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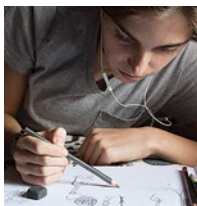


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THIS ISSUE OF WAKE FOREST MAGAZINE heralds last fall's opening of Wake Washington, the academic program that immerses undergraduate students in classes and internships, and the Wake Washington Center at 1 Dupont Circle, where the program is housed and other Wake Foresters will visit. It is a splendid location for the Wake Forest network to connect.

Washington has become such a hub for Wake Forest people — graduates who work there, families who send their students here, a place that young graduates want to go. Wake Forest people are involved in the important institutions of government and other professions. I have seen a wonderful team effort to draw upon those resources and establish an academic



program that will rely on that network. We have had great leadership by the center's executive director, Jennifer Richwine ('93); Dean of the College Michele Gillespie; Professor of Politics and International Affairs Katy Harriger, the first academic director; Provost Rogan Kersh ('86) and others.

Based at the headquarters of the American Council on Education in the center of the nation's capital, Wake Washington has been an absolute home run. The response of the students couldn't be better.

In downtown Winston-Salem, Olga Pierrakos, the founding chair, and her team are building the new engineering department in the Innovation Quarter. The wonderful thing about starting a new program is, aside from accreditation standards, you have a blank slate. You can be very thoughtful in creating the program. Olga and her faculty are doing just that. A foundation interested in entrepreneurial engineering sent staff to see the program, and they were impressed with what is happening: the engineering program is deeply connected both to the liberal arts and to biomedical science opportunities in the adjacent Wake Forest School of Medicine. Look for a Q&A with Olga in this issue.

You also will want to read about Distinguished Alumni Award winners and the many ways that people can live lives that matter under the rubric of Pro Humanitate. Julie Coyne's ('89) way has been to reach people in serious need and find creative ways to educate children. Alfred Adams ('68, JD '73, P '01), a real estate lawyer, has been deeply involved in the development of downtown and in giving back as a model citizen and model Wake Forest graduate. The late John Medica (MBA '83) left Wake Forest and became a star in technology. You could see John as a tough businessman — successful, aggressive, innovative, on the cutting edge of technology. When you looked at his whole life, what came through was how caring he was. Tributes to him made clear he will be remembered for how he treated people and nurtured young leaders. All three award winners are deeply admirable alumni.

With all best wishes,

Nathan D. Hatch



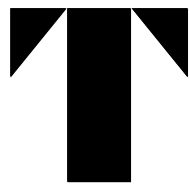
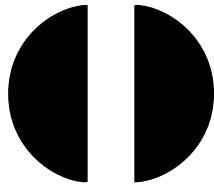
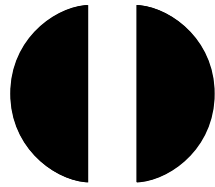


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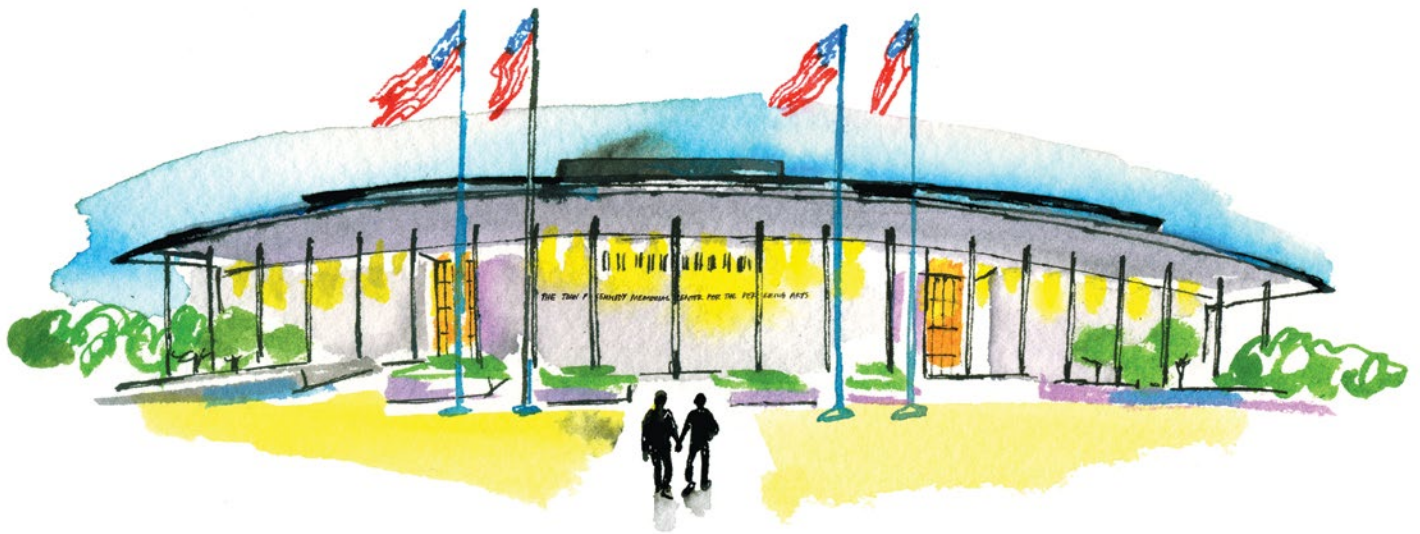
How Wake Forest planted its flag at 1 Dupont Circle and launched its new 'study abroad' program in Washington, D.C., city of monuments and dreams

BY SUSANNAH ROSENBLATT ('03)
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PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEN BENNETT



clattering down marble corridors and shuffling across red carpets, Annette Barile is a long way from Winston-Salem and an even longer way from home. The junior education policy major grew up in Tokyo and Hong Kong. These days, she pops backstage at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts or strolls by the National Symphony Orchestra’s rehearsal room on any old workday, operatic arias punctuating the labyrinthine walk to the cubicle where she interns four days a week.

Barile is one of 16 students living, working and learning together as part of Wake Washington’s inaugural fall 2017 “study abroad” class. The Wake Washington program immerses students during one semester in full-time internships – in Congress, think tanks, nonprofits and beyond – followed by rigorous Wake Forest courses in the evenings.



The students I connected with in their fall semester commute by Metro from their Chinatown apartment building to VIP lectures, tours and visits. Cameos this past fall included former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, conservative activist Grover Norquist and NBC News correspondent Andrea Mitchell, along with visits to the White House, Pentagon and Mount Vernon.

The academic program is housed at the gleaming new Wake Washington Center, a 4,300-square-foot space centrally located at 1 Dupont Circle, where students learn and network, alumni gather and connect, and Wake Forest has planted a gold and black flag firmly in the nation's capital.

"We offer at Wake Forest this amazing core liberal arts education, and we're using the world as a learning laboratory," said Dean of the College Michele Gillespie at an open house for the Center. "D.C. is a crossroads of political and intellectual exchange — it really is powerful for us."

WORKDAY HUSTLE

Barile, who created her own major, spends her days bringing arts education to underserved students across the country to help boost their academic success through the Turnaround Arts program. During school visits, Barile helped manage celebrity appearances by singer Paula Abdul and actor Elizabeth Banks, and she assisted during a video shoot with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. She captures multimedia content to keep the program's website fresh, and she analyzes data from schools to help develop education programs. Barile is passionate about policy and works with a professional mentor from the National Parent Teacher Association, Director of Government Affairs Jacki Ball ('98). Between those opportunities and her constitutional law and policymaking classes with Politics and International Affairs Department Chair Katy Harriger,

Barile is exactly where she wants to be. "The experience I'm having here is such a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Barile said. "I'm growing so much as a person, I can already tell."

Her fellow Deacons are scattered across the city, each immersed in real-world work that matters. Like classmate Savannah Baber: the junior English and politics/international affairs double major is Native American, her mother from the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and her father from the Chickahominy Indian Tribe of Virginia. So her work for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs exemplifies the lessons she took to heart as a child.

"My parents were very adamant about raising me in my culture with knowledge of my historical heritage and modern affairs — being a native woman in the 21st century and being able to navigate that identity," Baber said. Today, she is working alongside other native people to negotiate

Annette Barile ('19) worked in Washington with the Turnaround Arts program for underserved students.



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— Michele Gillespie,
Dean of the College

relationships between tribal leaders and the U.S. government. Breathless with excitement, Baber says her semester with Wake Washington has surpassed every expectation. “I got here and thought, ‘Wow, all these people that are like me are doing this thing I want to do,’” she said. “It’s really nice to see myself represented in the office that I’m working in.”



MONDAYS AND Wednesdays, students grab dinner on the go, ordering Panera online mid-Metro ride or sharing Mexican takeout in the Wake Washington Center conference room before class with Harriger, faculty director of the Wake Washington program. They file in wearing blazers and toting briefcases or backpacks, the classroom enlivened by campus photos (including a wall-sized Wait Chapel), and dive into discussions seemingly ripped from the headlines.

Harriger says her course, American Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers and Federalism, “can be esoteric and arcane when you’re reading it back at Wake Forest. Here it’s just unfolding all around you,” such as the midsemester exploration of the jurisdiction of special prosecutors. “Every single topic,” she said, “I’ve been able

to point to stories in the news.” To prepare for the class’ first U.S. Supreme Court simulation pitting President Donald J. Trump against international refugees, Baber says the class is referencing Twitter as much as Supreme Court precedent. The current political moment stokes lively-but-civil student debate and enriches engagement. This group of Wake Washington students, Harriger says, will ask her: “‘Dr. H, did you see what happened today with the Appointments Clause?’ That almost never happens on campus.”

Between working four days a week, evening classes and special activities on Fridays, the work-school-life juggle can be tougher at Wake Washington than back in Winston-Salem. “It’s been a good experience to get to understand why the real world operates on the schedule that it does and not the 2 a.m. college schedule,” said sophomore Jay Sherrill, an intern with the Subcommittee on Trade of the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee. Sherrill and fellow students write weekly reflections on their job experiences, culminating in their 20-page research papers examining a topic related to their work; they’ll meet Harriger for office hours in the sleekly modern lobby of the apartment building they all share. A professional highlight for Sherrill was the front-row seat at a Ways and Means Committee hearing on tax and trade policy, where he met Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, in an ornate Capitol meeting room.

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CITY LIVING IS NEW to students like Kari Burgess, a junior English major from tiny Granite Falls, North Carolina, who interns for D.C. Councilmember Mary M. Cheh. Burgess spoke to me fresh from a tour of the Pentagon, where Vice Adm. C. Forrest Faison III ('80), Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy, spoke to students about public service and humanitarian aid.

Living in D.C., the cacophony of sirens and horns distracts Burgess both at night and during occasional protests during the day; her refuge is the National Gallery of Art's peaceful courtyard of fountains and ferns. In spite of the bustle, Burgess loves “the flexibility of living in a city.” Most Wake Washington students have enthusiastically embraced D.C.'s love affair with brunch, and they pack in weekend visits to museums.

Barile welcomes the fast pace: “Those drastic changes in moving are what shapes you as a person,” she said. “I wouldn't have it any other way.”

DISTRICT, SO DEAR

Jennifer Richwine ('93), executive director of the Wake Washington Center, has attended to every Deacon detail to make Wake Washington students feel at home. D.C. alumni welcomed the group with a citywide scavenger hunt at their August arrival, hitting monuments and giving everyone their public transportation sea legs. Alumni and parents have delivered hot suppers to Dupont Circle, broken bread together in rooftop apartments, secured internship opportunities and volunteered as professional mentors. Trustee Al Hunt ('65, LITD '91, P '11), Bloomberg columnist and former Washington bureau chief for The Wall





The Wake Washington Center in this building at 1 Dupont Circle has created a vibrant hub for intensive learning in the nation's capital.



PHOTO BY LESLIE KOSSOFF

Street Journal, arranged for a parade of bold-faced names to visit the Center and speak to Wake Washington students.

“My goal all along has been that this is a bridge going back to campus — both ways,” Richwine said.



THE CENTER OFFICIALLY opened its doors with a bang, feted at an evening reception last October at the Newseum. President Nathan O. Hatch told alumni and friends mingling on the balcony along Pennsylvania Avenue that in Washington, D.C., “important

conversations take place, important decisions are made ... There is room to make a difference. It is here Wake Foresters need to be.” An enormous screen featured images of the Center and its supporters, and the #WakeWashington hashtag was born. District luminaries — from Mayor Muriel Bowser to the Racing Presidents baseball mascots at Nationals Park — offered video greetings welcoming the University to the nation’s capital. And former Maryland Congresswoman Donna Edwards (’80) addressed the crowd, describing the Center as “a place for all of us who love Wake Forest to gather and support one another.”

One of the first such gatherings was the Center’s open house, a cozy affair complete with Demon Deacon cornhole. University caterers served up



Jennifer Richwine (’93) attends to every detail to create a welcoming place as executive director of the Wake Washington Center.

President Nathan Hatch, left, marked the Center's official opening with remarks at the Newseum: D.C. "is where Wake Foresters need to be."

Southern-flavored campus favorites, including pimento cheese sandwiches, Cheerwine chocolate truffles, black and gold trail mix and, of course, Arnold Palmers.

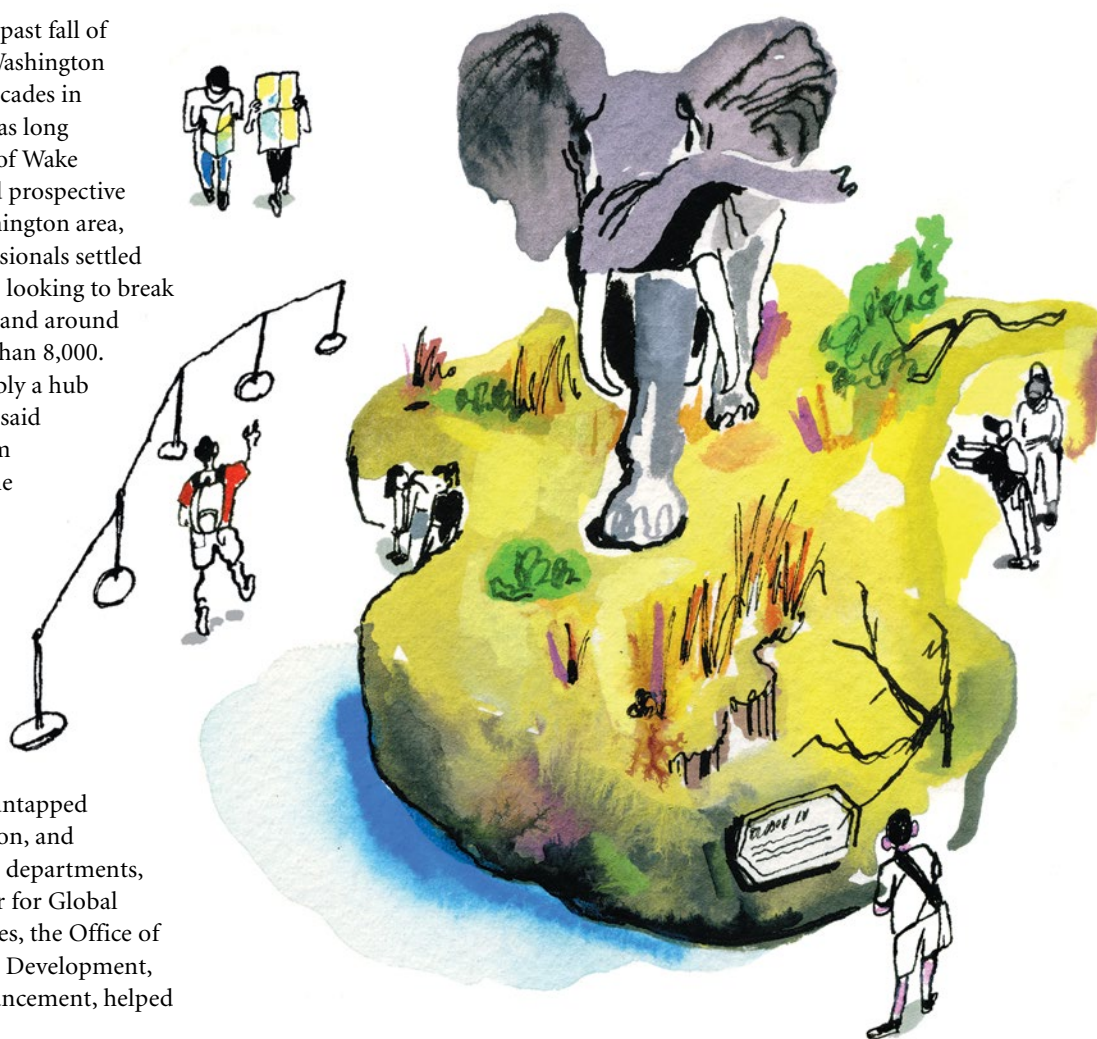
"HOW DO WE TAP INTO THIS EXCEPTIONAL ALUMNI BASE?"

The celebration this past fall of Wake Forest's new Washington home was a party decades in the making. There has long been a critical mass of Wake Forest graduates and prospective students in the Washington area, accomplished professionals settled here and newcomers looking to break in. Today, alumni in and around D.C. number more than 8,000. The city is "undeniably a hub of activity to Wake," said Jonathan Willingham ('03), president of the Wake Washington Alumni Community. "We have all this activity in a place, but there hasn't been a great focal point for that."

University leaders recognized untapped potential in the region, and collaboration across departments, including the Center for Global Programs and Studies, the Office of Personal and Career Development, and University Advancement, helped

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INSIDE

THE BELTWAY

The Wake Washington Program's inaugural class in fall 2017 interned at a range of high-profile government institutions, nonprofits, think tanks and other organizations:

- Carmen Group
- The Century Foundation
- German-American Heritage Foundation & Museum
- The Heritage Foundation
- International Rescue Committee
- The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Office of D.C. Councilmember Mary M. Cheh
- Office of U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C.
- Subcommittee on Trade of the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee
- US-Asia Institute
- U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- White House Historical Association



From left, Sarah Wakeman ('18), Emily Beeland ('19), Sanaa Jain ('19) and Larry Brett ('19) studied in the fall 2017 Wake Washington program.



blaze the trail up Interstate 95. The University previously worked with The Washington Center, a nonprofit that connects students with D.C. internships and relevant coursework, but wanted to broaden its reach.

The Wake Forest study abroad approach “pioneers a kind of learning that brings the ivory tower together with the real world,” Gillespie said. In Washington, “it’s really wonderful for our students to see generations of Wake Foresters having amazing careers, the opportunity to have these

alumni answer questions. ... What does it mean to take a wonderful liberal arts education and make sense of the world and find your place in the world?”

Richwine moved to Washington more than two years ago, serving as an adviser and University liaison to the Wake Washington Alumni Community and scouting potential sites for a University center. Philip Rogers ('05), vice president and chief of staff of the American Council on Education (ACE), was instrumental

in helping the University secure the space at the instantly recognizable address 1 Dupont Circle, home to ACE, the NCAA government relations office and a number of major higher education associations. Former Parents’ Council member Robert Shue (P ’13, ’17) was an invaluable real estate resource, Richwine said. And she has scoured her formidable Deacon Rolodex to connect students with alumni mentors in their chosen fields and assemble alumni panels on policy topics.



HARRIGER AND FELLOW committee members laid the groundwork for the academic program, envisioning its structure in the model of a Wake Forest study abroad house to ensure a rich experience. “It’s a great opportunity for lots of liberal arts students,” she said. “History, communications, art, all places you can see

easy connections to (Washington.)” She has recruited students and lined up professors for coming semesters. Professor of Communication Allan Louden led students in spring 2018, with Professor of Art and Department Chair Bernadine Barnes scheduled for fall and Politics and International Affairs Associate Teaching Professor Tom Brister for next spring. As faculty director of the Wake Washington program, Harriger will visit Washington regularly to advise future cohorts of students on their internships and accompanying research.

While the Wake Washington academic program is the centerpiece of the new site, the Dupont Circle dance card has been full from Day One: Emily Herring Wilson (MA ’62) and Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson (’43) visited for a book-signing; the Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni hosted a reception; Harriger has taught occasional evening politics classes to alumni; and the Lovefeast was livestreamed. During the spring and this summer, University law students are using the Center during judicial externships.



The lobby of the Wake Washington Center serves as the hub for alumni and students.



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- Katy Harriger



From left, Nikko Martins ('20), Christian Ricci ('20) and Tiffany Nunez ('20) started their spring 2018 semester in snowy D.C.



From left, Jay Sherrill ('20), Sanaa Jain ('19) and Stephan Jaksch ('19) waited for the Metro.



Katy Harriger, left, Politics and International Affairs Department Chair, helped lay the groundwork for the Wake Washington academic program.

“The physical space itself will be transformative,” alumnus Willingham said.

The Center is equipped with high-tech classrooms and conference rooms to host video alumni panels for job seekers back on campus, networking sessions for recent grads, large receptions, space for faculty researchers and alumni gatherings big and small. Richwine oversaw the transformation of the facility from fluorescently lit cubicles carved up by walls to a bright, airy hub filled with light and possibility.

“There’s not a better time in Washington for WFU to provide a pipeline of people who know how to think ... who really know how to bring people from disparate groups together for a common cause,” Richwine said. “It’s Pro Humanitate in just the right place, in just the right time.” True to the Pro

Humanitate spirit, Wake Washington students and alumni came together in November to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Martha’s Table, a D.C.-area nonprofit that provides education services, healthy food and emergency assistance to families in need.

Now that the Wake Washington Center is up and running, Gillespie says the University is looking farther afield, considering the possibility of a similar academic internship program based in Silicon Valley, to be called Wake West. “The same values baked into our undergraduate education at our College, we’re taking them to these academic programs in other places,” Gillespie said. “What we do is rigorous, academically excellent, and it helps the student see how the world works.”

“WE OFFER AT WAKE FOREST THIS AMAZING CORE LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION, AND WE’RE USING THE WORLD AS A LEARNING LABORATORY. D.C. IS A CROSSROADS OF POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGE — IT REALLY IS POWERFUL FOR US.”

- Michele Gillespie



REAL WORLD LEARNING

Savannah Baber's lesson in the workings of the world was nothing short of inspirational. Throughout the semester, she dedicated her time in the Capitol to gaining federal recognition for a number of Native American tribes, including her father's. A bill that had languished in Congress for nearly two decades passed in January, recognizing six Virginia tribes as sovereign nations. It was her family's dream come true. "I get to see this day as the ultimate culmination of my semester in D.C.," Baber said. "Wake Washington will always be with me."



BACK IN THE Kennedy Center, Barile sits in a cinderblock rehearsal room with mirrored walls, ballet barres,

acoustic ceiling panels and a grand piano shoved in the corner. Out a window, the Washington Monument pokes above D.C.'s low-slung skyline. She and two dozen or so Kennedy Center interns are refining their pitches for arts outreach programs, critiquing one another's analyses and designs. Soon, they will present their ideas — one group proposing expanded literary and poetry programming, another the creation of a new Kennedy Center app, among others — to senior executives for a "Shark Tank"-style evaluation. Top proposals have the potential to be developed by Kennedy Center staff.

"Learning in the classroom is great, but learning in the real world, where you're really involved in high stakes work, is even better," said Sydney Krieck, the Kennedy Center internship and fellowship coordinator leading Barile's program.

Workdays at the iconic space are filled with colorful surprises: Barile's desk sits above the "Book of Mormon" rehearsal space, and she eats lunch at wooden picnic tables on the terrace

overlooking the Potomac River and Lincoln Memorial.

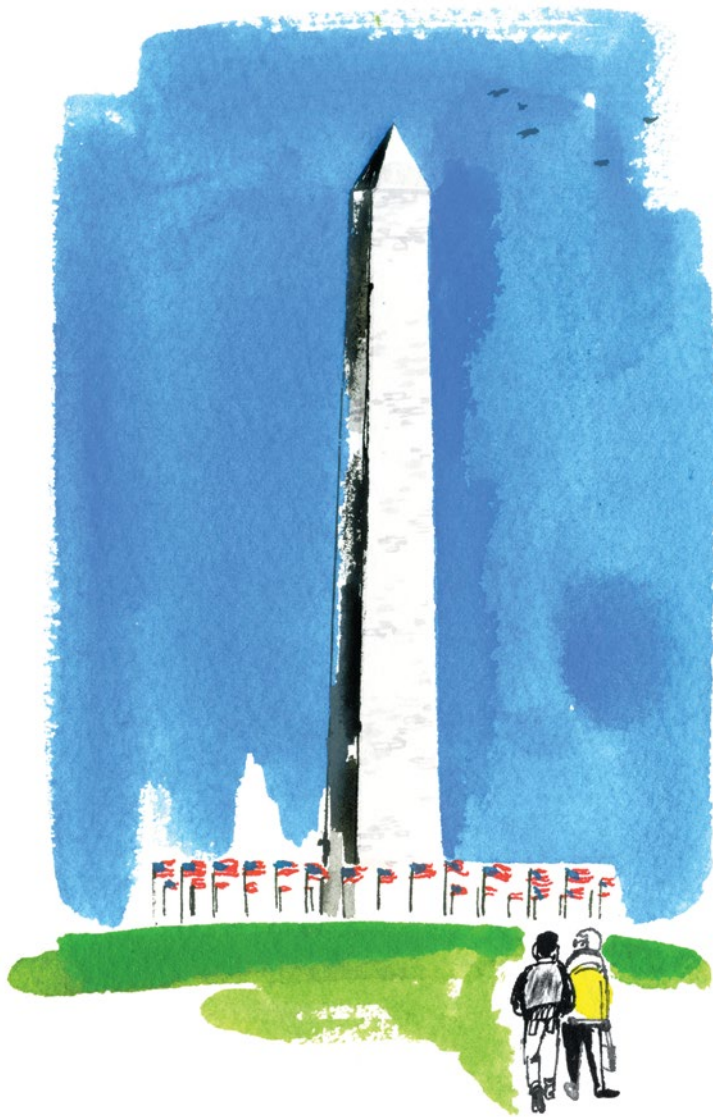
"You never know what kind of things are happening with the Kennedy Center, which is really exciting," Barile says, recounting meetings with the director of the National Symphony Orchestra and other arts executives, and guidance in crafting resumes and cover letters. She leads me back out through the warren of offices and backstage cubbies, into the soaring marble Hall of States, beneath flags and chandeliers. A Spanish-style guitar player noodles before a performance, the notes vibrating across the lobby.

"I honestly love the internship experience," Barile said. "I've loved it since Week One and I still do ... I really feel like I do learn something new every day."

Susannah Rosenblatt ('03) was a Nancy Susan Reynolds Scholar at Wake Forest. She was a reporter at the Los Angeles Times, co-authored a Michelin guidebook to Taiwan, and is a writer and nonprofit communications strategist in Arlington, Virginia.



Savannah Baber ('19) in early May became the University's first recipient of a Udall Scholarship from the Morris and Stewart Udall Foundation. The scholarships, established in 1992 by Congress, went to 50 sophomores and juniors nationally this year for leadership, public service and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or the environment. Each student receives up to \$7,000.



MOVERS AND SHAKERS

These D.C. insiders visited the Wake Washington Center last fall to speak with students:

Former U.S. Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**

Former U.S. Rep. **Donna Edwards ('80)**, D-Md.

Vice Adm. **C. Forrest Faison III ('80)**,
Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy

Shane Harris ('98), The Wall Street Journal's cybersecurity and intelligence reporter who in January joined The Washington Post

Peter D. Hart, public opinion pollster

Al Hunt ('65, LITD '91, P '11), University trustee, Bloomberg columnist and former Washington bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal

Vernon Jordan, business executive, civil rights leader and adviser to former President Bill Clinton

Andrea Mitchell, NBC News chief foreign affairs correspondent

Grover Norquist, founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform and conservative activist

Gerald F. Seib, Washington bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal

Karen Tumulty (P '14, '19), national political columnist for The Washington Post

Jeffrey Zients, former director of the National Economic Council and acting director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama administration and currently CEO of The Cranemere Group Limited

MEET THE PROFESSOR

Olga

*Founding Chair of
the Department of Engineering*

Pierrakos

Last year, **Olga Pierrakos** was appointed to chair and help create the University's new undergraduate engineering department, based in Wake Downtown. Classes began last fall for 54 students. **Maria Henson ('82)** of Wake Forest Magazine interviewed Pierrakos about her career and plans.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEN BENNETT

The following excerpts have been edited and condensed.

