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## WOFFORD COLLEGE



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## A trailblazer returns



Dr. Otis Turner, Wofford's first Black faculty member, returned to campus with his wife, Patsy, to tour the campus and to share his story with student researchers. His photo will hang in the faculty dining room to celebrate his place in the college's history.

The Rev. Dr. Otis Turner arrived on Wofford's campus in 1972 as the college's first Black faculty member, but he never quite knew the impact he had during his five years at the college until this week.

Turner, a former assistant professor of religion, returned to campus with his wife, Patsy. He was interviewed by student researchers about his life and place in the college's history, received a tour of the campus, met administrators and faculty and was reunited with three former students.

"At the time when Dr. Turner came in, imagine a pond and a rock is tossed in and ripples come about," says Bob Reeder '74, who was one of Turner's students.

During a lunch in his honor, Turner was presented with a photo of himself from the college's archives that will hang in the faculty dining room. The college's Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion also announced that its annual faculty and staff diversity and inclusion award will be renamed in his honor.

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## Head games



Erin Wolfe '21 relied on her experience as a Wofford student-athlete to lead the football team in mental conditioning exercises during the summer.

Early one Monday morning in July, members of the Wofford College football team packed the media room in Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium for conditioning.

This wasn't lifting weights and running — that came earlier. These exercises were about getting the Terriers mentally ready for the rigors of the season.

Erin Wolfe '21, who played soccer while at Wofford, stood in the front of the room. Wolfe, who is pursuing a master's degrees in clinical mental health and athletic counseling at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts, approached Wofford about leading the program over the summer.

"I'm using my student-athlete background along with my education to teach the football team strategies to improve mental performance and wellness on the field and in the classroom," Wolfe says.

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## On the front lines



Candice Dulaney, a nurse case manager at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, and a major in the U.S. Army Reserve made a gift to the Wofford Military Memorial in honor of the sacrifices of the soldiers who came before her.

As a nurse case manager at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, Candice Dulaney saw the ravages of war every day in the soldiers and veterans she treated. The experience moved her to join the U.S. Army Reserve.

“From 2009 to 2011, we were bringing back a lot of wounded soldiers, mostly from Afghanistan and Iraq,” says Dulaney. “Hearing their stories, some of the things they had seen and done and the sacrifices they had made, I felt inclined to further assist in any way I could.”

Dulaney, the mother of Ali Dulaney '26, decided to honor the sacrifices of those soldiers with a gift to Wofford's Military Memorial. The memorial will be a public space on campus that will bear the names, class years, service branches and ranks of those who died while on active duty beginning with World War I and Wofford's establishment of a U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps unit.

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## Making math accessible



Joel Gammah '26 has honed his ability to teach math to people ranging from 2 to 80 while interning at the National Museum of Mathematics.

By Madeline Brewer '23

Joel Gammah '26 has spent his summer solving math problems and teaching others. Gammah, a computer science major and mathematics minor from Cape Coast, Ghana, is interning at the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) in New York City.

“As an intern at MoMath, my primary role is to serve as a guide, engaging with visitors and providing them with an enriching experience,” Gammah says. “I assist visitors as they explore the museum exhibits, ensuring they understand the mathematical concepts behind each display.”

MoMath’s goal is to make mathematics accessible and interesting to a variety of people, and Gammah says its visitors range in age from 2 to 80.

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## John Lane receiving state humanities award



John Lane, emeritus professor of environmental studies, took students outside of the classroom to interact with nature.

John Lane '77, emeritus professor of environmental studies, will be recognized with a Governor's Award in the Humanities in October by the South Carolina Humanities Council. Lane will be one of three recipients of the award, which celebrates outstanding achievement in humanities research, teaching and scholarship while helping communities in the state better understand South Carolina's cultural heritage or ideas and issues related to the humanities.

Lane was the founding director of Wofford's Goodall Environmental Studies Center, and he's the author of a dozen books of poetry and prose. [Learn more about award recipients.](#)

## Summer City Tour

There is still time to RSVP to network and socialize with students, alumni and Wofford staff in Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg. The Wofford College Alumni Association and the Career Center in the Mungo Exchange are bringing Terriers together in a few different cities this summer.

- [RSVP for the Aug. 13 Columbia event.](#)
- [RSVP for the Aug. 13 Spartanburg event.](#)
- [RSVP for the Aug. 23 Greenville event.](#)

# Athletic updates

2023 Terrier Club Auction announced

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