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FROM *The* PRESIDENT

THIS ISSUE OF WAKE FOREST MAGAZINE focuses on March's inauguration week, a special week for the entire University community — and, of course, for me personally as your newly inaugurated 14th president. I am deeply grateful to everyone who was involved in making the week such a memorable experience. Across all events — from the volunteer "kit-packing" and special Face to Face forum, to the investiture ceremony at Wait Chapel and the presidential ball at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum — I witnessed the energy, hope and confidence of Wake Forest first hand.

Inauguration week provided many unique opportunities for me to connect with many different Wake Foresters. Alumni, trustees and friends returned to



campus to celebrate their University and its mission — it was so special to bring you all together! And I'm thankful to say, such meaningful interactions have been a hallmark of my entire first year. For example, on Research Day in the fall, I remember how faculty and families stood with students, proud of their research projects and deeply engaged in providing all with the best possible educational experience. There are many others as well: our convocation with first-year students, Lovefeast, Hit the Bricks, my visits to student organizations and "The Normal

Heart" play and "She Loves Me" musical fully in person in the Tedford theatre in Scales Fine Arts Center, to name but a few.

I have also made a point during the year to look for chances for random interactions on campus. I want students to always feel free to speak with me, and often when we cross paths in hallways, on sidewalks or as they sit outdoors on benches, I'll ask: "What have you discovered today?" One answer might be in regards to a class they just came from. Another might touch upon an epiphany from an assigned reading or seminar discussion or campus program. Once, a student wryly responded, "I discovered I have got to get organized." In all these conversations, I have found our students to be earnest, thoughtful, witty and motivated.

If you read my inauguration remarks (printed in this issue), you will note my own personal commitment to discovery as a research scholar, and how I frame our calling to catalyze learning and discovery, access and opportunity, innovation and society. Amid complex global challenges, great universities like Wake Forest have solemn responsibilities . . . but we also have exciting responsibilities. I truly believe that we can continually inspire young people to lead with expertise and integrity. I'm certain that just as Pro Humanitate is at the core of our institutional mission, when our students leave here they will do so with it being the core of their own personal and professional goals.

I am committed to our work together, and, as I approach a year in this role, I remain honored and energized to lead our efforts.

Sincerely,
Susan R. Wente, Ph.D.

ON THE COVER

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to Lead

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By MARIA HENSON ('82)

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With ceremonial splendor,
the UNIVERSITY FORMALLY WELCOMED
DR. SUSAN R. WENTE on MARCH 25
as ITS 14TH PRESIDENT and
ITS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT *since*
the FOUNDED of WAKE FOREST in 1834.



IN WAIT CHAPEL with family, friends, trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and delegates from other educational institutions and the community in attendance, Wente, a renowned biomedical scientist, listened as speakers greeted her with expressions of good will and high hopes for collaboration and cultivation of not only “the very soul of Wake Forest” but also for “the common good.”

Matthew A. King ('82, P '08, '12), chair of the University Board of Trustees, at left, led the investiture, praising Wente as “an accomplished teacher and scholar: professor of cell and developmental biology” and a higher education innovator. He extended the board’s support for her presidency “with the conviction that together, under her leadership, we will seek to live the University’s motto, Pro Humanitate, among our constituencies and throughout society.”



Trustees Gerald Roach ('80, JD '82, P '09, '12), left, who chaired the presidential search committee, and Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74, P '23), vice chair of the trustees, after placing the Presidential Collar of State on Susan R. Wenthe in Wait Chapel.

“PRESIDENT WENTE HAS SHOWN HERSELF TO
BE A PERSON WHO VALUES DISCOVERY, SEEKS
EXCELLENCE AND HOLDS A STRONG VISION
FOR THE FUTURE OF WAKE FOREST.”

— MATTHEW KING ('82, P '08, '12),
CHAIR OF WAKE FOREST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wente began her role as president on July 1, 2021, but on this day, amid inaugural pomp and circumstance, she answered King's call to step forward to the front of the podium for the formal installation. Trustee Gerald F. Roach ('80, JD '82, P '09, '12), chair of the presidential search committee, and Herman E. Eure (Ph.D. '74, P '23), vice chair of the trustees, member of the presidential search committee and professor emeritus of biology, placed the Presidential Collar of State over Wente's head. The chain of medallions, which will be part of her ceremonial academic regalia, is engraved with the names and dates of service of her predecessors.

Audience members rose to their feet for a hearty ovation for the new president. A Nebraska native, she grew up mainly in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She is known as a hard worker who managed a local restaurant after school as a teenager and worked in summers detasseling corn or tending soybean fields. College — where she discovered her passion for biological research — and a steady trajec-

tory of academic success changed her life. She arrived at Wake Forest from Vanderbilt University, where she was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and spent nearly a year as interim chancellor. She succeeded President Emeritus Nathan O. Hatch (L.H.D. '21), who retired last June after serving from 2005 to 2021.

Wente presented her inaugural address as a lesson in the power of education and how it made possible myriad opportunities in her life. She expressed thanks to many in attendance, including her parents, Harold and Betty Wente, first-generation students who went on to become an educator with a Ph.D. and a nurse, respectively.

“Dr. Wente, as the mantle of leadership is officially placed upon your shoulders today, may you know that you have others committed to the noble calling of education walking beside you. Your fellow educators and institutional leaders support you in the work ahead and look forward to opportunities to work together as we advance the efforts of cultivating intelligence and character for future generations.”

— ELWOOD L. ROBINSON,
CHANCELLOR OF WINSTON-SALEM
STATE UNIVERSITY



“We are grateful for the vision and willingness of Wake Forest leaders — past and present — to embrace many shared efforts for the good of this city.”

— ALLEN JOINES (LL.D. '09),
MAYOR OF WINSTON-SALEM, AT RIGHT



Kelly Starnes ('93, MBA '14), left, and Chris Leak ('85, P '11) were among alumni delegates.

“(They) instilled in me the virtues and values needed to navigate life,” she said. To her husband, Chris Hardy, Ph.D., a geneticist she met when they were fellow graduate students at the University of California, Berkeley, she thanked him for his sacrifices and “for never doubting my path.”