MARIA HENSON: What did it mean to you to be appointed Wake Forest's first chair of the new Department of Engineering?

OLGA PIERRAKOS: My husband and I have twins. Our first pregnancy was one (baby), but then we had twins. I tell people (becoming chair) is willingly having twins again. I've been a founding faculty member of a previous new engineering department, and so willingly to do that again, it was definitely a commitment.

The opportunity I saw was that I'd learned so much of what worked well and what didn't work so well. The opportunity to reflect on that first experience — on all the knowledge and all the experience I had at NSF (National Science Foundation) on a national level — I felt I have to do this. ...

It was really the people who sold me. Just the fact that the search committee had the chair of physics, the chair of computer science. This reflected to me an environment that is welcoming. It's collaborative not competitive. I saw the right ingredients there. To have a dean who's an historian (Michele Gillespie). That is amazing to me to have a dean who's an historian and not an engineer. To meet the provost (Rogan Kersh '86) — a political scientist. I liked the nontraditional elements that I saw.

HENSON: What makes Wake Forest different from other places you've worked?

PIERRAKOS: It definitely is the culture. You can look at it structurally, too. You have the undergraduate college, and there



are 29 departments that report to a dean. You don't have a separate engineering college or an applied science college or humanities. We're all equal partners. No one department has more value or a louder voice than anybody else. ... The fact that this is a research university (that expects) the faculty will be top educators and top scholars at the same time. This is what the dean calls being an engaged scholar. I like that. That's a high bar, and I like a high bar.

HENSON: Tell me about your students.

PIERRAKOS: I am so impressed with them. I wasn't sure what kind of students we would get. This is my first time being at a private institution, so I wasn't sure. I'm thinking, OK, we're going to get entitled students (who) think they'll just rule the world. And I've been really pleasantly surprised that we didn't. We get students of very high caliber, high intellect. (They) really are here to take on and have a liberal arts education with engineering as a major.

“How do we create engineering courses that infuse those elements of the liberal arts — whether it’s bringing colleagues from art, from design, from computer science, from humanities, from social science — into our classrooms?”



“I was just good in math and science, and so everybody would just kind of mention, ‘Oh, you should be an engineer,’ and I would look at them and say, ‘What are you talking about? I don’t build cars. I don’t want to be a mechanic.’”

HENSON: What’s your vision for them?

PIERRAKOS: How do we create engineering courses that infuse those elements of the liberal arts — whether it’s bringing colleagues from art, from design, from computer science, from humanities, from social science — into our classrooms? It’s building those links from day one in what truly is the University’s mission — to educate the whole person. ... To really achieve all these pieces requires that you create authentic experiences.

This whole first year has been about a project-based curriculum. We talk about producing internship-ready engineering students by year one when that typically doesn’t happen until (at least the end of) sophomore year. By the time they finish their first year they will have done five projects. First, they did individual design projects. The main learning outcome was to learn the design process. Students went through the design process to design a chair for themselves. They learned CAD (computer-aided design), 3-D printing, prototyping (and) ideation that they then had to deliver and showcase.

The second project was a team-based project: Sensing the City. It gave the opportunity for students to look around the city and identify a research question that they could collect data on and develop a research design and do some analysis. They looked at air pollution and used air-pollution sensors. They went through understanding what a research process looks like.

And then, this semester (spring 2018), they’re doing three other current, real-world projects. One is looking at driverless cars and policy and the ethical implications that come with that. We have a second project that is targeting access to clean water. ... The third project is a client-based project. It came from the School of Medicine. We had two physicians who do emergency medicine who wanted us to evaluate the transportation of patients using a backboard versus a stretcher. ... Is the backboard better or is the stretcher better to immobilize the patient and minimize movement? Students are collecting data and coming up with a research design for recommendations for these doctors. I think eventually what this will lead to is an actual research project.



HENSON: Tell me about your attraction to engineering. I read that you were a tinkerer as a toddler, taking things apart but not really putting them back together.

PIERRAKOS: I definitely tinkered and broke stuff, and then couldn't put it back together, including toys, even dolls. I used to make clothing (for the dolls). I wanted to create things. I think it laid the groundwork for becoming an engineer. I had no engineers in my family, so I had no clue what engineers do and what engineering is. I went through middle school, high school. I was just good in math and science, and so everybody would just kind of mention, 'Oh, you should be an engineer,' and I would look at them and say, 'What are you talking about? I don't build cars. I don't want to be a mechanic.'

I started as an undergraduate as a biology major, thinking that I wanted to go to medical school because I wanted to help people. Something just didn't click. It just felt like a lot of memorizing to me. ... I wanted to do something that's more practical, something that felt like I can do something that was hands-on, minds-on, kind of creating something ... that helps people.

And I'm like, OK, let me just try engineering. I picked a department that at the time had a concentration in biomedical engineering, so in my mind I was thinking, OK, I'm mixing biology (and) engineering, and this can still lead me to medical school. I just fell in love with engineering, the ways that engineers think, the problem-solving, the creativity, the design, the research that comes with that. And that was it.

HENSON: What are you proud of — a hard problem you tackled?

PIERRAKOS: I've done about 20 years of research in prosthetic heart valves, so as an engineer I'm very proud of the work I've done in looking at the flow in the heart and the flow past prosthetic heart valves.

HENSON: What advice do you have for parents about promoting an affinity for science and math in their little girls?

PIERRAKOS: Explore the world. Go to the museums. Expose them to science and engineering artifacts that exist in the world around us. Raise questions when you go to a new building: 'How do you think someone made the decision to use this material here? Why?' Just look at everything around us. If it wasn't for engineers and scientists, many of the things wouldn't exist. Exposure and questioning and curiosity.

There are many programs that are happening in the K-12 system and at the universities that offer outreach.

Find those opportunities, and take your daughter there; take your son there.

Far too often what research shows is that students who go into engineering — certainly female students but many students — are there because they have a parent or a relative who's an engineer. There isn't enough understanding about what engineers do and what engineering is.

HOMETOWN:

Sparta, Greece, until the age of 10, when her family moved to Richmond, Virginia

CAREER AND EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, Virginia Tech—Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering & Sciences
- Founding faculty member and associate professor of the engineering department at James Madison University; helped establish the department in 2008
- Program director of the undergraduate education division of the National Science Foundation, overseeing a \$100 million portfolio to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education at colleges and universities
- NSF CAREER Award in 2009, which recognizes select junior faculty members nationally who excel as teacher-scholars
- State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award in the category of "Rising Star" in 2013



ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY FOR A MODERN LIFE • THREE PROFESSORS POINT TO WISDOM FROM GREEK AND ROMAN PHILOSOPHERS TO HELP ANYONE LIVING IN TODAY'S FAST-PACED WORLD • BY CAROL L. HANNER

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PERHAPS ANSWERING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EASY, BUT IT CAN SEEM MORE DIFFICULT TODAY AS THE SPEED AND DEPTH OF CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES ADD A FEW KILOTONS OF PRESSURE TO THE GAME OF LIFE.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO LIVE?

WE DECIDED TO LOOK BACK INTO TIME — WAY BACK — TO SEE WHAT ADVICE THE CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHERS OF GREECE AND ROME MIGHT OFFER FOR LIVING A BETTER LIFE. (OF COURSE, THEY ARE NOT THE FIRST OR ONLY SOURCE OF HUMANKIND'S PLAY-

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THE WRITINGS OF SOCRATES, PLATO AND OTHER OLDIES-BUT-GOODIES DELVE INTO THE MANY COMPLEXITIES OF PHILOSOPHY. WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL TAKEAWAYS? THREE PROFESSORS AGREED TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS.



From Professor **MARY PENDERGRAFT**, who chairs the Department of Classical Languages:

- **Have honest confrontations with our uncertainty and be wise enough to know the limits of our wisdom.**
- **Ask uncomfortable questions.**
- **Prize doing the right thing even more than staying alive.**

Pendergraft said Plato made these points in his *Apology of Socrates* to show that Socrates (circa 469-399 B.C.) was wrongfully executed after he was found guilty of politically motivated charges that he had “corrupted the youth” of Athens. (“*Apology*” is simply the Greek term for a defendant’s speech in court.)

This was the first Greek text that Pendergraft read as a college freshman in 1972, and it fascinated her. Americans at the time were protesting the Vietnam War and discovering the Watergate corruption scandal that would force President Richard

M. Nixon to resign. She was seeing the relevancy of speaking truth to power and having moral courage.

Plato (circa 427-347 B.C.) noted Socrates’ surprising view that even if your enemies kill you, “a good man cannot be harmed either in life or in death, and that his affairs are not neglected by the gods,” Pendergraft said. He was saying that living justly is more important than any physical harm you face, she said.

Today, powerful people often are unwilling to recognize the limits of their knowledge, she said. “We’ve got a great example of people in power who don’t examine their preconceptions, or whether there are other ways of understanding, or whether their presentation of ideas is reasonable or correct or just in any way.”

Coming back to these touchstones reminds us that “money and power are not more important than living in justice, and knowing exactly what you know or how little you know is also important in figuring out the right way to live,” Pendergraft said.



From **MICHAEL C. SLOAN**, associate professor in the Department of Classical Languages:

- **Make a habit of refusing immediate urges. If you can say no to small impulses, you can begin to say no to big ones.**
- **Increase your appetite for the good and beautiful, but diminish your appetites for that which distorts the good or is destructive.**
- **To control your appetite either way, you must control your eyes and ears. What you see and hear will affect you, so choose wisely what your mind and senses take in.**

“Grit,” a quality in successful people who demonstrate discipline and perseverance, Sloan said, is a much-lauded buzzword in the world of leadership, character and human refinement. Grit is often valued even above intelligence and charisma. “Recent studies show that those who have grit also have the

highest capacity for delayed gratification,” Sloan said. “The finding is not as new as we may think. There is a long line of classical poets and philosophers who swam in that river.”

Sloan said the Roman poet Lucretius (circa 99-55 B.C.) witnessed a period of demagoguery, fallow fields and many revolts threatening to overthrow the government. Lucretius saw the results of unchecked greed and appetites, and he called on Romans to control their senses.

In his philosophical treatise *On Moral Duties*, Roman politician and philosopher Cicero (circa 106-43 B.C.) taught his son: your eyes control your mind, your mind controls your actions, and your actions *are* your character, Sloan said.

“To exhibit good character, grit and responsible leadership qualities, we must guard our mind and appetites, which means if we follow Lucretius and many other ancient poets and philosophers, we must guard our eyes and ears.”



If you're seeing a trend here that these philosophers emphasized virtue as key to happiness, you're right. From **EMILY AUSTIN**, associate professor in the Department of Philosophy who specializes in Greeks of yore:

- **You can be wrong about whether you're happy.**
- **Virtue is necessary for happiness, so the vicious — however wealthy and powerful they might be — cannot be happy.**
- **Desires for wealth and honor are the greatest impediments to cultivating virtue.**

Greek ethical philosophy starts from a psychological assumption that guides pretty much everyone: we want to be happy, Austin said. But the Greeks — the philosophers, if not the man on the street — didn't define happiness the way we generally do, Austin said. They called it eudaimonia (ew-dye-mon-EE-ah), and they believed it was an objective thing, like saying water is H₂O, not a subjective feeling, she said.

This can seem strange to us, Austin said. We know unethical people who say they are happy, and we know many morally upstanding people who are nevertheless wracked by unhappiness.

"We don't want people to tell us we're not happy when we take ourselves to be. That seems like an affront to us, but we're often actually happy saying this about others," Austin said. We may say that a person in an abusive relationship thinks he or she is happy but really isn't. We may say our friend thinks he is happy in a career when we see him as obviously in the wrong job.

There are certain challenges to the idea that happiness requires virtue, such as the tyrant or psychopath who relishes bad behavior. "The ancients are just going to push their finger in your face and be like, 'Do you really think that is happiness? Really?'" Austin said. "Plato says when you're vicious, your soul lacks harmony, so you're going to have some tension in your soul between your beliefs and your desires."

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SO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE NEW YORKER?

*From the time she was a child Emma Hunsinger ('13) did.
Last November, the cartoonist succeeded.*

BY CHERIN C. POOVEY (P '08)
PHOTOGRAPHY BY PERRI HOFMANN

In 2015 Robert Mankoff, longtime cartoon editor for The New Yorker, told TIME magazine there were seven simple steps to getting a cartoon in the savvy, sophisticated publication. They included getting a day job, having an unmistakable voice and looking at the world as if you were an alien. Above all, he said, cartoonists who aim to publish in The New Yorker should aspire to have a distinctive style. “It’s not the ink,” he said, “it’s the think.”

With his own pen and idiosyncratic approach, Mankoff, who retired last year, drew one of the magazine’s iconic cartoons: a businessman on the phone consulting his appointment book. “No, Thursday’s out,” reads the caption. “How about never — is never good for you?”

In the life plan of artist Emma Hunsinger ('13), Mankoff’s “never” was no good at all. As early as grade school she knew she wanted to sell cartoons to The New Yorker and make a living off her work. In 2017, after years of drawing and redrawing, pitching and rejection, the self-proclaimed perpetual doodler’s perseverance paid off when her cartoon, “American Girl,” was published in the Nov. 27 issue. Drawn in Hunsinger’s characteristic linear style, the cartoon depicts a weaponized American Girl doll, dressed in frock and Mary Janes, being confronted by police officers reporting a “417K” — police code for “person with a knife.”









"We've got a 417K in progress. Suspect is a two-foot Victorian-era American Girl doll accessorized with a plaid frock, matching bow, black Mary Janes, and a nine-inch Ka-Bar."

EMMA HUNSINGER/THE NEW YORKER COLLECTION/THE CARTOON BANK

A knife-wielding doll being confronted by the law? Perhaps not everyone's recipe for a spontaneous belly laugh, but the artist is fine with that. "With any given cartoon there will be a split on people who like it or get it versus people who think it's silly or could be better," Emma said. "It's very subjective how funny it is. I guess I was just thinking about how everyone thinks dolls are really creepy."

Emma came to Wake Forest from New Canaan, Connecticut, a free spirit whose fascination had always been cartoons. Her father, who is in the publishing business, regularly

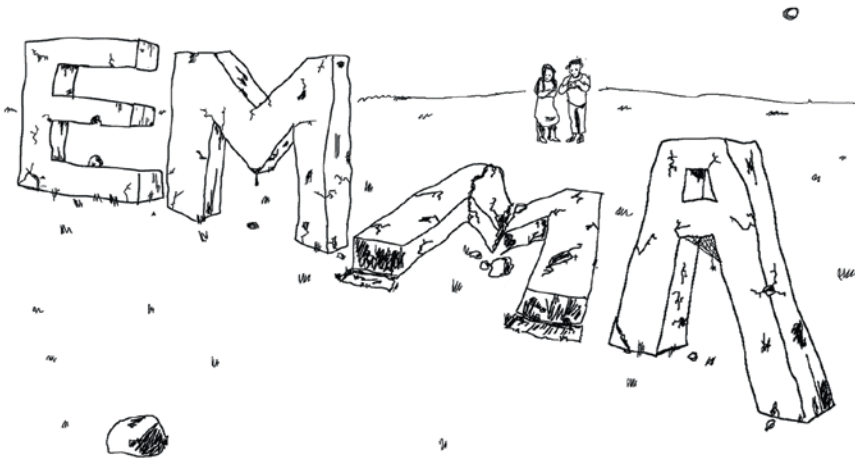
brought home magazines to show her examples. In middle school she pored over a book and CD collection of every New Yorker cartoon from the 1920s to the 2000s. "I read it cover to cover, and I loved them."

She cartooned for her high school newspaper and arrived at college unsure whether to major in studio art. "I kind of waffled a bit because you could choose drawing, printmaking, photography, video ... but there was no specific cartooning focus. I sold myself short thinking I wasn't good enough to be a fine artist so I shouldn't major in studio art," she said. "By my sophomore year I wanted to get better at it. You don't go to college to stay good at what you're

really good at, so I double-majored in studio art, with a focus on drawing, and in communication."

After graduation Emma, who lives in Brooklyn, submitted her resume to Condé Nast, publisher of The New Yorker, and she interviewed at Teen Vogue and Bon Appetit. She was hired by The New Yorker as a sales assistant who answered phones, managed emails and fetched coffee. "It was great because you have to be scrappy to be an assistant in New York," she said.

The position paid off as she began meeting people on the editorial side and got a glimpse of what went on. She started submitting cartoon drafts, and one of her efforts — a flow chart titled



“Can I Wear This T-shirt to Work?” was subsequently published online. “I read they get 500 or 1,000 submissions a week and they only buy 12-15 cartoons a week,” Emma said. “It’s an extremely competitive publication.”

In 2016, she left the sales assistant job and started work as a line cook, making pizzas to pay the bills while she devoted herself to her cartoons. “American Girl” was her second sale to *The New Yorker* and the first to be published in print.

Emma’s dry wit, along with her intellectual curiosity and knack for constantly questioning, is perfectly suited for *The New Yorker*, said her Wake Forest mentor, Teaching Professor of Art Leigh Ann Hallberg (P ’12). “I think in the ‘American Girl’ cartoon she is questioning the cultural assumption that the doll is, well, the epitome of niceness. She just goes, ‘Really?’”

Leigh Ann was Emma’s champion

when it came to esteem and self-confidence, encouraging her not to take herself too seriously and to hang on to that sense of playfulness that everyone loved. At the same time, the teacher helped her student perfect drawing technique, question what she was doing and try other things. “She encouraged

me to keep making art and keep making silly art,” Emma said. “It helped so much to learn about art history and how people have used art as communication.”

“Everyone loves Emma,” said Leigh Ann. “She’s just one of those people that when they pop into your head, you just smile.” Unlike most

students, Emma took her class notes in pictures, not words. As a freshman, “she was beautiful and wild — not lost — never lost,” said her mentor. “She had all kinds of energy and enthusiasm but, like many students, was searching for direction. We just kind of instantaneously loved her; she was very talented.”

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Katie Wolf ('13), Emma's friend and classmate who is assistant director of the University's Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery, recalled a day when it was pouring rain and she noticed a drenched student, weighed down by a backpack, chugging across Davis Field. She drove closer and discovered it was Emma, then stopped to offer her a ride.

"We were talking about this series of drawings she did called 'The Angry Animal Teenager Series' that I just loved," said Katie. "The person with bird legs, the kid in the corner with eczema, the jackass guy ... I saw it as her sort of poking fun at traditional bullying tactics." The next day, Emma gave Katie the drawings and said, "Thank you for taking me home; I want you to have these." "They are some of my favorite possessions," Katie said.

While Emma spent much of her time in Scales Fine Arts Center, she worked at WAKE Radio and was a member of the Lilting Banshees comedy troupe, calling it the perfect mental gym in which to exercise her comedy muscles. She immersed herself in volunteer work, including Campus Kitchen every Friday.

The student humanitarian trips to Vietnam her junior and senior years

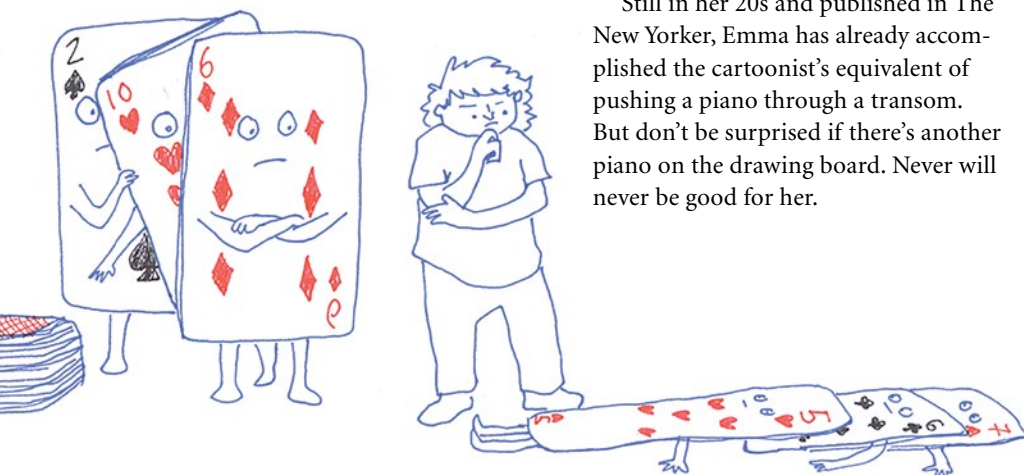


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broadened her world view and influenced her art. "Just to be exposed to what's on the opposite side of the Earth was so powerful and gave me a sense of scale about how big I am and what matters," Emma said. "It really made my brain bigger in a way that's helpful to a cartoonist. If you want to be funny and smart you've got to know a lot and experience a lot. That was huge for me."

Describing her work as delightful, innocuous and silly, Emma appears to have what editor Mankoff was looking for: a distinctive style and the think, not just the ink. "That's the work I want to be making," she said.

Still in her 20s and published in *The New Yorker*, Emma has already accomplished the cartoonist's equivalent of pushing a piano through a transom. But don't be surprised if there's another piano on the drawing board. Never will never be good for her.





THE MAN BEHIND

FROM LAW SCHOOL TO
THE BROADCAST BOOTH,
JASON BENETTI (JD '11)

ALWAYS FINDS HIS
PERFECT WHEELHOUSE.

THE

VOICE

BY **KERRY M. KING ('85)**

Photography by Charles Cherney





AIRPORTS

are the curse of Jason Benetti's life. That's an especially bad thing for someone who spends more time in the air — and on the air — than in his Chicago apartment.

It's at airports, as he hurries to catch his next flight, that his disjointed gait attracts the most unwanted attention. Inevitably, a well-meaning airport employee in a cart will pull up beside him and offer a ride.

"I'm good, thanks," he tells them.

When a TSA agent once offered to get him a cane, Benetti (JD '11) resisted the urge to shout, "Yes, I want a cane. To hit you over the head!"

Had Benetti spoken up, perhaps the TSA agent might have focused on the almighty power of the Benetti voice, not the inelegance of the Benetti gait.



Benetti is the television play-by-play announcer for the Chicago White Sox. Even if you don't live in Chicago, you've probably heard his smooth baritone. He also announces college baseball, basketball and football games on ESPN. You may have done a double take if you saw Benetti announce Wake Forest's win over Texas A&M in the Belk Bowl in December. With his glasses, his slight build and his lazy eye — or as he prefers to call it, his “curious eye” that looks off to the side even when Benetti faces someone — he does not look like the typical sports announcer. But blessed with a beautiful voice, a quick wit, a sharp mind and a gift for storytelling, Benetti has moved up from broadcasting high school football and Minor League Baseball games on the radio to television's big leagues.

“He has pipes that most of us can only dream of having,” says Dan Bernstein, co-host of a long-running radio sports show in Chicago.

Benetti, 34, also has cerebral palsy. “CP,” as it's often called, is a neurological disorder caused by abnormal development or damage to the brain before, during or shortly after birth. Its symptoms vary widely, but CP most often affects body movement and muscle coordination. One in three people with CP can't walk; one in five can't talk, according to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. For Benetti, the only lasting signs are his unusual gait and his lazy eye.

He's overcome those challenges to achieve his boyhood goal. Growing up on the South Side of Chicago, he cheered on his beloved White Sox. When his elementary-school teacher asked students to write a paper on what they wanted to be when they grew up, Benetti already knew. Some of his classmates might have dreamed of playing for the Sox or their crosstown rivals to the north, the Cubs. Benetti wanted to be the broadcaster calling the home runs and double plays for the Sox.



voice in the courtroom, he's using it in a different field to change the way we look at someone with a disability.

"I'm a firm believer that some people, through no fault of their own, have never encountered someone like me," Benetti says. "It's made me realize that someone with a disability has the opportunity to surprise people every day. You have the chance every day to change someone's mind."

"You always hear, 'don't judge a book by its cover,' and then we do."

On a frigid February morning, Benetti enters Guaranteed Rate Field in South Chicago under a sign that reads "World Champions, 1906, 1917, 2005." He walks at a fast clip through the White Sox front offices. "I forget that I walk differently from other people," he says. "Then I'll walk by a mirror, and I'm like, 'That's funny.' It's like I forget about it, which is so extravagantly impossible."

From the TV booth, high above home plate, Benetti enjoys a magnificent view of the field. He's been coming to this ballpark since he was a child.

His mom, Sue, was a Sox fan. His dad, Rob, began as a Cubs fan, perhaps, Benetti quips, due to a poor upbringing. (Rob has long since converted.)

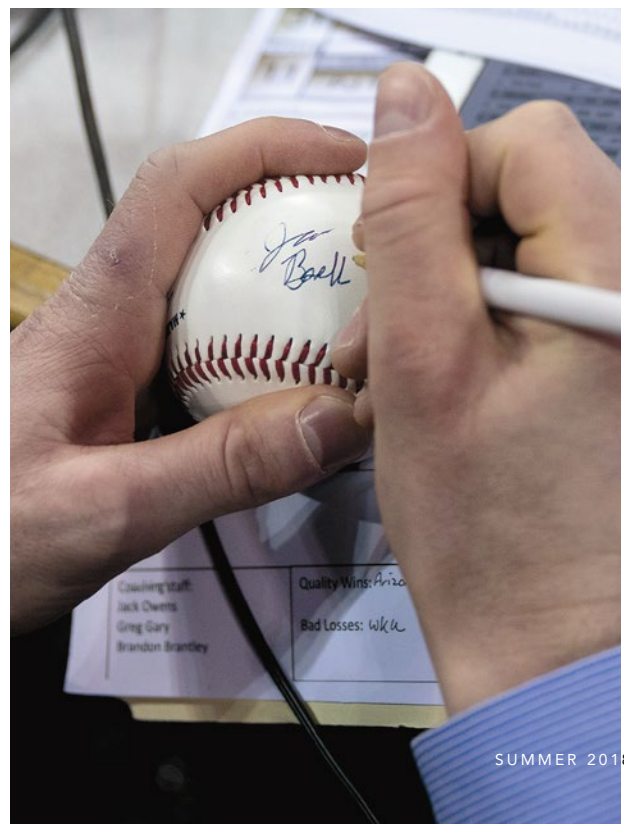
"I wonder what my life will be like 20 years from now," a young Benetti wrote in elementary school. "I would like to be the White Sox sportscaster. As long as I don't look like Harry Carray [sic]. I idolise [sic] Ken Harrelson. ... I love the whole world of sportscasting. I wonder how they do it, maybe I will find out one day."

His mom saved everything her only child made, including the paper immortalizing her little boy's dream.

The little boy grew up to be named, in 2016, the successor to his boyhood idol, Harrelson, as the television play-by-play announcer for the White Sox. It's a lofty perch also once held by Baseball Hall of Famer Harry Caray, who spent a decade with the Sox before joining the Cubs.

"The White Sox hit a home run," Benetti's TV partner, Steve Stone, told the Chicago Tribune when Benetti was hired.

Benetti's Wake Forest law professors still think he would make a fine attorney. But instead of using his commanding



The Cubs-Sox rivalry runs deep. On a basic level, it's a north-south divide. The North Side Cubs play in venerable Wrigley Field in the middle- and upper-income Lakeview neighborhood. The Cubs are better known nationally because of their extensive television reach.

The South Side White Sox play in the more racially diverse, working-class Bridgeport neighborhood and boast among their fans former President Barack Obama. Their historic ballpark, Comiskey Park, was razed in 1991 to make way for a modern venue, which, after three name changes, is called Guaranteed Rate Field, for a residential mortgage company.

Benetti is too young to remember Comiskey Park, torn down when he was only 7. But the old park is tied to his family history in the oddest of ways. His parents were walking to Comiskey for a game when a chunk of concrete fell off a building. It missed Sue, five months pregnant with Jason, but it struck Rob in the back of the head, causing severe neck and back injuries. He remained hospitalized when Jason was born six weeks later at the same hospital. (Rob eventually recovered and became an air traffic controller in nearby Aurora.)

Born 10 weeks premature, Benetti spent three months in the hospital. He survived a respiratory illness but was

diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which required several surgeries on his legs. He used a wheelchair in first grade and later wore leg braces.

