

# WAKE FOREST IN THE NEWS

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## Wake Forest hosts ESPN College GameDay for the first time in the show's history

SEPT. 11, 2020 ESPN's "College GameDay," college football's premier pregame show, made it's first trip to Winston-Salem for the Demon Deacon's season opener against Clemson. "We are thrilled to be hosting College GameDay for the first time in Wake Forest Football history," Coach Dave Clawson said. "Our players have done all the right things since we returned to campus and having our brand showcased on these national platforms is a reward for their discipline and for the recent accomplishments of the program."



## With support, some traumas can help us grow

AUG. 30, 2020 Psychologists have found that just knowing that growth after trauma can occur may help traumatized people explore the idea. Researchers have found that post traumatic growth is more common in women than men, and while more research is needed, that's likely linked to cultural factors, according to psychology professor Eranda Jayawickreme.



## Why the 'COVID-19 killed only 6%' argument is wrong

SEPT. 2, 2020 A better way to count COVID-19 deaths is to look at how many more people have died each month than is typical," writes statistics professor Lucy D'Agostino McGowan in this opinion piece. "These data suggest that we have seen more than 200,000 excess deaths so far this year, far more than show up in the COVID-19 numbers."





## New study analyzes soaring home displacement rates

**SEPT. 10, 2020** Anthropology professor Sherri Lawson Clark contributed to “Displaced in America,” a report produced by New America after a year-long study mapping housing loss across the United States. As part of the report, research teams generated eviction, foreclosure and combined housing loss rates for every census tract in Forsyth County. The study is raising awareness of Winston-Salem as a racially and residentially segregated city.

## Coronavirus responses highlight how humans evolved to dismiss facts

**JUNE 25, 2020** Philosophy professor Adrian Bardon writes: “Motivated reasoning” is what social scientists call the process of deciding what evidence to accept based on the conclusion one prefers. This very human tendency applies to all kinds of facts about the physical world, economic history and current events. What strongly predicts denial of expertise on many controversial topics is simply one’s political persuasion.



## What is China up to in Africa?

**AUG. 28, 2020** In her new book, “Shaping the Future of Power: Knowledge Production and Network-Building in China-Africa Relations,” Wake Forest political scientist Lina Benabdallah shows that common analyses of China’s engagement in Africa are incomplete. Benabdallah explains how the Chinese conception of building alliances depends on far more than money.

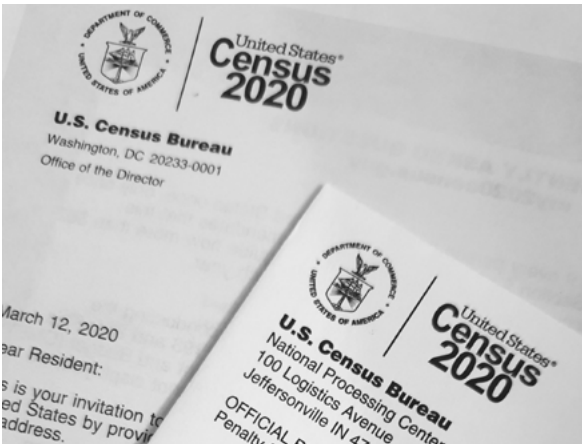
## 2021 Best National University Rankings

**SEPT. 14, 2020** U.S. News and World Report ranked Wake Forest 28th overall among national universities in their 2021 Best Colleges guide. Wake Forest has ranked in the top 30 for 25 consecutive years. The University also fared well in Niche’s annual rankings of the best U.S. colleges, receiving an overall grade of A+, with top scores in academics, professors, value, student life and athletics.

## The HyFlex option for instruction

**MAY 13, 2020** Betsy Barre, executive director of Wake Forest’s Center for the Advancement of Teaching, stressed the importance of differentiating between the sort of “blended synchronous” approach many professors used to conduct their classes via Zoom this spring, versus the fully developed online and face-to-face pathways.