Wente drew on her experience as a scientist to connect the transformative power of education to cell biology and described Wake Forest as “a catalyst for good.” (Read the speech on page 22.) She compared the work of enzymes as catalysts for change in the cells of living organisms to the work of great universities creating change for good in society.

“Through immersive education, ethical inquiry and experiential learning; from the fine arts to social sciences; to offering exceptional opportunities for scholastic, athletic and personal development ... Wake Forest catalyzes the imagination, intellect and creativity of our students,” she said.

She called on the University to be “a catalyst for opportunity,” seeking not to lower the bar but “the barriers” to each person’s potential. “I believe innate talent and capacity to achieve are universally distributed across society. Opportunity is not,” she said.









“DR. WENTE, AS YOU BECOME MORE AT HOME WITH WAKE FOREST, KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF PARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE COME TO LOVE THIS PLACE BECAUSE OF THE EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION, THE CARE AND CHALLENGE IT HAS PROVIDED FOR OUR CHILDREN.”

— BONNIE S. CARTER (P '22), PRESIDENT OF PARENTS' COUNCIL

Wente then explained her devotion to expanding access through new scholarships. By the end of 2022, she said, the University will raise money needed to support 100 new scholarships — the “For Humanity” initiative. “When we create opportunities at Wake Forest and share the transformative power of education, we deliver the mission of Pro Humanitate to the world,” she said.

“As a great university, we are going to be a catalyst for good — for learning and discovery, for access and opportunity, for innovation and society,” she said.

She also focused on the power of community partnerships, for the region, the city, Innovation Quarter in Winston-Salem and The Pearl innovation district in Charlotte (the site for the University’s second medical school campus) — places where Wake Forest’s academic output “makes a real-world difference.”

The truth in the words “real-world difference” in Wake Foresters’ lives was easy to see — and hear — on this day in Wait Chapel. Organ, percussion and brass ensemble musicians performed an original work, “Fanfare Pro Humanitate,”



Wake Forest Chamber Choir in Wait Chapel

by the University's composer-in-residence Dan Locklair. Adarian Sneed, a senior, read "A Brave and Startling Truth," a poem by the late Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77), Reynolds Professor of American Studies. And in the audience, dressed in academic regalia, were Wake Forest alumni representing every graduating class since 1950 and with the 99-year-old Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P '91, '93) heading the delegation from his wheelchair.

Among this group of witnesses to history on this inauguration day, Wilson could trace his Wake Forest days

far back into the 20th century, to the original campus in Wake County roughly 100 miles away. It was there Wilson began his freshman year on Sept. 1, 1939, the day Germany invaded Poland, and three years before Wake Forest reacted to falling enrollment in World War II by changing its admissions policy. Officially, women could finally enroll. Forty-seven did. As Wenthe said in her speech, they "paved the way for me to stand here today."





“Dr. Wenté, thank you for accepting the responsibility of cultivating this very soul of Wake Forest. We are pleased that you value the voices of those who have carried forth the motto into the world. As you lead our alma mater, we hope that we will be a valuable resource to you and those who lead beside you.”

— ALEX REYES SCHROEDER ('06, JD '09),
PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI COUNCIL

Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson ('43, P '91, '93), seated center front, led these alumni representing each class from 1950 to 2021 in a procession into Wait Chapel for the inauguration of President Susan R. Wenté.

The
PRESIDENTIAL
COLLAR
OF STATE



Trustees Gerald Roach and Herman Eure place the collar on Wenthe.





Often referred to as the Presidential Chain of Office, the Presidential Collar of State is part of the academic regalia worn by the president at Commencement and convocations. Created by artist Susannah Ravenswing, the collar is crafted of heavy gold electroplate over sterling silver. With the Wake Forest seal as the focal point, the collar features engraved circular links containing the names of past presidents and magnolia leaf crosses set with black onyx stones. In 1988, Life Trustee and former board chair Weston P. Hatfield ('41, LL.D. '96, P '76) commissioned the creation of the ceremonial collar to honor the office of the president and the service of Wake Forest's 12th president, Thomas K. Hearn Jr.



Sporting keepsake medallions, representatives from alumni classes were in a celebratory mood awaiting the ceremony.

“YOU ARE A KINDRED SPIRIT WHEN IT COMES TO THE VALUE
WE PLACE ON FACULTY CONNECTION WITH STUDENTS,
SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
SHAPING THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION THAT HAS DEFINED
THIS INSTITUTION FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES.”

— MATTHEW T. PHILLIPS ('00, JD '06), PRESIDENT OF FACULTY SENATE.
HE CARRIED THE MACE IN THE PROCESSION.

Wente listened to senior
Adarian Sneed read
“A Brave and Startling
Truth,” a poem by Maya
Angelou (L.H.D. '77).



The MACE



Faculty Senate President
Matthew T. Phillips ('00,
JD '06) led the faculty
procession into Wait Chapel.

The mace is a traditional symbol of authority and has been carried at the head of academic processions at commencement and convocations since 1968. It is shaped from a single sheet of silver covered with gold and has an ebony handle. Etchings of Wait Chapel, Reynolda Hall, an arch on campus and the library's cupola are on the middle section. Pictures of the Old Campus are on the top section. On the bottom are panoramas of the medical school, Carswell Hall and Winston-Salem's skyline. Each section is separated by raised drawings of magnolias. A seal of the University is at the top of the mace. The late Thomas H. Davis (LL.D. '84) gave the mace in 1968 in honor of his father, Egbert Lawrence Davis Sr. (LL.B. 1904, P '33).







A CATALYST FOR *Good,*

—
IN HER INAUGURAL ADDRESS,
*President Susan R. Wentz calls on the University to
leverage what makes Wake Forest distinctive
to have the greatest impact.*

— • —
MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for being here today. I'm so honored to stand before you as Wake Forest's 14th president.

There are many people I would like to recognize and thank — please forgive me for not mentioning everyone by name.

First, our Board of Trustees. Thank you for your love of — and service to — Wake Forest University ... and for the trust you have placed in me.

To the Wake Forest alumni delegates from each graduating class, led by Provost Emeritus Dr. Ed Wilson, Class of 1943. Thank you for being with us today.