Otherwise, his childhood was normal, and he credits his parents. He loved sports from an early age, playing Wiffle ball and a mean game of H-O-R-S-E on the basketball court. He spent hours in his bedroom playing sports video games and watching games, with a twist. He would turn down the volume and "announce" the games, drawing on players' names and statistics that he had memorized.

The Benettis lived close enough to the ballpark to take in Sox games regularly. He remembers once as a young boy struggling to climb to the second to last row in the upper deck. "Hey, mom and dad, maybe next time we could sit a little lower."

What he remembers most?

The smell of the park and of the food: the bratwurst, sausages and onions, and funnel cakes. And, not surprisingly, he recalls the voice of the public-address announcer, Gene Honda, still announcing today, sitting in the booth to Benetti's right on game days.

If he wasn't at the games, Benetti was listening to Ed Farmer on the radio or watching Ken Harrelson on television. "Early on, I knew I liked the people who talked about sports. ... It's easy for people to say, 'Well, he's calling it because he couldn't play it,'" Benetti says, quickly dispensing with that notion. "I was never calling out my name when I was a kid. I had no sports-y aspirations. Would I like to be a crossword-puzzle champion? Maybe. But no sports-y aspirations."

In high school, Benetti played the tuba, not exactly the best choice for marching band for a slight kid who had trouble walking. A kindly band teacher came up with what he thought was the perfect solution for the band's halftime performances at football games. He stationed Benetti at the 20-yard-line while the rest of the band marched around him, like "planets circling the sun," is how Benetti remembers it.

"JASON HAS QUICKLY BECOME A 'RISING STAR' TO WHITE SOX FANS."

— BOB GRIM



Bob Grim, senior director of business development and broadcasting for the White Sox, at right, with Jason Benetti.



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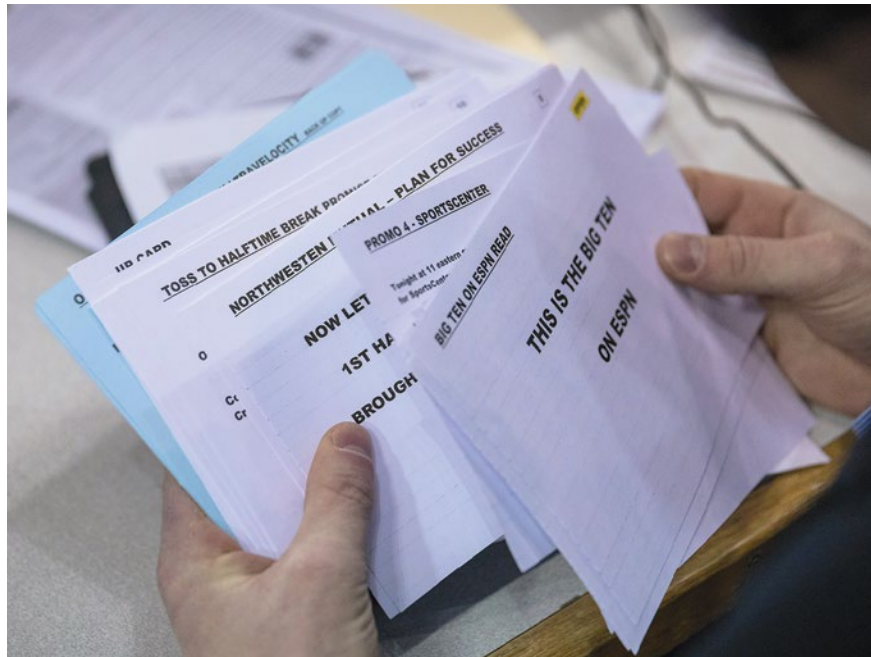
When that didn't work out, the band director had another idea. He dispatched Benetti up to the press box to announce the band's halftime show. "Coming up next," Benetti remembers the script, "medley from 'Ragtime.'" He was soon announcing football games on the school's radio station. He was good at it, and he loved it. He was in the game.

In person and on Twitter, Benetti is funny and engaging. He's quick with a self-deprecating line about his disability. On his Twitter page, he's posted a YouTube link to the classic Monty Python skit, "The Ministry of Silly Walks." In the skit, John Cleese plays a bureaucrat at a fictional British government agency who displays an over-the-top routine of silly walking.

Shouldn't he be offended by a skit that makes fun of how someone walks? Why? he asks, it's hilarious. "If that (agency) existed, I would have a cushy government job," he says, wondering why people can't talk about CP without being easily offended. "I'm comfortable enough with me at this point to say, 'Let's go; bring on your funny stuff.'"

He didn't always feel that way. Growing up, he seethed at slights or assumptions that a physical disability also meant a mental disability. When he went to college at Syracuse University, friends pushed him to get beyond his anger. You can't control what people say, they advised him, but it's your choice how you choose to react.

Now, he's willing to give people — even those at the airport — the benefit of the doubt. Offers of help come from the goodness of people's hearts, and he doesn't want to discourage that. What he does ask is that people think first before making assumptions. Don't assume that some-



one with CP can't also be a law graduate and a successful sports announcer. Talk to him. How else are you going to learn what it's like to have CP?

"At the airport, a little kid was looking at me and she said, 'Why does he walk like that?' And her dad says, 'Shhh.' First of all, I can *hear*. Why not just explain, 'He walks a little differently, but he has skills that you don't have, and you have skills that he doesn't have.' How would she know? I'm something that she's never encountered before."

At Syracuse, Benetti wasn't content to major in one subject or call only one sport. He earned degrees in broadcast journalism, economics and psychology, and he broadcast lacrosse and women's basketball games. His college demo tape captured the attention of sportscasters such as veteran ESPN announcer Sean McDonough.

"He was a network-quality play-by-play broadcaster then," McDonough says. "I've listened to dozens of student tapes over the years, and his was — and still is — the best I've heard."

"I'M A NOVELTY, LIKE A SLINKY. IMAGINE A SLINKY ROLLING DOWN YOUR STAIRS. YOU'RE 8 YEARS OLD, AND THERE'S AN ALIEN LIFE FORM COMING DOWN YOUR STAIRS. I DON'T KNOW IF KIDS HAVE A NOTION OF ME, EITHER. GENERALLY, I'M THE FIRST ONE OF ME THEY'VE SEEN."





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— RALPH PEEPLES, RETIRED WFU SCHOOL OF LAW PROFESSOR

Like the Major League players he covers for the White Sox, Benetti worked his way up from the minor leagues, calling games for teams in Syracuse, New York, and Salem, Virginia. On the radio, his inhibitions disappeared. No one could see him. No one knew that the great voice belonged to someone who had a disability.

On one of the many endless, lonely bus rides from small town to small town, he began to wonder about other careers. A friend was taking the LSAT. Benetti had always been curious and inquisitive, and even a bit argumentative, so he thought, why not go to law school?

At the time, he was also announcing basketball games for High Point University and serving as an in-studio radio host for ISP Sports in downtown Winston-Salem. He wasn't about to give up his broadcasting career. Wake Forest was convenient and, as it turned out, the perfect choice. He was upfront with his professors; he would have to miss some classes because of his schedule, but he would always be fully prepared and committed to earning his degree.

"If you lined up 1,000 law schools, 999 would have been horrible for me, and I wouldn't have finished," he says. "Wake was the one place that would have worked. I will

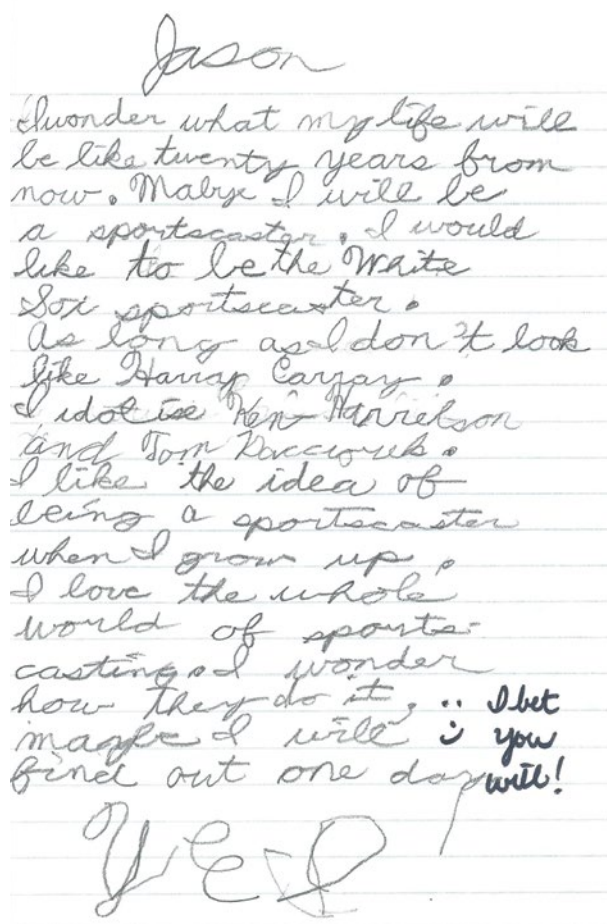


Jason Benetti calls the Wisconsin-Purdue game for ESPN in Madison, Wisconsin, in February with analyst Robbie Hummel.

love Wake not only for the people, but for what the people did for me.”

Two of his law professors, Wilson Parker (P ’00, ’10) and Ralph Peeples, baseball fans who became some of Benetti’s biggest supporters, marvel at his ability to connect with his audience by telling stories about players. Years ago, when Benetti was the announcer for the Syracuse Chiefs minor league team, Parker and Peeples would travel to Charlotte or Durham, North Carolina, for a Chiefs game and sit with him in the radio booth.

“He comes across over the air as a very articulate, quick-witted young man. What’s beneath that is hours of preparation,” says Peeples, who pauses a minute and then adds, “Kind of like a trial lawyer.”



Jason

I wonder what my life will be like twenty years from now. Maybe I will be a sportscaster. I would like to be the White Sox sportscaster. As long as I don't look like Hank Cargay. I idolize Ken Harrelson and Tom Rocco. I like the idea of being a sportscaster when I grow up. I love the whole world of sportscasting. I wonder how they do it. .. I bet maybe I will. you find out one day will!

YES!

Law school changed him in important ways, Benetti says. He learned how to relate to people, how to see both sides in an argument and how to fully prepare to present a case or announce a ballgame. “In the jury box, you could be the difference between somebody living or dying. That’s not the case generally in a sporting event — unless you’ve made a really awful wager.”

Benetti never had time to take the bar exam. His career was moving in an unexpected direction, into television. He signed with ESPN in 2011 after broadcasting high school and Minor League Baseball games on television for several years.

He speculates that he has probably lost some jobs because of employers’ concerns about his disability, but he doesn’t dwell on that. When he pursued his dream job with the White Sox, it didn’t come up. “He got the job because he’s a good broadcaster, not because of the side stories,” Brooks Boyer, the White Sox senior vice president of sales and marketing, told the Chicago Tribune.

He’s already won over White Sox fans, who love his insight into players’ backgrounds and his affinity for video game challenges. “Fans have warmly accepted Benetti’s voice into their living rooms,” says a blog post on South Side Sox. “Benetti is intelligent (and) quirky” with an “engaging personality and youthful exuberance.”

Benetti didn’t set out to be a trailblazer. He scoffs at any notion that he’s something special as a person with a disability calling a professional sport. He’s just using his mind and voice. “It’s not like I’ve become the home-run king or started throwing the javelin.”

He doesn’t want to be the best sports announcer with cerebral palsy; if he does a good job, viewers and fans won’t care that he has CP. But if someone finds inspiration in what he does, he’s happy to have an impact. He’s become more comfortable speaking about CP and appears in two videos to raise awareness for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

If he ever has any doubts about how far he’s come, he can drive to his parents’ house in South Chicago and ask his mother for the elementary-school paper he wrote describing his dream to become the White Sox announcer. It has a smiley face from the teacher, along with her words, “I bet you will.”

Young Jason, seeing unlimited potential, wrote underneath in large letters, “Yes!”

He made an A.



COMMENCEMENT 2018

'Don't give up; expect to win'

By CAROL L. HANNER
Photography by KEN BENNETT



WAKE FOREST AWARDED DIPLOMAS to 1,804 undergraduate, graduate and professional school students on May 21 during a Commencement that escaped the threat of rain to proceed on the green lawn of Hearn Plaza. Carla Harris, vice chairman, managing director and senior client adviser at Morgan Stanley, urged graduates to focus on choice, chance, change and courage.

Always choose options that position you to be a leader, to create a multiplier effect to help others and to stretch you the most, said Harris, who oversees Morgan Stanley's Multicultural Innovation Lab.

Realize that chance can bring crisis but that graduates' experiences have prepared them. "If you have arrived at this moment, then you have everything that you need in order to prevail in that moment. If God brings you to it, then He'll bring you through it."

Don't fear change; it involves risk, but embrace it and drive it, said Harris, who was named to Fortune Magazine's list of the 50 most powerful black executives. "The only reason that we don't take risks is that we're scared. ... Fear has no place in your success equation," she said.

Courage will be required — to lead, to overcome bias, to speak truth to power, even "to bring your authentic self to work," she said.

Harris, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws, finished her speech with the chorus of a song given to her in honor of her book "Expect to Win." She is an acclaimed gospel singer who has sold out Carnegie Hall five times.

"Expect to win, no matter what you're up against. Don't give up; don't give in, oh, yes, you can," Harris sang. "Not fear but faith will win the race. Don't give up; don't give in; expect to win."

President Nathan O. Hatch opened Commencement by urging the audience to seek the common good despite strident societal divisions. He called on graduates "to pursue both/and, to hold out your hand, look into the eyes of your sisters and brothers, open your ears and listen."

Hatch and Dean of the College Michele Gillespie recognized the 1,076 undergraduates individually as they crossed the stage to accept diplomas. On social media, gratitude, congratulations and ribbing abounded. From @taylor_mcelduff ('17, MAM '18): "To the place that made me who I am today, thanks for challenging me in ways I never thought possible and rewarding me with some of the best experiences and people I could have ever imagined." From @carl_laroe ('18): "Congrats, Isabelle! You're now officially smarter than your dogs."

His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, gave the Baccalaureate Address on May 20 at Wait Chapel and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He discussed columnist David Brooks' troubling observation that there is a global virus of entitlement. The antibiotic? Brooks says gratitude. The Cardinal referred to gratitude as "the road described in sacred Scripture, 'from me to thee, from mine to thine, from get to give, from please to thanks.'"

Besides Harris and Dolan, recipients of honorary degrees were Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison III ('80), U.S. Navy Surgeon General, Doctor of Science; Lawrence Joel, the Medal of Honor recipient for whom Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum is named, posthumous Doctor of Laws accepted by his children, Deborah and Tremaine Joel; Daniel R. Porterfield, president of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Doctor of Humane Letters; and Thomas L. Sager (JD '76), partner at Ballard Spahr LLP and diversity leader, Doctor of Laws.

Above: Speaker Carla Harris



Retiring Faculty

FROM THE REYNOLDA CAMPUS

B. Rajaram Baliga (P '00), D.B.A., Professor of Business, 28 years

Richard D. Carmichael ('64, P '03), Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, 47 years

Patricia C. Dixon, M.M., Senior Lecturer of Music, 38 years

Paul D. Escott, Ph.D., Professor of History, 30 years

Herbert Miles Foy III, J.D., Professor of Law, 34 years

Candelas S. Gala, Ph.D., Professor of Spanish and Italian, 40 years

Lee G. Knight (P '07), Ph.D., Professor of Business, 19 years

Raymond E. Kuhn (P '94), Ph.D., William L. Poteat Professor of Biology, 50 years

Bill J. Leonard, Ph.D., Professor of Divinity, 22 years

Dale R. Martin (P '93), D.B.A., Professor of Business, 35 years

Ralph A. Peeples, J.D., Professor of Law, 39 years

Mary Lynn B. Redmond, Ed.D., Professor of Education, 29 years

Bruce G. Resnick, D.B.A., Professor of Business, 22 years

Charles P. Rose Jr., J.D., LL.M., Professor of Law, 45 years

Brooke A. Saladin (P '95), Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business, 35 years

Mary G. Scanlon, M.L.I.S., M.B.A., Librarian of ZSR Library, 13 years

Kurt Shaw, Ph.D., Associate Professor of German and Russian, 31 years

Gary L. Shoesmith (P '16), Ph.D., Professor of Business, 31 years

George K. Walker, LL.B., LL.M., Professor of Law, 46 years

Robert K. Walsh, J.D., Professor of Law, 29 years

FROM THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

Norman E. Adair, M.D., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, 35 years

Loren A. Bauman (P '06), M.D., Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, 40 years

K. Bridget Brosnihan, Ph.D., Professor of Surgery, 24 years

Robert P. Byington (P '12), Ph.D., Professor of Public Health Sciences, 31 years

Henry A. (Al) Claiborne (P '20), Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry, 34 years

Michael L. Coates, M.D., M.S., Professor of Family and Community Medicine, 20 years

Donald R. Jason, M.D., J.D., Professor of Pathology, 25 years

Paul M. Kirkman (MD '66), M.D., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, 48 years

George W. Plonk Jr. (MD '73, P '06), M.D., Associate Professor of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, 39 years

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

REFLECT

The Spirit of Wake Forest



Three Deacons were named the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award winners for their service to Wake Forest and commitment to Pro Humanitate at a gala dinner April 27. The Alumni Association Executive Committee selects the recipients each year.

By Carol L. Hanner

Alfred G. Adams (’68, JD ’73, P ’01)

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



YOU WON’T FIND a lot of news stories that mention Alfred G. Adams, but his quiet handiwork has reached every corner of downtown Winston-Salem.

He has volunteered his expertise as a real estate attorney to a long list of redevelopment projects in his hometown — from Krankies coffee to the sprawling Innovation Quarter that houses the new Wake Downtown campus, the School of Medicine and a bustling community of upscale businesses and residents.

“He’s a big player but not one who’s looking for attention for himself,” said Jason Thiel, president of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, which fosters development in the city core. “I’d run through a brick wall if he told me to.”

Adams, blushing at that praise, said he just follows a few simple principles. If you see something that needs doing, do it. He gave that advice to every class

during 10 years as an adjunct law professor at Wake Forest. Stay positive. Never throw anybody under the bus, a rule inspired by his late father, Dr. Carlton Noble Adams (’30, MD ’32, P ’68), an ob-gyn who taught at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Adams, 72, serves on the board of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, helping with the ongoing rescue of a troubled apartment complex and a partnership to help rebuild hurricane-ravaged Princeville, North Carolina, the first town incorporated by freed slaves, in 1885.

Kevin Cheshire, the Housing Authority vice president and general counsel, said Adams has a servant’s heart. “There was a sign in my high school locker room that said, ‘It’s amazing what you can accomplish if no one cares who gets the credit,’ and Mr. Adams is the epitome of that,” Cheshire said. “He’s just a humble man.”

Adams taught high school and coached before entering the School of Law. He practiced law in Asheville, North Carolina, and met his wife, Beth, there. He returned to Winston-Salem two decades later and has served on and led numerous boards that benefited from the lessons he learned from Asheville’s redevelopment. He is board vice chair of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. He was named a prestigious Honorary Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys for his work as president.

Business North Carolina magazine named him the state’s top real estate attorney in 2004, and he belongs to its

Legal Elite Hall of Fame. In 2013 the North Carolina Bar Association gave him its “Citizen Lawyer” award for his community leadership. He retired in 2015, and he and Beth moved downtown to enjoy the lively environment he helped foster.

He is a member and past president of Wake Forest’s Alumni Council, and he served on the Deacon Club Board of Directors. Adams has made an estate gift to establish two scholarships and contribute to one set up by his father.

His longtime friend and golf partner Gray Hinkle said Adams is a special friend. “Typically you won’t find out all the stuff that Alfred has done until someone else tells you,” Hinkle said.

Julie Coyne (’89)

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala



JOY RADIATES FROM the Facebook pages of Education and Hope, the nonprofit that Julie Coyne founded and oversees in Guatemala.

Smiles beam from youngsters enjoying a hot meal in a country where malnutrition plagues almost half the children. Smiles shine from high school or university graduates in caps and gowns in a nation where adults average only four years of education. Grins spread ear to ear on women learning to read grocery labels in a place where adult illiteracy averages 25 percent and is higher in remote areas.

Coyne, 51, said she didn't plan this dual life, immersed in the highlands town of Quetzaltenango while regularly coming home to Darien, Connecticut, to see family and raise funds. But since arriving in Guatemala in 1994, she has been compelled to help the children who stared blankly at her when she asked what they wanted to do when they grew up. She started with access to education, then quickly realized they also needed a place for homework, mentoring, a meal and a shower. Their mothers, many raising kids alone, needed help, too. Alcoholism, domestic abuse and poverty bedeviled many families.

Today, Coyne oversees 50 employees and provides scholarships, transportation, uniforms and medical care to more than 200 young people. The nonprofit runs an after-school program, an early childhood program, parent literacy classes, a food pantry and more.

Coyne credits Wake Forest, where she majored in religion, with showing her the importance of community. "I wasn't your typical student — barefoot in my Indian skirts," she said. Working as a student on the committee to create the emerging women's studies program "became about finding and creating and growing within that community."

Mary DeShazer, professor emerita of English and women's, gender and sexuality studies, said meeting Coyne helped draw DeShazer to become Wake Forest's first coordinator of women's studies. "Julie's vision is a unique vision, and it's in the way in which it includes the women and children in the decision-making processes. She has built a community."

Coyne said she has come to cherish living in two countries. She loves her own culture's freedom and standard of living while appreciating Guatemalans'

slower pace and gratitude for simple pleasures. "It's exhausting sometimes, but I couldn't have it any other way."

To see more about Julie Coyne's nonprofit, go to www.educationand-hope.org.

To read her essay in Wake Forest Magazine in 2014, go to bit.ly/2DZCFGA.

John K. Medica

(MBA '83)
(1958-2017)



JOHN K. MEDICA was just 31 years old when he took on leadership of an engineering team in its urgent mission to create a new laptop for Apple Inc. at a critically competitive time. The resulting PowerBook was a huge success when it was introduced in 1991.

Medica, a powerhouse himself, spent 10 years at Apple, followed by 14 years at Dell during his lengthy, innovative career in computer technology. In 1994 The New York Times noted his reputation "as one of the stars of the notebook computer business."

Medica, who lived in The Plains, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2017, at age 59. He had most recently been a vice chairman and group corporate adviser at Compal Electronics, based in Taiwan.

A native of Ridgewood, New Jersey, Medica graduated with an electrical engineering degree from Manhattan College in New York, then went on to the then-Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest.

At Wake Forest, he fell in love with Megan Salzman Medica (MA '83). They married in 1985. She said her

husband's favorite memory of Wake was speaking at the hooding ceremony for the School of Business in 2004. "I have a picture that John's mother took after the ceremony, and the look on John's face is priceless — he was absolutely beaming!" she said. "He was so proud to have been asked, and he was so proud that his parents were there to see him at the school he loved. It was a special, meaningful day to him, which he spoke of often and never forgot."

Medica actively supported Wake Forest. He had served on the Board of Trustees since 2009 and was current chair of its innovation committee and a member of three other committees. He was a past member of the School of Business Board of Visitors and was executive-in-residence at the business school in 2007. The Medicas supported the 2013 construction of Farrell Hall, including the Salzman-Medica Dean's Suite.

President Nathan Hatch said Medica was committed to Wake Forest "being a place that educates students to be leaders of character. He proved the spirit of Pro Humanitate. John, a friend and stalwart Wake Forester, will be profoundly missed."

Wake Forest's debate team held a special place for the Medicas. His wife was an active member in college, and he was drawn in by her enthusiasm for the team.

"John was amazing with the debaters, and they loved every chance they had to bounce arguments off of him and hear his own stories of triumph in the highly competitive world in which he led," said Jarrod Atchison ('01, MA '03), director of debate and associate professor of communication.

Memorials may be made to the John Medica Fund for Wake Forest Debate. bit.ly/2Gus3Ff

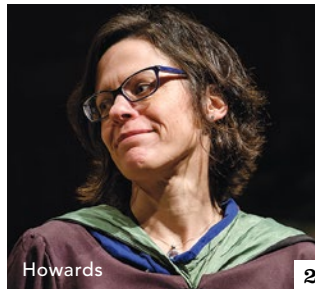
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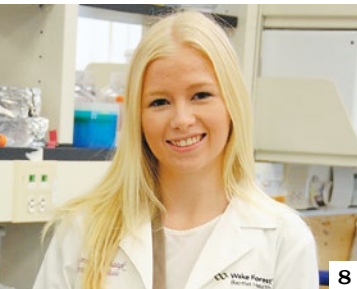
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To read more about *Around the Quad* items, search highlighted terms on the Wake Forest website.

1 Professor of Physics **Keith Bonin** was named **associate provost for research and scholarly inquiry** effective July 1. He joined the faculty in 1992 and has been physics department graduate program director and was department chair from 2007-17. A vital force in the development of the Department of Engineering, he helped secure over \$3.5 million in external funding from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center and the Research Corporation over the last decade. In 2017 he received the inaugural Academic Leadership award from the College Board of Visitors.

2 The Wake Forest community commemorated 184 years since its founding at Founders' Day Convocation Feb. 15. **Michael "Mike" Gerald Ford ('72)** received the Medallion of Merit for outstanding contributions to campus life through Hit the Bricks, Wake 'N Shake and Project Pumpkin, and pre-orientation programs including Wake World, SPARC and Deacon Camp. Faculty awards presented were: **Excellence in Advising Award** to **Alyssa Howards**, associate professor of German and Russian, and **Eric Jones**, assistant professor of anthropology (archaeology); the **URECA Faculty Award For Excellence in Mentorship in Research and Creative Work** to **Oana D. Jurchescu**, associate professor of physics, and **Jefferson Holdridge**, professor of English; **Award for Excel-**

lence in Research to **Eranda Jayawickreme**, assistant professor of psychology; the **Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service** to **Simone M. Caron**, professor of history; the **Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching** to **Mary DeShazer**, professor emerita of English and women's, gender and sexuality studies; the **Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award** to **Richard C. Schneider**, professor of law; the **Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award** to **Silvia Tiboni-Craft**, assistant teaching professor of Spanish and Italian; and the **Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching** to **E.J. Masicampo**, associate professor of psychology.

3 **Gail O'Day** is stepping down as dean of the **School of Divinity** on

June 30. O'Day became dean in 2010. Under her leadership the school expanded a diverse student body whose academic, ministerial and spiritual gifts are abundant. She supported a growing faculty whose broad range of scholarly work and public presence enhanced the University's visibility and impact. O'Day, recognized as one of the most respected teachers and scholars of the Gospel of John, has taught New Testament studies in theological schools since 1983. Professor **Jill Crainshaw ('84)** is serving as interim dean while a national search is underway.

4 Wake Forest students lived up to the motto of Pro Humanitate last spring while raising more than \$500,000 at philanthropy events. The annual **Wake 'N Shake** dance-a-thon raised its highest total yet with \$376,730 for cancer research. **Sigma Chi Derby Days** raised \$97,000 for Brenner Children's Hospital, and **Kappa Kappa Gamma's Kappa Kaddies** raised \$5,000 for Brenner. **Kappa Delta 5K** raised \$13,000 to benefit Prevent Child Abuse America, and **Kappa Alpha Theta CASA Royale** raised \$19,000 for Court Appointed Special Advisers.

5 The Public Choice Society recognized Associate Professor of Economics **Jac Heckelman** at its March meeting with two sessions: "Freedom and Economic History: Honoring Jac Heckelman" and "Round Table Honoring Jac Heckelman." He joined the faculty in 1996 after working as an economist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, an operations research analyst with the Joint Warfare Analysis Center and a research fellow at The American Institute for Economic Research.

6 **Dr. Sij Hemal (MD '16)**, a second-year urology resident at Cleveland Clinic's Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute, sprang into action earlier this year when a woman went into labor on an Air France jet over the Atlantic. Baby Jake was born mid-flight in American airspace and has a story to tell one day, said Hemal. "America being so polarized, it's important what happened. A doctor from India, a French-American doctor, a Nigerian mother and an Air France crew all came from different walks of life and nationalities and worked toward a common goal to safely deliver the baby," he said. "I think that's the spirit of humankind: coming together in peace and harmony at 35,000 feet." The airline thanked Hemal with a bottle of champagne and a travel voucher.

