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‘The final homecoming:’ Currie steps in as Wake Forest AD with Wellman’s retirement

MARCH 3, 2019 After nearly 27 years leading Wake Forest’s athletic department, Ron Wellman will retire as Athletic Director on May 1. President Nathan O. Hatch selected John Currie (’93) to succeed Wellman as the University’s sixth athletic director. “This is very much a dream come true,” Currie said.



‘Hamilton’ star launched WFU leadership event

FEB. 1, 2019 Tony Award-winning artist Renée Elise Goldsberry performed in Wait Chapel to a packed house — kicking off “The Arts of Leading” conference at WFU. “I believe that artists are hugely influential in forming conversations and reflecting attitudes and shaping them,” Goldsberry said.



Chinese influence in Africa

MARCH 26, 2019 Lina Benabdallah, professor of politics and international studies at Wake Forest, spoke with PRI’s “The World” about China’s increasing influence in Africa. “Africa is, in a way, a low-stakes place for China’s experiments in foreign policy. It is a place where Chinese foreign policy can try things for the first time and see how they play out.”



America resurgent: Winston-Salem

FEB. 22, 2019 In 1992, the Chamber of Commerce teamed up with nearby Wake Forest to begin renovating the abandoned R.J. Reynolds factories in its downtown district, now a thriving research and business park. Dubbed the Innovation Quarter, it is a 330-acre space that employs 3,700 people and houses 170 companies and five academic institutions. “This took a lot of actors.... all sitting a the table saying ‘How can we make this work?’” said President Nathan Hatch, who was featured with other community leaders in the video.

What to watch in 2019: Women and minorities diversify thinking, innovation in STEM

JAN. 4, 2019 Diversity in STEM continues to be at the forefront of higher education and workforce hiring. To meet the demands of a diverse population, designers, engineers and scientists need to reflect the populations they serve, said founding engineering chair Olga Pierrakos. “Diversity is linked to innovation.”

The New York Times

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The Washington Post



If Justin Fairfax is forced out in Virginia, who’s next in line

FEB. 9, 2019 Amid calls for Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam’s removal from office, politics professor John Dinan said that impeachment would likely be an uphill battle. “Impeachment is seen as applying to a limited set of cases, generally committed while one is in office or in the pursuit of office.” Dinan was also quoted in Politico and The Washington Post on this topic.



Mentally tiring work linked to type 2 diabetes in women

MARCH 15, 2019 Sociology professor Catherine Harnois said, “In addition to working in jobs that have low autonomy and may have lower status, prestige or earnings, women are more likely to experience sexual harassment and gender discrimination, and are more likely than men to be saddled with familial responsibilities when they get home. All of these factors and more can take a toll on health.”



Is it finally time to get rid of the SAT and ACT college admissions tests

MARCH 19, 2019 In 2008, Wake Forest announced it would go test-optional the next year, making it the first top-30 national university to do so, and it says it is “very glad” it made the move. “We think that the measure of your intelligence and potential requires a deeper dive. It’s about life experience, aspiration, work ethic, engagement and all of what makes you who you are.”



Even Congress might not get the full Mueller report

MARCH 29, 2019 Making the full Mueller report available to the public might be an uphill battle. “The DOJ regulations really do leave it up to Attorney General William Barr to decide,” wrote Katy Harriger, a politics professor and the author of “The Special Prosecutor in American Politics.” “The only constraints on that are public pressure, which, if loud and consistent enough, is likely to make him release more, rather than less, of the report.”



WSSU Future Focus: Leadership and living a life of meaning

JAN. 24, 2019 Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood Robinson invited President Nathan Hatch to speak with him on his weekly radio show, “WSSU Future Focus.” The two talked about how to foster leadership and character in students. “I’m very sensitive to the responsibility of universities to not only hone the intellect but also to develop students’ character,” said Hatch.

