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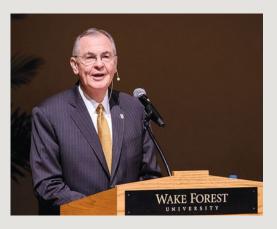
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FROM The PRESIDENT

WITH THIS EDITION, WAKE FOREST celebrates its Rhodes Scholars, including one who for a long time was lost to University history. You will read about Robert Wilkie ('85), a Pentagon official who grew up the son of an Army officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and last summer became U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He oversees the Department of Veterans Affairs and its network of hospitals and clinics across the country. Young alumnus Matt James ('14) lives his Pro Humanitate values helping homeless schoolchildren in New York City open their eyes to the possibilities of culinary careers. We also welcome new members of the University's Writers Hall of Fame.

When you consider the difficulty of becoming a Rhodes Scholar, I liken the process to threading the eye of a needle, a narrow one at that. I'm delighted that over the years Wake Forest has graduating students who have the breadth and depth to be candidates. That is all you can expect during the selection process, because with the



winnowing, terribly accomplished people are not going to win. The selection is done by committee. Determining who will be a Rhodes Scholar is what strikes a given committee for that year and time as most interesting.

Jim O'Connell ('13) won while he was a Wake Forest Fellow in my office. We had a holiday party at our house for the Wake Forest Fellows that year. It was a Saturday afternoon. Jim was away interviewing. I got a phone call. "Dr. Hatch, this is Jim." He paused and said, "I got it!" He was driving to Atlanta after the interview and had pulled over to the side of the road to tell me he had won. All of his associates in the Wake Forest Fellows class were together at my house, so we could cheer him on. That was a wonderful story — one we were reflecting on during Homecoming weekend at a Fellows' reunion last fall.

For our students to win this or other top-ranked fellowships, they need to do more than take courses. They need to go deep in an area and become passionate about a subject so that judges see substance and intellectual depth. I give Tom Phillips ('74, MA '78, P '06), director of Wake Forest Scholars, great credit for helping ignite students and nurturing them on their way to winning fellowships. He keeps the embers burning.

We continue to work to offer a premier education for all of our students. Look for us in the coming year to continue to bring them together in Call to Conversation dinners on campus, where the students tell each other their personal stories. We hope to have as many as 1,000 participate this year — a balm in our polarized culture.

Warm regards,

Nation O. Hatch

BEYOND THE BATTLE ZONES

ROBERT WILKIE ('85) GREW UP IN A MILITARY FAMILY, EMBRACING THE LESSONS HE SEEKS TO EMBODY AS HE LEADS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

BY KERRY M. KING ('85) PHOTOGRAPHY BY TRAVIS DOVE ('04)







Wilkie ('85), the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, has a simple answer for the question of what he wanted to be when he grew up.

> Not the role specifically, he goes on to add, but leading a life of service

"This," he says.

On this day in October, two weeks after Hurricane Florence ravaged parts of eastern North Carolina, he has come home to "walk the post." It's a military reference to a commander spending time with his troops. He is focused on reforming the second-largest federal agency — with more than 374,000 employees and 1,600 health care facilities — to ensure that America honors its commitment to its veterans. Veterans, he said at his confirmation hearing last summer before the U.S. Senate Veterans' Affairs committee, "remind Americans every day that freedom is not free."

In his first months on the job, he is already making good on his promise to get out of Washington — flying coach — to meet with VA staffers on the front

lines. Florence brought him to North Carolina to assess the damage and recovery efforts at VA facilities in Wilmington and in Fayetteville, where he grew up and absorbed lessons of service and sacrifice.

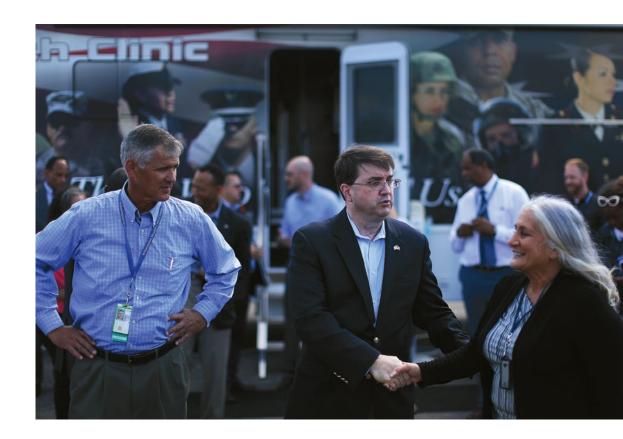
It's a homecoming of sorts as Wilkie starts his day in Fayetteville. When he's here, he's Robert, not "the Secretary." As I follow him through a long day of official

> meetings, meet-and-greets with VA staffers and media interviews, he comes

> across as unpretentious, sincere and deeply committed to serving veterans. Dressed casually in an open-collared blue shirt and navy blazer, he could be just another visitor to the Fayetteville VA Health Care Center if not for the

camera crews and aides trailing him. He patiently poses for selfies with VA staffers and thanks them for their service. He turns easily from discussing VA issues to sharing boyhood memories and stories about Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. With his vast knowledge and love of history — from ancient Roman to American — he could be mistaken for a history professor.

Wilkie's early values lessons came during his childhood at Fort Bragg in the Vietnam War era. He speaks with reverence for those "ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things" in war time. Seared into his memory is a sign at the



NOT FREE."



VA Medical Center near downtown Fayetteville that he saw every day on his bus ride to and from high school. The sign, which remains, reads "The Price Of Freedom Is Visible Here."

He rarely talks about what he calls his own "modest" service — previously in the Navy Reserve and now in the Air Force Reserve. He'd rather talk about his family's legacy. His great-grandfather served in World War I and watched thousands die in minutes in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France.

His father served three combat tours in Vietnam. Wilkie was only 6 when what he regards as the most traumatic day of his life occurred. He learned his father had been seriously wounded in Cambodia. Wilkie wouldn't see him for a year, as his father recovered in hospitals in Hawaii and California. When he finally returned, the large man his son remembered had lost half his weight. (Wilkie's father continued to serve after he recovered; he died in 2017.)

"It was that moment that was on my mind when the president asked me to serve," Wilkie told the American Legion in August. "I've seen the veterans' experience through the lives of schoolmates at Fort Sill (Oklahoma) and Fort Bragg whose fathers did not come home ... (and) through the eyes of the children of the men who were held in captivity in Hanoi during those terrible years."

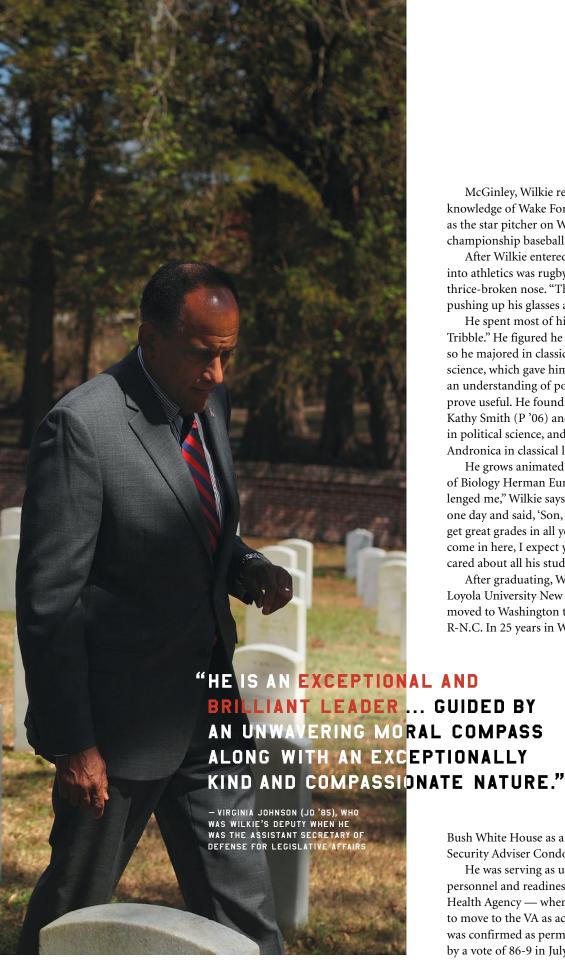


HE ATTENDED TULANE UNIVERSITY but transferred to Wake Forest after a year. Wake Forest was close to home and had the academics and small classes he wanted. But wait, he adds, there was another reason: A note from James Ralph Scales, then Wake Forest's president.

In high school, Wilkie wrote a paper on American politics after Watergate. His principal at Reid Ross High School, Jack McGinley ('57), was so impressed with the paper that he sent it to Scales. Scales, in turn, wrote Wilkie commending him for the paper.







McGinley, Wilkie reminds me — displaying his knowledge of Wake Forest sports — achieved fame as the star pitcher on Wake Forest's 1955 national championship baseball team.

After Wilkie entered Wake Forest, his own foray into athletics was rugby, which accounts for his thrice-broken nose. "This used to be straight," he says, pushing up his glasses and pointing to his nose.

He spent most of his college days "on one floor in Tribble." He figured he already knew enough history, so he majored in classical languages and political science, which gave him a classical education and an understanding of politics, both of which would prove useful. He found faculty mentors in Jack Fleer, Kathy Smith (P'06) and the late Richard Sears (P'94) in political science, and Mary Pendergraft and John Andronica in classical languages.

He grows animated when he talks about Professor of Biology Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74). "He really challenged me," Wilkie says. "He grabbed me by the neck one day and said, 'Son, you're a smart guy. I know you get great grades in all your other classes. Once you come in here, I expect you to do better.' He genuinely cared about all his students."

After graduating, Wilkie earned a law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and moved to Washington to work for Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. In 25 years in Washington, he's cultivated ex-

> tensive ties. On Capitol Hill, he's worked for Sens. Helms; Trent Lott, R-Miss., when he was majority leader; and Thom Tillis, R-N.C. At the Pentagon, he's worked for defense secretaries Donald Rumsfeld, Robert Gates and James Mattis. He served in the George W.

Bush White House as a senior aide to then-National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

He was serving as under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness — overseeing the Defense Health Agency — when President Trump asked him to move to the VA as acting secretary last March. He was confirmed as permanent secretary by the Senate by a vote of 86-9 in July.

Wilkie has promised to fundamentally transform the VA, starting with improving customer service and access to care and benefits. Many of the agency's problems stem not from the quality of care veterans receive but "with getting our veterans through the door to reach that care," he says. He is adamant that serving veterans must rise above the partisan rancor that dominates politics today.



WILKIE OVERSES not only veterans' health care and benefits, but also veterans' cemeteries. On his visit to Wilmington, he stops at the city's historic National Cemetery, a final resting place for fallen troops since the Civil War. The cemetery was still closed to the public because of wind and water damage from Hurricane Florence. He speaks first to three groundskeepers, who appear nervous to be talking to the Secretary. Before asking them about the storm damage, he asks a question I heard him ask others throughout the day — not just because it was the right thing to do, but because he seems genuinely concerned about the effects of the storm — "How did your families fare?"

After thanking the groundskeepers for their service, he heads into the cemetery. No, I cannot go with him, I am told. Leaving most of his Washington aides, security detail and





other officials behind, he walks through the rows of identical white headstones, down an incline to a far corner of the cemetery. Waiting for him beside a low brick wall is a woman in a pink shirt. She lost her son in Afghanistan on this day in 2012. The Secretary and the mother talk in the distance.

When he walks back up the hill a few minutes later to a black Ford Expedition, he gently declines to share details of their private conversation. He has seen service and sacrifice from his earliest days as a child and now during visits to VA hospitals and cemeteries as Secretary. He turns the conversation to history again, to paraphrase a quote from his hero, Dwight D. Eisenhower: "Veterans remind their

fellow citizens that they sleep soundly at night because of the sacrifices they have made."

As Wilkie prepares to board a commercial flight back to Washington, I ask him a final question. Throughout the day, I'd heard him talk movingly about the legacy of his father, his great-grandfather and ordinary Americans who have served. What do you want your legacy to be?

"My legacy is to make sure America realizes the cost their fellow citizens (veterans) pay and make sure we provide the best, most efficient service and turn this VA into a modern 21st-century health care administration. If I can do that, it will be a good day's work."

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MATT JAMES ('14)

takes homeless children on food tours to whet their appetite for setting new goals.

BY CAROL L. HANNER BY JOE
MARTINEZ ('06)





Matt James has mastered the art of the food tour: walking backward to talk with the kids while they practice a tenet of their school — watching out for each other.







MOVES BACKWARD DOWN THE SIDEWALKS OF MANHATTAN'S LOWER EAST SIDE WITH THE FINESSE OF THE FOOTBALL PLAYER HE ONCE WAS.

At 6 feet 5, this towering Pied Piper in jeans walks and talks with the nine young students and two teachers he is leading on a lunchtime tour of restaurants.

"Somebody be my eyes," Matt calls out, and Ryan, a thin, handsome young bundle of energy who finds Matt "very cool," rushes to his side. Throughout the three-hour tour, Ryan and other students from Public School 188 pull their 26-year-old guide by his

elbow or his Wake Forest T-shirt anytime he's in danger of backing into a crosswalk pole or dropping into one of New York's treacherous open cellar stairways.

These students and everyone at P.S. 188, known as the Island School, are not just classmates, friends and colleagues. They are a self-declared family, committed to watching out for each other, and Matt has become a big brother. About half the students live in temporary housing, many in a domestic violence shelter across from the school on East Houston Street. Virtually all the students are low-income. Some live in one-room apartments with a dozen or more family members crammed together.

Their lives don't normally include anything as extravagant as food tours: trying out lobster rolls at Luke's Lobster or spooning strawberry gelato while sitting on red Italian scooter seats at Gelarto. But Matt, who grew up with a financially struggling single mom in Raleigh, North





Bottom left, students cool down on a hot August day with an acai berry smoothie from Pause Cafe, whose owner is a Moroccan immigrant who made his dream come true with the cafe.

Right, Matt James, picking up at Luke's Lobster, says he's had 100 percent buy-in from the restaurant owners he has pitched about participating in ABC Food Tours.



Carolina, wants these elementary and middle school children to understand that their horizons are closer and brighter than they might think. He learned that lesson at Wake Forest and wants to share it.

Matt works full-time as a researcher at CBRE commercial real estate and operates ABC Food tours for paying tourists. As an expression of his Pro Humanitate passion, he offers the tours once a month for P.S. 188 students for free, wanting them to taste the same foodie morsels as the tourists, paying the difference himself if online and restaurant donations don't cover the costs. Each tour includes a donation of socks for a homeless family and revelations for the children that many of the restaurant owners overcame disadvantaged beginnings to reach success.

The owner of Pause Cafe, Matt tells the students, immigrated from Morocco at age 24 and realized his dream of opening the cafe. They learn that the owner of Miss Lily's diner has donated more than \$4 million to early childhood education in Negril, Jamaica. They hear that the owner of Luke's Lobster walked away from Wall Street because it wasn't making him happy, and he now has 28 locations.

"I want to get your head working." That's how Matt begins the tour on this August morning, starting out with a game of Fact or Fiction.

He educates throughout the walk: asking whether acai is a fruit (yes, and the children will have a chance to try it at Pause Cafe); whether there is a difference between gelato



and ice cream (yes, there's milk but less cream in gelato, and it has less air so it's thicker); whether they know what happened in Tompkins Square Park in 1988 (riots erupted after police imposed a 1 a.m. curfew because neighbors complained about drug-infested homeless camps.)

As the group passes a fenced green plot, Matt calls for the chattering students' attention.

"Fact or fiction: It costs \$20,000 to join the Sixth Street Community Garden. Who says fact?"

No hands go up.

"Who says fiction?"

All hands go up.

"You all got it! Nice job," he says, as he fist-bumps a couple of kids, one of dozens of fist-bumps that will reinforce his conversations. "It costs \$20 for a year, and they give you a key and you can go there anytime during the hours they're open."



MATT HAS LIVED IN NEW YORK FOR

about a year now, a world he couldn't imagine when he was growing up in Raleigh. His father was absent, and money was tight. "The community really rallied around us and made sure I had what I needed," Matt says.

His mother — "the most faithful person I've ever known" — has been his greatest inspiration, backing whatever he wanted to do and nurturing his soul in the church. As a high school football standout, Matt had scholarship offers from Syracuse and the University of



Kentucky, but he wanted to stay in his mother's orbit so she could see his games.

"I saw Wake Forest and just fell in love with it," Matt says. "Other than becoming a Christian, coming to Wake Forest was the best decision I ever made."

He met people from so many different backgrounds who had been places he'd never been, who assumed they would do great things, who opened his eyes to new paths.

He played both basketball and football in high school but chose football for college because, despite a listed 36-inch vertical jump, "to be honest, I had no jump shot." He says basketball actually left him with more injuries

than the tally of bones broken by football: he was redshirted his freshman year at Wake Forest and missed 16 games in three years with a broken collarbone, a separated shoulder and a broken hand.

Thanks to his injuries, his Wake Forest career statistics were just fair, though he had nine receptions and 87 yards in his best game, the 2014 season finale against Duke.

He made good use of his time in Winston-Salem. At Solid Rock

Baptist Church where several students attended services, he met Chris Leak ('85, P'11), a vice president at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and a member of the Wake Forest Board of Visitors. Leak saw great promise in Matt.

"Matt's incredible," Leak says. "Matt is driven, he's focused, and in my opinion he always had a plan B — what if football doesn't work out?"

Matt, an economics major, was interested in wealth management, so Leak helped him get an internship with Morgan Stanley. Matt also did stints at Merrill Lynch, Verger Capital Management LLC and Davenport & Co. LLC.

Matt was right about plan B. He gave himself a year to make it in the NFL, but he didn't make the cut with the Carolina Panthers and was cut, called back and cut again by the New Orleans Saints. He shifted gears, and

PNC Bank in Pittsburgh hired him. He made so many weekend visits to see former teammates living in New York City and loved it so much that he moved there.

Leak said Matt had a talent for selling ideas to people but discovered that neither wealth management nor banking was for him. "But that sales drive in him, it has to come out," Leak says. "And he's found something that he's passionate about, and that's giving back to others. That's just Matt."

He and Matt had discussed Scripture through the years, especially "to whom much is given, much is required."

"Based on his upbringing," Leak says, "he had big lofty

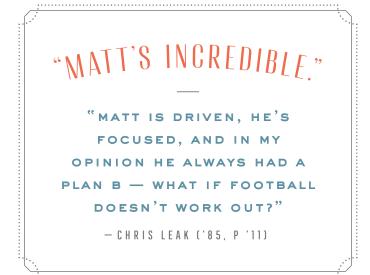
dreams of changing the world, ... and he has an aspiration to assist those who are less fortunate."

Matt was excited by all that Manhattan had to offer, including food. He began posting his restaurant gems on Instagram and guided so many visiting friends that he decided to do it for profit.

When he heard Rachael Ray, the TV food maven, talk about her charitable Yum-o! nonprofit,

the student tours popped in his head. He had loved the football team's time with kids through the tutoring program, Santa's Helper, Eat With the Deacs and other events. "Children really listen to you and look up to you," he says.

He lives on the Upper West Side because he finds its green spaces restful and full of places to run. He works out constantly — the only way he can eat all he wants. But the Lower East Side has the diversity of restaurants he likes. And it has P.S. 188 and Principal Suany Ramos. She is a dynamo who rallies her staff like a general, yet she's a child-whisperer, able to soothe students (and sometimes their parents) who are screaming and acting out. She has been known to walk and talk with a student for two hours to bring the child from tantrum to calm.







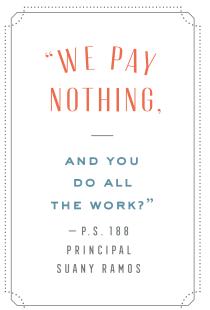


P.S. 188 IS A SCHOOL

of choice, drawing students from distant boroughs, up to two hours by bus and train. Chaotic lives play havoc with schedules. Transient students show up or exit every week. Many speak little English.

The school tries to serve every need that distressed families have. It's open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday for most of the year. Children get three meals a day, uniforms, backpacks of food, after-school care, dental

care, counseling, eyeglasses, a Christmas present and huge amounts of love and respect. Their parents can do laundry there once a week, find legal advice, come to Thanksgiving dinner, attend parenting classes, work on their GED or



just vent frustrations. Most of this assistance is supported with grants and partnerships that Ramos and her staff seek out.

"It will never be enough, but everyone here is committed," Ramos says. "We work on the academics, but first we have to address the emotional trauma."

Ramos at first was skeptical of Matt's offer to do the tours. "We pay nothing, and you do all the work?" she asked him. But he has earned her trust.

"I don't have the words for what he has done for our community and for my family — because this school is my family," Ramos says. "He's amazing. He's a positive role model. He's sweet. He's charismatic. He has a way of getting the children to listen to him."

Perhaps most important, the chil-

dren see people in their neighborhood who have risen to own their own businesses, Ramos said. Matt also regularly picks up and delivers a huge bag of donated bagels to the school. "Every day. Who does that?" Ramos said.





AT LUKE'S LOBSTER on

the August tour, Matt delivers lobster rolls to the students. "It's kind of gross," says one girl, but Matt is undeterred. "You know now that lobster rolls might not be your thing," he says, "but you can say you tried it. You have an opinion now. I'm glad you tried it."

Principal Suany Ramos says P.S. 188 students, many homeless and from low-income families, learn from local restaurant owners' stories that even humble beginnings can lead to success.



In Miss Lily's air-conditioned diner, the skewers of jerk chicken, green peppers and plantain and the banana pudding are almost gone, and several kids are giggling over a messy design they've made on a plate of leftovers. Matt asks, "What does that look like?" One girl answers, "My life." The kids laugh. Another girl stares at the plate and says, "I see my soul. I see nothing." She gets more laughter, and she smiles, but the air holds a poignancy.

At the final stop at Tompkins Square Bagels, employees serve thick bagel quarters stuffed with heavenly cream cheese. A shy boy named Byron wraps his in a napkin. "I'm taking it to my mom and my little sister," he says. When Matt hears this, he quickly shows up with aluminum foil and two more exquisite hunks of bagel that Byron stuffs in his backpack. "That happens," Matt says later. "They worry about their families."

The shop owner Chris Pugliese beams as he leads the kids to the basement where bagel dough is kneaded each morning. He's been making bagels since he was 15.

Above, the Foodie Pied Piper of the Lower East Side educates kids about their neighborhood and food while they walk.

"How old do you have to be to work here?" young Jared asks, groaning when he hears "17."

Soon he is sitting on a stool next to Pugliese. "I'm sitting with the Bagel Man! Thank you, Bagel Man," he says, hugging the owner tightly.

The tour ends, and students head back to school with the teachers. Matt, meanwhile, has more plans on the horizon. He hopes to partner

with New York and Fordham universities to have their tourism students operate the paid food tours. He does, after all, have a full-time job. But he says he'll keep taking the kids on tours himself as long as he can.

"I'd have to really trust whoever does that. It's close to my heart."

Learn more about ABC Food Tours at www.abcfoodtours.com. See a video about the tours at bit.ly/2MsN5a0. Read more about P.S. 188 in The New York Times at nyti.ms/2P76CeJ.



Wake Forest has been the stomping ground for 16 Rhodes Scholars. How did being a Deac help launch these students toward success? Why did this group of intellectuals stand out to the notoriously picky selection committees? How have these impressive alums wowed the working and humanitarian worlds? Here's their story.

By Jane Bianchi ('05) Illustrations by James O'Brien

Unlike Will Ferrell's title character in the 2004 film Anchorman, the following alums are way too humble to tell you that they're kind of a big deal. But they are. They've earned something very few Wake Forest graduates have:

a Rhodes Scholarship.

A Rhodes Scholarship allows a student, age 19 to 25, to pursue a second bachelor's, a master's or a doctorate at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom with all educational expenses covered and a generous living stipend. The program is named after Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902), a former prime minister of Cape Colony — in what is now South Africa — who established the scholarship through his will.

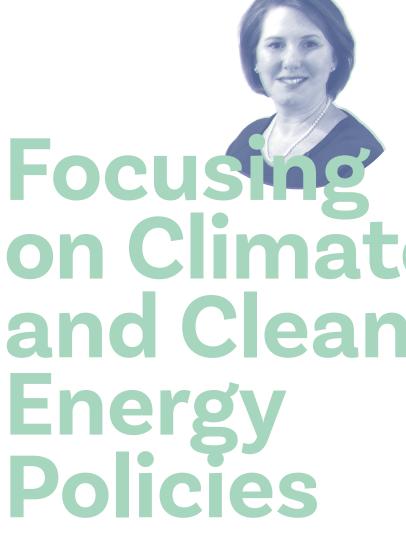
To get a sense of just how difficult it is to win a Rhodes Scholarship, take a look at these numbers. It's estimated that about 2,500 U.S. students begin the application process each year. They must submit a transcript, a list of activities, five to eight letters of recommendation and a 1,000-word personal statement, among other things. They also must have their university's endorsement, which roughly 900 receive. Next, 230 are interviewed in 16 regions, with 32 (two from each region) chosen. Elsewhere in the world, 68 students also are tapped for a total of 100 scholars.

