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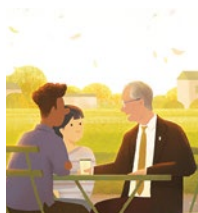
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*This issue of Wake Forest Magazine marks the end of an era. President Nathan O. Hatch will retire June 30 after 16 years leading the University through the highs of expanding Wake Forest's opportunities for faculty, students and staff at home and abroad and the universal low of facing a pandemic for which there was no leadership playbook for anyone anywhere. You will read about highlights of his legacy and the gratitude and respect he has engendered in his work on behalf of the University and its people. The Wake Forest Magazine staff is grateful for his unwavering support of the work we do and joins the many well-wishers celebrating his tenure and that of his wife, Julie. May their journey ahead be filled with joy and pleasant memories of Mother So Dear.*  
— Maria Henson ('82)



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Embracing values, tradition and innovation,  
retiring President Nathan O. Hatch challenged his team  
and Wake Foresters to make history.





## WHEN NATHAN O. HATCH

was 14, John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon traveled to his hometown of Columbia, South Carolina, to campaign for the presidency. Captivated by politics and prompted by curiosity, the teen attended the presidential rallies to take in both perspectives. On a trip to Washington, D.C., with his parents, the young Hatch peered over the railing of the gallery to catch a glimpse of Congress attending to business. His senior project in high school was studying Kennedy's senatorial career. He wrote to the White House for some information and photos for his assignment, and he received a package in return. It was postmarked Nov. 22, 1963 — the day Kennedy was assassinated.



“I

was always interested in history,” Hatch said. “I knew I wanted to study history in college, and my father was an educator, so I thought I would pursue history and education.”

For decades, he took his trade — inspection and analysis of people and culture — to classrooms as a history professor. His enthusiasm for his discipline was bested only by his commitment to students. History was the topic, but he was teaching

young people — with whom he built lasting relationships, shared deep conversation and swapped wit.

In 2005, as provost of the University of Notre Dame since 1996, he was cleaning out his house in South Bend, Indiana, to move to Winston-Salem. He came across a note from one of his former students. “If I only had 10 minutes to live,” the student wrote, “I would want to spend it in your class.” It went on to add, “It would seem like an eternity!” — making the former professor throw back his head and laugh.

Hatch, 75, is preparing to clean out his house again, this time the President’s Home in Winston-Salem. He retires on June 30, after serving

16 years as the 13th president of Wake Forest, with his wife, Julie, whom he calls his “biggest support and best critic,” by his side. They plan to remain in Winston-Salem to be near family.

When history looks back upon the Nathan Hatch era in Wake Forest’s story, it will boast a list of successes for the University. But history isn’t just a chronicle of achievements, a calendar of dates, a tally of names or a recitation of facts; it is the story of human beings. And the last 16 years will show the influence of a leader of character with an infectious laugh, quick wit and never-ending curiosity; a steely competitive streak



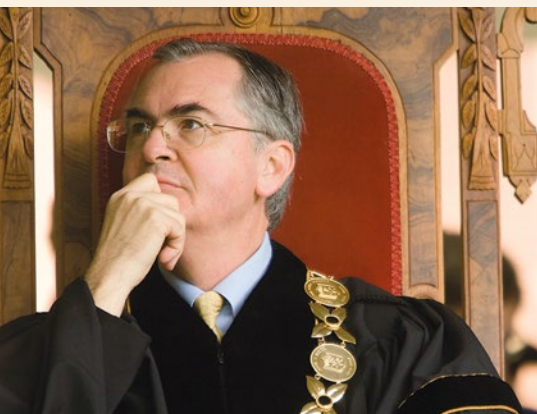
yet no need for credit; a humble desire to serve; and a deep love of people.

The accomplishments of the Hatch era — substantial and broad-ranging — stem from a vision Hatch shared as he stood behind the podium in Wait Chapel on Oct. 20, 2005.

“Above all, students today long for one thing: to narrow the gap between the ideals we profess and the lives we lead. They are looking for models of how to integrate the often-incoherent facets of their lives,” said the newly inaugurated president. He laid out a concept of a community rooted in engaged learning, the ambition of diversity and a commitment to service and faith.

“Let us rekindle Wake Forest’s finest tradition: a face-to-face community, grounded in the liberal arts, passionate about professional education and committed to living out the values we profess as individuals and as a community,” Hatch said.

At Wake Forest, he began translating his knowledge as someone who had spent his entire career in higher education and as a renowned scholar of the history of religion in America into a strategic plan for Wake Forest to strengthen its position as the nation’s premier “collegiate university.” In his view, that meant balancing the personal attention of a liberal arts college with the academic vitality and broad opportunities of a research university, with values at the heart of the mission.



President Hatch meets with students over coffee.







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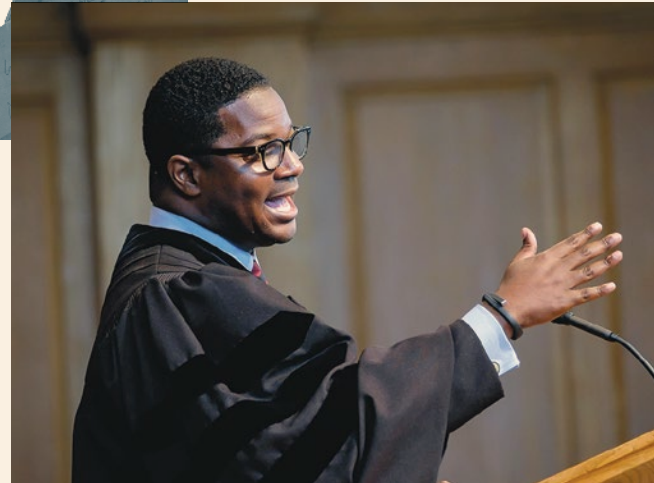
The Hatches welcome  
Wake Forest trustees into  
the President's Home.







Jonathan Lee Walton (D.D. '15),  
dean of the School of Divinity



“We can have excellent academics and at the same time educate people how to live — that is, how to live lives of purpose and meaning that’s beyond themselves,” he has said. “That really fulfills the primary purpose of a university.”

He approached this work, and all that was to come, with an expectation for excellence without pretension, a commitment to collaboration and teamwork, and a hearty dose of goodwill, humor and coffee.

#### • ASSEMBLING THE TEAM •

Early on in his presidency, Hatch distinguished himself as a magnet for talented leaders and has since summed up his philosophy: “Hire visionaries.” In his years in administration, he scanned the horizon of higher education for promising up-and-comers. Using his power of persuasion and a habit of betting on people not strategy, he recruited an all-star team to guide Wake Forest.

“You don’t advance without great leaders,” Hatch said. “I’ve never seen a unit, department, school or university advance greater than the quality of their leadership. So, you have to recruit above your playing weight. You have to try to outdo your own expectation on hiring.”

Most of the Reynolda Cabinet members who have come to Wake Forest during Hatch’s tenure can recount the president spotting their potential and encouraging them to use their gifts freely.

“One thing about Nathan is he loves the hunt,” said Hof Milam (’76, MBA ’91, P ’00, ’04), executive vice president. “He doesn’t like to lose people, but he’s reenergized by the hunt. It really brings out his competitiveness, and it plays to one of his strengths, which is identifying talent.”

Just a few years ago, Jonathan L. Walton, then a professor and minister at Harvard University, opened up his calendar one evening to look at what was planned for the following day. “Coffee with Nathan Hatch.” He called his assistant to see what that was all about.

“My assistant said she got a call from Nathan Hatch asking if I would be available for coffee,” said Walton. “It struck me. The president of Wake Forest went through such official protocols? It says something about him; it says something about his level of professional and vocational humility. He wears power loosely.”

Over coffee, Hatch shared his admiration for the work Walton had done and asked a simple question of the native Southerner: “Don’t you want to come back home?”



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With University leaders and  
Trustee Mary Farrell (P '10),  
Hatch dedicates Farrell Hall  
on Nov. 1, 2013.



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— *Nathan O. Hatch*





## • BUILDING • THE TEAM'S CULTURE

If finding the right leaders is the first critical step, developing a cohesive, well-functioning team is a close second.

“One of Dr. Hatch’s superpowers is encouraging very talented people to operate as one team in service of a worthy cause,” said University Trustee Jim O’Connell (’13).

“He leads from behind, and he’s able to do that because he puts the moral ideal up front,” said Walton, now dean of the School of Divinity, Presidential Chair of Religion and Society and dean of Wait Chapel. “He gives you a vision. He gives an ideal, values and a commitment. He establishes the terms and the parameters, then he celebrates the ideas and those who generated the ideas and those who executed the plan. He’s always celebrating.”

Hatch is known to deflect personal credit, leading in a way that made it possible for teammates to shine while shaping their own areas of responsibility. “Some leaders are so strong — their force field so unrelenting — that they do not give others enough space to exercise their own creativity and vision,” Hatch wrote in a 2013 article with advice for hiring good people.

When necessary, Hatch put himself out front. He knows teams run on honesty and trust, and that cultivating a strong team rested on him. A few years into his presidency, Hatch asked 25 people at Wake Forest to evaluate him.

“It was very revealing, very challenging, very bracing,” Hatch said of the candid feedback. “But you don’t get better if you pretend everything is perfect.”

The next year, Hatch invited his cabinet to engage in the same intense evaluations, but not before he laid bare his strengths and weaknesses to the group.

“It had to start with me,” said Hatch, “so I gave a pretty unvarnished view of what people said about my leadership.”

His approach has proved inspiring. “What pushes me, what goads me, is the desire to be excellent,” said Dean of the College Michele Gillespie, who served on the Presidential Search Committee that selected Hatch for the presidency. “I’ve learned that from President Hatch. I’ve taken more risks in my teaching and my own career than I would have if I hadn’t come into his circle. He emboldened me to challenge myself in new ways, to strive to be my very best and to invite the same of others.”

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**Left:** Hatch joins students for Hit the Bricks, the annual communitywide event to raise money for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund. **Above:** An avid sports fan, Hatch takes in a Wake Forest football game.





The Hatches join students for the President's Ball — a biennial tradition that began with the Hatches' arrival at Wake Forest.

# Building the home team with love, laughter and faith

**IN THE FALL OF 1967,** Julie Gregg, a junior transfer at Wheaton College in Illinois, sat down to listen to the presenters at the activities fair. At the podium was a senior describing his summer spent serving in Chicago's Cabrini-Green housing project.

"I have a hard time saying this with a straight face," Julie recalls, laughing, "but our eyes met, and something was just different."

After the program, Nathan Hatch approached Julie and introduced himself. Several weeks later, they had their first date and after a year got engaged.

Once they married, Julie taught elementary school, while Nathan pursued advanced degrees at Washington University and post-doctoral fellowships at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. They spent time in St. Louis, Baltimore and Cambridge, Massachusetts, before settling in South Bend, Indiana, at the University of Notre Dame, where he taught history and rose to provost. They had 30 years of roots planted in that small Midwest town before an offer from Wake Forest called them south.

As they were moving to Winston-Salem, the Hatches' first grandchild was born. Now, there are eight people in the world who know Nathan Hatch as simply one thing. He's not a scholar, not a president and not a leader of national recognition; he's Granddad. And Julie is Grammy.

Before he started putting teams together in his professional life, Hatch had an original team — Julie and children Gregg, Dave and Beth. Over the years, that team has grown to include spouses and eight grandchildren — James, Grace, Edie, Ben, Charlie, Julia, Ellie and Lucy, who range in age from 2 to 15. Another baby is due any day in Winston-Salem. (With their children, Gregg and Kathy live in Seattle, Dave and Cassie in Charlotte and Beth and Jonathan Hilliard in Winston-Salem.)

At Christmastime, Hatch climbs the stairs to the attic at the President's Home and sets up an old-fashioned train to run when the grandchildren visit. He spends the year picking out new parts so it will look different each year. At night, there's no one better at coming up with an engaging bedtime story



than Granddad. He crafts elaborate tales and never runs out of plots.

"One of the really fun things for me has been watching my dad through the eyes of my daughters, who are impressed not by any new initiative at Wake Forest, but by the quality of the bedtime story that he can make up for them," said Gregg, the oldest of the Hatch children. "As one of our girls said after watching him talk to a group of people at a Wake Forest event: 'It's too bad they all know him as Dr. Hatch and not as Granddad!'"

In the midst of the craziness of their lives and work, the Hatches try to stay grounded. Nathan plays basketball; Julie walks — fast. Nathan reads, and Julie speaks with her two sisters every morning. They love watching movies, visiting the family cabin in Idaho each summer and having long meals and good conversation with friends.

"The thing that stands out to me most about my dad is how grounded and unpretentious he is," said Dave, the Hatches' middle child. "No matter the setting or the company, he has always remained the exact same person to his family, friends and anyone with whom he spends time."

Their family keeps the Hatches steady, as does their Christian faith.

"Faith has been a huge part of what they've given us," said their daughter Beth. "Also, their strong marriage. No one is without struggles or hard things, but they really love each other

in a way that has given us security and a wonderful example."

Together, the Hatches have approached the last 16 years with great partnership.

"That's the highlight of this job for me — the teamwork," Julie said. "It's been amazing to come into this work and do it together."

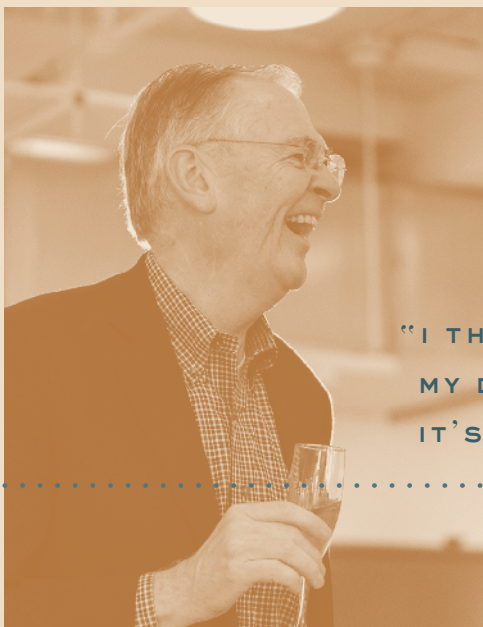
Her husband agreed. "We have been a real team. An institution gets far more if there's someone like Julie who is willing to take on the role. She is my biggest support and best critic."

And then there is the humor from the man who is quick with a quip.

"I think our favorite thing is when my dad gets laughing about something; it's usually a joke he's told," Beth said. "He has a very distinct laugh, and we'll laugh at him laughing."

Granddaughters Lucy, Ellie and Julia summed it up best: You don't really know him until you've heard him laugh.

The Hatch family early in the president's tenure: from left, Beth Hatch Hilliard, Kathy Hatch, Gregg Hatch, Lucy Hatch, Julie Hatch, Nathan Hatch and Dave Hatch.



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—Beth Hilliard



During the Wake Will Lead campaign, Hatch visits cities across the country, including this trip to New York City, to share his vision for Wake Forest.



• TAKING •  
THE LAY OF THE LAND

“Bracing” assessment describes not just the personal evaluation of Hatch but underscores the way the president examined Wake Forest as a whole from the beginning.

“You can’t improve if you don’t admit where you are,” Hatch said. “At Wake Forest, we have to compare ourselves to the best, and then decide where can we be excellent where others can’t be.”

As a historian, Hatch got into the habit of analyzing a culture and its trajectory — being “a diagnostician of one’s environment,” he says. As an administrator, he sought to acquire “a nose for stale air” that businessman and writer Max de Pree felt essential in a leader. As president, he has developed what former University of Florida President John V. Lombardi called “a sixth sense about opportunity — being ready to open the door before the knock is heard.”

At Notre Dame, Hatch’s drive toward distinction started with his somewhat unorthodox entrance into administration. In his first assignment, he was given near carte blanche to fulfill a single directive: Make us better. What followed was unfettered collaboration that propelled innovative ideas — mostly around faculty development in those early years.

At Wake Forest, that directive is something he still can’t shake. He’s always asking that familiar question: How can we be better?

“He has an innovator’s heart,” said Andy Chan, vice president for innovation and career development.

“There’s a restlessness with the status quo,” said Provost Rogan Kersh (’86). “There’s always a sense that around the next bend, there might be something better. Nathan inspects an opportunity in all its dimensions, imagines a solution and then doesn’t rest when it works, but pushes for the next iteration. He does it with a remarkable steady energy.”

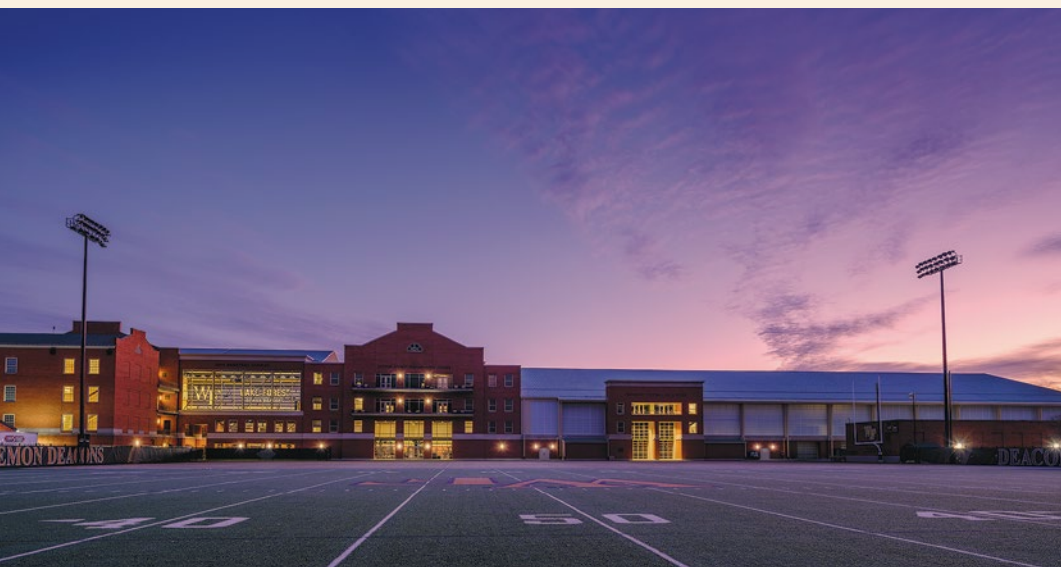
Reid Morgan (’75, JD ’79, P ’13, ’14, ’19), the University’s senior vice president and general counsel and a Wake Forester who has worked with Hatch and the two presidents before him, offered a similar view. “He is very alert to opportunities, very alert to trends,” he said. “He’s a student of modern American higher education and modern society. He put all of those things together to think about how we should do things at Wake Forest. What’s coming our way? What’s next?”



“HE’S AN INSTINCTIVE LISTENER. NOT ONLY IS HE LISTENING AND HEARING YOU, HE’S WORKING OUT HOW TO MAKE THINGS BETTER.”

—Jermyn Davis (’10)





## • SETTING THE COURSE •

During his tenure, “What’s next?” and “How can we be better?” led him to emphasize overarching themes as the foundation for change: Wake Forest’s distinctiveness as “radically traditional and radically innovative;” its role as a collegiate university; its mission to educate the whole person; its emphasis on the teacher-scholar model; its mandate to be “academically superb and deeply personal” and its Pro Humanitate motto, which places a greater purpose behind a Wake Forest degree.

Hatch may be known for his modesty in taking credit, but the accomplishments and changes he oversaw created a legacy to make Wake Foresters proud. He directed completion of the University’s master plan to ensure that the physical development of the campus would match strategic goals; it is meant to guide the University’s evolution over four decades. His administration added or renovated more than 1 million square feet of space and infused more than \$625 million in the University’s commitment to offering the best residential college experience in the country.

What has that meant for Wake Forest? Among the projects were Farrell Hall for business education, the Porter B. Byrum Welcome Center, the Sutton Center addition to Reynolds Gym, the Haddock Golf House, McCreary Field House, the Sutton Sports

Performance Center and Shah Basketball Complex, a new home for the Department of Health and Exercise Science, four new residence halls, a new North Dining Center, the transformation of an outdated Reynolds Gym into a vibrant center for wellbeing, and renovations for a number of dorms and sections of Worrell Professional Center and Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

His leadership guided the combining of the undergraduate and graduate business schools into one powerhouse enterprise. It brought the University acclaim as the first top-30 national university to no longer require prospective students to submit SAT or ACT scores with their applications. It expanded academic scholarships and offerings, adding eight majors and 10 minors, and created 10 endowed Presidential Chairs for faculty. It turned career services into the nationally recognized Office of Personal and Career Development to better equip students to navigate the path from college to career. It transformed old, worn-down tobacco warehouses into sterling science facilities at Wake Downtown. It planted flags for Wake Forest studies in Copenhagen, Silicon Valley, Charlotte and Washington, D.C. It led to a partnership with Atrium Health in charting the future of health care and medical education in the region. Fueling the efforts and higher aspirations was a historic, decade-long, \$1 billion capital campaign overseen by Hatch and Vice President for University Advancement Mark Petersen.

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“HE HAS AN  
INNOVATOR’S HEART.”

—Andy Chan



A celebrated accomplishment in the Hatch era is the creation of Wake Downtown in Innovation Quarter.



# Talking trash, scoring on the hardwood



**NATHAN HATCH PULLED** the laces tight on his plain white tennis shoes. First the right, then the left.

"He has a pair of decade-old sneakers," said Jim Dunn, CEO of Verger Capital Management and former assistant to Hatch. "They're just white Nikes. They're perfect; they're orthotic; they're worn in. And he's worn the same pair for 15 years. His sneakers are consistent ... like his jumper."

On this Saturday at 7 a.m., prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hatch was the first to arrive at the gym, carrying water for the others who would join him shortly for the weekly pickup game.

Players began to trickle in, lacing up their shoes and gathering on the court. They passed around "good mornings" and small talk in between stretching, jogging and taking practice shots. The epic play of last week was revisited — like anglers regaling each other with tales of the big fish.

The men divided themselves into two teams, and the first game-to-7 of the morning began. Pick-and-roll plays, jumpers from behind the arc, the offensive rebound and putback, an occasional steal, light taunting, drives to the hoop, teamwork. All on display.

"He's a sharpshooter and makes more shots than most everyone on the court," said Andy Chan, vice president of innovation and personal and career development. "His teammates want him to take the final shot because he's going to make it."

"He's got the best midrange jumper I've ever seen," said University Trustee Jim O'Connell ('13). "Smooth as butter! It's something to see."

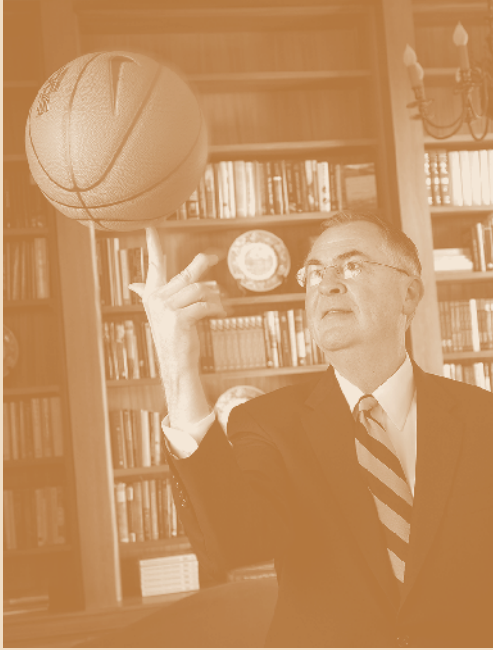
The first game was a tight match, but in the end, Hatch, a guard on his high school team, was smiling.

"Sometimes you forget he's one of the world's most renowned religious historians," Dunn said. "We'll take a break for water, and he'll start talking about something in the Vatican II accord."

Before muscles cooled down, the men returned to the hardwood. At 6-foot-2, Hatch can peek over most other players' heads. From there, he has a clear view of the court.

"He's a big man who can pass in ways that make his teammates better," said Provost Rogan Kersh ('86). "He gets you the ball in a position to succeed. He will pass up his shot to give someone else chances, but as you get to crunch time," Hatch is going to shoot.





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—Jim Dunn

And he's going to talk trash.

"The best two smack talkers on the court are Nathan and Dr. Michael Sloan (associate professor of classical languages)," Dunn said. "Nathan will smack talk while he's playing, and then while he's watching. When I first got there, I didn't foul the president, didn't steal the ball from the president, didn't block his shot. But he talks so much, sometimes you have to!"

"It's part of the fun," Hatch admitted, with a smile.

For the humility he exudes in his life, there are glimpses of his competitive side.

"Don't let him fool you. He's not that humble," Dunn said. "He's very competitive. If he loses two games in a row, he's like, 'We're going to play a third game.' "

And that means breakfast is a little later that Saturday.







### • EMPATHETIC LISTENING •

While the accomplishments reflect a bold and zealous attitude, Hatch didn't operate in a manner to overrun people. Besides building a team and letting the members run with their creativity, he employed his gift for deep listening in weighing decisions.

When negotiations about merging health systems hit a snag; when emotions were running high about the influence of the Power Five conferences in the NCAA's Division I,

which Hatch was leading at the time; when the Atlantic Coast Conference sought to welcome new members into the fold, Hatch went to his leadership arsenal and pulled out his most valuable weapon: his ability to listen.

He has driven hours to meet leaders at their homes to hear their honest opinion on a situation. He has gathered people around his kitchen table to find a solution to a complex issue. And he has picked up his phone hundreds of times to ask: "What do you think?"

"He's an instinctive listener," said University Trustee Jermyn Davis ('10). "Not only is he listening and hearing you, he's working out how to make things better."





**Left:** The Hatches join students for the Lighting of the Quad, a campus tradition that marks the beginning of the holiday season.  
**Right:** First-year students moving to campus in 2018 have the chance to chat with Hatch in a ball pit.

Davis recalled how in 2010, when former Wake Forest professor Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77) received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, he and Hatch traveled to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, road-tripping up and down the interstate together.

"That conversation," said Davis, then a Wake Forest Fellow, "we talked about growing up. We talked about our life progression. We talked about religion and faith and family. We had overlaps, but we were also very different. That conversation is something I will never forget." The times with Hatch and the fellowship program Hatch established to introduce new alumni to possible careers in higher education were catalysts for Davis' choice to work in higher education consulting.

In 2017, when American society was growing more and more polarized, Hatch launched Call to Conversation, which became a national movement where Wake Foresters gather for meals and simple, moderated conversations. He knew that people, institutions and communities could be more productive if they took the time to get to know one another.

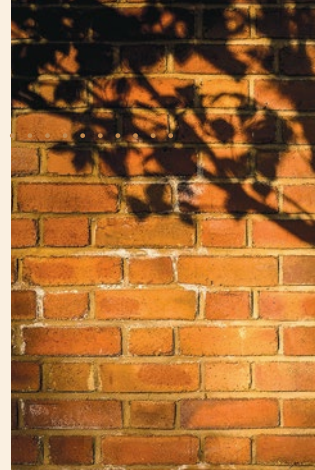
"I learned from my father that to enjoy an examined and fulfilled life," said Hatch, "it had to be taken seriously, and the people in our life had to be respected and honored — regardless of how we may align with their view."