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These 7 traits can help you get ahead, then harm you as you move up

MARCH 20, 2019 Being technically proficient can get you noticed but later, it can hold you back if you stay in the trenches, said Allison McWilliams, assistant VP of mentoring and alumni personal and career development. “There is a difference between an ability to use and implement the latest technologies to do the work, and being able to create a vision and a direction for and manage the people who will do this work.”



A new measure of inflation could help solve some economic puzzles

FEB. 7, 2019 Economics professor Sandeep Mazumder showed that using a measure of median inflation across industries, rather than the Fed’s preferred measure of core inflation, might help resolve some mysteries. For example, while core inflation remained mysteriously low in 2017 and 2018 even while the unemployment rate declined to historic lows, median inflation actually sat slightly above 2%.



Best way for seniors to lose weight? A high-protein, low-calorie diet

FEB. 24, 2019 New research shows a high-protein, low-calorie diet helps older adults with obesity lose more weight, maintain more muscle mass, improve bone quality and lose “bad” fat, according to results from a randomized controlled trial led by health and exercise science researcher Kristen Beavers.

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‘Too cozy.’ Boeing crashes raise doubts over FAA certification

MARCH 26, 2019 The crash of two new Boeing 737 Max jets within five months of each other has forced the company, Congress and regulators to examine both Boeing’s technology and its practices. “In many instances, AI can fly an airplane safer or drive a car safer than you or I,” said Sid Shapiro, an expert on regulatory policy at Wake Forest law school. “On the other hand, you’ve got to get it right for that to happen.”

BBC



The Pledge

FEB. 11, 2019 On college campuses across the United States, students die every year as a result of hazing — sometimes violent and dangerous rituals designed to initiate new members into a group to which they pledge loyalty. Law professor Gregory Parks spoke with the BBC about the history of hazing. “Hazing has been around for a long time because in some ways it does commit individuals to one another — commit them to institutions and organizations.”

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Corporations saving billions from Trump tax reform. Here’s who paid the most — and least — to the IRS last year.

FEB. 27, 2019 Many of the nation’s biggest companies are paying less in income taxes, and hundreds are paying nothing at all. “For companies that primarily do business in the United States, the lower corporate rate is probably the aspect of the law that will have the greatest impact on their tax liability,” said James Willis, associate dean for accountancy at Wake Forest.

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US actor’s allegedly fake assault could cause ‘real harm’

FEB. 23, 2019 American advocacy groups and police have a shared concern over the fallout from allegations that an openly gay black TV actor faked a hate-motivated assault: that future victims will face more skepticism even as hate crimes are on the rise. “There is a long history of these victims not being believed,” said Kami Chavis, who is an expert on hate crimes laws and director of the Criminal Justice Program at Wake Forest University law school.

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Scientists prove crowded hedge fund stocks are real and risky

FEB. 26, 2019 New research published by Philip Howard, visiting instructor of finance at the Wake Forest University School of Business, and two professors from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Business, examines risks and benefits of investing in crowded stocks. “The crowdedness of an equity position is an important ingredient for characterizing risk,” Howard, Gregory Brown, and Christian Lundblad wrote in a study titled “Crowded Trades and Tail Risk.”



Winston-Salem reacts to BB&T departure

FEB. 7, 2019 Ajay Patel, the Thomas S. Goho Chair in Finance at Wake Forest said: “BB&T will keep community banking here, but that’s a small piece. BB&T has been a big partner in our community, but the question remains how much of that investment and commitment will stay in the Triad. Like Wachovia, it’s possible that commitment will shift over to Charlotte.”