Beyond having outstanding grades, applicants must show the selection committee their leadership, character and service — though the criteria have changed over time. For instance, athletic excellence was more of a focus in the past, and women weren't eligible until 1977.

"Winning takes a combination of extraordinary talent, hard work and luck. Some of our best students have lost," says James Barefield, a Wake Forest professor emeritus of history who helped identify University high achievers, encouraging them to apply for the Rhodes and shepherding them through the process, especially during the 1980s and '90s.

Tom Phillips ('74, MA '78, P'06), associate dean and director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program, took the baton from Barefield around 2000. One thread he notices among the Rhodes winners and near-winners is intellectual curiosity. "It has to be somebody who is really going to use his or her mind, develop it and activate it to some purpose," he says.

Wake Forest's 13 living Rhodes Scholars, who graduated between 1986 and 2013, work in fields as varied as medicine, law, economics, clean energy and academia in locations all over the globe. In the true spirit of Pro Humanitate, all are using their gifts to help others and address some of the world's biggest problems.



Growing up in Hickory, North Carolina, JENNIFER BUMGARNER ('99) went to a rural public high school with few resources.

"We didn't have a very high college attendance rate," she says. "My grandparents didn't go to college, and my parents had only two-year degrees from community college." So landing a full, merit-based Reynolds Scholarship to Wake Forest was a feat.

Bumgarner, a political science major, loved taking a class called political science research

methods with Peter M. Siavelis, now professor and chair of the Department of Politics and International Affairs. "I'm not a research methodology person, but I still remember things from that class. And some days I don't remember my children's names," she says.

When it came to the Rhodes Scholarship selection process, the hardest part for her was the cocktail hour the night before the regional interviews. "I'm very much an introvert. And particularly at that point in my life, I was not confident in social settings. I grew up in a family of teetotalers in a working class community. So going to a private club in D.C. with a bunch of incredibly smart people, where everybody was jockeying for position, it was a nightmare. I thought, I just need to survive. I need to get through tonight without spilling a drink," she says.

But Bumgarner has an inner drive that helped her power through the discomfort. "I worked really hard because I'd seen what it was like when people have limited opportunities for learning and education. And I knew I had an opportunity for a different path," she says. After she won the Rhodes, her parents were ecstatic. And her grandmother? "I don't think she met anyone for two years anywhere, anytime, who probably didn't find out I was a Rhodes Scholar. Bless her heart," she says.

After earning a master's in social policy and social work at Oxford, Bumgarner had planned to stay for a doctorate, but then 9/11 happened and her grandmother got sick, both of which made her suddenly miss home. So she headed back to North Carolina. She worked in the governor's office, where she began to immerse herself in energy and climate issues. She went on to become the assistant secretary for energy at the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

For the past seven years, she's been in Raleigh at the Energy Foundation, a national group focused on climate and clean energy policies. "We do a lot of work with traditional environmental allies, but we also do a lot of work with other allies, including conservatives, businesses and policymakers," she says. "I'm really proud of the fact that I've figured out how to work with a diverse group of people — and align them on strategies that actually get things accomplished and help move the ball forward on an issue that otherwise can be really, really divisive."

RICHARD CHAPMAN ('86)

was always familiar with Wake Forest as a kid because his mother, Leila Smith Chapman ('60, P'86), was a member of the first freshman class on the Winston-Salem campus.

A Carswell Scholar, Chapman was invited to a special room in Tribble Hall (A109, The Barefield Honors Seminar Room in honor of James Pierce Barefield) where the honors students would hang out. "That was really the center of my academic and social life. We'd be there all hours of the day and night, discussing all kinds of things — and it was fabulous. It was the kind of academic life I'd always dreamed of, and I think it really did set the course of my life to go on and do a Ph.D. and be a faculty member. I couldn't imagine not having that kind of intellectual vitality," he says.

One faculty member who inspired him was John Baxley (P '91, '92), now professor emeritus of mathematics. They worked together on research related to differential equations and published a paper. "There was a mentoring relationship there that was meaningful to me," says Chapman, who majored in math.

While Chapman was finishing high school and beginning college in the early 1980s, personal computers were just becoming available, and he was immediately drawn to them. "For the first time, it was possible to sit interactively with a machine and develop software in the way that people do now. You didn't have to punch a deck of cards and submit it and get a printout back. You could just sit at the screen and type," he says. "A friend of mine got a microcomputer in junior high school, and I learned to program on that. It was just kind of magical. The idea of creating

a set of instructions that can solve a problem absolutely fascinated me."

This made going to Oxford a dream. "Oxford is one of the world leaders in mathematics and has been for centuries. The kind of computer science I was interested in at the time was very mathematical. The particular problem was how do you prove that a program does what you say it does, assigning semantics or meaning to a computer program the way we could assign semantics to human language. And Oxford had really done the groundbreaking work there. So it was truly a unique experience to get to study with these world-class minds about that problem," says Chapman, who was part of the first graduating class at Oxford to receive a bachelor's in mathematics and computation.

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After getting a Ph.D. in computer science at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, he joined the faculty at Auburn University in Alabama in 1993. He holds several titles there, including associate professor and director of the computer science and software engineering online undergraduate program. The latter position is taking most of his time right now. "We started building that from zero and enrolled our first students in January of 2018, so I'm mostly an administrator at this point, trying to get that program off the ground," he says.

Chapman calls teaching "immensely gratifying," and one of his favorite roles is working on interdisciplinary projects with students. "I have students who have done musical collaboration over the internet, and I have one now who is doing computerized roasting of coffee. Some faculty members say they always send me the weird projects, but I like the weird ones."



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If MICHELLE SIKES ('07)

ever jogged past you on campus, all you likely saw was a blur. In 2007, she won the NCAA Outdoor Championship in the 5,000 meters (3.1 miles) with a blistering time of 15:16:76 in the final race of her senior year.

"That was the highlight of my running career. I was so euphoric," she says.

She won the NCAA championship by upsetting Texas Tech track star Sally Kipyego, a Kenyan who went on to win an Olympic medal. Sikes credits her coach Annie Bennett for teaching her how to run the race hard and keep pushing. Bennett did have some insider insight: She'd won that exact race herself in 1987.

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> Sikes, a five-time All-American in college, still holds school records in 1,500 meters, the mile, 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters. She was inducted in 2018 into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame.

The mental focus that Sikes learned through running helped her in academia. "The core of running is making sure you're consistent. If you can stay healthy and run day after day, you'll do as well as your body will let you do. That discipline — that daily getting up and getting out the door — is pretty much 90 percent of the sport," she says.

A mathematical economics major with a minor in health policy and administration, Sikes was excited by the Rhodes Scholarship opportunity because she'd never left the country, and it was too hard to squeeze in a semester abroad with her busy athletic schedule.

She deferred the Rhodes for a year so she could represent the United States in the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka, Japan, in the late summer of 2007. For a few years post-college, Sikes was sponsored by Nike, which provided her a salary to run professionally and covered her travel and medical expenses.

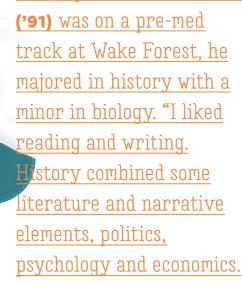
At Oxford, she got a doctorate in economic and social history, focusing on female distance runners from Kenya. She had noticed a lot of academic research on male distance runners from Kenya, but nothing on the women, who emerged much later than the men. "I was really interested in the pioneer generation of women who were the first Kenyans to compete at the international level. I wondered how they navigated

the obstacles that they faced and what those obstacles were," she says.

Since Oxford, Sikes has pursued a career in academia. She went on to work as a lecturer at a couple of universities in South Africa, and she's currently an assistant professor of kinesiology and African studies at Pennsylvania State University. "I'm really passionate about using sports to understand African history. More generally, I'm interested in using team sports as a lens through which you can understand societies."

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Even though it's the humanities, it has a little bit of a multidisciplinary feel to it," he says. One of his standout professors was James Barefield, now retired. "Barefield was very insightful. He was very good at asking questions and getting you to challenge your own thoughts and assumptions about a given subject," says Esther.

He continued this line of study at Oxford, getting a bachelor's in modern history. After that, his focus turned to science. Both his older sister and brother had become physicians, and he was inspired to follow in their footsteps. After several more years of graduate school, he became an orthopedic oncologist and has spent the past 12 years at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

About 80 percent of his time is spent doing clinical work such as seeing patients who have cancer in their bones or joints and performing surgeries. His favorite part of the job is treating children, who make up about one-third of his patients. "Most of the time, especially in light of what they're facing, they're all very resilient and optimistic and fun to interact with. It makes you kind of rethink what constitutes a bad day," he says.

The other 20 percent of his time is spent doing administrative and teaching work, training medical students and residents. "Most of what I learned about teaching I learned from people like Jim Barefield and (Provost Emeritus) Ed Wilson ('43, P'91, '93). They taught me to care about students and be thoughtful about getting them to think and ask good questions," he says. Along the way, Esther also learned what not to do. "I'm not much of a shouter. Typically, yelling a lot and making the operating room a threatening environment isn't great for learning."

CAROLYN FRANTZ ('94) didn't take a traditional route to Wake Forest. In the spring of her junior year of high school, while looking at her senior class schedule (almost all Advanced Placement courses), she thought, "Why not just go to college?"

That it was too late to apply didn't stop her. "It was a feeling of 'Why do I have to do things the same way everyone else has done them?" she says. Luckily, her friend's dad (a Wake Forest booster) helped her get in that fall.

Frantz majored in philosophy and joined a choir and an early instrument ensemble. She fondly recalls having the freedom to explore and feeling supported. "What was good for me, as the person I was at that time — pretty open-minded, unmoored, mostly just curious without much direction - was that whenever I wanted to learn something or try something, there was somebody there who would take me seriously and help me," she says.

Growing up, Frantz had been exposed to respectful-but-vigorous debates between her conservative father and liberal mother, which taught her how to think and talk about ideas. So it's no surprise that she got into a heated conversation with the Rhodes selection committee during the interview process. "We really mixed it up. We were talking about the proper place in society of religious zeal. ... At

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the end, one person asked me, 'Why do you want to be a Rhodes Scholar?' I said, 'I don't, particularly. I'd just like to go to Oxford, and this is a way," she says. Frantz left assuming she had squashed her chances, but later in life, while interviewing Rhodes applicants, she realized there was unintentional wisdom to her approach. "Some students are wound so tight. They've wanted to be Rhodes Scholars since they were 7, and their resumes are perfect and shiny. It's not very inspirational. It's the people who care about what they do and are doing it whether or not you're there that you end up liking," she says.

At Oxford, Frantz transitioned from philosophy to law, receiving a second bachelor's in jurisprudence and a master's in legal research. "What drew me away from philosophy was that, in law, you could figure out a hard problem and there was an outcome, there would be action," she says. Then came University of Michigan Law School, where she graduated first in her class, and various jobs, such as being a trial lawyer for 11 years.

Now, as vice president, deputy general counsel and corporate secretary at Microsoft Corp. in Seattle, where she's responsible for corporate governance and corporate law, Frantz has found her niche. She says: "As a Rhodes Scholar, they ask you to contribute to society. As a law firm lawyer, I felt guilty that I hadn't lived up to that implicit promise. I didn't feel that what I was doing at that time was a social good. It wasn't a social bad, necessarily, but maybe it was more about making money. Right now, the tech industry is a place where helping them get things right can really have a huge impact on social issues."



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COOK ('05) sees people in the United States flip out over temporarily losing electricity during a storm once in a while, it's hard for her to muster a similar level of outrage.

She grew up in Kenya, about 35 miles northwest of the capital city of Nairobi in a rural town called Kijabe. Electricity outages were fairly common. "As kids, we actually loved it because we lit candles and didn't have to

finish our homework," she says. Water usage was sometimes limited due to droughts. "We'd take one-minute showers and save the water from the shower to do the laundry," she says.

The daughter of two teachers, Cook went to an international Christian school and found out about Wake Forest through family friends who live in Winston-Salem and had worked in Kenya. At Wake Forest, she experienced culture shock and found comfort in joining small communities such as the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and becoming a resident adviser. She often walked through Reynolda Gardens or had dinner with friends in Reynolda Village.

Majoring in biology with a minor in international studies, she followed a pre-med path. In elementary school, she had visited the children's ward at the local hospital to color and play with young patients. She knew she wanted to become a doctor and learn about all the social factors that drive quality of life and contribute to why people get sick. "Do they come to the hospital? Or do they go to a local healer? Do they buy medication online?" she says.

Cook embarked on years of graduate school. She earned a master's in medical anthropology and a master's in global health science at Oxford, then went through medical school and residency, specializing in both pediatrics and internal medicine so she could care for patients from birth to death. She then completed a two-year fellowship in pediatric global health.

Her current job has brought her back to Africa — this time to the west coast — to Liberia, one of the poorer nations in the world that has been torn apart in recent years by civil war and an Ebola epidemic. She's the director of medical education and the child health lead for Partners in Health in Liberia. Six weeks out of the year, she returns to the United States to teach at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where she keeps an academic appointment as clinical instructor in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.

One major part of her job in Africa is caring for patients at a hospital where resources are limited. "We see a lot of malaria and malnutrition. Tuberculosis is very prevalent. There's some HIV. We also see non-infectious diseases such as kidney and heart disease, diabetes and cancer, even in children," she says.

The other large part of her job relates to implementing new medical technology and protocols at the hospital and educating the staff. Here are a few examples of life-saving changes that Partners in Health has been making in Liberia: having an oxygen generator unit built because the hospital would often run out of oxygen, bringing in incubators and phototherapy for newborns and leading work-

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shops on how to resuscitate newborns when they're not breathing. The organization hires and trains community health workers who visit patients in their homes, help pay their transportation costs to and from the hospital and give them food with their medications so they can tolerate them.

"The need is tremendous, and I'm one person from a different culture. It's much more strategic to be investing in the providers in the place that you're working - not just setting up a clinic for a few days and leaving. I hope that I can stay here long enough to help build a solid training program for Liberian doctors. I would love it if we're able to hire a Liberian doctor for my job someday."

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BRANDON TURNER ('12) lived in eight states growing up as his dad moved to work his way up the ladder at an air conditioning company. "At first, I saw it as an adventure. As I got older, it got harder. But I also think it was good for me.

> It forced me to become comfortable with change, to learn not to fear it. In addition, it forced me to learn how to connect with people quickly," he says.

Once he got to Wake Forest, Turner found himself interested in everything. During his sophomore year, Abdessadek Lachgar, a chemistry professor who later became a mentor, had a conversation with him that helped him narrow his focus. "He said, 'Usually students by this stage have figured out who they are and what they want to be, and I look at you, and you're just all over the place. I think you need to figure it out.' I remember initially being upset by it, but it was accurate. It was the first time I started to think: I need to get serious about something and figure out a clear path," says Turner.

Turner settled on biophysics for a major and sociology for a minor and still found time to squeeze in some rugby. Through the Rhodes Scholarship, he received a master's in radiation biology/radiobiology and almost completed a second master's in physiology, anatomy and genetics - but the Stanford School of Medicine lured him to California. He'll find out where he matches for his residency in March and he'll finish medical school in June.

As a doctor, he will specialize in radiation oncology. Radiation is a form of cancer treatment that uses beams of high energy to target tumors. It kills cancer cells and can help prevent cancer from spreading and relieve pain or other symptoms.

One major problem Turner hopes to help solve is how to individualize treatment better. This can make the treatment more precise and lead to clues that might offer a cure. "As health problems become more complicated, we have to engage with another level of information. Sometimes that includes genetics, like DNA, RNA and proteins. This is the information that really makes up the pathologic process. The challenge with this, though, is that a single person has 20,000 genes and can also have tens of thousands of mutations. It's difficult for one person to comprehend and analyze all that, especially when you start scaling this over millions and millions of patients. So we have to learn and develop new tools that are able to extract insights from all of this information because we're just now able to collect it, but we don't really know what to do with a lot of it yet."

JENNIFER HARRIS ('04) has always had discipline. During most of her childhood, she spent three hours a day practicing gymnastics, working her way up to Level 9, just shy of the "Elite" level.

She was invited to train with famed coach Béla Károlyi before the '96 Olympics but got hurt and retired at 16. Nevertheless, the work ethic that she developed during that time period came in handy later when she began her career.

Harris was first exposed to economics while competing in academic decathlons in high school. She had a deep interest in foreign policy because her dad was a U.S. Navy Reserve intelligence officer who traveled once a month, sometimes to work on top-secret products.

Wake Forest was an excellent fit. "I appreciated the length that the faculty would go to make the really serious students feel at home. Professors were thrilled when we showed up at their door during office hours," she says. A double major in economics and political science, Harris did refugee work in the Balkans and Eastern Europe over multiple summers, thanks to a Graylyn Scholarship. Oxford gave her the chance to get a master's in international relations.

Harris launched her career as a staff member on the National Intelligence Council, which led to joining the Policy Planning Staff of the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., where she assisted Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice, Hillary Clinton and John Kerry. "When something big happened in the world — like the Arab Spring — it was the job of my office to come up with a theory of the case and design the strategic approach that U.S. foreign policy should take," she says.

While tackling these jobs, she somehow squeezed in a law degree from Yale Law School, commuting to New Haven, Connecticut, one day a week and stacking her classes. "I basically lived on Amtrak. I look back on those years and think of them as the 'running years.' I remember being out of breath a lot," she says. Her husband, Sasha, is the son of one of her law professors. Even though she didn't have the best attendance in her now-father-in-law's class, "I think he's mostly forgiven me," she says.

Harris was particularly impressed with Hillary Clinton. "If we were in a meeting and I hadn't spoken yet, especially given the gender dynamics, I'd appreciate the way she'd make space for soliciting the opinions of a young

woman in the room," she says. "And she read her homework. Clinton came to meetings prepared with a way of driving them and making them productive for everybody. It didn't always feel like that."

Clinton must have been similarly impressed with Harris because her campaign asked Harris to help develop economic policy for the 2016 presidential race at the Brooklyn, New York, headquarters. The results of that election were, of course, crushing to Harris. "Sasha and I were thinking about starting a family. I would look on the subway at the little kids, and it wasn't clear what sort of America we'd be handing them," she says. In December 2017, they had a boy named Shiloh.

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> Over the last few years, Harris has co-written a book called "War By Other Means," moved to San Francisco and now works as a senior fellow at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, a philanthropic group. She is directing a two-year, \$10 million project. A lot of old economic theories, says Harris, linger as orthodoxy — even in the face of evidence that they're not working well. "Look at the amount of inequality we have and middle-class wage stagnation. Average real wages have fallen even as we have record low unemployment. That's not what our standard economic theories teach us. The idea is to take a whole lot of criticisms that are accurate and important and turn them into a positive vision to replace a lot of these standard models of thinking. The hope is that we can, with a little bit of philanthropic capital, start an intellectual counter-revolution."



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CHARLOTTE OPAL ('97)

got a memorable peek at wealth distribution as a teen. Though she attended a fancy public high school in Fairfax County, Virginia, Opal was in the D.C. Youth Orchestra, which meant playing music twice a week at a different public high school that had very few resources.

"It was quite a contrast. It just seemed so unfair," she says.

Opal double-majored in economics and math. "I've always liked math, and I've always liked people. Economics is a math-mediated way to think about human interactions and how people buy and sell things from each other and trade," she says. During her time at Oxford, she received a master's in development studies and a master's in business administration.

Opal's post-Oxford life included stints in New York City and San Francisco, but for the past 12 years, she's lived in the French-speaking town of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, with her

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Dutch husband, Caspar, whom she met at Oxford, and her trilingual kids, Chet, 9, and Angelique, 7. She loves it there. "People in Switzerland recycle more, eat more organic food and think about waste. You're living in a small country, so you can't just expand into the frontier, into suburbia. There are no landfills here. It's a smaller scale of life, which I like, and more cooperative. You can't avoid your neighbors — they're everywhere," she says.

In fact, she's so beloved by her neighbors that she was elected to head her town's parliament. She runs their meetings, and as a group, they can pass legislation. "I was recruited and then promised that I wouldn't win," she says. "I give speeches and do ribbon-cuttings. I represent the town in official ceremonies and welcome visitors."

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Opal has held a variety of positions in her career. She worked for a company that imported food from conflict regions, then moved to Fair Trade USA, a certifier of Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, bananas and other products. Later, she took a job in the sustainable biofuel industry — "using plants in our cars, basically," she says. One proud achievement was persuading Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream to source a Fair Trade coffee extract for their Coffee Coffee BuzzBuzzBuzz flavor.

Now Opal is an independent consultant, working with non-governmental organizations that work with companies. "I'm mostly working now on helping companies get their supply chains deforestation free. I think our big planetary struggle is that we're converting all of our forests and wildlands to agriculture, and it's just not sustainable," she says.

She also serves as a lecturer for several universities. "I'm so grateful to my professors for how much they gave us. I've been trying to give back in that way by teaching. You can't possibly read everything or experience everything, so having someone distill the important things down and feed them to you is just precious. I'm only now realizing what an amazing gift that was."

Winning a Rhodes Scholarship seemed more possible to E. SCOTT PRETORIUS ('89) after living on the same hall in his freshman year with Richard Chapman ('86) and having Maria Merritt ('87) as a student adviser.

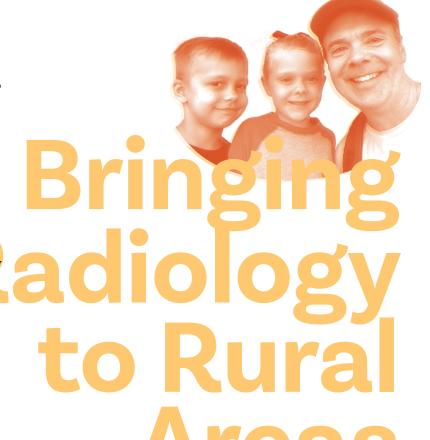
What pushed Pretorius, an English and chemistry double major, over the edge to apply was a semester at Worrell House in London with now-retired theatre professor Harold Tedford (P'83, '85, '90). "After that, I was really eager to return to the UK," says Pretorius.

He received a bachelor's in English at Oxford before heading to medical school and becoming a radiologist. A former Wake Forest faculty member — then Associate Professor of Chemistry Susan Jackels — helped inspire Pretorius to choose this scientific field. While doing research with her, he was fascinated by magnetic resonance imaging.

In 1999, before joining the faculty at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and co-writing a textbook called Radiology Secrets, tragedy struck in his personal life. His former partner of six years, Robert, was assaulted in an act of anti-gay violence so vicious that it left him needing a wheelchair for life. To this day, Pretorius remains involved in his care. "He has difficulty forming new memories, but his memory of the time we were together remains very much intact," he says.

Pretorius left academia in 2005 after starting a business in teleradiology, which allows small hospitals in rural communities (which might not be able to afford radiologists on site 24/7) to send images to radiologists working remotely. Pretorius sold the business in 2016 and has been interpreting radiology studies from home ever since.

One factor that motivated Pretorius to work from home: wanting to spend more time with his kids. In 2012, he welcomed twins — Max and sister Jackie — with the help of an egg donor and surrogate, becoming a single dad at the age of 45.



In his spare time, Pretorius travels the globe. He's visited 84 countries, and choosing his most memorable vacation is difficult. "One of my favorite trips was a self-drive through Namibia. It's a stunningly beautiful place which receives relatively few visitors. Antarctica is one of the places I fantasize most about returning to," he says. But there's also the Temple of Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Machu Picchu in Peru and many others that come to mind. "I haven't yet traveled internationally with the kids, but that's definitely something I'm looking forward to."

She spent an incredible semester at Casa

At Wake Forest, MARIA MERRITT ('87) was a walkon to the cross-country and track teams and majored in biology, thinking she might become a doctor. But her passions pulled her in a different direction.

Artom in Venice, Italy, where she rode bicycles around the region with fellow Rhodes Scholar Richard Chapman ('86). When it was over, "I still had this fascination with all things Italian." When she won the Rhodes Scholarship, she decided to study for a bachelor's in philosophy and modern languages, with a focus on Italian.

Her Oxford experience was invaluable. "I was never smarter than the day I left that place. It really pushed me to max out on what I was capable of learning and mastering. You acquire a deep understanding of the subjects. I hope that has helped me to contribute at the highest possible level in whatever else I've done since then," she says.