His actions, especially with students, show his desire to know people — to respect and honor them. More than a few times, Hatch invited groups of students to enjoy a cup of coffee over good conversation. At the President's Home, the Hatches converted their garage into a cozy living room for students that hosted nearly 90 events a year — prior to the pandemic — including movie nights, game-watching parties and an occasional book club with the president. At move-in day in August 2018, Hatch sat in a ball pit to answer questions from incoming students.





In February 2020, Hatch joins Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson at the podium as community leaders mark the 60th anniversary of the Winston-Salem sit-in, led by students from both institutions, to protest segregated lunch counters in the city.







**“EVERY TIME SOMETHING COMES OUT THAT HAS A NATIONAL IMPACT, NATHAN HATCH WILL WRITE SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND HE TAKES A FIRM AND MORAL POSITION.”**

*—Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74, P '23)*

When members of the campus community felt forgotten, Hatch listened to their experiences, heard their concerns and tried to understand what it might be like to walk in their shoes. Many times, those conversations led to Hatch inviting others on campus to join him in taking action. He established three Presidential Commissions to address needs of the LGBTQ community, enrich all students' first-year experience and face issues related to race, equity and community — all of which have worked toward making Wake Forest a more welcoming place.

He listened and assessed Wake Forest's relationship with its past. On Feb. 20, 2020, during Founders' Day Convocation, Hatch unequivocally apologized, on behalf of the University, for how Wake Forest had participated in and benefited from the institution of slavery.

“We needed to do that,” Hatch said simply. “We just wanted to do it in the best way for our community.”

If a conversation wasn't possible, Hatch used his pen to address concerns in the community, nation and world.

“Every time something comes out that has a national impact, Nathan Hatch will write something about it, and he takes a firm and moral position,” shared Herman Eure

(Ph.D. '74, P '23), vice chair of the board of trustees and professor emeritus of biology. “That's consistent with what we should be doing with Pro Humanitate. He lives it, as far as I'm concerned. We don't always agree on everything, but he is a moral and honest person whose values are deeply entrenched in doing the right kinds of things. That to me is the epitome of what a college president should be doing at any university.”

Hatch sought to invigorate what he saw as “noblest in our heritage” when he supported the establishment of the Program for Leadership and Character in 2017. He told trustees that a commitment to character “is a chief expression of Wake Forest's soul. ... Character is not an abstract concept; it is the embodiment of our everyday life, expressed in small acts, nurtured in ordinary and extraordinary ways. It is being courageous and compassionate, generous and just. It is recognizing that honor is not simply about following a code, but treating others with fairness, dignity and respect. It is seeking excellence not only of mind, but of spirit. It is not only knowing what is good but nurturing the desire to do it.”

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# He saved Division I athletics from likely ‘implosion.’

**IN AUGUST 2012**, Nathan Hatch’s national peers tapped him to chair the NCAA Division I board of directors during a turbulent time for college athletics and its highest level division.

“We were in a free fall,” Kevin White, former Notre Dame athletic director and current athletic director at Duke University, said of Division I. “We were the most vulnerable in our history. The whole organization was ready to combust. It was a mess.”

On the line was whether the wealthier “Power Five” conferences — the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC, plus independent Notre Dame — would stay in the NCAA. These 65 schools had greater revenues — from television and bowl revenues and football and basketball attendance — and desired more freedom to direct their resources to athletes, but their departure would destabilize college athletics. Among Division I’s 345 schools at

the time, all schools had an equal vote in rulemaking, which meant non-Power Five schools could control the agenda. The back-drop included growing criticism of college sports, congressional scrutiny and lawsuits. Finding an answer to keep the Power Five in the NCAA while accounting for the needs of smaller conferences would require patience, diplomacy and the wisdom of Solomon.

“He was chair of the NCAA probably in as volatile a time as we have experienced,” said Ron Wellman (P ’98, ’01), retired Wake Forest athletics director. “The issue was in the queue before he became chair. He knew what he was getting into, and he knew he could provide the leadership that was critical at that particular time.”

The multiyear process produced numerous hearings to gather opinions and perspectives. At one meeting, 25 groups presented their views to the board of directors. At another meeting, an audience of 800 offered individual opinions. At the spring 2015 meeting led by Hatch, 300 athletic directors filled the room to discuss the resolutions.

“He maneuvered his way through very impressively,” recalled Wellman. “He was inclusive, deferred to others at the right time, and stepped in and made strong statements at the right time.”

In the end, the Power Five conferences stayed in the NCAA; a new governance model for Division I allowed them a sub-structure for making rules in specific areas autonomously. For example, the group’s final report said the Power Five could determine



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Hatch with Ron Wellman (P '98, '01), retired athletics director.

rules to allow their student-athletes to receive stipends beyond their scholarships for such things as transportation and academic-related supplies. The Power Five could decide to improve health insurance benefits, increase student-athletes' time off and offer more opportunities for student-athletes to make decisions "in a fair and fully informed manner" about going pro. The new governance system for the Power Five gave student-athletes a bigger voice, with three student-athletes from each conference serving as representatives to vote on rulemaking. The autonomy did not extend to all areas of Division I rulemaking and governance, however, such as minimum academic standards, recruitment and the administration of championships.

"He took us through our most dramatic, historical market correction," White said.

"If there was success," Hatch said, "it had to do with the committee getting to know one another and trust one another. If there was one lesson I learned, it is that often in conflictive situations, you win by losing or by being open to change."

Throughout the process, Hatch worked to keep the student-athlete at the forefront of the conversation. It's a perspective Hatch

"never loses," said John Swofford, recently retired commissioner of the ACC. "In today's world of big dollars and commercialism, that can very easily happen. He won't allow that to happen; that's one of the reasons people have so much confidence in him."

Perhaps predictably, not everyone was happy with the outcomes, but Hatch was praised for his leadership in the midst of a complicated situation.

"He is highly respected from a national standpoint," said Swofford. "He doesn't let his ego get in the way of the endpoint. It's not about Nathan; it's about what's right."

"It was a case study to watch Nathan via his unique, well-seasoned, almost pastoral leadership, reinvent the entire NCAA," said Duke's White. "It's amazing what he accomplished."

"You almost can't overstate his role," said Mark Emmert (P '01), president of the NCAA. "Nathan was, in many ways, the perfect person for the task, and maybe, the indispensable person on the board right then. It was an incredibly important moment that required an extremely talented, deft hand in dealing with challenges that literally probably saved Division I from implosion."



Hatch has overseen the graduation of a third of the graduates in Wake Forest history.

## • BELIEVING IN EDUCATION • AS A PATHWAY

Hatch's investment in people went beyond the personal connections and focused on their potential. As a student who relied on scholarship aid to attend college, Hatch knows the profound gift of someone believing in you before you've even started proving yourself. He paired his vision with the resources of fellow scholarship student Porter B. Byrum (JD '42); the two made a massive investment in student aid, opening Wake Forest to hundreds upon hundreds of students. (Byrum died in 2017, having given \$120 million to Wake Forest in his lifetime. He considered attending Wake Forest as the transformational event of his life and remained Hatch's close friend to the end.)

Furthering his goal to give new opportunities to students with financial need, in 2009 Hatch launched the Magnolia Scholars program. It offered not just financial assistance but counseling, academic support and study-abroad opportunities for first-generation college students. Today they number 120 enrolled each year.

"Nathan's a great believer in the importance of making education accessible to all people," said former fellow provost, friend and 66th U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. "He has really solid beliefs in academic integrity and the importance of education as a way to bring people up."

In October 2020, Hatch announced his retirement, harking back to personal and institutional ideals he invoked during his inaugural speech. "These years have been the opportunity of a lifetime, a great gift," he said. "It's been a joy to deepen Wake Forest's mission, to expand its reach and enhance its reputation as a collegiate university."

"In many ways, Nathan Hatch embodies what Wake Forest is — in the very best sense of the word," said Don Flow (MBA '83), former chair of the board of trustees.

Hatch wrote a few years ago of Wake Forest "when we live up to the aspirations of our own heightened vision, that is when we will truly be a place that stands out. In this distinct way, I trust Wake Forest will be a 'resident alien' in the realm of higher education — a community of learning and care so distinct, so extraordinary, so attractive that, in the words of our former professor Maya Angelou, 'the world won't be able to take its eyes off of us.'"

In the last 16 years, Wake Forest has solidified its identity as a leader in American higher education with its ever-heightening aspirations, and behind those accomplishments is Nathan Hatch — a man of deep character who spent a lifetime studying history and now leaves behind a legacy of making it.







# H I G H L I G H T S

## O F T H E H A T C H Y E A R S

### • 2005 •

Nathan O. Hatch becomes **Wake Forest's 13th president** on July 1, with official inauguration Oct. 20 in Wait Chapel.

### • 2006 •

Hatch announces a **strategic planning process** to "build upon existing strengths and identify areas where we need to improve."

**Voices of Our Time** speaker series begins.

Plans are announced to raise \$10 million for a **Presidential Trust for Faculty Excellence**.

**Entrepreneurship and social enterprise minor** is added, one of 10 minors and eight majors created during the Hatch administration.

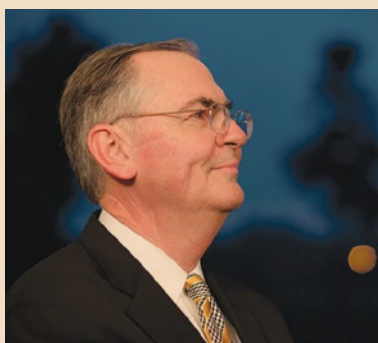
### • 2007 •

Wake Forest begins programs in Washington, D.C., through **The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**.

### • 2008 •

**Test-optional policy** for applicants takes effect as Wake Forest becomes the first top-30 national university not to require SAT or ACT exams.

**Deacon Tower (later renamed McCreary Tower)** opens, the first of an array of new athletics facilities,



including McCreary Field House, Sutton Sports Performance Center and Shah Basketball Complex.

Hatch unveils a **strategic plan** to build on Wake Forest's strengths as a "collegiate university" to become "an extraordinary place in American higher education."

### • 2009 •

The undergraduate Calloway School of Business and Accountancy and the Babcock Graduate School of Management combine to become the **Wake Forest School of Business**.

A redesign of career services births the **Office of Personal and Career Development**, which becomes a top college-to-career program.

**Magnolia Scholars** program begins for first-generation college students.

### • 2010 •

**The Character Project** is created to research character and how to include it in curricula.

**South Residence Hall**, the first LEED-certified building with environmental benefits on the Reynolda Campus, opens.

**The Humanities Institute** launches.

### • 2011 •

**Porter B. Byrum Welcome Center** opens.

A requirement that **undergraduates live on campus their first three years** takes effect.

### • 2012 •

**Wake Forest Biotech Place** opens downtown.

The graduate business education program, in Charlotte since 1995, opens **Wake Forest University Charlotte Center** at 200 N. College St.

The **Interdisciplinary Performance and the Liberal Arts Center (IPLACe)** is created. It's now the Interdisciplinary Arts Center.







**Faces of Courage** celebrates 50 years of integration with a yearlong series of events to commemorate and honor those who contributed to a diverse Wake Forest.

Hatch becomes **chair of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors** during a tumultuous time.

## • 2013 •

**"Wake Will: The Campaign for Wake Forest"** kicks off with a \$600 million goal for scholarships, faculty support and new and improved facilities.

**Farrell Hall** opens to house the School of Business.

**Dogwood and Magnolia residence halls** open.

The first **Presidential Endowed Chair**, recognizing faculty who represent the teacher-scholar ideal, goes to historian **Michele Gillespie**, now dean of the College. (Nine more presidential chairs were added in the Hatch years.)

## • 2014 •

**Thrive**, a comprehensive wellbeing initiative, launches to inspire students' emotional, spiritual, physical and social wellbeing.

Hatch is inducted into the prestigious **American Academy of Arts & Sciences**.

## • 2015 •

A **Summer Immersion Program** opens for high school students.

## • 2016 •

The **School of Medicine** moves its medical education programs into **Innovation Quarter** in downtown Winston-Salem.

Buoyed by momentum, Wake Will becomes **Wake Will Lead**, extending the capital campaign goal to \$1 billion by 2020.

## • 2017 •

Wake Forest joins the **Universities Studying Slavery consortium**.

**Wake Downtown** in Innovation Quarter offers new undergraduate programs in biomedical sciences and engineering.

The **Program for Leadership and Character** begins.

The **Wake Washington Center** at One Dupont Circle, home to a "study abroad" program in the nation's capital, celebrates its grand opening.

Hatch begins **Call to Conversation** dinners, which launch nationally a year later.

A **study-abroad** program for first-year students opens in **Copenhagen**.

Wake Forest receives \$70 million for scholarships from the late **Porter Byrum (JD '42)**, the largest gift in the University's history.

The new **residence hall** honoring **Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77)** is dedicated.

## • 2018 •

Reynolda Cabinet expands to include the **chief diversity officer**.

The three-year project to transform the 1950s **Reynolds Gym** into a **health and wellbeing center** is complete.

## • 2019 •

Hatch forms the **President's Commission on Race, Equity and Community** to illuminate University history.

A study shows the University ranks **fourth** among U.S. doctoral colleges and universities in **percentage of students studying abroad**.

## • 2020 •

**Wake Will Lead** campaign exceeds its **\$1 billion goal**, having created more than 50 endowed professorships, funded renovations and new buildings, provided scholarship dollars to 1 in 5 undergraduates, lowered student debt by 30% and added nearly \$400 million to the endowment.

Hatch, on behalf of the University, apologizes "for participating in and benefitting from the institution of slavery ... and for the exploitation and use of enslaved people." The University's **Slavery, Race and Memory Project** publishes essays about Wake Forest ties to slavery.

Hatch, trustees and the campus community mobilize to deal with extraordinary challenges of the **COVID-19 pandemic** to ensure a safe return for the 2020-21 academic year.

**Atrium Health and Wake Forest Baptist Health**, including the School of Medicine, merge as Atrium Health and announce plans to add a **medical school campus in Charlotte**.

Trustees approve a new **School of Professional Studies in Charlotte**.



## • 2021 •

An anonymous \$1 million gift creates the **Dr. Dolly A. McPherson Fund for African American Studies** to help establish the new major and minor.

Hatch receives the **Order of the Long Leaf Pine**, North Carolina's highest civilian service award.









# Nathan Hatch & Me

**Wake Forest Magazine  
asked friends and  
colleagues of the president  
to talk about behind-the-  
scenes observations of his  
leadership in action and  
his impact on their lives.**

**Illustrations by  
Ileana Soon**

\*Interviews, conducted by Maria Henson ('82),  
Kerry M. King ('85) and Carol L. Hanner,  
were edited and condensed for clarity.

# Mit Shah '91

**“If you think about Nathan’s ethos, regardless of all the meaningful things that we have done at Wake Forest, he cultivated a culture that always reminded us to remain constant and true to ourselves.”**

## **WHEN DR. HATCH ARRIVED AT WAKE**

Forest in 2005 with his wife, Julie, it was my first year as a trustee, and it was his first time as a university president. At Wake Forest, we are all deeply connected by our mission to inspire our students to be what they could become and to lead lives that matter. In Nathan’s own way, that’s precisely what happened on his journey. His evolution was due in large part to his intentionality of never wanting to be the smartest person in the room. Instead, he built a strong circle of diverse thinkers and purposeful stewards whose passion, perspectives and ideas together led to the smartest room.

Learning from the depth and breadth of others’ experiences and their ability to discern, strategize and execute is how Nathan cultivated his own knowledge and advanced his personal style of leadership.

During Nathan’s tenure, each of our trustee board chairs brought immense professional expertise in higher education, health care, business, law and governance. Nathan worked intently with each of them, our board, his cabinet and the broader Wake Forest community to foster his personal, professional and intellectual discovery. We have all been witness to how these experiences, combined with his incredible deepness of humanity, helped him evolve into an enormously transformational leader.

When history writes its book on Nathan, it’s a Wake Forest story in many ways, which is, “You will arrive here full of excitement, enthusiasm and conviction, and you will grow and develop by learning from others and embracing what this place is.” Now you think back

to early last year, and while his retirement wasn’t publicly announced, Dr. Hatch would begin his final and perhaps most important chapter of his revered tenure. But for him, there was still a significant priority to accomplish at a time of intense importance to our University and to our society — Wake Forest’s apology for participating in and benefiting from the institution of slavery.

There were people who said, “I don’t understand the apology. It’s nothing that Dr. Hatch did. It’s nothing that we did in our lifetimes.” But if you think about Nathan’s ethos, regardless of all the meaningful things that we have done at Wake Forest, he cultivated a culture that always reminded us to remain constant and true to ourselves. We say the words, Pro Humanitate. It’s not a statement of convenience. It is how we must lead our lives — so that they truly matter.

This is the story of Dr. Nathan O. Hatch. A servant leader who arrived in Winston Salem full of profound goodness, genuinely wanting to make a difference in this world, possessing the self-awareness and fortitude to surround himself with powerful catalysts, never wavering in doing what was right. Generations of Wake Foresters will bask in the glorious shade of the tree that Nathan and Julie have devotedly planted.

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**Mit Shah ('91) is the CEO of Noble Investment Group and a member of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.**



# Rebecca Alexander P'22

**I'M SURE OTHERS WILL TALK ABOUT** the Slavery, Race and Memory Project, so I will talk about Wake Downtown. He was aware that the medical school was moving from the hospital to these newly renovated spaces (in former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. buildings) and that an opportunity presented itself for the undergraduate campus and all the

campus to have some presence downtown. He demonstrated his leadership in recognizing that opportunity and acting on it very quickly and decisively while still allowing faculty, encouraging faculty to present and propose programs rather than saying, "This is what we will do in this space." He invited collaboration. So that's the big picture.



Leadership is not just big-picture vision, but digging in and tackling some of the challenges. We would have monthly meetings with (top administrators.) Sometimes it was high level, and sometimes it was debating the sign that was going to go on the top of the building. How does it represent everything that was happening here and is there a flashy name? Is there a logo? How do we make sure that this space is branded? In the end, it just says Wake Forest. Getting down to that level of nitty gritty. The leadership is in what's this going to look like 10 years from now, not just today? How do we mark the moment in a way that is lasting?

(I appreciated) his generosity of allowing people to lead, providing opportunities like the opportunity that he gave me to lead in the Wake Downtown planning. He's definitely not a micro-manager. He's a gracious motivator. He motivates people to give their best, even if the ways that they lead and give their best are different than his. What makes (Wake Forest) a great place is that we have lots of different styles and personalities and ways of leading. He allows other people to shine. He doesn't feel the need to take the limelight. He enables them, seeks out funding for them and connects people but doesn't take the credit for things as much as he probably could. That's the beauty of a quiet leader who enables and empowers others.

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Rebecca Alexander (P'22) is associate dean for research and community engagement, director of Wake Downtown and a chemistry professor who holds the Robert P. and Debra Lee Faculty Fellowship and the F.M. Kirby Family Faculty Fellowship. Wake Downtown is the University's undergraduate presence with new engineering, biochemistry and other programs approved in 2017. They occupy a building in the research and business Innovation Quarter, next to the medical school's building for its medical education programs.

# Jonathan L. Walton D.D. '15

**I'VE KNOWN NATHAN HATCH MY** whole professional career, whether he knew me or not, because I was introduced to him in graduate school in an American religious history course and that classic text (by Hatch) “The Democratization of American Christianity.” It helped shape our understanding of American history and the ways that religion and democracy and politics have always been intertwined, shaping and informing the other. In every class that I’ve ever taught in American religion, there’s some sort of reference if not assignment to Dr. Hatch’s “The Democratization of American Christianity.”

When I finally had the chance to meet him face to face, I let him know that I guess we had been kind of BFFs in my imagination for about 20 years. He’s had this kind of intellectual impact. I think that pales in comparison to who he is as a human being. If he’s a great scholar, he’s a much better person.

When I think of Nathan and Julie, I think of a level of kindness. I think of a level of tenderness, that they understand people as whole, complicated human beings that live within communities of personal relations. That may be the historian in him. I can tell this story about when he was recruiting me to Wake Forest. One of the things that Cecily,

my wife, and I were so impressed by and appreciative of was when we sat down for dinner with Nathan and Julie, the conversation was not about the greatness and the opportunities at Wake Forest for me as a scholar. It was not about salary or income or professional aspirations. It wasn’t about the immense possibility that the divinity school could and does afford. It was about our life together as a family. My wife and I. Our children. Our daughter’s love for science, her twin brother’s love for the theater. The little guy’s love for sports. We spent two hours at dinner talking about their passions, the ways those passions might be realized in the state of North Carolina in general and in Winston-Salem in particular.

And so, Cecily and I walked away knowing that they were invested in us as

a family. ... They live into, “This is who we are as a community — that we move and go together.” That’s why I wanted to be at Wake Forest.

I think there is something about Wake Forest that allowed Nathan and Julie Hatch to thrive here. And in the process, they were able to accentuate ingredients that were already in the recipe of Wake Forest as it relates to building scaffolding of innovation without losing interpersonal tenderness.

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Jonathan L. Walton (D.D. '15) is dean of the School of Divinity, Presidential Chair of Religion and Society and dean of Wait Chapel. He left Harvard University to join Wake Forest in 2019.





**“Each president of Wake Forest has been called upon to understand the soul of the University, interpret it for the times, lead in the expression of it and preserve it for future generations.”**

**AT FOUNDER’S DAY, ON FEB. 6, 1992,**  
Provost Edwin G. Wilson (’43, P ’91, ’93)  
gave a speech in Wait Chapel to a  
capacity crowd who had come to hear  
his wisdom about Wake Forest. In that  
speech he expressed a hope that “as  
Wake Forest University grows in wealth,

prestige and success — as it,  
so to speak, ‘gains the whole  
world’ — it will not ‘lose [its]  
own soul.’”

During his 16 years at  
Wake Forest, President  
Nathan Hatch has ensured  
that Wake Forest has kept its  
“soul.” At a 2019 meeting of  
the University Board of Trust-  
ees, President Hatch delivered  
an address entitled “The Soul  
of Wake Forest.”

“What is our soul?” he  
asked. “It is our animating  
force, what gives us life, what

joins us together in a common vision,  
deeply felt and jointly held. It is our  
common possession and our common  
life. It is our way of being, the source  
of our deepest values, the fabric of our  
shared humanity.”

Echoing the words of Provost Wilson,  
Ralph Waldo Emerson and Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr., he went on to suggest  
that “the soul of Wake Forest lies in its

inherent commitment to both intellect  
and character, and ... that investing  
more deeply in marrying these core  
elements is both our calling and our  
opportunity in these times. ... By setting  
a North Star of intellect and character,  
we are, at the same time, faithful to our  
heritage and powerfully relevant in con-  
temporary society.”

Each president of Wake Forest has  
been called upon to understand the soul  
of the University, interpret it for the  
times, lead in the expression of it and  
preserve it for future generations. In his  
words and deeds, President Hatch has  
revealed the intensity of his focus on,  
and the depth of his understanding of,  
the soul of Wake Forest — and his com-  
mitment to a vision for the University  
that is true to its soul. He has informed  
and enlarged our understanding of our  
unifying motto, Pro Humanitate, which  
signifies the soul of Wake Forest, and he  
has done so in difficult times.

I am grateful to President Hatch for  
his indispensable leadership in preserving  
and interpreting the soul of Wake Forest.

**Reid  
Morgan** ’75, JD ’79,  
P ’13, ’14, ’19

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Reid Morgan (’75, JD ’79, P ’13, ’14, ’19) is the  
University’s senior vice president and general  
counsel. He’s worked with three Wake Forest pres-  
idents — James Ralph Scales, Thomas K. Hearn Jr.  
and Nathan O. Hatch — dating back to 1979.

**“He has loved us all by reminding us that it is what we give, not what we acquire, that creates lives of meaning and joy.”**

#### **THERE IS MUCH ABOUT PRESIDENT**

Hatch’s leadership that is moving and inspiring to me. We need more leaders who embody the qualities he embodies. Being president of a university is not a job. It’s your life. (I know he could not have been the extraordinary president he’s been if Mrs. Hatch wasn’t also deeply called and committed to Wake Forest. We owe her a debt of gratitude.)

As for the qualities I admire in him, not just the qualities, but the commitments ... let’s start with Pro Humanitate. That’s been Wake Forest’s motto from the beginning, but he made it come alive because of his leadership and commitment to it. He knows from his own experience that it is in giving our lives that we find life. By emphasizing this for students and alumni he has given us a loving gift. He has loved us all by reminding us that it is what we give, not what we acquire, that creates lives of meaning and joy.

Here at Recovery Café we often quote the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr who said, “What does not get transformed gets transmitted.” We know what we can’t face will never get transformed,

but will get transmitted to the next generation and the next. Dr. Hatch led Wake Forest in facing its reprehensible past participation in the enslavement of human beings. I am deeply moved by that commitment which makes ongoing transformation possible.

Another commitment that resonates deeply with me is his commitment to the Call to Conversation program. At the heart of Recovery Café is the truth that we all need to be deeply known and loved and that real relationships that cross racial, religious, socioeconomic and political barriers are what change us and ultimately change our world. I can’t think of anything more needed in our nation right now than relationships that change us and heal the divides.

But more important than all the things he did, the most important gift President Hatch gave us was the gift of his “being.” He lives and leads from a very deep place. His “being,” not just his doing, calls individuals and communities to their truest selves.

# Killian Noe ’80, D.D. ’17

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Killian Noe (’80, D.D. ’17) is the co-founder of Recovery Café in Seattle, a model for those suffering from homelessness, addiction and other mental health challenges, that has spread to 24 other cities in the United States and Canada. She received Wake Forest’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015.



# Jermyn Davis '10

## I REMEMBER AS STUDENT BODY

president my junior year talking to him about student life. At the time, parties were off campus, and I told him, “We really need to figure out what we can do to get social student life back to campus.” And I remember him saying to me, “I

**“I remember (us) saying, ‘Dr. Hatch is definitely not going to go for this, and the provost, she is not going to go for this, either.’”**

want to work with you to get this done.” It impacted my life personally; it’s a story to say, “If you are committed to something, you just get it done.” It just meant so much because we increased funding for students to have social gatherings on campus and really brought social events back to the Quad.

My senior year, I was student trustee, and the student body president at the time was my best friend — she still is — and we thought it’d be a really cool idea to get Dr. Hatch and the then-provost to do a rap (for a charity event). I remember (us) saying, “Dr. Hatch is definitely not going to go for this, and the provost, she is not going to go for this, either.”

So we set up meetings at the exact same time. And we said to him, “Provost (Jill) Tiefenthaler has agreed to do the rap, if you agree to do it.” And we told her, “He has agreed to do the rap, if you agree to do them.” And they both did, not realizing until several weeks later they both had been conned. It’s probably a bad idea to say that out loud. (This

was) something that he probably didn’t want to do but also realized it was for charity, to get people excited about it, so, sometimes you step outside of your comfort zone, especially as a leader, to do those things.

What I love about Dr. Hatch is that he sees talent. I was going to go to Deloitte after graduation, and he said, “I really want you to be in my office (as a Wake Forest Fellow).” And I was, “I don’t want to do this. I don’t think your office will have all the things that I’m trying to grow.” And he (says), “We’ll make this the experience that you want to have.” I learned that when you find a person that’s really talented, you say, “How can I make the job fit them?” I have now tried to say, “Who are the most talented people? How can I surround myself with them?”