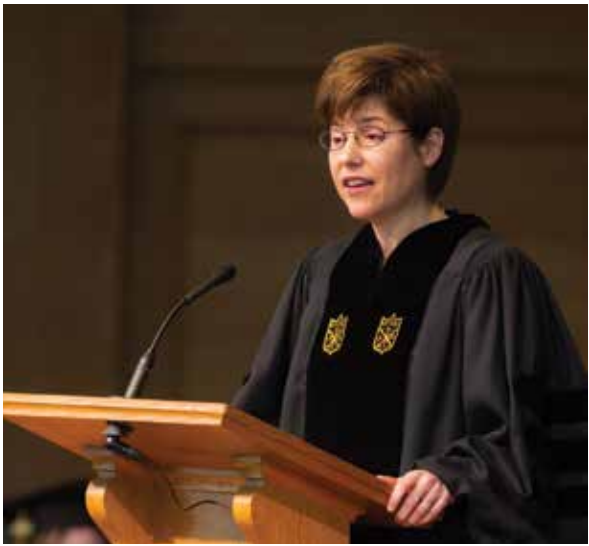
Is the ‘10-Year Challenge’ a boon to facial recognition technology?

JAN. 19, 2019 Lauren Rhue, a professor of information systems and analytics in the business school, said the #10YearChallenge could provide a relatively clean data set on age-progression technology. “The risk in giving up any type of biometric data is that there’s not enough transparency, not only about how the data is currently being used, but also the future uses for it.”



Want to close the pay gap? Pay transparency will help

JAN. 20, 2019 Pay secrecy reinforces racial biases, according to a recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A study co-authored by business professor Derek Avery found that when black job applicants negotiated their starting salaries, evaluators viewed them as more pushy than white job applicants who also negotiated.



Religion and polarized politics

MARCH 12, 2019 Divinity school visiting professor Melissa Rogers said that an increasingly polarized society “has had an effect on both our political scene and our religious communities, and it’s a struggle to try to ensure that we actually preserve and protect places where people of different views can form relationships and cooperate.”



State employee health plans use Medicare’s hammer on hospital bills

MARCH 20, 2019 Some lawmakers are moving to use Medicare reimbursement rates to recalibrate how they pay hospitals. “Even if Medicare pays a bit below cost, 17% of Medicare should be at least 50% above cost,” said Mark Hall, director of the health law and policy program at Wake Forest. “Is that a reasonable margin? I guess that’s up for debate.”

Connecting leadership with character

FEBRUARY 1, 2019 Wake Forest hosted the “Arts of Leading” conference in February. The conference was among the first major public initiatives of the Program for Leadership and Character, directed by Assistant Professor of Politics, Ethics and Interdisciplinary Humanities Michael Lamb. The interdisciplinary conference brought together leading scholars from classics, history, literature, philosophy, religion and the visual and performing arts to showcase what we can learn about leadership from the liberal arts.



Clockwise from top left: Michael Lamb greets conference attendees; the Porter Byrum Welcome Center hosts sessions for the conference; Bill Scheidt, of Sewa Beats, leads a breakout session, “Music as a Metaphor for Leadership Success”; artist and program manager for Wake Forest pre-college programs Donovan Livingston leads an interactive workshop, “Leadership...Remixed: Critical Hip-Hop Pedagogy and Pathways to Justice”; Student ambassador Adarian Sneed asks questions of the performing arts panel.

Gamelan ensemble performs



MARCH 15, 2019 Wake Forest’s Balinese percussion and dance ensemble performed on the University’s Gamelan Giri Murti (Gamelan of the Enchanted Forest) — a traditional instrument of Indonesia. The ensemble also performed at the National Museum of American History in Washington.