7 **Betsy Barre** is the University's new executive director of the **Teaching and Learning Collaborative**. Former associate director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice University, Barre trained as a comparative ethicist. She taught at Marymount Manhattan College and Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. The Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education awarded her the 2017 Innovation Award for development of a tool to help faculty, students and administrators estimate the out-of-class workload assigned in their courses.

8 One of the top student research projects nationwide accepted for the 22nd Annual Posters on the Hill came from **Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine** Summer Scholar **Margaret vanSchaayk ('17, MA '18)**. Her poster, selected from among 400 applications, was "Effects of Bioactive Molecules on Skeletal Muscle Development in 3D Bioprinted Muscle Constructs." She spent 10 weeks working with faculty mentors Sang Jin Lee and Ji Hyun Kim. An undergraduate communication major with minors in chemistry and biology, vanSchaayk graduated with a master's in bioethics in May and plans to attend medical school.

9 The **National Endowment for the Humanities** (NEH) awarded a 2018 fellowship to **Nate Plagemen**, associate professor of history, to support his completion of a book titled "State Planning and City Life in Western Ghana, 1900-1970." The book is a longitudinal study of Sekondi-Takoradi, a small coastal settlement that became the West African nation of Ghana's principal port and first planned city.

10 In March **Vice President for Campus Life Penny Rue** became board chair of NASPA, the leading association for student affairs professionals. Rue, who has broad responsibility for the education and wellbeing of students outside the classroom, has been a NASPA member since 1977 and on the board of directors since 2015. She is among NASPA's volunteer leaders most frequently asked to speak on college completion, Pell Grant funding and Title IX issues.

11 Wake Forest was named **The Princeton Review's** 2018 edition of "Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200

Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck." The Princeton Review chose the schools based on return on investment ratings it tallied for 658 schools last year. The ratings covered everything from academics, cost and financial aid to graduation rates and alumni salaries and job satisfaction.

12 Each year, Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State University collaborate to host a major celebration to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Author and Georgetown University Professor **Michael Eric Dyson** presented the keynote speech on Jan. 22. Each year, both universities present "Building the Dream" awards to professors, administrators or students who exemplify King's qualities and promote diversity within their communities. **Sherri Lawson Clark**, assistant professor of cultural anthropology, was Wake Forest's faculty award winner. Her research focuses on the challenges facing low-income families in public housing. **Jenny Vu Mai ('18)** won the student award. She led a Wake Alternative Break trip to Asheville, North Carolina, that focused on domestic violence and sexual assault. She also interned at Samaritan Ministries, a nonprofit providing food and shelter to the needy in Winston-Salem.

13 The **Peace Corps** ranked Wake Forest among the 2018 Top 25 Volunteer Producing Colleges and Universities. This year, Wake Forest, with 11 alumni serving abroad, is ranked 16th among small colleges and universities. Alumni from more than 3,000 colleges and universities nationwide have served in the Peace Corps since the agency's founding in 1961, including 237 Wake Forest alumni. This is the fourth year the University has ranked among the top 25.

14 **The National Jurist** named **Emily Scotton (JD '18)** among 20 "Law Students of the Year" in its Spring issue, the only law student from North Carolina honored. Through the school's Pro Bono Project, Scotton spearheaded the Family Preparedness Project, providing durable powers of attorney for North Carolina residents at risk of deportation. She is a clerk with Senior Judge **Norwood Carlton Tilley Jr. ('66, JD '69)** of the U.S. District Court of the Middle District of North Carolina.

A New Philanthropic Twist On 'The Multiplier Effect'

By Kerry M. King ('85)

FIVE WAKE FOREST COUPLES are funding a matching gift program to challenge alumni, parents and friends to establish scholarships. The matching program could help create as many as 55 scholarships for middle-class and first-generation college students and those with financial need.

The five couples, who committed \$1 million per couple to kick off the challenge, are: David Dupree and Marijke Jurgens-Dupree of Washington, D.C.; Eric and Martha McCrorey Eubank of Charlotte; Doug and Julie Ann Mullen Hartman of Austin, Texas; Alan and Carol Kelly of Alexandria, Virginia; and Eric and Susan Cooper Wiseman of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Each couple designated part of their gift to scholarship funds they created and part to a matching pool. Four couples designated half of their gift, or \$500,000, to the matching pool. The Hartmans committed \$250,000 to the Hartman Family Scholarship and \$750,000 to the matching pool. The result is a matching pool of \$2.75 million.

Here's how the challenge works. Donors who make \$50,000 gifts — payable over a number of years — can use \$50,000 from the matching pool to reach the minimum \$100,000 required for a scholarship. Thirty-two scholarships have already been funded through the challenge. "The multiplier effect is phenomenal," said Alan Kelly.

The matching program gives one generation of donors a chance to help the next generation of donors help students, said Bob Baker (P '00), senior associate vice president for University Development. "It brings people together from different parts of the country, from different class years, who often don't know one another, but who share a common goal to address student debt."

Alan Kelly said he, his wife and their son Rob ('13, MAM '14) wanted their gift to encourage other donors and to help the most students. "How could we optimize our gift to bring in other people who perhaps couldn't go the whole way on a scholarship? Think about the sheer numbers of students that this can bring to Wake."

Drew Dixon ('90, P '16, '20) and his wife, Kelly, of Winston-Salem, used the match to create the Dixon-Kelly Schol-



arship. The "Kelly" part of the name was a nice coincidence, Dixon said. It's not from his wife's first name, but from the matching funds given by the Alan Kelly family. Now the two families are connected through the scholarship.

"We saw it as a chance to give back," Dixon said. "The foundation that Wake provided for me, in the accounting and business program, has been such a solid foundation for my career. Rather than wait years to fully fund a scholarship, this was a way for our charitable dollars to go further and get the scholarship funded right away."

Kara Prestage Van Duzee ('98) of Dallas also used the match to create a scholarship years earlier than she could have afforded. Her gift, combined with the matching gift from Doug and Julie Ann Hartman, created the Van Duzee-Hartman Scholarship. The order of the names is intentional; the donor

who uses the match is listed first. Both donors can meet the student who receives the scholarship.

"This was a nice way to bridge that gap so I could fund a scholarship now," Van Duzee said. "Giving back is a powerful lesson to students, and it might lead them to do the same later in life."

FIVE COUPLES STARTED THE MATCHING GIFT SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE:

David Dupree (MBA '78, P '20, '22) and Marijke Jurgens-Dupree (P '20, '22)

Eric Eubank ('86, P '15) and Martha McCrorey Eubank ('86, P '15)

Doug Hartman ('90, P '18, '19, '22) and Julie Ann Mullen Hartman ('90, P '18, '19, '22)

Alan and Carol Kelly (P '13), along with their son, Rob ('13, MAM '14)

Eric Wiseman ('77, MBA '88, LL.D. '12, P '07) and Susan Cooper Wiseman ('78, P '07)

Jesse Haddock ('52, P '68)

A legend who coached golfers — and gentlemen

By Kerry M. King ('85)

JESSE HADDOCK DIDN'T give much thought to golf growing up in eastern North Carolina. He didn't take up the game until shortly before becoming coach of the Wake Forest golf team in 1960. It didn't matter. During the next 32 years, Haddock reshaped collegiate golf and established Wake Forest's golfing dynasty and tradition.

Haddock ('52, P '68), who died March 14, 2018, at the age of 91, led the Deacons to three national championships (1974, 1975 and 1986) and 15 ACC titles, including 10 straight from 1967 to 1976. He was named national coach of the year three times.

He was a vigorous recruiter, boldly going after the best young golfers in the country. He didn't tinker too much with the technical aspect of their games. Instead, he was a father figure, motivator and, when needed, disciplinarian who stressed the mental as much as the physical approach to the game. He knew how to get the best out of his players when championships were on the line.

"He knew what made people tick," Jay Haas ('76, P '04, '09) told *Golf Digest*.

He insisted that his "boys" act and dress like gentlemen and prohibited shorts and facial hair. On the course, walk tall on your heels and puff out your chest to show your confidence. Golf might be an individual sport, but you played for the team first, not yourself. Haddock was once asked what makes a good coach. "He's an expert in handling men in time of competition," he answered simply.

He was "somewhere between a genius and a character," said longtime friend G.



Haddock with Arnold Palmer ('51, LL.D. '70) and U.S. Sen. Richard Burr ('78) in 2011.

William Joyner Jr. ('66, P '96), a retired senior vice president at Wake Forest who delivered Haddock's eulogy in Wait Chapel.

Haddock grew up outside Greenville, North Carolina, during the Depression. The oldest of four sons of a tobacco farmer, he was the first in his family to go to college. But he was soon drafted and spent the closing days of World War II in Germany with the Third Army. When he returned to Wake Forest, he picked up odd jobs in the athletic department to help pay for his education.

After graduating with a degree in business, he continued working in the

athletic department. He took up golf when he started helping out with the golf team, which was then coached by Bones McKinney ('56), better known as the Deacons' fiery basketball coach. Haddock was named his successor in 1960 when McKinney resigned to concentrate on basketball.

Haddock had a strong recruiting pitch: don't you want to play where Arnold Palmer ('51, LL.D. '70) did? With the Buddy Worsham scholarship — established by Palmer in memory of his college golfing buddy — Haddock began attracting the top high school golfers to Wake Forest, and a dynasty was born.

A number of his players went on to become PGA stars, including Jay Haas, Jay Sigel ('67, P '95, '97), Lanny Wadkins ('72, P '96, '10), Jim Simons ('72, P '99, '03), Curtis Strange ('77), Scott Hoch ('78), Gary Hallberg ('80), Jerry Haas ('85), Billy Andrade ('86) and Len Mattiace ('90). During his tenure, Wake Forest golfers attained All-American status more than 60 times.

The '75 team — led by Strange, Jay Haas, Bob Byman ('77), David Thore ('78) and Tim Saylor ('77) — won the national title by a staggering 33 strokes. *Golf World* magazine called it the "best college golf team ever." The '86 team rallied from 16 shots down on the final day to win Haddock's third national title.

When fellow ACC golf coaches once complained about Haddock's success, he is said to have replied, "Sounds like you boys better start playing better."

Coach Jesse Haddock, legendary golf coach at Wake Forest, passed this morning. He made a difference in my life and many others. He gave me my greatest gift, an opportunity to play at Wake. RIP my friend.

CURTIS STRANGE ('77)

ON TWITTER

Rejoicing and celebrating the life of legend golf @WakeForest coach Jesse Haddock. He shaped boys2 men (who) have become champions in all walks!

LEN MATTIACE ('90)

Today we all lost a mentor, father, grandfather and friend. Many of us so fortunate to know him. Lucky to be coached by him. You will be missed but never ever forgotten. RIP Coach Haddock!!

BILLY ANDRADE ('86)



I continue to be amazed by the vitality of our alumni volunteers and WAKE-Communities. Last spring, more than 800 alumni participated in the annual Pro Humanitate Days week of service. Two hundred alumni visited the Old Campus in April. WAKECommunities are offering creative programming, led by WAKE-Washington, taking advantage of the wonderful space in the new Washington Center. More and more alumni are becoming "Loyal DEACs." Call to Conversation has been hugely successful. Looking ahead to the fall, we expect a great crowd at Homecoming, Nov. 2 and 3, with Party So Dear featuring The Pointer Sisters. I hope you'll join us. Thank you for your support of Wake Forest.

Glenn Simpson ('78, MBA '80, P '09)
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Have a question? Contact the Alumni Engagement Office at 800-752-8568 or alumni@wfu.edu

'Back to school' receptions

Remember the thrill of your first day at Wake Forest? You may not be able to relive that day, but you can gather with other Wake Foresters on the first day of fall-semester classes, Aug. 27. WAKECommunities around the country are hosting opening day receptions for alumni in their area. Check your WAKECommunity page for more details at wakecommunities.wfu.edu.

Pro Humanitate Days



More than 800 Wake Foresters in 31 cities participated in the seventh annual Pro Humanitate Days in April. Many alumni volunteered at food banks in their communities, including those in Buffalo, New York; Charleston, South Carolina; Los Angeles; and Miami.

Alumni in Nashville, Tennessee, and Richmond, Virginia, volunteered at local Ronald McDonald Houses. Alumni in Dallas worked with the homeless, while those in Austin, Texas, helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity.

Alumni in Seattle volunteered at Recovery Café, founded by Killian Noe ('80). The café provides ongoing support to those battling drug and alcohol addictions and mental illness. Noe received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015.

Jane Owens Cage ('78), a 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, took part in Pro Humanitate Days by sending books in Spanish to a Guatemalan after-school program run by one of this year's distinguished alumni, Julie Coyne ('89). Coyne was honored for founding the nonprofit Education and Hope, while Cage was honored for helping her community of Joplin, Missouri, recover from a 2011 tornado.

Trek to the Old Campus

Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson ('43) welcomed back 200 alumni to the Old Campus during the annual trek in April. Mary Tribble ('82), senior advisor for engagement strategies and a direct descendant of Wake Forest's first president, Samuel Wait, talked about the courtship of Wait and his wife, Sally. Ben Weekly ('18) and Addie Folk ('19), members of the student Traditions Council and descendants of Old Campus alumni, led a contingent of students on the trek.

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1950s

Robert Corwin ('58, P '92) completed his last novel in a trilogy. "The Deacon Affair: The Search for Lost Confederate Gold" follows "The Volsung Project" and "No Loose Ends." Corwin is a retired urologist who lives in Waco, TX, with his wife, Sandy. Since retiring, writing has been his labor of love, second only to his grandchildren.

Bob Northcutt ('58, P '82) received the 2017 Distinguished Service Award from the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society. He is a member of the society board and an active volunteer at the Wake Forest Historical Museum. He also organizes the Kappa Sigma reunion each year during the spring trek to the Old Campus.

Ralph Walker ('58, JD '63) of Greensboro, NC, was reappointed by Speaker Tim Moore of the N.C. House of Representatives to a three-year term on the North Carolina Medical Board. Walker is a past director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and a retired Guilford County Superior Court and North Carolina Court of Appeals judge.



Horne
('60, JD '66)



Lewis
('67, JD '70)



Hanner
(JD '69)



Penley
('71, MA '72)



Stancil
('71)



Ward
('72, JD '75)

Fred Sprock ('66) is included in the book, "The Delmarva School of Art" (Salt Water Media), a collection of the work of artists living on the Eastern Shore. He lives in Snow Hill, MD.

Ed Fuller ('67) received the Albert E. Koehl Lifetime Achievement Award from HSMIA, the hospitality industry's leading advocacy organization. Fuller is president and CEO of the Orange County (CA) Visitors Association, in addition to serving as president and co-founder of Laguna Strategic Advisors.

Mike Lewis ('67, JD '70) of Mike Lewis Attorneys was recognized for 2018 as a Best Lawyer in personal injury litigation and eminent domain. This is the 19th consecutive year he has received the honor. His firm was named to the 2018 list of "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers.

Robert P. Hanner II (JD '69) was selected as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for the 11th straight year. He is a partner with Dozier Miller Law Group in Charlotte, NC.

Fred Piercy ('69), professor of human development at Virginia Tech, has been named professor emeritus by the Virginia Tech board of visitors.

Larry Edward Penley ('71, MA '72, P '05) was reappointed by the governor of Arizona as regent, a member of the board that has responsibility for the state's three universities. After serving as president of two higher education institutions, he now heads Penley Consulting.

Roger L. Stancil ('71, P '06) received the Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award for his service to the people and communities of North Carolina for 45 years. Stancil has served as the Chapel Hill town manager for 12 years.

Mike Ford ('72) received Wake Forest's highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, for his outstanding contributions to the University. He retired from Wake Forest in 2017 after 36 years as a student life administrator and campus leader.

David D. Ward ('72, JD '75, P '05, '08) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

Pete Sarver ('73, P '08, '11) was inducted into the Bluefield (WV) High School Hall of Fame in April. His late wife, Deb, was inducted posthumously. Sarver was quarterback for Bluefield's unbeaten 1967 state championship football team and was an assistant coach on the 2004 and 2007 championship squads. He is vice president of Sarver Candy Co. in Bluefield.

1960s

Maurice Horne ('60, JD '66) spent 50 years in the law profession. He was a federal administrative law judge for 32 years, including 10 years as chief judge, until retiring in 2011. His undergraduate degree was in applied music (organ), and he continues to publish music, poetry and videos on his website and on YouTube. He lives in Greensboro, NC.

Jim Williams ('62, JD '66, P '89, '92) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Bill Faircloth ('64, P '89, '90, '93) was inducted into the Sampson County (NC) Sports Club Hall of Fame. At Clinton High School he was a letterman in football, basketball and track. At Wake Forest, he was captain of the football team. After graduating, he was an assistant football coach and then an assistant athletic director at Wake Forest for 42 years before retiring in 2017.

Joe Maddrey ('64, JD '67, P '97) was awarded the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Bar Association. He served as president of the Eden (NC) Chamber of Commerce and on the Morehead Memorial Hospital board of trustees and Hospice of Rockingham County board. He has practiced law in Eden since 1972.

Dan McGinn ('64, JD '67, P '90) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

1970s

Andy Heck ('70, P '98) received Mid-Plains (NE) Community College's 2017 Alumni of the Year award. Heck attended what was then known as McCook Junior College before coming to Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam and received two Purple Hearts. Wake Forest sent him a 100-foot-long get-well scroll, signed by students, faculty and staff, in 1968 after he was wounded. Heck was featured in the fall 2014 Wake Forest Magazine story, "The Thing He Carried." He is retired and lives in Pawleys Island, SC. Read more at bit.ly/2qYlbXN

Betty Hyder Stone ('70) retired as dean of Middle School from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, AL. When she and her husband, **John ('69)**, moved to Mobile in 1979, both of her sons entered St. Paul's, and she began volunteering at the school. She started working at St. Paul's in 1994 and held many positions that involved working with students on the school yearbook and newspaper, teaching English and academic advising.

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Harris
(’75, PA ’77, MBA ’96)



Nelms
(’78)



Herman
(’79)

Albert R. Bell Jr. (JD ’75, P ’95) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Raleigh, NC.

Barbara Terrell Harris (’75, PA ’77, MBA ’96) is dean of health sciences at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in Hudson, NC. She received the college’s 2017 E.M. Dudley Employee Achievement Award and authored one of the forewords for the 2017 textbook, “The Ophthalmic Assistant.”

John M. Martin (JD ’75) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, NC.

Jacqueline Lambert Brewer (’76) retired as a Wake County (NC) District Court judge.

Thomas H. Davis Jr. (JD ’76, P ’05, ’08, ’10, ’15) is president of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. He is a partner at Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, NC.

Mark Atkinson (’77) had a photography retrospective titled “PROOF,” a memoir of images spanning over 30 years, at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens in Norfolk, VA. He has lived and worked in the Hampton Roads area for more than three decades and

has traveled the world shooting both still photography and documentary films.

Richard E. Cytowic (MD ’77), professor of neurology and researcher at George Washington University, is the author of “Synesthesia,” a volume published by The MIT Press Essential Knowledge Series.

Michael A. Grace (JD ’77, P ’16) received the Smith Award, named after renowned defense attorney Wade M. Smith of Raleigh, at the North Carolina Bar Association’s 10th annual Gilchrist/Smith Awards Dinner. Grace has practiced criminal-defense law for more than 30 years and is an attorney at Grace, Tisdale and Clifton in Winston-Salem.

Charles A. Jones (’77) is the author of “Pearl Harbor’s Hidden Heroes” about the 18 men who received the Medal of Honor for their service in the Hawaiian Islands during World War II. Jones served in the Marine Corps and Reserves from 1981-2011 and is a retired colonel. He lives in Greensboro, NC.

James McLeod (’77, MD ’03, P ’05) received the Dr. Bob B. Andrews Friend of Philanthropy Award from the Southeastern (NC) Health Foundation. He is a physician at Southeastern Medical Clinic in Lumberton, NC. He was honored for outstanding service to his community and the medical profession. He has also volunteered on medical mission trips to Malawi, Liberia and the Dominican Republic. McLeod was a banker before he felt called to become a physician.

Peter Ehrlich (JD ’78) opened Riviera Creamery on the beach in Panama City Beach, FL. He splits residency between Denver and Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

John Nelms (’78) is celebrating 40 years as a State Farm insurance agent in Winston-Salem. He has been a PTA vice president, YMCA board member and a basketball official for high school and ACC women’s games.

Marty Province (’78) is playing guitar and singing in the tribute band, “Peter, Paul, and Mary Remembered.” The group has performed throughout Arizona and is traveling more extensively this year. Province was director of bands at Wake Forest from 1982-1994.

William V. Roebuck (’78, MA ’81) returned to Washington, D.C., after completing three years of service as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain. He is a career foreign service officer assigned to the U.S. Department of State. Roebuck’s previous assignments overseas include Baghdad, Tripoli, Damascus, Tunis and Jerusalem.

Ashley H. Story (’78, P ’13) is the department chair for real estate and finance for Troutman Sanders in Raleigh, NC. The department includes more than 120 attorneys at offices around the country.

Jeffrey R. Herman (’79, P ’10) was ranked No. 16 on Forbes’ 2018 list of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors in North Carolina. This recognition reinforces Herman’s dedication to helping clients pursue personal financial goals. He is senior vice president of wealth management at UBS Financial Services in Winston-Salem.

Bob Singer (JD ’79) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.



1980s

Albert D. Kirby Jr. (’80) was appointed superior court judge in District 4A serving Sampson, Jones and Duplin counties in North Carolina. He has been a public servant and attorney for



Sutton
(‘80, JD ‘83)



Smyth
(JD ‘81)

more than 25 years and is a Sampson County commissioner.

David Morris (‘80, JD ‘83) was inducted into the R.J. Reynolds (Winston-Salem) High School Sports Hall of Fame. He was a member of Reynolds’ 1975 state championship basketball team and received all-city, all-county and all-conference honors in 1976. He played at Wake Forest and later taught at Reynolds and coached the boys’ varsity basketball team.

Richard Reed (‘80, P ‘21) is a partner in the land use and zoning practice at Lerch, Early and Brewer in Bethesda, MD.

Ben C. Sutton Jr. (‘80, JD ‘83, P ‘14, ‘19) was appointed to the board of directors of the White House Historical Association, a private nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance the public’s understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. Sutton founded and serves as chairman and managing partner of Teall Capital, a private equity company created in 2017. He was also named to “The Champions: Pioneers and Innovators in Sports Business” group by the Sports Business Journal and Sports Business Daily. He is a member of Wake Forest’s Board of Trustees.

Johnny Dawkins (‘81) was elected to the Fayetteville (NC) City Council. A benefits technology consultant for EbenConcepts, Dawkins served on the council from 2003-05. He and his wife, **Donna Palmer Dawkins (‘84)**, have two adult children, Jay and Jill. As a student, he helped start the Brian Piccolo Fund Drive in 1980.

John D. Martin (‘81) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Wilmington, NC.

Ted Smyth (JD ‘81) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

Donalt J. Eglinton (JD ‘82) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in New Bern, NC.

Gary K. Joyner (JD ‘82) was honored with a memorial scholarship fund in his name by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. Joyner, who died in 2016, was a managing partner of the firm’s Raleigh, NC, office. The Gary K. Joyner Memorial Scholarship will provide college scholarships to deserving underprivileged youth through the Boys & Girls Club of Wake County.

ALUMNI Q&A



Cameron Kent (‘79), an Emmy Award-winning former news anchor at WXII in Winston-Salem, retired in 2016 to pursue his passion for creative writing. He is scheduled to be one of the speakers at Camp Third Act, an on-campus workshop, in June. Sponsored by the Office of Alumni Engagement, Camp Third Act is designed to help alumni plan the next phase, or “third act,” in their lives after retiring from their primary career.

You had written several novels before leaving WXII, so you already knew what you wanted to do next. How did you prepare for your next act?

My mantra is “Success comes when preparation meets opportunity.” If you want to accomplish something, you have to adopt a philosophy of management by objective. Decide what you want to do, then start laying the groundwork. Research and educating yourself are major components of that. For example, you don’t just wake up on Friday and decide you want to run a marathon on Saturday. You begin months in advance by developing a training schedule, learning about the best shoes, the best diet, etcetera. You pick the brains of other marathoners to learn from their experiences. All that preparation over time leads to success. The same is true for any pursuit.

What if you aren’t sure what you want to do next?

I think the best way to create a new future is to experiment and experience in the present. Take classes, visit other worlds, meet new people from different walks of life. You’d be surprised how many other vocations and avocations there are that will bring you happiness and fulfillment.

What was your greatest challenge as you transitioned into your third act?

Going from a very public job that took place inside a noisy newsroom filled with dozens of people in constant motion to a very insular life where you’re working alone most of the time. Even though writing is a creative pursuit, I don’t just do it when “the spirit moves me.” I still keep regular office hours and treat it like any other job.

I think the real danger is going directly from a full-time job to complete retirement. You don’t feel like you’re contributing to society or growing as a person if you don’t have something new and exciting to get you up in the morning. That’s why the “Third Act,” transitioning from your lifelong work into your passion, is so important. It can be a brand-new career or volunteering or mentoring or coaching, whatever you want it to be, but I believe your life still has to have purpose to give it meaning.

What other advice do you have for alumni looking ahead to their third act?

Don’t be afraid to fail. In order to succeed, you first have to make the attempt. Not trying at all is to ensure failure. Secondly, I honestly believe there’s no better preparation for this world than the liberal arts education we received at Wake Forest. That “first chapter” gave us all a window to so many varied pursuits: business, science, humanities, religion and so many more. If you chose one of those avenues for your “second chapter,” perhaps it’s now time to explore one of the others.

For more on Camp Third Act, visit thirdact.alumni.wfu.edu



Holt ('83)



Babcock (JD '85)



Wilkie ('85)

Ryal W. Tayloe (JD '82) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Wilmington, NC.

Jim Wheaton ('82) will join the faculty of Boston University Law School this summer as clinical associate professor and director of the Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Clinic. The clinic serves BU and MIT with early stage business ventures. Wheaton and his wife, **Laurie Weinel Wheaton ('83)**, look forward to living in Boston.

Jill Wilson (JD '82) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Mark Holt ('83, P '18) is state chair of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He practices law in Raleigh.

Paul Kemeny ('83, P '16) published the book, "The New England Watch and Ward Society" (Oxford University Press), a historical examination of late 19th and early 20th century Protestant efforts to shape public morality. He is professor of religion and assistant dean at Grove City College.

Jennifer Mills Grabosky ('84) was inducted into J.L. Mann High School's Athletic Hall of Fame in Greenville, SC. She led the high school's tennis team to four consecutive state championships and was a three-time individual state champion and four-time doubles state champion. Grabosky also led the basketball team to four conference titles and held school records in track for many years. She is a broadcast veteran and has worked as a photographer, writer, interviewer and host for The Travel Channel, PM Magazine, Golf Channel and NBC Sports.

John Ormand ('84, P '18) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list and was also named a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, NC.

Jim Phillips (JD '84) was named to Business North Carolina's 2018 "Legal Elite" for appellate, the "Power 100" list and the 2018 North Carolina

Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC. Phillips serves as a director of the James B. Hunt Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy and is a trustee of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

John Babcock (JD '85, P '13, '16) was named North Carolina's best lawyer in the business law category in Business North Carolina magazine's 2018 listing of "Legal Elite." He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

Robert Leon Wilkie Jr. ('85) was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He served as assistant secretary of defense under Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates, as well as special assistant to President George W. Bush for National Security Affairs, where he was a senior director of the National Security Council. President Trump named him Acting U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs in March.

David Barksdale ('86) has been named North Carolina president for First Reliance Bank, based in Florence, SC. Previously he was CEO of Charlotte-based Carolina Premier Bank/Premara Financial. He is based in Winston-Salem, where he lives with his wife, **Jennifer Cullom Barksdale ('88)**, and their two children.

Lisa Jeffries Caldwell (JD '86, P '14) was named Woman of the Year at the Winston-Salem Chronicle's 33rd annual Community Service Awards. She retired as the executive vice president and chief human resources officer of Reynolds American after 27 years. Her community involvement includes Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, The Links, The Moles and various local boards.

