



'The Tangle'



Professor Maya Michele Fein talks to members of the cast and crew of "The Tangle" about the set design.

By Robert W. Dalton

A lot of people dance around the issue of mental health.

Wofford professor Maya Michele Fein is leading a research project to build an entire production around the subject.

"The Tangle" will be performed at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday in the Sallenger Sisters Black Box Theatre. The 20-minute dance production is an expansion of the eight-minute version that debuted in 2021.

“Mental health issues are connected to us all in some way,” says Fein, assistant professor of theatre. “We want to destigmatize and bring awareness to the vast challenges of the human journey by bridging the arts and mental health education. Each experience with mental challenges is unique to the individual. By exploring this subject through dance, a language that transcends words, it allows for clear storytelling that also offers a personal interpretation.”

“The Tangle” is open to the public, but seating is extremely limited. Click [HERE](#) to request a ticket. Audience members will be required to wear masks.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted to benefit NAMI Spartanburg, which advocates for those living with mental illness.

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Results of the Committee on History, Memory and Commemoration: A response from the Wofford College Board of Trustees



| The Wofford campus, 1963.

The Wofford College Board of Trustees continues to appreciate the day-to-day work of college leaders, alumni, faculty, staff, students and volunteers. In all areas — from enrollment and retention to the academic program, operations and finances — the college remains strong.

The board also extends gratitude to the ad hoc Committee on History, Memory and Commemoration for their diligence and thoughtful consideration of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion task force report. At the committee's recommendation and after board discussion and revision, the board has approved a policy for the honorific naming of campus buildings and public spaces. The policy is derived from the college's faith-based, liberal arts tradition and applies only to names assigned honorifically to campus buildings or public spaces. It does not apply to current spaces named in recognition of philanthropic contributions honoring or memorializing donors. Donor-named spaces are governed by the terms of the donor's gift agreement with the college.

The new policy includes:

- A consistent and deliberate process for requesting naming or changing the name of a space named honorifically.
- Criteria for evaluating honorific naming requests for existing undesignated spaces or future non-donorific spaces.
- A transparent evaluation process that includes review by the Committee on History, Memory and Commemoration with the possibility of review and an ultimate ruling by the Wofford College Board of Trustees.

Visit [Wofford.edu/naming-policy](https://www.wofford.edu/naming-policy) to review the policy.

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Sister act



Brandi Wylie '24 helps her sister, Kasi Maaney, put on her cap before the Adult Learning Center's graduation ceremony held June 30 at the Spartanburg Headquarters Library.

By Robert W. Dalton

Kasi Maaney thought she was done with school in 2015.

When Maaney was told she would have to repeat her senior year of high school, she walked away.

"I didn't take it very well when they told me I was being retained," says Maaney. "I said I'd rather sign the drop-out papers than be retained for a full year."

Maaney's sister, Brandi Wylie '24, opened the door for her to finish her education. Wylie, an English major from Spartanburg, South Carolina, began volunteering at the Adult Learning Center as a Bonner Scholar in January 2021 and convinced Maaney to pursue her GED.

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Discovering history and herself



Alexandra Key '23 spent part of her summer participating in a historic preservation program in Charleston, South Carolina.

By Brandi Wylie '24

Alexandra Key '23 recently got the opportunity to see her hometown in a way she never had before.

Key, a history and English double major from Charleston, South Carolina, attended Clemson University and the College of Charleston's Historic Preservation summer institute.

The four-day program allowed 12 undergraduate students from around the country to explore the preservation efforts within the historic district of Charleston. The program began with a lecture from a professional in the field and explored seven sites over the four days.

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iCAN Institute



Gabriel Tawiah '25 (right), an undeclared major from Accra, Ghana, worked with Spartanburg area high school students participating in the college's iCAN Institute to prepare them for college.

Nearly 20 high school students participating in the iCAN Spartanburg near-peer mentoring program participated in Wofford's iCAN Spartanburg Summer Institute. The students participated in a scholarship bootcamp, resume workshop and a few other sessions, including a College 101 planning event organized by the college's Office of Admission. Taylor Fuller '24, a biology major from Roebuck, South Carolina, is an iCAN Spartanburg mentor, and she was hired to work as a staffer for the institute, which partners with the Citizen Scholars Institute. Gabriel Tawiah '25, an undeclared major from Accra, Ghana, is a Bonner Scholar at Wofford, and he's completing his summer service hours with the Citizen Scholars Institute.

The first iCAN Summer Institute was held in 2019 at Wofford. It is solely funded by the college's Center for Community-Based Learning.

Bringing neighbors together



Mac Gavin, Callie Henline, Paola Cruz, and Sarah Buckmaster fold clothes while preparing for a flea market that's part of their summer research in the Arcadia and Una communities.

Wofford students are conducting research in the Arcadia and Una communities in Spartanburg County that's focused on how abandoned properties impact residents. They're working with Dr. Alysa Handelsman, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, and Dr. Jennifer Bradham, assistant professor of environmental studies. Both communities were vibrant residential areas during the heyday of the textile industry. Now, there are many abandoned properties in both.

This Saturday, they're hosting a flea market from 9 a.m. to noon at Arcadia United Methodist Church, 377 Arcadia St. The market is intended to be a way to bring neighbors together while having the opportunity to visit booths with health care providers promoting services and screenings. Information also will be shared about after school and recreation programs for children.

'Mission Admission'

Megan Tyler '14, director of admission, recently talked to the "Mission Admission" podcast about her work, including how she started working in admissions and turned it into a career at Wofford. She also discusses what it's like to work for her alma mater, dealing with stress and navigating difficult situations. [Listen here.](#)

Panthers' training camp



The NFL's Carolina Panthers will hold their 27th training camp on Wofford College's campus July 27-Aug. 10.

The team's practices are free and open to the public. The Panthers will have 12 practices on campus, and there will be opportunities to purchase team merchandise. Players will sign autographs at camp for the first time since 2019.

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