After obtaining a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of California, Berkeley, Merritt took on a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, an assistant professorship at William & Mary and a faculty fellowship at Harvard. For the past 12 years, she's served on the faculty at the Berman Institute of Bioethics and the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Like many of her fellow faculty members, Merritt has to fund significant portions of her salary and research by applying for competitive grants. "You have to write a very in-depth proposal, show the quality of your work and make it accessible to people in different disciplines. That takes writing it over and over again. It was the same kind of experience preparing for my exams at Oxford," she says.

One project for which she obtained funding examines the experiences of people undergoing treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in South Africa and Uganda. Policymakers there and elsewhere will face a variety of publicly funded treatment options as new drugs are developed. For instance, one cheaper standard treatment might restore people's physical health. But it takes as long as two years, and patients face emotional, social and financial problems if they must do physical labor to support their families. Another treatment might be more expensive but just as effective and requires much less time in a hospital. The project's goal is to help policymakers evaluate the social impacts before making choices.

Beyond her research, Merritt also has a leadership role in her department in looking after student well-being. "The thing I'm proudest of is being recognized by the Bloomberg School's Student Assembly for 'Outstanding Commitment to Student Success' in 2017," she says.

She says she can trace this directly back to her early exposure at Wake Forest to people like Professor Emeritus of History James Barefield and Tom Phillips ('74, MA '78, P '06), associate dean and director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program.

"I often ask myself, 'What would they do?' First of all, they'd be way funnier than I am. But they were so invested in student success, and that is the most important value that I learned there."



LAKSHMI KRISHNAN ('06) grew up in a variety of places: India, the United Kingdom, Michigan, Texas and, finally, Tennessee. When she visited Wake Forest, she fell in love with the campus.

"I just thought it was the most civilized place. Everyone seemed very gentle; it was peaceful. Yet at the same time there seemed to be a very quiet radical academic environment. This place was very genteel and Southern, but then you'd walk into Tribble Hall and there were progressive posters and talks. I really liked that combination," she says. "Coming from this immigrant, cosmopolitan family and growing up in the South, I felt like this bundle of contradictions. And Wake, to me, seemed like a place that was exciting because it was also contradictory."

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"Wake felt like this microcosm of knowledge. In the morning, I could be completely surrounded by scientists or pre-med people, and then in the afternoon, I could bounce into a very different world. Now I realize what a luxury that was."

An academic omnivore, Krishnan double-majored in English and German and also studied chemistry. "I was a voracious reader growing up. My dad bought me 19th-century British novels. I didn't grow up reading what a lot of American kids read, like Dr. Seuss or Maurice Sendak. I read the kids' version of 'The Count of Monte Cristo,'" she says.

Krishnan found the academic environment at Wake Forest to be extraordinary. "There was just something about the culture that encourages people to be Renaissance liberal arts thinkers. Part of that may just be the geography of the space. Wake felt like this microcosm of knowledge. In the morning, I could be completely surrounded by scientists or pre-med people, and then in the afternoon, I could bounce into a very different world. Now I realize what a luxury that was. Now I'm in a world where fields of discipline and ideas are so siloed," she says.

Her doctorate in English literature from Oxford allowed her to dive deeply into Victorian literature, and having so much unstructured time gave her the opportunity to perform in several plays. On stage, she particularly loved playing Cleopatra in "Antony and Cleopatra" and Rosalind in "As You Like It."

Medical school and residency followed, and Krishnan is now a fellow in the Division of General Internal Medicine and the Institute of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where she's crafting a career that involves a mixture of research, writing, teaching and clinical practice.

The subject of her research is diagnosis and diagnostic reasoning. She's writing a book examining diagnosis in the 19th and 20th centuries in the United States and Britain alongside detective fiction. She's weaving in stories from her own experiences as a doctor and contemporary clinical questions. "It's the idea that diagnosis is a process akin to criminal detection," she says. "It's relevant now, especially as we think about how diagnosis is something that might be replaced by artificial intelligence, algorithms or machine learning. As doctors, we're asking ourselves almost existential questions like what is the role of the doctor in contemporary medicine?"



If you ask JIM O'CONNELL ('13) about his parents, you'll get an unusual answer. As he wrote in his "Constant & True" essay in the Fall 2016 issue of this magazine: "My mother's name is Kathy, and my father's name is Reproductive Sample No. 119."

> In 1989, at the age of 39, Kathy wanted to be a mother but hadn't yet met the right person, so she used a sperm sample from an anonymous donor to get pregnant. She was always open with Jim about her decision, and one day, when she put the donor's identifying information into a database — ping! — there was a match. That meant that Jim could contact (and potentially meet) his biological dad. But he wasn't ready. "I was 15, playing high school football and not interested in this crazy deep question of my existence," he says.

> When he turned 23, his curiosity got the best of him, and they met for coffee so he could finally get some closure. Then they went back to their separate lives. "What I realized was that I wasn't shaped by the absence of this guy; I was shaped by the presence of so many other folks, from my mom to family members to coaches to teachers to friends," he says.

Wake Forest also shaped him. A politics and international affairs major and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, he volunteered for two extracurricular roles that he calls formative. One was being named when he was a sophomore as a co-chair on the Honor "What I realized was that I wasn't shaped by the absence of this guy; I was shaped by the presence of so many other folks, from my mom to family members to coaches to teachers to friends."

> & Ethics Council, where he helped decide whether a student who got in trouble for, say, plagiarism deserved probation, community service, suspension or expulsion. "I learned a ton about leadership in tough scenarios," he says.

The other was being the sole student trustee on the University's Board of Trustees during his senior year. He voted on issues concerning academics, athletics, student life and more. This gave him a glimpse into how a giant institution with a multimillion-dollar endowment is run.

After graduation came a yearlong fellowship in President Nathan O. Hatch's office, which involved working on special projects, then two master's degrees at Oxford, one in U.S. history and one in religion.

Post-Oxford, O'Connell was ready to apply to be an officer in the U.S. Navy when he happened to be introduced to someone special. It was Jeff Vinik, who owns the Lightning professional hockey team in O'Connell's hometown of Tampa, Florida, and is also a philanthropist who is playing a large role in revitalizing the downtown area that surrounds his team's arena.

O'Connell couldn't pass up the chance to work for Vinik and now serves as president of the Vinik Family Office. Alongside Vinik, O'Connell manages the group that oversees Vinik's private investments, community leadership work and anything related to his foundation and his involvement in public policy. One of O'Connell's main projects over the past two years has been helping Vinik build a technology/startup ecosystem in Tampa. The innovation hub is scheduled to launch in 2019.

On top of all this success, Jim is a happy newlywed — just last year he married a fellow Deac, Karli (Thode) O'Connell ('14). "Of all the amazing things about Wake, the best part for me really was meeting her. It's rare to have this place that brings together so many smart, driven, passionate, creative people."

Jane Bianchi ('05) is a freelance writer based in Tampa. She lives with her husband, Bill McGibony ('06), and two daughters, Sally and Josephine. More of her work can be found at www.janebianchi.com. MSNBC host Rachel Maddow

ABC host and former Democratic adviser George Stephanopoulos

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J.

Former Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal

Politician and NBA star Bill Bradley

Journalist and lawyer Ronan Farrow

Former U.S. National Security Advisor Susan Rice Former President Bill Clinton (completed only one year of his two-year degree)

Author and iournalist Naomi Wolf

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark

Columnist Nicholas Kristof

Physician and author Siddhartha Mukherjee

Surgeon, writer and public health researcher Atul Gawande

Famous Rhodes Scholars

> Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter

Actor and musician Kris Kristofferson

Journalist and political commentator E.J. Dionne

Mystery of a Scholar

After nearly 90 years, a Wake Forest connection to a Rhodes recipient is unearthed

BY TOM PHILLIPS ('74, MA '78, P '06) AND KEN BADGETT ('87)

Three distinguished men first brought Rhodes Scholarship recognition to Wake Forest in the early part of the 20th century.

Harry Trantham (1900, MA 1901), who lived from 1882 to 1962, had deep family roots at Wake Forest. A Rhodes Scholar in 1905, he would go on to a distinguished career as a classicist, teaching for decades at Baylor University and chairing the Texas Rhodes selection.

Robert Lee Humber Jr. (1918, MA 1919, LLB 1921, LLD '49) lived from 1898 to 1970 and rose to become a leader in North Carolina politics as an attorney and statesman, though his first career was as an oil company representative in Paris (leaving in 1940 just ahead of the Nazis). Later, as a North Carolina state senator, Humber led the initiative to create the North Carolina Museum of Art and served on numerous boards, including the Baptist State Convention and Wake Forest. His Rhodes Scholarship was awarded in 1919.

For decades, those two seemed to have been the University's only "early" Rhodes Scholars. However ...

In The Howler of 1913 are a brief biography and picture of a student earning a master's degree. The photo shows an intense, full-faced man staring almost daringly into the camera. The attached quotation derives from the Book of Acts (Festus to the apostle Paul): "Much learning hath made thee mad."

The descriptive commentary about the young man notes that "two colleges have failed to satisfy his appetite for the highest marks and tinfoil medals. He aspires to a Rhodes Scholarship, and we predict that he will get it." The subject and writer are one: Paul Hubbell (MA 1913) of Mountain View, North Carolina, in Surry County. He edited The Howler that year and went on to win the Rhodes Scholarship in 1914, but his accolade remained unrecorded at Wake Forest for almost 90 years because his undergraduate degree was from Richmond College (now the University of Richmond in Virginia). It was co-author of this story, Ken Badgett ('87), who made the discovery while reviewing microfilm copies of local newspapers.



A Big Brother on Campus

Paul's older brother, Jay Hubbell, taught English at Wake Forest during Paul's time as a student and later became an important scholar of American literature at Trinity College/Duke University. Jay Hubbell was Paul's principal mentor and motivator, and in his considerable natural and applied ability Paul Hubbell thrived under that tutelage. After graduating from Richmond, Paul enrolled at Wake Forest to read more in English (and earn the MA) and to prepare for the Rhodes competition. Even as he was working to earn the Rhodes Scholarship, he edited The Howler, tutored younger students, played football and was active in the intellectual and civic life of campus. He passed muster on the requirements for what was then, as now, a most rigorous national selection.

The Winston-Salem Journal, reporting Paul Hubbell's later departure for England, noted the criteria of Rhodes selection: "three-tenths whereof shall be given to the candidate for his 'literary and scholastic' attainments, the remainder being for his love of outdoor athletics and sports, for strong manly qualities such as courage, generosity, and kindness, and for high moral character, and especially for ambition to serve and lead in large public affairs." (Today that description, gender neutral, speaks more broadly to capacities of intellectual and personal leadership.) Jay Hubbell noted that his brother had bested seven other "competitors," including Carlyle Campbell, who became president of Meredith College.

The Oxford-Egypt Years

In 1914 Paul Hubbell sailed to England to take his place among Rhodes Scholars. He spent 1914-15 being tutored in various periods of British and European history. His progress was interrupted by his election (against his tutors' wishes) to a non-combat support effort in Egypt. He served several years through the London Council of the YMCA as a liaison officer assisting British and local authorities in Alexandria, Cairo and the Suez, ultimately spending months imprisoned by British forces over questions about his loyalty.

Hubbell's retrospective story of those times makes for a fascinating micro-study of the people and places affected by the long reach of the Great

War. His time in Africa in and out of prison allowed him to meet all manner of international soldiers, Egyptians and some fellow Rhodes Scholars in similar service. He also gained intimate knowledge of the famed bed bugs of the Cairo prisons. Despite suspicions of his loyalty, the British armed forces finally released him, and Hubbell headed home — with "joy and grateful reaction upon seeing the Statue of Liberty." With the personal help of then-Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels of North Carolina (publisher, advocate, statesman, close friend to Franklin Roosevelt), Hubbell's record was cleared, and he sailed again to England to continue his Oxford studies, finishing in 1920.

Scholarship, Teaching, Family and Poetry

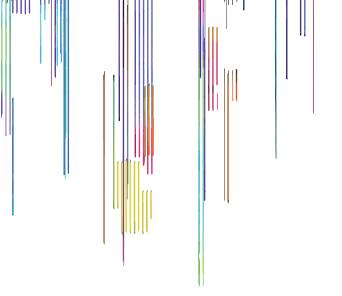
Upon his return to the United States, Hubbell embarked upon a teaching career that included years at Furman and Baylor (where he would have met Harry Trantham). Hubbell would find a permanent home at Eastern Michigan University, along the way earning a doctorate from the University of Michigan, with his thesis on the Helgoland-Zanzibar Treaty of 1890.

While helping to raise a family, over the next four decades Hubbell wrote and taught courses on Egypt, Africa, the Near East, Greece and Rome, world wars, French history, European policy and more. He developed a popular and rigorous course, "History of Civilization." In a real sense Hubbell taught history that he had lived — especially 20th-century conflict.

He was a loyal correspondent to the Rhodes Trust, which in his later years recognized him as the oldest living American Rhodes Scholar of his day. With Hubbell's death on June 1, 1993, at the age of 101, that distinction was passed to another, but the mystery about Paul Hubbell and Wake Forest had just begun. Claimed, rightly, by both Richmond and Wake Forest as an alumnus Rhodes Scholar, Hubbell now takes his rightful place among the 16 Wake Forest men and women to have earned the Rhodes Scholarship and studied at Oxford.







master's degree in French at the University of Florida. ... Then I didn't want to teach in a high school anymore ... so I went back and got a master's in English at the University of Florida. I got a job teaching English and French at Lake Sumter Community College in Leesburg, Florida. I did that for about nine or 10 years.

What prompted the switch to computer science?

Somewhere along the way I started getting itchy to have a Ph.D. I really wanted to teach in a four-year school. I did some research and, at that time, in 1983, they were saying the most valuable Ph.D. was in computer science. I had higher SAT scores on my math than my English, so I thought, "Let's take the programming course in BASIC at the community college," and I immediately loved programming.

What did you love about programming?

I like formal logic. It was just so pure. It's the basis of all computer science. It's also something that's studied in philosophy courses.

How did you develop your focus on art and music?

Logic programming ... as a research area, it kept getting more and more abstract. It was just not me. First of all, I like to see the results of my work, and I like to be able to tell my family or my loved ones about what I do and have them have some degree of understanding. ... I like

Computer science professor Jennifer Burg created this illustration for one of her textbooks. It shows a graph of the grayscale values of the pixels that would be used to create a digital picture of the sparrow.

developing curriculum materials. I wanted to write textbooks. (The first was "The Science of Digital Media.")

I was trying to bring together things that are from different areas, like from graphics and from networks, and repackage them into what I called digital media ... but not just showing the students how to use (photography and sound) application programs, telling them, showing them how those application programs were written.

What kinds of things do students learn in your classes on visual arts?

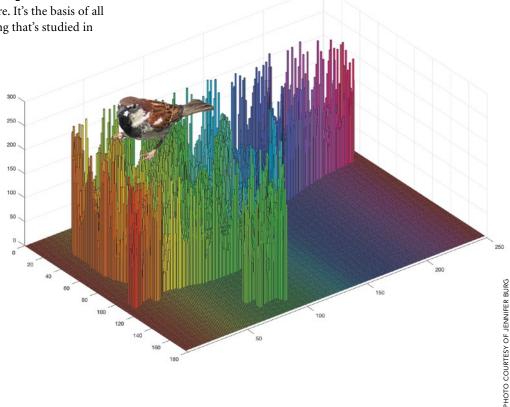
They can do algorithmic art, which is where you write a program that makes a picture, maybe a fractal-like picture, but you write an algorithm so that it's creating that picture as you're executing the program. That's very creative.

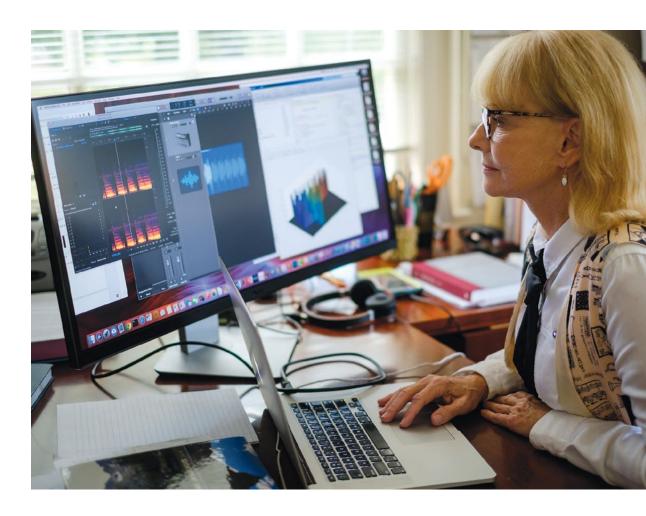
You have a Midi electronic keyboard in your office. Are you a musician? Why does music fascinate you so much? I took piano lessons for seven years, and I can read music, but I don't play terribly well.

The best book I've read in a long time is (Albert L. Blackwell's) "The Sacred in Music." He says there are two ways to appreciate what is beautiful about music. One is you just listen. ... It's just the beauty and the experience through your senses. This is the "incarnational aspect" of music.

The other beauty is when you find out how it has a mathematical basis. To some minds, that's beautiful. This is the Pythagorean appreciation of music through the intellect.

If you want to think of it as God, it's like God gave us these wonderful phenomena, vibrations, that we are able to perceive. ... He handed that to us and said, "Whatcha gonna do with that?" It's up to us, so we make music with that.





What are some of the things you teach students about music?

(In) a 100-level class, ... it's just exposing them to a whole lot of stuff. We don't expect that they fully master it, but it's amazing how much they can get just as quickly as we show it to them. We show them how they can use a program called MATLAB to generate individual frequencies. ... They know how to create a note of a certain frequency ... because really, a note saved in a computer is just a list of numbers. That's all it is. ... They're learning what notes are, what the frequencies of notes are, what chords are, what intervals are, which ones sound harmonious and why.

You are director of the STEM incubator, which offers hands-on experiences for non-computer science majors to explore science, technology, engineering and math. What's the goal of those courses?

It can help attract students, and it can also be gratifying to students who want to do more hands-on learning. Because some students are a little afraid of math or logic or programming ... it breaks the ice with them for learning the math and the science.

Talk about the project you did this summer with two students who created a course related to music of other cultures.

(In the course they designed) students had a choice between two video clips that had Asian music in the background already, but they ... were to create their own. ... They select the key they want to compose in, select the beats per minute they want and then they could do it in a higher level (digital audio) tool. You can decide what instrument you want your clip to sound like, and it could sound like a violin or a piano or any instrument other than the one used originally for the clip.

I envision that I could do a First Year Seminar in the music of different faiths and cultures where they don't have to do these exercises, but I show them so they can grasp some of what's going on without having to do it and they hear the different music. Doing this with different cultures and faiths, it's just the whole thing of trying to bring people together.



Four alumni with exemplary careers as journalists, authors and champions of literary excellence were named to the Wake Forest Writers Hall of Fame. By Kerry M. King ('85) Illustrations by Joel Kimmel





Journalists, authors and lovers of the written word gathered at Wake Forest in December for the latest celebration of alumni writers, past and present, during Words Awake 3!

The weekend began Dec. 7 with a look at the life of poet A.R. "Archie" Ammons ('49, D. Litt. '72) by Robert West ('91), professor of English at Mississippi State University and editor

of the two-volume "The Complete Poems of A.R. Ammons." Poet and author Emily Herring Wilson (MA '62, P '91, '93), whose friendship with Ammons spanned

decades, moderated the program.

Words Awake 3! also included a keynote address by Albert R. Hunt Jr. ('65, D. Litt '91, P '11), a veteran journalist with The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg News. A conversation with Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P'91, '93) was moderated by Hunt and Maria Henson ('82), a Pulitzer Prize winning editorial writer and editor who is associate vice president at Wake Forest and editor-at-large, Wake Forest Magazine. Read more about Words Awake 3! at bit.ly/2QIc2kb. Words Awake 4! is scheduled for April 3-4, 2020.

These four alumni were inducted in the Wake Forest Writers Hall of Fame:

J3ETSY WAKEFIELD CIETER (,80)



BETSY TETER is editor of Hub City Press and founder of Hub City Bookshop and has helped revitalize both the Southern literary scene and her hometown of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Teter came to Wake Forest to major in history with plans to become a fiction writer. She found her first calling in journalism and spent 15 years working at newspapers in South Carolina, including a stint as business editor of the Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

In 1995, she launched the Hub City Writers Project to publish an anthology of essays about Spartanburg. From those modest beginnings came Hub City Press, which publishes new voices from the American South. Hub City has received the (South Carolina) Governor's Award in the Humanities and a score of Independent Publisher

Book Awards.

In 2010, Teter founded Hub City Bookshop, a nonprofit independent bookstore that has become a home for aspiring writers. The bookshop sponsors a summer writers conference and a writers-in-residency program and awards college scholarships to promising young writers. She also is the founder of HUB-BUB, which sponsors music, film, art and theatre programs in downtown Spartanburg.

Teter has received the Tourism Person of the Year award from the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. Both Teter and the Hub City Writers Project have received the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Awards for the Arts, South Carolina's highest arts award. The South Carolina Arts Commission wrote that she "will go down in the state's arts history as a visionary, a leader and a passionate nurturer of South Carolina's readers and writers."

JO THOMAS achieved many "firsts" as a woman covering major domestic and international news stories as an award-winning reporter, editor and bureau chief for The New York Times and other newspapers.

Thomas began her journalism career at Wake Forest by reviving The Student literary magazine, which had been shut down for several years. After graduating, she received a master's in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1971, she became one of the first women to receive a prestigious Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University.

Early in her career, Thomas won national awards and recognition for her investigative reporting at The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star and the Detroit Free Press. She spent two decades with The New York Times as a reporter in the Washington bureau, chief of the Miami-Caribbean bureau, correspondent in the London bureau and assistant national editor in New York.

During her long journalism career, Thomas covered stories in 49 states and in Europe, South Africa, the Caribbean, Central America and Australia. She covered the investigation and trials after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and was part of the Times' team that won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for reporting on the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Thomas, who lives in Urbana, Illinois, also taught journalism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Syracuse University before retiring from Syracuse in 2007. She received Wake Forest's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1983 and is a member of the Cincinnati Journalism Hall of Fame.



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WALLER

DOUG WALLER is a best-selling author and a distinguished veteran journalist who covered stories in the nation's capital and around the world.

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Waller majored in English at Wake Forest and was co-editor of the Old Gold & Black. He received a master's degree in urban administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and was a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C., before joining Newsweek in 1988.

During two decades as a Washington-based correspondent for Newsweek and then TIME, he covered the Pentagon, Congress, the State Department, the White House

and the CIA. He also reported on the Middle

East, the Gulf War, the Iraq War and military conflicts in Somalia and Haiti.

Waller forged a second career writing nonfiction books on the military and World War II spymasters. He first won acclaim with a series of books offering unprecedented insight into the making of America's top warriors: "The Commandos: The Inside Story of America's Secret Soldiers,"

"Air Warriors: The Inside Story of the Making of a Navy Pilot" and "Big Red: The Three-Month Voyage of a Trident Nuclear Submarine."

Most recently, he has written two books on the World War II-era Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner to the CIA: "Disciples: The World War II Missions of the CIA Directors Who Fought for Wild Bill Donovan" and The New York Times best-selling biography "Wild Bill Donovan: The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage."

Waller lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is a former captain in the U.S. Army Reserves.

LINDA BRINSON has had a distinguished career in journalism as a reporter, editorial page editor, book reviewer and teacher.

The daughter of an Army veteran, Brinson lived in different parts of the country until her family settled in Madison, North Carolina. At Wake Forest, she was an English major and editor of the Old Gold & Black.

After graduating, she worked briefly at the Winston-Salem Journal and as editor of Wake Forest Magazine before joining The Baltimore Sun. As assistant national editor — the highest position in news held there by a woman at the time — she handled stories from the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew to Watergate and the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

Returning to North Carolina in the late '70s, she was a reporter, feature writer and editorial page writer for The Sentinel, Winston-Salem's afternoon newspaper, until the paper closed in 1985. Moving to the morning Winston-Salem Journal, she wrote feature stories and book reviews and was eventually named editorial page editor, the first and only woman to hold that position at the Journal.

For 25 years, she edited what she's called a labor of love, the Journal's book page. Since leaving the Journal in 2008, she's continued to promote North Carolina and regional writers through book reviews for various newspapers and on her own blog, Briar Patch Books.

Brinson, who lives in Currituck, North Carolina, continues to write for newspapers and magazines, including Wake Forest Magazine and Our State. She also has taught journalism at Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



CARTER ('69, P'00) BRINS()

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF CAMPUS KITCHEN

WRITTEN BY KERRY M. KING ('85)

DRAWN BY STEPHANIE ZUPPO



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> I GREW UP IN EXTREME POVERTY, STRUGGLING WITH FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER, AND THAT'S A FEELING I WILL NEVER FORGET. IT'S NOT LIKE ON CAMPUS WHERE YOU HAVE UNLIMITED FOOD AVAILABLE IN THE PIT.