## The census needs to count women. The pandemic makes that harder

**APRIL 21, 2020** Sociology professor Catherine Harnois said that women’s intent to fill out the census could be affected by their lack of discretionary hours in the day. “Even women interested in the census and knowledgeable about it might find the task getting pushed to the back burner. Especially in the current environment, with the complete reorganization of work and home life, and additional emotional stressors.”



## Professor studying remote learning challenges

**JULY 26, 2020** “I’m hoping that through this research we can see the work that people are doing at home to make things work in a really challenging time,” said education professor Dani Parker Moore. Her research focuses on access to technology and the ways in which parents compare their at-home learning experiences with other parents and caregivers. “We have to figure out ways to support everyone trying to make education possible for our young people.”



## It’s not too late to get a virtual internship

**MAY 27, 2020** Many students who were looking forward to reaping the benefits of internships before the pandemic — work experience, networking opportunities, college credit, summer income and even potential job offers — were devastated. “What we have been telling students is that this is not a time to be picky or overly choosy,” said Andy Chan, vice president, innovation and career development. “This is a time to get experience.” He urges students to work closely with their colleges’ career centers to keep track of new postings, polish their resumes and practice virtual interviews.



## A simple exercise on belonging helps college students years later

**MAY 5, 2020** Results from a recent study co-authored by social psychology professor Shannon Brady show that social-belonging interventions can help Black students feel like they belong in college. The study reports that even a decade later, students who took the training reported higher levels of personal and professional satisfaction than their peers.



## New grant: The Honesty Project

**SEPT. 8, 2020** A new three-year project, funded with \$4.4 million from the John Templeton Foundation, aims to significantly advance the science and philosophy of honesty. Led by philosophy professor Christian Miller, The Honesty Project will involve key researchers from Wake Forest and Carnegie Mellon, as well as more than a dozen subgrantees investigating aspects of the philosophy and science of honesty. The collective goal of the project is to examine honesty and its moral and intellectual consequences.





Preserve religious freedom and church-state separation

AUG. 5, 2020 “There are increasing calls for a massive overhaul of our religious liberty and church-state separation traditions — an overhaul that would include overruling decades of United States Supreme Court precedent,” said Melissa Rogers, author, visiting professor at Wake Forest School of Divinity and former director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.” We shouldn’t discard these traditions. Instead, we should celebrate them and redouble our efforts to live up to their demands.”



Public colleges hide donors who seek to influence students

AUG. 13, 2020 With university funding shortages likely to intensify in the coming months, Wake Forest accounting professor Douglas Beets said vigilance is crucial. Donors, he said, may feel emboldened. “There will be cables attached to it. You have to play our game, put together a center and institute and hire the people we want you to hire. You are ending up with a curriculum and faculty that has a debt to a corporation. What kind of education will you end up with?”



Data science, quarantined

JULY 15, 2020 “The data we use to make good managerial decisions has been caught up and turned upside down in this unpredictable marketplace,” said Jeff Camm, professor and the associate dean of business analytics at Wake Forest. Camm co-authored an article about the pandemic’s impact on big data, traditional predictive models and machine learning.



Atrium, Wake Forest Baptist officially combine

OCT. 10, 2020 In a major change for healthcare and education in the Charlotte region, Atrium Health announced Friday it has officially combined with Wake Forest Baptist Health, including the Wake Forest School of Medicine. The partnership will bring a medical school to Charlotte, which is the largest city in the U.S. without a four-year medical school, according to Atrium.



Protests spread beyond big cities

JUNE 2, 2020 The rage and despair sparked by the death of George Floyd spread far beyond Minneapolis, to communities of all sizes. “The nation has erupted,” said Kami Chavis, director of the criminal justice program at Wake Forest. “What feels different to me about this time is that there’s so much solidarity across communities.”



# GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

The New York Times

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## Major U.S. health insurers report big profits, benefiting from the pandemic

**AUG. 5, 2020** Though the federal government is now encouraging insurers to turn over excess funds to consumers more quickly, the Obamacare law gives companies a three-year window to calculate how much to return as a way to offset any mistakes they made in setting rates or if they experienced unexpected expenses. “There’s a cushioning effect for swings,” said Mark Hall, the director of the health law and policy program at Wake Forest.