I would not have been in higher education at all — *at all* — if he hadn’t gotten me into that Fellows year. In the way that Nathan approaches leadership, it made me realize higher education is such a dynamic industry.

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# Provost Rogan Kersh '86

**“He sees who performs in what ways the best. He puts them in a place and on a team where ... we each can sing our part and have it merge seamlessly with the whole.”**

**AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR WONDERFUL** president is a low-key — you might say limelight-shunning — individual who is wonderfully steady and even-keeled. When a crisis is its worst, we can look to him for a kind of calm support, and when things are great, he keeps us grounded. However, this gently reserved man has one moment when he loves to shine. Nathan Hatch is a frustrated orchestra conductor.

I figured that out once a year, where he hosts folks from campus and his beloved First Presbyterian Church and other friends for a rousing Christmas carol-singing session in his capacious president's house living room. Imagine as many as 50 people packed in, some on the couches and chairs, some standing, and Nathan takes the position right by the piano, which is our accompaniment. In recent years, you've also had a violin.

Nathan organizes the group, will occasionally conduct us, queues the piano, calls out the next carol, and — in this wonderful basso profundo that

I don't think many of us have heard him sing unless you're standing next to him for the alma mater or the fight song — sings out these carols in most marvelous ways.

I had been here five months and was delighted to get invited to a carol party and thought we might be going door to door, but no, it was a Nathan Hatch command performance. And he loved being out front, making sure that all us





tenors merged with the altos, and the sopranos came in when they should.

When I think of how Nathan leads, more broadly, it's more this same, perhaps not orchestra, but choir conductor metaphor. He organizes us as a whole; he sends the invitations; he knows who's going to be there for, literally, the caroling session, but figuratively, he draws the talent here.

He sees who performs in what ways the best. He puts them in a place and

on a team where they can be their most effective, where we each can sing our part and have it merge seamlessly with the whole. It is a kind of literal genius. Most anybody can get up and give a speech, issue a directive, write a memo or have an edict come forth, but he is constantly aware of how the whole choir is working together and what parts we need — "We haven't had a counter-tenor for years here at Wake; I know just the one to go get."

He organizes and carries out the execution of the finest choir (of which) I've ever had the honor to be a part.

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Rogan Kersh ('86) has been provost and a professor of political science at Wake Forest since 2012. He previously was an associate dean and professor at New York University and a professor at Syracuse University.

# Herman Eure

Ph.D. '74, P '23

*Eure was impressed with Hatch's response to recent racial issues, including offering an apology at the 2020 Founders' Day Convocation for the University's exploitation and use of enslaved people. "I trust Nathan Hatch to do the right thing," Eure says. He advised Hatch and talked with students during 2019 protests over racial incidents on campus and offensive content found in a historical review of The Howler prompted by similar findings at other universities. The review found lynching references, racial slurs, students in black-face and Confederate symbols, including photos of a few current administrators posing in front of a Confederate flag at the Kappa Alpha fraternity in the 1980s when they were students.*

## **WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT THESE**

kids are concerned about is that it seems that we study these things, and there are no actions on these conclusions or recommendations. The students came

prepared with written statements, and I was proud of them. After it was over, I told them that I wanted to speak with the students by myself. And I said, "Dr. Hatch is a historian. They study everything; they're meticulous about getting the facts straight, and then they do their writing or talking. So, don't take him being slow as not wanting to react. He's going to look at it, assess it and make a decision."

I said, "Believe me, when he comes to a conclusion about what he thinks is right or wrong and moral, that's one of his key values — morality. If he tells you he's going to do something, then you can take it to the bank. He's true to his word."

He and I have not always agreed on everything, but he was willing to tell me why he thinks this is better than that, and I have to respect that. His leadership came in the fact that some of the demands were met. One of them was they had no place that they call theirs. Within two weeks, (the Black Student Alliance) had a lounge because he said that night that we will look into this, and if we can do it, we will do it.

The thing that impressed me with those students was that he listened to them. But more importantly, he heard them and felt their pain and their anguish that "How long are we going to have to take this kind of thing?" It takes the rare person to hear what someone is really saying, which means they're internalizing it and then acting on it from a moral perspective.

(On the slavery apology) he is the only president deciding this is a part of Wake Forest history. No one forced him into doing it. He did it on his own. That, to me, is leadership. (He) was willing to say, "We need to acknowledge this, and we need to figure out how we're going to change this situation" — with the commitment to the Slavery, Race and Memory Project.

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Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74, P '23) is a trustee and a retired biology professor, department chair and associate dean. He was the University's first Black full-time graduate student, first Black doctoral recipient on the Reynolda Campus and first Black full-time faculty member. He initiated the Office of Minority Affairs (now the Intercultural Center) in 1978. He received the Medallion of Merit in 2017.





# Michele Gillespie

**“His penchant for innovation is always steeped in those values that speak to what it means to be human and that are embedded in a liberal arts education.”**

## **NATHAN CARES DEEPLY ABOUT**

character. For Nathan, everything starts with what it means to be good and do good in the world. So when it comes to higher education, he firmly believes that you can't just teach young people a set of skills that will give them a career and money, and be happy with that.

Instead, we must help all our young people learn how to be critical thinkers who are ethical, principled and compassionate. To that end, because our world has grown so complex and the problems we face so immense, we have never needed the humanities more given their formative role in shaping character. (Nathan has) signaled to everyone that we are a liberal arts

university first and foremost, that the humanities are at the core of our distinctive Wake Forest education.

Nathan has been extraordinarily innovative. He understood the significance of creating the Office of Personal and Career Development long before other institutions had even begun to rethink career development. He understands the significance of putting a School of Professional Studies in Charlotte because of the big market there. He understands how the Atrium Health and Wake Forest Baptist Health partnership ensures that the medical center remains strong for generations to come. Those are cutting edge, imaginative, 21st-century pursuits.

But his penchant for innovation is always steeped in those values that speak to what it means to be human and that are embedded in a liberal arts education. All his decisions are rooted in this very important place. Perhaps nowhere has this been more evident than in his demonstration of character — and courage — in leading the institution to bring students back to campus last fall at a time when many schools went wholly online.

He said, “We have to figure out ... how to keep everyone healthy and safe, but we are in the business of educating our students and educating the whole student” and that meant having students return to campus, and he was right.

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Michele Gillespie is Dean of the College and the Presidential Endowed Professor of Southern History. Since joining the faculty in 1999, she has also served as associate provost for academic initiatives from 2007 to 2010.

# Jim O'Connell '13

## I SPENT THE YEAR AFTER GRADUATING

as a Fellow in the Office of the President. During that time, Dr. Hatch was generous enough to meet every two weeks to discuss career aspirations and planning. But deeper than offering career advice, he took the time to get to know me by asking deep questions about talent and service and vocation.

At one point he suggested we read Jim Collins' "Good to Great" to see what we could both learn. It opened my mind to an interesting pattern amongst effective leaders: that oftentimes the best leaders

are deeply humble personally but bold and energetic on behalf of his or her institution.

I realized midway through the book that I was sitting across from someone (Dr.

Hatch) who perfectly embodies Collins' description. And shortly after completing the book, when it came time to write my Rhodes Scholarship essay, I talked about having had great role models in my life. As you might imagine, I had Dr. Hatch in mind.

**"Dr. Hatch has shown that sometimes it's more about the heart than the mind."**

Dr. Hatch brings out people's best through his authenticity, creativity and steadiness. Our shared friendship with Michael Lamb (executive director of the Program for Leadership and Character) is a testament to this. Michael likely would have landed somewhere else were it not for Dr. Hatch's vision and commitment.

Both Michael and Dr. Hatch view leadership and character through a relational lens. It's about the team you build. It's about the missions you rally people around. It's about building consensus, collaborating, tapping the brightest minds. And yet — at risk of sounding overly poetic — Dr. Hatch has shown that sometimes it's more about the heart than the mind. You need both, but you have to bring your full heart to everything you do. That, above all else, is the best lesson Dr. Hatch taught me.

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Jim O'Connell ('13) is a member of the board of trustees and president of Vinik Family Office in Tampa, Florida. As an undergraduate, he was a student trustee and co-chair of the Honor and Ethics Council. After graduating, he was a Wake Forest Fellow in the President's office. As a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, he met Michael Lamb and introduced him to Hatch. Lamb was hired in 2016 and began the Program for Leadership and Character. O'Connell splits time between Tampa and New York City.





# Mary Pugel

**I THOUGHT ABOUT “WHAT HAS BEEN** his impact on my life?” One is more personal. I’ll never forget this. When my father died almost two years ago now, the Hatches interrupted their spring break and flew to Seattle for his funeral. I will never forget that, nor will my family. An action like that will always be part of why this long friendship that I have had with Nathan and Julie will always remain so special. It illustrates something that’s very, very important.

I thought about what I learned from working with Nathan. One is holding always to the highest personal and professional standards. It’s not always easy, but one thing I’ve learned is don’t take shortcuts. Put in the effort. If a goal is worthy of your attention and worthy of accomplishing, it’s worthy of your effort.

With Nathan Hatch — I think anyone who gets to know him well discovers this quickly — the same person shows up every time. There are not several Nathan Hatches. He is the same person regardless of the audience, regardless of the event. To have the same person show up every day in the office is a huge gift, and I know that’s not always the case in all work environments.

He talks about it a lot: At the end of the day, put your trust in people rather than plans or strategies. You can have the most beautifully thought-out plans and strategies, but if you don’t have the right people, you risk failure big time. Look for the best people. Trust them to

do the work that you hired them to do. Don’t sweat the small stuff. ... If you put your effort into finding the best people, let them do their job, and rarely will they disappoint you. At the end of the day, what do you trust — the plan or the people? Trust the people.

Finally, you don’t have to be the loudest voice in the room to be effective. As people have come to know Nathan over time, I think people came to appreciate and rely on that and understand that — strength comes from being who you are, that you are not trying to pretend that you’re someone else.

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Mary Pugel has served as Nathan Hatch’s chief of staff at Wake Forest since his arrival in 2005. She had a similar role, starting in 1997, when Hatch was provost at the University of Notre Dame. She has known Julie Hatch all her life. Pugel’s family and Julie Hatch’s family share a friendship that goes back generations and to Priest Lake in Idaho, where the families have had cabins in the woods across the creek from each other.

# Leadership Behind the Scenes

*We asked three University trustees who served as board chairs during the recent capital campaign about their insights. The question: “During your time serving as board chair, you saw Nathan Hatch behind the scenes having to make important, sometimes difficult decisions. Tell us about a time that revealed his character and your regard for him.”*

## **NATHAN HATCH IS ONE OF THE**

finest leaders I have ever met. It is truly one of life’s blessings to have been able to work with him and to continue to work with him. I am so glad that he and Julie are not going anywhere and that they will continue to be part of the fabric of Wake Forest.

There are lots of stories to tell which reflect Dr. Hatch’s character — stories of many types. He loves Wake Forest and puts it first in all that he does. But sometimes, loving Wake Forest means defending her. Dr. Hatch certainly is

slow to anger. He has had many reasons which would provoke anger from the average man but not Dr. Hatch. There was one time, however, where it was not so much what he said as how he looked.

When he learned that individuals involved with other institutions had been stealing football plays from Wake Forest in what is now known as Wakey-

Leaks, he was ready to put on his armor and get on his horse as the veins popped out of his neck.

He also has a deep conviction to do what is right. He called me last year and said, “Gerald, we just cannot wait any longer. Now is the time for Wake Forest to apologize for its role in slavery. It is the right thing to do, and I want to do it now at the Founders’ Day Convocation.” We had a board meeting scheduled soon, but he wanted my support that he could proceed with the apology and do it now. He had deliberated; he had listened; and he was convinced that now was the time, and he was ready to proceed. Of course, the board, being led by his example, followed at its next meeting to make it our own apology.

Another story reminds me how the Greatest Generation made decisions in times of crisis. During the early months of COVID-19, Dr. Hatch made many decisions affecting the lives of others while information was incomplete, yet decisions had to be made. All the while, he inspired the internal COVID working team and the special COVID committee of the board with historical examples, words of perspective and encouragement that acknowledged not only the COVID times, but the times of racial injustice, the need for discourse and not discord. He wrote on March 17, 2020, “We need to be sure that the stress of this crisis bends us toward each other. ... We must find ways to take seriously those least supported in weathering the storm.” He wrote with conviction that this is the time for Wake Forest to shine as an example of character and leadership in our society today.

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**Gerald Roach (’80, JD ’82, P ’09, ’12)** of Raleigh is serving as chair from 2018 to June 30. He led the presidential search committee, which selected Susan Wentz to succeed Nathan Hatch. He is firm chair of Smith Anderson, the largest law firm based in Research Triangle Park, where he specializes in mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and corporate governance.



## OVER 16 YEARS I HAVE FOUND A

consistent set of character attributes that infused all of Nathan's work and his life: First, Nathan is utterly trustworthy and a person of great integrity. He keeps his promises and never seeks his advantage over another person or the community. He deeply believes that leadership does not confer privilege, but instead, requires fully embracing responsibility. Those who encounter Nathan also know that he is committed to their flourishing.

Secondly, Nathan is intellectually curious and interested in a wide range of ideas and subjects. He loves to learn from other people — from sports to politics, from religion to history, from economics to foreign policy, from art to medicine.

Thirdly, Nathan is very self-aware. He knows where his strengths lie, and he is comfortable seeking the assistance of people who have expertise outside his domain. This combination of confidence and humility and the openness to others' strengths allows him to build a deep esprit de corps among his team.

Fourthly, Nathan is an "ideas-in-action" person. He likes to get things done! He is patient with people but impatient with bureaucracy that gets bogged down in endless reviews. His questions: What is the problem or opportunity? Who are the best people to review this and give input? What do they recommend that we do? Who is going to lead this effort?

Lastly, Nathan's character is marked by gratitude for the extraordinary life, family, friends and institutions that have shaped him. When we think of his leadership at Wake Forest, the one phrase that is repeated is: "Well done!"

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**Don Flow (MBA '83)** chaired the board 2012-2015 and the University's \$1 billion capital campaign. He is chairman and chief executive officer of Flow Automotive Companies in Winston-Salem.

## NATHAN HATCH IS AN ENIGMA:

Great expectations tethered to bedrock values, a gentle, almost shy person in a job that, on a daily basis, keeps him in the spotlight and in the eye of the hurricane. Operating a residential community of several thousand diverse 18-to-21-year-olds, employing necessary support staff and a couple of hundred ambitious, dedicated, extremely well-educated faculty members, while fielding competitive athletic teams at the pinnacle of the NCAA is not for the

fainthearted. The precarious unpredictability of this business — financially, socioculturally, politically — would give any investor pause.

Nathan has challenged Wake Forest to provide the highest quality educational, social and recreational experiences to

prepare and nudge our students into readiness for living fulfilling lives of character and purpose. His magic is in identifying people of character and talent, fostering collegial reliance on one another and then giving them the headroom to act. His style shows through, no matter how dire the situation. He is steady and supportive, even when an outcome is less than stellar. A great model of servant leadership for students, staff, faculty, alumni and trustees. May he continue to inspire us and our future students for years to come.

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**Donna Boswell ('72, MA '74)**, first female chair of the trustees, served as chair 2013-2015. She retired from the global law firm Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C., where her specialty was health care law and regulation. She lives in Winston-Salem.

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*Gratitude for  
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in higher education*

By President Nathan O. Hatch

Illustrations by Jack Molloy

# As I reflect

on the past 15 years at Wake Forest and the last year of stress and urgency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am deeply grateful for all I have learned about working together on really important matters — in good times and bad.

Teamwork has become a signature of Wake Forest. My first example is one close to home. Julie and I came here with a common goal that the purposes of Wake Forest would become our own. I am grateful that, with complementary skills and personalities, she joined faithfully in the effort to make Wake Forest a better, and more distinctive, learning community.

At Wake Forest, teamwork has blossomed in so many quarters. I can think of no major accomplishment that has not been launched by committed teams of Wake Forest faculty, staff, administrators and students. Together, we launched test-optional admissions, the Magnolia Scholars program and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Together, we worked to build Wake Downtown and a new engineering program and other efforts in biomedical science. Together, we merged two business schools and put our medical school and hospital under joint management. Together, we renewed our dated residence halls and athletic facilities. In these and many other efforts, teamwork has been a strategic accelerator.

In the last year, the sense of teamwork has manifested itself across the University in unbelievable ways, and I want to share with the entire Wake Forest community the countless ways the on-campus community has amplified the spirit of cooperation and goodwill in the crisis of the pandemic. The reality of COVID-19 in a living community of some 8,000 people such as Wake Forest is that there is not one emergency but a set of

ongoing crises. It has been not one tsunami but a roiling sea that every day created waves coming from many directions. The challenges were different and constant: evolving medical advice, challenges to sustain teaching and research, changing state regulations, varying disease outbreaks, variable student response. Every day and every week had new and often unexpected challenges. Teams had to manage a rolling series of crises that involved hundreds of decisions.

Dwight Eisenhower once said that “plans are worthless, but planning is everything.” All across Wake Forest, multiple teams have learned this kind of dynamic planning — understanding that today’s decisions will probably need altering tomorrow; that one has to test how matters are playing out on the ground; that one must calibrate what others are doing and apply best lessons learned. It is this kind of team-based crisis management that has become the standard, with nimble, week-by-week adjustments being made all across the University.

All of this took new forms of organization — and there were no books on the shelf of how to do this. These new structures were deeply cross-functional and broke down many silos on campus — a great lesson to be learned moving forward.

There are many heroes in this chapter of our story — colleagues who went far beyond the call of duty, who had a commitment, deep in their bones, that we simply could not fail. I think of all the adjustments made by the teams in the Office of the Dean of the College and by our department chairs. I think of the burdens placed upon the team in the Office of Residence Life and Housing. I think of all the demands upon the Office of Procurement Services, with the great need to provide testing and procure Personal Protective Equipment material to ensure safety in offices, classrooms and residence halls.



I am deeply indebted to scores of teams across the University and to the Reynolda Cabinet — the finest team I have ever witnessed in higher education. The past months have been enormously stressful and challenging. I have been amazed by the common ability to come together, to trust each other, to work unselfishly, to pitch in wherever needed, to start in one direction and pivot on a dime when conditions changed or when a better idea was presented. I am grateful that people have expected the best of each other. They have not pointed fingers or laid blame in times of great stress.

I am grateful to teams across Wake Forest for their creativity, their gritty resolve and perseverance, their dedication to the welfare of all. Thank you for the optimism — even amidst chaos and criticism — and for the willingness to make firm decisions when only a fraction of the evidence needed was available. Thank you for the willingness to solicit input from others and to communicate broadly and endlessly with all of our stakeholders. We had to reinvent the University, and so many teams have been critical in that process.

The deepest friendships are often forged in the caldron of stress and hardship — and one can see that in sports, in military encounters and in things like political campaign boiler rooms. I have great affection for so many in the Wake Forest community because we have been in the boiler room together and spent hundreds

of hours wrestling with complexity and enigmas. All of you have my unfailing respect because together we have done something extremely challenging and really important. As a group, you have manifested something precious and rare: sterling character.

When I think back on these years, I will remember the glistening buildings of Wake Downtown and Farrell Hall and the renewed Reynolds Gym. I will remember new academic programs, the Office of Personal and Career Development, efforts in diversity and a magnificent capital campaign. I will remember the Atrium deal, which takes academic medicine from something at risk to a long-term position of strength. I will remember new athletic facilities and exulting in some great athletic wins — while forgetting the losses.

But what I will remember most about these years is what teams at Wake Forest have achieved since March of 2020. Yours is a great gift to all of Wake Forest, its faculty and staff, its students and alumni, its trustees and friends. Your concerted effort in the midst of the storm is something long to be remembered and cherished.

And there is something very Wake Forest about that. If we really are about Pro Humanitate, for the flourishing of people, then holding this learning community together under stress and pointing it forward is the greatest gift we can offer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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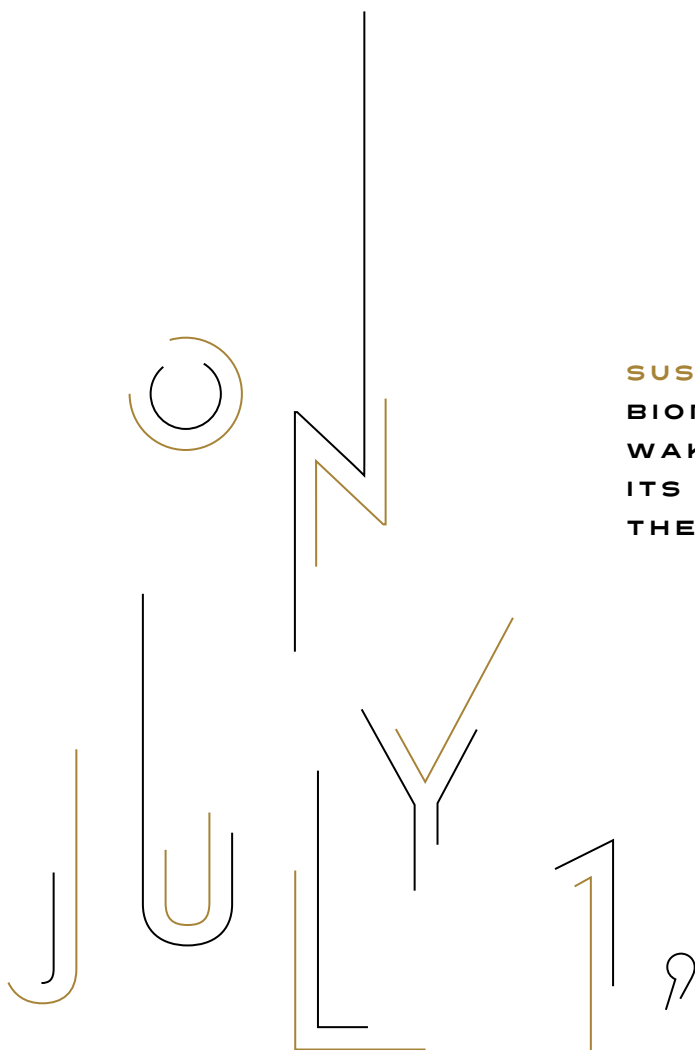
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**SUSAN R. WENTE, A RENOWNED  
BIOMEDICAL SCIENTIST, WILL BECOME  
WAKE FOREST'S 14TH PRESIDENT AND  
ITS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT SINCE  
THE UNIVERSITY'S FOUNDING IN 1834.**

She has spent the past seven years as Vanderbilt's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and was interim chancellor from August 2019 to June 2020. Among her notable achievements as a higher education leader: the appointment of Vanderbilt's first female athletics director, creation of its Office of Inclusive Excellence, her oversight of a historic transition of Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt University Medical Center into two separate legal and financial entities in 2016, and innovations to enhance the undergraduate experience, including the elevation of arts and humanities.

Born in Norfolk, Nebraska, she spent her early childhood in Holstein, Iowa, and then in Emmetsburg, Iowa, population 3,904 in the last census. Her path to college took a dramatic, unexpected turn toward a career in academia and the research lab. She got a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry at the University of Iowa in 1984. With a focus on protein biochemistry, she moved to California to earn her doctorate in biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation was titled "Site-Directed Mutations Altering the Active Site and the Nucleotide-Binding Site of Aspartate Transcarbamoylase."

At Berkeley, she met a fellow graduate student, geneticist Chris Hardy. They married and have two grown daughters, Allison and Lindsay Hardy.

Maria Henson ('82) of Wake Forest Magazine spoke with Wente (pronounced "Wen-tee") by Zoom in the spring about her selection and her life's path. For more about Wente, her many academic honors, her championing of equity and inclusion and the presidential search led by trustees chair Gerald Roach ('80, JD '82, P '09, '12), go to [search.president.wfu.edu](https://search.president.wfu.edu).



**MH:** Tell me about your parents, Betty and Harold Wentz.

**SW:** My mom worked the whole time I was growing up. She was a (registered) nurse, and she worked either in the hospitals or the nursing homes in the towns where we lived. ... Dad — every summer he was continuing his education. He got his master's by going back to school in the summers, and we moved to Emmetsburg because he had gotten a job at the community college. He kept advancing in both his education and also his positions. He eventually completed his doctorate in education. That was when I was in ninth grade. I remember I hung a shingle out on the garage for him because he had gotten his doctorate.

**MH:** How did they shape you?

**SW:** They had a real partnership, and that partnership was evident every single day in terms of how they were balancing their career ambitions. They were in professions that were real servant leaders — nursing and teaching. ... They very much instilled in us the power of education, how that can enable opportunity. None of my grandparents went to college. My mom's mom, the only time she worked outside the home was during World War II. She went off to work in a munitions plant, and my mom's dad was a lumberyard man. So very modest means.

We had huge gardens. It wasn't until I went to graduate school that I actually opened a can of tomatoes

with a can opener. ... Every fish I ever ate came out of the freezer from my grandfather's or my parents' fishing — perch and walleye. Very agrarian. Their working really inspired in us this work ethic and appreciation of education and how it was a huge opportunity.

**MH:** I've read that you are exceptionally organized. What's your secret sauce?

**SW:** I was probably taught it by my mother. She worked every other weekend as a nurse, and you'd get up in the morning, and here was your to-do list. You had to check that you'd done everything before you could do what you wanted to do. ... My own approach is to compartmentalize different activities

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or different functions or different work that you have got to get done and be really sure that you have delegated those activities and functions in ways that are most important to you.

**MH:** You are known as somebody who's a hard worker who can get things done. I'm interested in your early days working corn and soybean fields.

**SW:** We all had odd jobs growing up. I was babysitting at the age they let you babysit. My brothers were mowing lawns. I worked at the A&W restaurant all the way through high school and when I came back in summer, between my first and second year in college ... as well as teaching Upward Bound at the community college that summer.

**MH:** Were you a waitress or hostess?

**SW:** I was behind the front counter taking all the orders by phone. I was a leader — a manager — so I was coordinating between the carhops and the kitchen, making the drinks, getting all the orders on the trays, in charge of reconciling all the accounts, like the money at the end of the night. I was chief mug washer. That was all-year-round.

In the summers I would take on additional jobs of detasseling corn and walking soybeans. You'd get up before daybreak, get on a school bus, and they'd drive you out to the fields. You got your sack lunch for the day. You had your long-sleeve shirt, bandana over your head, and you worked until 4 or 5 in the afternoon. ... You're dirty as can be. Bugs and pollen. They paid extra if you worked every single day through the weekend.

I remember that first summer I worked 14, 15 or 16 days doing that. And I remember at the end of it I got my single paycheck — it was like \$800 or something like this — and I signed the whole check over to my parents because I wanted contact lenses. ... (Individual farmers) would hire us, at an hourly rate

(for walking soybeans). That was better work than detasseling. It was cleaner work. The beans were lower — they hoe through. You weeded the soybean field. I got great suntans.

**MH:** Moving to your college-to-career path, I was struck by how you wanted to be a dental hygienist. What changed?

**SW:** Coming from a small town — this is pre-internet days — what you learned about in terms of careers was from those you knew immediately around you. ... I loved science. I loved math. (I thought), 'What's a career path that I could aspire to?' And I would say there was a confidence gap in terms of actually saying and declaring, 'I'll be pre-med or pre-chemistry.' ... I think going (to college) and saying, 'I'm going to be a pre-dental hygiene major' felt safe, felt comfortable, and I could have a job in four years.