Joe Mullany ('86) is regional president and CEO of Bayfront Health in St. Petersburg, FL. He was previously president and CEO of Detroit Medical Center. Mullany has served on the boards of directors of many organizations including the Detroit Regional Chamber, Downtown Detroit Partnership, Detroit Mayor's Workforce Development Board, Schwartz Center for Compassionate Care, and the Boys and Girls Club. In 2016, he was named one of Modern Healthcare's Top 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare.

Frank Scibelli ('86, MBA '88) is owner of Mama Ricotta's restaurant in Charlotte, NC, which he started at 27 years old. He also owns Midwood Smokehouse, YAFO, Paco's Tacos & Tequila and Perfect Plate Catering.

Jeannette Sorrell ('86) is the artistic director, conductor and harpsichordist for Apollo's Fire, a Cleveland-based period instrument orchestra. The orchestra is currently on tour, which included a stop at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Erika Queen Friedel ('87) is director of development at Wake Forest. She directs fundraising efforts for Wake Forest's downtown programs, including the new BS in engineering and other undergraduate science programs. She was previously senior major gifts officer at Wake Forest



Baptist Medical Center and Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Tony Karasek ('87) and his wife, Barbara, are the new owners of Paradise Advertising & Marketing, an award-winning travel and tourism advertising agency in St. Petersburg, FL. Karasek spent seven years in the professional basketball ranks. Later, he spent more than 20 years leading national sales and business development efforts for many companies.

Michael Kennedy ('87) is principal of Benvenue Elementary School in Rocky Mount, NC. He has 19 years of experience in education and has worked for the Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools system for four years.

Web Alexander ('88) is a development officer for the business and law schools at Wake Forest, focusing on alumni, parents and friends in North Carolina.

Bob King (JD '88) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Matthew J. Severance ('88) is chief of affiliations and network development at MUSC Health in Charleston, SC. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a recipient of that organization's regent's award.

Lucretia Smith Guia (JD '89) is vice president, labor relations, and deputy general counsel at American Airlines. She joined US Airways in 2009 after practicing labor and employment law with firms in Atlanta and Greensboro, NC, for 20 years.

Joni L. James ('89) is senior impact director for the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg, a private foundation established in 2015 that is committed to ending health disparities in southern Pinellas County, Florida.

Leigh Waller Taylor ('89) is vice president of Commercial Banking at National Cooperative Bank. She also serves as a board member for the Colorado Enterprise Fund and is on the advisory board for the Howard Bowers Fund.

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Jonathan Albright is chief financial officer of CSC Leasing Company in Richmond, VA. He and his wife, **Kippi Knox ('84)**, have three daughters.

Forrest Campbell (JD, P '14) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Patrick H. Flanagan (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, NC.

Elizabeth Betts Hickman is director of estate services/trust officer at Pendleton Square Trust



Kennedy ('87)



James ('89)



Taylor ('89)



Flanagan (JD '90)



Hickman ('90)

and Family Office in Nashville, TN. Previously, she was an estate and trust attorney with Goodman Callahan Blackstone.

Seth Kahn is co-editor of "Contingency, Exploitation, and Solidarity: Labor and Action in English Composition" (CSU Open Press and University Press of Colorado). He is professor of English at West Chester University, where he teaches primarily rhetoric and writing.

Daniel Kennedy (JD, P '18) moved to Charlotte, NC, with his family and is senior vice president and general counsel at Clear Blue Insurance Group.

Manju Seal (MA) was hired to drive BMO Capital Markets' sustainable finance and ESG initiatives. She is based in New York. Previously she was a portfolio manager for McMorgan & Co. in San Francisco and a vice president with Goldman Sachs in New York. She was also the first executive director of the venture philanthropy startup Leap201.org in Singapore, launching poverty alleviation strategies for farmers living below \$2 a day in Southeast Asia. Read more at bit.ly/2HJlIZG

Patti Schnably Shields is chief merchant at New York-based retailer New York & Company.

Amy Jackson Spiller (JD) is vice president of government and community affairs at Duke Energy Ohio. She serves on the board of directors of Red Bike, Cincinnati's nonprofit bike-share system, and is a member of the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky bar associations. Spiller and her husband, **Keith (JD '89)**, have lived in Cincinnati for nearly 25 years.

guished Teachers. Cokley was also appointed to the Oscar and Anne Mauzy Regents Professorship for Educational Research.

William Kurt Foreman (MBA) is president and CEO of Delaware Prosperity Partnership in Wilmington, DE. He previously led the economic development team of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Foreman was recognized in 2017 as one of North America's Top 50 Economic Development Leaders by Consultants Connect.

Karen M. Kemerait (JD) is a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Raleigh, NC. She is also a regular contributor to "Elements for Growth," a blog about infrastructure and economic development in the Southeast. Kemerait is vice chair of the Board of Adjustment for the city of Raleigh, a board member of the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters and the former vice chair for WakeUP Wake County.

Cynthia Davis Kennedy (JD, P '18) moved to Charlotte, NC, with her family, relocating her trusts/estates and tax practice to the Charlotte office of the law firm Bryan Cave.

Clint Pinyan was named to Business North Carolina's 2018 "Legal Elite" for antitrust law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Robert West edited a two-volume set of poetry by **A.R. Ammons ('49, LITD '72)**, "The Complete Poems of A.R. Ammons" (W.W. Norton & Co). West is an associate professor of English at Mississippi State University.

1991

Robert Adams (MD) is the author of "Six Days of Impossible: Navy SEAL Hell Week - A Doctor Looks Back" (FriesenPress). The book brings the experiences of his classmates into view with accounts by the men who lived through events of a winter Hell Week. Adams served 14 years in the U.S. Navy, 12 as a SEAL, and 18 years in the U.S. Army. He is a family physician with UNC Physicians Network in Knightdale, NC.

Kevin Cokley is director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis and professor of educational psychology and African and African diaspora studies at the University of Texas at Austin. In 2017, he was one of four fellows in the University of Texas System Academy of Distin-

Joanna Thomson Barr earned a doctorate of education in language arts and literacy from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She teaches college courses in psychology and early childhood education in the Boston area.

John Hackworth is head coach of the Under-17 U.S. Men's National Soccer team. In 2017, he led them to the quarterfinals of the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Charles Lambert is treasurer and managing director of Capital Markets at Medical Properties Trust in Birmingham, AL. He joined the company in 2006.

1992



Brown
(’94, JD ’97)



Cahill
(JD ’94)



Iskra
(JD ’94)



Ring
(’94, MAED ’98)

1993

Jame Anderson is principal at SmithGroupJJR, an integrated design firm, in its Washington, D.C., office. She has more than 25 years of experience in museums and galleries, specializing in exhibition design and architecture. Anderson is a member of the American Alliance of Museums and the American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia chapter. She resides in Arlington, VA.

Kevin Dalton was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is a partner at Fisher Phillips in Charlotte, NC.

Andrew Jacobs (MBA, P ’22) is executive vice president and chief operating officer of Hostess Brands. Before joining Hostess in 2014, he was

president of Wolfgang Candy Company and vice president and general manager (U.S. customers) for The Hershey Co.

Allison Orr was named a 2018 fellow in dance by United States Artists, a Chicago-based foundation. Orr is a choreographer in Austin, TX.

Tina Thornton was named one of three “Women to Watch” by the Women in Cable Telecommunications for her leadership at ESPN. She is senior vice president, production and multimedia sponsorship integration and management operations.

Ed Wilson Jr. (JD) was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, where he serves as an assistant professor during the summer session at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is a North Carolina Superior Court judge.



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JIM JONES (’55, MD ’59)

1994

Bonita Hairston Brown (JD ’97) is director of network engagement at Achieving the Dream, a national nonprofit in Washington, D.C., focused on supporting community colleges in helping students succeed.

Daniel G. Cahill (JD) of Raleigh, NC, has been named managing partner of Poyner Spruill. He is a commercial litigator.

Eric W. Iskra (JD, P ’22) was re-elected to Spilman Thomas & Battle’s Management Committee, continuing his leadership as member in charge of client relations. He has served in this role since 2004. Iskra also serves as chair of the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice Group. He is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and serves on the Council of the Labor and Employment Section of the American Bar Association.

Kristen Else Ring (MAED ’98) is president and head of school at Hutchison School, a PK-12 independent school for 900 girls in Memphis. She was recently named Memphis’ “Top Leader” for mid-sized businesses by the Commercial Appeal newspaper. She and her husband, Dennis, and children Reilly (16), Colby (15) and Samantha (10), enjoy living in Memphis.

Jennifer Van Zant (JD) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2018 “Legal Elite” for litigation and the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. She was also recognized as one of the Top 100 attorneys and Top 50 women attorneys in North Carolina. She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

1995

Kate Harris Hatcher (JD) was appointed to the Board of Partners of McGuireWoods. A partner in its Charlotte, NC, office, she is also a co-leader of the firm’s food and beverage industry group.

Scott Street (MBA) is director of athletics at Lamar State College, Port Arthur (TX). He received the Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award for his significant contribution to public service in Southeast Texas. He is a board member of the YMCA of Southeast Texas, Junior Achievement and the National Athletic Trainers Association, and he serves on the Advisory Council for the Port Arthur Independent School District. He is also active in the United Way and the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce.

Ed West (JD) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2018 “Legal Elite” for criminal law and the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh/Wilmington, NC.



Edgy
(’96)



Katzenbach
(JD ’97)



Barbour
(’98)



Habeeb
(’98, JD ’01)



Childs
(’99)



Opel
(’99)



Beechler
(JD ’01)

1996

Amy Edgy joined the law firm of Linklaters as partner in its U.S. restructuring & insolvency practice. She is based in Washington, D.C.

Gregory T. Peacock (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in New Bern, NC.

Marisa Sechrest is a co-producer of Tina Fey’s new musical, “Mean Girls,” and the musical “Waitress,” featuring a score by Sara Bareilles. She is a producer and live stage representative for Paramount Pictures. Sechrest serves on the board of directors for Playwrights Horizons, a premier off-Broadway nonprofit theatrical company. She is also a member of the Julliard School’s Executive Committee and the Broadway League.

1997

Kristie Heins Fox is vice president of communications for Xfinity Mobile at Comcast in Philadelphia.

Carlos E. Janè (JD) was appointed district court judge in District 22B serving Davidson and Davie (NC) counties. He has worked as an attorney in private practice for nearly 20 years, specializing in criminal, civil and juvenile law. Janè served as president of the Judicial District 22B Bar Association and on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Dan Katzenbach (JD) is listed among the 2018 “Legal Elite” in Business North Carolina. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog Raleigh, NC.

Ted Tseng is director of development for the School of Business at Wake Forest. He most recently served as senior director, business and team operations for the Denver Outlaws, a professional lacrosse team owned by the Denver Broncos. Tseng and his wife, Heather, have two children, Violet (9) and Stella (7).

1998

Faye Rodman Barbour is assistant general counsel, employment, in the Turner Broadcasting legal department. Her clients include Turner’s Ad Sales organization and several depart-

ments within CNN Worldwide. Barbour lives in Mableton, GA, with her husband, Chris, and their children, Solomon (8) and Nadia (6).

E. Bradley Evans (JD ’02) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, NC.

Paul A. Fanning (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Greenville, NC.

Gregory D. Habeeb (JD ’01) was named to Virginia Lawyers Weekly’s 2017 class of “Leaders in the Law.” He is a partner with Gentry Locke in Roanoke, VA, and is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 8th District.

Sally Endemann Seymour is chief operating officer at Medical Center of Trinity in Florida. She previously served as COO at Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte, FL.

Elizabeth Ritter Trach has written “Both Sides of My Skin” (Annorlunda Books), a collection of short stories that take an honest look at pregnancy and motherhood. She lives in Newburyport, MA.

1999

Dan Childs is director of U.S. External Communications for Bayer. He previously worked as managing editor of the ABC News Medical Unit and has received an Emmy and shared in two George Foster Peabody Awards for his reporting. Childs is also an adjunct lecturer at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Mark Hinshaw (MSA ’00) is chief financial officer at Lucas Group in Atlanta, GA.

Dawn Shoultz Opel completed a Ph.D. in rhetoric, composition and linguistics at Arizona State University. After a postdoctoral fellowship in computational humanities and data science in the Nexus Lab for Digital Humanities at Arizona State, she is an assistant professor of digital media and user experience in the College of Arts & Letters at Michigan State University. Her husband, **Ryan (’99)**, is a partner at the law firm of Honigman Miller in Lansing, MI.

2000

Jeanie Alter (MA) is executive director of the American School Health Association. She lives in Bloomington, IN, with her husband, David Bell, and son, Brody.

Todd Hall (MBA) is president and CEO of Truliant Federal Credit Union in Winston-Salem. He was formerly chief operating officer, joining Truliant in 2012. Hall has served several organizations, including the North Carolina Advisory Board of the Small Business and Technology Development Center, the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership board of directors, Winston-Salem Business Inc. board and the Carolina Credit Union Services Inc. board. He and his wife, Shannon, have two sons, Matt and Luke.

Allison Bates Smith is chief of staff to the vice president of policy and government affairs at Google in Washington, D.C., where she lives with her husband, Stephen.

2001

Christopher Beechler (JD) was recognized as a North Carolina Super Lawyer for the fifth consecutive year. He is a partner at Beechler Tomberlin in Winston-Salem.

Nathan Childers (MSA) is managing director of Riveron Consulting’s Atlanta office. He joined the company in 2016 and has more than 17 years of business management experience. Childers served eight years in the U.S. Army in various leadership roles.

Natalie Cordone presented her original production, “Side by Side: A Steve & Eydie Tribute” and taught a master class through the Interdisciplinary Performance and the Liberal Arts Center at Wake Forest. She was the vocal director for Wake Forest’s musical “Spring Awakening” in April 2018.

Elizabeth Lucas-Averett (MBA) is celebrating the 15th year of The Trivista Group, a corporate consulting firm she co-founded in 2003. In addition to her role as managing partner of Trivista, she is a motivational speaker at universities (including Wake Forest) and businesses. She is also creator and host of the On Air with Ella podcast with more than 1.2 million downloads globally.



Marosek
'01



Webb
'03

Winston Irwin Marosek was promoted to of counsel with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Greenville, SC. She joined the firm in 2011 and practices family law.

Christy Parker Moody, leader of major change management and training initiatives for Northwestern University's facilities division, and **James Goody (MBA '09)**, founder of The Motivity Group, have teamed up to work on a project at Northwestern called Facilities Connect, a web-based portal to simplify and streamline facilities management information and services.

Jennifer Nall returned to Wake Forest to become a "Double Deac." After 15 years working in public health locally and internationally, she enrolled in the physician assistant program at the School of Medicine. She received a National Health Service Corps Scholarship.

2002

Elizabeth Parker Horton (MDIV) is pastor at First Reformed Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

Keeley Luhnaw (JD) was an editor and contributing author for the Probate Attorneys of San Diego's "Handbook for Probate Executors, Administrators or Personal Representatives" 2017 edition.

LaChina Robinson, a former member of the women's basketball team, is a women's basketball analyst for ESPN and Fox Sports South. She also hosts espnW's "Around the Rim" podcast and provides color commentary for the WNBA's Atlanta Dream. She lives in Atlanta. Read more at bit.ly/2AKBEE5

Lisa Meisel White (MBA) is executive vice president of Supervision, Regulation and Credit for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (VA) branch in Charlotte, NC.

2003

Ashwani Jain (MBA) joined Mutual of Omaha as vice president, marketing analytics and reporting. Previously he was business director, marketing and analysis, with Capital One Services.

Scott Seedorf (JD '06) was named to the 2018 Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars. He is a partner at O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue in Washington, D.C., and was appointed (outside) deputy general counsel of one of North America's leading trade unions.

Matthew Webb completed the doctor of musical arts degree in conducting at UNC-Greensboro in May 2017. He is assistant professor of music and director of choral and vocal studies at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and the director of music at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ.

Timothy J. Williams co-edited the book, "Prison Pens: Gender, Memory, and Imprisonment in the Writings of Mollie Scollay and Wash Nelson, 1863-1866" (University of Georgia Press), a memoir of a captured Confederate soldier in northern Virginia and the letters he exchanged with his fiancée during the Civil War. Williams is a visiting assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon. He is the author of "Intellectual Manhood: University, Self, and Society in the Antebellum South" (UNC Press).

Ben Wingrove (MBA) is founder of Schedule Pop, an online and mobile staff scheduling software, in Raleigh, NC. He is also president of revenue and partnerships at Etix and co-owns Hopscotch Music Festival.

2004

Wes J. Camden (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Raleigh, NC.

Jonathan McHugh is a senior associate at Livesay & Myers in Leesburg, VA.

Ben Norman (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Gregory Wall (JD), of Williamsburg, VA, is an adjunct law professor at the College of William & Mary law school, where he teaches environmental law. He is also a senior attorney-advisor at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Brad White (MSA '05) is an assistant football coach/outside linebackers at the University of Kentucky. He was previously an assistant with the Indianapolis Colts.

2005

Trip Coyne (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in Wilmington, NC.

Jamie Dean (JD/MBA '09) is a partner at Womble Bond Dickinson. He is a business litigation attorney in the firm's Winston-Salem office.

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Dean
(’05, JD/MBA ’09)



Ford
(’05)



Kline
(JD ’05)



Freeman
(’06)



Appleby
(JD ’08)



Kartes
(JD ’09)



Miller
(JD ’09)



Ward
(’09)

Allison Crawford Ford has been promoted to of counsel with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Greenville, SC. She joined the firm in 2015 and practices business litigation, general litigation, and employment and labor law.

Bradley P. Kline (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, NC.

Charlie Lee (MDIV) is pastor at Starmount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC.

Mel Rivera is an investment specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., where he’s worked since 2011. In 2017, he was named president of the board of directors of the nonprofit, Central American Resource Center.

Connie Rogers-Lowery (PHD), an associate professor of biology at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, was named acting provost at the college.

Melissa Whaley (MDIV) is spiritual care coordinator at AseraCare Hospice in Clarksville, TN.

2006

Chris Caldwell is senior vice president, commercial relationship manager, at First Tennessee Bank in Raleigh, NC. He has worked in the financial services industry since 2006.

Dixon Douglas is owner of CycleBar in downtown Winston-Salem. His business provides an “incredible four-wall experience” for high-energy biking and benefits philanthropic causes in the process. Douglas is also the author of two children’s books: “Miss Bunny’s First Flight” and “Boating With Buddy.” Read more at bit.ly/2GYKkYv

Nelson Freeman is government relations advisor at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Raleigh, NC. Before joining the firm he worked for North Carolina Speaker of the House Tim Moore. He was Moore’s top advisor on tax policy, information technology policy, Alcoholic Beverage Control and economic development.

Adam Gabrault was named managing director and chief digital officer at State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) in Boston. SSGA is the third largest asset manager in the world.

Porsche Jones was recognized at the Winston-Salem Chronicle’s 33rd annual Community Service Awards. She is a former Wake Forest basketball player who sponsors numerous youth basketball tournaments.

Jennifer Justice McEwen is a shareholder at Maynard Cooper & Gale in Birmingham, AL. She is a corporate lawyer in the firm’s Trusts, Estates, Fiduciary & Family Business Practice groups and an active member of the Women’s Initiative Committee. She also serves as co-chair of the Forum of Alabama Businesswomen.

Sara Rudolph Patterson (MA) and her husband, **Jerod Patterson (MDIV ’08)**, are communications strategists in Austin, TX. Their firm, Patterson & Company, oversaw research and digital strategy for the “most-watched local political ad ever.” The ad, “Please Re-Elect Gerald...Please,” received a 2017 Silver CLIO, Telly, Lone Star Emmy and Peer Choice awards.

Latia Ward (JD) is a research librarian and diversity fellow at Cornell University law school.

2007

Logan Roach has been named associate director, law development, for the Wake Forest School of Law.

Christian Sedelmyer is a composer and musician in Nashville. His fiddle duo, 10 String Symphony, toured in Australia and New Zealand and is releasing its third album this summer. He also tours with the Grammy-nominated Jerry Douglas Band. Read more at bit.ly/2CyxYmz

2008

Andrew Appleby (JD) was promoted to partner at Eversheds Sutherland (US). He works in the tax practice group in New York.

Jillian Bjerke (MS ’11) is a doctoral candidate in history at the University of Colorado Boulder. She received a Fulbright Fellowship to France for 2017-2018 to research the joint lordship of Champagne and Navarre in the 13th century.

Clint Morse (JD) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2018 “Legal Elite” for Young Guns and the North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Michael J. Parrish (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. He is an attorney at Ward and Smith in New Bern, NC.

Jerod Patterson (MDIV) and his wife, **Sara Patterson (MA ’06)**, are communications strategists in Austin, TX. Their firm, Patterson & Company, oversaw research and digital strategy for the “most-watched local political ad ever.” The ad, “Please Re-Elect Gerald...Please,” received a 2017 Silver CLIO, Telly, Lone Star Emmy and Peer Choice awards.

2009

Ashleigh Parker Dunston was appointed Wake County District Court judge by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of The Hon. **Jacqueline L. Brewer (’76)**. Dunston is a former Wake County assistant district attorney and North Carolina assistant attorney general.

James Goody (MBA), founder of The Motivity Group, and **Christy Parker Moody (’01)**, leader of major change management and training initiatives for Northwestern University’s facilities division, have teamed up to work on a project at Northwestern called Facilities Connect, a web-based portal to simplify and streamline facilities management information and services.

Patrick L. Kartes (JD) is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. He practices with the Intellectual Property Group in Charlotte, NC.

Andrew T. Miller (JD) is a shareholder at Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte, NC. His real estate development and finance practice covers all aspects of commercial real estate. He also represents institutional lenders in connection with acquisition and construction loans.

Elizabeth Ward is president of Sunshine Beverages in Winston-Salem. Sunshine Beverages makes a “better-for-you” energy beverage in three flavors: ginger berry, blueberry lemonade and clementine twist. Ward earned her MBA from Emory University.



Chesson
(JD '10)



Simmons
(JD '10)



Barber-Jones
(JD '12)



Fletcher
(JD '12)



Shipley
(JD '12)

Heather Bolt Mikeal is director of new business development at Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate in Winston-Salem.

Monteia Mundy Owenby declared her candidacy for the 12th District Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council in Lexington, KY. She is an attorney at Casey, Bailey & Maines.

Jerri Simmons (JD) is a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, NC.

2010

Benjamin S. Chesson (JD) is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Charlotte, NC. He practices in the areas of product liability litigation and business litigation.

Stephen Edwards has joined R.W. Baird Private Wealth Management. Previously, he was assistant director of development for the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest. Edwards and his wife, McKenzie, live in Winston-Salem with their son, Griffin.

Kennon Jones and **Eric Bihl** are in the midst of a two-and-a-half year adventure sailing around the world. They plan to participate in community-service projects in each of their landing spots, living out Pro Humanitate around the world. Read more at bit.ly/2J2Gy0v

Miranda K. Kelly graduated in November 2017 from the University of Kent (Canterbury, United Kingdom) with a Master of Arts in First World War Studies. Her dissertation examined the logistical development of the British Salonika Army in 1915 and 1916. She resides in Germany, where she is assigned to Headquarters U.S. European Command.

2011

Chelsie E. Armbruster (PHD) is assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. She was previously a postdoctoral fellow and research investigator at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Kyle Caudle (MDIV) is associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Winchester, VA.

Sophia Goren Gold co-launched Kaleil PLLC, a plaintiffs'-side consumer class action litigation firm in Washington, D.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE

April 27th was a sad day for the Wake Forest Magazine team when Managing Editor **Cherin C. Poovey (P '08)** retired.

She worked 33 years at the University, starting as publications editor at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1984. Her list of roles and accomplishments is a long one — associate university editor and director of publications; assistant vice president and director of creative services; and editorial director of the Office of Communications and External Relations.

In 2010 when I arrived, she became my trusted managing editor, coaching and assisting our team in shaping a new Wake Forest Magazine and creating a vibrant digital platform, which she has overseen since its inception. Her high level of editorial judgment and professionalism have helped bring us national recognition, including CASE Gold awards for the magazine overall and periodical staff writing, among many others. She was part of teams before 2010 that received more than 20 CASE awards, including two Grand Gold awards for best university publications program in the country. She was a 2003 Wake Forest University Employee of the Year. This year she earned a special merit award from CASE District III for her Rodney Rogers cover story, "Threads of Grace."

Her devotion to the Pro Humanitate ideals of Wake Forest has been evident throughout her career. She

has done pro bono writing and publications work for Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan Ministries, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, the symphony and Ronald McDonald House. She has looked for the best in Wake Forest and its people.

Cherin has been a kind and generous friend to our team — and the University. We will miss her creativity, collegiality, impeccable standards and editorial precision. Most of all, we will miss her. Here's to an exceptional community member who has served Wake Forest well. We are grateful and wish Cherin happy days ahead.

— Maria Henson ('82)



Cherin Poovey with Rodney Rogers ('94) in 2016.

Melanie Kendrick (JD) is a magistrate judge in Marion County Superior Court in Indianapolis. She previously served as a public defender in Indianapolis and Title IX coordinator at the University of Southern Indiana.

Shannon Axtell Martin (MDIV) is director of the Catawba College Theology Institute, "DISCOVER."

Ike Opara is a defender for the Sporting Kansas City soccer team and was MLS Defender of the Year in 2017. He was named to the U.S. Men's Soccer National Team's January Camp. Opara has been in the MLS since 2010.

Susan Sullivan Simos (JD) was certified by the North Carolina Bar Board of Legal Specialization as a family law specialist. She is a partner at the Winston-Salem firm of Tash & Kurtz.

2012

Jessie Ammons was named editor-in-chief of *Walter* magazine, an award-winning arts and culture publication in Raleigh, NC.

Katherine Barber-Jones (JD) was named to the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list. She is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

Anne Davis was recognized by The Institute of Internal Auditors and "Internal Auditor" magazine as an Emerging Leader in the profession. She is a risk and financial advisory consultant at Deloitte & Touche in Charlotte, NC. She is also a career coach for Deloitte's summer interns.

Murphy Horne Fletcher (JD) was selected for the North Carolina Bar Association Leadership Academy's Class of 2018. She is an attorney at McGuire Wood & Bisette in Asheville, NC.

Margaret Scholz Shipley (JD) joined Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem as an associate attorney focused on litigation and employment law. She is on the board of directors of the YWCA. Shipley and her husband, John, and their two children, Grant and Anna, live in Winston-Salem.

2013

Kyle Kohler (JD) is an associate on the commercial real estate and transactional team of Goodman Allen Donnelly in Richmond, VA.

Rob Lemons (MDIV) is director of Volunteer Services at Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem.

Robbie Mann joined the practice of Perfect Balance Physical Therapy in Brevard, NC. He earned his doctorate of physical therapy from East Tennessee State University. Mann and his wife, Rachel, live in Candler, NC.

Cecelia Hagan Stultz (JD) co-wrote an article, "Understanding the National Vaccine Injury

DOCUMENTING A LIFE OF SERVICE

U.S. Sen. Richard Burr ('78), R-N.C., is donating his Congressional papers to his alma mater. "The education and experiences I gained at Wake Forest prepared me for the rest of my life and set a foundation for service," Burr, of Winston-Salem, said during a ceremony at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, where his papers will be curated by the Special Collections and Archives department. The collection includes photographs, sound and video recordings, manuscripts, letters, speeches, handwritten notes and other documents from more than two decades of Burr's service in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

"We are honored to accept Senator Burr's offer to house his Congressional papers. From these documents, students will read about situations that demanded leadership, collaboration, patience and wisdom," said President Nathan O. Hatch. "Not only will his gift allow us to better understand how legislative politics works, we will be well positioned to establish a world-class resource for students interested in being leaders in this realm."





Fossas
(‘15, MAM ‘16)



Harrington
(‘15)



Revelle
(MDIV ‘16)

Compensation Program,” in The North Carolina State Bar Journal’s winter 2017 issue. She is an attorney in Maglio Christopher & Toale’s Washington, D.C., office, and is president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Court of Federal Claims Bar Association. She and her husband, **Gabe (JD ‘13)**, live in Alexandria, VA. He is a law clerk to the Hon. Joseph L. Toth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Isabelle Ruane White is associate director of development for North Carolina in Wake Forest’s University Advancement office.