## After social distancing, a strange purgatory awaits

**APRIL 16, 2020** Jonathan Walton, the dean of Wake Forest University’s School of Divinity, has described our time hiding from, mobilizing against, and then living with the virus as the “now normal,” the simple effort to live each day as if it were typical, knowing that the next day will bring a new round of uncertainty.



## The fight against AIDS shaped how COVID-19 drugs will reach patients

**APRIL 29, 2020** “AIDS was a merciless and lethal disease until the FDA’s new programs made drugs easier to test and more widely available. These changes to FDA policy did not just change the course of the AIDS epidemic, but also will play a role in how COVID-19 treatments are tested, and how quickly patients have access to them,” said legal historian and law professor Marie-Amélie in an article written for the Washington Post.

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## Confusion over eviction ban led to selective enforcement

**SEPT. 2, 2020** Emily Benfer, a law professor at Wake Forest and chair of the American Bar Association’s COVID-19 Task Force Committee on Eviction, praised the Trump administration’s action to halt evictions for most renters through the end of the year as a “tremendous intervention that promises to protect the health and safety of millions of renters.” But she also warned that it’s only a “half measure.” “Without rental assistance to cover the mounting debt, it only delays eviction and its devastating consequences.”



## Why arrests take so long in cases like Ahmaud Arbery’s and Breonna Taylor’s

**MAY 18, 2020** While the delay in arrests has unsurprisingly led to anger and frustration around both cases, law professor Ronald Wright said we’d be better off asking what the prosecutors have been doing as opposed to how long they are taking. Cases of police use of force “are especially difficult to win at trial, so you really have to build a very solid case. That takes time. So the delay could be a good thing or a bad thing depending on whether they are putting the effort into building a great case.”



# AROUND CAMPUS

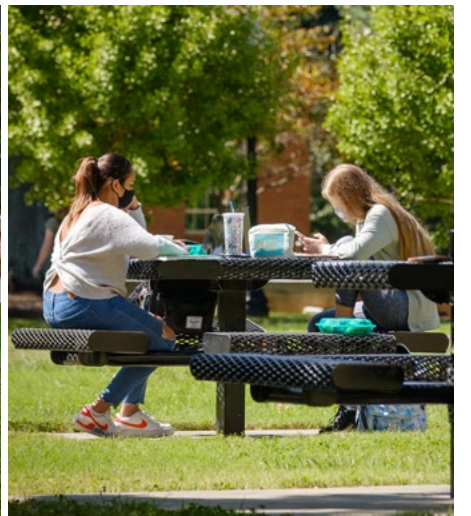
## How we work

One member of each lab group in physics meets in-person while the rest of their lab partners attend remotely. Chemistry labs have plexiglass to keep students safe, and gloves and masks are part of the lab experience. The Wake Forest Orchestra enjoys outdoor social distanced practice, a cinematography class learns to use their cameras outdoors, and many students attend remote classes and study at outdoor tables.



## How we play

Students #ShowHumanitate as they socialize in the beautiful fall weather.





## AROUND CAMPUS



### WFU awarded \$700K+ for engineering education

The new two-year grant brings together faculty in the Department of Engineering and Program for Leadership and Character to teach a new generation of engineers who lead with virtue and create value for the clients and communities they serve. Additionally, engineering professors Erin Henslee and Lauren Lowman have been named as 2020 Engineering Unleashed Fellows. They are part of a 29-person cohort nominated by their peers from colleges and universities nationwide for their contributions to engineering pedagogy and entrepreneurial engineering mindsets.



### Move-in Day: Wake Forest welcomes class of 2024

About 1,400 first-year students moved into residence halls during scheduled, two-hour appointments. Numerous guidelines and procedures were in place to protect against the spread of COVID-19, including opening residence halls at reduced capacity. The University worked closely with public health officials to develop a comprehensive plan to safely bring students back to campus.

Watch the #WFU24 move-in [video](#).