> > - DAVID AJAMY (19) CO-COORDINATOR

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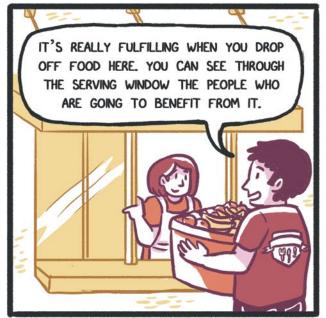
SOME DAYS OFFER A SURPRISE: \$6,000 WORTH OF BAGS OF ALMONDS ONE DAY, BOXES AND BOXES OF PASTA ON ANOTHER, AND TODAY, GROCERY CARTS OVERFLOWING WITH BOXES OF CRACKERS.





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MISS VICKI GREETS STUDENTS WITH A HUG AND CALLS THEM BY THE NICKNAMES SHE'S GIVEN EACH: "THE DOCTOR," "THE MODEL," "THE PREACHER" AND FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR IN THE BUNCH, "THE ANTHROPOLOGIST."





























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Wake Forest ranked 27th among 311 national universities and 12th for its commitment to undergraduate teaching in U.S. News and World Report's 2018 Best Colleges guide. The University has been ranked in the top 30 for 22 consecutive years and was 27th in last year's guide.

Wake Forest ranked third among the top 40 doctoral institutions in the United States in undergraduate study abroad, with 73.5 percent receiving credit for international study in 2016-17, according to the 2018 Open Doors report by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$450,000 grant over three years to support an ongoing Wake Forest chemistry research project to understand bacterial resistance to antibiotics, which is a global health threat. Rebecca Alexander, a chemistry professor and Wake Downtown director of academic programming, is leading the project with help from graduate students. In November, Alexander oversaw a weeklong outreach portion of the research that involved teaching ninth-graders at a Winston-Salem high school to use sterile techniques to look at how bacteria create biofilms that evade antibiotic treatments.

Alexander's project is a collaboration with a professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.

Dean of Admissions Martha Blevins Allman ('82, MBA '92, P '15, '19) has been named senior assistant provost and dean of University integration, effective July 1, 2019. She will focus on bringing greater coherence to the array of student programs and services. She has been undergraduate admissions dean for nearly two decades.

The Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame has elected seven new members in the class of 2018-19. Football offensive lineman Tyson Clabo ('04) went on to an 11-year NFL career, and

offensive lineman Steve Justice ('07), the most decorated center in University history, also played professionally. Baseball pitcher Kyle Sleeth ('01) was a member of the 2002 USA National Baseball team and the third pick in the first round of the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft. Field hockey star Claire Laubach ('09) was a member of all three of Wake Forest's national championship field hockey teams and was a 2012 London Olympian. Golfer Webb Simpson ('08) was the ACC Player of the Year and ACC champion in 2008 and won the 2012 U.S. Open and the 2018 Players Championship among his five PGA Tour victories. Tennis player **Todd** Paul ('07) was the program's first twotime All-American. John Zeglinski ('79), who starred in both football and baseball at Wake Forest, will be the Heritage inductee, honoring athletes who played more than 40 years ago. The new members will be inducted this year.

Christina Soriano, associate professor of dance and associate provost for arts and interdisciplinary initiatives, is overseeing the Transformative Arts Project, a University initiative to create more frequent, accessible and inclusive visual and performing arts across campus. Soriano is one of 12 people named a 2018 Influencer in Aging by Next Avenue, a journalism service focused on older Americans. She founded IMPROVment, a program of physical and mental fitness for those with neurodegenerative diseases. Since 2012, she has led free weekly community dance classes in Winston-Salem for people with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. She and Christina Hugenschmidt (PhD '08), an assistant professor of gerontology and geriatric medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for a three-year clinical trial focused on how improvisational dance affects people with dementia.

Library Partners Press, an imprint of Wake Forest's Digital Publishing Division, has named its inaugural literary awards for the late Gail O'Day and David Coates (P '17). O'Day, a professor of New Testament and preaching, served as dean of the School of Divinity from 2010 until June 30. She died Sept. 22, 2018. The Gail O'Day Award for Poetry recognizes outstanding achievements in poetry. Throughout her career, she relied on poems and collections to guide her teaching, sermons and reading

life, according to Literary Partners Press. Coates, who died Aug. 7, 2018, was Worrell Professor of Anglo-American Studies. The David Coates Award for Non-Fiction honors outstanding achievements in nonfiction, including histories, memoir and creative nonfiction. Coates was an expert on American politics, economy and society, and he was a prolific scholar and author on capitalism, immigration and presidents.

Philip Honaker, plant operator in Facilities and Campus Services, and Tom Benza (MA '12), associate director in the Financial Aid Office, were recognized as Wake Forest's 2018 Employees of the Year. They were nominated by faculty and staff for their contributions in innovation, integrity, accountability, inclusion and Pro Humanitate. Honaker died Nov. 3.

Seth Hayden, assistant professor of counseling, has been selected as president-elect for 2020 for the National Career Development Association.

Associate Professor of History 10 Raisur Rahman (P '10) was elected president of the South Asian Muslim Studies Association (SAMSA.) The organization's mission is to enhance visibility of scholars and studies of Muslims of South Asia, the world's largest concentration of Muslims and one of the most diverse.

"World Lines: A Quantum Supercomputer Poem" by Associate Professor of English Amy Catanzano appeared in a Physics magazine article on how poetry is addressing quantum physics. Catanzano's poetry explores the intersections of poetry, science and art. Her poem was also featured in an article called "Artist Explains Quantum Physics Through Poetry" at TheNextWeb.com.

Reynolda House received a grant of more than \$420,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to replace the building's iconic green-tile roof. This is the first NEH grant to Reynolda House and the largest federal grant in the museum's history. Reynolda House also unveiled a new app called Reynolda Revealed that shares stories about the museum.

Mary Pendergraft, professor 13 and chair of classical languages, was installed as president of the Ameri-

can Classical League. During her two-year term, she will lead the organization in its centennial celebration in 2019. Pendergraft received the 2017 award for excellence in teaching at the collegiate level from the Society for Classical Studies.

WakerSpace officially opened **14** Nov. 19 in the former Student Health Center space in Lot Q. The makerspace fosters creativity, invention and experimentation and provides resources such as a 3D printer to transform an idea into a prototype.

Teju Cole, photography critic of The New York Times Magazine, and Krista Tippett of NPR's "On Being" show about spiritual life, spoke in fall 2018 as part of the "Voices of Our Time" series on campus. Cole is a fiction and nonfiction writer, essayist, critic, photographer and the Gore Vidal Professor of the Practice of Creative Writing at Harvard. His 2017 book, "Blind Spot," a genre-crossing work of photography and texts, was named one of the best books of the year by Time magazine. Thirty-three of Cole's works were presented in Hanes Art Gallery. Tippett appeared with President Nathan O. Hatch to discuss how and why she created her show and her project to encourage civil discourse. Wake Forest also is focused on creating more connection and dialogue in a polarized society through moderated dinners in its Call to Conversation movement. Tippett encouraged having conversations with "generous questions" rather than "combative questions" and focusing on deep listening. "Just because we haven't done these conversations well in the past doesn't mean we can't start now," Tippett said.

University Creative Director 16 Hayes Henderson was named as a Fellow of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA), honoring his personal and professional contributions to raising the standards of excellence in the design community. Henderson is only the fourth North Carolinian and one of fewer than 300 nationally to receive the award. Additionally, the regional chapter of AIGA awarded Wake Forest with its first Excellence in Design Award. The designation recognizes excellence exemplified by a traditional business or institution that has successfully leveraged design and creative practices to advance strategic interests.

Anonymous gift doubles endowment for Magnolia Scholars

A \$10 MILLION GIFT from a Wake Forest graduate will increase financial support in perpetuity to first-generation college students in the Magnolia Scholars program. Beginning last fall, the gift provides an additional \$4,000 annual award to each of the 120 Magnolia Scholars. The donor asked to remain anonymous.

The new award will reduce or eliminate the students' loans, which vary based on financial need, by supplementing other scholarships and grants the students may receive. "Replacing student loans with grants is the single most powerful step we can take to assist these students," said Nate French ('93), Magnolia Scholars program director.

That allows those students to pursue opportunities during college and after graduation that they might not have pursued otherwise because of financial reasons. "Education offers countless paths to explore, but under financial pressure, students may limit their choices," said Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch. "With this gift, our Magnolia Scholars will receive extra financial support so they can focus on taking full advantage of their education."

The Magnolia Scholars program began in 2009. It provides financial, academic and mentoring support to students whose parents did not graduate from college. On average, about 10 percent of entering students are first-generation college students. Thirty students are named Magnolia Scholars each year based on recommendations and student essays. Those not selected still have access to resources and programs to help them transition to college and be successful through the First in the Forest program.

An earlier gift from the same donor funded a pilot program for Magnolia Scholars who enrolled in 2014. Each of those students, who graduated last May, received \$4,000 in extra support annually, reducing their four-year loan debt by \$16,000.

The pilot program proved that reducing student debt did allow students to pursue more opportunities, French said. More of those students studied abroad, chose a second major and participated in extracurricular activities and spring break service trips.

They also had more freedom to pursue career or graduate school options without limiting their choices because of student debt, he said. The Peace Corps and Teach for America are popular options for some students but can be out of reach for students repaying large student loans. "This financial support allows these students to make their ideas and dreams possible," French said.

"With this gift, our Magnolia Scholars will receive extra financial support so they can focus on taking full advantage of their education."

President Nathan O. Hatch





Natalie Casimir ('18) and Zachary Triplett ('18)

That was the case for Natalie Casimir ('18) and Zachary Triplett ('18), Magnolia Scholars who were among those receiving the extra financial support through the pilot program.

Casimir, originally from Mooresville, North Carolina, studied for a summer in South Africa and taught English in Rwanda. "I was able to take extra steps out

of Wake Forest and build myself as a world-class citizen rather than just another college student trying to get by and finish." She landed a corporate job with Food Lion after graduating.

Triplett, from Wilkesboro, North Carolina, had a summer internship at the FBI that led to a job after graduation. "That was critical in enabling me to fulfill a lifelong dream in securing a job with the bureau," he said. "I was able to take on summer work that helped propel me into the career that I always wanted."

The new gift doubles the endowment for the Magnolia Scholars program and is one of the largest gifts received for undergraduate scholarships during the Wake Will Lead capital campaign. About \$300 million, or more than a third of the \$850 million raised to date in the campaign, is for scholarships and financial aid. The University is seeking to raise \$1 billion by 2020.

Meet the University's new board chair

Gerald Roach seeks to emphasize the importance of discourse, not discord

STEEPED IN WAKE FOREST history and connections, Smith Anderson Managing Partner Gerald Roach ('80, JD '82, P '09, '12) of Raleigh began his three-year term as chairman of the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees in July. A nationally prominent lawyer, he brings expertise in domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance matters and, among other areas, public company securities, having advised firms in the innovative cluster of more than 250 companies that comprise Research Triangle Park.

Roach's grandfather in eastern North Carolina was the first on that side of the family to go to college. He saved up his money working in a sawmill, graduated Wake Forest and became a Baptist minister. His two children — Roach's father and aunt - graduated from Wake Forest. Roach and his sister finished at Wake Forest, as did the Baptist minister's four great-grandchildren. Roach met his wife, then Stephanie Decker ('81, P'09, '12), in an English class when he was a sophomore, she a first-year student. "The rest is history," Roach says. He and Stephanie are elders in White Memorial Presbyterian Church, where Gerald Roach chairs its capital campaign. Their son, Davis

('09, JD '12), is a lawyer, and daughter, Emily ('12), is deputy director of the North Carolina Council for Women.

Maria Henson ('82) of Wake Forest Magazine discussed with Roach his devotion to Wake Forest and his aspirations as board chair for the University. Following are excerpts from his comments, edited for length and clarity.

Growing up a Demon Deacon

I remember being on campus a lot. My father (Linville: '53, JD '55) was head of the Alumni Council, and my mother (Mary Jon) was very involved. We would go on Alumni Council trips in the summer and meet other Wake Foresters. My parents encouraged me to look and explore anywhere I would like to consider (for college), but Wake Forest was an easy choice.

Campus life and friendships

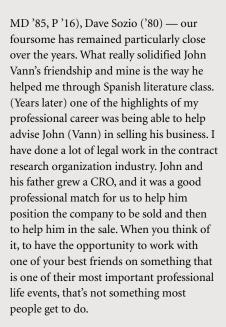
I always found that Wake Forest was challenging but nurturing. It didn't feel competitive. It felt like your classmates and your professors were on your side. They weren't going to give you anything, but they wanted you to succeed.

You could go to law school after your third year — a three-three program. I

> thought that's a pretty good idea. Your fourth year of undergrad is your first year of law school, and it magically counted for both.

John Vann ('80, P'12), John Sinden ('80,

Gerald Roach, seated beside Stephanie, holds a new potential Deac in the family, Beckett. From left: Beckett's parents, Caitlin and Davis, and Emily, her aunt.



Legal highlights

(After law school) I went directly to Smith Anderson and have been there ever since. The Research Triangle is a wonderful place to practice law. All of our clients, even the small ones, have some international contracts or presence. I've had the real blessing to work with some of the most respected leaders in the country. I think of Dennis Gillings, who founded Quintiles; Bob Ingram, who was CEO of GlaxoWellcome; Jack Greenberg, former CEO of McDonald's. After 35 years, the list is long of relationships and people I've advised who have also served as mentors and role models to me. I see how they have run their businesses, served their communities, how they've acted with character in the decisions they make.

His role as board chairman

I believe this role is a collective role. Our board, our Cabinet, have leaders of character who care about Wake Forest, which is worthy of our very best. Character and leadership are a rich tradition at Wake Forest. There are some parts of Wake Forest that will never change, and I hope that's what we hold on to. But we also want to continue to enhance, adapt and improve our role in society. I would like to help us put a stake in the ground on the Call to Conversation. We need to be a leader in civil discourse. We need to help educate our students to be leaders in a world where conversation is important. Being able to disagree and still respect each other is vital.





With a Deacon legacy now spanning three generations, all things Wake Forest have always been close to my heart. In the (close to) 30 years since graduation, it has been important to me to remain as connected to Wake Forest as possible, even from Austin, Texas, for the past 16 years. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as president of the Alumni Council, the voice for Wake Forest alumni. The growth of events, programs and opportunities for alumni to remain engaged with Wake Forest has been tremendous. I encourage you to connect or reconnect with friends and classmates. Start with your local WAKECommunity or one of the affinity

groups, such as Global Deacs or HOLAA (Hispanic/Latino Alumni Association). And, if you live close enough to campus, take advantage of the great programs offered, including the upcoming Wake Women's Weekend and Camp Third Act. Go Deacs!

- Sara Sitton Crawford ('90, P'20) | President, Wake Forest Alumni Council

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Forest as possishonored to have the voice for Woopportunities for Thousands of alumni returned to campus this past November for Homecoming 2018. Nearly 3,000 attended Party So Dear, which featured The Pointer Sisters in Wait Chapel. Nearly 2,000 alumni in reunion classes those ending in "3" and "8" — enjoyed class parties on campus, from the Class of 2018's First Time Back Party to the Class of 1968's Golden Deacs luncheon and dinner. The Reunion Class Campaign raised more than \$2.5 million for the Wake Forest Fund, exceeding the goal of \$2.4 million.











UPCOMING EVENTS

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Wake Women's Weekend | March 1-2

Alumna are invited back to campus to reconnect, reflect and recharge. The program includes discussion groups, career and leadership advice, one-on-one coaching with Wake Forest career coaches and featured speaker Kate Crowley Parker ('98), author of "Strong is the New Pretty." Brittney Bogues ('09) will moderate a panel discussion on Pro Humanitate with past Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Jane Cage ('78), Jocelyn Burton ('80) and Julie Coyne ('89).

Trek to the Old Campus | April 6

Whether you're a graduate of the Old Campus or the "new," exploring Wake Forest's roots is always a meaningful experience. Tour the Calvin Jones House, the Wake Forest Historical Museum and, of course, the Old Campus.

Pro Humanitate Days | April 6-13

Join fellow Deacs in making a difference in your local community during the ninth annual Pro Humanitate Days. Last year, more than 800 alumni in 31 cities served meals to the needy, volunteered at food banks and the Humane Society, cleaned up a nature preserve and planted community gardens. Contact your local WAKECommunity leaders to find out what's happening in your area.

WAKE the City | Late May/Early June

WAKECommunities around the country will celebrate the end of the academic year and recognize volunteers at this new event. Join fellow Deacs to celebrate the year's highlights and look ahead to fall events, beginning with WAKEWelcomes in August.

Camp Third Act | May 31-June 1

Back by popular demand, this two-day event will help alumni envision the next stage in their lives, whether that's a career transition, rediscovering an artistic passion or finding meaning in retirement. Gregg Levoy, author of "Callings: Finding and Following an Authentic Life" and the featured speaker at last year's inaugural Camp Third Act, is back this year.

1940s

Herbert Cline ('42, P '88) was posthumously inducted into Chattaroy (WV) High School's Hall of Fame. His son, Mark ('88), accepted the award. Herb Cline played basketball and football in high school and at Wake Forest, where he earned



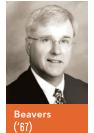
All-American honors. He was inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

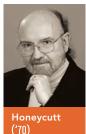
1960s

- ▶ Ken Moser ('65, JD '68, P '91, '94, '96) is serving on the Alumni Council and is the new chair of the Golden Deacs (formerly Half Century Club). He is a retired attorney in Winston-Salem.
- Mary Nan Sweeney Moser ('66, P '91, '94, '96) of Winston-Salem is serving on the Alumni Council. She previously served on the Alumni Council in the 1990s.
- ▶ Richard A. Beavers ('67) is serving on the Alumni Council. He is an endodontist at Beavers & Keating in Greensboro, NC, His daughter, Debran Beavers McClean ('93), is also on the Alumni Council.
- Leo Daughtry ('62, JD '65) was honored by the School of Law last fall when the North Carolina Business Court courtroom in the Worrell Professional Center was named in his honor. Daughtry practiced law in Smithfield, NC, and had a long political career. He served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 25 years, first in the Senate and then in the House, where he served as majority and minority leader.
- M. Dan McGinn ('64, JD '67, P '90) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (employment law/management, labor law/management and litigation/labor and employment). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.
- A. Doyle Early Jr. ('65, JD '67, P '94, '96) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (family law). He is of counsel at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, NC.
- R. Bradford Leggett ('66, JD '69) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/ insolvency and reorganization law). He has been recognized every year since 1989. He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.
- Donald M. VonCannon ('67, JD '71) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (real estate law). He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.



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Rick Miners ('68) released the third edition of "Don't Retire, Rewire!" (Penguin Random House), a retirement life planning guide for part-time, volunteer and second career opportunities.

John P. (Jack) Simpson ('68, JD '72) of Morehead City, NC, retired in 2015 after 43 years of practicing law in Jacksonville and Morehead City. He volunteers at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. His son, Hunter, lives in Belgrade, Serbia.

Thurston Debnam Jr. ('69, JD '72, P '98) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation/corporate law). He is a founding partner at Smith Debnam in Raleigh, NC.

1970s

Richard Honeycutt ('70, P '99) presented his published paper, "'Not Just the Great Spirit': Traditional Native American Views of Consciousness," at the 2018 CICA (Coloquio Internacional sobre Cerebro y Agresion) conference in Mysore, India.

Nancy A. Moate ('70) received a doctor of education in organizational leadership from Grand Canyon University. She began her doctorate in 2013 after retiring as CFO of a broker-dealer owned by Transamerica USA. She received her MBA from Emory University in 1980. She lives in Georgia with her husband, Rick Jenkins, and golden retriever, Grace.

John Wolfe (JD '70, P '93) is a private attorney and the longtime attorney for the town of Kernersville, NC. He has an eclectic collection of "curiosities" in his law office. His great-grandfather built Kernersville's most famous landmark, the historic Körner's Folly house, in the 1870s. Wolfe and his wife, Bobbie, have been instrumental in restoring the house. Read more at bit.ly/2LxcSxn

George McLeod Bryan ('72, P '18) has been elected president of the North Carolina District Exchange Club, which assists 29 Exchange Clubs that work to better their community and prevent child abuse. Bryan also serves as a guardian ad litem and on the City-County Planning Board for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Howard L. Williams (JD '72, P '03) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (tax law and litigation and controversy/ tax). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Lawrence "Chip" Norbert Holden III ('73, P '99) was recognized by MassMutual Financial Group as a leader in business production for 2017. He qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table, a global, independent association of leading life insurance and financial services professionals, for the 42nd consecutive year. Holden is a partner at the independent financial planning firm of Holden & Mickey Inc.

Beth Norbrey Hopkins ('73, P '12) received the 2018 Citizen-Lawyer Award from the William & Mary Law School Alumni Association, the highest award given by the association. She earned her JD from William & Mary in 1977. After working in private and public practice, she joined Wake Forest in 1985 and served in various positions in the legal department and the School of Law. She retired in 2016 after serving as the inaugural director of the law school's Smith Anderson Center for Community Outreach.

Thomas A. Robinson ('73, JD '76) of Durham, NC, wrote "Questions of Faith: Encountering Christ at the Point of Doubt and Confusion" (Mazarin Press).

Thomas "Terry" Crumpler (JD '75) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and real estate law). He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

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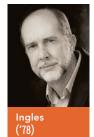
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► Alumni Council new member











(JD '79)

Hugh Greene ('75, P '00) of Jacksonville, FL, plans to retire as CEO and president of Baptist Health of Northeast Florida after 18 years in the position and almost 30 years at the largest private employer in Northeast Florida. He will remain until a new CEO is selected in 2019. He is married to Susan (Hutchins) Greene ('74, P '00). He received the Jacksonville Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

Barry Dean Miller ('75) retired after more than 30 years with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was most recently the associate director of disclosure review and accounting in the Division of Investment Management. He had more than 40 years of public service, including eight years as a tax auditor at the Internal Revenue Service. In 2004 he received the Byron Woodside Award for his contributions to the SEC's full disclosure program.

James K. Roberson (JD '75, P '98) received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper for exemplary service. He served for more than 17 years in judicial positions before retiring as senior resident Superior Court judge in 2018. He worked closely with the Family Justice Center of Alamance County to develop the domestic violence electronic protec-

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tive order system used across North Carolina. He lives in Burlington, NC, with his wife, Kathy.

Susan Rink Getman ('76) is executive director of the Mid-County Senior Center in Wilmington, DE. She previously served as executive director of the Wilmington Senior Center and as deputy director of Stand By Me, a personal finance coaching agency. She helped found the Delaware Aging Network and chaired the executive committee of the National Institute of Senior Centers.

Joseph T. Carruthers (JD '77) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation, personal injury litigation/defendants and medical malpractice law/ defendants). He is a partner with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

Joslin Davis (JD '77) was named a 2019 North Carolina Super Lawyer (family law) and recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (family law). She is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

Linda Kelly ('77) has been named a district superintendent in the United Methodist Church. She is serving in the Smoky Mountain District of the Western North Carolina Conference in Lake Junaluska, NC.

Kenneth Kyre (JD '77) received the 2018 J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence from the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. The award recognizes members who exemplify professionalism, integrity and ethics. Kyre is a partner at Pinto Coates Kyre & Bowers in Greensboro, NC.

Patrick McNally ('77) was recognized as the 2017 Federal Panel Lawyer of the Year for his dedication and commitment representing people accused of federal offenses. The award acknowledged his successful appeal of a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. McNally is a founding partner in the law firm of Weatherly, McNally & Dixon in Nashville, TN.

William "Bill" Bucher Jr. ('78) is executive director of the Salisbury (NC) Symphony. Bucher was chief financial officer for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools from 1992 to 2002 and served as CFO of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools until retiring in 2013.

Jo Pickett Gilley ('78) is CEO of Overture Productions, a promotional product and program agency, in Chicago. She was an initial investor in the privately held, certified women-owned business and has served on the board of directors since 2001.

Paul Ingles ('78) continued his radio career begun at WFDD by working as a news/sports reporter, program director, manager and consultant at commercial TV and radio stations in several markets, including Charlotte, Cleveland and Albuquerque, NM, where he resides now. He recently closed a 19-year chapter of contributing to National Public Radio as a freelance reporter and consultant. He continues to produce award-winning music documentaries for public radio as well as the radio series/podcast Peace Talks Radio, which spotlights conflict resolution strategies. Recently he has written, directed and acted in independent films, including "A Soldier's Passage," a 2018 drama based on the last months of his father's life.