*(She goes on to describe how she successfully passed College-Level Examination Program tests to earn credit before she entered the University of Iowa and as a way to save money. She tested out of first-year English, but her adviser said it was required for the pre-dental hygiene major. They went back and forth*

*on the phone about whether Wente could get out of it.)*

Then (the adviser) paused, and it was a long pause. I had never met the person. She said, 'Well, I've been looking at your record. I think you should go open major. ... If in two or three years you still want to be a dental hygienist, come back to us, and we'll figure out what to do.'

I went downstairs to the open-major office, and they changed my entire schedule. I went from chemistry for pre-nursing and pre-dental hygiene to chemistry for pre-med, pre-vet, pre-sciences. They put me in calculus. They changed my entire schedule. Somehow, I just sat there, and I said, 'OK, sure.'

**MH:** So that one woman really changed your life and your life trajectory.

**SW:** This is what I think about in terms of our current undergraduates and my passion for mentoring and my passion for advising, my passion for us ensuring we're thinking about each person as an individual, that we're giving opportunity, that we are looking at college as a time when young people are in different phases of their development and how we provide an environment that's safe and welcoming for them to really discover their full potential.



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That is something I've worked to continue paying forward. ... It was not just getting an education that was transformational for what I've been able to do, but it was the people, the personal attention and that pre-dental hygiene adviser and the open-major adviser who really listened to me.

**MH:** You got that personal attention and direction at a time you needed it. What do you say to undergraduates now?

**SW:** You want to use this opportunity to aim high. Try doing some things that you never thought you'd be interested in. It's a way of saying take some academic risks. You also want to use your resources. Build your network. Go to those office hours for faculty. Talk to your advisers. Aim high and explore.

**MH:** A lab job in college really fired you up, right?

**SW:** I loved it.

**MH:** Why?

**SW:** One, you're the first person doing a particular experiment. You have that opportunity to find out something nobody else knows. You're

really navigating that unknown and you get to change the variables. It was a bit like cooking. It was very independent. You were doing experiments. You were designing the experiments. You were analyzing results. You were empowered in that way.

*(Wente, now an acclaimed scientist who has studied the pathways between the nucleus and cytoplasm of cells and is the author or co-author of more than 100 peer-reviewed research articles, went on to discuss her excitement around teams she had worked with in labs and as a professor. The forming of such research teams, she said, "highlights the serendipity of science and how unexpected results and unexpected connections are really the foundation and further how collaboration and networks work." Teamwork along with transparency and trust, she has said, will be her guiding principles at Wake Forest.)*

**MH:** What's the No. 1 trait you look for when bringing people onto your teams?

**SW:** Fundamental values and their ability to communicate. Fundamental values being: Are they honest? Are they committed? And there's resiliency. Being optimistic and resilient.

**MH:** What is your communication style?

**SW:** I try to be very direct and also empathetic and find ways to think about when I'm delivering messages what the person hearing it will be viewing. ... When you're communicating with someone, the first thing somebody hears is how is this going to impact *me*, then how is it going to impact *we* before it's going to impact others. I try to be authentic. I don't have any qualms about sharing who I am or where I've come from.

**MH:** What one word describes you best?

**SW:** Oh, boy.

**MH:** That's two words.







**SW:** I'm strong but not strong meaning pushy. I mean like, I can handle it. I'm a problem solver. People have always told me that. My husband sometimes says, 'As soon as you see a problem, you want to fix it. Can you just leave it laying for a day or two?'

**MH:** With this career you have had, obviously you could go many places, but you chose to come to Wake Forest. Why, and how are you feeling now that you've had a few weeks since the announcement?

**SW:** I think the draw to Wake Forest that came through in every meeting I had with the search committee, in

conversations I had with the board chair, Gerald Roach, who was incredibly effective at recruiting me into the search, was really this view of community that was promoted. The search committee was incredibly inclusive, incredibly thoughtful. ... I began to think about it: What am I bringing to Wake Forest — my skills and background compared to where strategically the University is positioned and moving? I have a deep background in academic medicine. Then everything I'd heard and known about the focus on the teacher-scholar model and the devotion to academic excellence and the undergraduate experience and

balancing that with strong professional schools. ... And then I've also had experience with (Division 1) athletics and the Power Five conference. I know that Wake Forest is very committed in having a true student-athlete experience as one of its offerings for students, among others.

So, it was the right time at the right place. It became truly the right place, and I'm excited about it.

— *The interview was edited for brevity and clarity.*









## IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT

# Sparks Joy

BY CAROL L. HANNER

THE CLASS OF 2021 finished a difficult year with a joyful Commencement in person, albeit in separate groups for conferral of degrees across three days, highlighted with an outdoor celebration and fireworks finale for undergraduates at Truist Field.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing and a recurring theme of dealing with the uncertainty in all journeys, nearly 1,200 undergraduates and 800 students in the professional and graduate schools walked across a stage at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to accept degrees. The arena was set up to mimic the traditional Commencement look of Hearn Plaza. A limited number of socially distanced friends and family watched from the stands, and others viewed the ceremonies via livestream online. (Video at [commencement.wfu.edu](https://commencement.wfu.edu))

The School of Medicine held its hooding ceremony at the Coliseum on May 15. On May 16, a series of undergraduate conferrals, with remarks by student leaders and scholars, and the School of Divinity hooding ceremony at Joel preceded the Truist Field ceremony. The evening celebration included dance and music performances, videos and pre-recorded speeches by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

and NFL wide receiver Kendall Hinton ('19). The business, law and graduate school hooding ceremonies were held May 17.

Rice, director of Stanford University's Hoover Institution, wished for graduates that they find their passion and encouraged them to continue to tackle hard tasks, which the pandemic has prepared them to do. She emphasized valuing relationships throughout life, especially those made in college. And she urged students: "Pledge today to do something about making life better for those who have less than you do. When you ask, 'Why do I have so much?' ... you get there by looking at those and working with those who have less. It'll never allow you to be entitled or aggrieved again. ... And so as you leave this place, ... exercise those obligations to society to make this a better, more prosperous and peaceful world for all."

Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, former presidential candidate and first openly gay U.S. cabinet member, told students, "Many of the changes you have experienced have been terribly constraining, and yet, in so many ways, you have decided not to be reduced by them."

He cited graduates' accomplishments and the critical issues they face, from pandemic to climate crisis. "Rarely does history assign



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so many forms of urgent work to a single generation, and yet here you are. ... I can't wait to see the wonderful things that you will do for humanity."

Hinton, who played football at Wake Forest, told his story of overcoming severe disappointments. His dream of playing quarterback was dashed in 2017 at Wake Forest when a tackle tore his knee ligament, then he was suspended in 2018 for a self-inflicted mistake. He faced another loss when he was let go as a free agent trying out for the Denver Broncos, only to be recalled and asked with less than a day's notice to start a game at quarterback because COVID contacts had sidelined all the team's quarterbacks. "Mind you, the last time I had thrown a ball was in 2017."

He realized "at every single stage in my life, there has been a moment where I've had the choice to embrace uncertainty or stay in my parameters. Always choose uncertainty. The game ends, and my performance is poor. But the experience, the support, the opportunities that have opened up from embracing the uncertainty are like no other."

He told 2021 graduates, "who have endured ambiguity and adversity on an unprecedented scale," to learn the lessons in everything. "Embrace every twist and turn on your journey."

The Truist Field events included the awarding of an honorary doctor of humane letters to retiring President Nathan O. Hatch, which brought cheers from graduates and a happy chant of "Natty O!" Eighteen U.S. Army ROTC cadets, including graduating student body president and battalion commander Miles Middleton (photo bottom right), took their oaths to become officers.

The Baccalaureate service, normally held the day before Commencement in Wait Chapel, aired online in pre-recorded segments on May 15. The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, 27th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church, told the Class of 2021: "Yours has been a different educational, academic and, dare I say, existential journey. I pray that the hardships, the good memories, the tough memories will help to forge not only you but all of us into a more humane people, a more compassionate people, a people committed to following and living the way of love."

Graduates and parents expressed delight and gratitude on social media: "Four years in the blink of an eye." Another said, "Graduating during a pandemic makes 2021 Grads very special and belong to this unique tribe. Go conquer!" And perhaps the best summation: "Look out world ... these Deacs are coming!"



# Retiring Faculty

## FROM THE REYNOLDA CAMPUS

**Bernadine Barnes, Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Art, 32 years

**Holly H. Brower ('83), Ph.D.,**  
Associate Professor of Business,  
16 years

**Jule M. Connolly, M.Ed.,** Professor  
of the Practice of Mathematics and  
Director of the Math Center,  
36 years

**Luellen Curry, J.D.,** Associate  
Professor of Legal Writing, 31 years

**Michael K. Curtis (P '03), J.D.,**  
Judge Donald Smith Professor of  
Constitutional and Public Law,  
30 years

**Thomas Frank, Ph.D.,** University  
Professor and Associate Dean  
of Continuing Studies, Graduate  
School, 11 years

**Mary L. Friedman, Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Spanish and Italian,  
34 years

**Carole L. Gibson, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Biology, 41 years

**Louis R. Goldstein (P '93, '06),**  
M.F.A., D.M.A., Professor of Music,  
42 years

**David Hagy, M.F.A., D.M.A.,**  
Teaching Professor of Music and  
Director of the University Orchestra,  
26 years

**Robert Hebert, M.S.,** Business  
Librarian of Z. Smith Reynolds  
Library, 28 years

**David J. John, Ph.D.,** Professor of  
Computer Science, 39 years

**Ralph C. Kennedy, Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Philosophy, 45 years

**Kathleen Kron (P '08, '13), Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Biology, 29 years

**Page H. Laughlin, M.F.A.,** Harold  
W. Tribble Professor of Art, 34 years

**David B. Levy, Ph.D.,** Professor of  
Music, 45 years

**Darlene R. May (P '05, '10),**  
Ph.D., Teaching Professor of Arabic,  
14 years

**James A. Narus (P '09), Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Business, 33 years

**Debbie W. Newsome (MAEd '96,**  
P '08), Ph.D., Associate Professor  
of Counseling, 22 years

**Patricia A. Nixon, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Health and Exercise Science,  
22 years

**James L. Norris (P '05), Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Mathematics and  
Statistics, 32 years

**Teresa Radomski, M.M.,** Professor  
of Music, 44 years

**Luis Roniger, Ph.D.,** Reynolds  
Professor of Latin American Studies  
and Politics and International Affairs,  
17 years

**James H. Ross, M.S.,** Associate  
Professor of the Practice of Health  
and Exercise Science, 20 years

**Robin W. Simon, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Sociology, 12 years

**Clark Thompson, Ph.D.,** Associate  
Teaching Professor of Philosophy,  
20 years

**Ronald L. Thompson, Ph.D.,** John  
B. McKinnon Professor of Business,  
21 years

**Ulrike Wiethaus, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Religious Studies and American  
Ethnic Studies, 30 years

## FROM THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

**Khalil N. Bitar, Ph.D.,** Professor of  
Regenerative Medicine, nine years

**John M. Burkart (P '16), M.D.,**  
Professor of Internal Medicine,  
Nephrology, 36 years

**Arthur S. Foreman (MD '81),**  
M.D., Associate Professor of  
Anesthesiology, 35 years

**David P. Friedman, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Physiology and Pharmacology,  
30 years

**Daniel P. Krowchuk (MD '77,**  
P '14), M.D., Professor of Pediatrics,  
31 years

**John S. May (MD '82, P '10), M.D.,**  
Professor of Otolaryngology/Head  
and Neck Surgery, 32 years

**James E. Peacock, M.D.,** Professor  
of Internal Medicine, Infectious  
Diseases, 37 years

**Edward G. Shaw (MA '10), M.D.,**  
M.A., Professor of Internal Medicine,  
Gerontology and Geriatrics, 30 years

**Thomas L. Smith, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Orthopaedic Surgery, 38 years

**Francis O. Walker, M.D.,** Professor  
of Neurology, 37 years

**Steven H. Wong, Ph.D.,** Professor  
of Pathology, nine years







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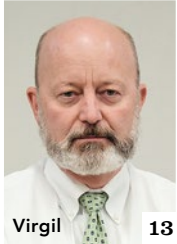
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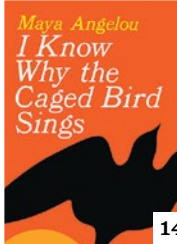
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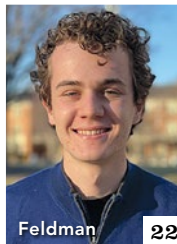
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**1** With a \$5 million, three-year grant from **Gilead Sciences**, the **School of Divinity** is establishing the **COMPASS Initiative® Faith Coordinating Center** to fight HIV/AIDS among vulnerable, under-resourced populations in the South. They include those in rural Appalachia, African Americans and LGBTQ individuals. The COMPASS center will offer collaborative learning and training to help non-profits, clergy and faith leaders respond to those affected by HIV/AIDS. Plans include supporting faith-health fellows in the Master of Divinity Faith Health concentration and sharing grants. The center's executive director is **Allison Mathews**, founder of Community Expert Solutions consulting company, an adjunct assistant professor of sociology at Wake Forest and former associate director of integrating special populations in the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at the School of Medicine. More at [bit.ly/3dWjNO9](http://bit.ly/3dWjNO9)

**2** Trustee **Donna Boswell ('72, MA '74)** received the Medallion of Merit,

the University's highest award, in Wait Chapel in a pre-recorded Founders' Day Convocation shared on Feb. 25. Boswell, a trustee since 2004, became the first female chair in 2015. She earned a doctorate at Penn State University and taught psychology at Wesleyan University before an influential career as an attorney in Washington, D.C., specializing in health care law. More at [bit.ly/3u1S986](http://bit.ly/3u1S986)

**3** The pre-recorded Founders' Day Convocation in February included remarks by the co-chairs of the President's Commission on Race, Equity and Community. They are **José Villalba**, vice president for diversity and inclusion and chief diversity officer, and **Erica Still**, associate dean for faculty recruitment, diversity and inclusion and associate professor of English. President **Nathan O. Hatch** spoke of continuing University work on the commission's recommendations. **Julianne Zhu ('21)** of Shanghai delivered her winning senior oration about her first Thanksgiving at Wake Forest with a host family. Sophomore **Mahlea C. Hunt** sang "Amazing Grace" in the Siouan Indige-

nous Language. **Savannah Baber ('19)** read the University's Indigenous Land Acknowledgment. More at [bit.ly/3u1S986](http://bit.ly/3u1S986)

**4** **Emily Neese ('81, P '13, '16)** was named vice president for finance, strategy and planning in April. She co-chairs the University's COVID-19 response team and has led planning and implementation of Wake Downtown in Innovation Quarter and other projects. More at [bit.ly/3eCQsHw](http://bit.ly/3eCQsHw)

**5** The **School of Medicine** announced the midtown Charlotte location for its second medical school campus as part of **Wake Forest Baptist Health's** merger with **Atrium Health**. The 20-acre site at South McDowell and Baxter streets is less than a mile from Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, which is undergoing renovations that will benefit medical students' training. Atrium also announced the **Bishop George E. Battle Jr. Scholarship Fund**, initially at \$5 million with a goal of \$10 million, to support continuing education for those in underserved communities. More at [bit.ly/3vnfdOB](http://bit.ly/3vnfdOB)



**6** **Wake 'N Shake's** traditional 12-hour fundraising dance marathon gave way in the pandemic to a socially distanced luminary walk on Hearn Plaza and a hybrid of virtual and in-person events in March, raising \$186,791 for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund. More at [bit.ly/3tZYfFI](https://bit.ly/3tZYfFI)

**7** School of Divinity Associate Professor of Religion and Culture **Derek Hicks** is director of the new **Center for Research, Engagement and Collaboration in African American Life** to support students and scholars, offer lectures and conferences and collaborate with the Winston-Salem community. More at [bit.ly/3eD5o8I](https://bit.ly/3eD5o8I)

**8** Former U.S. Secretaries of State **Madeleine K. Albright** and **Colin L. Powell** discussed leadership and character in public life in the keynote of a virtual "Character and the Professions" international conference in March. The conference by the **Wake Forest Program for Leadership and Character** and the **Oxford (UK) Character Project** previewed their Nov. 9 in-person appearance at the **Face to Face Speaker Forum**. In April, the forum featured a virtual conversation with **Isabel Wilkerson**, author of the bestseller "Caste: The Origins of our Discontents" (Random House, 2020) and the first Black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in journalism, awarded in 1994. In May, a virtual performance and conversation with cellist and cultural ambassador **Yo-Yo Ma** previewed an in-person Face to Face forum planned for Feb. 16. More at [facetoface.wfu.edu](https://facetoface.wfu.edu)

**9** **Kline Harrison**, who joined the business faculty in 1990 and has grown the Center for Global Programs & Studies for more than a decade, was named vice provost for global affairs. More at [bit.ly/3u1KUgf](https://bit.ly/3u1KUgf)

**10** **Betsy Chapman ('92, MA '94)**, executive director of family communications, received the Outstanding Contribution to Research and/or Literature award from AHEPPP: Family Engagement in Higher Education. It is the premier national association for higher education professionals working with parents and family members. More at [bit.ly/3xvzPX2](https://bit.ly/3xvzPX2)

**11** Founding director **Barbara Babcock Millhouse (L.H.D. '88, P '02)** has promised three works of art to **Reynolda House Museum of American Art** — Georgia O'Keeffe's "Cedar Tree with Lavender Hills" (pictured), on view July 23-

Nov. 28, and Romare Bearden's "Alto Composite" and "Moonlight Express," on view next spring. More at [bit.ly/3vtOYq1](https://bit.ly/3vtOYq1)

**12** Wake Forest's undergraduate and graduate business programs ranked in **Intelligent.com's Top 50 Business Degree Programs** for 2021 among 203 colleges and universities, based on curriculum, graduation rate, reputation and graduate employment. [bit.ly/3eFIKx](https://bit.ly/3eFIKx)

**13** **Marianne Magjuka**, assistant dean of students and executive director of the Office of Civic and Community Engagement, was named 2021 Civic Engagement Professional of the Year by North Carolina Campus Compact. **Steve Virgil (P '19)**, executive director of experiential education and clinical professor of law, received the 2021 Engaged Faculty Award. This is the first time one institution claimed both awards in the same year. More at [bit.ly/336Qz9b](https://bit.ly/336Qz9b)

**14** The University will establish the **Maya Angelou Artist-in-Residence Award** in spring 2022 to recognize the late poet, actress, author, singer, civil rights activist and Wake Forest Reynolds Professor of American Studies. The award was launched with an alumnus gift. In January, **Oprah Winfrey**, alumni, faculty and others contributed to recorded readings of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Angelou (L.H.D. '77) for a virtual program honoring 50 years of the celebrated memoir. More at [bit.ly/2QeqUsi](https://bit.ly/2QeqUsi) and at [bit.ly/3iToLMq](https://bit.ly/3iToLMq)

**15** Junior **Brianna Aaron** and senior **Ruby Klein** won the 2021 ACC Debate Championship, held virtually. Klein was named the top overall speaker and Aaron second overall speaker. They defeated Notre Dame, the 2019 reigning champions. The tournament was canceled in 2020. More at [bit.ly/3xfi12g](https://bit.ly/3xfi12g)

**16** Professor and poet **Laura Mullen** was named the William R. Kenan Jr. Chair in the Humanities in the Department of English. She was McElveen Professor of English at Louisiana State University. More at [bit.ly/2Qv6jQF](https://bit.ly/2Qv6jQF)

**17** **Michael Gross**, associate professor in the undergraduate Department of Engineering, was named the David and Leila Farr Faculty Director for the University's Center for Entrepreneurship. More at [bit.ly/3sYw60s](https://bit.ly/3sYw60s)

**18** **Derri Stormer, Deb Marke ('16)** and **Rue Cooper ('21)** received the University's 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. "Building the Dream" awards. Stormer runs the Citizens Police Academy within campus police. Marke, in the Office of Civic and Community Engagement, co-directed Deacs Decide, an election project that secured a polling place near campus. Cooper, the student winner, is former vice president of fellowship for Alpha Phi Omega (APO), Wake Forest's largest service organization. More at [bit.ly/3dUKEdq](https://bit.ly/3dUKEdq)

**19** The **Humanities Institute** celebrated the 10th anniversary of its 2011 public launch in its mission to support innovative scholarship and collaboration. More at [bit.ly/32U6F5O](https://bit.ly/32U6F5O)

**20** **Wake Forest** is partnering with New Museum's NEW INC in New York City and more than a dozen local businesses and organizations in the yearlong "**IdeasCity Winston-Salem**" to promote community health, economic development, justice and equity. More at [bit.ly/3dTPZSi](https://bit.ly/3dTPZSi)

**21** Juniors **Joseph McCalmon** and **Samuel Schwartz** and sophomore **Ashley Peake** were named 2021 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars, a top scholarship for natural sciences, mathematics and engineering students. More at [bit.ly/3aMnF2i](https://bit.ly/3aMnF2i)

**22** Sophomores **Ashley Peake** and **Tal Feldman**, co-founders of the Collegiate Association for Inequality Research, worked with sophomore **Beth Seagroves** and first-year student **Rebekah Lassiter** to hold the Conference on Inequality and Social Justice in April, with 48 colleges and universities participating. CAIR supports undergraduate computational research on inequality, from health inequities to hate speech. More at [cair.wfu.edu](https://cair.wfu.edu)

**23** "Border-Ball," a film by Associate Professor of Art **Joel Tauber** that chronicles his 40-day pilgrimage along the U.S.-Mexico border, won Best Social Justice Film at the Vienna Indie Film Festival and other awards. More [bit.ly/3dT4kyi](https://bit.ly/3dT4kyi)

**24** **Oana Jurchescu** was named the Baker Family Professor of Physics, an endowed position that is among the highest honors the College can award a faculty member. More at [bit.ly/3tSMBfX](https://bit.ly/3tSMBfX)

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## A summer anthropology course inspires a historic gift

By Kerry M. King ('85)

**A**S AN UNDERGRADUATE, Tim Lam Sr. found a home at Wake Forest, thousands of miles from his childhood home in Hong Kong. After graduating, Lam ('60) returned to Hong Kong, but he loved coming back to Wake Forest, and he sent his sons, Tim ('93) and Marcus ('98), to his alma mater.

"Wake Forest was a place that accepted him," Ellen Lam said of her husband, who died in 2012. "To be an international student in the '60s was not an easy thing. But the long-lasting friendships he was able to make really endeared him to his school."

Although he was a business major, Lam once said that the highlight of his education — besides the people he met — was a summer anthropology course taught by Professor E. Pendleton Banks, who later founded the University's anthropology museum.

Lam had a successful business career in Hong Kong and spent decades collecting Chinese pottery from the Tang Dynasty (618-907). Shortly before he died, he donated his collection of more than 500 pieces to the anthropology museum so that students and others would gain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.

Now, Ellen and her sons are making a major gift, the largest ever made by individuals to the anthropology museum and department, to honor Tim Lam Sr. The museum will be renamed the Timothy S. Y. Lam Museum of Anthropology. "It's cementing Dad's legacy with his beloved collection," Marcus said.

The gift is "transformative" for the museum, said Andrew Gurstelle, academic director of the museum. The new name reflects its changing trajectory from a small teaching museum to one with world-class collections of more than 30,000 items, he said.

The Lams' gift is creating two academic excellence funds, one for the museum and one for the anthropology department. The museum's will fund traveling exhibits, including one on the Lam pottery collection, student research projects and research on the collections by visiting scholars. The department's will support faculty research and community outreach. The gift also is endowing a faculty fellowship in the anthropology department to honor a full-time faculty member's teaching and research.

The museum's new name comes less than a year after it relocated to Palmer Hall, near its previous home in the anthropology building. The renovated building provides larger and more flexible gallery space — including space for rotating



Tim ('60) and Ellen Lam with their sons, Marcus ('98), center, and Tim ('93).

pieces from the Lam Collection — a collections and curation lab and a classroom. The anthropology department moved to adjacent Piccolo Hall.

Tim Lam Jr. is founding partner and executive director of The International School of Hospitality in Las Vegas, which offers continuing education and career development programs in hotel management, conference planning and hospitality operations. Marcus Lam is director of admissions and recruitment.

After Tim Lam Sr.'s death, his family established the Timothy S. Y. Lam Foundation to support education, research and training in the hospitality industry in Las Vegas. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation has provided \$200,000 in grants to hospitality workers who lost their jobs.

The Lam family has been a Wake Forest family since the late 1950s when Tim Lam enrolled in the College and his brother, Sam Lam (MD '60), entered the School of Medicine. When they graduated, their father, Lam Chi Fung, president and founder of Hong Kong Baptist College and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, was the Commencement speaker. A Lam cousin, Joe Lin ('77), later attended Wake Forest.

"Wake Forest was ingrained in me since a very young age," Tim said. "Dad really enjoyed the learning experience and meeting so many great people. From a very young age, Marcus and I knew so many of the characters at Wake Forest."

Tim and Ellen Lam enjoyed welcoming Wake Foresters — including Presidents James Ralph Scales and Thomas K. Hearn Jr. — to their home when they lived in Hong Kong. "He loved being an ambassador for Wake Forest in Hong Kong," Marcus said. "He looked forward to taking Wake Foresters out to see the city."

Lam received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Citation in 1983, the first alumnus outside the United States to receive the award. After he and Ellen moved to Vienna, Virginia, in 1995, he served two terms on the College Board of Visitors.

In addition to collecting Chinese pottery, Lam also wrote a reference book, "Tang Ceramics: Changsha Kilns," about more than 1,000 pieces in his and other collections. The pieces he gave to the anthropology museum included bowls, cups, teapots and small toys; it is the largest, most comprehensive group of ceramics from the Changsha kilns in the United States.

# Deepening the Liberal Arts

Corey D. B. Walker launches African American Studies Program  
“that really is for everyone.”

By Carol L. Hanner

Corey D. B. Walker, the Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities and an author, is the inaugural director of the African American Studies Program, which will launch in the fall as a major at Wake Forest. He is jointly appointed in the Department of English and the Interdisciplinary Humanities Program.

In January, an anonymous donor made a \$1 million gift to help establish the new program and create the Dr. Dolly A. McPherson Fund for African American Studies, named for the late professor of English who was the University's first full-time Black female faculty member. Plans include developing a graduate certificate in addition to a major and minor, Walker says.

Walker was an external consultant on the University's Slavery, Race and Memory Project. He previously was vice president of Virginia Union University and professor and dean of the seminary at its Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia. He also has held faculty and leadership positions at Brown University, the University of Virginia, Winston-Salem State University and the University of Richmond. He was a non-resident fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute at Harvard University.

Wake Forest Magazine talked with Walker about his new role. The conversation has been condensed and edited for clarity.



## What drew you to Wake Forest?

I was dean of the college at Winston-Salem State for four years. (Wake Forest Provost Rogan Kersh ('86)) and I work really well together. We taught a class together — “Universities and Communities.” I interacted with colleagues at Wake and throughout the city. Working on the Slavery, Race and Memory Project gave me an up-close look at what Wake is doing. It really solidified that Wake Forest is a place to do some vital and important work.