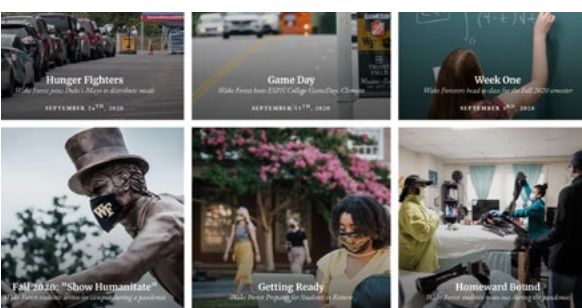
### Hit the Bricks

Wake Forest's annual 'Hit the Bricks' cancer research fundraiser in honor of Brian Piccolo looked different this year. What's normally a daylong relay race on Hearn Plaza stretched over four days to include both on-campus and virtual activities. More than \$130,000 was raised for the #BrianPiccolo Cancer Research fund at the Wake Forest Baptist Health Comprehensive Cancer Center.



### IdeasCity comes to Winston-Salem

Wake Forest University, New Museum's NEW INC in New York City, and more than a dozen local businesses and organizations, are engaging in a unique year-long partnership under the banner "IdeasCity Winston-Salem." Community partners will host events to explore creative approaches to improve health and wellbeing, economic development, and justice and equity for members of the Winston-Salem community.



### Want to see more of life around campus?

Check out [Wake Forest fall photo stories](#), and visit the University's [YouTube Channel](#).





## When collegiate sports are sidelined, schools and local economies take a hit

**AUG. 4, 2020** Consistently competitive sports programs are vital to collegiate economics, said sports economist Todd McFall. Every time Wake Forest makes it into the NCAA basketball tournament, it is a recruitment ad campaign for the school. “That doesn’t show up in the accounting budget. It shows up in the demand to go to the school. It shows up in terms of the size of the tuition that they’re able to charge. It shows up in all sorts of revenues that are not tied directly to the athletic program.”

## Protester demands largely met by Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office

**SEPT. 4, 2020** “We never imagined that it would take this long to get these demands met,” said sociology professor Brittany Battle, an activist with Triad Abolition Project. Law professor Mark Rabil said taken all together, the new resolution is a remarkable achievement. “I have very little expectation that the United States Supreme Court would make the changes that have been made here as a result of 49 days of direct action by the protesters,” he said.

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## Colleges say they can reopen safely.

**JUNE 16, 2020** Wake Forest brought together a group of students to craft a “student compact” designed to guide student behavior off campus and in other scenarios where faculty and staff members aren’t around. Some of those involved are student leaders, but Adam Goldstein, dean of students and associate vice president, said he also wanted to involve “social influencers” — a broad network of students who can hold one another accountable.

## Will the penny survive coronavirus? Some hope not

**JULY 29, 2020** Economics professor Robert Whaples said his research, which examined data from a chain of convenience stores, showed that customers ended up breaking even over time because prices were rounded down as much as up, considering people buy multiple items and when accounting for tax. “Right now, with the coin shortage, is a good opportunity to seize the issue,” he said, arguing that pennies should be eliminated from circulation.

## Solve the Monty Hall Problem

**MAY 26, 2020** Monty Hall, host of Let’s Make a Deal, regularly presented a puzzle that challenges the way we handle predictions and outcomes. Although contestants mathematically increase their chances of winning by changing their original prediction, people rarely switch. Psychologist John Petrocelli conducted a study in which subjects repeat the game hundreds of times. On recall, they remembered when they switched and lost more strongly than when they switched and won. It’s not about math, he says. The emotional angst that almost winning incites is just too painful. So they stay put, and lose two-thirds of the time.



## STUDENT NEWS



### Foreign students caught between COVID-19 and ICE

**JULY 9, 2020** This week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced that F-1 visa holders will have to leave the country or risk deportation unless they take fall classes in person and not online only. This move affects around one million international students studying in the U.S., like senior Rafael Lima. Lima, a Brazilian student, is a communications major on a four-year, full-ride scholarship, one of only four awarded to a scholar in his country by a private donor from Brazil. “I just want to try to get back to my normal life,” Lima explained, calling the year so far “really chaotic.”