Brad Wilson (JD '78, P '08) of Raleigh, NC, is executive-in-residence with the Wake Forest School of Law and the School of Business. He is the retired president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

C. Edwin Allman III (JD '79) was named a 2019 North Carolina Super Lawyer (bankruptcy and business law) and recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law and litigation/bankruptcy). He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

William David Hill II ('79, MS '82, PhD '89) has been appointed professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He retired after 26 years as professor of cellular biology and anatomy from the Medical College of Georgia - Augusta University. He is also a founder, the chief scientific officer and executive vice president of SpheroFill LLC, a Georgia/South Carolina biotech company.

Robert Singer (JD '79) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (banking and finance law, corporate law, financial services regulation law, and mergers and acquisitions law). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Tamara Greb Smith ('79) has retired after 39 years of teaching. She taught theatre and directed more than 100 productions for 35 years at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, VA. She was Virginia Thespian Educator of the Year, Kellam High Teacher of the Year and Distinguished Educator of the Year.

1980s

- ▶ Eric W. Law ('80) of Charlotte is serving on the Alumni Council. He is president of Promising Pages, a nonprofit that provides classroom programs and more than 100,000 free books annually to underserved children in Charlotte. Law was co-chair of the Camp Third Act program held on campus last summer to help alumni plan the next phase in their lives after retiring from their primary career.
- Mary Ann Parrott ('82, P '20) is serving on the Alumni Council. She is an executive learning consultant with Cengage, an education and technology company, in Raleigh, NC. She and her husband, Dean Webster (JD '81, P '20), are the parents of junior Ella Webster.
- John D. Bryson ('80, JD '85) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (criminal law, DUI/DWI defense). He is a partner at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, NC.
- Ben Sutton ('80, JD '83, P '14, '19) was named by the National Football Foundation to its Leadership Hall of Fame. He is the founder and chairman of Teall Capital Partners in Winston-Salem.
- Royce Weatherly ('80) and his wife, Lori Clark Weatherly ('81), exhibited their paintings in the show "Tandem" at Wake Forest's Hanes Art Gallery last fall. Royce is a realistic still-life painter, while Lori is an abstract artist. They live in Maplewood, NJ.
- Al Bourque ('81) is an associate professor of strategic leader development in the Center for Strategic Leadership at the U.S. Army War College. As director of the Army Strategic Education Program, he leads the executive education program that develops all Army general officers. He also was appointed as the Gen. George S. Patton Chair of Operational Research and Analysis. He lives in Carlisle, PA, with his wife, Kimberly.
- Judith Milsap Daniels ('81) has been appointed chief District Court judge in Judicial District 16B in Robeson County (NC). She succeeded Stan Carmical ('77) after he was named a special Superior Court judge. Daniels has served as a District Court judge since 2009 and was only the second female at the time to serve as a judge in Robeson County.
- Harry Russell Neighbors Jr. ('81) has been re-elected to the North Carolina State Bar Council. He is semi-retired after practicing law for 34 years. He and his wife, Patty, divide their time between Marion, NC, and Pawleys Island, SC.
- Bettie Kelley Sousa (JD '81, P '10) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is an attorney at Smith Debnam in Raleigh, NC.
- M. Joseph Allman ('82, JD '86, P '15, '19) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Law-

yers in America (real estate law). He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

Karen Wilson ('82, JD '85) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (corporate law). She is a partner with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

Jill Wilson (JD '82) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (education law and employment law/management). She practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

J. Matthew Bond ('83) of McLean, VA, was appointed to the board of directors and named chairman of the audit committee at Cotinga Pharmaceuticals, a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company.

Mark Dirks ('83) is CEO and senior vice president of Beacon Technologies Inc. in Greensboro, NC. His company launched Weaving Hope, a nonprofit working to build preschools and food programs in Rwanda. The group also will help Rwandan women earn a steady living and escape gender-based violence, inequality and discrimination.

John Madden (JD '83) was named 2019 Lawyer of the Year (medical malpractice law/defendants) for Raleigh, NC, by The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Smith Anderson.







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Curtis C. Farmer ('84, MBA '91, P '16) of Dallas has been appointed to the Comerica Incorporated Board of Directors. He is president of Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank and is responsible for the business bank, retail bank and wealth management.

Jim W. Phillips Jr. (JD '84) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (bet-the-company, commercial, intellectual property and securities litigation). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Garth Russo (MD '84) is executive director of the University Health Center at the University of Georgia in Athens. He joined the health center in 1991 and previously served as senior director of medical services.



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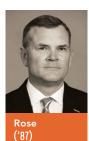




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(JD '91)

Eddie Story ('84, P '12, '15) received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Gov. Roy Cooper for his work on behalf of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The award is the highest the governor can bestow. Story has served on the Food Bank's board of directors for eight years, including board chair for the past two years. Story is executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at RTI International in Research Triangle Park, NC.

John W. Babcock (JD '85, P '13, '16) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (mergers and acquisitions law, corporate law and commercial transactions/UCC law). He is a partner with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

J. Dennis Bailey (JD '85) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation, personal injury litigation/ defendant and medical malpractice law/defendants). He is a partner with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

Rick DeRose (PhD '85) is the director of product innovation at PebbleLabs Inc., a biotechnology company in Los Alamos, NM. He received the 2017 Innovation Prize for Agricultural Technology from the American Society of Plant Biologists.

Laura C. Kratt ('85), an arts management professional, is the first executive director of The Appalachian Theatre of the High Country in Boone, NC.

Maria J. Smith Leoni-Sceti ('85) has lived in London for the past 17 years and is the founder and creative director of Sonia Petroff couture jewelry.

Byron Saintsing ('85) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (banking and finance law). He is an attorney at Smith Debnam in Raleigh, NC.

Robert L. Smith Jr. ('85) is national claims manager for American Road Services Co., an automobile insurance subsidiary of Ford Motor Co. He previously served as the Great Lakes regional claims manager.

Corey Cochran ('86, P '15, '18) is 2018-19 Cabarrus County (NC) Schools Principal of the Year. He has been principal of Mount Pleasant Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, NC, since 2002.

Beth Langley ('86, JD '92) was elected to the North Carolina Bar Association's Board of Governors. She practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce. She was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation, employment law/management, and litigation/labor and employment).

C.W. "Mack" McKeller ('86) has been named a District Court judge by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper. McKeller will serve in Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties.

Mike Darrow (MBA '87) is executive director of Feeding the Carolinas, an alliance of food banks across North Carolina and South Carolina.

Jim Rose Jr. ('87) has been promoted by United Community Bank to state president for North Carolina. He joined United Community Bank, based in Blairsville, GA, in 2017 as regional president for eastern North Carolina and has been overseeing the bank's expansion into the Triangle. He has nearly three decades of banking experience, including as CEO and chief credit officer for community banks in eastern North Carolina. He serves as vice chair of the (NC) State Board of Community Colleges.

David "Dave" Stevens ('87) is director of sales and marketing at Riverdale Mills Corp. in Northbridge, MA. Riverdale Mills manufactures welded wire mesh for the marine, security, construction and agriculture industries. A decorated U.S. Army veteran, Stevens joined Riverdale Mills in 2017 after holding senior management positions at several other companies.

N. Travis Triplett ('87) was elected president of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the first woman president in its 40-year history. She is a professor of exercise science at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Jan Bostic Yarborough (JD '87) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (health care law). She is a partner with Wall Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

Beverly Bowyer Coppley ('88) is a district superintendent in the United Methodist Church. She is serving in the Northern Piedmont District of the Western North Carolina Conference in Greensboro, NC.

Robert King III (JD '88) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation and environmental law). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce

Heather Cobham Brewer ('89) wrote "The Mother Tree," a sequel to her first novel, "Hungry Mother Creek," set in Oriental, NC, where she lives. Brewer is a licensed clinical social worker and has her own counseling practice in New Bern, NC.

David Denton (MBA '89, P '18) is executive vice president, chief financial officer of Lowe's Companies Inc. With more than 25 years of finance and operational expertise, he previously served as executive vice president and CFO of CVS Health

Rene Caldwell Gilbertson ('89, JD '92) is a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles. She has practiced law for 24 years, working primarily in juvenile law, handling child abuse and neglect cases. Gilbertson and her husband, Jack (JD '92), have four children.

Luanne Lambert Runge ('89, JD '92, P '19) is chief operating officer of Elliott Davis, a business solutions firm in Greenville, SC. Previously, she was president and CEO of Liberty Fellowship, a statewide values-based leadership initiative, and an attorney in Greenville. She has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America, a South Carolina Super Lawyer and one of Greenville's Legal Elite, as well as one of Greenville's 50 Most Influential People for 2016.

1990

Lawrence M. Baker (JD) is president of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. He practices with Wilson Jones Carter & Baxley PA in the firm's Charlotte office and handles workers' compensation and civil litigation matters.

Emily Blankenbeckler Bivins was named Principal of the Year in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (NC). She has been principal of Frank Porter Graham Bilingüe, a bilingual elementary magnet school, since 2013. She was named Principal of the Year in 2009 at a different school in the system.

Forrest W. Campbell Jr. (JD, P '14) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (health care law). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

1991

Jim Jacobs (JD) is chief executive officer of Country Financial, based in Bloomington, IL. He has been with Country Financial since 2008, most recently as general counsel, secretary and chief legal officer for Country Financial, Illinois Farm Bureau and affiliated companies. Country Financial offers auto, property and life insurance, investment management and trust services.

Scott Klenzak is program director of the psychiatry residency program at Cape Fear Valley

Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. He also is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

W. Curt LaFrance Jr. is professor of psychiatry and neurology at Brown University. He received a multi-site grant to study neuroimaging biomarkers for seizures and traumatic brain injury in veterans and civilians. He is the director of neuropsychiatry and behavioral neurology at Rhode Island Hospital and is the clinical lead for the VA National Telemental Health Center Tele-Seizures Clinic, where he treats veterans with seizures. His fourth book was published in 2018, "Gates and Rowan's Nonepileptic Seizures," 4th edition (Cambridge University Press).

Clint R. Pinyan was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation). He practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Albert Francis Yonkovitz Jr. is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and was selected as director of protection directorate and provost marshal at U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, NC. He previously served as professor of military science, Army ROTC, at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC.

1992

Porsha N. Buresh (JD '07) has joined Halvorsen Family Law Group in Winston-Salem as an associate attorney for family law cases.

Beth Burkes is vice president of development and philanthropy for the national Tri Delta organization, serving more than 220,000 sisters worldwide. She was a member of Tri Delta's third pledge class at Wake Forest.

Patricia W. Goodson (JD '96) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (employment law/management and litigation/ labor and employment). She practices in the Raleigh, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Mark Schnably is a science teacher at Jefferson Middle School in Winston-Salem. He and his eighth-grade students designed a floodgate that could save lives by keeping motorists off flooded roads. The idea was so innovative that Jefferson Middle won \$150,000 in technology as one of three national winners in Samsung's 2018 Solve for Tomorrow contest. Schnably and his wife, Jane Harrison Schnably ('93), have two children, Rich and Grace. Read more at bit.ly/2omhqtn

Eric Surface has been named a Fellow in the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology. He was previously awarded Fellow status in the American Psychological Association and the Society for Military Psychology, where he was elected as president-elect (2019) and president (2020). He started ALPS Insights, which provides learning and development professionals with evaluation, analytics and feedback tools.











(JD '93) ('93, MA '19)

Rob Townsend is a district superintendent in the United Methodist Church. He is serving in the Salisbury (MD) District of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference in Dover, DE.

Bajabulile "Swazi" Tshabalala (MBA) is vice president for finance and chief finance officer for the African Development Bank Group, a regional multilateral development bank. She is a citizen of South Africa and has 26 years in finance, treasury management and capital market operations.

1993

Camille Wilkerson French is an assistant city attorney for the city of Winston-Salem. She works with the human resources department.

J. Gregory Hatcher (JD) celebrated 25 years in the practice of family law. He was included in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and selected to the 2018 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. He is managing partner of Hatcher Law Group in Charlotte, a board-certified specialist in family law and a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Marsh Prause (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (environmental law). He is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

Andrew "Drew" Snorton III (MA '19), a two-time author, was selected for the 2017 and 2018 Mississippi Book Festival. He lives in Snellville, GA.

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Amy Wallace Stewart founded her law firm, Stewart Bradbury, in Dallas in 2017. To celebrate its one-year anniversary on Sept. 11, the firm participated in Freedom Day, an annual community service event sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas, to put together "hero boxes" to send to deployed members of the military. She and her husband, Ed, and their daughter, Ava, live in Dallas.

1994

Lucy Anderson (MBA '99) is serving on the Alumni Council. She is a compensation consultant with Wells Fargo in Charlotte. She is a longtime member of the WAKE Charlotte community and a past member of the Greek Alumni Advisory Board.

Parker Huitt (MBA '97) is serving on the Alumni Council. He is vice president of Richardson Properties LLC in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Anne Breuer Huitt ('96, MSA '97), and their children, Lucy, Ben and Preston, live in Greensboro.

Ben Davis was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (banking and finance law). He practices in the Raleigh, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

Shannon Hutcherson Hines is the first female staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Terrence McCrossan (MBA) is chief executive officer of Oversight Systems, a financial risk mitigation and compliance monitoring solutions provider, in Atlanta.



Anna Gregory Wagoner Taylor (JD '99) is chair of the North Carolina

Real Estate Commission, responsible for licensing and regulation of about 100,000 real estate agents and firms. She practices commercial real estate and renewable energy law and is a shareholder with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros P.A. in Winston-Salem.

Jennifer Van Zant (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, litigation/antitrust, litigation/banking and finance and litigation/securities). She practices in the Greensboro, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

1995

Edwin L. West (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (commercial litigation, criminal defense/white collar, litigation and controversy tax law). He practices in the Raleigh and Wilmington, NC, offices of Brooks Pierce.

1996

Ann M. McCauley has been named chief operating officer of The Trust Company N.A., a federal trust bank with offices in Lucas and Hancock counties, Ohio.

Daniel Rusyniak (MD) is the chief medical officer of the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration in Indianapolis. He also is a professor of emergency medicine and an adjunct professor of pharmacology, toxicology and neurology at Indiana University School of Medicine.

1997

▶ Kristen Bauer Zaks is serving on the Alumni Council and the Greek Alumni Advisory Board. She and her husband, Jason ('96, MBA '00), and their children, Lilly and Charlie, live in Winston-Salem.

Doug Balyeat (JD) received the 2018 Dealmaker Award from the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the Georgia chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. He is a CPA and the general counsel of Georgia-based Pratt Industries, the world's largest privately held 100 percent recycled paper and packaging company.

J. Andrew Lovette (MD) has joined CHI Memorial Surgical Associates in Hixson, TN. He is board certified in general surgery and trained to perform robotic-assisted surgery.

Brian McNeill (MBA) was honored for his creativity and innovation by CommScope during the company's 2018 Innovators in Action Summit. CommScope helps design, build and manage wired and wireless networks around the world. McNeill works out of the company's Greensboro, NC, office.

1998

Brock Clary is an emergency management specialist for the Charleston County (SC) Emergency Management Division. Last year, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the South Carolina Army National Guard and assumed command of more than 300 soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 178th Field Artillery.

Peter Davis (MBA) of Dallas is vice president of business development at Snodgrass Partners Inc., a sports industry consulting and recruiting firm. He also serves as principal advisor at Advisory 110, an independent consultancy.

Coe Ramsey (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (entertainment law/music and litigation/intellectual property). He practices in the Raleigh, NC, office of Brooks Pierce.

1999

Michael Warren, a pediatrician, was named associate administrator of the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The bureau serves more than 61 million pregnant women and children, including those with special health care needs. Warren manages the bureau's \$1.33 billion budget. Warren served as the deputy commissioner for population health at the Tennessee Department of Health. He improved safe sleep policies and breastfeeding rates, decreased early elective deliveries and established the first real-time public health surveillance system for neonatal abstinence syndrome, a set of symptoms in babies withdrawing from drugs they were exposed to in the womb. He also taught pediatrics at Vanderbilt University and was medical director in the Tennessee Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination.

Hank Yochum (PhD) has been appointed associate dean of the College at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. Since joining the faculty in 2002, he has taught courses in engineering and physics and led the engineering program.

2000

Maggie Moore Basu is of counsel at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC.

R. Byron Brown IV is senior vice president of business development and a shareholder of Tipperary Sales, a La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings & Decor dealer, based in the Charlotte office. As the grandson and namesake of Tipperary Sales' founder, Byron Brown, he brings a lifetime of family knowledge to the business.

Britt Cagle Grant has been confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. She formerly served on the Georgia Supreme Court.

Heather Hazen is executive producer for Epic Games, the maker of Fortnite video games, in Raleigh, NC.

Ketan Soni (JD) received the 2018 Up and Coming Mediator Award from the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. He is a family law attorney with Hull & Chandler in Charlotte and has been mediating family financial disputes for more than seven years.

2001

John Bradley is director of the Writing Studio and Tutoring Services at Vanderbilt University. He joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 2012 as assistant director of the Writing Studio and a senior lecturer in English. He earned his master's and Ph.D. in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kristie Elizabeth North Clarke was named the national 2018 Junior Physician of the Year by the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Physician Professional Advisory Council to the Surgeon General. A lieutenant colonel, she is stationed at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, where she serves as a medical epidemiologist in the Global Immunization Division.

Marla J. Diaz (JD) was named to the 2018 Leaders in the Law list by Virginia Lawyers Weekly. She is a partner with Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP in Falls Church, VA.

Jessica Hood Pate runs an online business on eBay called MyKiddosCollegeFund. She was recognized by eBay as one of its top sellers and invited to participate in the annual eBay Seller Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, last May. Pate and her husband, Stephen, and their two children, Ansley and Oliver, live in Cumming, GA. Read more at bit.ly/2vJHkup

Robert Pfeiffer has published a second book of original poetry, "The Inexhaustible Before" (Plain View Press). He is an associate professor of English at Clayton State University in Morrow, GA.

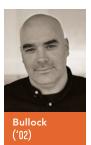


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Monica Melvin Smith is in the Doctorate of Nursing program in nurse midwifery at Baylor University School of Nursing in Dallas.

Arlene Wiegner Zipp (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (family law). She is a partner at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC.

2002

▶ Paul Bullock is serving on the Wake Forest Alumni Council and is co-president of WAKE Los Angeles with his wife, Rachel Venuti Bullock ('02). He is a television writer/producer in Los Angeles.

▶ Tom Rein is serving on the Alumni Council. He is a senior manager for digital products at Capital One in New York. He previously served on the Young Alumni Development Board.

Tamara Dunn won first place in headline writing and second place in columns in the Pennsylvania Women's Press Association's 2018 Excellence in Journalism awards for her work with the Standard-Speaker in Hazleton, PA.

Edward K. Kargbo is pursuing his master's in business at Stanford University as a Sloan Fellow. He participated in a 12-week internship program with Google at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, CA, last summer. He previously served as general manager and president of Austin's Yellow Cab (TX) for eight years.

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That Yong Su "Jacob" An ('19) is one of those students.

Yong Su "Jacob" attends Wake Forest with the help of the Zachary T. Smith Leadership Scholarship, the Reynolds North Carolina Scholarship, the Rosser Family Fund for Christian Service and the Hubert Humphrey Studies Abroad Scholarship.



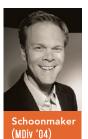




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(JD '05)

Tatum ('05)



Bryan Starrett was recognized in the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hot List" as a leader in the legal profession. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

2003

Stephen Hawryluk was elected president of the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association. He is the deputy budget and evaluation director for the city of Winston-Salem.

Millie Caldwell Kerr has fought to bring attention to wildlife conservation as a lawyer, journalist and consultant. She has a master of philosophy in conservation leadership from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, and her dissertation focused on how conservationists can use storytelling techniques. Read more at bit.ly/2KFJN2x

Anna Warburton Munroe (JD '09) was named a 2019 North Carolina Rising Star by North Carolina Super Lawyers. She has been recognized each year since 2015. She was also recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (family law) for the second consecutive year. She is a shareholder in Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

Katie Collins Neal is assistant vice president of news and communications at Wake Forest and serves on the board of Kaleideum, the children's nature and science museum in Winston-Salem. Neal lives in Winston-Salem with her husband, Brian, and son, Jack (5).

2004

▶ Pete Delneky is serving on the Alumni Council and is president of the WAKE Chicago community. He is first vice president with CBRE Inc., a worldwide real estate services company.

Alicia Jurney was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (family law). She is an attorney at Smith Debnam in Raleigh, NC.

Ben Norman (JD) was recognized in the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hot List" as a leader in the legal profession. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Bradley J. Nowak (JD) was elected to the board of directors of the Maryland-DC-Delaware-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association. He is a partner at Williams Mullen in Washington, DC.

Noel Schoonmaker (MDiv) was the featured preacher on Day 1, an ecumenical nationally broadcast radio program with host Peter Wallace. Schoonmaker is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, TN.

Trula Tener is a project manager for Make the Connection, a Veterans Affairs mental health awareness campaign. She lives in Washington, DC.

Sue Young (JD) was elected to the board of directors of Triangle Family Services in Raleigh, NC, and named chair of its audit committee. She is a partner at Brooks Pierce.

2005

Will Copenhaver II (MBA) is vice president of marketing and sales for Smithey Ironware Co., a manufacturer of cast iron cookware in North Charleston, SC. Previously, he was director of marketing communications for Le Creuset.

Sasha Gee Enegren is assistant professor of bassoon and woodwind coordinator at Montclair State University in New Jersey. She is also a bassoonist with Quintet of the Americas, a New York City chamber ensemble that plays music from South, Central and North American composers.

Elie Johnsey Foy (JD) is a trusts and estates attorney at Womble Bond Dickinson in Raleigh, NC.

Jessica Long has been named the first career services director at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem.

Megan S. Murray (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is a partner at Paone, Zaleski & Murray in Woodbridge and Red Bank, NJ.

Stephen L. Tatum Jr., most recently a deputy commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, is a partner at Cantey Hanger LLP in Fort Worth, TX. He advises clients on environment, energy, eminent domain and government and regulatory affairs. He was the lead author of "The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: A Review of the Historic Civil and Criminal Liabilities From America's Worst Environmental

Catastrophe" in the Texas Environmental Law Journal in Fall 2017.

2006

Oluwunmi Ariyo (MA) earned a doctorate of education in higher education administration from the University of Florida.

John Buck is head of school at his alma mater, Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, in Brookville, NY. He previously served as a mathematics teacher, dean of students and interim head of school. Buck was a walk-on basketball player for Wake Forest from 2002-2006, and he has coached Lutheran to two state titles and three state runner-up appearances as head boys varsity basketball coach.

David C. Coons is general counsel at Shelton Services Inc., a pollution-control and industrial services firm specializing in oil spill removal, tank cleaning and hazardous materials remediation, in New Orleans.

Dustin Frye is an ordained American Baptist minister and an Association for Clinical Pastoral Education Certified Educator for the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, CO.

Justin Gray, a former Deacon basketball guard, is the director of basketball development for the Wake Forest Deacon Club. He will work with former basketball players.

D.J. O'Brien (JD) was recognized in the 2019 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (employment law/management). He practices in the Greensboro and Raleigh, NC, offices of Brooks Pierce.

Dan Parsons is executive editor of Rotor & Wing International, a business intelligence source for those who own and operate rotorcraft throughout the world. He previously served as a ground forces reporter for Defense Daily, covering the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

2007

Donna Herron (MBA '14) is serving on the Alumni Council. She is a senior manager for strategy and planning at Reynolds American Inc. in Winston-Salem. She is the past president of the WAKE Winston alumni community.

Evan McMillan has been promoted to director of regional programs and engagement in the Alumni Engagement office at Wake Forest.

Serena Agaba Rwejuna (MAM '08) has joined Jones Day law firm in Washington, DC, as an energy asso-

ciate. She has twice been selected as a "Rising Star" by Washington Super Lawyers. She was recently elected to the executive committee of the board for Calvary Women's Services, which empowers homeless women through housing, health, education and employment programs.

Nicholas L. Simon is a partner in Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati. He practices in the business representation and transactions group and has represented teams, leagues, owners and college conferences in the sports industry.

2008

Andrew Appleby (JD) has joined Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, FL, as an assistant professor, focusing on tax law. He was special counsel in the tax group at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and a partner in the tax group at Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP.

Jennifer H. Bouriat is a partner at Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti LLP in Pittsburgh. She handles white-collar criminal defense cases.

Erica Lunsford Goodnight and her husband, Josh, purchased Union Grove Lumber Inc. in July 2018. The company is an international wholesale lumber firm that is hyper-focused on supplying materials tailored to the shed industry throughout North America from distribution points in eight states.