## Why is this the time for an African American Studies Program?

Wake is a top-30 institution in the nation and is one of the very few not to have an African American studies program. We're going to launch a signature program that will be uniquely Wake. Students as early as 1969 were saying we need African American studies. So this has been 50 years in coming.

## What are the core elements of the program you're building?

One of the big pieces is serving as a hub of intellectual curiosity and intellectual creativity for the College and the broader University. African American studies brings and develops new knowledges about the human experience, drawn from the deep wells of the intellectual traditions, thoughts and cultures of people of Africa and of the African diaspora in the U.S.

Secondly, if we want to really deepen our understanding of the liberal arts traditions, you can't do that without African American studies. African American studies really is for everyone. You can't have a deeply humanistic education without understanding the varieties of ways in which people are human and the ways in which people develop knowledge, develop culture.

Thirdly, we have an opportunity to develop a signature approach (that) produces students who then go out and transform the world. That's one of the key pillars of African American studies.

## What surprised or interested you during the Slavery, Race and Memory Project?

Students at Wake Forest were debating questions around slavery in the 1840s and the 1850s. The majority of the time, those debates went for the maintenance and continuation of slavery. A century later in the 1950s and 1960s, there are students at Wake Forest who are not only pushing the board of trustees and the administration to desegregate, they're also joining hands with their colleagues at Winston-Salem State to end segregation in Winston-Salem. What are the possibilities of Wake Forest from that beginning and into the future?

## What are your other interests?

I'm an avid college football fan. I also work with a number of folks on the Center for Faith, Justice and Reconciliation (in Richmond, where he, his wife and their daughters, ages 10 and 17, split their time until this summer.) That interfaith reconciliation work is one of my particular passions.



# Two guys string some wire, and a rockin' radio station is born

By Kerry M. King ('85)



**Left:** Julian "Sonny" Burroughs ('51, P '80, '83)  
**Above:** Steve Pendlebury ('77) and Paul Ingles ('78) in the WFDD studio in Reynolda Hall.

**WAKE FOREST STUDENTS** couldn't believe what they were hearing on their radios one night in the fall of 1946: "This is station W-A-K-E coming to you from the campus of Wake Forest College in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and presenting the Deaconlight Serenade, beaming musical good cheer to you and yours, styled Wake Forest way."

What *The Student* magazine called "the new radio miracle" was started by roommates Alva "Al" Parris ('49, MD '53, P '75) and Henry Randall ('50) in their room in Mrs. Kent Barbee's rooming house on Faculty Avenue. Parris, a founder of Theta Chi fraternity, loved radio and had a stack of records that he brought with him to college. Randall, a ministerial student, had already hosted a radio call-in show in high school.

The two "radio men" turned their room into a makeshift studio with two turntables, a Hallicrafters' radio transmitter, a phono-oscillator and a crystal microphone and strung a 300-foot wire between trees to send a signal to friends next door. They broadcast a nightly program of popular music, opening with big bandleader Jimmy Dorsey's "Contrasts" and ending with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Those early broadcasts marked the beginning of what eventually became WFDD, a National Public Radio affiliate

station licensed to Wake Forest. WFDD is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Parris and Randall had bigger dreams of a station that could be heard all over campus and received approval to transmit over the campus power lines. They had to raise money for equipment and collected \$9.70 at a basketball game, \$20 from the Baptist Student Union, \$200 from the board of trustees and other donations from fraternities. Brothers David Herring ('51) and Ralph Herring ('49) and a Raleigh radio engineer built a 50-watt transmitter.

The station officially went on the air at 580-AM on April 19, 1948, with the playing of "Dear Old Wake Forest" from the Groves Stadium radio booth. The highlight of opening night was a replay of Charlotte station WBT's popular Saturday night "Midnight Dancing Party" that had been taped earlier.

Early programming included news and weather reports and classical and popular music. Deaconlight Serenade — "music for romancing" — and live Wake Forest football, basketball and baseball games quickly became popular. The fledgling station soon relocated to an old Army barracks and changed its call letters, which were already being used by another station, to WFDD (Wake Forest Demon Deacons).

With the move to the new campus in 1956, WFDD moved into a large suite of offices and studios on "Pub Row" in

Reynolda Hall. The station was run entirely by students until Julian "Sonny" Burroughs ('51, P '80, '83), who had been student station manager in 1950, joined the faculty in 1958 to teach speech communication and to oversee WFDD.

Under Burroughs' leadership, WFDD became a noncommercial educational FM station in 1961. Burroughs also was involved in some of the early planning for National Public Radio, and WFDD became the first NPR station in North Carolina in 1970.

Students continued to host programs, including the classical music Evening Concert, the rock-centric Deaconlight, and a lighter rock morning show, Renaissance. Rick Reynolds ('71) shared his memories of those times in a Facebook group, Deaconlight. "Sunday nights at 11 p.m., we rocked the joint. Hopefully, Dr. Burroughs had gone to bed by then. We had no official playlist — it was up to each DJ. Grateful Dead, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Janis Joplin, Elton John, the James Gang, The Band, Mountain, James Taylor, Rush, Neil Young and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. The best of times."

After Burroughs stepped down as faculty director in 1981, students became less involved in the station. Several years later, students again started their own station, appropriately named WAKE Radio. Today, WFDD broadcasts NPR and BBC programming, award-winning news and public affairs programming and classical music from a restored farmhouse on campus.

Many "Big FuDD" alumni went on to careers in radio and journalism. "The WFDD studio in Reynolda Hall was a premier environment for students to learn how to channel their creativity in a professional environment," said DD Thornton Kenny ('81), the last host of Deaconlight. "Students produced news programs and created a sports network and the late-night music program Deaconlight that was, and still is, legendary."

*DD Thornton Kenny shares stories of Big FuDD alumni at [WakeForestRadio.com](http://WakeForestRadio.com) and [facebook.com/groups/deaconlight](https://facebook.com/groups/deaconlight).*

*For information on WFDD's anniversary celebration, visit [wfdd.org/75th](http://wfdd.org/75th).*



*The Alumni Council wishes to thank Dr. Hatch for his incredible leadership over the last 16 years. He has anchored our beloved alma mater in our core values, while at the same time being forward-thinking and ambitious, and throughout the course of his tenure has helped us to grow tremendously. We are forever grateful. Sending our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Hatch in their next chapter.*

— Alex Reyes Schroeder ('06, JD '09)  
President, Wake Forest Alumni Council

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## Connecting Virtually

Since COVID-19 shut down in-person events in March 2020, more than 150 alumni events have been held virtually, from Homecoming 2020 and Calls to Conversation to the Lovefeast and the Alumni Admissions Forum. Virtual events have opened up a new world in alumni programming, both through new events and by attracting thousands of alumni who prefer an online format and others who can't attend campus events. While we can't wait to see alumni in person again, we'll continue to offer virtual events to engage and connect alumni.

*"Over the past week, I've experienced four virtual events — the Lovefeast (and programs on) Ed Wilson's ('43, P '91, '93) new book, faith-based racial justice and gratitude. These events reconnected me to the heart of Wake Forest. They inspired me, reassured me and reminded me why I love Wake Forest. Definitely a silver lining!"*

—Wake Forest alumna

## Homecoming Weekend 2021 | Oct. 29-30

We're making plans for a Homecoming & Reunion Weekend twice as big as normal to make up for missing last year. While it's still too early to tell what the fall will look like, we hope to celebrate reunions for undergraduate classes ending in 1 and 6, along with the classes ending in 0 and 5 that missed out last year. To volunteer for your reunion committee, email [reunion@wfu.edu](mailto:reunion@wfu.edu)

## Pro Humanitate Days | #GoodWearsBlack

Pro Humanitate Days in April focused on hunger and food insecurity. Hundreds of alumni gave back to their communities, including:

- Chuck Neaves ('79, JD '82, P '12) and Susan Templeton Neaves ('80, P '12) of Elkin, North Carolina, who planted and harvested vegetables for the community.
- Ashley Snead Crouse ('11) and Michael Crouse ('10, MS '12) of Seattle, who donated to Food Lifeline.
- Elisabeth Sheridan ('05), who stocked a food bank in Philadelphia with fresh foods and nonperishables.



WAKEBoston community leaders, from left, Brandi Griffin ('18), Kristin Smith ('19) and Sean Dolan ('05) volunteering at First Baptist Church's community meal program in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, during Pro Humanitate Days.

## Wake Women's Week

More than 500 women registered for one or more of the 31 virtual events on professional and personal development in March. The week's signature event, "Closing the Gender Gap: A Panel Discussion with Industry Leaders," featured Alex Reyes Schroeder ('06,

JD '09), Jackie Krese (P '23), Melissa McGhie Proctor ('02), MJ Sweeney ('77), Tina Thornton ('93) and Dr. Julie Ann Freischlag, CEO of Wake Forest Baptist Health, dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine and chief academic officer of Atrium Health Enterprise.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Lifelong Learning

[continuingstudies.wfu.edu](https://continuingstudies.wfu.edu)  
Spend the "Summer in Italy" through Zoom classes taught by Wake Forest professors. Registration fee: \$160 per class for alumni.

### Venice and the Environment

Thursdays, 9:30–11 a.m.,  
July 8–Aug. 12  
Taught by the Casa Artom teaching team.

### Florence: The City, Its People and Its Art

Mondays and Wednesdays,  
1–2 p.m., July 26–Aug. 18  
Taught by Professor Emeritus of Art Bernadine Barnes.

### Alumni Personal and Career Development

[go.wfu.edu/next](https://go.wfu.edu/next)

Whether you're a recent graduate seeking your first job or a seasoned professional looking to make a change, these free webinars will help you create a plan.

### Building Your Toolkit | June 23

What you need to know about your résumé, cover letter, networking plan and branding strategy.

### Landing the Job You Want | July 21

Tips on job search sites, finding and applying for jobs online and navigating the hidden job market.

### Jumpstart: A Job Search Strategy Prep Course

(Ongoing course)

Effective tools and strategies for your next job search; self-paced; enroll at any time.

### Five For Your First Five

(Ongoing course)

The key competency areas that young alumni need to master; based on the book "Five For Your First Five: Own Your Career and Life After College" by Allison McWilliams ('95); self-paced; enroll at any time.





**Wilson**  
(‘43)



**Filippi**  
(‘62)



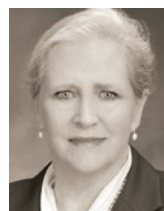
**Gladding**  
(‘67, MAEd ‘71)



**Bailey**  
(‘72, JD ‘75)



**Richardson-Moore**  
(‘76)



**Sweeney**  
(‘77)



**Roebuck**  
(‘78, MA ‘82)

## 1940s

**Ed Wilson (‘43, P ‘91, ‘93)** has written a book, “Songs of Wake Forest,” about many of the Wake Foresters he’s known the last eight decades, from professors and classmates he met on the original campus to professors, deans and presidents he served alongside in Winston-Salem. More at [bit.ly/3qzspH1](http://bit.ly/3qzspH1)

## 1960s

**Richard Filippi (‘62)** is a retired vice president with Citigroup and lives in Zurich. After graduating, he served two years as a headquarters battery executive officer with the 3rd Armored Division Artillery in Germany. He moved to Switzerland in 1965 and earned a master’s in economics at the University of Zurich, where he met his wife, Irene. He worked for three banks in Switzerland and earned an MBA from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne. As an Army Reserve officer, he completed the field artillery officer advanced course at Fort Sill (OK) and graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He served in six NATO countries and retired as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years of reserve and active duty. He looks forward to returning to Wake Forest for his 60th reunion in 2022.

**H. William “Bill” Constangy (‘64)** has written “Noncompete Law, Second Edition” (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender). He is a retired North Carolina Superior Court judge and an active arbitrator and mediator. He received a Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who’s Who in America. Constangy and his wife, Debbie, live in Charlotte and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2020.

**Dallas Clark (‘65, JD ‘68)** has written a legal thriller, “The Investigation Officer’s File” (Black Wrote Writing). The story was inspired by events he experienced as a legal officer in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam and Okinawa in 1969. Clark is a retired attorney living in Greenville, NC.

**Samuel T. Gladding (‘67, MAEd ‘71, P ‘07, ‘09)** was in the top 5% of authors of peer-reviewed articles in the nation’s top 22 counseling journals between 2000 and 2017, according to a study published in the Wisconsin Counseling Journal. Gladding is a professor in the Department of Counseling at Wake Forest and the

author most recently of the 6th edition of “The Creative Arts in Counseling” (American Counseling Association, 2021).

## 1970s

**Robert L. Bingham (‘70)** has released his debut novel, “The Rankins of Pratt County,” a coming-of-age story set in the 1980s about an Illinois teen in a severely dysfunctional family. Bingham, who lives in Indianapolis, is a retired probation officer, administrator, consultant and criminal justice instructor. His memoir, “Growing up in Lansdowne,” was published in 2015.

**James E. Cross Jr. (‘70, JD ‘73)** was one of 11 attorneys awarded the North Carolina Bar Association 2020 Citizen Lawyer Award. He was also named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for estate planning & probate. He practices law at Cross & Curran LLP in Oxford, NC, with **Sam Currin (‘68, JD ‘71)** and **Walker Brummitt (‘17)**.

**Jim Bailey Jr. (‘72, JD ‘75)** retired after 40 years of practicing law in Wilmington, DE. He and his wife, Connie, are enjoying more time with family, including their three daughters and five grandchildren. He enjoys staying in touch with the Wake Forest community and would love to hear from fellow alums.

**Robert J. Carroll (‘74)** was named acting Morris County (NJ) prosecutor, pending state Senate confirmation of his nomination by the governor for a five-year appointment. Carroll had been director of the law department at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority after a career as a private attorney and chief of the state’s Organized Crime and Racketeering Task Force in the state Office of the Attorney General. Among the mob figures he helped convict was killer Richard “The Iceman” Kuklinski. Carroll was a scholarship football player at Wake Forest. More at [bit.ly/3r6oYhD](http://bit.ly/3r6oYhD)

**Jimmy L. Myers (‘75)** was appointed chief district court judge for North Carolina District 22B (Davidson and Davie counties) by North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Newby. Myers has been a judge in the district since 1994. He lives in Advance, NC.

**Deb Richardson-Moore (‘76)** received the first Humanitarian Award from United Housing Connections (UHC) of Greenville, SC, for her work to find housing solutions for the city’s homeless people. UHC is naming a new community center that will provide services for homeless people in

her honor. Richardson-Moore is the retired senior pastor of Greenville’s Triune Mercy Center, a nondenominational church that serves homeless people, and the author of four mystery novels and a memoir about her work at Triune.

**Mary Jo “MJ” Sweeney (‘77)** is on her third career after retiring from the U.S. Navy and the corporate world. She is doing pro bono and paid consulting work with military and veteran nonprofits helping service members transition to the private sector. She is on the executive committee of Decorated Deacs, a Wake Forest community that connects, honors and supports military members. She lives in Crownsville, MD.

**Tommie O’Toole (‘78, P ‘07)** retired from sports journalism after nearly 43 years, including the last 20 years at USA Today. He also worked at the Knoxville News Sentinel, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Scripps Howard News Service. He covered 14 Olympics, 18 Final Fours, six Masters tournaments, five Super Bowls and five Wimbledon tournaments, but he gladly sat in the stands for Wake Forest’s 2007 Orange Bowl game.

**William Roebuck (‘78, MA ‘82)** was named executive vice president of the Arab Gulf States Institute, a think tank in Washington, DC. He retired from the U.S. Department of State last year after 28 years. Roebuck served as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain from 2015-2017 and received the State Department’s Award for Heroism for his service in Syria from 2018-2020.

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**Wicker**  
(JD '78)



**Bryson**  
(’80, JD ’85)



**Martin**  
(’81)



**Spence**  
(JD ’82)



**Whitesell**  
(’83)



**Pollock**  
(’84)



**Peterson**  
(’87)

**Ashley H. Story (’78, P ’13)** was named chief operating officer for the newly combined firm Troutman Pepper LLP, one of the 50 largest law firms in the country. Story was department chair for real estate and finance at Troutman. He continues as a partner in the combined firm. He is based in the Raleigh office.

**Dennis A. Wicker (JD ’78)** was recognized in the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for government relations. He is a partner in the Raleigh office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. Wicker, who lives in Sanford, NC, was North Carolina’s lieutenant governor from 1993-2001. He also served six terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives, including two terms as majority leader.

**Nancy J. Wilkie (’78)** released a compilation of original music titled “Songs of the Sun” on iTunes, Spotify and Amazon. She worked in the biotech industry for 30 years before retiring to focus on writing and composing. She released a 2019 book of short stories, “Seven Sides of Self,” and created a line of greeting cards and prints. She lives in Brookeville, MD.

**Bob Singer (JD ’79)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for banking law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 1980s

**John David Bryson (’80, JD ’85)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for criminal defense law. He is a partner at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC, and has been an adjunct professor at Wake Forest School of Law since 1994.

**Marshall “Whit” Walker Jr. (’80)** retired after 26 years as a neonatologist at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville, SC. A former clinical associate professor of pediatrics, he co-authored more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals and traveled multiple times to Vietnam to help modernize its neonatology systems. He was named National Clinical Researcher of the Year by Pediatrix Medical Group.

**Cosby Davis III (MBA ’81, P ’08)** was named chief financial officer at Truliant Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union in North Carolina’s Triad region. He was CFO at Allegacy Federal Credit Union. Both institutions are headquartered in Winston-Salem.

**John D. Martin (’81)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for medical malpractice and employment & labor law. He is a trial lawyer and managing partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Wilmington, NC.

**Warren Stephens (MBA ’81)** joined the Wake Forest University Center for the Study of Capitalism as an executive affiliate. He is chairman, president and CEO of Stephens Inc., one of the nation’s largest family-owned financial services firms, based in Little Rock, AR.

**Thomas Preston Walk (JD ’81)** served two terms as president of the board of the disAbility Law Center of Virginia, a nonprofit that protects and advocates for Virginians with disabilities. He lives in Tazewell, VA.

**James J. S. Johnson (’82)** appears as a wildlife ecology expert in the ongoing DVD series “Amazing Animals of Alaska,” providing ecological highlights about Alaska’s salmon, polar bears and sea otters. He taught biosciences and ecology at Dallas Christian College and elsewhere and was a lecturer for international cruise ships.

**Eric R. Spence (JD ’82)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for real estate law and to Business North Carolina’s 2021 Legal Elite for real estate law. He is of counsel at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

**Kurt E. Lindquist II (JD ’83)** joined Cozen O’Connor’s commercial litigation practice in Washington, DC, after 12 years at Womble Bond Dickinson LLP in Charlotte. He splits his time between Charlotte and Washington.

**Herb Whitesell (’83)** was honored by accounting firm Davidson, Holland, Whitesell & Co. PLLC for 30 years with the company. Whitesell, a CPA, lives in Hickory, NC, with his wife, Katy, and has two adult daughters, Jordan and Cassidy.

**Joanne O’Brien Beam (’84)** was named director of development at Charlotte Latin School, a nonsectarian K-12 school in Charlotte. She was named one of the “Top 25 Women in Business” by the Charlotte Business Journal in 2013. She has worked in banking and nonprofit consulting and was founder and president of Capstone Advancement Partners. She began her career as associate director of advancement at Wake Forest.

**John W. Ormand III (’84, P ’19, ’22)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for business litigation. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh.

**Jim W. Phillips Jr. (JD ’84)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for business litigation and recognized as one of the state’s top 100 lawyers. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**William W. Pollock (’84)** was inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation-only group dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Seventh Amendment, which guarantees the right to civil jury trials. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh and was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for construction litigation.

**Mary J. Davis (JD ’85)** was named dean of the University of Kentucky’s J. David Rosenberg College of Law, its first female permanent dean. She joined the faculty in 1991 and had been interim dean since July 2019.

**D. Beth Langley (’86, JD ’92)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for employment & labor law. She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Dan Murphy (’86)** was named to the board of directors of Piedmont Newton Hospital in Covington, Ga. He is president and CEO of BridgeStone Golf, headquartered in Covington.

**Cynthia Elaine Tompkins (’86)** was the featured speaker during a virtual exhibit opening at Museum & Archives of Rockingham County in Reidsville, NC. The exhibit, “Heavy Are the Scales: Griggs v. Duke Power Co.,” coincides with the 50th anniversary of the 1971 U.S. Supreme Court decision in an employment discrimination suit by 13 Black employees. Tompkins provided voluntary professional and financial support for the exhibit. She is a law professor at Liberty University and director of its Center for Prosecution.

**David J. Peterson (’87)** received an Exceptional Public Achievement Medal at the 2020 NASA Langley Research Center Honor Awards. The medal recognized Peterson for “exceptional and innovative achievement in the development and maintenance of cost estimation and collaboration tools.” He is chief technology officer at ViG-YAN Inc., an aeronautical engineering company in Hampton, VA.

**Bob King (JD ’88)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for environmental law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.



**Jeffrey W. Melcher (JD '88)** joined Chartwell Law as a partner in its newly opened Atlanta office. He will lead efforts to build the firm's practice in the southeastern United States. He has more than 30 years of experience in commercial and insurance defense litigation.

**Anna Smendziuk Priester ('88)** has been promoted to district crisis prevention and response manager for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She has been a social worker, counselor and support specialist with the school district for 21 years.

**Michael A. Steele (PhD '88)** has written "Oak Seed Dispersal: A Study in Plant-Animal Interactions" (JHU Press). The book was funded by an OPUS Award grant from the National Science Foundation. Steele, one of the world's foremost authorities on oak seed dispersal and tree squirrels, is a biology professor and H. Fenner Chair of Research Biology at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

**Karen Baynes-Dunning ('89)** was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the United Way of Greenville County (SC). She has held leadership positions in the public and nonprofit sectors as a lawyer, judge, social justice activist and advocate for children and families. More at [bit.ly/3oiP13S](https://bit.ly/3oiP13S)

**Glenn D. Crater Jr. ('89)** was named chief medical officer at Inversago Pharma, a Montreal-based biotech company developing treatments for Prader-Willi syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. He previously held executive roles at Theravance Biopharma based in San Francisco. He lives in Raleigh and is looking forward to traveling again.

**Philip Laidlaw ('89)** is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and is foreign policy adviser to the Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. Previously, he was the chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Panama and the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Colombia. He joined the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer in 1992.

**Tom Marshburn (MD '89)** will serve as pilot for a NASA-SpaceX mission to the International Space Station in the fall of 2021. He will be one of four astronauts on the six-month mission, dubbed Crew-3, launching from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. This will be his third trip to the space station. He joined NASA as a flight surgeon in 1994 and became an astronaut in 2004. He was a member of the space shuttle Endeavor crew in 2009 and became the space station's medical operations lead. More at [bit.ly/3qCJneZ](https://bit.ly/3qCJneZ)

**Anthony Tansimore (JD '89)** was named president of the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has held senior leadership roles in the nonprofit sector for more than 25 years.

**Nick Valaoras ('89, JD '92)** received an AV® Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, a peer review rating designed to reflect an attorney's ethical standards and ability. He practices at Cranfill



**Steele**  
(PhD '88)



**Crater**  
( '89)



**Marshburn**  
(MD '89)



**Stevenson**  
(PhD '90)

Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte, where he focuses on workers' compensation defense representing employers and insurance carriers.

## 1990

**Patrick Flanagan (JD '90)** was named to Business North Carolina's 2021 Legal Elite for employment law. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte.

**Deepa Pakianathan (MS '90, PhD '93)** was named to the board of directors for Palleon Pharmaceuticals. She is an immunologist, entrepreneur and former investment banker who is a managing member of Delphi Ventures, a venture capital firm focusing on health care investments.

**Susan C. Stevenson (PhD '90)** was appointed to the board of trustees at McDaniel College, formerly Western Maryland College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Stevenson is an executive director in the exploratory disease area at the Novartis Institutes for Bio-Medical Research in Cambridge, MA, where she has worked since 1995. She was named a Novartis Leading Scientist in 2016.

## 1991

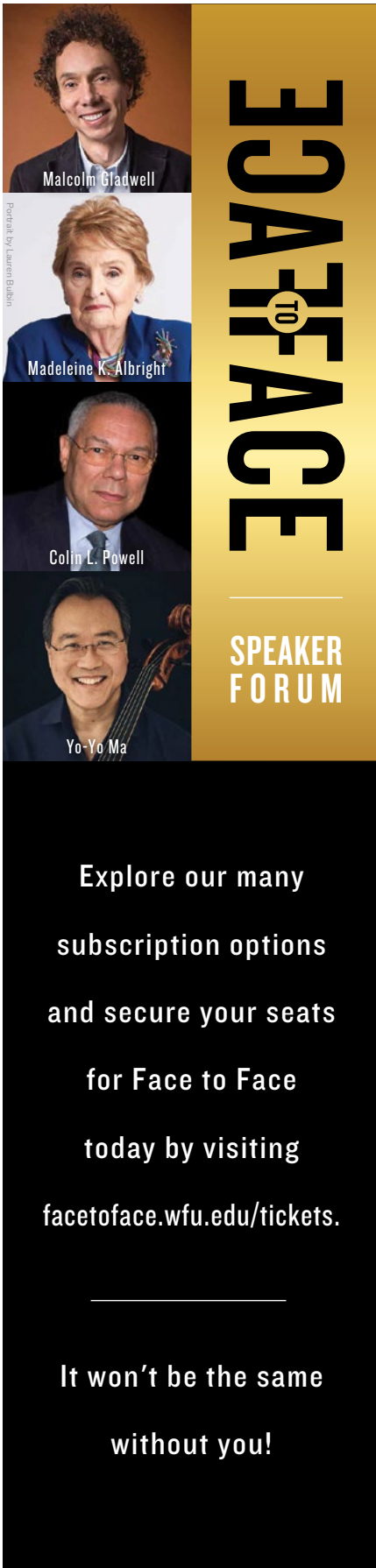
**Kelly Greene ('91)** was promoted to senior director of executive communications at TIAA Bank, a Fortune 100 financial services company. She is a former Wall Street Journal reporter and co-author of the New York Times bestseller, "The Wall Street Journal Complete Retirement Guidebook."

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(’92, JD ’95)



**Pearson**  
(’93)



**Humphrey**  
(MBA ’97)

governing alleged violations and civil penalties in proceedings under the Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. Young has worked with the commission since 2003 as a commissioner and attorney-advisor.

## 1994

### Deborah D. Alexander (’94, MAEd

’98) is a strategic planning analyst with the Missile Defense Agency at Redstone Arsenal, a U.S. Army Post near Huntsville, AL. She previously worked for a member of the Kennedy family at The Watergate complex in Washington, DC, and taught English in North Carolina and Alabama schools for 10 years.

**William Derasmo (JD ’94)** was named to the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for energy law. He is a partner at Troutman Pepper LLP in Washington, DC. He enjoys running with his wife, Jennifer, and watching his three children compete in various sports, including his oldest daughter, Kelly, who is a collegiate swimmer.

**Donny Lambeth (MBA ’94)** was named senior chair of the North Carolina House Appropriations Committee and chair of the Health Committee. Lambeth, a Republican from Winston-Salem, is in his fifth term representing N.C. House District 75.