### Pro Bono assistance with unemployment insurance

**JUNE 4, 2020** Law school students worked under the supervision of faculty members to offer guidance and consultation to North Carolina residents. “Our law students and faculty members have been trained and are already helping community members with questions. The COVID-19 economic fallout has led to a tsunami of unemployment filings and the system is overwhelmed,” said Jane Aiken, dean of Wake Forest law school.



### Student EMT sent to NYC to help COVID-19 patients

**JUNE 15, 2020** Davis Feldman, a senior biology major, was recently sent to New York City to help COVID-19 patients. He worked as a medic from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. in Unit A1 of the Ryan Larkin Field Hospital, a tent hospital that was erected in a soccer field at Columbia University, across from New York Presbyterian Allen Hospital. The makeshift facility had a capacity for more than 280 coronavirus patients, including 36 in Feldman’s unit.



### Study shows pro athletes influence political views

**MAY 10, 2020** Politics professor Betina Wilkins is working with an undergraduate student on how much influence professional athletes can have on the public’s views. “They have the ability to influence people’s views on issues regarding race such as immigration and criminal justice reform,” Wilkinson said.



### Students support local families with virtual tutoring

**AUG. 26, 2020** “Being able to build one-on-one relationships with community members and being the drivers of that relationship is really valuable, and not something that we always get to do at the University,” said Camry Wilborn, assistant director of Wake Forest’s Office of Civic & Community Engagement. “Being able to share the resources on our campus with the community makes me really happy and satisfied.”





## Coronavirus pandemic highlights Baker's sweeping emergency authority

**SEPT. 15, 2020** The intensity and longevity of the emergency declarations have thrust a new level of attention on gubernatorial powers. "We haven't fully appreciated how much power we put in the governor. This is the first time in any sustained way, we've really given the governors a lot of power in these statutes," said politics professor John Dinan, who studies state policy making and constitutions.



## Colleges look for lower risk ways for students to socialize

**SEPT. 18, 2020** Tim Wilkinson, associate dean for student engagement, said the University required student organization leaders to undergo training on the rules for in-person events, which, for example, limit group size to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Wake Forest also makes tents reservable for student groups.



## Beethoven symphony defies time and space

**AUG. 3, 2020** Beethoven's "Pastoral" was one of the very first "programmatic" symphonies with musical references to the physical world. "Scene by the brook" has three bird calls, and it was one of the first symphonies to use trombones. "Trombones were used in church," said music professor and world-renowned Beethoven expert David Levy. "And to represent the supernatural in opera. This was Beethoven bringing the church into the symphony."



## Get creative to celebrate dad

**JUNE 21, 2020** During the coronavirus outbreak, the best Father's Day gifts should be personal and priceless. Tell your father how much he means to you in a handwritten letter. To make it really personal, use a plain piece of paper, rather than a card, suggests professor of education and adolescent psychology Linda Nielsen. The key is to recall specific moments. "It can't be generic," Nielsen said, adding, "It can't have anything to do with money."



## How to-do lists can make you feel less anxious

**JULY 14, 2020** "When a goal is unfinished it might be a weight on your mind in terms of anxiety or worry and it colors how you see the world, because it's sort of tugging at the sleeve of your conscious attention," said psychology professor E.J. Masicampo. "It can be omnipresent whether you're aware of it or not." Masicampo and co-author Roy Baumeister, reported their findings from a study that showed people with unfinished short-term goals performed poorly on unrelated reading and comprehension tasks.





## The academic year is mostly online, and so are the campus speakers

**SEPT. 15, 2020** Wake Forest kicks off its new Face to Face Speaker Forum with Pulitzer Prize-winning columnists Peggy Noonan and Eugene Robinson on Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The virtual event is free for Wake Forest students and employees. It's also free for faculty and students at other colleges and universities in the Winston-Salem area.