To the institutional delegates from colleges and universities, who traveled from across the state and around the country to join us, I am humbled by your presence here. Thank you.

To those who gave such special welcoming remarks — Your warm and heartfelt words are truly appreciated.

And to our staff, students, faculty, alumni and friends gathered here. Your presence makes this occasion all the more special. And please, look around — look at who has held the mic today. *This is Wake Forest. This is our community. Together we are Wake Forest.*

Today is also significant for me personally — and I would like to thank those who have been with me throughout my journey.

First to my parents, Harold and Betty Wenthe, who instilled in me the virtues and values needed to navigate life. As first-generation students themselves, they showed me how the transformative power of education results in opportunity. In their respective careers as an educator and a nurse, they also demonstrated how education is essential in the cycle of service to the community.

My dad is also the one I turn to for the Sunday roast recipe, and my mom for gingersnaps (though she won't share the secret recipe).

To my brothers, Dennis and David — even though I am the big sister, you challenged me to keep up and be strong; and your support and encouragement have been constant and true.

To my husband, Chris — thank you for never doubting my path, for sacrificing your own wants and needs to support mine, for being my partner in this Wake Forest chapter. We have hiked many mountains together, even gotten lost on a few — literally— remember Trinity Alps? But we are always together.

Chris, I'm also proud that we as two scientists have raised daughters who love the arts and humanities, and are committed to public service. Lindsay and Allison, you inspire me on a daily basis with your passions and creativity — and it's amazing to see the fiercely independent, strong women you have become. And don't worry — we're going to get that gingersnap recipe. ...

To my mentors — especially Nick Zeppos, Chancellor Emeritus of Vanderbilt University, who is present here today — thank you. I stand here today because of the opportunities they created for me. And to all my friends and colleagues across the arc of my career: From Iowa, to Berkeley, California, to New York, to St. Louis, and Nashville — we have learned and discovered so much together.

I am grateful for those who believed in me so that I could believe in myself, and I am forever indebted. Your support inspires me to “pay it forward” — I have been furnished with great opportunities through the transformative power of education, and thus, I am driven to create avenues for others to achieve their very best.

My academic journey has crisscrossed the country, but it began in the middle, at the University of Iowa. Scholarships enabled me to go to Iowa, and along with Pell Grants and campus jobs, made college affordable for me.

When I arrived on campus, I knew I loved science, but I hadn't figured out all the ways it might translate into a career. I needed to broaden my perspective. Thankfully, I had incredible academic advisors, teachers and mentors who believed in me and shepherded me along my academic path. Their advice and inspiration changed my life.

While an undergraduate, I discovered my passion for biological research. People often ask what working in a lab is like. The truth is, it's a bit like cooking — which Chris and I also share a love for. You're juggling different ingredients, equipment and timelines all at once. And usually, you aren't juggling alone. Labs are collaborative, immersive spaces full of both discovery and camaraderie.

Susan R. Wenthe with her family: left, her husband, Dr. Chris Hardy; back row, from left, her brothers, David and Dennis, and her daughters, Lindsay and Allison; front row, her parents, Dr. Harold and Betty Wenthe, and her aunt, Jeannie Norfolk.



I loved developing hypotheses based on the history of other experiments; being right, being wrong, searching again for answers, and the trial and error of lab work. And I loved being the first to make a discovery and contribute new knowledge.

I went to UC Berkeley for my Ph.D. eager to expand my understanding of cellular proteins. My studies focused on aspartate transcarbamoylase — an allosteric enzyme formed from a dimer of trimers and a trimer of dimers that catalyzes the first committed step in pyrimidine biosynthesis...

Really. I know that's a mouthful — so I'd like to spend the next couple of hours walking you through my findings and after that, there will be a test.

Seriously — this is a theme for us today. The transformative power of education requires enzymes.

Stay with me — enzymes are catalysts. And looking back, it's easy to see how my experiences fueled an interest in catalytic processes. College was a catalyst for me. So were my parents, my husband and my family. So were my academic advisors, mentors and peers. In their own distinct ways, they each sped things up for me; lowered barriers; enabled and encouraged me; and helped to unlock my potential.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CATALYST?

As a faculty scholar, I focused on the function of proteins and enzymes in cells, the very building blocks of all living things. Cells are home to many different types of chemical reactions; and enzymes are critical because they catalyze those reactions.

Without enzymes, biological pathways break down, restorative processes stall and fail, and potential remains dormant. In fact, this is often how viruses spread — by assailing or hacking the cell's enzymatic processes for their own reproductive purposes. Many health issues can be traced to defective enzymatic processes — understand and fix a misfiring catalyst and you are on the road to recovery.

The beauty of enzymes is that they do their work without diminishing themselves — meaning the process can be repeated again and again. This is the heartbeat of life on the cellular level.

So today, I want to talk about *being a catalyst*. When I look at Wake Forest, I see catalysis everywhere because education is the heartbeat of society.

For example, through learning and discovery, we catalyze the imagination and curiosity of our students. As a collaborative academic community, we catalyze knowledge through research and scholarship. Through our partnerships, we catalyze innovation and entrepre-

neurship. Wake Forest is catalyzed when our alumni and friends invest their time, talent and treasure in our vibrant community.

As I look back across our institution's history, I see leaders who catalyzed bold decisions for good.

I think of the move to Winston-Salem, and how this beautiful Reynolda campus is at the heart of what catalyzes our unique academic community.

I think of Ed Reynolds becoming Wake Forest's first Black student 60 years ago in 1962. I think about the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit the same year, and how along with campus activism, these events were catalysts for positive change.

I think of the women who enrolled at Wake Forest in 1942 and *their* educational journeys — catalysts who paved the way for me to stand here today.

I think of Wake Downtown, Wake Washington, our work with Atrium Health, our global presence in Venice, Vienna and London — all activities and partnerships that continue to propel us forward and expand our impact.

When I arrived in July, I began posing a question for all of us to consider: What is expected of a great university today? From all of your answers and voices, it is clear to me that all great universities, like Wake Forest, are expected to be catalysts for good in society.