**Amy Wallace Stewart (’94)** was named to the 2020 edition of Texas Super Lawyers (business litigation) for the fifth straight year. She is founding partner of the Stewart Law Group PLLC in Dallas.

**Jennifer Van Zant (JD ’94)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for business litigation and was recognized as one of the state’s top 50 women lawyers. She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 1995

**L. Robert Clark (MBA ’95, P ’15)** was named chief information officer for the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi.

**Mike McGinty (’95)** was named assistant coach of North Carolina FC, a professional soccer team based in Cary, NC, that plays in USL League One. McGinty was goalkeeping coach with the United States at the 2019 U-17 World Cup for male players under age 17 and coached men’s soccer at Saint Louis University from 2010-17. He played professionally for eight years after starring as goalkeeper for Wake Forest, where he earned All-ACC honors in 1992.

**Edwin “Ed” L. West III (JD ’95, P ’24)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for criminal defense law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh and Wilmington, NC.

## 1992

**Holly Burleson Childs (’92)** was named president and CEO of Wilmington Downtown Inc., which promotes economic growth and development in downtown Wilmington, NC. She was director of business development and external relations at WestRidge Inc./Falcon Consulting & Management LLC in Morgantown, WV, and president and CEO of Morgantown Area Economic Partnership.

**John “Jack” T. Gilbertson (JD ’92, P ’25)** joined the health care and life sciences practice of Epstein Becker Green PC in Los Angeles. He has more than 20 years of experience in the legal industry and was most recently senior counsel at Denton Wilde Sapte LLP.

**Robert J. Ramseur Jr. (’92, JD ’95, P ’23)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list and to Business North Carolina’s 2021 Legal Elite for real estate law. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

## 1993

**Beth Tate Hondros (JD ’93)** was named to the 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for family law. She is a partner at James, McElroy and Diehl PA in Charlotte.

**Robin Williams Pearson (’93, P ’22)** received the 2020 Christy Award for First Novel for “A Long Time Comin’” (Tyndale House). The award recognizes the best books in Christian fiction. Her second book, “Til I Want No More,” was released in February. Her career started with Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston in 1995, and she has been an editor, writer, blogger and author. She is married to **Eddie Pearson (’93, P ’22)**. They have homeschooled their seven children, including **Katherine “Kate” Pearson (’22)**. The family lives in Charlotte.

**Holly Welch Stubbing (’93)** is president and CEO of E4E Relief LLC, one of the country’s largest providers of employee relief funds, based in Charlotte. She is also an executive vice president with E4E Relief’s parent organization, Foundation for the Carolinas. More at [bit.ly/3krKEDh](https://bit.ly/3krKEDh)

**Michael G. Young (JD ’93)** was appointed an administrative law judge by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. He will provide independent review and issue decisions





**Greenawalt**  
(‘98)



**Sivon**  
(‘98)



**Sorrells**  
(MA ‘98)



**Brown** (‘99,  
JD ‘03, MBA ‘08)



**Harris**  
(JD ‘00)



**Niarchos**  
(‘00)



**Foster**  
(MBA ‘01)



**Cutts**  
(‘02)

## 1997

**Mary Leigh Cherry (‘97)** is director of enterprise for ARTERNAL, based in the U.S. and Canada. ARTERNAL is an industry-leading all-in-one consolidated art system that helps art professionals drive results and sales through an ecosystem of tools, data and insights. Previously, she was director of the Tanya Bonakdar Gallery in Los Angeles and co-founded two art galleries. More at [bit.ly/31vpHNZ](http://bit.ly/31vpHNZ)

**Michael Humphrey (MBA ‘97)** joined the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (NC) as vice president of operations and equity. A Greensboro native, Humphrey spent the previous 13 years with the NFL as director of planning and business strategy. He also founded a custom menswear business in Virginia.

**Dan Katzenbach (JD ‘97)** was named to Business North Carolina’s 2021 Legal Elite for construction law. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh.

## 1998

**Danielle De Angelis (‘98, JD ‘02)** has joined Advocate Family Law Group in Lexington, NC. She has practiced family law in North Carolina since 2002.

**David Greenawalt (‘98)** was promoted to expert in the Atlanta office of McKinsey & Company, a global management consulting firm. He specializes in business-to-business customer insights with emphasis on business strategy and mergers & acquisitions diligence.

**Coe W. Ramsey (JD ‘98)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for entertainment & sports law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh.

**Amie Fonville Sivon (‘98)** was named to Business North Carolina’s 2021 Legal Elite for appellate law. She is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

**Kris Porazzi Sorrells (MA ‘98)** was named Head of School at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem. She has taught math at the girls’ day and boarding high school since 1998 and was named Acting Head of School in June 2020.

## 1999

**T.L. Brown (‘99, JD ‘03, MBA ‘08)** received Wells Fargo’s Golden Spoke Award, given to the top 1% of sales and service performers. He is a senior fiduciary risk consultant at Wells Fargo in Winston-Salem. He serves on the board of Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation and the board of visitors for the Wake Forest School of Law.

**Jeff Samz (MBA ‘99)** was promoted from chief operating office to CEO of Huntsville Hospital Health System in Huntsville, AL. He has been with the health system since 2009 and has more than 28 years of hospital administration experience.

**Jeffrey J. Trapani (‘99)** was named to the 2021 Massachusetts Super Lawyers list for employment law. He is a partner at Robinson Donovan PC in Springfield, MA.

## 2000

**P. Kevin Berger (JD ‘00)** was elected by his fellow commissioners as vice chair of the Rockingham County (NC) Board of Commissioners. An attorney in Madison (NC) with the Berger Law Firm PC, he was first elected as a county commissioner in 2016 and is a past board chair.

**Anne-Marie LeBlanc Davis (‘00)** wrote “Vibe Guide,” a feeling journal, in December 2020. The guide at [shift-vibes.com](http://shift-vibes.com) offers whimsical doodles, writing prompts and creative ideas to engage mind, body and spirit. She lives in Fal-mouth, ME.

**Jason R. Harris (JD ‘00)** was named to the 2021 North Carolina Super Lawyers list for transportation & maritime law. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Wilmington, NC.

**Emily Hudson Mitchell (‘00)** is the associate producer and writer of a documentary, “Hank Locklin: Country Music’s Timeless Tenor.” Locklin rose to fame in the 1950s. The film features historical footage from the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum archives, along with commentary from country legends Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Marty Stuart and Dwight Yoakam. The film, which debuted in November, is on PBS stations across the country. Mitchell lives in Pensacola, FL.

**Michael Niarchos (‘00)** joined international management consulting firm Alvarez & Marsal LLC as a managing director in its health care industry group. He is based in Boston. He was a partner in Deloitte’s health care practice.

**Kristina Peachman (PhD ‘00)** led a virtual discussion in December as part of Penn State Altoona’s Catalyst Speaker Series, which features leading science professionals from around the world. Peachman is a microbiologist at the Center for Infectious Disease Research at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, MD.

## 2001

**Geoff Foster (MBA ‘01)** was named an Entrepreneur of The Year 2020 Southeast Award winner by Ernst & Young LLP. He was one of four people recognized for innovation, overcoming adversity, financial performance, societal impact, talent management and building a values-based company. Foster is president and CEO of Core Technology Molding Corporation in Greensboro, NC.

**Graig Paglieri (MBA ‘01)** was named CEO and managing director of global professionals at Randstad Technologies Group, a unit of Randstad US. Paglieri was previously group president of technologies and engineering at Randstad, a global leader in the HR services industry. He is based in Atlanta and Tampa, FL.

## 2002

**Will Barrett (‘02, MBA ‘06)** was named president of Bank of Tennessee, a community bank headquartered in Johnson City, TN. He joined the bank 14 years ago as a part-time teller and was most recently chief operating officer.

**Kyle T. Cutts (‘02)** was named partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP, a top national law firm. Based in Cleveland and Los Angeles, he represents clients nationally in complex litigation, including class actions, data privacy litigation, antitrust matters and appeals.

**Aditya Nath (MBA ‘02)** is the author of “Awaken Your Soulprint: Discover Your Own Special Path to Happiness and Success.” He is a writer and life coach who lives in India.



**Hilts**  
(‘03)



**Bianchi**  
(‘05)



**Kelly**  
(‘05)



**Hocutt**  
(‘06, JD ‘09)



**George**  
(‘07)



**Tate**  
(‘07, MALS ‘11)

**Nick Drader (‘07)** earned his MBA from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD.

**Brian Edwards (‘07)** is goal-keeper coach for Charlotte FC Academy, the youth developmental arm of Charlotte FC, the MLS franchise debuting in 2022. He also is assistant men’s soccer coach

at UNC Charlotte. A former All-ACC goalie, he helped lead Wake Forest to the 2007 national title.

**Mike Forman (‘07)** was named to the Triangle Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” class for 2020. He is vice president of marketing and brand strategy with the Carolina Hurricanes, an NHL franchise in Raleigh. His staff developed the “Bunch of Jerks” marketing campaign after a hockey commentator labeled the team. The campaign produced more than \$1 million in revenue.

**Carmella Fulcher George (‘07)** wrote a guide, “5 Quick Tips To Improve Your VA Disability Claim,” to help veterans with VA claims. She is the CEO of Jacksonville Veterans Disability Services in Jacksonville, NC, and the daughter of a disabled Vietnam War veteran.

**Emily Goodson (‘07)** received the Rising Star Award from the San Diego chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She is the founder of CultureSmart, a consulting firm that partners with startups to create high-performing and more inclusive workplaces.

**Martyn Knowles (MD ‘07)** was named to the Triangle Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” class for 2020. He is co-founder and chief medical officer at Operative Flow Technologies LLC, a surgical software company based in Raleigh. He is also a vascular surgeon at UNC Rex Hospital.

**Tiffany Waddell Tate (‘07, MALS ‘11)** received a Winston Under 40 Leadership Award, given annually by Greater Winston-Salem Inc. to 20 outstanding young leaders. She is associate director of national engagement in the Alumni Engagement office at Wake Forest. She is the founder and CEO of Career Maven Consulting and a founding board member of REACH Women’s Network. She is also active in Leadership Winston-Salem and the Black Philanthropy Initiative.

## 2003

**Kristin Johnson Davin (‘03, MAEd ‘04)** received the Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers. She is an associate professor of foreign language education in the Cato College of Education at UNC Charlotte. She received her doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Stephen Hawryluk (‘03)** was named budget manager for the city of High Point, NC. He had worked for the city of Winston-Salem since 2011, most recently as assistant budget director.

**Craig R. Hilts (‘03)**, a transactional and corporate attorney, was promoted to partner at his law firm, WilmerHale, in Boston.

**Kathryn Larson (‘03)** was promoted to managing director at Accenture, a leading global professional services company. She leads strategy, growth and delivery initiatives that support the missions of federal civilian agencies. She has been with Accenture for 17 years and lives in Arlington, VA.

**Michelle Meggs (MDiv ‘03)** is executive director of the Women + Girls Research Alliance at UNC Charlotte. She earned a doctorate in humanities from Clark Atlanta University with a focus on African women’s studies.

**Jordan Rae Smith Kelly (‘05)** was named to the Global Investigations Review’s 40 Under 40 guide for 2020. After serving in the FBI and on the White House’s National Security Council, she is currently a partner at FTI Consulting in Washington, DC, focusing on cybersecurity.

**Philip Rogers (‘05)** was elected chancellor of East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, by the UNC Board of Governors. He was senior vice president of learning and engagement for the American Council on Education. He was a policy analyst at ECU in 2007 and chief of staff from 2008-2013. He is originally from Greenville.

**Michael Snizek (JD ‘05)** was named managing partner at Buckley & Snizek PA, formerly Buckley Law Group, with offices in New York City, Dallas, Los Angeles and Florida. He is based in the New York office.

## 2006

**Adam Hocutt (‘06, JD ‘09)** was named managing partner at Dozier Miller Law Group in Charlotte, where he practices as a civil litigation and personal injury attorney.

**Molly Nunn (‘06, MBA ‘11)** finished first among female runners in the Winter Flight Run 8k in Rowan County (NC). Her time of 30:18 was sixth overall at the annual race, hosted by the Salisbury-Rowan Runners club. Nunn was a member of the track and cross-country teams at Wake Forest.

**Megan Silver (‘06)** was named special counsel for the Department of Social Services in Transylvania County (NC). She has practiced law since 2009, primarily in the Asheville, NC, region, and was the agency attorney for the McDowell County (NC) Department of Social Services.

## 2007

**James W. Casey (MBA ‘07)** is on the advisory board for The Northern Trust, a PGA TOUR event that is the first golf tournament of the playoff system for the FedEx Cup. The 2021 tournament is scheduled for August at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, NJ. Casey is senior vice president and general manager at Constellation Brands, a Fortune 500 company based in New York City that produces and markets beer, wine and spirits.

## 2008

**Chris Elliott (‘08)** was promoted to director of North America connections and media at The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta.

**Lacey Huffling (MAEd ‘08)** received the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award from the Department of Natural Sciences at Lee University. She is an assistant professor of science education at Georgia Southern University.

**Jane Bianchi (‘05)** is editor of The University of Tampa’s alumni magazine, UT Journal, which recently won three District III/Southeast awards from CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education). Bianchi’s team won a gold for “publishing improvement” and a silver for general interest magazines published three or more times a year. It also won bronze for its Fall 2020 cover design. Bianchi, who has been editor since 2019, also writes for Wake Forest Magazine and is grateful for the mentorship of **Maria Henson (‘82)**, editor-at-large and associate vice president.

**Doug Bowman (MBA ‘05)** joined United Community Bank as the Charlotte market president. He was senior vice president, Charlotte Middle Market Banking Manager, at First National Bank.



**Dyan Kozaczka (JD '08)** joined Siegel & Kaufman PC as a partner in the law firm's Stamford, CT, office. She was named in 2016 to the Westchester & Fairfield County (CT) Business Journals' "40 Under 40" list.



Overs  
(JD '09)



Riggan  
(JD '09)



Simmons  
(JD '10)



Bell  
(JD '12)



Erwin  
(JD '12)



Rodgers  
(MBA '13)

**Kelsey Hendry Mayo (JD '08)** is an outside director of regulatory policy for the American Retirement Association. She is a partner in the Raleigh and Charlotte law offices of Poyner Spruill LLP, where she focuses on employee benefits and executive compensation.

**Clint Morse (JD '08)** was named a 2021 Rising Star for business litigation by North Carolina Super Lawyers. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Michael Oliverio (JD '08)** joined the law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP as a partner in its Pittsburgh office. He has more than a decade of experience representing clients in complex litigation matters, particularly in the fossil fuel, technology and securities industries.

**Geordie Pierson Jr. (JD '08)** was promoted to partner at Falfurrias Capital Partners, a Charlotte-based private equity firm. Pierson has been with the firm since 2014.

**Delvon L. Worthy (JD '08, MBA '13)** was a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" in February. He won more than \$17,000 and a trip to Cancun, Mexico, and finished in first place. Worthy lives in Glendale, CA, with his wife, **Elisabeth Walley Worthy (JD '09)**. He is manager of social impact at Participant Media.

## 2009

**Katharine Williams Farrell (JD '09, MBA '15)** was named a "Top 50 Women in Travel" for 2021 by the Global Business Travel Association. She is president of Dots & Lines Inc., an independent marketing consultancy in Atlanta.

**Venky Govind (MBA '09)** was named chief information officer for Hannibal Industries, a leading pallet rack manufacturer headquartered in Los Angeles. He has more than 25 years of leadership experience in manufacturing, retail, life sciences and enterprise IT strategies in global private equity, mergers and acquisitions.

**Patrick Nelli (JD '09)** was promoted from chief financial officer to president at Health Catalyst Inc., a Salt Lake City-based company that provides data and analytics to health care organizations. He joined the company in 2013.

**Kyle T. Overs (JD '09)** was named partner at the law firm Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP. Based in San Diego, Overs focuses on complex business and trust litigation. He received the Outstanding Service Award from the Legal Aid Society of San

Diego and was named to SD Metro magazine's "40 Under 40" class for 2020.

**Jennifer "Maury" Riggan (JD '09)** is an associate counsel in the Office of the White House Counsel. She was previously an attorney for the Biden-Harris transition team and a counsel in the Strategic Response group at the WilmerHale law firm in Washington. She received her law degree from the University of Virginia.

## 2010

**Sam Metzler (JD '10)** was promoted to senior vice president at Quality Oil Company in Winston-Salem, where he's worked since 2014. He serves on the boards of Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court, Leadership Winston-Salem, Dress for Success Winston-Salem and Sawtooth School for Visual Art. He served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps.

**Jerri Simmons (JD '10)** was named a 2021 Rising Star for workers' compensation by North Carolina Super Lawyers. She is a partner at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Charlotte.

## 2011

**Emily Yandle Rottmann (JD '11)** was elected partner at McGuireWoods LLP in Jacksonville, FL. She joined the law firm in 2011, focusing on commercial and class action litigation.

## 2012

**Stephen J. Bell (JD '12)** was named a 2021 Rising Star for business litigation by North Carolina Super Lawyers. He is an associate at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Wilmington, NC.

**Joel "Jay" Berly (JD '12, MSL '14, JD '17)** completed his second federal clerkship and joined Butler Snow LLP as an associate in the commercial litigation group in the Charleston, SC, office.

**Miles S. Bruder (JD '12)** was elected partner in the Raleigh office of Williams Mullen. He has been with the law firm since 2012 and practices corporate law.

**Nancy Davidson Bullard (JD '12)** is a teacher and science lab specialist at Huntingtowne Farms

Elementary School in Charlotte. When schools shut down in March 2020, she began posting lessons for her students on TikTok (mrs.b.tv), and has since gained a following of nearly 1.5 million. In the past year, she has won the STEM Superstar award and been interviewed on several radio and TV shows.

**Scott M. Douglass (JD '12)** was elected shareholder at Patterson Intellectual Property Law. He practices in the Nashville and Memphis, TN, offices, focusing on trademarks, copyrights and data privacy law. He has worked at the firm since 2012.

**Brodie D. Erwin (JD '12)** joined the Raleigh office of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP as counsel on the labor & employment team. He was with Ogletree Deakins. He is a former member of the Wake County Bar Association's board of directors and served as president of the bar association's Young Lawyers Division. He is a board member and fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County.

## 2013

**Amanda Finney (JD '13)** was appointed by President Joe Biden as chief of staff for the Press Office and special assistant to the press secretary. She was formerly associate director of communications for Sidewalk Labs, an urban innovation company focused on sustainability. She worked on the presidential campaign of Mike Bloomberg as the national deputy women's outreach director and at Microsoft as a marketing communications manager. She worked for President Barack Obama's 2012 campaign and Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign.

**Andrew W. Rodgers (MBA '13)** was named executive director and CEO of the Albuquerque (NM) Museum Foundation. He was executive director of the Denver Film Society and spent 11 years as executive director of the RiverRun International Film Festival in Winston-Salem.

## 2014

**Matthew Antonelli (JD '14)** was elected partner at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. Based in Washington, DC, he concentrates on port and maritime law.



**Grubb**  
(JD '16)



**Burke**  
(JD '18)



**Horvat**  
(MA '18)



**Rajan**  
(MBA/PhD '19)



**Tremble**  
(JD '19)



**Bekele**  
(20)



**Horling**  
(MSBA '21)

**Destin C. Hall (JD '14)** is serving his third term in the North Carolina House of Representatives. A Republican from Caldwell County, Hall, 33, is the first millennial to chair the House Rules Committee and is also chair of the Redistricting Committee. He is a partner at the law firm Wilson, Lackey, Rohr & Hall PC in Lenoir, NC.

**Kevin Lacz (PA '14)** was appointed to the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. Lacz is a former Navy SEAL who earned a Bronze Star Medal during two tours of duty in Iraq. He is a physician assistant in Pensacola, FL, and founder of the nonprofit Hunting for Healing, which provides meaningful outdoor and hunting experiences to disabled veterans.

## 2015

**John-Mark Brown (MDiv '15)** is executive director of Family Promise of Knoxville (TN), a nonprofit that works with low-income and homeless families.

**Quentin T. Collie (MAEd '15)** joined Steptoe & Johnson PLLC as an associate in the law firm's Bridgeport, WV, office. He is a former educator who taught middle-school English in Ohio and West Virginia. He graduated in the top five of his law school class at West Virginia University.

## 2016

**Joshua P. Bussen (JD '16)** was a law clerk to Judge Joseph F. Bianco of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Bussen lives in New York City.

**Alicha Grubb (JD '16)** was named to The Roanoke magazine's list of "40 Under 40," which recognizes young leaders in Roanoke, VA. She is a commercial litigation attorney at Gentry Locke Attorneys in Roanoke. She is chair of Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, a tutor and board member of Blue Ridge Literacy and a graduate of Leadership Roanoke Valley.

## 2017

**Ayla Acosta ('17, MBA '22)** was named to Triad Business Journal's inaugural class of 20 in their 20s, which recognizes people under 30 who are making a difference in their community. She is

director of corporate partnership services with the Winston-Salem Dash baseball team. She helped coordinate the rebranding of the Dash logo and Truist Stadium after the merger of BB&T and SunTrust.

**Nicholas Presentato (JD '17)** has joined Advocate Family Law Group in Lexington, NC. He practices family law in Davie, Davidson and Forsyth counties.

**Jackson Sutton (MBA '17)** received a Winston Under 40 Leadership Award, given annually by Greater Winston-Salem Inc. to 20 outstanding young leaders. He is senior manager of consumer marketing at Reynolds American. He co-founded Echelon, a young professionals wing of the Salvation Army.

## 2018

**Emily C. Burke (JD '18)** joined Maynard Cooper & Gale LLP as an associate in the financial services litigation practice group. She is based in the law firm's Birmingham, AL, office.

**Meg Weiss Horvat (MA '18)** received a Winston Under 40 Leadership Award, given annually by Greater Winston-Salem Inc. to 20 outstanding young leaders. She was also named to Triad Business Journal's 2020 class of 40 Under 40 young leaders. She is director of marketing and administration at Linville Team Partners (LTP), a commercial real estate company in Winston-Salem. She became the first female and non-broker partner at LTP in 2019.

## 2019

**Shawna M. Abbatiello (JD '19)** is an assistant public defender in the Public Defender's Office in Jacksonville, FL. She previously clerked for Judge Robert J. Humphreys on the Virginia Court of Appeals.

**Jessie Bates III ('19)** was named to The Associated Press NFL All-Pro Team. A safety for the Cincinnati Bengals, Bates was named to the second team after leading all NFL safeties with a combined 18 pass breakups and interceptions. He was a freshman All-American at Wake Forest and was drafted by Cincinnati in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft following his red-shirt sophomore season.

**Jake Benzinger ('19)** signed a reserve/future contract with the Indianapolis Colts. He started 39 consecutive games at offensive tackle for Wake Forest from 2017-2019.

**Matt Colburn II ('19)** signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. Colburn is Wake Forest's sixth all-time leading rusher with 2,528 yards. He started his professional football career as an undrafted free agent with the Los Angeles Rams.

**Juliana Vergara Duque (JD '19)** is an associate attorney at the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in Winston-Salem, where she focuses on personal injury law.

**Megan Lee Henderson ('19)** is a marketing associate at Fringe, a human resources online platform based in Richmond, VA.

**Shiny Rajan (MBA/PhD '19)** received a Winston Under 40 Leadership Award, given annually by Greater Winston-Salem Inc. to 20 outstanding young leaders. A native of India, she is a research associate at Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine. She has developed a miniaturized "lung-on-a-chip" platform to accelerate testing of new treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

**Ray Celeste Tanner (MA '19)** was promoted to assistant director of admissions and communication at Salem Academy and College in Winston-Salem. She had been an admissions counselor since 2019.

**Alexis Tremble (JD '19)** is an assistant district attorney in Gaston County (NC).

## 2020

**Yabsera Bekele ('20)** was selected for the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program funded by the U.S. Department of State. She will be attending Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service for a master's in global human development. The Pickering program prepares young people for careers with the U.S. Foreign Service. Bekele, who majored in politics and international affairs and minored in Middle East and South Asia studies, was one of 45 U.S. students selected for the fellowship.

**Jordan A. Castroverde (JD '20)** joined Shutts & Bowen LLP in Jacksonville, FL, as an associate in the corporate practice group.



**Brandon Childress ('20)** is playing professional basketball in Estonia after signing a contract with Rapla KK of the Latvian-Estonian Basketball League. He led Wake Forest in scoring and assists his junior and senior years and ranks seventh in career 3-pointers made (190), a record held by his father, **Randolph Childress ('95, P '20)**, with 329.

**Michael DeShields ('20)** signed a professional soccer contract with the New England Revolution II of the United Soccer League. The team is owned by the New England Revolution of the MLS and operates as its reserve squad. DeShields starred at center back for Wake Forest, anchoring a defense that allowed less than one goal per match.

**Caroline Hamilton (JD '20)** joined Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP as an associate in the law firm's Cleveland office.

**Anna Schaefer (MSM '20)** is client engagement manager at Sneeze LLC, a Winston-Salem-based company that provides illness-tracking tools. The company was founded by pediatrician **William Satterwhite III (MD '97)** and pediatric urologist **Steven Hodges (MD '98)** of Wake Forest Baptist Health. Its latest product is SneezeSafe, a web-based platform that screens for COVID-19 through a short daily survey.

## 2021

**Brad Horling (MSBA '21)** was included in Triad Business Journal's inaugural class of "20 in their 20s." He is director of IT and analytics at Emtiro Health, an innovative population health management company in Winston-Salem. He volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Second Harvest Food Bank.

## Marriages

**Kelsey Caroline Indorf ('06, MSA '07)** and Bryan Jeffrey Soukup, 10/10/20 in Alexandria, VA, where they live. The wedding party included Kristen Raliski Fyock ('07, MSA '08).

**Alexandria "Alex" Reyes ('06, JD '09)** and Courtney Schroeder, 11/28/20 in La Jolla, CA. They live in Minneapolis.

**Hannah Greenough ('11)** and Lance H. Linke, 2/29/20 in Salem, MA. They live in Ipswich, MA. The wedding party included Lindsey Martin ('11) and Kelly McGowan Zerillo ('11).

**Spencer A. Bishop ('13)** and **Erika M. Martin ('14)**, 11/15/20 in Sedona, AZ. They live in Cornelius, NC.

**Josh Matthews ('13)** and Karie Whitaker, 5/18/19 in Kernersville, NC. They live in Yadkinville, NC.

**Tomas Debinski ('14)** and Jordan Taylor, 10/5/19 in Ocean Isle Beach, NC. They live in High Point, NC.

**John-Mark Brown (MDiv '15)** and Jennifer Rutter, 10/10/20 in Loudon, TN. They live in Lenoir City, TN.

**Lena Michelle Nelson ('15)** and Randolph Brown, 9/12/20 in Charlotte, where they live. The wedding party included Briana Brewer ('15, MA '21) and Amber Burton ('15).

## Births

**Adrian Greene ('00, MA '08)** and **Melissa Painter Greene ('00)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, August Thisbe. 8/26/20. She joins her sisters, Magnolia Louise (7) and Georgia Claremont (5).

**Alexandra Lee Snyder Garcia ('03)** and Leo Garcia, Mount Pleasant, SC: a son, Rafael Andrés. 11/5/20. He joins his brother, Sebastián (4).