Unconscious Bias Tour at WFU



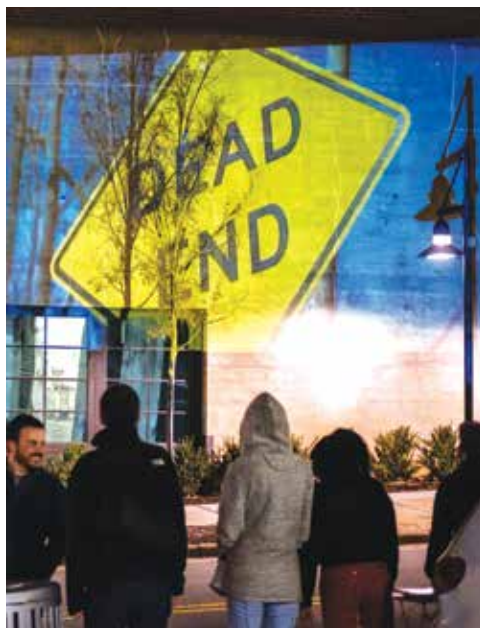
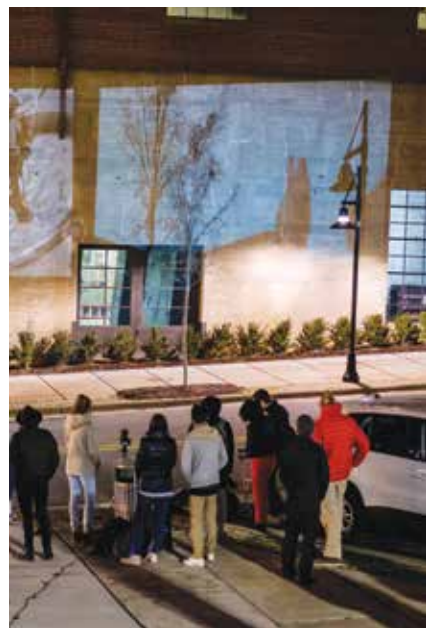
FEB. 18, 2019 The CEO Action Check Your Blind Spots Unconscious Bias Tour visited Wake Forest on Feb. 18. The tour uses virtual reality technology and other immersive and interactive tools to give people the opportunity to learn about unconscious bias and the ways to mitigate bias in everyday life.

WFU facilities staff to star in dance performance

MARCH 29, 2019 Through a series of residencies, Forklift Danceworks is working with Wake Forest Facilities and Campus Services staff on a dance performance to take place on Hearn Plaza on Oct. 4-5. “From the Ground Up” will highlight the skill and grace in the work that keeps the campus running. The collaboration is made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New England Foundation for the Arts.



Public art video projected onto transformed Bailey Power Plant



WFU dance marathon raises money for cancer research



MARCH 1, 2019 Students in art professor Joel Tauber’s class projected video content onto the newly-redeveloped Bailey Power Plant with the hopes of prompting community conversation and progress. In telling the stories of local places and local people, students hoped their public art display would bring together the diverse communities of Winston-Salem.

MARCH 15, 2019 Wake ‘N Shake 2019 raised \$412,670 for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund during the student-organized 12-hour dance marathon this March. Last year the students raised \$391,000. The event was held in the Sutton Center.



Don't find yourself; find a vocation

FEB. 2, 2019 An opinion writer for The New York Times said, "There is a growing movement, found largely among private and religiously affiliated colleges and universities, to focus on vocation.... At Wake Forest, it has involved the creation of an Office of Personal and Career Development that is so thoroughly entwined with the curriculum that you can even take courses for credit in career exploration."

Don't think the worst about your teenager

JAN. 30, 2019 "While, on average, adolescents do engage in more risk-taking, experience more negative moods, and are more likely to fight with parents than younger children, parents need to know that the absolute levels of those things still remain quite low during the teenage years," said psychology professor Christy Buchanan.



WFU receives award for Wellbeing Center

FEB. 22, 2019 The Wake Forest Wellbeing Center received an award for outstanding sports facility at the National Intramural and Recreation Sports Association's annual conference. The award recognizes "facilities that demonstrate excellence in a number of critical areas, including architectural design, functionality and how well the facility meets its intended purpose."

What the Cold War can teach us about how art shapes politics in times of conflict

FEB. 8, 2019 A new book by Wake Forest art professor John J. Curley sheds light on the role that images played in the Cold War. An excerpt from Curley's book, "Global Art and the Cold War" says art produced during the Cold War was greatly influenced by and is inextricable from culture and politics.