So this leads to a new question for us as we forge ahead: What does it mean to be a catalyst for good?

What does it mean for Wake Forest to be a catalyst for good?

Today, I want to share three ways we are positioned to be a catalyst for good because of our unique identity as a great university.

1: TRANSFORMATION THROUGH BINDING

Let's begin with the concept of binding. In catalysis, an enzyme catalyzes a chemical reaction by binding with another molecule — called a substrate — and allowing it to transform based on its own intrinsic chemistry. The transformed molecule then moves on and another substrate binds to the enzyme, with the process repeating again and again.

We see this concept in action at Wake Forest. The institution binds to students, and they bind to the institution. Students choose their own paths, leveraging our collective excellence, our teacher-scholar model and our commitment to the whole person. And then ... catalyzed by learning and discovery, they graduate. Another class of students comes in and the binding process happens all over again.

“AS A GREAT UNIVERSITY, WE ARE GOING TO BE
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DISCOVERY, FOR ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY,
FOR INNOVATION AND SOCIETY.”

— PRESIDENT SUSAN R. WENTE



“In 2034, 12 years from now, Wake Forest will be 200 years old. Where do we aim to be then?”

— PRESIDENT SUSAN R. WENTE

I should point out: binding isn't strictly a sequential process. As in a cell, binding and transformation are happening all the time, and in every corner. Just as it does here on campus. We are in the business of binding, and as such we must be willing to define — and then *redefine* — the value of a college education.

A call to catalyze is a call to enable binding and transformation as we help students take their next steps. Through immersive education, ethical inquiry and experiential learning; from the fine arts to the social sciences; to offering exceptional opportunities for scholastic, athletic and personal development ... Wake Forest catalyzes the imagination, intellect and creativity of our students.

This is how leaders emerge from Wake Forest ... with the character, integrity, knowledge and training needed for a dynamic, changing workforce in an ever-changing world.

2: LOWERING THE ACTIVATION LEVEL

The second concept I want to discuss is lowering barriers to activation. The idea of catalysis often brings to mind acceleration. But acceleration of a chemical reaction only occurs because an enzyme lowers the amount of energy required to make something happen. In other words, enzymes make things easier by making activation easier.

So I'm calling on Wake Forest to be a catalyst for opportunity. We proudly hold ourselves to higher and higher standards of excellence. And so we must provide even more just and equitable access to the extraordinary education we offer. We do this *not* by lowering the bar, but by lowering the barriers to each person's potential here.

As we confront socio-economic, political and existential challenges, we need Wake Forest leaders of character, committed to making an impact with integrity in the world.

I believe innate talent and capacity to achieve are universally distributed across society... Opportunity is not. That's why we are devoted to expanding access through new scholarships. I am pleased to announce today an

ambitious goal — by the end of 2022, we will raise the funds needed to support 100 new scholarships. This will be called the For Humanity initiative. I respectfully ask all of our supporters and friends to partner with us. When we create opportunities at Wake Forest and share the transformative power of education, we deliver the mission of Pro Humanitate to the world.

In addition to creating more scholarships, we must continue to cultivate a greater sense of belonging on campus. We want everyone who comes to Wake Forest to not simply feel welcomed, but to know that this is truly *their* university. Here, we bring people together from a diversity of life experiences and perspectives to learn from one another. We must continue to foster environments where we engage in open, respectful dialogue and debate.

We also need to make it easier for people to get here. And we need to make it easier for people when they get here. By doing so, we are lowering the barriers and ensuring that everyone has the energy they need to achieve their full potential.

3: SMART ENZYMES MODULATE AS WELL AS ACCELERATE

The last concept I want to discuss is modulation. Catalysts speed things up — but they can also modulate their activity at different rates, depending on the circumstances.

Remember aspartate transcarbamoylase? I told you there would be a test. ... It's an allosteric enzyme. Like other enzymes, it works by binding to a substrate, facilitating transformation. But allosteric enzymes have another site as well — think of it as the partner site — where a different molecule can bind. Depending on which molecule and when, the catalytic rate is different.

The point here is that enzymes can be smart. They do only what is needed. They can listen and react. And they can therefore respond to a range of circumstances to have the needed impact at the right time and right place.

With this in mind, I'm calling on us to be smart catalysts. And specifically, this means leveraging what makes Wake Forest distinctive. Our pursuit of excellence, our history of bold decision making, our incredible alumni and supporters, and the way Pro Humanitate is lived and breathed, attracted me to Wake Forest.

We intentionally place the liberal arts at the core of undergraduate education. And through our College, graduate and professional schools, we further differentiate ourselves in the higher education landscape.

One of our greatest points of pride at Wake Forest is the impact our research and scholarship has on the world. From business and policy experts sharing their expertise through think tanks and legal clinics; to artists, writers and curators who challenge our perceptions of the world through performances and exhibitions; to medical, engineering and environmental discoveries ... our academic output makes a real-world difference. It must continue to do so.

Our locations and our partnerships also give us distinct opportunities — in the Piedmont Triad; in Winston-Salem and the Innovation Quarter; in the Pearl District in Charlotte; and with the colleges and universities who are our nearest neighbors.

With our size and connectivity, we can be nimble.

Being a smart catalyst means embracing all these distinctions. We should lean into them. And it means making thoughtful and strategic choices about where and how we invest in our strengths to have the greatest impact.

That's why, beginning in the fall, we will launch an inclusive process to develop our future strategic vision.

In 2034, 12 years from now, Wake Forest will be 200 years old. Where do we aim to be then? We have a strong foundation, and we also have limitless potential. Let's dream together. And then let's act, led by our values and harnessing our power as catalysts for good.

To summarize, the transformative power of education requires enzymes ... enzymes that enable binding, that accelerate by lowering barriers and that are smart and targeted.

So we know what we are called to be — as a great university we are going to be a catalyst for good — for learning and discovery, for access and opportunity, for innovation and society.

And we know how we are going to do it — through radical collaboration and trust and transparency.

Which brings us to the “why” — *Why?*

Our answer is found in our motto. Pro Humanitate.

As we look at our nation, and around the world, we see misfiring catalysts everywhere — broken processes, stalled progress, pandemics of inequality and injustice. And sometimes, as a university, we underestimate our ability to play a role in healing and renewal.

