Dr. Tim Schmitz named provost

Dr. Tim Schmitz has been named provost of Wofford College.

Schmitz has spent 22 years on Wofford’s campus while holding various leadership roles over the years.

“Tim has served our community exceedingly well as interim provost over the past 14 months by demonstrating integrity, consistency and compassionate leadership,” says Dr. Nayef Samhat, Wofford’s president. “He possesses a deep understanding of the Wofford classroom and the broader curriculum and has developed productive relationships across the college community.”
Schmitz arrived at Wofford in 2000 as an assistant professor of history. He chaired the Department of History from 2010-14 before accepting leadership positions as associate provost for administration in 2014 and interim provost in 2021. He was named a full professor in 2015.

“I look forward to continuing to work alongside my colleagues across campus to maintain Wofford’s place as one of our nation’s top liberal arts institutions and to continue to improve the academic program,” Schmitz says. “The higher education environment is a challenging one, and we must continue to meet the changing needs of our students while creating new opportunities for the faculty.”

A twofold history

“Anne Frank: A History for Today” will be on exhibit in the Sandor Teszler Library until Nov. 19.

By Brandi Wylie ’24, student intern

Three Wofford College seniors have contributed to telling the story of Anne Frank in a traveling exhibit that will be on campus until Nov. 19.

Ivey Rathbun ’23, Grace Levitt ’23 and Georgia Fischer ’23 are completing the course, “Anne Frank: A Case Study,” and they’re supporting the Anne Frank Center at the University of South Carolina, the only partner of Amsterdam’s Anne Frank House in North America.
This is the first time that an institution of higher education has hosted this traveling Anne Frank exhibit in South Carolina, according to Dr. Kirsten Krick-Aigner, professor of German and coordinator of the German program.

All Saints Day

The Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, leads Wofford’s All Saints Remembrance Tolling of the Bells ceremony on Nov. 1.

By Robert W. Dalton

Wofford’s All Saints Remembrance Tolling of the Bell ceremony took on a special meaning for Patrick Lindsay ’23 on Nov. 1.

The names of students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends of the college who have died during the past year are read each year on Nov. 1, and the bell in Main Building tolls for each of them. It tolled 177 times this year, and toll number 151 was for Dawson Jerome Stallworth Jr. ’64, Lindsay’s grandfather.

“It’s a little more personal this year,” says Lindsay, an international affairs major from Camden, South Carolina. “It means a lot to me, and I know it would mean a lot to my grandfather.”
Stallworth was supposed to visit Lindsay and Margaret Ann Hughes ’24, his granddaughter, over Homecoming Weekend. But he died Oct. 28.

Veterans Day

Bricks outside of the Spartanburg American Legion serve as memorials for Spartanburg County residents who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Veterans Day is when those who’ve served in the U.S. military are celebrated, and retired Brig. Gen. Ed Hall makes it a full day.

He’s often invited to a local elementary school’s celebration. Then, he meets fellow American Legion members at Post 28 in Duncan Park before enjoying a free Veterans Day lunch at Applebee’s on Spartanburg’s east side. The city’s Veterans Day parade follows. Some years, he and others have been known to later visit the west side Applebee’s for another free meal.

“That pretty well fills up the day,” says Hall, who was a military science professor at Wofford from 1967 to 1970.

Hall, however, is never too far removed from thinking about those men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military, including the 102 Wofford students and graduates who died in service since World War I.
A performance of “Gender Play: Or What You Will” will be performed at Wofford College on Nov. 16 before making its world premiere in 2023.

A unique opportunity will be available for the Wofford College and Spartanburg communities when “Gender Play: Or What You Will” is performed Wednesday, Nov. 16 on campus.

It’s a one-person performance featuring Will Wilhelm, the play’s co-creator, who conjures the spirit of Shakespeare to examine Shakespeare’s works through Wilhelm’s own queer perspective and life experiences. The play will make its world premiere on stage in Chicago, Illinois, in the spring of 2023.

“The audience will be part of a catered talkback after the show to ask questions and give their own thoughts,” says Maya Fein, a Wofford assistant professor of theatre. “The final version of the show will be altered by what happens in our theatre. So often, we study what has already been written. This is an opportunity to impact the story.”

The play will be performed at 6 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the Sallenger Sisters Black Box Theatre in the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. **Advance registration is recommended.**
Engaged Terriers

Joe Cunningham, a South Carolina gubernatorial candidate, greets students as he takes the stage for his rally on campus.

By Brandi Wylie ’24, student intern

Three Wofford students took the initiative to bring political views to the stage during the 2022 election season.

Emma Sutton ’23, an environmental studies and government double major from Fort Mill, South Carolina, is president of the Wofford College Democrats.

She worked alongside two of South Carolina gubernatorial candidate Joe Cunningham’s campaign interns, Anna Troutt ’24, a government major from Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Caroline Payne ’23, a biology major from Columbia, South Carolina, to bring Cunningham to Wofford on Oct. 19.
November events

Check the campus calendar for upcoming lectures, artist talks and exhibits. This is the final weekend of Wofford Theatre’s fall production, “Agamemnon.”

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