Clint Morse (JD) was recognized in the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hot List" as a leader in the legal profession. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Sarah Tullis Nawrocki (MSA '09) is a professional accounting fellow at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, an independent bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, DC.

Tyler B. Van Zandt was promoted to major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

2010

Michael Crouse (MS '12) received his doctorate in computer science from Harvard University. He



(JD '08) ('07)



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(MBA '10)



(JD '11)



(JD '11)

and his wife, Ashley Snead Crouse ('11), live in Cambridge, MA.

Diego Espinoza (MBA) has joined New Way Trucks, a leading refuse truck manufacturer, as the international sales manager. He is based in Scranton, IA, and is responsible for Latin America sales territory.

Wesley Farrell is an assistant professor of chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. His wife, Elise Haberman Farrell ('10), graduated from Georgetown Law and is a government contracts attorney at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, DC.

Adam Parker is a director at Carter & Associates, a national real estate development firm in Atlanta.

Susan Manship Seaman was selected as a 2018-2020 Business Law Fellow for the American Bar Association's Business Law Section. She graduated from The Ohio State University College of Law and is an associate with Dreher Tomkies LLP in Columbus, OH.

2011

Jessie W. Anderson (JD) is a director in Tuggle Duggins, a law firm in Greensboro, NC. He represents clients in corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions.

Alan B. Felts (JD) is a director in Tuggle Duggins, a law firm in Greensboro, NC. He focuses primarily on commercial, business and construction disputes.



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ALUMNI Q&A



Jana Fritz ('15) leads the New York City chapter of Wake NOW (Network of Women) with co-president Liz Shumate ('10). Fritz is a web content manager at Columbia University. A second chapter of Wake NOW recently launched in Washington, D.C., and there are plans to expand to other cities, including Atlanta, this spring.

What is the mission of Wake NOW?

Our mission is to provide enriching personal and professional development opportunities to women, including students, alumnae and parents. We've been building this community not only through our programming offerings, but also through monthly board meetings and the conversations we have with alumnae.

Since you're not a location-based group, where all the members live in one location, how does Wake NOW work?

Wake NOW has two chapters (New York City and Washington). Because alumnae are all over the world, our main channel of connection is our LinkedIn group and through word-of-mouth. Our hope is that this community extends beyond programming and creates opportunities for the women of Wake Forest to cultivate authentic, meaningful relationships both on and off campus.

Can you talk about some of your past events and what you hope to do in the future?

Wake NOW in New York has hosted discussion groups at cafés, an art gallery hop in Chelsea, a financial fitness workshop, a wardrobe workshop and a "Women in the Workplace" panel. In the future, we plan to expand our programming under the following categories: Personal, Professional and Pro Humanitate. We are also working with other Wake Forest groups in New York to identify ways to collaborate on future programming.

How did your Wake Forest experience influence you?

I grew up in rural Pennsylvania, so I immersed myself in the unique opportunities the campus community offered. This led to my involvement in Student Union, where Kathy Arnett was an excellent staff mentor. After a transformative undergraduate experience, I stayed at the University for a year as a Presidential Fellow in the Office of Personal and Career Development (OPCD). I had many mentors in OPCD, including Allison McWilliams ('95), assistant vice president, Mentoring and Alumni Personal and Professional Development, as well as some administrators in University Advancement. Wake NOW has been an excellent way to stay actively involved in the Wake network and a gratifying way to give back.

How do you join Wake NOW?

Our group has been most active in New York City, though the conversations and interest around Wake NOW expand across the country. We are continuously looking to provide opportunities and resources for the women of Wake Forest and are eager to hear suggestions. You can opt in to Wake NOW by logging into wakenetwork.wfu.edu and editing the Affinity Group section of your profile. You can also join our LinkedIn group, Wake NOW. If you're interested in having a conversation about Wake NOW or have an idea for an event, please contact wakenow@wfu.edu.





Blake P. Hurt (JD) is a director in Tuggle Duggins, a law firm in Greensboro, NC. He focuses on patents, trademarks and copyright issues.

Evan T. Leadem (JD '15) is special assistant to the president and board secretariat at the University of Portland in Oregon.

Elise Wallace of Winston-Salem finished a 2,190-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail in September after beginning the trek in March. She recorded her thoughts in words, photos and audio and documented other hikers' motivations and experiences at TheOnesWhoWalk.com. Read more at bit.ly/2MYYGu8.

Hannah Werthan is a marketing and social media specialist in the law firm of Farrell Fritz in Uniondale, NY. She previously served as social media manager at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY.

2012

Kimberly Nicole Herring (MALS) has returned to Winston-Salem after spending two years in Florida for cancer treatments. Recently inducted into East Carolina University's Phi Kappa Phi, she is a doctoral candidate in educational leadership and is writing her dissertation on the founders of Wake Forest's Campus Kitchen Project, Karen Stephan Borchert ('00) and Jessica Jackson Shortall ('00). She has completed her first year in the Education for Ministry program at Sewanee: The University of the South as well as extended training for the International Order of St. Luke the Physician. She has also served as a director of music.

Marc A. Rigsby (JD) has joined Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, a law firm based in Nashville, TN. He is an associate in the health-care group, focused on mergers, acquisitions and regulatory issues. In law school, Rigsby interviewed Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for an audience of 350 for the law school's "A Conversation with ..." series. bit.ly/20d06ji

Nicholas Romley (JD) is division director at Special Counsel in Detroit. He leads a team of legal headhunters serving law firms and corporate clients in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and western Ohio. His team was recognized by the Michigan State Senate with a nonpartisan proclamation for putting many Michigan residents back to work.

Kevin Michael Smith graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2018 and delivered the student address at commencement. He is a corporate associate at the Goodwin Procter law firm in Boston. He and his college sweetheart, Kristen Bryant ('12), live in Cambridge, MA.

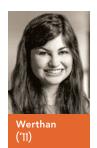
Talley Kate Wood is an associate at the law firm of Sherrard, Roe, Voigt & Harbison in Nashville, TN.

2013

Marc Barnett is development coordinator for Aythos, a nonprofit international development organization, and is based in Washington, DC. He is responsible for key stakeholder engagement and marketing with a focus on female empowerment, health and sanitation, and rural development.

Tina Bice is an administrative assistant in the Communications and External Relations office at Wake Forest. She previously worked as an office and administrative manager at the Ramkat music venue in Winston-Salem and as the general manager of Razza Pizza Artigianale in Jersey City, NJ.

Rob Kelly (MAM '14) is putting his Spanish, entrepreneurship and graduate business studies to work as a real estate agent with Long & Foster in Virginia and Washington, DC.











Addy Rothman Parker is a lead marketing specialist at Deloitte, one of the Big Four accounting and professional services companies. She co-chaired Wake Forest's Class of 2013 fiveyear reunion committee and is president of the WAKEAtlanta alumni community.

2014

- ▶ Peter Siderovski is serving on the Alumni Council. He is in the full-time MBA program at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.
- ▶ Katherine Winokur is serving on the Alumni Council. She is a research consultant with Russell Reynolds Associates, a global search and lead-

ership advisory firm, in Atlanta. She and classmate Kelsey Zalimeni ('14) founded DeacLink, a group for alumni in the arts.

Rebecca Davis (MA) wrote her debut novel, "Amidst This Fading Light" (SFK Press), which was a 2017 SFK Novel Contest winner. The book was inspired by a true story of sharecropper Charlie Lawson's murder of his wife and six of his seven children on Christmas Day 1929 near Davis' home in Germanton, NC.

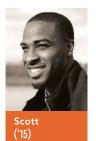
William Lorensen has joined Bowles Rice LLP in the Charleston, WV, office. He earned his law degree from West Virginia University College of Law.

Stephen Morris (MAM '15) is an associate at CBRE, a commercial real estate services and investment firm, in Cleveland.





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(JD '16)



Cameron Bargerstock Mullenneaux (MFA) received an Emmy nomination for her short film, "Angelique," in the outstanding feature story in a news magazine category. She directed and produced the film on a homeless teen in Asheville, NC, that was featured in Glamour/Condé

Amy Shackelford of Brooklyn, NY, has opened a new location of Modern Rebel, an alternative event planning company for "love parties" (weddings), in Washington, DC. The company also serves Brooklyn, Denver, Dallas and Austin, TX. Shackelford launched the company in 2015 to carve out a feminist space in the wedding industry that offers a no-frills, no-fuss approach. She donates 5 percent of every event to a nonprofit partner.

2015

▶ John Scott is serving on the Alumni Council. He is an academic performance improvement coordinator at Wake Forest School of Medicine. He was previously a Wake Forest Fellow at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He has also served on the Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni Board.

Nina Oteria Foster earned an M.F.A. from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, and is an editorial associate at Duke University Press in Durham, NC.

Peter J. Lewis (JD) is an associate at Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel in Miami.

Rongzhong "RZ" Li (PhD, MS '16), a computer scientist based in Pittsburgh, unveiled Nybble, a robotic cat project he began while he was teaching computer science at Wake Forest. A fund-raising campaign to launch his company, Petoi, succeeded, making available the kits for the companion toy that can be used to teach computer science to middle, high school and college students.

2016

Ronnie Rebecca Lee Booth (MBA) of Greensboro, NC, was one of the winners of AMT's (American Maintenance Technology) Next Gen 40 Under 40 Awards for advancing the field of aviation. She is the global head of training for all 10 Satair distribution centers and warehouses across seven countries. Satair is a global leader in the aerospace material management business.

Andrew Kilpinen (JD) has joined Robinson Bradshaw law firm in Charlotte. Previously, he was an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Chicago.

Thomas Rapp is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He graduated from U.S. Army Ranger School, one of the toughest schools in the military, in June.

Marla E. Raus (JD) is an associate attorney at Smith Sovik Kendrick & Sugnet in Syracuse, NY.

2017

Molly Pearce (JD) is an associate at the law firm of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

Henry Robbins is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He graduated from U.S. Army Ranger School, one of the toughest schools in the military, in June.

Sarah Saint (JD) is a co-chair of the diversity and inclusion committee of the North Carolina State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. She also serves as a member of the pro bono committee for the North Carolina Bar Association, the board of directors of the North Star LGBTQ community and the board of directors for Triad Stage. She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

2018

Kyle Heuser (JD) has joined Bell, Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. He will focus on civil litigation and intellectual property matters.

Marriages

Melissa Anne Loder ('04) and Bethany Anne Gostanian. 9/3/18 in The Catskills (NY). They live in Brooklyn, NY.

Katie Hendrick ('06) and William Vincent. 6/30/18 in Boca Grande, FL. They live in Tampa, FL. The wedding party included Amanda Allushuski Hendrick ('10), Charlie Hendrick ('10, MSA '11), Grier May ('06, MBA '13), Kathryn Pittman ('06) and Rachel Sharrow ('06).

Kate Landis Bashore ('07) and Efren Suizo Cabballes Jr. 4/21/18 in Charlottesville, VA. They live in Denver. The wedding party included Laura Lutkefedder ('07) and Kate Slavin Merritt ('06).

William Geiger Jr. ('10) and Olivia Gail. 8/31/18 in New London, CT. They live in New Haven, CT. The wedding party included Kyle Grochmal ('10), Benjamin Lynch ('10) and Gregory Middleton ('10).

Adam Parker ('10) and Addy Rothman ('13). 5/5/18 in Winston-Salem. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included Greg Banks ('10), David Cox ('11), Paige Bosworth ('13, MBA '17), Brett Kaiser ('12), Mike Lepore ('09), Allie Gruber Napier ('12, MAM '14), Jacob Martin ('10), Quinn Corey Scanlan ('13), Laurel Parker Simmons ('00) and Katherine Blake Vogelsang ('13).

Carey Carpenter ('11) and Peter Westgate. 1/6/18 in South Africa. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Brittany Weaver Russell ('10), Calais Zagarow ('11) and Sallie Doss Gamboa ('11).

Theodore Barton (MA '12) and Katherine Wolf ('13). 6/28/18 in San Francisco. They live in Winston-Salem.

Griffin Shoemaker ('12) and Amanda Yohn ('12). 10/6/18 in Asheville, NC. They live in Johnson City, TN. The wedding party included Abbey Gensch ('12), Henderson Trefzger ('12), Andrew Amari ('12), Michael Kane ('11), John-Michael Dick ('12) and Andrew Blair ('13).

Austin Dale Jones ('13) and Pamela Suzanne Clough ('14). 6/16/18 in Christiansburg, VA. They live in Blacksburg, VA. The wedding party included Claire Nagy-Kato ('14, MA '15), James Howard Graves ('13) and Alec Yale ('13, MSA '14). Amelia Fatsi ('14) and Nick Bennett ('15) were the musicians. Lauren Martinez Olinger ('13) of Red Cardinal Studios photographed the wedding.

Chelsea Victoria Parish ('14) and Zachary James Wilson. 3/24/18 in Winston-Salem. They live in Apex, NC. The wedding party included Katie Albright ('14, MSA '15), Lindsey Davis ('14), Mattie DelVecchio ('14), Natalie Flammia ('14) and Lauren Hunstad ('14).

Births

Scott Klenzak ('91) and Jessica Kouba, Fayetteville, NC: a son, Charles Scott. 11/14/17. He joins his sisters, Audrey (23), Mary (18) and Ella (3), and his brother, Kevin (14).

Brock Clary ('98) and Virginia Clary, Charleston, SC: a son, John Grady. 2/27/18. He joins his sister, Carly (3).

Kristie Elizabeth North Clarke ('01) and Kevin Richard Clarke, Atlanta: a daughter, Autumn Diana. 11/11/17

Lauren Anne Klopacs Johnston ('01) and Glenn Johnston, Lincroft, NJ: a daughter, Isla Eleanor. 9/14/18. She joins her brother, Callum (2).

A "QUADFECTA" FOR THE LAW SCHOOL

How Wake Forest won the 2018 Tournament of Champions, one of four national titles

By Carol L. Hanner

rial competitions require mastery of both the science and the art of courtroom battles, says Mark D. Boynton (JD '97), the Wake Forest law school trial teams coordinator and coach.

The science is knowing the rules of evidence and procedure, knowing when and where to sit and stand and using the magic words at the right time, says Boynton, an attorney at Kilpatrick Townsend law firm in Winston-Salem.

But that's not enough to win at the top levels. Students must tell a story, he says. "If you don't have artistry, no one's going to care. No one's going to feel anything."

Wake Forest teams have mastered both, winning four national championships in what Dean Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) calls a "quadfecta."

The law school is the only one in recent history to win in consecutive years the AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition (2017), the National Moot Court Competition (2017), the American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition (spring 2018) and the Tournament of Champions (TOC) by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. (October 2018).

The school's first TOC was impressive because it's invitation-only for the 16 highest ranked trial advocacy programs. Third-year students Ashley DiMuzio, Mark Parent, Tracea Rice and Virginia Stanton overcame perennial powerhouses to win at Drexel University's Kline School of Law in Philadelphia.

The team didn't just win the Super Bowl of trial competitions — it swept all seven judges' final ballots. DiMuzio and Stanton tied for Best Advocate, with the presiding judge breaking the tie in DiMuzio's favor — and offering in open court to write her a reference letter.

"As the law school innovates, these wins underscore that we continue to honor traditional values that distinguish the best lawyers: skillful advocacy, written and oral; excellent judgment; and impeccable ethics," Reynolds says. "In all these competitions, opponents have congratulated the Wake Forest teams and coaches for the integrity they all model — in and outside of the competition. Nothing makes me prouder."

The TOC starts with a "closed universe problem," a faux case with depositions and evidence. Teams can't introduce new arguments or evidence. Each team argues for both sides. Members also role-play two witnesses.

This case was based on the 1993 movie "Philadelphia," in which Tom Hanks plays Andrew Beckett, a gay attorney with AIDS who is dismissed by his law firm.

In the TOC version, star attorney Beckett decides in therapy to transition to female and begins dressing as a woman. Within a year, harassed by partners and associates, Andrea Beckett fails to win partnership and loses her job. She claims discrimination. The firm argues that only her huge drop in billable hours and client recruitment cost her the job.

Team members have a grueling six or seven weeks to prepare, with 12 to 15 hours of strategizing each week on top of refining arguments and keeping up with law studies.

The team won for and against Beckett with brilliant moves,



The Tournament of Champions third-year students: from left, Mark Parent, Tracea Rice, Virginia Stanton and Ashley DiMuzio with Coach Mark Boynton (JD '97).

Boynton said. As Beckett's attorney, DiMuzio "had a flawless command of the rules of evidence," Boynton said. "She was a fierce advocate but with complete deference to the court. At no point did you hear frustration, confusion or fear."

Stanton gave a passionate opening statement that portrayed Beckett as a person — not a symbol — who lost her job because she was transgender.

DiMuzio nailed witnesses in several rounds. In one, a secretary's deposition said the managing partner made a pejorative joke about Beckett. On the stand, the secretary claimed not to recall the exact words. "No problem, let's look at your deposition," DiMuzio said. Instead of downplaying the damaging quote, the witness had to confirm it and watch DiMuzio highlight it.

Defending the law firm without appearing to ignore bigotry was difficult, Boynton said. Parent expertly managed to limit the evidence to partners' comments and exclude "horrible things" from associates. Parent also undercut a doctor's conclusion that discrimination lowered Beckett's performance.

Rice's defense refrain, coined by Parent, was key: "To win the race, you gotta finish the race." She argued that jurors could feel sorry for Beckett, but she couldn't "use the sword of discrimination" when she chose to stop performing.

DiMuzio, who began competing in mock trials in high school, said the caliber of fellow students helped her grow. Few people "realize how much strategy goes into it, how much you need to think on your feet, how many different skillsets you have to master. ... It helped me develop who I want to be as a lawyer. ... It's also a lot of fun."

Also bringing home national trophies were (JD '17) Matt Cloutier, Drew Culler, Cheslie Kryst (also MBA '17), Mia Falzarano, Blake Stafford, Ethan White; (JD '18) Nick Bedo, Joe Karam, Zachary McCamey, Jonathan Salmons; (JD '19) Le'Ron Byrd (also BA '14), Darius Lamonte; with Clinical Professor Carol B. Anderson; coaches Matthew Breeding (JD '06), Coach/Associate Professor John Korzen ('81, JD '91, P '16), Aindrea Alderson Pledger (JD '10).

Jennifer Fravel Binelli ('02) and Richard Binelli, Wilmington, MA: a daughter, Emma Marie. 6/15/18. She joins her brothers, John Walker (4) and Nathan Richard (2).

Manuel Peralta ('02) and Maria Jose Soto, Atlanta: fraternal twins, Cristina and Ana Victoria, 9/9/18

Frank B. MacPherson IV ('03) and Jenna MacPherson, Upper Chichester, PA: a daughter, Virginia Ann. 9/30/18. She joins her brother, Harrison Grant (1).

Katherine Niemiec Van Lenten ('03) and Kevin Van Lenten, Lebanon, NJ: a son, James Michael. 5/01/18. He joins his sisters, Cara Jean (9), Brynn Marie (7) and Madelyn Kate (5).

Jonathan Holley ('04) and Louise Lammons Holley ('07), Houston: a daughter, Cora Jane. 7/16/18

Chad Broderick IV ('05) and Brittany Korb, Chicago: a son, Charles Richard V. 4/28/18

Elizabeth Ramsey Hines ('05) and Michael Hines, West Newbury, MA: a daughter, Warner Ramsey. 7/28/18. She joins her sister, Mary Claire (3).

Jane Meli Manweiler ('05) and Justin Manweiler, Carmel, NY: a son, Hugh Anthony. 9/19/2018. He joins his brother, Everett (2).

Robert Robine ('05, JD '10) and Agnes Robine, Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Emma Katherine. 8/29/18

Philip Rogers ('05) and Rebekah Rogers, Alexandria, VA: a son, Dean Page. 5/22/18. He joins his brother, Grayson (3).

Dustin Frye ('06) and Miranda Frye, Golden, CO: a son, Oliver Jay. 5/10/18

Erin Wright Hussey ('06) and Brandon Hussey, Chapel Hill, NC: a daughter, Raelyn Olivia. 6/7/18. She joins her brothers, Bennett (6) and Jonah (3).

Justin Baise Laing ('06) and Anne Kernodle Laing ('06), Charlotte: a son, Hunter Moseley. 9/20/18. He joins his brother, Costen James (3).

James Lockwood ('06) and Frances Lockwood, Atlanta: a son, James Chappell. 8/16/18

Patrick Joseph McCann Jr. ('06) and Heather Michelle McCann, Atlanta: a son, Patrick Joseph McCann III. 9/12/18

Josh Reifsnyder ('06) and Liza Reifsnyder, Ooltewah, TN: a daughter, Emmeline Rose. 6/25/18. She joins her sister, Christina (5).

Matthew Johnson Ulan ('06, MSA '07) and Kristen Olivia McCrorie Ulan ('08), Baltimore: a daughter, Olivia Tillie. 9/7/18

Caroline Anderson Birckhead ('07) and Matthew Birckhead, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Camille McRee. 8/3/18. She joins her brother, Anderson (3).

Tyler Karlen ('08, MAM '09) and Emily Karlen, Atlanta: a son, Charles Ashton. 3/11/18. He joins his brother, Cole (2).

Nick Newcomb ('08) and Ashley Jones Newcomb ('08, MSA '09), Charlotte: a daughter, Natalie Brooke. 7/4/18

Anne Evans Norman ('08) and Gregory Norman, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Mary Elise. 8/23/18

James McFall Pearce ('09, MBA '16) and Sarah Kropp Pearce ('09), Winston-Salem: a son, William McFall, 8/29/18. He joins his sister, Claire (3).

Patricia Koenig Ricketts ('09) and Kyle Ricketts, Atlanta: a daughter, Rebecca Lynn. 5/17/18. She joins her sisters, Emily (4) and Grace (3).

Brian Staudt ('09) and Bri Pellicane Staudt ('09), Tarrytown, NY: a son, Owen John. 8/2/18. He joins his sister, Charlotte (5) and brother, Paul (4).

Eric C. Bader ('10) and Jessica Bader, Nashville, TN: a daughter, Mary Charles. 7/23/18

Anthony Tang ('11) and Megan Massey Tang ('12), Winston-Salem: a son, Hudson Juloong. 7/24/18

Benjamin Winikoff ('11, JD '15) and Holley Nelson Winikoff ('11, MSA '12), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Lindley Rose. 9/30/18

Kayla Trivette Lyon ('12) and Brandon Scott Lyon, Advance, NC: a daughter, Navy Alexandra. 9/8/18

Deaths

Hoke Smith Roberson ('39), Oct. 5, 2018, Windsor, NC. He owned and operated R&W Chevrolet for more than 50 years. He was a member of Windsor United Methodist Church, president and a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club and a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge #296. He often drove his big blue station wagon through the neighborhood to stop and chat.

Fred Douglas Turnage ('43, JD '48), July 7, 2018, Winston-Salem. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Wake Forest in 1978 and was a lifetime member of the law school Board of Visitors. After serving with the U.S. Army in Korea, he attended the School of Law. He never lost a case as a trial lawyer with the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1948-1965. He joined the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Washington, DC, where he became partner. He retired in 1986. He established a law professorship and supported the College and athletics and was a member of the Deacon Club for more than 60 years. Turnage was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, a son, Douglas ('76) and four siblings. He is survived by a daughter, Betty Griffith ('66, P '91); son-in-law Ross Griffith ('65, P '91); a daughter-in-law and stepdaughter; two granddaughters, including Suzanna Griffith ('91); and three great-grandchildren.

B. Wingate Williamson Jr. ('46), June 12, 2018, Laurinburg, NC. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force as a dental officer and was a dentist in his father's practice in Hamlet, NC. He retired

after 63 years. He was a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Hamlet, a Hamlet town commissioner, past president of the Hamlet Lions Club, chairman of Southern National Bank's board, owner of the Hamlet Movie Theater and a retired colonel in the North Carolina National Guard. He was an accident-free pilot for 31 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, in 2003 and his brother, John ('43), in 2007. He is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Robert Ragland Brunson Jr. ('47), Aug. 21, 2018, Wilson, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He sold flour for Valley City Milling Company for more than 25 years, then worked at the Wilson County Sheriff's Department and Firestone.

Willie "Jack" Cooper Jr. ('48), July 27, 2018, Louisburg, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for his brother's Cooper Insurance Agency in Clayton, NC, and as a commodity broker for Marxx and Co. of New York. He opened a satellite office in Louisburg, NC, purchased his brother's interest and operated both locations of their agency. He served in many capacities at Louisburg Baptist Church and was active in his community, as a Boy Scout troop leader, a member of Louisburg Town Council and past president of the Rotary Club.