2014

Hilary Burns is a reporter for American Banker covering community banking. She previously

was a reporter at Charlotte Business Journal covering banking and entrepreneurship.

Eric Disch (MAM ‘17) founded Dough-Joe’s Doughnuts with his wife, **Anna Margaret Roth Disch (‘17)**, in Winston-Salem. Their mission is to serve incredible doughnuts while donating a portion of sales directly to organizations that work to make food more accessible in underserved areas in and around Winston-Salem.

Kovi Konowiecki participated in the Wake Forest START gallery’s 5&Under program and exhibition. The exhibition featured photographs from two of his series: “Borderlands” and “The Hawks Come Up Before The Sun.” Konowiecki was shortlisted for the 2016 Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize.

Hannah Rudder (JD ‘17) is an associate at Williams Mullen in Richmond, VA.

Paula Wells (MDIV) of Greensboro, NC, is certified as an end-of-life doula by the Momdoulary Mourning Doula program. She is working on an additional certification as a Sacred Passages guide through the Conscious Dying Institute.

Katie Winokur participated in the Wake Forest START gallery’s 5&Under program. An arts pro-

fessional, she presented with **Kelsey Zalimeni (‘14)** on their postgraduate experiences and co-creation of DeacLink, the alumni network for arts professionals. Winokur is an executive search and assessment professional at Russell Reynolds Associates in Atlanta.

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2015

Aaron Fossas (MAM ‘16) is a professional baseball player with the Daytona Tortugas, a Class A Advanced affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. Previously, he played for the Dayton Dragons. He was named to the Mid-West League All-Star Team and received the Reds’ Community Service Award last year. He and his wife, **Tillman Hamilton (‘15)**, live in Atlanta during the offseason. Read more at bit.ly/2CNhuYD

Gracie Harrington is a development officer for the West at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. She previously served as development associate for the Southeast at Wake Forest. Harrington is involved in the Women’s March Movement.

2016

Monica Berra (MFA) worked on the impact and engagement campaign for the film, “Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities.” Berra also co-directed, produced and edited The New York Times “Op-Docs” short documentary, “Black Colleges in the Age of Trump,” that is based off the “Tell Them We Are Rising” feature documentary.

Ian Harkes completed his 2017 rookie soccer season with the D.C. United. He was named to the U.S. Men’s National Team’s January Camp.

Austin Hopkins published his debut book, “The Loose Ends Became Knots” (Library Partners Press). It recounts his story of surviving sexual assault and living with mental illness through journal entries, poetry and short stories. Hopkins is a medical student at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Evelyn Norton (JD) is an attorney at Turner Padgett Graham & Laney on the firm’s workers’ compensation team in Greenville, SC.

Rachel Revelle (MDIV) is a second-year chaplain resident in palliative care at University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. She is published in “Colorado’s Best Emerging Poets,” a poetry anthology from Z Publishing.

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LIFE AFTER COLLEGE? THIS ALUMNA OFFERS A HELPING HAND

By Elise Dean ('18), Wake Forest Magazine intern

I have been asked more times than I can count, “What are you doing after graduation?” and “What do you want to do with your life?” I expected Allison McWilliams ('95) to ask me those questions when I went to see her in the Office of Personal and Career Development. Instead, McWilliams sat down and said, “So tell me a little bit about yourself.”

At that moment I understood why so many Wake Forest alumni have called her their mentor and “an anchor” in the ever-changing process of establishing and navigating careers. She genuinely listened as I told her a little bit about myself. She was more interested in who I was as a person than what I wanted to do with my life after college.

As assistant vice president of mentoring and alumni personal and career development, McWilliams acts as an adviser to Wake Forest graduates, many of them involved in young alumni mentoring groups that meet to discuss goals, values and decision-making. Through these experiences McWilliams found the inspiration to write her book, “Five For Your First Five: Own Your Career and Life After College.”

The book outlines the five key competency areas she thinks young adults should master in their first five years after college: “Do the Work; Build a Life; Create Community; Practice Reflection; and Own What’s Next.”

McWilliams says the book is intended “for people in their first five years out, but these are all things that I’m still thinking about and are still important to me.”

During mentoring group meetings, alumni read and discuss portions of McWilliams’ book and Meg Jay’s “The Defining Decade: Why Your Twenties Matter and How to Make the Most of Them Now.”

Brian Shaw ('15), who participated in a mentoring group in Washington, D.C., last year, described it this way in an email: “The group’s dynamic is an interesting hybrid of a traditional book club and a support group (as in the type organized for people struggling through a common illness, but in this case that illness is adulthood).”

McWilliams once knew what it felt like to have no answers for questions about life outside of college. After

she graduated from Wake Forest, she earned a master’s in journalism from the University of Georgia. Although she was passionate about the field, she realized early in the program that journalism wasn’t meant to be her path in the world. She eventually earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration, leading her to mentor students and young adults.

“Allison is authentic and honest. She will push you and provide necessary reality-checks,” wrote Millicent Hennessey ('16) of Washington, D.C., when I asked how McWilliams helped her. Hennessey is a special assistant to the National Security Adviser at the National Security Council and adds, “One of my favorite Allison quotes is, ‘Remember, Millicent, there is no crying in



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the White House.’ ... I am truly grateful for her mentorship, friendship and everything she has done for Wake Forest students.”

As graduation nears many students struggle to find their proper career path or any career path at all, but McWilliams does not regard that as failure. It’s simply an invitation to redefine what failure means to an individual. “We learn so much more from the places we fall down than the places where we, you know, charge through huge success,” McWilliams said.

After meeting with McWilliams, I still don’t have the answers to the daunting questions I am always asked about what I’m going to do with my life. But I do have “Five For Your First Five” as a guidebook that can lead me, and many others, in the right direction.



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(JD '17)



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2017

Ayla Acosta is a corporate partnership representative for the Winston-Salem Dash baseball team. She joined the Dash in fall 2015 as an intern and before the 2017 season was a member of the Sponsorship Services team. Acosta is working toward her master's degree in Sports Administration at the University of Miami.

Yossuf Albanawi is co-founder of the startup company, Pilleve, a smart pill bottle that monitors and screens for signs of opioid abuse and addiction using real-time data. The company was accepted into an incubator called Halcyon based in Washington, D.C., that is driven by social entrepreneurs tackling socially complex problems.

Zach Mack is in the biochemistry Ph.D. program at the University of South Carolina.

Adam T. Nyenhuis (JD) has joined Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell in Wilmington, DE, as an associate in the corporate and business litigation group.

Daniel Reese (MDIV) works in guest services at The Gateway Center and is a chaplain intern at Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

Jake Teitelbaum is founder of Resilience Gives, which provides support and helps patients, survivors and others affected by chronic illness. The company assists with fundraising, creating support videos and designing personalized socks for patients undergoing treatment.

Paige N. Topper (JD) has joined Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell in Wilmington, DE, as an associate in the business reorganization and restructuring group.

Marriages

David Ross Pittman ('81) and Donald McLeod McInnes. 2/2/18 in Palm Springs, CA, where they live.

Shanna McCann ('00) and Anthony Evans Gowen. 8/26/17 in Ocean City, NJ. They live in Philadelphia. The wedding party included Kristin McCann ('02).

Mel Rivera ('05) and Maria Eugenia Ochoa. 2/17/18 in Veracruz, Mexico. They live in Washington, D.C.

Katharine Julia Erickson ('07) and Brian Reski. 11/4/17 in Alexandria, VA, where they live. The wedding party included Ellen Kane Mark ('07), Erin Reading Ray ('07), Sara Stewart Spuhler ('07) and Charlotte Whitlock Wiesert ('07).

Michael Oates ('08) and **Katie McAbee ('11, JD '16)**. 11/18/17 in Charlotte, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Carolyn Atkins (JD '16), Collin Drolet ('08), Jill Godla ('11), Patrick Hayes ('08), Shane Thompson ('08) and Sophia Vazquez (JD '17).

Caitlin Shae Berry ('09) and Kyle Dighton Walden. 1/6/18 in Birmingham, AL. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Jamie Neal Crawford ('10, MA '12), Jennifer Forman Hibbert ('09), Stephanie Pietromonaco ('09), Katie Riuli Plant ('09) and Lauren Daniels Townsend ('09).

Kyle James Carse ('09, MSA '10) and Leslie Beecher Bridger. 4/22/17 in Wilmington, NC. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Jim Carse ('79, P '07, '09), Redmond Farha ('09, MSA '10), Lauren Carse Reid ('07, MSA '08), David Rugani ('09, JD '13), Glenn Stewart ('09, MSA '10) and Matt Woeste ('09, MSA '10).

Dylan Greenwood (JD '13) and **Elizabeth Buckler (PA '14)**. 3/5/16. They live in Winston-Salem.

Megan Driggers (JD '14) and Mikhail Dudkin. 12/1/17 in Overton, NV. They live in Alexandria, VA.

Stephen Jennings White Jr. (JD '15) and **Virginia Isabelle Ruane ('13)**. 7/15/17 in Charlotte, NC. They live in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Katherine Paige Bosworth ('13, MBA '17) and David Cameron Hopper (JD '15).

Births

Steve Gillmor ('94) and Meghan Gillmor, West Chester, PA: a son, Connor Patrick. 1/26/18. He joins his sister, Emilie (5).

Matthew D. Thompson ('95) and Cecily A. Thompson, Charlotte, NC: a son, Everett Tobias. 12/20/17. He joins his sister, Eloise (4).

Nicole Ferrara Ruth (JD '96) and Aaron Ruth, Highlands Ranch, CO: a daughter, Hailey Rose. 9/3/17. She joins her sister, Natalie (12), and brother, Colby (9).

Gin Watson Jenkins ('99, MSA '00) and Howard Jenkins, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Virginia James. 1/18/18. She joins her brother, Howard (11), and sisters, Anna Scott (8) and Sallie (4).

Lee Jamison Schuh ('01) and **Mary Lyn Marquardt Schuh ('03)**, Brentwood, TN: a daughter, Caroline Lee. 12/8/17. She joins her brother, Cooper (3).

Rebecca Ham Ormsbee ('02) and Ben Ormsbee, Devon, PA: a son, Holden James. 5/19/17. He joins his brother, Hunter (7), and sister, Hadley (4).

Mackenzie Goldstein Garner ('03) and Daniel Garner, LaGrange, GA: a son, Noah Brice. 12/23/17. He joins his brother, Logan (4).

Mac Hodgson ('03) and **Kathleen Stelling Hodgson ('03)**, Charleston, SC: a daughter, Penny McEver. 11/16/16. She joins her sister, Mae (4).

Lindy Zimmerman Kerr ('03) and Jeff Kerr, Atlanta: a son, Benjamin Wells. 12/29/17

Linda Baugher Malone ('03, MSA '04, JD '07) and Dennis Malone, Burlington, NC: a daughter, Amelia Marie. 10/14/17. She joins her brother, Tucker (4), and sister, Victoria (4).

Adam Reilly ('03, MS '05) and **Elizabeth Perez Reilly ('03)**, Silver Spring, MD: a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. 6/16/17. She joins her brother, Anthony (5).

Brian Gregory Shaw ('03, MSA '04) and **Catherine Vanatta Shaw ('03, MSA '04)**, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Diana Marie. 5/28/17

Philip Deibel ('04, MD '09) and Ashleigh Deibel, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Kennedy Annabelle. 9/31/17. She joins her sister, Keating (4), and brother, Briggs (3).

Christopher Reilly ('04) and **Megan Crotsley Reilly ('04)**, Doylestown, PA: twin sons, Nathan Stallings and Aaron Tharp. 2/3/17. They join their brother, Caleb (6).

Raymond Harbert Jr. ('06, MBA '10) and **Cole Mabray Harbert ('06)**, Birmingham, AL: a daughter, Anne Jones. 9/3/17. She joins her sisters, Helen (9), Mary (6) and Catherine (4).

Tara Lentz ('06) and Amy Lentz, Nashville, TN: a daughter, Rylee Ann. 12/19/17

Christopher W. Collins ('07) and **Rachel Waters Collins ('07, JD/MBA '12)**, San Diego, CA: a daughter, Ada Marie. 12/3/17

Jeff Mastronardi ('07, MSA '08) and Jennifer Mastronardi, Port Washington, NY: a son, Henry Michael. 11/6/17. He joins his sister, Samantha (3).

Meredith McCreath Whetsell ('07) and Stuart Whetsell, Lynchburg, VA: a son, Elijah Graham. 8/16/17

Frank Brown ('08, MBA '13) and **Renae Odom Brown ('08)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Sadie Frances. 11/11/17. She joins twin big sisters, Amelia (3) and Charlotte (3).

Natalio Daniel Budasoff ('08) and **Christine Holcombe Budasoff ('08)**, Durham, NC: a son, Sidney Gabriel. 10/4/17. He joins his sister, Riley (4), and brother, David (3).

Robby Cohenour ('08) and **Rebecca Beckett Cohenour ('08, JD '11)**, Dallas: a son, Harrison Robert. 9/29/17

Kelly Gannon Flynn ('08) and Asa Flynn, Washington, D.C.: a daughter, Jane McKee. 9/20/17

Todd Edward Likman ('08) and **Ana Arnavtovic Likman ('07)**, Denver: a daughter, Isabel Rose. 12/31/17

Leslie Marshall (PHD '08) and Robert Heffelfinger, Brookeville, MD: a son, Robert Benjamin. 8/25/17

Max Rubin ('08, MSA '09) and **Emilie Smith Rubin ('08, MSA '09)**, Pittsburgh: a daughter, Dorothy Louise. 10/26/17

Lauren Brown Stover ('08) and Andrew Stover, Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Audrey Camille. 2/4/18

Emily Frances Suther ('08) and Michael Malley, Boston: a daughter, Charlotte Ann. 10/31/17

Timothy Eric Silva ('09, MA '11) and **Brady Everett Silva ('09, MA '11)**, Pfafftown, NC: a daughter, Matilda June. 1/3/18. She joins her brother, Rex (3).

Deaths

Willard Auburn Brown ('36), Jan. 15, 2018, Selma, NC. He was 104. He graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, in 1939 and pastored Baptist churches in North Carolina and Florida for 38 years. Willard was a member of Carter's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Selma.

Hartlee Baxley Lynn ('41), Nov. 25, 2017, Orlando, FL. She was a former research chemist, retired real estate broker and past president of the Central Florida Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary.

Paul Wadell Chapman ('43), Jan. 21, 2018, Foley, AL. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He worked at Bell South Telephone Co. until his retirement in 1985. Chapman was a member of Vestavia United Methodist Church and participated in many civic clubs and organizations in the Birmingham area.

Lucy Lubchenko Reavis ('43), Nov. 22, 2017, Winston-Salem. She worked for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, **David ('42, JD '47)**. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren and one sister.

Earl David Lee ('46), Oct. 30, 2017, Griffin, GA. He fought in the Battle of Saint-Lô and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II and received the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct award and the Bronze Star. After the war, he attended Wake Forest, Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a minister of education at Baptist churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland and Georgia before retiring in 1987.

Jack Franklin Canady ('47, JD '49), Feb. 12, 2018, Advance, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He became licensed to practice law in 1949 and was with the same law firm for 53 years before retiring in 2002; the firm was then known as Canady, Thornton, Burge, Brown and Laws. Canady was a member of the choir and fellowship at Centenary United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Twin City Kiwanis, Forsyth Country Club, and local and state bar associations.

Evelyn Harrill Spangler ('47), Jan. 15, 2018, Shelby, NC. She taught English and Spanish at Polkville High School in Cleveland County, NC. She was involved with the Junior Charity League, church circles, book club and a bridge club that played together for over 60 years.

Herbert Thomas Appenzeller Sr. ('48, MA '51), Jan. 5, 2018, Greensboro, NC. In 1956, he joined Guilford College where he worked for 37 years as professor, coach, dean of students and athletics director. Appenzeller was a member of eight halls of fame, including the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, the North Carolina and Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame, Chowan University, Guilford College Athletics and Wake Forest Athletics. The football field at Guilford's Armfield Athletic Center was renamed Herb Appenzeller Field in 2006. He wrote 28 books and was working on his 29th at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, Ann; five children, including **Scott Johnson ('90)**; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

William Leffis Bennett ('48), Jan. 11, 2018, Wilmington, NC. He received his MA and M.Div. from Duke University and Ph.D. in Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor at churches in Greensboro, NC, Memphis, TN, and Fort Smith, AR. While in Fort Smith, Bennett was a leader in the Southern Baptist Convention, met several U.S. presidents and regularly attended the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. He finally settled in Wilmington and founded Mentoring Men for the Master.

Arthur Lee Cash ('48, MALS '96), Feb. 7, 2018, Winston-Salem. He was in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and Philippine Liberation Medals with three bronze service stars. Cash worked 40 years for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., retiring from the treasurer's department in 1988. He was a volunteer at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for 10 years and later with Meals on Wheels.

Harold Thomas Conner ('48), Nov. 8, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He flew 35 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. After receiving his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill, he began a career in education, serving as North Carolina Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction before his retirement. Conner was a passionate writer and athlete.

Doris Rose Morgan ('48), Jan. 30, 2018, Winston-Salem. In 1959, after serving as minister of education in two North Carolina churches, she joined the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Raleigh, where she retired in 1985.



DEACS IN LOVE

Couples celebrate their stories of coming together and making memories at Wake Forest

By Elise Dean ('18), Wake Forest Magazine intern

Through the meandering halls of Tribble to the silent corners of Z. Smith Reynolds Library, the array of nooks and crannies at Wake Forest teems with memories. With each new year, memories are made and shared, sometimes of love that can last a lifetime.

To celebrate their own love stories, 41 Deacon couples returned to campus on Saturday, Feb. 17, for Deacs in Love, hosted in the Magnolia Room by the Office of Alumni Engagement.

Emma Szuba, a sophomore from Sewickley, Pennsylvania, dressed as Katharine Reynolds, and junior Caleb Cabiness of Archdale, North Carolina, dressed as R. J. Reynolds, and they read aloud love letters the couple wrote in the early 1900s.

"I feel that I just must write a word of love whether you see it or not, for thoughts of you are ever in my heart and prayers," Katharine wrote.

The Deacs in Love couples listened intently to the students, members of the Anthony Aston Players, a student organization dedicated to the promotion of theatre arts.

The exchange set the stage for a champagne brunch and offered a nod to the centennial celebration of Reynolda House, the 64-room country house that R.J. and Katharine Reynolds envisioned and moved into in 1917. Its gardens have fostered Wake Forest marriage proposals through the years.

Wake Forest records indicate there are about 4,220 alumni couples. Jeff Titherington ('92) and Ali Preston Titherington ('92) of Matthews, North Carolina, were among the alumni couples at Deacs in Love. They didn't get married in Reynolda Gardens, but they renewed their vows in the gardens on the day of the event, with seven of their eight children watching.

Ali recalled why Reynolda Gardens holds special memories. "Though it was our freshman year, it seems like yesterday that I told Jeff I was ready to be more than friends in Reynolda Gardens, and he responded, 'That's good because you're the girl I am going to marry!' My plan was to get married in Reynolda Gardens the weekend of graduation 1992 and float away in a hot air balloon, but alas, Jeff wanted separate life events! So we got married in Atlanta — where we were both employed with jobs obtained with the awesome help of career services professional Bill Currin ('60, P '86) — on March 6, 1993."



Jeff ('92) and Ali Preston Titherington ('92) of Matthews, North Carolina, renewed their vows at Reynolda Gardens with seven of their eight children.

Chester David ('68) and Susan House David ('70) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Deacs in Love. As they reflected on their time together, they shared how they actively honor their commitment to one another.

Each week for 50 weeks, Chester and Susan are doing something to honor their lives together. Whether it is something small like going to hear a live band or something special like preparing for the arrival of their first grandchild — due in June — Chester and Susan remind themselves of how far they have come and their ongoing

commitment. Deacs in Love served as one week's event in their 50-week celebration.

Back in the early 1960s, the Rev. Joe Clontz Jr. ('64) and Eva Pearce Clontz ('64) were only good friends at Wake Forest. Then came a seminar in New York City during spring break of their sophomore year. They fell in love.

"I get to be with the love of my life all of the time," Joe said. He and Eva have been married 52 years.

For one Deac couple, who met on Pub Row on the Howler staff, the first date was unforgettable. "Midnight dinner at Denny's!" said Kathie Amato ('77, P '08, '11). Leaving campus for good was not an option for her or the man who would become her husband, Al Rives ('76, P '08, '11).

After moving away after graduation, Al and Kathie knew that their connection to Wake Forest was too strong to ignore. Before long, Wake Forest drew them home when Al was hired as a chemistry professor.

"Wake Forest is very special because our life together and our story would not exist without it," Kathie said, adding this advice for any Deac: "Don't let Wake just be a place that you're from. Let it be a place that you're connected to."

For David Bailey ('84) and Lisa Burgess Bailey ('85), their story began with a sprained ankle in 1983. As David crutched out of Student Health, Lisa was walking out of Reynolds Gym. She offered to drive him to get X-rays on Silas Creek Parkway, but she quickly learned she had a problem. She couldn't drive a stick-shift.

"You just press the pedals, and I'll handle the shifts," David told her.

In 1984, they dined at Ryan's Restaurant on their first date, appropriately on Valentine's Day. They will

celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary in August.

"Make sure you have fun at every stage. It's too important," David said, laughing as he recalled all the fun they have shared.

Winston-Salem native Christine Nader Groner ('11) hoped one day to get married in Wait Chapel. On July 13, 2012, her Deacon sweetheart, T.J. Groner ('09, MSA '10, MBA '15), was proposed.

Immediately, Christine began calling for a spot on the waiting list for the wedding. Exactly one year later the couple married, not far from their favorite Village Tavern date spot, in the place Christine had long imagined: Wait Chapel.

To see a video of *Deacs in Love*, go to deacsinlove.alumni.wfu.edu



At the Deacs in Love event in February, from top left: Emma Szuba as Katharine Reynolds and Caleb Cabiness as R.J. Reynolds, the Rev. Joe Clontz Jr. ('64) and Eva Pearce Clontz ('64), Chester David ('68) and Susan House David ('70), Al Rives ('76, P '08, '11) and Kathie Amato ('77, P '08, '11), David Bailey ('84) and Lisa Burgess Bailey ('85), T.J. Groner ('09, MSA '10, MBA '15) and Christine Nader Groner ('11).

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She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, including **Henry ('48, P '69, '71)** and **William ('53)**.

Joseph Clifford Fagan Jr. ('49), Nov. 10, 2017, Greenwood, SC. He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Fagan worked in management for Bordens, Inc. for more than 38 years. Volunteering was one of his greatest joys, and he was recognized in 2016 as the Greenwood County Volunteer of the Year. Fagan was preceded in death by a brother. He is survived by his wife, **Rose Greene Fagan ('52)**, two daughters and two grandsons.

Rudolph Omega Rogers ('49), Dec. 13, 2017, Fairview, NC. He retired from the North Carolina Department of Revenue after 40 years. He was a longtime member of Reynolda Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem and went on 17 building and medical mission trips to the Caribbean.

Ralph Edwin Tate ('49), Oct. 23, 2017, Aberdeen, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Tate worked for Wachovia Bank as senior vice president of the loan and administration department, from which he retired after more than 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. Tate is survived by his wife, **Catherine Greer Tate ('50)**; three children, including **Beverly Tate Cooper ('75)**; and two granddaughters.

Gerald Franklin White Sr. ('49, JD '52), Feb. 24, 2018, Elizabeth City, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He worked in the attorney general's office in Raleigh, NC, before opening a general practice law office in Elizabeth City. White was community oriented and served many organizations and boards, including Wake Forest's President's Club and the Law Alumni Council. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings. He is survived by his wife, **Sara Holcomb White ('53)**, three children, three grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Shelton Thomas Bass ('50, MD '53), Feb. 2, 2018, Lakeland, FL. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a physician of obstetrics and gynecology for more than 40 years in Lakeland, served as president at the practice of Clark and Daughtrey and was in leadership roles throughout his time at Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center. Bass was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, his parents and seven siblings, including **Burnice ('43)**. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five siblings, including **Alease Bass Compton ('51)**.

Wilbur James Eschen ('50), Feb. 20, 2018, Hernando, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Eschen was a retired educator who taught at Suffern, NY, High School for 21 years and later served in the athletic department at State University of New York at Potsdam, coaching baseball. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mabel. Eschen is survived by three sons, including **James ('71)** and **Richard ('74, MA '76, P '98)**, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

James Cecil Jeffords ('50), Nov. 3, 2017, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II and in the Army in the 1950s. He enjoyed wearing his uniform at Veterans Day parades. Jeffords retired from Jeffords Insurance Agency in 1985. He was a director of the Carolinas Association of Mutual Insurance Agents and a member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Insurance Advisory Committee.

Edward Franklin Lovell Sr. ('50), Jan. 23, 2018, Mount Airy, NC. He was a U.S. Naval Reserve veteran. He earned a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a minister for 35 years in North Carolina and Virginia. While retired he volunteered for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mount Airy. Lovell is survived by his sister, **Margaret Lovell Martin ('56)**, and three sons.

John Thomas Myatt ('50), Dec. 24, 2017, Winston-Salem. He attended Wake Forest before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1952 and serving for 27 years.

Ernest Augustus Randleman Jr. ('50), Nov. 28, 2017, Mount Airy, NC. He attended Duke University's Navy flight program and served in the U.S. Navy. After earning a BS degree in law from Wake Forest, he worked for the CIA and lived in Mexico for a short time. He received a degree in pharmacy at George Washington University and owned and operated Randleman Drugs in Mount Airy for 27 years with his late wife, Catherine. He was a volunteer pharmacist for many years with Surry Medical Ministries and a founding member of the Surry County Literary Society. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and three siblings, including **Charles (JD '50)**.

Ammie Lee Royal ('50), Feb. 20, 2018, Greensboro, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He opened a Manpower, Inc., temporary help firm in Charlotte, NC, and over 30 years grew his business to nine offices in three states. He was preceded in death by two siblings. Royal is survived by his wife, Gertrude, two daughters, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three brothers, including **Billy ('49, MD '58)** and **Kenneth ('50)**. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

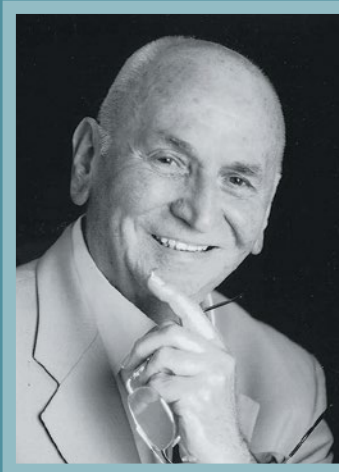
Richard Belton Sims Jr. ('50), Dec. 29, 2017, Woodstock, GA.

Rupert Neil Blanton ('51), Dec. 29, 2017, Forest City, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Blanton earned a Ph.D. in education from UNC-Greensboro. He spent most of his career in education as a high school teacher in the Carolinas and as principal at Chase Alternative High School. Later, he owned and operated his family's business, Blanton's Livermush. Blanton was a leader and teacher at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, serving as deacon, Sunday School teacher and pianist for many years.

E. Lee Cain ('51), Nov. 30, 2017, High Point, NC. He served on the board of trustees for many years and was chairman in the 1970s. He also

JAMES H. DODDING

Professor Emeritus of Theatre



Jim Dodding taught generations of students to live their lives — onstage and off — full of joy and wonder and magic. An actor, magician, mime artist, director and teacher, Dodding traveled from his native England to campus every spring to share his love of theatre.

The “proper English gentleman” and an “institutional treasure,” as Wake Forest Magazine once described him, died March 25, 2018, in Lancaster, England. He was 87.

Dodding joined the faculty as a visiting lecturer in 1979 and quickly embraced, and was embraced by, his American students and colleagues.

For a semester each year for the next quarter century, he taught budding actors and directors and directed numerous plays and musicals, from “HMS Pinafore” to “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” to “West Side Story.” Students clamored to be in a Dodding production.

