read about Williams’ research.

Dr. Carolyn Cocca, politics, economics and law professor at SUNY College Old Westbury, will present “Superwomen and Social Change: Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Superhero Comics, TV and Film” at 6 p.m. March 31 via Zoom.
Wofford appoints new VP for advancement

Wofford College has named Calhoun Kennedy ’89 its new vice president for advancement after a national search. Kennedy had been serving as interim vice president and executive director since August 2021.

He has 18 years of experience in fundraising and alumni engagement as well as a dozen years of experience in banking, sales and customer service.

“Calhoun has proven himself as a valued member of the college’s senior leadership team,” said Dr. Nayef Samhat, Wofford’s president. “He has led the college’s advancement team during a difficult period and has ideas for the future that focus on alumni engagement and education.”

During Kennedy’s tenure as interim vice president, he instituted departmental fundraising training and held donor listening sessions. He has improved internal communications with the advancement team and is leading the team through a thorough assessment of fund agreements, donor reports and best practices.
Men's basketball coach Jay McAuley is a finalist for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award.

Jay McAuley, Wofford men’s basketball coach, is one of 19 finalists for the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award. He’s the only coach from the Southern Conference in the running for the award, which recognizes coaches for not only achieving success on the basketball court but for displaying moral integrity off the court as well. Read more and see the complete list of finalists.