## Despite the pandemic, UNC system enrollment ticks up

**SEPT. 18, 2020** “I don’t find the trend too surprising, given the flat tuition at UNC schools, and the very high quality of education available, particularly at the flagships,” said economics professor Amanda Griffith, who teaches higher education finance. Griffith noted that during periods of high unemployment, colleges and universities often see enrollment rise as workers seek to learn new skills. While high enrollment is generally good for university finances, Griffith said increased enrollment during a recession could also be a financial strain, as many students will be in greater need of financial aid.



## Who can be president? According to the movies, it’s still White men

**AUG. 13, 2020** “The vast majority of films that feature African American presidents are disaster narratives. The president himself is not necessarily to blame for the disaster, but it just so happens that he is in office when it’s all unfolding,” said media studies professor and Black pop culture scholar Phillip Lamarr Cunningham. Comparatively, White presidents are usually more fleshed out. “There’s just more diversity in the types of White presidents you see in film.”



## The ultimate guide to finding a side hustle

**JUNE 1, 2020** Wake Forest alumna and entrepreneur Taylor Graustein ('20) and communication professor Rebecca Gill are featured in this piece on recent graduates turning side businesses into careers. With internships canceled and job offers rescinded Gill said the first step is to stop worrying. “Everybody is having a different experience and taking different pathways. Be creative.”



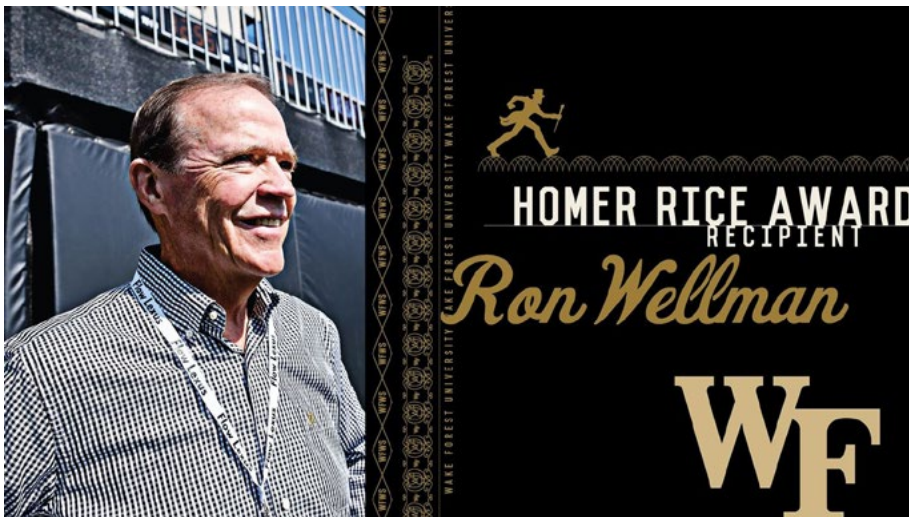
## How the coronavirus pandemic could poison the U.S.-China relationship

**MAY 20, 2020** Over the past two months, rhetoric on China has become noticeably more strident in the United States. Terms like “China virus,” “soft on China,” “weak on China,” and “rolled over on China” saturate the political discourse, writes Will Walldorf, associate professor of politics and international affairs at Wake Forest. Some pundits consider this moment xenophobic, others seem to welcome it, and still, others say it’s a phase, soon to pass.



# ATHLETICS

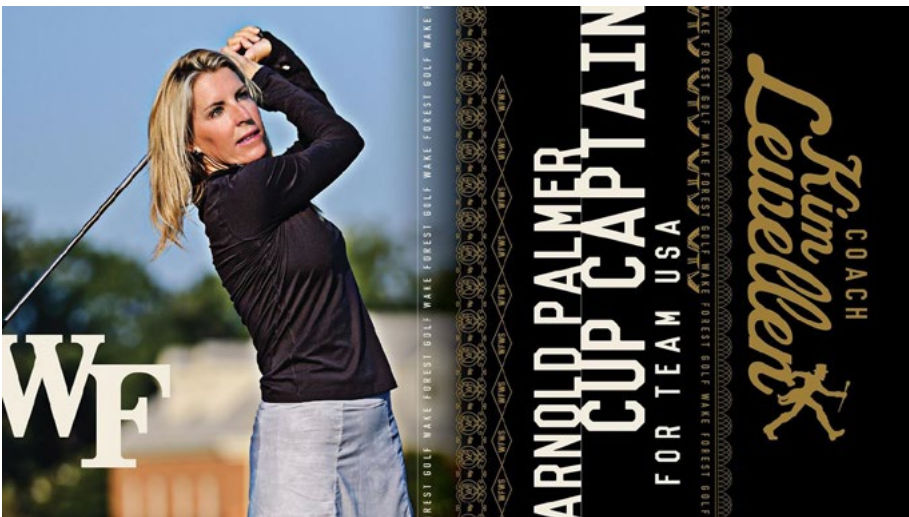
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## Retired athletics director wins prestigious Homer Rice Award