Gretchen Philbeck Jones ('49), Aug. 30, 2018, Germantown, TN. She was the 1949 May Queen at Wake Forest and taught in elementary schools until her 1992 retirement. She volunteered at Dunbar Elementary and Trinity Baptist Church until she was 89. She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Clyde, and her brother, Ben F. Philbeck Jr. ('51).

Edith Bivens Larrimore ('49), Sept, 21, 2018, Wingate, NC. She was a social worker for Union County and loved classical and church music, floral design, gardening and book club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Joseph ('50). She is survived by five children, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a brother, John A. Bivens II ('55).

J. Scott Osborne Jr. ('49, MA '51), Aug. 15, 2018, Roanoke, VA. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a tobacco research scientist, retiring in 1998 from Phillip Morris. He was regularly honored in American Men and Women of Science. He enjoyed sailing, golf, travel and volunteering as a Scoutmaster and church leader. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Orders Osborne ('49).

William McLain Sherrill ('49), Sept. 1, 2018, Statesville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He worked as a salesman for Statesville Insulation Co., bought it and retired in 1992. He was active in many community groups, including the Iredell County Rescue Squad, where he was named EMT Volunteer of the Year in 1987 and Rescue Squadsman of the Year in 1990 and 1993. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eaton, two children, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister, Marianna Sherrill Steele ('47). He was predeceased by his mother and father, Coite Long Sherrill (1912), and a brother, Henry "Peck" Fletcher Sherrill ('43).

Stacy Clyde Eggers Jr. ('50), Aug. 7, 2018, Boone, NC. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1950 he opened a law practice, now Eggers, Eggers, Eggers and Eggers, Attorneys at Law in Boone. He was active with the North Carolina State Bar and served on the Boone Board of Elections. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, including Stacy III (JD '74).

Jack Starnes Glenn ('50), July 4, 2018, Leicester, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and boxed in the service. He was a Golden Gloves local boxing champ known as "Punchy." He was a real estate agent, pharmaceutical representative for Schering Corp. and former owner of Service Drugs. He was preceded in death by his four siblings, including Frank ('61).

Peggy Harris Grissom ('50), Sept. 26, 2018, McAdenville, NC. She retired after a long career in education and was a staunch supporter of the North Carolina Association of Educators and the National Education Association. She is survived by three sons and five grandchildren, including Ben ('21).

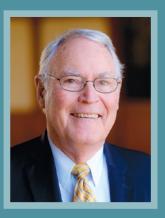
Walsa Ray Henderson Jr. ('50, MD '54), July 9, 2018, Spartanburg, SC. He was a Navy medical officer attached to the U.S. Marines. He was a retired orthopedic surgeon and founding partner of Orthopedic Associates in Spartanburg. Henderson was team physician for Spartanburg High School athletics for more than 25 years. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael ('80, MD '84), and daughter. He is survived by his wife, Pearl, a son, John, and eight grandchildren.

Belva "Bena" Robena Riley ('50), Oct. 20, 2018, Roxboro, NC. She attended Watts School of Nursing in Durham, NC, and worked at Watts Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital. She also worked at GTE telephone and numerous temporary jobs to be available for her mother. She built a home for and provided for her parents. In later years she lived with and helped care for her sister. She was a Sunday school teacher at Rougemont United Methodist Church.

Dorothea Sheldon Stroud ('50), April 20, 2018, Fuquay-Varina, NC. She taught science at Fuquay-Varina High School and retired from Wake Technical Community College. She was preceded in death by her husband, David ('48). She is survived by three children, including David ('76), six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Earle Loca Bradley Jr. ('51), Aug. 19, 2018, Matthews, NC. Recognized as an expert on North Carolina labor and employment, he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the most prestigious award given by the governor. At the N.C. Department of Commerce, he was instrumental in developing the Research Triangle Park and other projects throughout the state.

JAMES T. WILLIAMS ('62, JD '66, P '89, '92) Life Trustee



As a standout offensive lineman at Wake Forest in the early 1960s, Jim Williams hoped to pursue a career in the NFL. But history professor Forrest Clonts (1920) encouraged Williams, a first-generation college student from Durham, North Carolina, to attend law school instead.

Williams followed his advice and went on to become one of North Carolina's top corporate trial lawyers and chair of Wake Forest's Board of Trustees. "Wake Forest has been part of the fabric of my life since I was 17,"

Williams once said. "As it turns out, I have never really left Wake Forest, and Wake has never stopped changing me."

Williams, who chaired the board from 2009 to 2012, died Sept. 3, 2018. He was 78. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughters Anne Trent ('89) and Patricia Goodson ('92, JD '96), five grandchildren and a brother, John V. Williams ('66).

A partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, North Carolina, Williams received the state bar's top award for service and was consistently recognized as one of the leading business litigators in North Carolina.

He was named to the Board of Trustees in 2002 after serving on the Alumni Council and the College and School of Law boards of visitors. Williams also served on the boards of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014 and the Medallion of Merit, Wake Forest's highest award for service, in 2016.

"Jim embodied the spirit of Wake Forest as well as anyone I know," Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch said. "His life demonstrated what it means to be a professional for the public good. His service to his family, his alma mater and his community has been exemplary."

Grier Albert Bradshaw ('51), Aug. 16, 2018, Chapel Hill, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He served as a teacher and principal in several cities in North Carolina and retired as superintendent of Kannapolis City Schools in 1990. He was an active member of Baptist churches wherever he lived.

Paul T. "Baldy" Harris ('51), Oct. 19, 2018, Roanoke Rapids, NC. He served as a decorated paratrooper in World War II and received the Legion of Honor from the French government. He was owner of Harris Joyner Sporting Goods and a sales rep for Duxbak Clothing Co. He played baseball for Wake Forest. He was a teacher and coach, then became director of the Roanoke Rapids Parks and Recreation Department. helping to found the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad and the Big J Hunt Club. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth "Rookie" Harris, a

son, Mark, a daughter, Kay H. Lee ('77), three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Marshall Ellis Mace ('51), July 7, 2017, College Station, TX.

Mervin Linwood Nelson ('51), Sept. 29, 2018, Valrico, FL. He was a U.S. Army veteran who retired as principal of Brandon Senior High School in 1991 after a 40-year career as a teacher, coach and administrator. He was an active member of New Hope United Methodist Church, the Lions Club and Rotary Club.

Guido Francis Scarton ('52), Aug. 27, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He played football for the Vancouver Lions in Canada, taught math and coached high school football. He was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. A part-time job with World Book Encyclopedia launched a career in sales and motivational speaking around the world. He retired in 1992.

John Thomas Davis Jr. ('53), July 2, 2018, Anderson, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict as a naval pilot. He had a 36-year career with Southern Bell Telephone Company, BellSouth and AT&T, retiring as manager of public relations and corporate affairs. Davis was active in his church and community. He was a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club and a charter member of the South Carolina Watercolor Society.

Charles Warren Haskett Jr. ('53), Oct. 7, 2018, Elizabeth City, NC. He attended Wake Forest College and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy. He and his father started Haskett Construction Co., remodeling and building homes for 50 years. He served as president of the Elizabeth City Jaycees and was a deacon at First Baptist Church. He provided college funds for his 10 grandchildren and supported the Salvation Army and animal rescues.

Allen Sherrill Hudspeth ('51, MD '53), July 7, 2018, Winston-Salem. He served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force and was a pioneering researcher, professor and cardiothoracic surgeon at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Wake Forest School of Medicine. The clinical wing of the Postoperative Cardiac Unit and an endowed chair in cardiothoracic surgery were named in his honor. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and her two daughters; five children, including **Dudley (P** '14); and six grandchildren, including Emily ('14). He was preceded in death by five siblings, including George ('43).

Marylou Johnson Morgan ('53), Aug. 22, 2018, Opelika, AL. She taught in public schools and at the University of Tennessee and Auburn University. She was a state health educator for Alabama Cooperative Extension Service and director of the Foster Grandparents Program for Lee and Russell counties (AL). She loved to read, garden, travel and entertain her grandchildren.

Roy J. Smith ('53, DDiv '95), Oct. 18, 2018, Winston-Salem. He helped found the divinity schools at Wake Forest and Campbell University. He was a Wake Forest trustee from 1998 to 2002, a pastor and a longtime prominent leader of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, including as executive director and treasurer. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Doris Pearce Smith ('55). He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Charlotte Cook Smith; three children, Ginger Graves ('78), Roy Jordan Smith Jr. ('80) and Tracy Smith; a number of grandchildren, including Shelly Graves Sizemore ('06, MA '09), and a brother, the Rev. Johnny Joseph Smith ('55).

Raymond "Buddy" Allen Thorne Jr. ('54), Aug. 22, 2018, Charlotte. A drummer, he played with jazz bands, including sitting in with Dizzy Gillespie and Buddy Rich. He played with the U.S. Air Force band in Alaska during the Korean War and later in Sounds Unlimited, a band in Clemmons, NC. He was an Eagle Scout, member of the Order of the Arrow and a Scoutmaster. He retired from Southern Bell/Bell South/AT&T. He was known in Charlotte for riding his three-wheel tricycle with cigar in mouth as far as 15 miles to visit friends.

Abner Glenn Wright Jr. ('54, P '79), Oct. 18, 2018, Tallahassee, FL. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army in France for two years and worked for Upjohn Company, now Pfizer, in Tallahassee and Miami. He is survived by his wife, Delia Aycock Wright ('54); two children, Abner Glenn Wright III ('79) and Sara Nunn; his sister, Elizabeth Weaks ('57); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Alvin Victor Kirkman Jr. ('55), Sept. 3, 2018. Charlotte. He was a disc jockey for WFDD's "Deaconlite Serenade" while at Wake Forest. He was a veteran of the Army Security Agency, where he trained as a Morse Code intercept operator. He was a counselor at Garinger High School in Charlotte and at Central Piedmont Community College, retiring after 34 years there. He was a member of the Charlotte Writers' Club and published several books.

Leonard A. Wright (MD '55), Sept. 20, 2018, Camp Verde, AZ. A U.S. Army veteran, he opened a private pediatric practice in Phoenix and served as president of the Maricopa County Pediatric Society. In 1980 he began directing the student medical clinic at Northern Arizona University and led its medical accreditation. He served as president of the Coconino County Medical Society. He taught Sunday School and Bible study groups for many years.

Cecil Cairnes Jackson Jr. ('56, JD '59), Aug. 20, 2018, Asheville, NC. He played football for Wake Forest. He was an FBI agent whose work produced 17 felony convictions. He then set up his own law practice for 40 years. Jackson was a member and president of the Kiwanis Club of West Asheville and a Boy Scouts troop leader.

Margaret Lovill Martin ('56), Sept. 2, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was a devoted member of Fairview Moravian Church for more than 60 years. She enjoyed golf and was proud of two holes-in-one. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Charlie Norman Martin Jr. ('57), a daughter and three grandchildren.

Kenneth Boyce Cox ('57), May 30, 2018, Johns Creek, GA. He played on the men's basketball team at Wake Forest. He was the retired owner and president of an environmental contracting company.

Leonard Arthur LaBua (MD '57), Aug. 13, 2018, Amesbury and Lynnfield, MA. He served two years as a physician in the U.S. Army and practiced medicine for 40 years. He loved time with family, looking at the Merrimack River from his patio, reading, classical music and travel. He is survived by his wife, Alyce, four children, including David ('87), and six grandchildren.

Cornelia "Suzanne" Huskey Thompson ('57), July 15, 2018, Virginia Beach, VA. She retired after 31 years teaching science at Kempsville Junior High School. She enjoyed travel, time with family and playing bingo.

Charles Parks Bentley ('58), Oct. 23, 2018, Wilkesboro, NC. He began his career as a teacher before becoming a principal in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools at age 26. He was an assistant superintendent of the Wilkes County (NC) Schools, director of the Northwest Regional Education Center and founding chair of Chowan College's Department of Teacher Education in Murfreesboro, NC. He is survived by his wife, Lois ('60), three daughters, including Laura Bacon ('82), three grandsons and a brother.

Norris Samuel Griffin ('58), July 11, 2018, Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He worked in commercial finance and served on the National Commercial Financial Conference board from 1971-1982, including as president, vice president and chair. He was a lifelong Demon Deacon fan. He is survived by two sons, including Neil ('84), three stepdaughters, including Leslie (P '15, '18), and seven grandchildren, including Allie Blum ('15) and Cole Blum ('18).

Richard Creecy McDaniel ('58), July 14, 2018, Virginia Beach, VA. He chose Wake Forest after receiving 22 football scholarship offers. He was a Virginia harbor pilot for 37 years.

Ann Alexander Shields ('58), July 31, 2018, Asheboro, NC. She was retired from Clapp's Nursing Home and loved spending time with her family. She was a devoted member of Central United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, John ('58).

Annie "Bert" Walton Smith ('58), July 11, 2018, St. Augustine, FL. She married her Wake Forest sweetheart, William "Bill" Smith ('58), and followed him to Germany and taught classes to soldiers after he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. They lived in Wilmington, NC, and Winston-Salem, where she raised her family, served as board president of Crisis Control Ministry and sponsored six Lost Boys of Sudan. They lived for 29 years in Newport News, VA.

Donald "Don" G. Bodford ('59), Nov. 5, 2018, Raleigh, NC. He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

Jerry Don Brinegar ('59), Oct. 28, 2018, Lewisville, NC. He was a lifelong member, a deacon and a Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He retired from Time Warner Cable. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Tuttle Brinegar. He is survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren and a sister, Vicki Van Buren ('57).

Lillian Judith Freeman Brookshire ('59), Aug. 6, 2018, Asheboro, NC. She taught in the Asheboro City Schools, and her passion as a teacher, wife and mother energized those around her to a life of learning.

Cornelius Earl Catlett ('59), July 21, 2018, Pembroke Pines, FL. He was a physical education teacher at Sabal Palm Elementary for 33 years. He was an avid sportsman, forming a track team, the "Roadrunners," and earning the title the "Father of Girls Soccer" in North Miami Beach as a coach. After retiring, he served for 17 years as music minister at Pembroke Road Baptist Church, where he was an active member for more than 40 years.

Edna Haynes Honeycutt ('59), July 12, 2018, Columbia, MO. She was a high school and elementary school teacher and an administrator in the Brevard County Schools (FL) where she served as director of instructional employment for 17 years. She is survived by her husband, Ben ('60), a daughter, a stepson, two grandchildren and two sisters, including Nell Haynes Sharpe ('57).

James Balfour Hoyme (MD '59), Aug. 17, 2018, Carrboro, NC. He taught at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and the Medical University of South Carolina. He was medical director at the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital from 1984 to 1996 and maintained a private practice in Philadelphia until 2015.

Robert Laning Moore (MD '59), Sept. 25, 2018, Vero Beach, FL. He served with the Coast Guard/ U.S. Public Health Service. He practiced medicine for 56 years, with 47 years in Vero Beach. He was a tennis player who won many tournaments and was an adventurer who followed the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and qualified in 1999 at age 63.

Felix Brenard Dalton ('60), July 23, 2018, Gastonia, NC. He was a career entrepreneur who owned several companies, most recently 321 Equipment Co. and B. Dalton LLC. He was an active member of the Noon Optimist Club of Gastonia and served on numerous community boards. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Beth, a son, two grandchildren and a brother, Steve ('62, P '83).

Thomas Walker Monaghan (MD '60), Aug. 5, 2018, Memphis, TN. He was chairman and medical director of Methodist Hospital's radiation therapy department and its School of Radiation Therapy and the principal radiation oncologist introducing a non-invasive alternative to brain and head surgery at its Regional Gamma Knife Center. He was a talented sculptor, painter, pilot and outdoorsman.

Jerry Joe Stephenson ('60), Aug. 7, 2018, Selma, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran who was a farmer, tobacconist, hunter, fisherman, golfer, husband, daddy and granddaddy. Moments and memories were more important than things, and his sanctuary was in the outdoors.

Samuel Charles Talbert Jr. ('60), Sept. 14, 2018, Greensboro, NC. He attended Wake Forest and earned his bachelor's in management from Guilford College. He retired in 2014 as proprietor of the BiRite Grocery in Stokesdale, NC. He was a classic car collector.

Thomas Reid Blackburn ('61, MD '65), July 22, 2018, Shelby, NC. He retired from Shelby Radiological Associates in 2000. He was past president of the Cleveland County Medical Society, served several terms as chairman of the Department of Radiology at Cleveland Regional Medical Center and Kings Mountain Hospital, and was a member of numerous radiology societies. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara Snoddy Blackburn ('65), and two sons, David and Paul ('94).

Jane Greer Hill ('61), Aug. 16, 2018, Roanoke, VA. She was involved with ministry at College Lutheran Church and Cave Spring United Methodist Church. Her career as a K-1 educator was steeped in the 4H motto of developing the whole self: head, heart, hands and health. After retiring from Penn Forest Elementary School, she volunteered with the Roanoke Symphony, Roanoke Area Ministries and other organizations.

David Jackson Lawrence ('61), Sept. 18, 2018, Cary, NC. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1983 and moved back to the family farm in Apex, NC. He was active with Apex Lions Club.

Glenda Hartness Weber ('61, MD '65), July 22, 2018, Clemmons, NC. She was a retired pathologist, mainly at Forsyth Medical Center and Medical Park Hospital in Winston-Salem. She is survived by her husband, Wayne ('55). She was predeceased by a sister and two brothers, including Albert Ray Hartness ('57, MD '61).

Peggy Jean Cryner Brown ('62), Oct. 31, 2018, Buies Creek, NC. Remembered for her sweet disposition and kind heart, she worked as a teacher in Winston-Salem and Chapel Hill. She was director of a GED program in Harnett County, director of the Coats (NC) Senior Center and a volunteer storyteller and substitute teacher. She is survived by her husband, Gerald ('61), a daughter, two sons, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Stephen Gray Calaway ('62, JD '64), Sept. 4, 2018, Winston-Salem. He practiced real estate and zoning law for 54 years, influencing how the city grew and developed. He was active in youth sports, hunting and cooking barbecue. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Guffey Calaway ('64, MA '73), two sons and six grandchildren.

Nell Lee Trotter ('62), July 29, 2018, Thomasville, NC. She retired after 40 years as a nurse at Community General Hospital of Thomasville. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and at the lake with family and friends.

Craig Anthony Ryder (MD '63), July 5, 2018, Decatur, GA. He spent two years at the U.S. Public Heath Service in New York and retired after 27 years in an orthopedic practice in Suffolk, VA. He was an avid long-distance cyclist who rode in every state and all of the Canadian provinces.

William "Bill" Shendow ('63), Oct. 19, 2018, Winchester, VA. He played football on scholarship at Wake Forest. He served as an intelligence officer in Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star. He was director of the Marsh Institute for Government and Public Policy and taught public administration and political science at Shenandoah University until retiring in 2015. Shendow served as president of the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and was named its Citizen of the Year in 2002. He also served on the Winchester City Council and the Winchester Medical Center's board.

William "Bill" F. Snyder (MA '63), Oct. 4, 2018, Mechanicsville, VA. He served as dean of instruction and was president for more than 20 years at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, VA. Earlier, he was a middle school and high school teacher in North Carolina and Connecticut. He worked on many boards to develop economic and educational opportunities. He was active in his church, was an avid fisherman and loved golf and dancing.

Marvin Keen Compher Jr. ('64), July 21, 2018, Pittsburgh. He was a professor of biology at the College of Wooster, Chatham University and Westminster College, where he was pre-med adviser and first faculty adviser to Allies, Westminster's gay/straight alliance. He was a lifelong student of the German language, a world traveler, a master gardener, a gourmet cook and a pianist.

Robert Herman Broyles ('65, PhD '70), Aug. 15, 2018, Oklahoma City, OK. He taught for 32 years at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He was founder and president of Sickle Cell Cure Foundation and chief science officer of EpimedX, researching gene regulation therapy for sickle cell disease and malaria. He was an avid tennis player, photographer and published poet. Broyles is survived by his wife, Dianne Fields Broyles ('67), two sons, two grandchildren and a brother.

Charles "Chuck" Ellithorpe ('66, MD '70), Oct. 20, 2018, Davidson, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and completed his medical residency at Fort Benning, GA. He practiced for 35 years at North Mecklenburg Family Practice in Huntersville, NC.

Jasper Victor Ogburn Jr. ('66), July 24, 2018, Smithfield and Morehead City, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served as a guard at the White House and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He was on the Smithfield Town Council for 20 years and served as mayor pro tem. Ogburn was a businessman, entrepreneur and a great friend. He retired to Morehead City, where he enjoyed gardening, antiques, history and collecting.

Oliver Taylor Burgess Jr. ('67), Feb. 20, 2018, Norfolk, VA.

Karen Avis Dahlstrom Derby ('67), Sept. 1, 2018, North Chesterfield, VA. She was a homemaker who volunteered her time at Johnston-Willis Hospital and the Richmond Animal League.

Theodore Allen Keith (MD '67), Sept. 8, 2018, Winston-Salem. He served as a major and chief of medicine in the U.S. Air Force. He started Forsyth Cardiology Associates, where he practiced for 29 years, and worked at other practices after that. He pioneered the first catheterization laboratory at Forsyth Medical Center and served with many medical groups and societies. He was proud of reaching the

summit of Mount Kilimanjaro with his late son, T.R. Keith. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; two daughters, five grandchildren and a brother, Thomas J. Keith (JD '70).

James Gordon Poston ('68), July 30, 2018, Holliday, TX. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He retired in 2016 after a long career as a doctor that included founding Red River Anesthesiology Group and serving as director of anesthesiology at Kell West Regional Hospital, both in Wichita Falls, TX. He is survived by his wife, Traci, three children, including Aaron ('19), and four grandchildren.

David George Cedolia ('69), Aug. 19, 2018, High Point, NC. He was a fabric salesman for JLA Home Fabrics and other companies. He was an elder at Sedge Garden Chapel in Kernersville, NC. He loved fishing at Hatteras, cooking Italian food, baking bread and spending time with his sons.

James Warren Fredrickson ('69, MBA '73), July 23, 2018, Austin, TX, and Steamboat Springs, CO. Specializing in strategic management, he taught at the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University and was chair of the management department at the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. He won more than 20 teaching awards. He loved his family, skiing, hiking, fishing and cycling.

Clarence Lloyd Smith III ('69), Sept. 26, 2018, Amelia Island, FL. He served as president of the Kappa Alpha Alumni Chapter in 1981. He had a long career in real estate and property management. He was named Amelia Lodge Mason of the Year in 2003, the Fernandina Beach Shriner Club Shriner of the Year in 2003 and Ambassador at Large and Shriner of the Year by the Morocco Shriners in 2004.

Michael Stephen Mulkey ('70), Aug. 14, 2018, Newport News, VA. He was a partner at Mulkey, Forbes, Reid & Barton law firm. He was an elder and taught Sunday School at Hilton Presbyterian Church and was active in his community. He loved hunting, fishing, cooking, reading, beach music and sharing stories.

James Joseph Coman (JD '71), Aug. 30, 2018, Raleigh, NC. After graduating from St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War before attending law school. He worked for Jefferson Pilot in Greensboro, NC, served as police attorney in Statesville and Greensboro, was a prosecutor in Guilford County, NC, headed the state Special Prosecutions Office and was senior deputy attorney general for the criminal division. In 1993 he became director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and returned as senior deputy attorney general in 1999. Three governors awarded him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor a governor can bestow. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Trisha L. Coman, two daughters, two granddaughters and two brothers, Edward (JD '78) and Frank (JD '75).

James E. Floors (JD '71), Oct. 16, 2018, Smithfield, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany

GAIL R. O'DAY

Former Dean, School of Divinity Professor of New Testament and Preaching



During a career that spanned more than 35 years, Gail O'Day prepared students to teach, preach and make an enduring difference in their congregations and communities. She brought her passion for theological education to Wake Forest in 2010 to lead the School of Divinity into its second decade.

O'Day, who stepped down as dean last June, died Sept. 22, 2018. She was 63. She is survived by her husband,

Thomas Frank, University Professor and associate dean for continuing studies in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

"Gail was fierce and passionate in her devotion to theological education, Gospel proclamation and ministry," said interim dean Jill Crainshaw ('84), Blackburn Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology. "She has journeyed far in her career and life, and her feet have brought Gospel news to many people and places in many different ways."

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, O'Day taught at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis and was an associate dean at Emory University's Candler School of Theology before coming to Wake Forest. A New Testament scholar, she was perhaps best known for her research and writing about the Gospel of John.

As dean, she led efforts that doubled the school's endowment and generated more than \$23 million for scholarships, faculty support and operating funds. The school revised its curriculum to reflect a more interdisciplinary approach and developed new programs, including ones focused on food and sustainability. The Center for Faith and Service in Chicago has recognized the school for six consecutive years as one of a small number of "seminaries that change the world." The school has about 125 students enrolled in the master of divinity program.