**Ashley Phillips Wheeler ('03)** and **Gary Marvin Wheeler Jr. ('04)**, Apopka, FL: a son, Lucas Christopher. 12/11/20. He joins his brother, Wesley (8), and sister, Elena (4).

**Susan Emery Lawson ('04, MBA '09)** and Andrew Walker Morrison, Charlotte: a daughter, Edith Emery. 1/3/21

**Charles R. Broderick IV ('05)** and Brittany Lyn Korb, Chicago: a son, Ford Marvin. 10/18/20

**Annie Lausier Chrien ('05)** and Michael Chrien, San Mateo, CA: a son, Owen Gregory. 10/26/20

**Megan Kohler Griffin ('05, MSA '06)** and Chris Griffin, Charlotte: a daughter, Mila Nikohl. 11/30/20

**Robert Robine ('05, JD '10)** and Aggie Robine, Alexandria, VA: a son, Ryan Alexander. 12/8/20. He joins his sister, Emma Katherine (2).

**Blythe Craver Marshall ('06)** and Andrew "Andy" Marshall, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Annelle James. 2/15/21. She joins her sister, Aurora "Rory" (3).

**Kate Landis Bashore ('07)** and Efen Suizo Caballes Jr., Lafayette, CO: a son, Logan Luke. 12/30/20

**Ashley Kliefth Costello ('07)** and Daniel Costello, Baltimore: a daughter, Sophie Grace. 12/20/20

**Kendra Armstrong McAdams ('07)** and Scott McAdams, Charlotte: a daughter, Sloan Armstrong. 12/1/20

**Grady "Dan" Siler Patterson IV ('07, MSA '08)** and **Mary "Brook" Matthews Patterson ('08)**, Simpsonville, SC: a son, Easton Holt. 6/8/20. He joins his sisters, Carmer Lee (7) and Sibyl (3), and his brother, Siler (6).

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**Emilie Rose Rubin ('08, MSA '09)** and **Max E. Rubin ('08, MSA '09)**, Sewickley, PA: a daughter, Cornelia Clark. 9/2/20. She joins her sister, Dorothy Louise (3).

**Matthew Gregory Smentek ('08)** and Alisa Davis Smentek, Marietta, GA: a son, Conor Matthew. 11/7/20

**Lauren Brown Stover ('08)** and William Andrew Stover, Alexandria, VA: a daughter, Adeline Eloise. 2/13/21. She joins her sister, Audrey (3).

**T.J. Groner ('09, MSA '10, MBA '15)** and **Christine Nader Groner ('11)**, Charlotte: a daughter, Emma Lucille. 10/17/20. She joins her sister, Caroline (2).

**James "McFall" Pearce ('09, MBA '16)** and **Sarah Denison Kropp Pearce ('09)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Avery Denison. 11/30/20. She joins her sister, Claire (5), and brother, William (2).

**Brian Charles Farrell ('10)** and **Laura Ator Farrell ('12)**, Paoli, PA: a son, Jack. 1/23/20

**David G. Sage ('10)** and **Morgan Clark Sage ('10)**, Seattle: a son, John "Jack" Bennett. 1/14/21. He joins his brother, Charlie (3).

**Thomas Anderson Sensing ('10)** and Wendla Alderman Sensing, Dayton, OH: a son, Thomas "Anderson." 3/5/20. His godfather is Stephen Castillejo ('10), and his grandfather is Donald Sensing ('77).

**Austin Tharrington Cox ('11)** and **David William Cox ('11)**, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Coley Marie. 1/31/21. She is the grandchild of Richard Lowe Cox Sr. ('76) and Perry Rickman Tharrington III ('79), and the great-grandchild of Jewell Brinkley Tharrington ('51). She is also the niece of Richard Lowe Cox Jr. ('06) and Robert Andrew Cox ('09).

**Hannah Greenough Linke ('11)** and Lance H. Linke, Ipswich, MA: a son, Wolfbaerht Lance. 1/27/21

**Anthony Tang ('11)** and **Megan Massey Tang ('12)**, Winston-Salem: a son, Eddison "Eddie" Shiloong. 12/5/20. He joins his brother, Hudson Juloong (2).

**Parag P. Shirsekar (MBA '12)** and Madhavi Nagwanshi, Livingston, NJ: a daughter, Meera. 9/30/20. She joins her sister, Vaani (2).

**Rachael Duane Schmid ('13)** and Michael John Schmid, Winston-Salem: a son, Aaron John. 10/21/20

**Katherine Blake Vogelsang ('13)** and **Daniel Vogelsang ('14)**, Nashville, TN: a son, Isaiah King. 1/27/21

**Tomas Debinski ('14)** and Jordan Taylor, High Point, NC: twin daughters, Callie and Margot. 7/6/20

**Weston Philip Harty (JD '17)** and **Rachel Raimondi (JD '17)**, Brooklyn, NY: a son, Finnegan Roux Cian Raimhart. 11/5/20

## Deaths

**Franklin "Durant" Bell ('43)**, Oct. 30, 2020, Pittsboro, NC. He was captain of the track team at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Navy. He was called into active duty in the U.S. National Guard and retired in 1972 from the U.S. Army Reserve. He retired in 1992 as an oral surgeon.

**Richard Gibran Saleeby ('43)**, Sept. 24, 2020, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a proctologist in Raleigh for nearly 60 years.

**Tom Coppedge (MD '46)**, Nov. 12, 2020, Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a radiologist in the Charlotte area.

**Frederic Hofmann ('46, JD '49)**, Nov. 30, 2020, Jacksonville, FL. He worked for American Title Insurance Company in Miami. He built and lived aboard a 52-foot trimaran.

**Rachel Page Carnes ('48)**, Nov. 29, 2020, Black Mountain, NC. She was a hospital volunteer and organist/pianist at First United Methodist Church in Marion, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Everette "Buddy" Carnes (JD '48)**.

**William "Bill" Stuart Beacham ('49)**, Nov. 11, 2020, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was a program director with the U.S. Public Health Service. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**James Lawrence Haynes ('49)**, Sept. 4, 2020, East Bend, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a homebuilder and commercial-building project manager. Survivors include his wife, **Wilma Jones Haynes ('51)**.

**Jane Mary Umstead ('49)**, Nov. 5, 2020, Durham, NC. She worked at Methodist Retirement Home in Durham (now Croasdaile Village) for 39 years.

**Lee Irving Gorrell ('50)**, Aug. 30, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was with the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years.

**Charles Cecil Baker ('51)**, Jan. 8, 2021, Hixson, TN. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in the Philippines during World War II. He worked at DuPont for 41 years, beginning as a chemist and retiring as senior technical marketing specialist. In 2017 he was inducted into the Tennessee Senior Olympics Hall of Fame's inaugural class.

**Edward Thornton "Puddin" Copeland ('51)**, Dec. 8, 2020, Ahoskie, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan at the end of World War II.

He retired as an executive at First Citizens Bank after 40 years in banking. He owned businesses in central and eastern North Carolina, including seven Pizza Inns, a steak restaurant and a tire and battery shop.

**Joseph F. P. "Joe Frank" Newhall Jr. ('51)**, Dec. 30, 2020, Bradenton, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy and was an OB/GYN for nearly 40 years, primarily in the Bradenton area. He also worked in Burma (Myanmar) near the Chinese border until the government removed foreign nationals. Survivors include sons **Judson Newhall ('87)** and **Phil Newhall ('92)**. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Bennie "Ben" Edward Clayton Jr. ('52)**, Oct. 24, 2020, Oakton, VA. He was a medic in the U.S. Army in Europe at the end of World War II. He worked for the National Security Agency, the National Bureau of Standards and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Mary "Charlie" Patterson Corpening ('52)**, Jan. 7, 2021, Charleston, SC. She was music and choir director at Youngsville Baptist Church in Youngsville, NC, for more than 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Albert Newton Corpening Jr. ('52, MD '55)**.

**Mary Lou Harris Hartley ('52)**, Jan. 10, 2021, Oceanside, CA. She was a teacher in Southern California for more than 35 years. She is survived by her husband, **Bill Hartley ('52)**.

**Sara Page Jackson Lewis ('52)**, Jan. 19, 2021, Wilmington, NC. At Wake Forest, she was chief majorette in the marching band. In her senior year she was elected student body secretary and named "Miss Demon Deacon." She served on the Wake Forest Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees. She was an administrative assistant in the development office at Davidson College for 17 years, retiring in 2003. Survivors include son **Andrew "Drew" Lewis ('78)**.

**Charlie Peterson Thames ('52)**, Sept. 2, 2020, Melbourne, FL. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force and U.S. Air Force. He worked for Martin Marietta and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He retired from the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles.

**John Henry Graeber ('53)**, Nov. 21, 2020, Gastonia, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was the owner of Graeber Diabetic Supply Company in Gastonia.

**Clyde Swofford ('53)**, Dec. 15, 2020, Asheville, NC. He taught math at several North Carolina high schools and Charlotte College (now UNC Charlotte). He was also a land surveyor, carpenter and amateur architect. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Wilma Dale Swofford ('51)**.

**Betty Holliday Waddell Bowman ('54)**, Dec. 7, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was a retired secretary at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. She was preceded in death by her father, **Donald Holliday ('29)**.



**Bobby Clinton Buchanan ('54)**, Dec. 5, 2020, Roxboro, NC. He was a high school English teacher and football, track and baseball coach. He was also a Baptist minister who pastored at churches in Virginia and North Carolina, including Front Street Baptist Church in Roxboro for 23 years.

**L. Wesley Ledford ('54)**, Sept. 21, 2020, Charlotte. He played football at Wake Forest. He was vice president of sales and service at Carolina Tractor Co. in Charlotte. Survivors include his wife, **Daphne Franklin Ledford ('54)**.

**James Alexander Maultsby ('54, MD '57)**, Dec. 30, 2020, Wilmington, NC. After serving as a physician in the U.S. Navy, he became a pioneer in the field of thermography, or thermal imaging, focusing on measuring pain levels.

**Edwin Lewis Auman (MD '55)**, Jan. 6, 2021, High Point, NC. He practiced internal medicine in High Point for 40 years and was chief of staff at High Point Regional Hospital.

**J. "Russell" Capps ('55)**, Oct. 6, 2020, Raleigh. He was a planner in the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the first planning director and first emergency management director in Wake County (NC). He founded the county's Emergency Medical Services and served as fire marshal. He was president of the nonpartisan Wake County Taxpayers Association for two decades and served six terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

**Mary Ann Dunn Correll ('55)**, Jan. 1, 2021, Franklin, VA. She was a lab technician in Covington, VA, and later worked as a substitute high school teacher in Franklin. Survivors include her husband, **Gene Mercer Correll ('54)**.

**Reginald Gay Dawkins ('55)**, Jan. 19, 2021, Asheville, NC. He served eight years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a Baptist minister for more than 30 years at North Carolina churches, including First Baptist Church in Liberty, NC, for 24 years. He was preceded in death by brother **M. Vance Dawkins ('43)**.

**Wade Russell Rowland ('55)**, Nov. 4, 2020, Greenville, SC. He served eight years in the U.S. Army. He was an internal medicine specialist at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville.

**Charles "Charlie" Adam Strack ('55)**, Oct. 6, 2020, York, PA. He was a professional golfer and college teammate of **Arnold Palmer ('51, L.I.D. '70)**. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Ben Sullivan Tatum ('55)**, Aug. 31, 2020, Laurinburg, NC. He played third base on Wake Forest's baseball team, earning All-ACC honors in 1954. He spent two years as a U.S. Navy physician at Camp Lejeune. He was an OB/GYN in Scotland County (NC) for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2005. Survivors include daughters **Jill Tatum Cribb ('80)**, **Gwen Tatum Nix ('82)** and **Mary Margaret Tatum Wise ('91)**.

**Gilbert "Gil" Henry Burnett (JD '56)**, Nov. 9, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was retired chief judge of North Carolina's 5th Judicial District in New Hanover and Pender counties. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Wilmington StarNews.

**Joseph E. "Joe" Elmore ('56)**, Oct. 28, 2020, Louisburg, NC. He taught in Franklin County (NC) Public Schools and became the first full-time appraiser and tax mapper for the Franklin County Tax Office. He was preceded in death by brother **Thomas M. Elmore ('56, P '83, '94)**.

**Carol Stearns Stroud ('56)**, Jan. 22, 2021, St. Louis. She was a copywriter for Avon Products in New York City.

**Patricia "Pat" Neal Whisnant ('56)**, Sept. 14, 2020, Winston-Salem. She taught early childhood education at Forsyth Technical Community College for 25 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard Dallas Whisnant ('56)**.

**Baxter C. "Dutch" Young Jr. ('56)**, Jan. 21, 2021, New Bern, NC. He was an Eagle Scout and U.S. Army veteran. He retired in 2002 as executive vice president at Truland Systems Corporation, an electrical contracting company in Virginia.

**Bobby "Bob" Coley ('57)**, Dec. 7, 2020, Lancaster, SC. He was a manager in the California film industry and worked for United Artists studio. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Miriam Woodlief DeArmon ('57)**, Nov. 20, 2020, Burlington, NC. She was on the women's basketball team and was a founding member of the S.O.P.H. Society at Wake Forest. She taught high school English and drama in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John M. DeArmon II ('60)**. Survivors include son **John M. DeArmon III ('85)**.

**John James Groff ('57)**, Nov. 16, 2020, Reidsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a retired Baptist minister.

**John Banner Horton ('57)**, Jan. 24, 2021, Augusta, GA. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and served in Germany, Taiwan and Vietnam.

**William D. Ketner ('57)**, Oct. 8, 2020, Burlington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from the U.S. Department of Defense. In 1984 he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt. He was preceded in death by brother **Bruce Ketner ('57)**.

**Raymond Coy Needham ('57)**, Aug. 31, 2020, King, NC. He was a Baptist minister for more than 60 years.

**John Douglas Poston ('57)**, Jan. 21, 2021, Columbus, GA. He was an assistant professor of psychiatry at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

**William "Bill" M.E. Powers Jr. ('57)**, Dec. 31, 2020, Moorestown, NJ. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He practiced law for more than 50 years and

co-founded mortgage banking law firm Powers Kirn LLC in his native Moorestown. Survivors include son **William Powers III ('79)**.

**Joseph Stepusin Jr. ('57)**, Sept. 28, 2020, Henderson, NC. He played on Wake Forest's basketball team and was a coach and athletic director in Vance County (NC).

**Henry C. "Hank" Bowers III ('58)**, Jan. 19, 2021, Harrisonburg, VA. He played basketball at Wake Forest and was a Sigma Chi. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and the Army Reserve for 12 years. He was a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal and was dean of men at Madison College. He was an associate professor at James Madison University, retiring in 1992.

**Von "Tink" Hamrick Jr. ('58)**, Nov. 27, 2020, Winston-Salem. He retired in 1988 as director of data processing at McLean Trucking Company in Winston-Salem.

**Reta Peoples Richardson ('58)**, Jan. 7, 2021, Lexington, SC. She worked in public broadcasting and retired in 1999 from South Carolina Educational Television.

**Thomas Ray Allen ('59)**, Jan. 17, 2021, Winston-Salem. He served two years in the U.S. Army. He worked for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for 28 years until retiring in 1988 as manager of compensation administration. Survivors include granddaughter **Lindsey A. Murray ('10)**.

**Koy Ellis Dawkins Sr. (JD '59)**, Oct. 1, 2020, Monroe, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He founded Dawkins, Glass and Lee and was the longtime attorney for the Union County (NC) Board of Education. He helped found the Union County Community Arts Council and received lifetime achievement awards from the arts council and the Union County Bar Association.

**Arthur "Art" Fein (MD '59)**, Jan. 17, 2021, Princeton, NJ. He was a radiologist at Princeton Radiology for 41 years, chairing the department for 30 years, and spent two years as president of Princeton Medical Center. Survivors include son **Doug Fein (MD '89)**.

**Lois F. Lee Lin (MD '59)**, Jan. 15, 2021, Ocala, FL. She was an anesthesiologist in Maryland and Florida, retiring in the late 1980s.

**Laurie Walker Moore Jr. ('59, MD '63)**, Nov. 29, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served four years in Vietnam as a U.S. Navy flight surgeon and 16 years in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a captain in 1985. He was a pulmonologist in Newport News, VA, for 29 years, retiring in 2003. Survivors include son **Phillip S. Moore ('98, MD '02)**.

**Thurman "Murray" Pittman Sr. ('59)**, July 10, 2020, Jacksonville, NC. He was a hospital administrator for more than 20 years. He also served 29 years in the U.S. Army as a Medical Service Corps officer, including two tours in Vietnam as a medevac pilot. He earned numerous distinctions, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and multiple Bronze Stars.

**Thomas Sampson "Sam" Royster Jr. ('59, JD '61)**, Dec. 24, 2020, Oxford, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked at his family's law firm in Oxford and later started a land development company. In 1992 he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Gov. Jim Martin. Survivors include son **Charles Royster ('82)**.

**J. Clyde Shelton ('59)**, Jan. 16, 2021, Burkeville, VA. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a Baptist minister.

**James Clifton Herring Jr. ('60)**, Dec. 13, 2020, Fairmont, NC. He was an optometrist in southeastern North Carolina for nearly 50 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, **James C. Herring ('38)** and Irene Herring.

**Denver H. Lennon Jr. ('60)**, Jan. 27, 2021, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force, flying B-29 bombers during the Korean War and later on refueling missions. He retired in 1994 as a senior sales representative at The Upjohn Company, a pharmaceutical manufacturer.

**John S. Miller Jr. (MD '60)**, Oct. 21, 2020, Jacksonville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve during the Korean War and later as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy. He was an emergency room physician at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville for 25 years before retiring in 2013.

**William "Bill" Penn Haney Stevens Jr. ('60)**, Sept. 13, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was pastor of First Friends Meeting in Greensboro and operator of a ministry retreat center at his home- stead, "Glenagape," in Oak Ridge, NC. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Margaret Stevens ('60)**.

**Carlton "Gene" Booker ('61)**, Nov. 24, 2020, Asheboro, NC. He was a Baptist minister at four North Carolina churches and interim pastor for 13 churches in retirement. He was a trustee for Wake Forest Baptist Health. Survivors include daughter **Jennifer Booker Baker ('89)**.

**Emily Edwards Bounds ('61)**, Jan. 13, 2021, Marion, NC. She was a teacher in the McDowell County (NC) Schools and at Tabernacle Christian School.

**William E. Christopher Jr. (MD '61)**, Oct. 22, 2020, Cashiers, NC. He served in the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean War. He was a psychiatrist in Charlotte.

**Frances Leonard Ellis ('61)**, Dec. 29, 2020, Bladenboro, NC. She was a teacher in Bladen County (NC) schools for 30 years. Survivors include son **Kirk David Ellis ('92)**.

**Robert "Bob" Cullen Lytton ('61)**, Jan. 13, 2021, Little River, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He and the late **Harrell Powell**

**Jr. (JD '60, P '85)** did play-by-play announcing for Wake Forest football games. Lytton was a principal in the Horry County (SC) School System for 37 years.

**Kenneth Edward Metzger ('61)**, Dec. 14, 2020, Jonesville, NC. He served three years in the U.S. Marines and later flew cargo planes and rescue helicopters in the U.S. Air Force.

**William "Bill" Howard Mooney Jr. ('61)**, Oct. 10, 2020, Kernersville, NC. He was a machinist at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for 36 years.

**Wilton Ray Smith ('61)**, Dec. 17, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He was a CPA and owner of an accounting firm in Greensboro.

**Rebecca McCrary Nation ('62)**, Nov. 25, 2020, Ocala, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Bruce A. Nation ('61)**.

**Robert Donald Watson ('62)**, Dec. 16, 2020, Greenville, NC. He retired in 1999 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

**Daniel Johnson Hurst ('63)**, Dec. 7, 2020, Winston-Salem. He practiced internal medicine at Novant Health Winston-Salem Health Care for 34 years, after 10 years at the University of Missouri School of Medicine and Hospital.



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**Eleanor Allen Mueller ('63)**, Dec. 21, 2020, San Antonio, TX. She taught math at Bryan High School in Bryan, TX, for 26 years, earning Teacher of the Year honors in 1996 and retiring in 2004.

**Charles Stradley Stovall Sr. ('63)**, Nov. 9, 2020, Bermuda Run, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a senior account manager at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Survivors include daughter **Suzanne Stovall Mann (PhD '95)**.

**Harvey "Happy" William White Jr. ('63)**, Dec. 31, 2020, Fuquay Varina, NC. He was a chemist for Emerging Technologies Inc. in North Carolina.

**H. Allen Autry Sr. ('64, JD '66)**, Nov. 7, 2020, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was a prominent businessman in south Florida and an author who wrote, "I Am Florida," which became the state poem of Florida and was later recorded as one of the official state songs. Survivors include his wife, **Dee Wilson Autry ('61)**.

**Larry Edwin Harrington (JD '64)**, Jan. 16, 2021, Marshallville, NC. He practiced law for 55 years and was a county commissioner in Union County (NC).

**Maurice Carmel Hawes ('64)**, Nov. 9, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He retired from the New Hanover County (NC) Board of Education after 32 years.

**Richard "Adrian" King ('64)**, Jan. 4, 2021, Kinston, NC. He was associate editor of the Old Gold & Black and covered politics as a reporter for the News & Observer (of Raleigh). He worked for the National Endowment for the Arts in the Carter and Reagan administrations, was director of the Southern Arts Federation and helped create the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund. He retired in 2003 after managing the Coca-Cola Foundation's cultural and educational contributions in the United States, Asia and Europe. He added more than 400 U.S. and 50 Chinese college campuses to the foundation's first-generation scholarship program. He returned in 2003 to his native Kinston and was executive director of Pride of Kinston, a downtown revitalization nonprofit, and director of Kinston Area Recovery Efforts (KARE). He was named Kinston-Le noir County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2019.

**Betsy Janes Lindemuth ('64)**, Nov. 4, 2020, Raleigh. She was a CPA in Washington, DC, with the Government Accountability Office and a private accounting firm. She later worked as a floral arranger and operated Butterfly Books, selling used books online.

**William "Bill" LeRoy Palmer ('64)**, Nov. 25, 2020, Kingsport, TN. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. He was a Southern Baptist minister at churches in South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and president of the South Carolina Baptist Pastors Conference.

**Barry Martin Dorsey ('65)**, Jan. 4, 2021, Martinsville, VA. He was student government president at Wake Forest. He was a political science professor, director of financial aid and assistant to the president at Radford University in Virginia,

an executive at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and president of the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College. He was founding executive director of New College Institute in Martinsville.

**John F. Grimes III ('65)**, Oct. 20, 2020, Siler City, NC. A former receiver on Wake Forest's football team, he was inducted into the Davie County (NC) Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was a businessman in Siler City and was elected town commissioner and mayor for four terms, holding office until his death. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor. Survivors include his wife, **Cecilia "CeCe" Budd Grimes ('65)**.

**Benjamin Leon Howell ('65)**, Dec. 21, 2020, Clemmons, NC. He was a career counselor at Forsyth Technical Community College for 30 years. Survivors include daughter **Holly Howell Snow ('02)**.

**Kenneth Allen Moser ('65, JD '68)**, Jan. 13, 2021, Winston Salem. He practiced law with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (now Womble Bond Dickinson) for 43 years, including seven years as managing partner of the Winston-Salem office, before retiring in 2012. He was a former president of the law school's alumni council and a member of the law school's board of visitors; a past chair of Golden Deacs (formerly Half Century Club); and a member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council and the Samuel Wait Legacy Society. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Nan Sweeney Moser ('66)**, and children **Kelly Frances Moser ('91)**, **Ashley Moser Veneziano ('94)** and **John Kenneth Moser ('96, JD '00)**.

**Alfred J. Onorato (JD '65)**, Dec. 10, 2020, New Haven, CT. He was an attorney, public defender and prosecutor in New Haven for 55 years and served in the Connecticut General Assembly from 1979-1985.

**Laurel Otis Boyles ('66, JD '68)**, Nov. 12, 2020, Tega Cay, SC. He was a partner at Nelson Boyles Niblock & Green in Winston-Salem. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Forsyth County (NC) Bar Association.

**Everett Benton Padgett Jr. ('66)**, Nov. 30, 2020, High Point, NC. He taught Latin and was dean of students at Westchester Academy in High Point until 1979, when he began his insurance career. He was founder and president of The Benton Agency. Survivors include son **Everett B. Padgett III ('95)**.

**Howard Wayne Southern ('66)**, Nov. 13, 2020, King, NC. He retired from Northwestern and First Union National Bank then worked for Education Travel Adventures, helping schools arrange field trips.

**Jerry Joel Standahl ('66)**, Dec. 18, 2020, Franklin, VA. He was a high school guidance counselor, industrial psychologist and, for 34 years, an administrator at Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin.

**Mary Spencer Wiggins ('66)**, Sept. 30, 2020, Wilmington, NC. She was a nurse in Winston-Salem before retiring to Wilmington.

**Katy Vargo Garman ('67)**, Jan. 29, 2021, Charlotte. She taught middle and high school Spanish for 44 years.

**Martha "Martee" Ball Umberger ('67, MA '71)**, Dec. 8, 2020, Clemmons, NC. She was a substitute teacher and worked in several bookstores.

**Joseph Edward Blythe ('69)**, Dec. 24, 2020, Gray, GA. He retired from BB&T as a commercial loan officer in 2012.

**Vinton Carr "V.C." Bruton III ('69)**, Oct. 15, 2020, Roanoke Rapids, NC. He was a CPA and partner at Haney, Vann, Bruton & Crawford LLP in Roanoke Rapids. Survivors include son **Vinton Carr Bruton IV ('97)**.

**Hoyle Edward Setzer (MD '69)**, Jan. 10, 2021, Billings, MT. He was a pathologist for more than 50 years.

**Christian Nathaniel "Nat" Siewers II ('69)**, Jan. 30, 2021, Hillsborough, NC. After retiring as senior vice president of SunTrust Bank, he was an arbitrator. He was president of the North Carolina School of Banking. Survivors include son **Chris Siewers Jr. ('01)**.

**Everett Cleveland Wilkie ('69, MA '70)**, Dec. 23, 2020, Tow, TX. He was an independent scholar and consultant in rare books and manuscripts, head librarian at the Connecticut Historical Society and a bibliographer and reference librarian. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Everett "Cleve" Wilkie ('41)** and Nancy Wilkie. Survivors include son **Everett "E.C." Boutwell (MBA '95)**.

**Robert "Bob" Lowell Young ('70)**, Dec. 31, 2020, Whiteville, NC. He spent more than 30 years at Southeastern Community College as a teacher, baseball coach and vice president of institutional advancement.

**Mary Anne Irvin ('71)**, Dec. 17, 2020, Concord, NC. She taught and tutored students, primarily in her native Cabarrus County (NC).

**Sammy "Lynn" Morris ('71)**, Dec. 25, 2020, Stanley, NC. He retired from Morris Mechanical Inc. in Dallas, NC.

**Alison White Parker (MT '71)**, Feb. 13, 2020, Cary, NC. She was a medical technician who became a homemaker and stay-at-home mother. Survivors include daughter **Elizabeth Parker Stafford ('98)**.