SEPT. 23, 2020 Former Wake Forest athletics director Ron Wellman was selected by the board of the LEAD1 Association as the recipient of the 30th Homer Rice Award. The prestigious award is presented to a leader who served as an athletics director for at least 10 years and has made significant and meaningful contributions to intercollegiate athletics. Wellman is the second former AD at Wake Forest to be honored following Gene Hooks who received the award in 2002.

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## Palmer Cup captains Sands, Lewellen look ahead to December

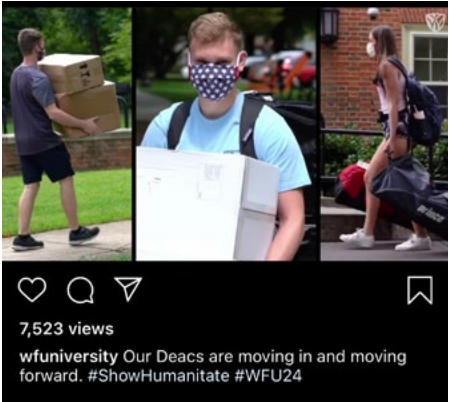
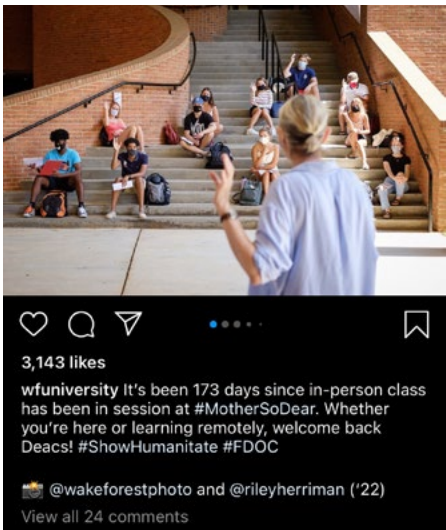
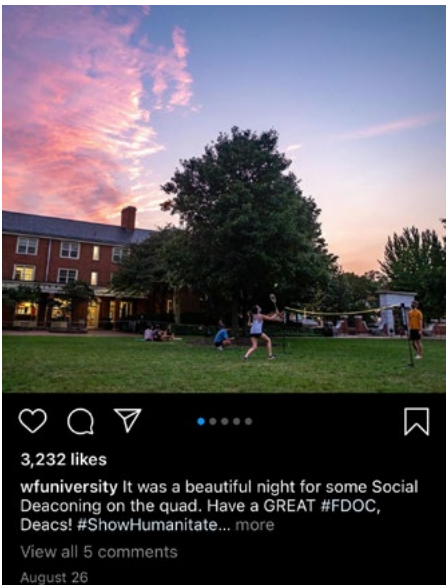
SEPT. 29, 2020 Wake Forest women's golf head coach Kim Lewellen has been named the coach for Team USA at the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup. Lewellen, who is entering her third year as the head coach for the Demon Deacons, was also named the 2020 National Coach of the Year by the Women's Golf Coaches Association earlier this year. In her first two years at the helm of the Deacs, Lewellen and her team won seven team titles.

## Focus on the Forest

A touch of fall color is illuminated by the morning sun in front of Wait Chapel. Visit campus photographer Ken Bennett's Instagram [@wakeforestphoto](#) for more photos.



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