The Gail R. O'Day Beloved Community Fund was established last year to recognize her commitment to nurturing community at the divinity school. "To serve as dean and have the opportunity to build this kind of school is among the greatest joys of my life," O'Day said at the time.

before going to law school. He was an assistant district attorney before opening a law practice.

William Edward Poe Jr. ('71, JD '74), Aug. 9, 2018, Charlotte. He worked at Duke Energy Corp. for 25 years, becoming deputy general counsel, then joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. Active in his community, he served on the Catawba Lands Conservancy board and was the 2009 North Carolina Land Trust Stanback Volunteer

Conservationist of the Year. He was preceded in death by his parents, William ('47) and Mary Virginia. Poe is survived by his wife, Joyce, two children, his grandson and five siblings, including Stephen ('73), Kenneth (P'04), Richard (JD'81, P '06) and Anne Matthews (P '08).

John Edward Wayne ('71), July 1, 2018, Clemmons, NC. He worked at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and was a member of Forest Park Baptist Church. He loved animals, especially his dog, cat and grand-dog.

Larry Robert Zane ('71), July 5, 2018, Cape May Court House, NJ. He was an avid boater with a zest for life and having fun. He enjoyed playing tennis and rebuilding classic cars.

Paula "Polly" Mock Bell ('72), Oct. 10, 2018, Pinehurst, NC. She worked in the banking industry in Florida, for H&R Block for 10 years, then for the Foundation of FirstHealth in Pinehurst until she retired in 2015

George Williams Hughes (JD '72), Sept. 30, 2018, Shallotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army through ROTC and as an infantry officer. He was an attorney in Danbury, King, Atlantic Beach and Raleigh, NC, before retiring. He served as a Brunswick County magistrate in Bolivia, NC. He worked part-time at Crow Creek Golf Course and was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous/ PALS, strongly supporting the mission of alcohol recovery.

James Victor Volk (MD '72), Oct. 20, 2018, Hendersonville, NC. He practiced with Hendersonville Pediatrics and helped expand it into the largest children's practice in Western North Carolina. He served as chief of pediatrics at Pardee and Park Ridge hospitals and helped establish the pediatric intensive care unit at Pardee. He made numerous mission trips abroad.

Chester "Ted" J. Waite ('72), Sept. 5, 2018, Norwood, MA. He was an offensive lineman at Wake Forest and a lifelong athlete. He loved music and kept a musical catalog in his head that spanned decades and genres.

Robert Joseph Whitehurst Jr. ('72), July 2, 2018, New Market, VA, formerly of Harrisonburg, VA. He served in the North Carolina National Guard and worked at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. He was mayor of his hometown of Bethel, NC, during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Later he managed Frederickson Family Partnership, formerly Turkey Knob Orchard, with his late wife, Livy.

Sandra Lowder Williams ('72), Oct. 14, 2018, Gastonia, NC. She was a media coordinator at East Gaston High School and a reference librarian at Belmont Abbey College.

Mary Haile Cordier ('73), Sept. 13, 2018, Haddonfield, NJ. She was Miss Baby Deac in 1970, a Wake Forest cheerleader in her senior year and a lifelong Wake Forest fan. She worked for 40 years as the chief administrator of a clinical and forensic psychology office. She is survived by her husband, David ('71, MAED '74).

John Campbell Glover III ('73), July 31, 2018, Atlanta. He was a high school standout athlete, played football and baseball at Wake Forest, and coached Little League baseball and basketball. After retiring from health-care sales, he enjoyed golf, time with family and being "Pop" to his four granddaughters.

Marion "Larry" Lawrence Johnston Jr. (JD '73), Aug. 10, 2018, Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and two sons, Riley ('12) and Bart ('12).

Carroll "C.T." Harris (PA '76), July 31, 2018, Matthews, NC. He was a physician assistant in Reidsville, NC, and later an assistant librarian at Wingate University (NC). He served numerous churches in Kentucky, Maryland and North Carolina as minister of music and youth/education and played piano, organ, guitar and oboe. He was an active composer/arranger.

Fentress McCoy Hill Jr. ('76), Aug. 30, 2018, Walnut Cove, NC. He was the sales manager at Dudley Theatrical Equipment of Winston-Salem. He used his talents as a lighting designer at The Little Theatre of Winston-Salem and the Winston-Salem Theatre Alliance. He is survived by his wife of nearly 28 years, Tamara Williams Hill ('80).

Nicholas Evans David Reid (MBA '76), Aug. 7, 2018, Jamestown, NC. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam. He worked at Blue Bell and Wrangler, was a Boston Red Sox fan and loved sailing, traveling and books.

Steven Vincent Cowell ('77), Aug. 23, 2018, North Las Vegas, NV. He worked for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in Chicago, owned and operated the Corral Pastime, a bar and pizzeria in Oregon, and retired to Nevada in 2016 from Alliant Systems. He loved golf, sports and gambling.

Andrew Cooper Fix ('77), June 28, 2018, Coopersburg, PA. He taught history at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, and later was the Charles A. Dana Professor of History at Lafayette College in Easton, PA. Among his many awards, he received a Fulbright Fellowship in the Netherlands. His greatest joys were research, writing, teaching and his family.

Margaret Brown Hallquist (MAED '77), Oct. 25, 2018, Knoxville, TN. She taught high school in Burlington, NC, and Sand Springs, OK. She served as the home school administrator for the Christian Academy of Knoxville for 15 years before retiring. She sang in church choir and the Oak Ridge Chorus. She is remembered by all for her lovely smile.

Rebecca Lee Johnson ('77), Oct. 18, 2018, Asheville, NC. She was a teacher in Stokes County, NC, then a caseworker for Western Highlands Network for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities services. She volunteered with Asheville City Schools' "Read 2 Succeed" program, was a lay leader of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Buddhist organization and was active in the LGBT community and RC Counseling, peer-based counseling to encourage social reform. She loved the outdoors, hiking, kayaking and camping with friends.

Mitchell Drew Rivenbark ('77), Oct. 15, 2018, Clinton, NC. He loved his family, traveling, reading, writing, all sports and Wake Forest.

John Cooper Sweatman ('77), Oct. 15, 2018, Hunstville, AL. He retired as an Army lieutenant colonel and worked as a government contractor with BAE Systems and with the Missile Defense Agency. He was a devoted teacher at Trinity United Methodist Church and made many mission trips, and he volunteered at Greengate School. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy Deese Sweatman ('78), and a daughter.

Thomas Johnson Ashcraft (JD '78), Sept. 25, 2018, Charlotte. In addition to practicing law, he served as a legislative aide to Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., in the 1980s and as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina from 1987 to 1993. He loved golf and was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte.

Dennis Gregory Dolny ('78, MA '79), Jan. 9, 2018, Providence, UT. He was a professor for 24 years at the University of Idaho, where he directed the Human Performance Laboratory. For the last decade he was at Utah State University, where he headed the Kinesiology and Health Science Department and, since 2016, the Nursing and Health Professions Department. He was active with the Boy Scouts and Club Moscow (ID) Volleyball.

Doug Culpon ('79), Oct. 20, 2108, Magnolia, TX. A chemistry graduate, he received his master's in chemical engineering at Texas A&M University and worked more than 30 years in the chemical industry, for DuPont, Texaco and Huntsman Corp. A scratch golfer, he volunteered as a USGA rules official for area events.

Hansford Frederic Johnson Jr. ('79), July 5, 2018, Amarillo, TX. He earned a master's of music from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, and studied classical guitar at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He played concerts in Europe and the United States, including at Carnegie Hall in New York City. He was energy manager at the Pantex Plant, the primary U.S. facility for assembly and disassembly of nuclear weapons, in Panhandle, TX.

Bryan "Doug" Martin ('79, JD '82), July 7, 2018, Advance, NC. He practiced law in Sarasota, FL, and Greensboro and Stokesdale, NC. His passion was writing, and he was working on a novel. He loved sports, animals, working in the yard and reading. He is survived by his wife, Pauline "Betsy" Smith Nowell (MBA '90).

Richard Hugh Steele (MBA '79), Aug. 4, 2018, Winston-Salem. He retired as CEO of Fairchild Industrial Products. He belonged to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, where he served as treasurer. Steele loved vacationing with his family and playing golf at North Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a longtime member of the Deacon Club.

Michael Ray Henderson ('80, MD '84), June 19, 2018, Spartanburg, SC. He practiced in Orthopaedic Associates, founded by his father, Walsa Ray Henderson Jr. ('50, MD '54), who died July 9, 2018. The practice is now Carolina

Orthopaedic & Neurosurgical Associates. Henderson served as the team physician for the Spartanburg High School athletic department. He is survived by his mother, his wife, Nancy Kassower Henderson (MD '84), and three children.

Clyde Brower Case III ('81), Nov. 8, 2018, Newport, NC. Known as "Casey" or "Butch," he was a businessman in Havelock, NC, for more than 30 years. He's remembered for his quick wit and generosity.

Jayne Simms Weiss Moore ('81), July 29, 2018, Chapel Hill, NC. She was a member of the Strings Society and a Little Sister of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. She spent a semester abroad in Wake Forest's Dijon, France, program, which ignited a passion for world travel. She began her career with Aladdin Travel and later worked as a project and IT manager, most recently as a project manager for UNC Health-Care. She loved good food, wine, music, reading, gardening, hiking and politics.

Freda Bowman Black ('82), July 29, 2018, Durham, NC. With a law degree from Campbell University School of Law, she was a public defender in Robeson County and an assistant district attorney followed by private practice in Durham County. She was an organist, pianist, soloist and church choir member. She is survived by her father, two daughters, a sister and a brother, Tom Bowman (MD '77, P '02, '10).

Joseph Broadbent Philbrick ('82), Sept. 21, 2018, Tucson, AZ. He was president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was employed at Nathanson and Company, a management consulting firm in Westport, CT, as a business process improvement consultant. He was a board member of the Wilton (CT) Land Conservation Trust and supported the Arizona Land and Water Trust.

Virginia "Nada" Rose Crum Hill (MAED '85), Sept. 25, 2018, Winston-Salem. She retired from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools after 28 years as a teacher and guidance counselor. She is survived by six children, including **James** Heath Miller (MD '93).

Thomas E. Anderson (PA '86), Sept. 14, 2018, Seaside, CA. He was among the first physician assistants to be certified in cardiac surgery and won many professional commendations. He served patients in Arizona, New Hampshire, Georgia and Florida before joining Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CA).

Jeannie Jo Bowers Phillips (PA '86), Sept. 23, 2018, Colorado Springs, CO. She worked as a physician assistant at Evans Hospital, Fort Carson, CO. She touched many people with her generosity and often brought home single soldiers to have a good home-cooked meal. She had a passion for animal conservation and worked as a docent for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs for the last 20 years. She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Terry Michael Phillips, a brother, Tom Bowers ('76) and his wife and three nephews.

Brian Wolcott Chase ('87), July 12, 2018, Ivy, VA. He was a real estate broker in the Charlottesville, VA, area. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Charlee Channing, his father, two brothers, including Sumner ('78), three stepchildren and two grandchildren.

William "Bill" Rolfe Gulley ('87), July 14, 2018, Winston-Salem. He retired from a U.S. Army career in 2013 after serving in South Korea, Germany, Kuwait, Afghanistan and at several domestic military bases. He loved metal detecting and fishing.

Deborah Black Gage ('88), July 9, 2018, Sarasota, FL. She worked at First Union Bank, then the United Way Foundation in Raleigh, NC. She raised her family in Florida and volunteered with many nonprofits. She is survived by her husband, Jamie ('87), and two sons.

Robert Brooks Johnson Sr. (MBA '91), Aug. 7, 2018, Clemmons, NC. He had many successful roles during the dawn of information technology with The Cooper Institute in Dallas and Sara Lee Corp. in Winston-Salem, as well as several consulting ventures and a custom glass business.

Spencer Keith Stephens ('92), Aug. 7, 2018, Winston-Salem. He worked closely with his brother, Jay ('89), operating Ziggy's Tavern, a live music venue in Winston-Salem. His passion for music and fellowship was his life force.

Vicky Dagenhart Della Franco (MBA '93), Aug. 1, 2018, Hickory, NC. In addition to her accounting career, her passion was her family and being the "neighborhood mom." She enjoyed reading, traveling and gardening.

Kelly Lynn Confoy ('94), Sept. 20, 2018, Charlotte. She had worked as a project manager at Potter Builders Inc. and had started her own business.

William McNair Tornow ('99), Aug. 24, 2018, Kingston, GA. He worked in management at Enterprise Rent-A-Car and in executive recruiting and had recently formed MT Executive Search. He loved children, rescue animals and people with special needs, and he was passionate about Wake Forest athletics. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, a daughter, a son, a stepdaughter, his mother, Anne Bingham Philpott ('69, MA '75), and stepfather, Ted Philpott ('70), his father, Winston McNair Tornow ('66, JD '69), two sisters, including Cameron Holcomb ('02), a brother and a stepbrother.

William James Watson (MBA '04), Sept. 9, 2018, Charlotte. He worked as a design engineer for Caterpillar before earning his MBA. While at Wake Forest, he founded Anvil Prototype, a 3D printing business later acquired by Duncan Parnell. He served as director of innovation management at Duke Energy. An Eagle Scout, he served as assistant Scoutmaster at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Amy, two children, his parents, James (MBA '80) and Lou Massey Watson, and a sister, Elizabeth Watson Evans ('99).

Joseph P. Bibb ('09), Oct. 31, 2018, Franklin, TN. A Presidential Scholar at Wake Forest, he volunteered his time teaching and mentoring youth in exploring their artistic talents. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, including John ('12), and a sister.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Hazel J. Daniels, Aug. 26, 2018, Winston-Salem. She retired in 2017 as a custodian at Wake Forest. She was a faithful member of John Wesley AMF 7ion Church

Courtland Harwell Davis Jr. (P '76, '77), Oct. 16, 2018, Winston-Salem. He was a professor emeritus of the School of Medicine, retiring in 1987 after teaching neurosurgery since 1952. He specialized in spine surgery and stroke prevention. When his first daughter, Corky, was born with Fragile X Syndrome, he and his wife, Marilyn, helped establish the Centers for Exceptional Children in Winston-Salem and the state and national associations of The Arc for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He served as president of Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC and the Industries for the Blind (now IFB Solutions). After Marilyn died, he was married to Carrie Chamberlain Davis for 25 years until her death. He is survived by a son and five daughters, including Joslin Davis (JD '77) and Jean Kutzschbach (MBA '76), 11 grandchildren, including Erin Pace Davis ('02), four great-grandchildren and a sister.

Catherine Wilson France, Sept. 15, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was a graduate of Star Stenographic School of Business and retired from Z. Smith Reynolds Library after 43 years.

Nellie W. Sizemore, Sept. 28, 2018, Winston-Salem. She was a lab assistant to renowned biochemist Camillo Artom at Bowman Grav School of Medicine and worked alongside the first female graduates of the medical school. She later worked for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., retiring in 1995 and receiving the company's highest honor, its Excalibur Award.

Doris Lee Tyson (P '86), July 24, 2018, Winston-Salem. A graduate of Meredith College, she worked in the newsroom library of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel and later in the Wake Forest law school admissions office from 1975-1993. She is survived by two daughters, a son, Clark Tyson ('86), three granddaughters and a brother. She was predeceased by her husband, parents and two sisters.

Iva van de Rijn, Aug. 24, 2018, Winston-Salem. He was professor emeritus of microbiology and immunology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He had a distinguished career as a researcher, teacher and trainer of scientists, with significant research into rheumatic fever, strep throat infection and kidney disease.

"MAMA DON'T LET YOUR STEM CELLS GROW UP TO BE COWBOYS"

Alumnus Eric Olson makes a muscular dystrophy breakthrough with a boost from Willie Nelson (and writes a song)

By Mary Ann Roser

s a freshman, Eric Olson ('77, Ph.D. '81, DSc '03) planned to follow his chemist-father into a career as a research scientist when he hit an obstacle that forced a profound reckoning.

Olson had moved three times in high school and knew he was "behind the eight ball" in biology, an essential course for his major. But he had been determined since childhood to pursue a science career.

So when his Wake Forest adviser warned him he wasn't ready for the rigors of a biology major, he didn't get dejected; he found the blunt assessment motivating. "I learned how to really work hard and apply myself."

Boy, howdy.

Olson took that dogged determination from the classrooms of Wake Forest to some of the most prestigious research labs in the nation. He majored in chemistry and biology and earned a doctorate in biochemistry from Wake Forest. At 63, Olson is one of the world's pre-eminent molecular biologists, specializing in diseases of the muscles and heart.

Olson's recent gene editing work on dogs with Duchenne muscular dystrophy has been heralded as a breakthrough that could save the lives of people with Duchenne and, ultimately, other diseases.

Based at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Olson holds the Annie and Willie Nelson Professorship in Stem Cell Research, in addition to chairing the molecular biology department and leading the Hamon Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.

"Eric is a superstar," said Dr. Joseph Hill ('80), who is Olson's friend and longtime collaborator at UT Southwestern, where Hill is chief of cardiology and a professor of internal medicine and molecular biology.

The only kind of stardom Olson aspires to these days is in rock 'n' roll, but we'll get to that.

Born in Rochester, New York, Olson grew up in Winston-Salem and knew he'd go to Wake Forest.

After his rough start with biology, his professors, including Ron Dimock (P '91), discovered a rare talent. Dimock invited Olson to do student work in his lab and became one of Olson's greatest influences.

"He's probably one of the students I think the most of over my career," said Dimock, now retired.

As an undergraduate, Olson sought out Dr. Peter B. Smith, who specialized in muscle biochemistry at the Wake Forest School of Medicine before retiring. Olson already knew he wanted to pursue a doctorate.

"I chose to study muscles because they are the most important tissue of the body," Olson said. From life-giving heartbeats to every physical movement to many debilitating diseases, "it all comes down to muscle."

Smith, who also taught Olson's future wife, pediatrician Laurie Clark (MD '81), said, "Eric was a very focused and tireless worker who was just very productive."

By the time Olson was 35, he was chair of biochemistry

and molecular biology at the famed University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. In 1995, he was recruited as founding chair of the molecular biology department at UT Southwestern, where he has attracted scientists from around the world

Olson's stem cell research drew the attention of his musical idol, Willie Nelson, and his wife, Annie, who conferred with him out of concern "about a loved one and others," Annie Nelson said. Willie put on a benefit concert in 2005 that raised \$250,000 to create the Willie and Annie Nelson professorship. "Eric and his team are cutting edge, and we have a great deal of faith in their work," Annie said.



From left, Schneider, Olson and Nelson with a guitar Nelson signed

Olson's friendship with the Nelsons has taken him aboard Willie's famous bus and to the couple's ranch in Luck, Texas. It also inspired Olson and Dr. Jay Schneider, a physician-scientist in cardiovascular medicine, to form a band, The Transactivators, named for a protein that stimulates gene expression.

Olson sings and plays guitar and harmonica. Inspired by a Willie Nelson-Waylon Jennings tune, Olson wrote a song titled, "Mama Don't Let Your Stem Cells Grow Up to Be Cowboys."

Olson received the chemistry department's Distinguished Alumni Award and has been honored with numerous science prizes. But he is most proud of work he published Aug. 30, 2018 in Science magazine.

Olson led an international research team that halted a rare form of muscular dystrophy called Duchenne in four Beagle puppies. They used CRISPR technology, a gene-editing tool, to delete an abnormal part of the dystrophin gene, enabling the pups to run and jump again, which scientists hope is permanent. It was the first time they stopped the progression of Duchenne in a large animal. It was an emotional moment.

Olson said he wanted to tackle Duchenne because it's "the holy grail" of muscle disease research. "This was a monumental moment in my career."

He intends to dedicate the rest of his career to finding a cure for Duchenne in humans. Just try and tell him he can't.

A longer version of the story is at bit.ly/2Cq9wY4.

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A Time of Turbulence

By Douglas Waller ('71, P'03)

WAS PART OF the baby-boom generation entering Wake Forest University in early fall of 1967. During the next four years, the world beyond our cloistered campus would be gripped by unprecedented social and political convulsion: race riots, war protests, the Tet offensive in Vietnam, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Robert F. Kennedy's assassination, the Cambodia invasion, Kent State, LSD, Woodstock. I'd like to say that we were among the vanguard of the student movement calling for peace and justice, but that was not the case. The turmoil sweeping other universities largely bypassed Wake Forest, secluded as it was among trimmed lawns and leafy magnolias several miles from downtown Winston-Salem. Our student body was largely conservative — a campus poll revealed that a 2-to-1 majority of my classmates supported Richard Nixon for president in 1968 and not until our senior year, with the draft breathing down on the males, did you begin to see more teach-ins and protests at the school.

After wandering aimlessly from course to course my first two years I settled on English as a major. The department's professors were inspiring. I was one of the lucky ones to sit in the British romantic poets class taught by Edwin Wilson ('43), who also served at the time as the University's provost. Brimming with enthusiasm, Ed Wilson brought the words of Wordsworth, Byron and Yeats to life for me. I left each class convinced I wanted to be a poet and at one point confided this desire to Elizabeth Phillips, an Emily Dickinson scholar who introduced me to American writers. After reading my papers, Professor Phillips, ever so gently, suggested I pursue another line of work. Good advice. I would have starved as a poet.

I discovered instead a career as a journalist, with the help of my mentor, Bynum Shaw ('48), a former Baltimore Sun correspondent and editor — and a first-rate novelist. I devoured his classes on copy editing, feature writing, editorial writing, essay writing and short story writing. Sitting before us puffing a cigarette at the head of a long table and glancing at notes he had carefully written out on 3-by-5-inch cards, Bynum taught us not only the mechanics of writing and news gathering. He instilled in us a sense that journalism was truly a higher calling. "You won't be able to buy the best bottle of scotch as a reporter," I remember him telling us. "But the work you do will be worthwhile."

There were also teachers at Wake who made me question what I thought I believed — as they should have. The Christian ethics class G. McLeod Bryan ('41, MA '44) taught left me troubled over church hypocrisy. Jon Reinhardt's class on the politics of Southeast Asia convinced me America's military involvement in Vietnam was a tragic mistake.

My one regret over those four years — and it's a deep one — is that I studied just to get by in too many classes and that I took so little advantage of what the University had to offer. "Education," my father once told me (I believe after he had received my report card for a semester), "is the only commodity we buy and are content not to get our money's worth from it." I paid no attention at the time to that observation — likely because it was his money paying for my education — but I should have. As a reporter in North Carolina and Washington, D.C., I frequently grappled with business and economics subjects, which I ignored in college. For two books I wrote on World War II espionage, I had to pay thousands of dollars to have captured German military intelligence and Gestapo documents translated. (I had retained embarrassingly little from



my German classes.) For another book I wrote on a U.S. Navy submarine, the vessel's executive officer had to tutor me in geometry and trigonometry so I could describe for a lay reader how the crew used math to plot an enemy sub's position for a torpedo attack. When I give talks to students, I'm sometimes asked what they should study to become a writer. "Everything," I answer.

I did not graduate from Wake Forest in 1971 an educated person. I imagine my professors would have been horrified at any student leaving the University content with what he or she had learned in just four years. No, my education continued over the next 47 years. But the fleeting time I spent on an idyllic college campus in North Carolina's Piedmont Triad planted a seed, lit a spark, stirred a hunger in me, for which I will always be grateful. I imagine my professors were happy accomplishing that much.

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The Wake Forest football team made history with its 37-34 win over Memphis in the Birmingham Bowl at Legion Field in Alabama on Dec. 22, 2018. The win was the University's third consecutive bowl victory following the 2016 Military Bowl and the 2017 Belk Bowl. The latest triumph featured the nail-biting thrill of seeing the Demon Deacons overcome a second-quarter 18-point deficit to win.

Twitter lit up with a video proclaiming "Bedlam in Birmingham!" as the team celebrated on the field. "Guys, when you get moments like this in life you enjoy every second of it," Coach Dave Clawson told the team in the locker room. "You squeeze every ounce. These are special moments with special people. And I'll tell you for the 20th time I'm so proud of this football team. Nobody has any idea what we overcame this year to get here, and to find a way to get it done again, guys, it was all heart, guts, effort, leadership, and I really, really want to thank the seniors."

Quarterback Jamie Newman, a sophomore, was named the game's MVP. The team finished the season 7-6 overall, which included a 59-7 demolition of Duke on Nov. 24 that made Wake Forest bowl eligible. Clawson's 28 wins through his first five years of his WFU career marked another Wake Forest record.

Quarterback Jamie Newman, above, was named MVP of the Birmingham Bowl. Coach Dave Clawson, below, celebrates the win.

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