In an age where truth, science and civic virtue appear continually under threat — even in retreat — in a global society that is increasingly complex and intertwined; where war and injustice remain stubbornly persistent; we need great universities today, now more than ever before.

For humanity, for the good of society, Wake Forest must heed the call of our time. We must step further forward and lead by example — by reckoning with our past to inform our future; by curating brave spaces for respectful dialogue; and by lowering barriers to opportunity for an even greater diversity of people and perspectives to live, learn and work here. We must eliminate that which precludes us from paying it forward. The value of Wake Forest must always be found in the value we bring to others.

Soon, one of our students is going to read a poem by a renowned and beloved Wake Forester — Maya Angelou. In this beautiful poem, Dr. Angelou implores us to believe that we:

*“Have the power to fashion for this earth
A climate where every man and every woman
Can live freely without sanctimonious piety
Without crippling fear”*

For me, this is a beautiful vision of Pro Humanitate in action. *This* is why we collaborate. *This* is why we catalyze — *this* is why we will come together as founders for the future. For humanity is our strong foundation and is also key to our limitless potential.

Today, as I look around, I am full of excitement and anticipation when I think of our future. Thank you for entrusting me to lead this university. I am humbled and honored to serve. In the spirit of Pro Humanitate, together for humanity, we will heed our call to be catalysts for good.

Thank you.



INAUGURATIONS REVISITED

By KERRY M. KING ('85)

OF WAKE FOREST'S 13 PRESIDENTS

*preceding Susan R. Wentz, only seven
had official inauguration ceremonies, beginning with
the fifth president, Thomas H. Pritchard, in 1879.*

THOMAS HENDERSON PRITCHARD (1854)

1879-1882

Pritchard was a North Carolina pastor and a Wake Forest trustee and fundraising agent when he was named president, after the trustees' first two choices turned down the job. A train from Raleigh brought 150 people to Wake Forest for the inauguration ceremony on Sept. 3, 1879, in the chapel.

In his inaugural address, "A Plea for Higher Learning," Pritchard spoke strongly about the need for education at all levels in the state. The Biblical Recorder summed up the day: "The occasion was a grand success, and opening with 105 students, the prospects were never so bright for our college, nor were its friends ever so hopeful."

WILLIAM LOUIS POTEAT (1877, MA 1889, P '06)

1905-1927

Poteat joined the faculty a year after he graduated to teach biology and became well-known across the state for promoting modern scientific methods. He was on an ocean liner headed to London for a Baptist World Congress conference when the Wake Forest trustees offered him the presidency after learning that he had been offered the presidency of Mercer University. Poteat cabled his acceptance when he arrived in London and became the first layman to serve as president.

His inauguration was held on Dec. 7, 1905, so that members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, meeting in Raleigh, could travel by train to campus to attend. In his address, Poteat spoke on "The Place of the Christian College in the Modern World." A prominent university president commented after the ceremony, "What most impressed me ... was the splendid showing made by your students as they marched in."

U.S. Vice President
Hubert Humphrey, Harold
W. Tribble, James Ralph
Scales and then-Dean
of the College (later
Provost) Edwin G. Wilson
(‘43, P ‘91, ‘93) at Scales’
inauguration in 1968.

FRANCIS PENDLETON GAINES (LL.D. 1930)

1927-1930

Gaines was an English professor at Furman University when he was named president, even though he had never visited campus. He quickly “won the hearts of Wake Forest audiences,” the Old Gold & Black wrote. A faculty member described Gaines, who was only 35, as “of good appearance, with face gentle, but strong; his voice was pleasing, and his manner easy.”

At his inauguration on April 25, 1928, more than 60 delegates from other colleges took part in the academic procession, “all in the caps and gowns of their individual institutions, the bright colors of the hoods and tassels adding a touch of brilliancy to the impressive line,” according to the Old Gold & Black. The ceremony, held in Wake Forest Baptist Church, included “more than two hours of oratory which was of an extraordinarily high standard,” including remarks by North Carolina Gov. Angus McLean.

In his address, Gaines said that “if Wake Forest is to be a good college, it must ... aspire to be a small, cultural, Christian college.” Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh and a “brilliant reception” was held in the gym.



Presidents OF WAKE FOREST

SAMUEL WAIT (D.D. 1849)

1834-1845

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WILLIAM HOOPER

1847-1848

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JOHN BROWN WHITE

1849-1853

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WASHINGTON MANLY WINGATE

(Class of 1849, MA 1854)

1854-1879

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THOMAS HENDERSON
PRITCHARD (Class of 1854)

1879-1882

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CHARLES ELISHA TAYLOR

1884-1905

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WILLIAM LOUIS POTEAT
(Class of 1877, MA 1889, P ‘06)

1905-1927

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FRANCIS PENDLETON GAINES
(LL.D. 1930)

1927-1930

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THURMAN DELNA KITCHIN
(Class of 1905)

1930-1950

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HAROLD WAYLAND TRIBBLE
(LL.D. ‘48, P ‘55)

1950-1967

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JAMES RALPH SCALES
1967-1983

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THOMAS K. HEARN JR.
(L.H.D. ‘04)

1983-2005

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NATHAN O. HATCH (L.H.D. ‘21)

2005 - 2021

HAROLD WAYLAND TRIBBLE (LL.D. '48, P '55)

1950-1967

Tribble, an ordained minister and president of Andover Newton Theological School, had spoken on campus numerous times and had received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree before being named president.

At his inauguration on Nov. 28, 1950, more than 300 people in a "very impressive and awe-inspiring" academic procession marched from Wait Hall around the old well and into the chapel. The Old Gold & Black lamented the lack of student turnout but called the day "a day of thrills. A whole day of football games could not have produced more thrills."

University Board of Trustees chair Hubert Olive (1918, LL.B. 1920) presented Tribble with a set of keys, among them a key to the chapel; Wait Hall, the administration building; the schools of law, medicine and business; and an office at Reynolda, site of the new campus. Tribble pledged in his inaugural address to revive the stalled campaign to raise money to build the new campus. Following the ceremony, 700 guests dined on 305 breasts of chicken, 24 Smithfield hams and six bushels of yams in the cafeteria.