Theatre major Michael Huie ('84, MA '93) once described Dodding as a “charming, clever, inspiring, slightly mischievous Englishman.... He was our Pied Piper with his meticulous preparation and infectious enthusiasm, and we all would have followed him anywhere.”

Born in Northern England, Dodding ran a variety troupe for the Royal Air Force before attending the prestigious Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance in London. It was there, he once said, that he “was given a code of work ethics: of caring, respect for others, honesty, straightforwardness, and above all, a love and passion for all aspects of theatre.”

He later studied mime with Marcel Marceau, wrote a series of bestselling children’s books on mime and taught himself magic. In the 1960s, he was the voice of the BBC’s Music and Movement children’s radio program. As an actor and director, he brought everything from vaudeville to Shakespeare to the stage in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and elsewhere.

His influence on Wake Forest extended far beyond Scales Fine Arts Center. In 1984, he wrote and directed “Visions and Dreams,” the sound and light production presented on the Quad during the University’s Sesquicentennial celebration. He also organized the campus Year of the Arts celebration in 1996-97.

Dodding retired in 2005, but he continued to return to campus to direct the occasional production, including his last play, Gilbert & Sullivan’s “The Gondoliers,” in 2008. He once mused, “There’s a wonderful line in a Tennessee Williams play set in a graveyard that reads: ‘All these people are saying one word to us: live.’ Every day must be full of something.”

The Wake Forest University Theatre is dedicating the 2018-19 season to Dodding. The Department of Theatre and Dance is renaming its annual Shakespeare Day, which Dodding started two decades ago, to honor him. A celebration of Dodding’s life will be held on campus Oct. 6.

served on the Alumni Council, the Poteat Scholarship Committee, the National College Fund Committee and his reunion committee. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he had a long career with Wachovia bank in Charlotte, Asheville and Winston-Salem before he was named senior vice president and city executive in High Point. After retiring in the 1980s, he co-founded a wealth management firm and joined with colleagues to open an office of Robert W. Baird & Co. in Winston-Salem. He was instrumental in founding the North Carolina Zoo and chaired the board of the High Point Economic Development Corporation, the High Point United Way Campaign and the board of trustees of Mars Hill University. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat. He is survived by three sons, **Charles ('77)**, **Jim ('79, JD '84)** and **Rick ('83, P '21)**, and seven grandchildren, including **Clay**, a Wake Forest freshman.

Emma Brauer Graham ('51), Feb. 18, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was the chief technician in microbiology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine before becoming a full-time mother. After a career hiatus, she began an award-winning career in real estate. Graham was greatly involved in her community, including serving on Wake Forest's Advisory Council for the School of Business and the Board of Visitors. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister **Cornelia Brauer Newton ('47, P '73, '75)** and her husband, Bill. Graham is survived by two children, three grandchildren and her brother.

Louis Patrick Nipper ('51), Nov. 24, 2017, Herndon, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Nipper worked for 10 years as a salesman before spending 18 years as a master franchise coordinator for ServiceMaster in Greensboro, NC.

James Mitchell Debnam Sr. ('52), Jan. 31, 2018, Zebulon, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked for the family hardware business, Debnam Hardware Store, until retiring in 1995. Debnam spent his retirement with his grandchildren, enjoying small engine repairs and working part time at local auto parts stores.

Leroy Duke Sr. ('52), Dec. 13, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He worked at Liggett Group for 37 years before retiring as director of customer service. He loved tomato gardening and anything to do with vintage cars and trucks and was always a "Ford" man.

Donald Paul Mull (JD '52), June 10, 2017, Brecksville, OH. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol and a lawyer.

Virginia Smith Williams ('52), Nov. 25, 2017, Mount Olive, NC. After earning a degree in exceptional children's education, she taught in the Wayne and Duplin county schools for 29 years until retiring in 1991.

Wyatt Van Buren Coley ('53), Jan. 28, 2018, Southern Pines, NC. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisiana State University. Coley served many Baptist

and Presbyterian churches. He was a member of the Southern Pines Masonic Lodge 484 and the Oasis Shriners.

Lynn Batton Johnson ('53), Feb. 24, 2018, Bunn, NC. She was a teacher for 25 years and wherever possible she continued her education. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Cyrus ('39)**. Johnson is survived by two children, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Max Errington Lassiter ('53, MD '57), Nov. 6, 2017, Danville, VA. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Lassiter practiced pediatric medicine for 46 years.

Frank Rogers Rose Jr. ('53), Sept. 8, 2017, Louisburg, NC. He was the business manager of Sun Terrace Casual Furniture, Inc. for 26 years and assistant business manager at Louisburg College until his retirement. Rose was a member of Louisburg United Methodist Church.

Libbie Allen Stines ('53), Nov. 25, 2017, Canton, NC. She taught school in Winston-Salem before she and her husband, **Ernest ('52, MD '57)**, moved to Canton. She was active in her church and went on several mission projects. She also was an active alumna, serving on her class reunion committee and the Poteat Scholarship Committee. She was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, including **William ('84)**, four grandchildren and a sister.

Alvin Avelia Thomas Jr. ('53, JD '54), Feb. 23, 2018, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Marines in World War II. He also served for a time in the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1959, Thomas was voted Jaycee of the Year. He last worked for the law firm of Reavis, Thomas & Poole.

Moody Harrison Gardner Jr. ('54), Nov. 22, 2017, Lynchburg, VA. He attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and did graduate work at Lynchburg College and the University of Virginia. A dedicated teacher and church musician, Gardner retired from the Campbell County Public School System where he served from 1967-1994. He shared his musical talents with numerous area churches. He was president of the Lynchburg Choristers Guild, a board member of the music division of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center and board member and president of the Lynchburg Community Concert Series.

Arthur Lofton Gilliam Jr. ('54), Dec. 11, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He spent his career with Procter & Gamble before retiring in 1991. He enjoyed going to Ocean Isle beach every summer with his family and taking trips with his wife, Nancy. He is also survived by his daughter, **Allison ('84)**.

James Young Greene ('54), March 3, 2018, Chapel Hill, NC. He earned his M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from UNC-Chapel Hill. Greene and his late wife, Judy, left the U.S. in 1961 to spend five years as missionaries in South Korea. When they returned, he had a 25-year career in Youth and Campus Ministries with the

North Carolina Baptist State Convention. After retiring, he worked as a consultant to the former Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis and AMPATH, a health care provider in Kenya.

Donald Dubosq Rhodes Sr. ('54), Dec. 9, 2017, Wilkesboro, NC. After graduating from high school he joined the U.S. Navy and then worked for the U.S. Postal Service before attending Wake Forest College. He was an insurance adjuster with Nationwide for 11 years and retired as vice president of Insurance Service and Credit Corporation after 31 years. His passion was golf, and he enjoyed repairing golf clubs for family and friends in his basement workshop.

Lacy Franklin Tripp ('54), Dec. 14, 2017, Shalotte, NC. He was the former owner of Brunswick Tractor Company in Longwood, NC, and retired from Progress Energy as a radiation control manager. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia. He is survived by three sons, a brother, seven grandchildren, including **Heath ('06, JD '12)**, and five great-grandchildren.

Howard Scheyer Wainer (MD '54), Nov. 10, 2017, Greensboro, NC. He practiced gastroenterology for more than 32 years and helped to develop a medical practice. In 2015, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Daniel James Walton (54, JD '56), Jan. 18, 2018, Gastonia, NC. He was a district court judge. Walton was also a member of the Bessemer City Sportsman Club, A.M. Optimist Club and the YMCA, where he was given an honorary membership. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son. Walton is survived by four children, including **David ('87)**, their mother, Peggy, and five grandchildren.

Frank Bennett Day ('55), Feb. 25, 2018, Raleigh, NC. He served in the military during the Korean conflict. He received his doctor of optometry degree from the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in Philadelphia and joined his father, **Henry ('39)**, in practice in North Carolina for 39 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. Day is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two sons, one stepson, six grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

John Council Joyner Jr. ('55, JD '59), Jan. 14, 2018, Asheville, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Joyner worked for the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem before returning to Asheville, where he joined his father at the law firm of Joyner and Joyner. He was preceded in death by his parents, **John Sr. ('18, JD '23)** and Edith; and his sister, Jean. Joyner is survived by the love of his life, Brenda, and his sister, Nancy.

William Morgan Phillips Sr. ('55), Nov. 18, 2017, Lake City, FL. He worked for the Putnam County Board of Commissioners as purchasing director and retired as county administrator. He was a member of the Rotary Clubs of Crescent City and Palatka, where he served as president, and a Rotary Club member in Lake City, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. Phillips was preceded in

death by his parents, **William ('19)** and Irene. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three children, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lowell Arthur Littleton ('56), Jan. 16, 2018, Rehoboth Beach, DE. He played football at Wake Forest. After graduation, he returned to New Jersey, where he had a long career at Campbell Soup. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Joanne Till Littleton ('55)**, and one brother. He is survived by three children, four siblings and seven grandchildren.

Clay Hughes Napper Sr. (MD '56), Feb. 5, 2018, Wilmington, NC. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He practiced internal medicine in Winston-Salem for 37 years before retiring to Wilmington with his wife in 2003. Napper was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Grace; three children, including **Erin Napper Hester (MS '83)** and **Clay Jr. (MD '92)**; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Robert Nicholas Waggoner ('56), Nov. 23, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a first baseman on the Wake Forest team that won the College World Series in 1955. He was a retired colonel who served in the U.S. Army field artillery branch for 30 years, including tours in Germany, Vietnam, Greece and throughout the U.S. He is survived by his wife, **Ann Scruggs Waggoner ('55)**, three children and two grandchildren.

Ann Hardy Joines ('57), Dec. 22, 2017, Annapolis, MD. She enjoyed playing the piano and gardening.

Charles Hamilton Richards ('57), Nov. 15, 2017, Youngsville, NC. He had a career in the newspaper business and in public relations. Richards was a Rotary Club member for more than 20 years.

Meredyth Paul Curry ('58), Jan. 19, 2018, Stafford, VA. He was a U.S. Army and Air Force veteran and a Pearl Harbor survivor. Curry received his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor at several Baptist churches in North Carolina. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post 3103.

Marvin Kenneth Gray Sr. ('58, JD '60), Nov. 7, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Gray had a long law career serving in Mecklenburg County and was most proud of his appointment to the Superior Court bench in 1986. He spent 23 years as a Superior Court judge and after retiring served in an emergency role until 2010. In 2009, the Mecklenburg Bar Committee commissioned an artist to paint Gray's portrait, which hangs in the county courthouse.

Larry Henry Loftin Sr. ('58), Feb. 1, 2018, Beaver, WV. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired as a clinic and hospital administrator from Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in Marlinton, WV. Loftin enjoyed woodworking, World War II history and spending time with his family.

Ernest Haywood Marshburn ('58), Nov. 1, 2017, Dothan, AL. After graduating from Wake

Forest, he received a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Troy State University in Alabama. He was director of Boys & Girls Clubs of America in cities in North Carolina, Florida and Alabama before becoming a counselor at Wiregrass Mental Health in Alabama. He retired in 2016 as drug program supervisor at Ventress Correctional Facility in Alabama.

Elaine Davis Wright ('58, MA '65), Nov. 10, 2017, Mesa, AZ. She earned her doctoral degree at the University of Northern Colorado and was a professor of anatomy and physiology.

Robert Lee Davis Sr. ('60), Nov. 23, 2017, Winston-Salem. He worked for Wachovia Bank for 39 years. He was a longtime member of Knollwood Baptist Church and a Little League Baseball coach. He showed his love for people by making beautiful pieces of furniture, planting flowers and gardens and helping remodel homes. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Braxton ('32)** and Edna, and his first wife, Mary Lou. He is survived by his wife, Krystyna Davis, two children and five grandchildren.

Clinton Orville Light (JD '60), Nov. 17, 2017, Eden, NC. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Light practiced law for 55 years and received an award for 50 years of service from the North Carolina State Bar Association.

Jackie David Phillips ('60), March 2, 2018, Winston-Salem. He was a U.S. Army Reserves veteran. His professional career was dedicated to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., where he served as plant manager of the Brook Cove Processing Facility before retiring in 1993.

James Darwin Redding ('60), Nov. 3, 2017, Winston-Salem. He was a lifelong Deacon fan who retired from Bell South and AT&T as a data analyst. Redding was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, including **Carl ('61)**. He is survived by his wife, Jean, two daughters and two grandchildren.

William Delbert Craft Jr. ('61), Dec. 29, 2017, Clemmons, NC. He worked in the family lumber business until 1968 and was then hired by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. where he worked for 28 years, retiring as the manager of customer service. Craft's passion was golf, and he also enjoyed fishing at the beach, serving and singing in his church and spending time with family.

Rebecca McDonald Currence ('61), Nov. 17, 2017, New Orleans. She taught school for 13 years and was a fundraiser at the Isidore Newman School before becoming executive director of the Louisiana Museum Foundation. After Hurricane Katrina, she became a member of the Executive Committee of Women of the Storm, which made three trips to Washington, D.C., to persuade lawmakers to visit the area and understand the need for federal help. She is survived by her husband, **Richard Sr. ('61)**, two sons, including **Richard Jr. ('89)**, one sister and four grandchildren.

James Edward Davis III ('61), Nov. 9, 2017, Walnut Cove, NC. He was a U.S. Army veter-

an. Davis was a certified public accountant and worked in the banking and accounting industries for 50 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Abbie, his parents and two children. Davis is survived by four children, five grandchildren, his brother, **William ('66, JD '69, P '01)**, and his sister, **Beebe Davis Lee ('62, P '87)**.

Walter Kenneth Hull III ('61), Jan. 7, 2018, Mechanicsburg, PA. He was a U.S. Marine veteran. Hull was director of the Bureau of Management Information Systems for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania before he and his wife, Judy, purchased Diener's Restaurant in 1978. He enjoyed coaching each of his four daughters in softball and loved war shows, eclairs and single suit spider solitaire.

Bobby Gray Martin ('61, JD '64), Nov. 30, 2017, Winston-Salem. He served four years in the U.S. Marines as a sergeant in the legal department and as an MP. He was a member of the Marine Corps League and the Military Burial Honor Guard. He practiced law for 50 years and was a true globe-trotter who loved to see new places and learn about other cultures. He was always involved in charity work and helping those less fortunate. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Jo Ann Howard McIver ('61), Jan. 14, 2018, Chapel Hill, NC. She was an elementary school teacher in Durham County and Chapel Hill for more than 25 years. She loved to travel and especially enjoyed vacations at the family cottage on Oak Island.

Florence Stacy Weaver ('61), Jan. 13, 2018, Winston-Salem. She received an MA at UNC-Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. Weaver was a teacher before going to East Carolina University, where she served as a department chair in the College of Education and taught for 40 years. She was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Walter Cleveland Benton Jr. ('62), May 26, 2017, Bedford, VA. He was retired from Orion Marketing.

Sarah Johnson Durham (JD '62), Nov. 1, 2017, Wilmington, NC. She established her own law firm in Wilmington and served on the staff at Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church.

Herbert David Joyner ('62), Feb. 26, 2018, Monroe, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He owned Carostate Industries, an ice and oil business. Joyner enjoyed volunteering as a counselor with the SCORE Association, a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, and in 2017 was honored as counselor emeritus. He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings. Joyner is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons, including **David ('86)**, three grandchildren and two siblings.

David Scott Drinkard Sr. ('63), Jan. 29, 2018, Charlotte, NC. He had a long career in the insurance and sales industries. He was a member of several Charlotte-area Chambers of Commerce and was president of the Area 51 Business Asso-

ciation. Drinkard was a member of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, where he was a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and choir member.

Clarence Frye Ikerd ('63), Feb. 18, 2018, Asheville, NC. He was a retired college professor and accountant. Ikerd earned an MA in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. He became a certified public accountant in 1984. He loved to travel and explore the world, especially the southwestern United States.

Barton Coles Marcy Jr. ('63), Dec. 9, 2017, Summerville, SC. Always an outdoorsman and environmentalist, he spent his entire career as an ichthyologist and environmental consultant. He participated in a study of the effects of nuclear power plant cooling water on river and coastal environments. He continued his research for NUS Corp. in Pittsburgh and Aiken, SC. At his last job at Westinghouse Savannah River Site, he led the National Environmental Protection Act program. He was a founding member of the Friends of the Edisto and wrote many papers and books on fisheries biology.

William Lindsey Stafford Jr. ('63, JD '65), Nov. 30, 2017, Salisbury, NC. He had his own law practice. In the 1970s and '80s he taught business classes and was the lead instructor in the business department at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Later, he became house counsel for Isenhour Brick & Tile Co. and represented Mustang Enterprises. In 2015, he was recognized by the North Carolina State Bar for 50 years of service. He was a certified EMT and helped organize one of the early first-responder units at the volunteer Churchland Fire Department. He and his wife, Sue, were members of the Concord (NC) Area Model Railroad Club and volunteers at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

Leon King Thomas ('63), Nov. 15, 2017, Fairfax Station, VA. He was a retired U.S. Coast Guard captain, pilot and successful businessman.

James Donald Martin ('64), Jan. 4, 2018, Peachtree, GA. He retired from the U.S. Army after 23 years of service and received the Meritorious Service Medal, Medal of Honor, Master Aviator Badge and Bronze Star. After the military, he began a second career in education, earning degrees from the University of West Georgia. Martin served the Fayette County Public Schools for 11 years as a middle school science teacher and administrator and high school administrator, retiring in 2005.

Jerry Dwight McGrady ('64, MBA '85), Jan. 15, 2018, Greensboro, NC. He had a long career in the pharmaceutical industry. In his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with family, traveling, reading and collecting books and listening to music.

James Radcliffe Melvin ('64, JD '66), Oct. 31, 2017, Elizabethtown, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He practiced law in Elizabethtown from 1969-92.

Judith Williams Ruffin ('64), Dec. 8, 2017, Ahsoskie, NC. She was vice president of Ruffin

MARY MARTIN PICKARD NIEPOLD ('65)

Retired Senior Lecturer in Journalism and Associate Professor of the Practice in English



Mary Martin Niepold, a journalist and editor who returned to Wake Forest to teach journalism, died Jan. 12, 2018, in Sandy Spring, Maryland. Niepold, who was 76, joined the faculty in 2003 and retired in 2016.

She was founder of the Nyanya Project, a nonprofit helping African grandmothers (nyanyas) raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. She helped hundreds of grandmothers in Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania learn skills to generate a sustainable income.

Students often accompanied her to Africa.

In 2009, she received a Purpose Prize from Encore.org for individuals over 50 who create innovative solutions to social problems around the world.

Wake Forest, and Pro Humanitate, is inseparable from the Nyanya Project, Niepold once said. "Pro Humanitate tells us that ours is a shared humanity, wherever we are. You hear it as a student, and, if you're lucky, you keep hearing it throughout your adult life. ... It followed me to Africa. 'Ahh, sister,' the grandmothers will squeal, 'how did you find us?' 'I just listened to my heart,' I'll answer."

A native of Lexington, North Carolina, Niepold was a journalist and editor with the Philadelphia Inquirer for many years. After moving to New York, she was a freelance journalist with the Associated Press and The New York Times. She was also an editor of Tricycle: The Buddhist Review.

Niepold is survived by two children and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father, Dwight (JD '28), and brother, Dwight ('61).

Memorials may be made to the Friends House, Residents' Assistance Fund, 17340 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860, or friendshouse.com.

Associates, a company she founded with her late husband, **Jennings ('64)**. It provided services to local businesses throughout eastern North Carolina and along the Outer Banks.

Henri Ronald Mazzoli (JD '65), Dec. 30, 2017, Greensboro, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Mazzoli served as an assistant district attorney for Guilford County before running his own law office for more than 40 years. He was an avid sailor, earned his U.S. Coast Guard captain's license and spent weekends and summers sailing the North Carolina coast with his family. He enjoyed spending time at his second home in Panama and studying history.

Thomas Watson Garrard (JD '66), Jan. 10, 2018, Punta Gorda, FL. He practiced law for 52

years and opened his solo practice in Punta Gorda in 1974, where he remained until retirement in 2017. He previously served as president of the Charlotte County Bar Association, chair of the 20th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee and 30-year member of the board of directors for the Florida International Air Show.

Goldie Anglin Hagen ('66), Jan. 15, 2018, Shawnee, OK. She was an English and language arts teacher for many years before retiring in 2010. She was a member and served as secretary of the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for teachers. Upon retirement, Hagen was active in the Pott County Retired Educators Association and volunteered at Salvation Army and Friends of the Shawnee Library.

Allan Bruce Head ('66, JD '69), Feb. 17, 2018, Raleigh, NC. He was the longtime executive director of the North Carolina Bar Association. He is survived by his wife, **Patti Reed Head ('68)**, three children, including **David ('92)** and **Jayme Head Sanchez ('98)**, eight grandchildren and his brother.

Ann Davis Matheny ('66), Nov. 4, 2017, Zebulon, NC. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees in psychology from N.C. State University. Matheny was a psychologist with a private practice in addition to her long career as a child psychologist for Wake County Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Ferd Leary Davis Sr. ('40, JD '53)** and **Selma Harris Davis ('44)**; and a brother, **Ferd Leary Davis Jr. ('64, JD '67, P '91, '94, '96)**. She is survived by her husband, **Bob ('66)**, three children, two grandchildren and two siblings.

Joseph William Moss (JD '66), Jan. 31, 2018, Greensboro, NC. He was a trial lawyer for more than 40 years. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and member of the North Carolina Bar Association, where he served as chair of the Young Lawyers Division. Moss was also a member of the Greensboro Jaycees and served as president of the Greensboro Sports Council. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Moss is survived by three children, including **Joseph Jr. (JD '93)**, and nine grandchildren.

Ronald Page Sprinkle ('66), Feb. 18, 2018, Canton, NC. He joined the family business, The Canton Laundry, and later acquired ownership and formed PLUS Linen & Uniform Service. Sprinkle served in the N.C. National Guard and was active in the Haywood Rotary Club and Haywood County Economic Development Council. He also served on the Canton Planning Board, as chairman of the Canton Redevelopment Committee and as an alderman for Canton.

John Polk Royster III ('67), Dec. 21, 2017, Central, SC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He had a long career selling medical imaging equipment before retiring to The Cliffs Valley in Travelers Rest, SC. Royster was an avid golfer and lifelong Wake Forest fan. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

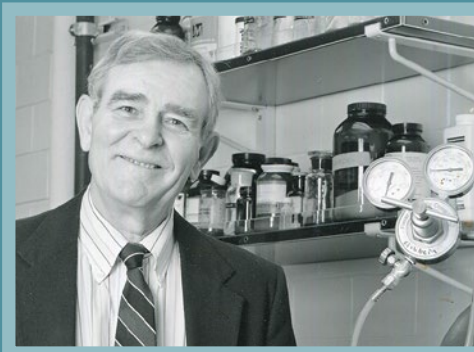
Danny Wayne Gaddy ('68), Feb. 2, 2018, Page-land, SC. He was a teacher for more than 20 years and was a member of the Mensa Society. In his spare time, he enjoyed writing songs and poetry.

Broxie Jay Nelson (MA/JD '68), March 6, 2018, Raleigh, NC. He was a veteran of the N.C. National Guard, retiring as a colonel and commanding officer, and had a long legal career. He was an avid reader who loved history and reading books on the Civil War and World War II. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Terry Wayne Torgenrud (MD '68), Nov. 30, 2017, University Place, WA. Born and raised in Wahpeton, ND, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota and his MD from Wake Forest School of Medicine. After completing his residency at Madigan Army

PHILLIP J. HAMRICK JR. (P '83)

Professor Emeritus of Chemistry



Phil Hamrick, a longtime chemistry professor who helped start the department's graduate program, died Feb. 27, 2018, in Winston-Salem. He was 87.

"He was a gifted chemist and a leader in the sciences," said

Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43). "He was also dedicated to the comprehensive historic mission of Wake Forest."

Hamrick joined the faculty in 1956 after earning his Ph.D. from Duke University. He taught general and organic chemistry and advanced courses. He also served as department chair for several years before retiring in 1995.

Brad Jones ('84, P '14, '19, '21), professor of chemistry and dean of graduate programs in arts and sciences, had an undergraduate class with Hamrick. "I remember that everyone rushed to join his organic chemistry class. At that time, he was clearly the most loved faculty member in the department. He was a wonderful teacher-scholar-mentor."

A native of West Virginia, Hamrick enjoyed hiking, camping and trout fishing in the North Carolina mountains. He also taught Sunday School and was scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop at Wake Forest Baptist Church. After retiring, he began painting watercolors.

Hamrick is survived by his wife, Tyler; sons Phillip and Andrew ('83); and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Laura Katherine Wilsmann.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163, or nationalmssociety.org.

Medical Center, he opened a private practice as a pediatrician and earned a fellowship in adolescent medicine at the University of Washington. Torgenrud was instrumental in banning smoking from the Fircrest Golf Club and was honored with the Pierce County Medical Society Community Service Award. He was an Alumni-in-Admissions volunteer at Wake Forest.

Dennis William Whalen ('68), Jan. 8, 2018, Sequim, WA. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1990. Aviation was his passion, and during his career he was a crew member on the B-52, FB-111 and the SR-71. After retiring, he worked for a government contractor in Las Vegas. Whalen was preceded in death by his parents and his brother. He is survived by his wife, **Keni Alkire Whalen ('69)**.

Carson Irwin Simms II ('69), Aug. 19, 2017, Heredia, Costa Rica. He served seven years in the U.S. Air Force as a cryptologist. He went on to a career in commercial banking and eventually returned to campus after three decades to complete his degree in Latin American history. He is survived by a niece, **Elizabeth ('20)**, and a nephew, **Robert ('15)**.

Sandy Buchanan Bozoian ('70), Feb. 5, 2018, Winston-Salem. She worked in real estate and enjoyed many years as the supervisor of the Adult Education program for the Manchester School District in New Hampshire. She was a devoted grandmother and loved the sound of the ocean and the sand in her flip flops. Bozoian is survived by her husband, **Dick ('71, MA '72)**, her daughter, **Shannon Bozoian Mihalko ('92)**, and two grandchildren.

Jeanne Brown Horsley (MAED '70), Dec. 8, 2017, Raleigh, NC. She taught social studies in Winston-Salem and served as president of the Law Student Auxiliary while her husband, **Bill (JD '72)**, attended law school. She worked for Miller Brewing in Reidsville and Eden, NC. She was active in community organizations including the American Cancer Society, Rockingham County Hospice, Reidsville YMCA and Reidsville Federated Woman's Club. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, including **Ann Horsley Maily ('98)**, eight grandchildren and four siblings.

Harold Ross Inman ('70), Jan. 2, 2018, Richmond, TX. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Inman earned an MBA from Southern Methodist University and retired from the oil industry after nearly 30 years. Later, he returned to college and earned a master's degree in education from Texas Tech University. He taught at Rotan High School until he decided to turn his lifelong love of hunting into a full-time profession. Inman gave his time and resources to the Houston Safari Club, Patrick Williamson Foundation and Sky High for St. Jude. He is survived by his wife, Mollie, two sons, **Ross ('01)** and **Charlie ('03)**, four grandchildren and two brothers.

Robert William Knight ('71), Jan. 21, 2018, Charlotte, NC. He was an accountant in the Charlotte area for more than 40 years. He loved to hike, attend Wake Forest games and travel. Knight was a lifelong member of Charlotte First Baptist Church.

James Gracen Williams III (MA '71), Feb. 4, 2018, Charlotte, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He had a long career with Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Group, retiring in 2008. He volunteered at elementary schools, where he helped fourth- and fifth-graders.

Jane Wilson Parvin ('72), Dec. 12, 2017, Rocky Mount, NC. She was raised in the Panama Canal Zone. She taught Spanish in Winston-Salem and Rocky Mount. Parvin was a member of countless committees and professional organizations and was recognized numerous times for teaching excellence. She touched the lives of thousands of students and colleagues who will miss her wit, humor and style of teaching. She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren and her brother, **Duke Wilson ('70)**.

William Morris Seltzer ('72), Jan. 28, 2018, Hagerstown, MD. He was a baseball catcher drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the first round (23rd pick) in 1970. Later, he was a driver for UPS, serving the same route in Martinsburg, WV, for 30 years, until he retired in 2002. Seltzer coached various youth baseball leagues in the Hagerstown area.

