New director of athletics

Scott Kull brings 31 years of experience to his new role as Wofford College’s director of athletics.

Wofford College President Nayef Samhat has announced that Scott Kull will be the college’s next director of athletics, effective April 1, 2024.

Kull is currently the deputy athletics director for external affairs and executive director of the athletics foundation at University of North Carolina Charlotte. He has held similar positions at the University of Utah, University of South Florida, Florida State and Texas Christian University. His career has also taken him to the University of Florida and Georgia Tech.

A proven fundraiser, Kull has 31 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics, including work in strategic planning, student-athlete wellbeing, athletics marketing and media relations, departmental leadership, financial affairs, compliance and risk management, corporate sponsorship, licensing, ticket sales, emerging technologies and facilities and event management. In 2019, he was recognized by the Sports Business Journal as a “power player.”
Keisler Family Building dedicated

A ribbon-cutting was part of the ceremony during the Keisler Family Building in the John E. Reeves Tennis Center dedication.

The Keisler Family Building in the John E. Reeves Tennis Center was dedicated on Feb. 23. The complete renovation and expansion of the building was made possible by a gift from Mary and Wade Keisler ‘80.

Wade Keisler is a respected business and philanthropic leader in the Midlands area of South Carolina. He served as a licensed real estate broker and developer for 30 years. A longtime supporter of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia and a member of Saint Stephens Lutheran Church in Lexington, Keisler is a member of the Greater Columbia Association of Homebuilders and the National Association of Homebuilders. He has served on the college’s Board of Trustees since 2019 and is a lifetime member of the Terrier Club Board of Directors. He previously served on the FOR WOFFORD Campaign Steering Committee and the college’s Investment Advisory Committee.

Dr. Mary Woods Keisler is a veterinarian who has practiced at Cherokee Trail Veterinary Hospital since 1996. She is a lifetime member of the Terrier Club Board of Directors. She is a past member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine for the District of Columbia, past president of the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians, past president of the Greater Columbia
Association of Veterinarians and former chair of the SC Vets Care nonprofit foundation. She is director of the Woods Family Investment Group and a volunteer for Saint Stephens Lutheran Church. Mary and Wade have two daughters, Lauren Keisler Schultz ’10 and Caroline Keisler.

Czech mates

In January, five Wofford alumni decided to reunite in Prague, Czech Republic, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of their Interim trip in 2014.

Four spreadsheets, a detailed map and an itinerary later, Natasha Rudy ’14, Peter Blosser ’14, Will Thomas ’14, Will Ledford ’15 and Conner Maloy ’14 set out to rediscover the charm of the historic city’s cobblestone streets and Gothic spires.

“Even though we were only there for two weeks the first time, all of us could navigate the city like we had never left,” shares Rudy, a genetic counselor in Greenville, South Carolina. “I think that speaks to the testament of what that initial Interim trip was. We really did get a good appreciation for the city that we were visiting. Not only the layout of it, but of all the history that happened there.”
March events

The Benjamin B. Dunlap Chamber Music Series will bring Ronn McFarlane on lute and Carolyn Surrick on viola da gamba to campus for a performance at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 21 in Leonard Auditorium.

Multiple events will take place on campus in March as Wofford observes Women’s History Month. March features attention-grabbing talks, gallery exhibitions and the Southern Conference men’s and women’s basketball tournaments in Asheville, North Carolina.

Gallery exhibitions that opened in February will continue through March, with “Progressions: The Evolution of Style and Subject in the Work of Julia Elizabeth Tolbert” and “Artists Collecting Artists” both spotlighting the work of women.
Mock trial

Wofford alumni in the legal profession gave their time on Feb. 24-25 as the college hosted the American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Wofford alums convened in Spartanburg on Feb. 24-25 and gave their time to support the American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament hosted by the college. Wofford was hosting for the second straight year. Last year, the college held the tournament on campus, but this year it took advantage of the newly-opened Spartanburg County Courthouse to host the competition. Eighteen teams, with teams from Duke University, East Tennessee State, Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State University and the University of South Carolina advancing to the national tournament.
Lucy Quinn worked at Wofford for 55 years, including 21 as registrar. She died Feb. 17.

Lucy Quinn ’83, registrar emerita, came to Wofford in 1963 as the secretary to then-registrar Bates L. Scoggins ’30. When he retired, she assisted Ned Sydnor. All the while she took courses, usually one per term, and in 1983 she had earned enough credits to receive her bachelor’s degree in English, magna cum laude.

She died Feb. 17 at her home in Spartanburg.

During her 24 years as the secretary to the registrar, she learned how the office worked, and when Sydnor retired in 1987, she was the obvious choice to fill the position. She later earned her master’s degree in higher education from the University of South Carolina and led the registrar’s office until 2008.
Athletics updates

Wofford honored with four SoCon Indoor Track & Field Awards. Rachael Rose named to national Player of the Year watch list. Wofford excels at SoCon Indoor Track & Field Championships. Bria Foley and Olivia Graebner earn Big South Honors.