JAMES RALPH SCALES

1967-1983

Scales was dean of the college of arts and science at Oklahoma State University and a past president of Oklahoma Baptist University when he was named president. He was described as "likable and gregarious ... dignified and yet democratic."

North Carolina Gov. Dan K. Moore (LL.D. '68), past Gov. Terry Sanford (LL.D. '65) and representatives from 200 colleges and universities attended Scales' inauguration on April 11, 1968. Professor of Biology and grand marshal John Davis carried the University mace, created for the occasion, at the head of the academic procession.

The Old Gold & Black noted that one member of Scales' family was absent: the family's "oversized" golden retriever Missy. The OG&B also reported that Thomas "Terrible Tommy" Turner, "terror of the physics department," refused to cancel his 8 a.m. class, in defiance of the faculty-decreed class holiday.

An ardent Democrat, Scales chose U.S. Vice President Hubert Humphrey as the guest speaker. Humphrey called for a "new patriotism" in the country: "Not the hurrah of

patriotism, but of dedication, of commitment, of understanding, of the cleansing of our minds and our souls from every form of bigotry, prejudice, intolerance and blindness."

In his own address, Scales said, "Let the critics know that this Baptist school proposes to lead ... in the proclamation of soul freedom and its intellectual corollary, academic freedom"; in "non-conformist thought"; in "international concern"; in "the attacks on social injustice." Following the ceremony, 800 guests packed the cafeteria for a luncheon of baked chicken and rice and rainbow sherbet parfaits.



Harold W. Tribble
welcomes James
Ralph Scales into the
President's Office.

“An inauguration is a kind of commencement — a new beginning that invites us to reimagine who we are and who we aspire to be. While our past provides some prologue, it is our opportunity and obligation to write the next chapter of the Wake Forest story.”

— MICHAEL LAMB, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICS, ETHICS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM FOR LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER. HE SPOKE AT THE TRUSTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES LUNCHEON BEFORE THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY.



Thomas K. Hearn Jr.

THOMAS K. HEARN JR. (L.H.D. '04)

1983-2005

Hearn was senior vice president for non-medical affairs at The University of Alabama at Birmingham when he was named president and was the first non-Baptist ever chosen to lead Wake Forest. For his inauguration on Nov. 4, 1983, Professor of Music Dan Locklair composed an anthem, “The Fabric of Creation,” with words by University Editor Marty Lentz (MBA '79, P '01). Before the ceremony, 500 guests enjoyed lunch in the Indoor Athletic Center, decorated with “exquisite ice sculptures.”

In his address, Hearn noted that “Inauguration is a time of beginning. ... Yet this inaugural ceremony occurs as Wake Forest celebrates 150 years of distinguished service. ... (This is) a time to pay homage to those worthy men and women who created the goodly heritage which is ours. ... While preserving yesterday’s achievements, we create tomorrow’s opportunities.”

North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt (LL.D. '82, P '88, '90); William Friday ('38, LL.D. '57), president of the University of North Carolina system; and Student Government President Joanne O'Brien Beam ('84) offered official greetings to Hearn.

NATHAN O. HATCH (L.H.D. '21)

2005-2021

Hatch was provost at the University of Notre Dame when he was named the 13th president. A week of activities — including a community prayer service featuring Reynolds Professor of American Studies Maya Angelou (L.H.D. '77) and two academic symposia that explored the aims of a liberal arts education and the moral challenges of professional life — led up to his inauguration on Oct. 20, 2005.

Representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities, including Notre Dame’s current and past two presidents, attended the ceremony in Wait Chapel. Past trustee chair Murray Greason Jr. ('59, JD '62, P '85) and Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P '91, '93) invested Hatch with the Presidential Collar of State, a chain of medallions engraved with the names and dates of service of his 12 predecessors.

In his inaugural address, Hatch pledged to “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 individually and as a community.”

Highlights *from* INAUGURATION WEEK

MARCH 23-27

*From a Day of Service on Wednesday to
the Inauguration Worship Service on Sunday, inaugural events
fostered a communal spirit that defines Wake Forest.*



A DAY OF SERVICE



Students, faculty, staff and alumni volunteered at “kit-packing” events on March 23 in a day of service for projects to benefit schoolchildren at Cook Literacy Model School as well as women without housing. “I’m so thankful that we could build a service day into the week,” said President Susan R. Wenthe. “I think that’s really reflective of our Pro Humanitate motto being lived and breathed.” Volunteer Thomas Gawf, a junior, said, “It’s definitely an awesome message to send to everyone that we’re committed to the broader Winston-Salem community.”

Wenthe joined volunteers at Benson University Center to help fill 800 bags with juice, milk, cereal, protein and applesauce and 115 bags with apples and oranges donated to the Forsyth Backpack Project for students at Cook. Volunteers also packed STEM kits for Cook students and items including tampons and pads to donate to The Period Project of the Triad.



FACE TO FACE SPEAKER FORUM

In a special Face to Face event March 24 in Wait Chapel, University Trustee Marybeth Torbet Hays (’90, MBA ’94) moderated a conversation about radical collaboration with, left, Gene Woods, president and CEO of Atrium Health, and Hays’ fellow Trustee Larry Culp (P ’17, ’19, ’23), chair and CEO of GE. Hays asked the CEOs what they see as important to collaboration. Culp stressed the need to have a company where people collaborate across functions. Woods said Atrium Health had to leapfrog into radical collaboration with logistics experts and other unusual partners to get through the pandemic.