Norman Lee Sloan (JD '72), Feb. 18, 2018, Clemmons, NC. He began his practice of law with the state of North Carolina serving as assistant attorney general. He later practiced law in Winston-Salem.

Riley Gordon Hoggard ('73), April 1, 2017, Gulf Breeze, FL. He was a biologist and retired from the National Park Service. He loved aviation and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Vintage Aircraft Association. Hoggard was preceded in death by his father, **William ('40, MD '44)**. He is survived by his wife, Enid Sisskin, his mother, two children and two brothers.

Julian Samuel Johnson III ('73), March 4, 2018, Raeford, NC. After graduation he returned to his family's farm and worked for The Johnson Company. He served on many boards, including the Lumber River Conservancy, NC Pine Needle Producers Association and Cape Fear Farm Credit. The Nature Conservancy of North Carolina and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission held a special place in his heart. In 2011, he was award-

WILLIAM L. HOTTINGER (P '85, '88, '92)

Professor Emeritus of Health and Exercise Science



Bill Hottinger, who helped lead the health and exercise science department's growth into an internationally recognized research program, died Feb. 19, 2018, in Winston-Salem. He was 87.

Hottinger taught in the

HES department from 1970 to 1996. As department chair from 1974 to 1990, he guided the transition from a traditional physical education program to one focused on research into the prevention and treatment of chronic disease and disability, and on preparing students for health careers.

"Bill oversaw the major shifts from physical education to sport science to health and exercise science," said Professor Emeritus of Health and Exercise Science Paul Ribisl (P '89, '91), who co-founded the cardiac rehabilitation program in the 1970s. "Bill believed in us and supported all the new scientists that he helped bring into the department and supported our efforts to secure research funding."

A native of Pennsylvania, Hottinger served in the U.S. Air Force and used the GI Bill to attend what was then Slippery Rock State College. He went on to earn his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois.

A specialist in early childhood motor development, he taught at Illinois before joining what was then the physical education department at Wake Forest. During his tenure, he helped hire promising young researchers who developed prominent programs in disease prevention, cardiac rehabilitation, and exercise and diet.

Hottinger was well-known in Winston-Salem for teaching children in Wake Forest's annual summer sports camp. He coached youth baseball, basketball and soccer and taught figure skating and bowling. He was an award-winning athlete in track and field, archery and swimming at the North Carolina Senior Games.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; three children, Jeff ('85), Greg ('88) and Lynn Peterson ('92); and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care Center, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, or hospicecarecenter.org.

ed the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents and his son, **Chris ('02)**. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his son, two grandchildren and two sisters.

SuAnn Foster ('75), Nov. 9, 2017, Thomasville, NC. She graduated from Salem College, earned a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed clinical pastoral education at Alamance Regional Hospital.

Stanley J. Michalik (PA '75), Dec. 27, 2017, Quincy, MA, formerly of Dorchester, MA. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Michalik began his career as an engineer and later pursued a career in health care working as a physician assistant at Tufts Medical Center for 25 years. He retired in 2004. Michalik was an active volunteer at St. Anthony Shrine helping with free health clinics and managing medications for

the elderly and infirm. He loved the beaches of Provincetown, MA, and Puerto Rico and enjoyed spending time with friends.

Bonnie Myers Zeiters ('75), Dec. 28, 2017, Chester, VA. She retired in 2014 as a teacher for 30 years in primary reading, Spanish and English as a second language. She loved chocolate and gardening and was a devoted grandmother. Zeiters was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband, **Dennis (MA '79)**, two daughters, three grandchildren, her mother and her sister.

Joseph George Celi ('76), Dec. 27, 2017, High Point, NC. He retired from Guilford County Schools with more than 32 years working with special needs students.

Stephen Glenn Hix ('76), Jan. 12, 2018, Huntersville, NC. He received his DDS in 1980 from the University of North Carolina. Hix opened a

private dental practice in Huntersville in 1982 and worked there until his retirement in 2011. He bundled up and sat in the freezing cold in Charlotte to watch his beloved Demon Deacons win the Belk Bowl. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; his children, **Aaron ('12)** and **Laura (MA '17)**; his parents, **Glenn ('50)** and **Mabel**; three brothers, including **Daniel ('75)** and **Mark ('77, MD '81, P '15)**; and six nephews and nieces, including **Emily Hix Dothard (MD '15)**.

Peter Charles Sexton (PA '76), Dec. 14, 2017, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Winston-Salem Health Care until retiring in 2010. He was the volunteer race director for Crisis Control Ministries for many years and was a member of the North Carolina Coastal Federation.

Lawrence Howard Nabors (MD '77), Nov. 21, 2017, Thurmond, NC. He served in the U.S. Army for five years and completed a trauma fellowship in Birmingham, AL. He was an associate professor of surgery in Jackson, MS, and Roanoke, VA, before becoming a general surgeon in Elkin, NC. He was a general surgeon for more than 30 years and practiced general medicine for the last 10 years.

Brian Nelson Cupp ('78), Nov. 19, 2017, Salisbury, NC. He was vice president and co-owner of Knowles, Inc. with his mother. As a student, he particularly enjoyed studying at Casa Artom in Venice.

Betsy Conlan Gregg ('78), Feb. 3, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was a mother and wife and was actively involved in community service. Many of her fondest memories are of her grandchildren. Gregg was preceded in death by her husband, James, and three siblings. She is survived by two brothers, two sons, including **James Murphy (MBA '86)**, and four grandchildren.

Michael Edward Jones ('78), Jan. 16, 2018, Chesapeake, VA.

Francis Albert Landwehr Jr. ('78), Dec. 19, 2017, Hideaway, TX.

Ellen Strawbridge Yarborough (MAED '78), Jan. 13, 2018, Raleigh, NC. Her first job was at the YWCA, and later she was employed in counseling and mediation at Forsyth Mental Health, The Children's Home, Blumenthal Jewish Home and Trinity Center. Yarborough was ordained as a United Methodist Deacon and served at Green Street Church in Winston-Salem.

Carl Wilson Gammon (MS '79), Oct. 11, 2017, Austin, TX. He earned a civil engineering degree from N.C. State University. After working in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, he worked for Adventest in Germany and Chicago and then owned a LINE-X bedliner business in Spartanburg, SC, before moving to Austin.

Joem Duggins Phillips (PA '79), Nov. 28, 2016, Santee, SC. She attended Bowman Gray School of Medicine and worked as a certified physician assistant in Boston and Charleston, SC. She earned a bachelor's degree from Greensboro College and a master's degree from The Citadel.

DAVID W. CATRON (P '83)

Professor Emeritus of Psychology



David Catron, one of the earliest professors in the psychology department, died Dec. 25, 2017, in Winston-Salem. He was 88.

Catron joined the faculty in 1963, a few years after the philosophy and psychology department split into two departments. He also counseled students in the Center for Psychological Services — forerunner to the University Counseling Center — and briefly served as director of the center. He retired in 1994.

Deborah L. Best ('70, MA '72), William L. Poteat Professor of Psy-

chology, worked with Catron for more than 20 years. She remembered him as the "conscience of the department."

"He was kind and thoughtful, and he cared deeply about his students," she said. "His counseling side really showed up in his work with students. He had high standards and expected them to rise to the occasion, but he was always willing to spend time with a student who was struggling."

Catron grew up in Kentucky and Minnesota and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Furman University and received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

He shared his love of travel with his family and traveled throughout the country and world. He and his family lived in Malaysia for a year while he was a senior Fulbright lecturer. He and his wife, Sarah, led marriage- and family-enrichment workshops for many years.

In addition to his wife, Catron is survived by three children, Nancy, Steve ('83) and Bryan ('83); eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Phillips enjoyed photography and wrote a book of poetry titled "A Voice Alone."

Gerald Sylvester Reedy (MBA '79), Nov. 6, 2017, Durham, NC. He retired as director of internal auditing for Burroughs-Wellcome. He played football and baseball at Eureka College in Illinois and had a passion for soccer and coaching his children and grandchildren.

Walter Baker Jordan ('81), Dec. 24, 2017, Raeford, NC. He was in the food industry in Raeford and Rocky Mount, NC, and Richmond, VA. He was preceded in death by his father, **Riley ('47, MD '51)**. He is survived by his mother and six siblings, including **John ('85)**.

Darlene Carter Smith (PA '81), Nov. 24, 2017, Wilkesboro, NC. She had a BS in nursing and was an RN and physician assistant. She was a co-owner of Foothills Center for Women.

Robert Thomas Whittaker (JD '81), Dec. 23, 2017, Midland, MI. He practiced law in Midland with his father and later established a private practice. Whittaker was an avid reader, had a passion for fantasy football and loved watching old movies. His daughters were the light of his life.

James Fredrick Wood III (JD '81), Jan. 2, 2018, Cornelius, NC. He practiced law in Charlotte for many years and became a partner with Baucom Claytor Benton Morgan and Wood. He came very close to his "bucket list" goal of trying cases in all 100 North Carolina counties. Wood enjoyed hunting, fishing and cooking with his brother-in-law, but the joy of being married to his wife, Wendi, and raising her daughter, Taylor, was evident every time he talked about them.

Mazie Dancy Bumgarner (MAED '83), Feb. 21, 2018, Pfafftown, NC. She retired from Cornerstone Counseling Associates, where she served as a partner and counselor. She also worked at Hospice of Winston-Salem providing bereavement care. Bumgarner served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and chair of many committees at Ardmore Baptist Church, Pilot Mountain Baptist Association and Beck's Baptist Church. She was also a 50-year member in the Order of the Eastern Star Old Town Chapter 355.

Kevin Lee Browder ('84), Jan. 26, 2018, Lewisville, NC. He was gifted in math and also had talents in music and art. Browder began his career at American Express and later worked for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his father, **Joseph ('46)**, and brother, **Timothy ('78)**. Browder is survived by his mother and two sisters, including **Donna Browder Moyer ('75, MD '79)**.

Robert Allan Emken Jr. ('85), Feb. 28, 2018, Winston-Salem. He had a long legal career that included serving as general counsel at Guilford Mills in Greensboro, NC, and later joining the legal team at Reynolds American. He also served on the board of directors of Senior Services, Inc. Emken was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Lynne, two sons and two sisters, including **Janice Emken Mullin ('82, MA '86)**.

Randolph James Hill (JD '87), Dec. 3, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He graduated from Notre Dame University as Army ROTC. He was a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps from 1987-93. While working as an attorney in Raleigh he enjoyed his free time playing golf and following Notre Dame football, the Carolina Hurricanes and the New York Yankees.

Marion Piscitelli Kovach ('87, MAED '89), Dec. 11, 2017, Summerfield, NC. A former school guidance counselor, she was a dedicated Demon Deacons fan. She is survived by her husband, **Dave (MBA '03)**, three children, a stepson, three siblings and her parents.

Gwendolyn Campbell Claussen (MD '88), April 11, 2018, Alexander City, AL. She was a neurologist and worked for 26 years at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center. In 2014 she joined Alabama Neurology and Sleep Medicine in Tuscaloosa. She loved gardening and was a travel enthusiast, planning many family trips throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Margaret Idora Davis ('90), Jan. 6, 2018, Akron, OH. She received a doctorate in psychology from DePaul University and was most recently employed as professor of psychology at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. Davis was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron.

Craig Christian Harris ('90), Dec. 10, 2017, Winston-Salem. He was with Aon Consulting for more than 20 years. He cherished time at Ocean Isle beach, playing golf, fishing and volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Douglas Michael Strout (JD '90), Feb. 17, 2018, Jacksonville, NC. He practiced law in Jacksonville for the last 28 years. He was devoted to his children and never missed a game or tournament and enjoyed spending time on his boat with family and friends.

John M. Tanous (PA '92), Nov. 24, 2017, Auburn, NY. He worked with various local hospitals and spent most of his career at Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists. He enjoyed coaching youth basketball and was an avid golfer.

Christopher Jay Gordon (MD '94), June 27, 2017, Flagstaff, AZ. He grew up in Chattanooga, TN, and graduated from UNC-Charlotte and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. A board-certified diagnostic radiologist, he practiced in Springfield, MO, for many years.

Kristi Mills Rolison (MDIV '03), April 16, 2018, Winston-Salem. Her early career was spent as a social worker and working at hospice care centers. After earning her Master of Divinity degree at Wake Forest she pastored at two congregations — First Presbyterian Church in Pilot Mountain, NC, and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, VA.

John F. Ahlstrom (MBA '06), Nov. 7, 2017, Sudbury, MA.

Theodore Francis Sensor ('08), Jan. 28, 2018, Denver. He worked for New York Life in Philadelphia before settling in Denver to start his own pet care business, "Walk of the Town," with his wife, **Carrie duPont ('05)**. He enjoyed the outdoors, cooking and playing music. Sensor was a member of the Freemasons, Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, Westfield, NJ.

Brian Douglass Baltezore (MBA '14), Jan. 23, 2018, Laguna Niguel, CA. He was a product manager at Epson in Long Beach. Baltezore and his husband, Christopher, shared an appreciation of global culture that took them on many trips around the world.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Anne Sutherland Adkins, Feb. 16, 2018, Winston-Salem, formerly of Elkin, NC. She was a staff writer for Wake Forest and worked for the Dean of the College. She was also a newspaper reporter and columnist.

Sheila Yvonaie Alick, Dec. 12, 2017, Winston-Salem. She was a student in the School of Divinity. Alick was a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Winston-Salem State University. Early in her career, she worked for Child Protective Services of Forsyth County and became a certified nursing assistant specializing in working with special-needs infants and children. She was a minister and member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Kathryn L. Broderick, March 18, 2018, Gaithersburg, MD. She was the widow of former English professor John Broderick, who taught at Wake Forest from 1957-64, and the mother of **John Jr. ('82)**.

Barry Dodson, Dec. 20, 2017, Mooresville, NC. He was a NASCAR crew chief for three decades for drivers including Tim Richmond, Rusty Wallace, Darrell Waltrip and Kyle Petty and led Wallace to the 1989 Winston Cup Championship. Dodson established a scholarship at Wake Forest in 1996 in memory of his teenage children, Trey and Tia, who were killed in an automobile accident.

Robert H. Dufort, Aug. 8, 2017, Gainesville, FL. He was professor emeritus of psychology. He earned his Ph.D. from Duke University and joined the faculty in 1961. Dufort was a respected researcher and the department's first director of graduate studies. He retired in 1999. He is survived by his wife, **Paula Tilley Dufort ('78)**.

Woody Durham, March 7, 2018, Chapel Hill, NC. He was the play-by-play announcer for the University of North Carolina football and men's basketball teams from 1971-2011. Before becoming famous as the "Voice of the Tar Heels," he was the play-by-play announcer and a color analyst for Wake Forest football broadcasts from 1964-68 during the Bill Tate era.

Larry Wesley Etchison, March 3, 2018, Clemmons, NC. He was a machinist with an aptitude for mechanical, structural and electrical building and repair. Over his career he worked at his family's machine shop, Westinghouse and AMP before joining the facilities team at Wake Forest in 2001. Etchison was devoted to Wake Forest and the people he worked with, retiring in 2015.

Betty H. Hauser, Jan. 27, 2018, King, NC. She worked in the financial aid office at Wake Forest for 37 years before retiring in 2008.

Bonnie Chambers Jones, Jan. 20, 2018, Winston-Salem. She retired from Wake Forest as an administrative assistant.

William W. Joyner, Nov. 27, 2017, Wake Forest, NC. He was the owner of Shorty's in the town of Wake Forest. Famous for its pool tables and hot dogs, Shorty's was a popular hangout for students on the Old Campus, including Arnold Palmer and "All in the Family's" Carroll O'Connor. Joyner's grandfather and his uncle Shorty opened the restaurant in 1916.

Betty Long Mack, Dec. 9, 2017, Winston-Salem. She retired from Wake Forest in 2006 as a lead custodian.

Margaret Ann O'Sullivan, April 20, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was a freshman, a dean's list student and a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She was from Kennett Square, PA.

Charlie Thomas Richie, Feb. 8, 2018, Advance, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Richie retired from Wake Forest with 31 years of service.

Daron Denard Rickard, Jan. 16, 2018, Winston-Salem. He joined the Wake Forest facilities staff in 2014.

Jim Schirillo, March 31, 2018, Winston-Salem. He was professor of psychology from 1996-2016. Schirillo was a counselor before earning his Ph.D. in psychology from Northeastern University. He taught at the University of Chicago and the University of San Francisco before joining the Wake Forest faculty. He is survived by his sons, **Nicholas ('16)** and Johnathan.

Claudia Ann Stitt, April 11, 2018, Mocksville, NC. She worked at Wake Forest from 1978 until her retirement in 2014, first as director of alumni records and later as a manager in Information Systems.

Terri Leigh Tyson, April 12, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was an accounting assistant in athletics at Wake Forest for more than six years.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 900 DAYS

Two friends set off to sail together in the adventure of a lifetime

By Kerry M. King ('85)

"In the twilight of Jan. 15, 2018, we accomplished one of the most difficult tasks facing any long-distance cruising campaign: we left the dock."

So begins the "Captain's Log" of Kennon Jones ('10) and Eric Bihl ('10) as they set sail from Annapolis, Maryland, for an around-the-world adventure aboard a 34-foot sailboat, the *Temjuin*, which is "big enough to cross oceans, and probably small enough not to attract pirates."

Jules Verne's adventurers made it around the world in 80 days, albeit not all by sea. Jones and Bihl expect their journey to take two-and-a-half years (or 900 days, give or take).

Before they headed out to the high seas, both had normal jobs on land: Kennon, 30, worked at the U.S. State Department, while Eric, 30, worked for a wine distributor.

Wake Forest Magazine caught up with them in April by email while they were sailing from Key West, Florida, to Panama. You can follow their journey at hardtack.com; on Instagram [_hardtack_](https://www.instagram.com/hardtack); and on Facebook, [hardtacksailing](https://www.facebook.com/hardtacksailing).

The first, obvious question is why are you doing this?

Kennon: To see some far-flung places that you wouldn't otherwise be able to access.
Eric: It seemed like a good idea at the time.

How long have you been thinking about this?

We've been kicking around the idea for the better part of six years; serious preparation began about three years ago. What good are dreams if you don't act upon them?

Give us a preview of your route.

Our route is fondly referred to as the "milk run" as it primarily follows

the trade winds. From Miami we will sail south to Panama, pass through the canal and cross the Pacific to French Polynesia, cross through southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean, head around the Cape of Good Hope, jump across the Atlantic to Brazil, and finally up through the Caribbean and the East Coast of the U.S. The longest stretch at sea will be from Panama to the Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia.

You're both experienced sailors, but how do you prepare for a trip like this?

As unique of an undertaking as this is on a relative scale, in many ways we're sticking to a road well-traveled. Our route follows well-established trade routes during safe-weather windows. Provisioning depends on the availability of different foods and your threshold for eating beans and rice. The most difficult element of preparation has been upgrading and modifying the boat for safety and efficiency. There isn't a singular rubric or paradigm to follow here; everything depends on the boat, the conditions anticipated, and the abilities and preferences of the crew.

What do you pack for an around-the-world trip? What will you eat?

Hopefully not each other. A good rule of thumb is packing six months of food for any extended passage. We



Eric Bihl ('10), left, and Kennon Jones ('10) and their 34-foot sailboat the Temjuin



anticipate our longest passage to be 30 days or so. While culinary offerings may prove repetitive, storing the required calories in dry goods is pretty easy. Large containers of grains, spices and long-keeping vegetables like onions, garlic and cabbage are pantry staples. We grow our own sprouts for fresh greens, and we have had good success fishing so far. Water is a more complex issue. We currently have 45 gallons of internal storage, with the remainder kept in jugs on deck. As we do not have a water-maker, we will have to rely on catching and filtering rainwater. We have a manual desalinator for emergency situations.

Obviously there are dangers on a trip like this. What's your greatest fear?

Kennon: Hitting a submerged shipping container. It's just out and out dumb bad luck, and there's nothing you can do. They don't have AIS (Automatic Identification System), show up on the radar or answer the radio.

Eric: Having one person get seriously injured. This puts an amazing amount of stress on the other person as they are now doctor, captain, navigator, cook, etc., and it could be a significant amount of time before access to medical facilities.

What are you most looking forward to?

Kennon: Chagos. It's a small island in the Indian Ocean that for civilians can only be accessed by private vessel. The U.S. Navy grants pleasure craft two weeks to pass through the archipelago.

Eric: Conducting long-term social experiments on Kennon, unbeknownst to him.

How do you mentally prepare for being away from family and friends for so long?

We have an open-boat policy for all family and friends so we're hoping to have visitors along the way. Skype and WhatsApp are great tools when you're someplace with Wi-Fi, and we're looking forward to reestablishing the handwritten letter as a primary medium of communication. We also have a satellite phone to call our mothers.

How did you meet?

We met freshman year pledging the same fraternity (Sigma Pi) and lived on the same hall sophomore year. The living quarters below are fixed, but the living space outside depends on how far you can swim. So far so good living in close quarters. We're in the market for a volleyball so there is someone else to talk to.

How did Wake Forest prepare you to sail around the world?

Kennon: Wake Forest afforded me the opportunity to travel extensively and through that to develop an ease of connecting with people from diverse backgrounds. I've found so far that the more people you talk to, the more connections come your way which have proven indispensable from repairs, to provisioning, to where you can find the best biscuits.

Eric: I think Wake Forest's focus on the liberal arts fosters a comfort with creative thinking between disciplines that is critical to life on a sailboat. All the systems are connected, and to accomplish a project or solve a problem

you need to draw on a vast and varied knowledge base.

Before you left, you said that you hoped to participate in service projects along the way. How's that coming?

We noticed in planning this that there is no singular or readily accessible list of ways to get involved with communities along the way, so our plan is to do some sort of community service project at each stop, cataloging them so that future voyagers can continue to give back and connect with these communities outside the traditional tourist destination framework.

Hopefully you won't be shipwrecked on a (nearly) deserted island, but if you are, what professor do you hope to find living there to keep you company?

Kennon: Yaohua Shi (Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures)

Eric: Herman Rapaport (P '10) (Reynolds Professor of English)

I couldn't leave home without my _____

Kennon: French Press. We run three on, three off shifts at the helm, so the coffee budget falls under "safety equipment" rather than "provisioning."

Eric: As an Eagle Scout I think I'm contractually obligated to say pocketknife.

What do you miss the most?

Kennon: Chick-fil-A

Eric: Showering with impunity

Venice was mine

By Amy Dotson ('98)

IT'S BEEN 21 YEARS since I first entered Venice, wandering down a dark alleyway lugging a bag as big as I was. Sporting a pair of '90s chic Gap overalls and an unfortunate dirt-brown bob hairdo that makes me wince just thinking about it, I still recall futzing with an old-school, paper folding map while winding down unmarked calles before finally finding the tiny, golden buzzer that would unlock my whole world.

I have always been a traveler — a voracious reader, sketcher of tiny, complex worlds real and imagined, a pretender with a capital P when I was little. I could turn dirt, dolls and aluminum foil into wild kingdoms in my backyard and loved nothing more than a good adventure. And Wake Forest had afforded my childish dreams a reality, providing me with a scholarship to study fine art there. For the first two years, Wake allowed my imagination and my junk-covered sculptures to grow, covering entire walls and looping the garden grounds on campus.

But at the end of my sophomore year, I was restless and in need of a change.

When the door opened to Casa Artom, this new world came with all the quirks of a great novel. Courses led by an ancient art history teacher with a glass-eye obsessed with the “little doggies” that often appeared in the ancient Titian paintings hanging throughout Venice. A secret rooftop that nearly interconnected with the famous Peggy Guggenheim museum, where we could spy on Julian Schnabel and Dennis Hopper as they drank spritz during the Historical Regatta. And of course, there was a flooding force of nature unique to Venice called Acqua Alta that swirled around the house on nights with full moons and high tides, sucking many a drying shoe and shirt out the open window into the canal below, never to be seen again.

Classes taught me plenty, but exploring Venice and all it had to offer provided me far more. I can still feel the Venetian auntie who taught us to make risotto, whacking my hand with a wooden spoon every time I tried to lift up the lid. Hearing my Grandma squeal with delight eating her first tiramisu during her 80th birthday visit to see me.

Learning new dance moves from locals in the tiny, low-ceilinged Piccolo Mondo discotheque. Sitting quietly in La Salute church, trying to wrap my head around what I was going to do with my life.

At the end of my time there, I had cut off all my hair and dyed it blonde. It would be a far more dramatic story to say I burned those overalls, but I did the next best thing and waited for the full moon and let the winds of Acqua Alta carry them out to sea.

On that foggy last morning before returning to Winston-Salem, my roommate, Amy Stribling ('98) and I walked to the edge of the Punta della Dogana, making youthful promises to return to Venice someday. I still have the blurry picture she took, standing at the edge of the island, full of hope but scared as hell that I would never, ever come back.

I didn't return to Venice again until my honeymoon, seeing the city anew with my husband, Adam Wogan ('96), whom I first met on a college tour to Wake Forest when I was 16.

We were lucky enough to return again with our 2-year-old son, Aden, a few years later. At the Salute Church, we lit candles and each made a wish. And that wish came true nine months later with the birth of our daughter, Zoe.

And for the last five years, I've been able to return each year to the city I love, working for La Biennale di Venezia, helping artists and filmmakers from around the world tell their stories.

The chapters continue to unfold and be written. But time in Venice stands still, while life and love march on. When we returned last December, our now 8-year-old Aden fell hard for tiramisu, and I couldn't help but miss my wonderful Grammy GG, who would have turned 100 this year. Aden discovered da Vinci and his wild inventions, filling his own



notebooks and drawings as I once did, trying in vain to capture and build upon all that I was discovering.

Our 5-year-old lover of life, Zoe, delighted in learning about Peggy Guggenheim's 13 doggies that followed her wherever she went, and of course, I told her about my art history professor from long ago over giant scoops of chocolate gelato. But her favorite part of the trip was eating pizza after bedtime and playing an old record player in our tiny Venice apartment, having late-night dance parties with her brother, jamming out to Italian pop tunes.

It was all at once familiar and brand new. Once again, Venice was mine.

Amy Dotson ('98) is the deputy director and head of programming for IFP (Independent Filmmaker Project) in New York City, the oldest organization in the United States supporting the future of storytelling in all its forms. During her tenure, she has supported over 4,000 U.S. and international film, TV and new media storytellers, including 2017 Academy Award Winner for Best Picture, Barry Jenkins' "Moonlight." She is also a leader at the La Biennale College Cinema in Venice and makes a fantastic risotto.



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In Words!

The School of Law National Trial Team won its first championship at the TYLA National Trial Competition in April in Austin, Texas. Two Wake Forest teams, coached by Mark Boynton (JD '97) and Aindrea Alderson Pledger (JD '10), competed against each other in the final round, which Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) says has happened only four times in the competition's 42-year history. With this win, the law school becomes the only one in the U.S. to win the TYLA competition, the national AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition and the National Moot Court Competition in consecutive years. Only one other law school has won all three titles before.

The team that took first place was "Team Mama Bear": Tracea Rice (JD '19), Darius Lamonte (JD '19), Jonathon Salmons (JD '18) and alternate Le'Ron Byrd ('14, JD '19), with Rice and Lamonte trying the final round. The runner-up was "Team McDazzle": Zach McCamey (JD '18), Virginia Stanton (JD '19), Joe Karam (JD '18) and alternate Nick Bedo (JD '18), with McCamey and Stanton trying the final round. The judges awarded McCamey the George A. Spiegelberg Award for Best Advocate of the competition.

With Rackets!

Congratulations to the men's tennis team, top ranked and top seeded, which won its second ACC title in three years in April. The Deacs swept North Carolina 4-0.

Senior Skander Mansouri was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after clinching the match at No. 3 singles. Mansouri's win was the 115th singles win of his career, setting a new Wake Forest program record for career singles wins. He also holds the program record for career doubles victories.

Wake Forest hosted the NCAA Division I men's and women's national championship tournament in May. It ended after the magazine's press deadline, but results are available at bit.ly/2jmODEd.



Skander Mansouri ('18)
and tennis teammates