Best Value Colleges 2019

JAN. 29, 2019 Wake Forest appeared in The Princeton Review's The Best Value Colleges guide for 2019. The featured colleges were chosen based on academics, costs, financial aid, debt, graduation rates, and alumni career and salary data.



D.E.S.K celebrates 20th event with 'Birthday' theme

APRIL 10, 2019 Hundreds of Wake Forest students representing 50 organizations gathered on Poteat Field to decorate desks with children who attend Old Town Elementary School. Discovering Education through Student Knowledge was launched in 2000 when Tierney Kraft ('04) and Elizabeth Eubank ('04) saw that the children they tutored needed a space in their homes for studying.

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WFU senior interprets for Pope Francis

FEB. 22, 2019 Anna Grace Guercio, a Wake Forest senior who is majoring in anthropology with a linguistics minor, acted as an interpreter for Pope Francis during his recent appearance at the World Youth Day 2019 in Panama, broadcast on national Panama TV.

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Computer science sends students to Harvard conference

MARCH 29, 2019 A career in a STEM field seems "more possible and not so difficult or unique" after attending the largest student-run conference for women in computer science, said Smiti Kaul, a senior computer science major. Kaul was one of 12 undergrad computer science students who traveled to Harvard University for WECode (Women Engineers Code) 2019.

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WFU student named 'Law School Student of the Year'

FEB. 27, 2019 Wake Forest law student Ashley DiMuzio, has been named Law School Student of the Year by "The National Jurist." In 2018, DiMuzio helped lead the Wake Forest trial team to their first-ever 2018 Tournament of Champions national title and was named the competition's Best Advocate.



5 tips for lessening workplace anxiety

MARCH 26, 2019 Roughly 25% of surveyed employees reveal that they regularly experience work-related stress. Experts, including Jennifer Rogers, co-director of the counseling department's graduate program at Wake Forest, weighed in with strategies to combat workplace anxiety. Rogers said it is important to find inner calm.



The Latinx electorate is mobilizing

JAN. 16, 2019 Betina Wilkinson, a professor of politics and international affairs, discussed her research on the Latinx electorate. "The rhetoric now is more anti-immigrant than it was in the past," she said. "So individuals who are immigrants or are somewhat affiliated with an immigrant population are now developing this minority status – this sense of consciousness that 'we are a group that is being retaliated against and that is being negatively affected with this border wall proposal, as well as this anti-latino rhetoric used.'"



Bummer: Marine invaders swarm Galápagos Islands

MARCH 28, 2019 On remote exotic islands, the introduction of species, whether on land or in the water, has proven to be problematic. Native critters are not equipped to fight off or resist the rapid introduction of predators. "Biosecurity is hard when the potential invaders are small and hard to detect, or have small eggs or seeds or spores," said biology professor Dave Anderson. And in the marine world, these sneaky creatures can leave a boat before it can be scoured for invasive life.



New rules equal new conflicts

MARCH 23, 2019 Wake Forest sports economist Todd McFall shared his perspective on golf course esthetics. The labor crunch on golf courses may mean that courses need to be more natural — with fewer bunkers and less water to maintain, he said. "It's one thing to play at a more natural course. It's another not to have a course at all."



Fathers and daughters

MARCH 18, 2019 BBC's "The Why Factor" examined the father-daughter relationship and how it has far-reaching effects on a daughter's life. "'M' for 'men,' 'M' for 'money' — two areas of a daughter's life that are profoundly affected by the quality of the relationship she has with her dad," said Linda Nielsen, a professor of adolescent and educational psychology.



Story of the symphony continues with 2019-20 season

MARCH 4, 2019 The Winston-Salem symphony has programmed an all-Beethoven concert for April 2020. “We wanted to acknowledge Beethoven’s 250th year,” said board member, violinist and Wake Forest music professor David Levy — an internationally recognized Beethoven scholar.