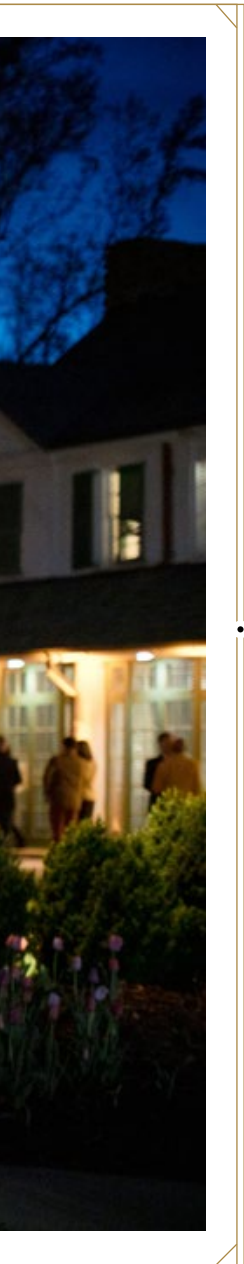
REYNOLDA HOUSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART RECEPTION

Evening lights shone at Reynolda House Museum of American Art, where the Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni (AWFUBA) and the Black Student Alliance sponsored an inauguration reception on March 24, coinciding with the “Black is Beautiful: The Photography of Kwame Brathwaite” exhibition.



“What a historic night for Wake Forest and Reynolda House!”

— DEBBIE KAHN RUBIN (MAEd '83, MALS '05), LIFE TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY
AND FORMER CHAIR OF THE REYNOLDA HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



From left, Chris Leak ('85, P '11), Jeff Dobbs ('77), AWFUBA Vice President Ursula Williams ('03), Magdelon Harris ('08) and AWFUBA President Keenon Mann ('04) at the reception.

"I continue to see people who are Wake Forest legacies and Wake Forest excellence. It's an indication of a great vibe on campus," Mann said.



"One of the ways our collaborations can be radical is if we listen to voices in the margins, so tonight I really want you to lean in, lend your ears to spaces you've never listened to before, open your hearts, open your minds and try something new," said spoken word poet and hip-hop artist Donovan Livingston, who holds a doctorate in educational studies, teaches in the Wake Forest Department of Education and is assistant dean in the Office of University Collaborations. He performed his "Spitting Image" piece at the reception, inspired in part by the "Black is Beautiful" exhibition.

TRUSTEES AND INSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES LUNCHEON



Michael Lamb, shown at inauguration, was the featured speaker at the luncheon. He is associate professor of politics, ethics and interdisciplinary humanities and executive director of the Program for Leadership and Character.

“Wake Forest’s commitment to collaboration is ‘radical’ in several senses. First, it challenges a larger culture that sees achievement in individualistic terms. By contrast, radical collaboration requires us to see our good in light of others’ good and to contribute the best of our knowledge, skill and talent to create something that could not be created or achieved on our own. It directs us to a common purpose.”

“This approach is not new at Wake Forest, which speaks to another way it is radical. The Latin origin of ‘radical’ is the word, *radix*, which means ‘root.’ To be radical is to return to the roots, to those vital foundations that give life to an organism or, in this case, an institution. To practice radical collaboration, then, is not to abandon our traditions but to reimagine and reinvigorate them, to recognize what is vital and enduring about our common life and innovate from the roots in ways that respond to our changing world.”

— MICHAEL LAMB



Trustee John M. Vann ('80, P '12), left, shares a laugh with Charles Iacovou, dean of the University's School of Professional Studies and vice provost of Charlotte Programs.

Wente greets those attending the Trustees and Institutional Delegates luncheon on March 25 in the Sutton Center.



ALUMNI CLASS REPRESENTATIVES LUNCHEON

Alumni delegates from every class from 1950 to 2021 gathered in the Magnolia Room in Reynolda Hall for a luncheon before donning academic robes and special medallions to join the inaugural procession.



Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P '91, '93), who led the alumni class delegates in the inauguration procession, greets Susan Powell Brinkley ('62, P '93), former president of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society that oversees the Wake Forest Historical Museum at the original campus.

“Treasure this moment, treasure Wake Forest. ... To me, one of the happy facts about Wake Forest is that on that day, way back when I heard about the new school for the first time (in 1939), the two words that leaped out were ‘Wake’ and ‘Forest.’ There is something wonderful about that name, Wake Forest. It suggests waking up to life itself at its best, and it suggests something green and verdant that lasts as far as to the years to come.”

— EDWIN G. WILSON ('43, P '91, '93)



“A memory that I will always hold dear was the camaraderie and pride among the alumni delegates. From the class of 1950 to the class of 2021, we were bound by our affection for Wake Forest and the honor of representing our classmates. Dr. Wente’s vision that Wake Forest should be a ‘catalyst for good’ is rooted in Pro Humanitate, the secret sauce of Wake Forest. I am so proud of where we have been and so excited for what is to come.”

— JANE OWENS CAGE ('78),
AN ALUMNI CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FROM JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Deborah L. Best ('70, MA '72), a psychology professor who was the first female dean of the college from 2004-2008, talks with Randolph Childress ('95, P '20), an iconic Deacon basketball player and former assistant coach.



Ed Reynolds ('64), above, retired history professor, University of California, San Diego, and the first Black student to enroll at Wake Forest, in 1962

“It’s good to see all these alumni come back, people of great accomplishments. Starting here as the only Black person (as a student), to see all these Black faces here (today) is so meaningful to me.”

— ED REYNOLDS ('64)