**Stephen Willys Harper ('72)**, Nov. 17, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He owned Panel Wholesalers Inc. and Stratford Tool & Die in Winston-Salem. He was a past president of the Twin City Kiwanis Club.



**John "Merritt" Winstead ('72)**, Jan. 2, 2021, Roxboro, NC. He owned and operated Stix Inc., a computer repair business in Roxboro.

**Samuel Wait Brewer Kitchin ('74)**, Jan. 8, 2021, Clinton, NC. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Deacons' 1974 national championship golf team. He was a teacher and coach in Sampson County (NC). He was preceded in death by his parents, **William Walton Kitchin Jr. ('36, MD '38)** and Nancy Brewer Kitchin, and his grandfather, Wake Forest President **Thurman D. Kitchin (1905)**. He was the great-great-grandson of Wake Forest's first president, Samuel Wait. Survivors include brother **William Walton Kitchin Jr. ('68, JD '77)** and sister **Clark Kitchin Larson (P '06)**.

**Durwood S. Laughinghouse (JD '74)**, Nov. 19, 2020, Raleigh. He retired as resident vice president of Norfolk Southern Corporation after 24 years. He practiced law and was a North Carolina wildlife commissioner. In 2018 North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper awarded him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

**B. Lee Linder (MD '74)**, Nov. 25, 2020, Gaffney, SC. He was a family physician for more than two decades and later worked for the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

**Terry Gwynn Stewart ('74)**, Sept. 26, 2020, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company after 30 years.

**Nicholas "Nick" John Dombalis II (JD '75)**, Oct. 17, 2020, Raleigh. He was a partner in Nicholls & Crampton PA in Raleigh. Survivors include sister **Mary D. Winstead ('78, JD '81)**.

**Margaret Kay "Katie" Harris (MA '75)**, Dec. 2, 2020, Annapolis, MD. She was heavily involved in the National Organization for Women (NOW). As president of Georgia NOW in the 1970s, she rallied support for the Equal Rights Amendment and lobbied for additional benefits for women. She retired in 2006 from the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC, after 30 years.

**Thomas Johnson Druitt ('76)**, Jan. 19, 2021, Paducah, KY. He was director of human resources at B&H Towing Inc. in Paducah. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Michael Corbett Stovall Jr. (JD '76)**, Feb. 8, 2021, Wilmington, NC. He was president of Genie Oil & Gas Corporation in Tulsa, OK, before retiring to Wrightsville Beach, NC. He was president of the Association of Energy Service Companies, a trade organization, and received its highest honor, the "Golden Rod Wrench Award."

**Robert Tait (JD '76)**, Feb. 12, 2020, Cary, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 and as provost marshal in the Military Police Corp. He retired in 2000 from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**John Michael "Mike" Blanchard (MBA '77)**, Dec. 23, 2020, Franklin, TN. He had a 40-year career in banking.

**Mary McLaughlin "Mary Mac" Pope (JD '77)**, Jan. 25, 2021, Vass, NC. She was the youngest female Superior Court judge in North Carolina when she was appointed in 1984 at age 33. She retired as a partner of Crockett Oldham Pope and Donadio in Southern Pines, NC.

**John "Jack" Barham Ragland Thomas (MD '77)**, Dec. 19, 2020, Roanoke, VA. In medical school, he received the prestigious Vidinghoff Memorial Award. He co-founded Salem Family Medicine (now Novant Salem Family Medicine) in Winston-Salem and practiced there for 35 years. Survivors include his wife, **Olive Squires Thomas ('76)**.

**Barbara "Bobbie" Hochuli Poe ('78)**, Nov. 13, 2020, Raleigh. She was an accountant who spent many years with the American Red Cross.

**William "Bill" Robert Whitehurst ('78)**, Feb. 19, 2021, Lexington, NC. He practiced law for 35 years with Womble Bond Dickinson and retired from the Winston-Salem office as managing partner. He was named Best Lawyers' "Triad Lawyer of the Year" multiple times in employee benefits law. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society. Survivors include his wife, **Jane Leonard Whitehurst ('73)**, and brother **Michael Charles Whitehurst ('80)**.

**Stephen Millard Wilson ('79, MD '88)**, Jan. 3, 2021, Raleigh. He was an emergency medicine physician and provided primary care to prison inmates. Survivors include his wife, **Sharon Coull Wilson (JD/MBA '91)**.

**Irene Kimel Johnson Cahoon (MAEd '80)**, Oct. 17, 2020, Wilmington, NC. She was a special-needs counselor in New Hanover County (NC) Schools.

**Victoria "Vikki" Farmer Curtis (JD '80)**, Jan. 15, 2021, Richmond, VA. She was an attorney with Virginia Electric & Power Co., now Dominion Energy, for 15 years before becoming a teacher and librarian at Good Shepherd Episcopal School and Trinity Episcopal School in Richmond.

**William "Lecil" Henderson II ('80)**, Nov. 22, 2020, Charlotte. He was a jewelry designer and owner of The Henderson Collection by Lecil. He was president of Leadership Charlotte and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.

**Thomas Gray Gallaher ('81)**, Nov. 6, 2020, Winston-Salem. He worked in real estate and was a homebuilder. He was preceded in death by brother **John K. Gallaher Jr. ('75)**. Survivors include brother **James A. Gallaher (JD '82)**.

**Tony Milton Transou (MBA '81)**, Feb. 12, 2021, Clemmons, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence officer. He was retired director of finance at Winston-Salem Dental Care.

**William Paul Brink (MBA '82)**, Oct. 28, 2020, Phoenix. He was the retired CFO of electrical equipment manufacturer Square D.

**Michael Lee Roberson (JD '83)**, Dec. 6, 2020, Cazenovia, NY. He served in the U.S. Navy and was an attorney for more than 35 years, the last 28 at Carlisle Companies Inc.

**Rex Gardner Waterbury (MD '83)**, Sept. 17, 2020, Virginia Beach, VA. He was an OB/GYN in North Carolina and Virginia for 34 years, the last 12 at Tidewater Physicians for Women.

**Robert Emmett Jones III ('84)**, Feb. 14, 2021, Greenville, NC. He was a real estate broker with Aldridge & Southerland Realtors in Greenville.

**Blake E. Lundberg ('84)**, Nov. 9, 2020, Carmel, IN. He retired as vice president and general manager of the Sports Licensed Division at Adidas. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Rebecca "Becky" Forrester Lundberg ('85)**. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Johnny Dale Massie II ('84)**, Oct. 10, 2020, Lexington, KY. He was a manager in research and development at Lexmark International, where he patented many laser-printer systems.

**Ronnie K. Burgess ('85)**, Jan. 4, 2021, Myrtle Beach, SC. He was an assistant principal at Carolina Forest High School in Myrtle Beach and a longtime educator with Horry County (SC) Schools. He was a defensive back on Wake Forest's football team who held the school record of 17 career interceptions until 2008.

**Christopher Neil Chafin ('85)**, Jan. 25, 2021, Winston-Salem. He was director of counseling and student disabilities at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC.

**Marjorie Rowe Mann (JD '85)**, Nov. 6, 2020, Asheville, NC. She practiced law in Charlotte and Asheville and owned Asheville Gymnastics.

**Jim Lee Willcox Jr. (MBA '85)**, Jan. 2, 2021, Kennesaw, GA. He was an industrial engineer and engineering consultant in the Atlanta area.

**Randall "Randy" David Avram (JD '86)**, Jan. 14, 2021, Raleigh. He was a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, where he led the labor and employment team and represented many Fortune 100 companies.

**Douglas Michael Ellis ('86)**, Oct. 3, 2020, Charlotte. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Emmett Ellis ('36)** and Kathryn Ellis.

**Marjorie Wahlberg McKone (MA '86)**, Nov. 18, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was a homemaker whose family called her "the heart and soul of our home." Survivors include her husband, **Robert McKone (MD '58)**, and son **Mark McKone ('84)**.

**Richard Leo Crouse (JD '87)**, Nov. 4, 2020, Bermuda Run, NC. He founded two commercial real estate mortgage companies, including Crouse & Associates, which he owned with his

three sons. Survivors include grandson **David S. Crouse ('12, MD '17)**.

**Lana Jolley Henkel ('87)**, Feb. 6, 2021, Boiling Springs, NC. She was a music instructor and band director for more than 30 years in the Cleveland County (NC) Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Lansford Jolley ('49)** and **Cothenia Jolley**. Survivors include son **Jonathan Thomas Henkel ('21)**.

**W. Charles Campbell ('88)**, Nov. 29, 2020, Charlotte. He was CEO and managing partner of Flagship Healthcare Properties LLC and chair of the board of directors of Flagship Healthcare Trust, the firm's real estate investment trust. The Charlotte Business Journal named him one of the area's most admired CEOs in 2018.

**Nicholas Emil Petrarca Jr. ('88)**, March 17, 2021, Clearwater, FL. He worked in the financial industry nearly 30 years, most recently as a fixed income trader at Raymond James & Associates in the Tampa Bay area. Survivors include daughter **Elaine Petrarca ('18)**.

**Robert D. Grigg IV ('89)**, Nov. 2, 2020, New York City. He was on the men's soccer team and a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Wake Forest. He was an executive at JP Morgan Chase & Co., where he had worked for 27 years. Survivors include his wife, **Allison Reid Grigg ('89)**, and daughter **Ashley R. Grigg ('22)**.

**Lisa Smith Hodges (MD '93)**, Jan. 11, 2021, Shreveport, LA. She was an instructor at Louisiana State University School of Medicine and a physician specializing in pediatrics, internal medicine and infectious disease.

**John Paul Gibson (JD '96)**, Dec. 4, 2020, Charlotte. He was a law librarian who had worked at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Charlotte.

**Lis Moreno Cravens (MBA '02)**, Nov. 3, 2020, Bowling Green, KY. A native of El Salvador, she was executive vice president of Fruit of the Loom.

**William "Rusty" Griffin III (MBA '02)**, Nov. 26, 2020, Mount Pleasant, SC. He owned Tremont Specialty, a custom homebuilding and renovations company in the Charleston, SC, area. Survivors include his parents, **William Griffin Jr. (MD '64)** and **Betty Griffin**.

**Andrea Marie Carden ('04)**, Feb. 14, 2021, Winston-Salem. She was valedictorian of her high school in Surry County, NC, and earned a master's degree in public policy from UNC Wilmington. She attended the doctoral program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

**Allison Wood Criswell ('07)**, Sept. 5, 2020, Kings Park, NY. She was a director at RBC Capital Markets. Survivors include sister **Meghan K. Wood ('12)**.

**Myra June Parsons ('07)**, Dec. 30, 2020, Mount Airy, NC. She was a clinical social worker in her native Surry County (NC).

**Paul Frederick Nocida (MBA '09)**, Feb. 24, 2021, Mount Pleasant, SC. He was an operational manager at MWV Specialty Chemicals (now Ingevity) for 10 years. Most recently he was the owner of a management consulting firm, Nocida Solutions, in Mount Pleasant.

**Nicholas "Nick" Ogden Watts ('10)**, Feb. 10, 2021, Edmond, OK. He was in his last year of law school at Oklahoma University. He was on the debate team at Wake Forest before transferring to the University of Oklahoma, where his debate team won two national championships, and he was named top speaker at his last championship tournament.

**Brian Robert "Rob" Zawrotny (JD '11)**, Nov. 16, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was an attorney at Novant Health in Winston-Salem and rose to director and assistant general counsel.

## Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

**James Dale Ball**, Jan. 8, 2021, Winston-Salem. He taught at the School of Medicine and practiced radiology and nuclear medicine for 38 years at Wake Forest Baptist Health. He received the Quinn Award for Teaching Excellence in 2007 and was named associate professor emeritus in 2015. He served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of major.

**Sylvia T. Bell**, Dec. 1, 2020, Winston-Salem. A native of Morehead City, NC, she moved to Winston-Salem in the 1960s to attend nursing school at N.C. Baptist Hospital. She joined Wake Forest's Student Health Service in 1981 as a nurse and later was associate director. She was honored numerous times for her contributions to student health. She retired in 2011 after 30 years. Survivors include son **Tim Bell ('89)**.

**M. Gene Bond**, Dec. 6, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was a professor at the School of Medicine for nearly 30 years. He specialized in using ultrasound technology to detect atherosclerosis and retired in 2003 as director of the Division of Vascular Ultrasound Research. Survivors include daughter **Katie Bond Ford ('00)**.

**Lois M. Buerkle**, Dec. 18, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was an obstetrical nurse, retiring from the School of Medicine as a nurse educator specializing in high-risk obstetrics. Survivors include her husband, **Richard A. Brodtkin (MD '75)**.

**Gary Lee Eckenroth**, Dec. 30, 2020, Winston-Salem. He joined Wake Forest in 1998 as the first University compliance officer after 12 years as vice president of human resources for Planters Life-savers Co., a division of RJR Nabisco. He was a longtime member of the College Board of Visitors who, in 2020, became an inaugural member of the College Board of Visitors Emeritus program.

**Sharon Jones**, Feb. 7, 2021, Winston-Salem. She was a beloved cafeteria worker on campus who worked in the Fresh Food Company ("The Pit") for 23 years. Known to many as "Ms. Sharon," she is remembered for her friendly greetings and funny stories.

**Adele LaBrecque**, Feb. 11, 2021, Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was bulletins editor in the University Editor's Office and class notes editor for Wake Forest Magazine for a decade before retiring in 1997 to Santa Fe. A native of New York City, she studied art at Black Mountain College in North Carolina. She moved to Dharan, Saudi Arabia, in the 1950s to work in public relations for Aramco Oil Co. and lived in Tripoli, Libya, from 1966 until moving to Winston-Salem in the mid-1980s.

**Jon C. Lewis**, Dec. 13, 2020, Placitas, NM. He was a researcher and pathology professor at the School of Medicine for more than 20 years, retiring in 1998. He helped establish the medical school's innovative "parallel curriculum." Survivors include daughter **Jennifer C. Lewis ('91)** and son **Andrew J. Lewis ('94, MD '98)**.

**Chuck Mills**, Jan. 18, 2021, Honolulu. He was head football coach at Wake Forest from 1973-1977 and was known for his "pigskin diplomacy" for bringing American football to Japan. Mills was head coach at Utah State before coming to Wake Forest, and he later coached at Southern Oregon and was football coach and athletic director at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, before retiring to Hawaii. Mills took his Utah State team to Tokyo in 1971 for an exhibition game, the first time a U.S. college team had played in the country, and he returned with his Wake Forest team in 1974. The Chuck Mills Trophy, given to Japan's best college player, was established in 1974. He was inducted into the Utah State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Japanese American Football Hall of Fame in 2018.

**Pearl Martin Sessums**, Dec. 11, 2020, Winston-Salem. She was an accounts payable representative in the Controller's Office (now Financial Services) at Wake Forest from 1990 until retiring in 1999.

**Robert W. Simpson**, April 14, 2021, High Point, NC. He was a part-time dance instructor at Wake Forest who taught social dance for 24 years. He also operated the Biltmore Ballroom Dance Studio in High Point.

**Raymond Louis "Ray" Wyatt ('48)**, Nov. 26, 2020, Winston-Salem. He was a longtime biology professor at Wake Forest before retiring in 1992. A native of Spencer, NC, he attended Mars Hill College and Wake Forest and earned his master's degree and Ph.D. from UNC Chapel Hill, specializing in botany. After working as an assistant professor at UNC, he joined the Wake Forest faculty in 1956, the year Wake Forest moved to Winston-Salem. He specialized in plant taxonomy and created the department's herbarium. He led popular student field trips to the North Carolina coast to study Venus flytraps and other native plants.

# Inspiration Abounds at WordsAwake4!

A virtual feast of the written word celebrates new Writers Hall of Fame inductees.

By Carol L. Hanner

**T**he online conference honoring the four newest members of the Wake Forest Writers Hall of Fame was called WordsAwake4!, but the fêted alumni and the speakers who shared on the art and craft of writing went far beyond words.

Emotional gratitude, visions of life purpose and a sense of wisdom acquired at the University and beyond infused the webinar held April 16-17.

The four inductees, announced last year as the pandemic postponed the celebration, are novelist, film critic and screenwriter Stephen Amidon ('81), journalist and author Steve Duin ('76, MA '79), poet, novelist and editor Clint McCown ('74, MA '78) and publisher and digital journalism innovator Mike Riley ('81). (See profiles of them at [bit.ly/3tfcuV](http://bit.ly/3tfcuV))

Also honored was Tom Phillips ('74, MA '78, P '06), the man behind WordsAwake! from its inaugural celebration in 2012, when the University inducted the first 15 members of the Writers Hall of Fame. Phillips retired as associate dean and director of the Wake Forest Scholars program last year.

Dean of the College Michele Gillespie presented Phillips with a book of warm letters from colleagues and those he has mentored. The "Gentleman Scholar," as his memento book calls him, worked 46 years at Wake Forest, in admissions, for the provost and dean of the college and helping students win Rhodes, Fulbright and other postgraduate scholarships. (Read about Phillips at [bit.ly/32p5ZFk](http://bit.ly/32p5ZFk))

WordsAwake4! viewers were treated to panelists who performed poetry readings and talked about storytelling, screenwriting and writing leadership. A keynote by Shane Harris ('98) laid out his experiences as a national security reporter and how journalism, sources and readers have changed. (Read more at [bit.ly/3dV5Y2c](http://bit.ly/3dV5Y2c))

## Grumpy Bookworm

Kicking off the conference was featured speaker Dhonielle Clayton ('05). A self-described "grumpy bookworm" as a child, Clayton just wanted to be left alone to read books, "my first friends." After Wake Forest, she graduated to "grumpy librarian and teacher," she says.

Today, she is a much-honored author of young adult fiction, co-founder of a company called Cake Literary and "a tiny tyrant" advocating for diversity in literature for young people. Despite receiving ugly emails and even death threats, Clayton has pushed to increase underrepresented characters, in gender or sexual identification, racial, ethnic, cultural and religious status or the presence of disabilities.

She was motivated by a heartbroken young student originally from Burkina Faso in West Africa who was crushed when Clayton, then a middle-school librarian, couldn't fulfill his request for books with fantasy or science fiction heroes of color, despite an exhaustive search.

"He was devastated," Clayton said. "That was only seven years ago."

Today, she devotes herself to multi-pronged efforts to ensure that all children can see themselves in the pages of books. She is the volunteer chief operating officer of We Need Diverse Books, a nonprofit at [diversebooks.org](http://diversebooks.org) that offers feedback and resources to the publishing industry, educators, librarians and authors, from writer grants to an app for finding diverse books. "Story is our connection to each other. And it's the one instrument we have that we can all understand."

## The honorees share

Those named to the Hall of Fame shared how Wake Forest influenced them. Their comments, edited and condensed, come from a panel discussion and the induction ceremony.

**Stephen Amidon, author of seven novels:** (Wake Forest) absolutely shaped me as a writer. I found it a really liberating place.

I had great teachers, but it was the extracurricular activities that really fired me up, the opportunity to put on a couple of plays with my peers and travel (to Casa Artom in Venice, to Ireland and to Paris). I had a lot of people at Wake Forest who really believed in me as a writer.

I also have a very personal reason for valuing Wake Forest in my evolution into a writer. That's because I met my wife (Caryl Casson) there. We have four wonderful children. I was able to find the woman and the family that made it all possible for me.

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*"Story is our connection to each other.  
And it's the one instrument we have that we can all understand."*

— Dhonielle Clayton ('05)



**Steve Duin, sports writer, political columnist and eventually metro columnist at *The Oregonian* in Portland, Oregon:**

Anytime I knocked on the door at Wake, it was opened by someone like (English professors) Ed (Wilson '43, P '91, '93, provost emeritus), Laura Rice, Doyle Fosso (P '81), Michael Roman or (Sports Information Director) Charlie Dayton ('72). When (Professor Emeritus of History) Jim Barefield shook his skeptical head and said, yes, I could join him in Venice in the fall of '75, this University changed my life, my boundaries and my sense of possibility.

When Ed Wilson realized that I had not successfully completed my study abroad experience by marrying into an Italian family, Wake Forest paid for another semester abroad in London, during which I met the Italian, albeit another Wake student from Potomac, Maryland, who became my wife (Nancy Natelli Duin '79).

Because Wake facilitated every one of my trials and errors, it helped eliminate all confusion about what I was born to do. I belonged in a raucous newsroom for 40 years, as it turned out. To discover that my alma mater is determined to set a plaque somewhere on campus that documents just how blessed I've been ... (pausing with emotion) ... I don't have the words to express my gratitude.

**Clint McCown, professor of writing at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Vermont College of Fine Arts:**

Virtually every good thing that came to me in my adult life was through my acceptance to Wake Forest.

As an undergrad, I had the usual support from the usual titans, but I have to say I was no star. I was mostly a theater geek, and I practically lived on the top two floors of the library, which was where all the plays were performed. My guiding lights were Harold Tedford (P '83, '85, '90), Don Wolfe and the indomitable Mrs. Caroline Sandlin Fullerton. Every lesson I learned at Wake and elsewhere about creating a character onstage applied equally to creating a character on the page.

I've never been able to settle on just one genre, and if anybody asked me why, I would have no idea how to answer. But a better question is why do I bother to work in any genre at all?

Well, that question I can answer because I learned it from Shakespeare while I was at Wake. In "Hamlet," our tragic hero gives the troupe of players a lesson in their art. He tells them "to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature." And, of course, he was talking about human nature. The true performer or writer shows us who we truly are and also for well or ill who we are capable of becoming. So the difference writing makes is pretty simple. It makes all the difference in the world.

**Mike Riley, journalist and president, CEO and editor-in-chief of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*:**

In high school I had a senior year English teacher named Lamar Helms ('71, MA '75). He inspired me to pursue words and writing, and he convinced me to go to Wake Forest, and a small scholarship didn't hurt, either. What I was struck by when I got there was just how amazing the English faculty was. Ed Wilson, throughout my career, I would keep getting these little notes from him at different times and different places.

Then there was Bynum Shaw ('48, P '75). He inspired me to pursue journalism, persuaded me to become the editor of the *Old Gold & Black* my senior year. In 1981, it was the recession. I was writing letters to newspapers everywhere, and they were all rejecting me, and Bynum finally sent me to Lexington, North Carolina, to interview (at the *Lexington Dispatch*) with a fellow named Ralph Simpson ('68), who offered me a job. When I went to Bloomberg Government in 2010, who was there? The infamous Al Hunt ('65, D.Litt. '91, P '11), who is a mentor and a friend.

Throughout all of this Wake Forest is the thread that connects everything, and it's around words. It's around story. It's around people. It's around pursuit of truth.



Stephen Amidon



Steve Duin



Clint McCown



Mike Riley

# Learning to live with paradox

By Jeanne Matthews Sommer ('83)

**O**N THE NIGHT OF my birth, Wake Forest was in the NCAA tournament. My mother's water broke, and my dad said, with regard to a trip to the hospital, "You'll need to wait until the game is over."

Growing up in Winston-Salem, Wake Forest was woven into my soul. Wearing homemade black and gold dresses to ACC games, I became a member of "Cal's Club," named for football coach Cal Stoll. Charles "CD" Davis ('71, MALS '97, P '96), 1971 ACC Player of the Year, was my first African American hero, even as Winston was embroiled in racial tensions over desegregation. In high school, basketball coach Carl Tacy (P '82) and his wife were my Sunday school teachers. I was destined to be a Demon Deacon.

A demon deacon: what a curious conflation of good and evil. Has it ever struck you that there is something strangely powerful about our unusual mascot? Compared to a ram or a wolf, how does it stand a chance? As I write this in January, I have no idea where we will soon be as a nation, but I am convinced we need access to this hidden insight. A public narrative of good against evil has claimed our consciousness, and far too many of us believe we know clearly who is "in" and who is "out," despite the fact that some of our origin stories — e.g., Genesis 2-3 — tell us the very desire to know good and evil is the root of our falling. A demon deacon wreaks havoc with either/or thinking.

Here are some Demon Deacons who revealed this truth to me.

In 1983, I asked to meet with Glenn Hinson, visiting professor in the Department of Religion and a renowned church historian. For four years I had been an active member of campus Christian groups, but suddenly, once I decided to attend Princeton Theological Seminary, I lost most of my Christian friends. Princeton was where much of

the early fundamentalist-modernist debate over the inerrancy of Scripture began. This fundamentalist doctrine maintains that Scripture, in its original manuscripts, contains nothing contrary to fact and is free from error. Princeton had not accepted this teaching, and my friends, mostly inerrantists, feared for my salvation.

Dr. Hinson calmly selected books from his shelves saying, "Well, you could look at it this way, or this way or perhaps this way ... depending upon what time in Christian history or what theological perspective."

Instead of telling me what to believe or think, he exposed me to the breadth of experience and belief within 2,000 years of Christian history, all within the span of a one-hour meeting. He introduced me to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an imprisoned Lutheran pastor of the German "Confessing Church" that opposed Nazism, and to his theological ideas of God as the "beyond in the midst" and "only a suffering God can save." Such words of Bonhoeffer, who sadly knew from too much experience that good people do indeed do terrible things, toppled my dualistic categories.

While at the Worrell House in London, Dr. Carl Moses, through his comparative politics class, helped me to see that democratic socialism is not a misnomer. Those two things — democracy and socialism — enable us to uphold individual freedoms even as we serve the collective good.

My freshman roommate, Zenia Raudsepp ('83), who hailed from New Jersey, probably did not know what to think of such a Southern girl and, on Day One of freshman year, I met my first "damn



Sommer with Luna and Jazz, the little one.

Yankee." Our mutual respect for our differences evolved to the most lasting friendship I have. She became a little Southern. I became more Yankee.

Those large Demon Deacon shoes in my experience enable us to stand firmly while we are pushed and shoved by those who would have us trample our opponents. My life as a minister, a professor, a mother, a friend and a business owner has been shaped by this curious mascot who symbolizes humble courage to me, reminding me that while some may be at fault, all are responsible. Game over.

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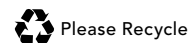




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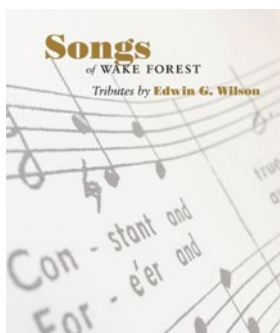


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## 'Songs of Wake Forest'

To celebrate those Wake Foresters the University has lost, retired professor, dean and provost Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P '91, '93) offers a new book, "Songs of Wake Forest." Wilson recalls many of the classmates, professors, deans and presidents he's known during eight decades, with more than 50 eulogies and remembrances he gave at memorial services, retirements and other gatherings from 1978 to 2017.

"I wanted them, collectively and individually, to capture the spirit of Wake Forest as I saw it and understood it," Wilson said at a virtual book launch in December. Read more at [bit.ly/3qzspH1](https://bit.ly/3qzspH1)



The book is available at the College Bookstore or Bookmarks in Winston-Salem. Proceeds go to Z. Smith Reynolds Library. The library invites tributes to Wilson or your own "song" of Wake Forest at [songsfordrwilson@wfu.edu](mailto:songsfordrwilson@wfu.edu) or mail them to ZSR Library, Special Collections & Archives, P.O. Box 7777, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.



KEN BENNETT

Wilson with Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77), the late Reynolds Professor of American Studies.