Newsweek



Primitive Old World monkey from 22 million years ago discovered in Kenyan badlands

MARCH 11, 2019 Anthropology professor Ellen Miller is part of a team of researchers who have discovered 22-million-year-old teeth from ancient Old World monkeys in the badlands of northwest Kenya. “This discovery is helping to answer one of the big unsolved mysteries in primate evolution,” Miller said.



Peru launches ‘sustained’ crack-down on illegal mining in Amazon

FEB. 19, 2019 The Peruvian government declared a 60-day state of emergency to crack down on illegal gold mining. High gold prices during the 2009-2010 global financial crisis fueled an illegal gold rush in Madre de Dios that has continued to expand. “It’s been growing for the better part of a decade,” said Wake Forest ecologist Luis Fernandez, who has been studying the issue for more than a decade.



WFU professor receives grant

FEB. 14, 2019 Engineering professor Lauren Lowman won a grant from the Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science Inc. to fund a project that will bring together students from colleges and universities in the region to learn about local water issues through film. “To be engaged in issues such as water quality, you need to understand the local cultures and context of water usage,” Lowman said.



EPA tightens regulations on toxic chemicals

FEB. 19, 2019 Stan Meiburg, director of graduate programs in sustainability at Wake Forest and former acting deputy administrator with the Environmental Protection Agency, spoke with WFDD about updates to Greensboro’s water filtration system and the EPA’s role in ensuring safe drinking water.

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State-of-the-art pitching lab complete through collaboration of school, hospital

JAN. 18, 2019 Wake Forest, in partnership with Wake Forest Baptist Health, unveiled the Chris Hurd Player Development Center at WFU's David F. Couch ballpark — a state-of-the-art pitching lab that will allow researchers and athletics staff to work together to gather scientific data on baseball injuries and injury prevention.

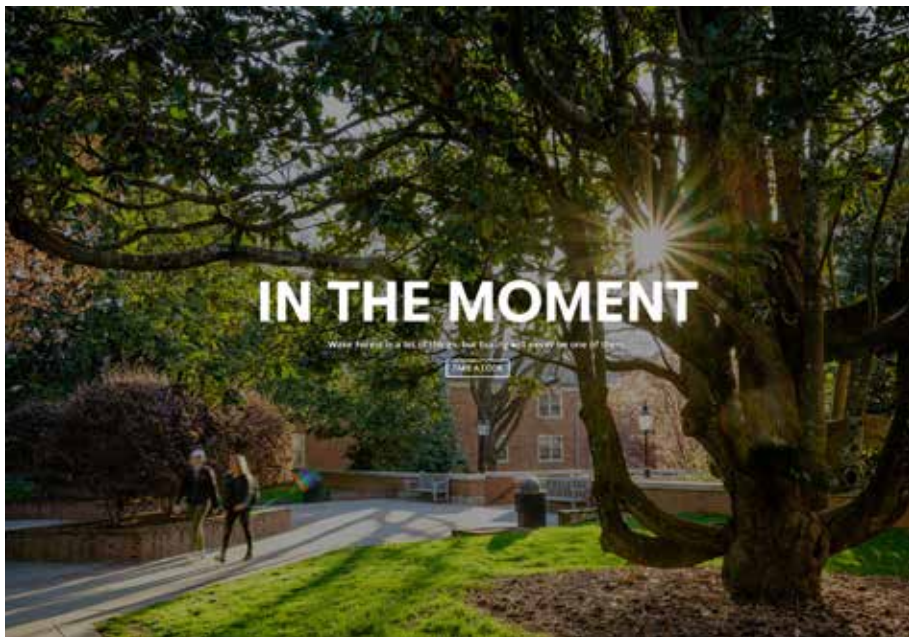
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Jennifer Kupcho makes history as winner of first-ever Augusta National Women's Amateur

APRIL 7, 2019 Wake Forest senior Jennifer Kupcho made golf history on April 6 by winning the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur. She posted a final round 67 to finish the historic tournament at 10-under par and became the first woman to win at Augusta National Golf Club.

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