PRESIDENT'S BALL

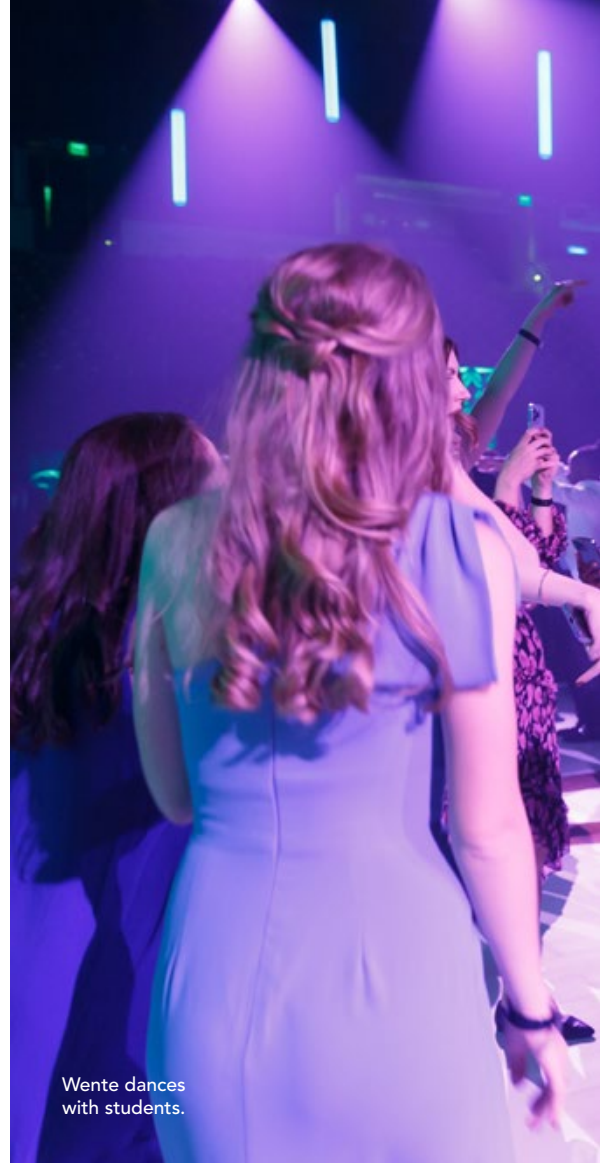
Celebration, music and dancing followed the inauguration at the President's Ball on March 25 in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

"As a female, I find it empowering and encouraging to see a woman lead this incredible school."

— GRACIE STAMBAUGH,
JUNIOR FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



Wente dances with her husband, Chris Hardy, Ph.D.



Wente dances with students.





“It’s been a tremendous experience coming back. I’ve seen some of my friends, professors and workers at The Pit. For me, coming back today as a delegate of 2020, it’s (that) even though COVID kicked us out, I am here to make sure the 2020 graduates are not forgotten. I am here for the team!”

— WUBETU SHIMELASH ('20), OF ETHIOPIA, LEFT, A GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND AN ALUMNI DELEGATE





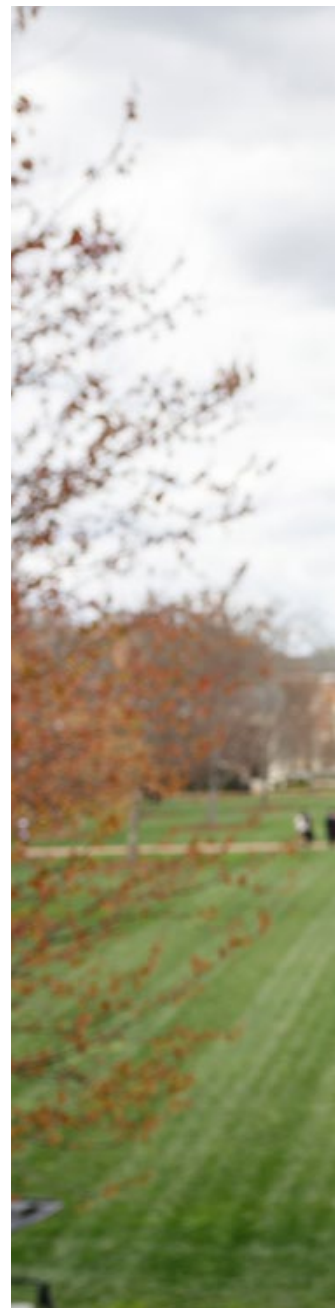
WAKE WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Participants in Wake Women's Weekend explored movement in Reynolds Gymnasium with Mona Hilbawi Flynn ('87), owner of Life Fit Yoga, in one of many events. The keynote panel featured remarks by President Susan R. Wentz and a discussion on inspiring leadership among Jen Mitchell Hoover ('91), Camille Russell Love ('73), Andrea Malik Roe ('99) and Alex Sink ('70, P '11). The moderator was Alumni Council President Alex Reyes Schroeder ('06, JD '09).



INAUGURATION WORSHIP SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Emilie M. Townes, dean and distinguished professor of womanist ethics and society at Vanderbilt Divinity School, preached the sermon, "The Theology of Somehow," at the inauguration worship service on March 27 in Wait Chapel. She told congregants, "You and I can be and must be the instrument through which God's 'somehow' is realized ... in a mendable world as we work with God to stitch our way to justice."



**“You could almost physically feel
the weight of the history being made.”**

— DAVIS BRADY,
JUNIOR FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE





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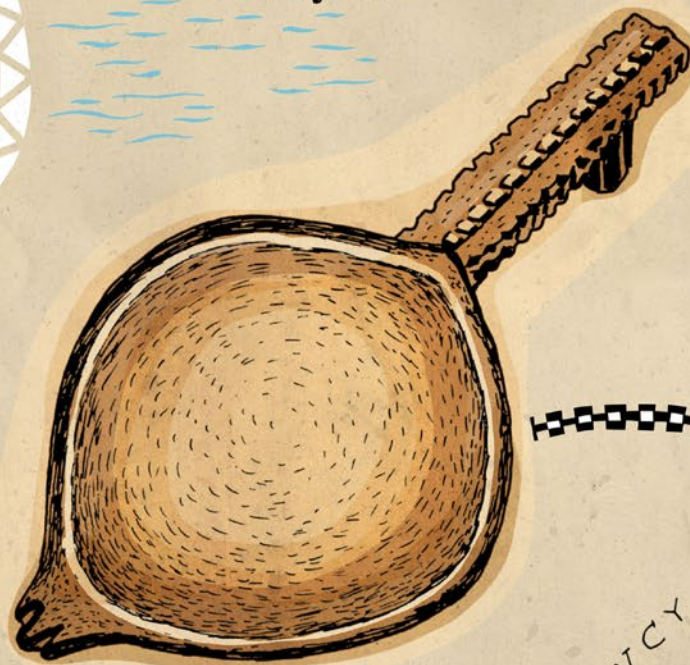
SHALLOW WOODEN DISH



CAP'N COOK



TRACKING



PEPPER PLANT (roots)



TRANSPARENCY



ANTIQUITIES



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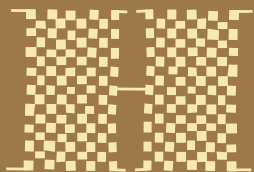
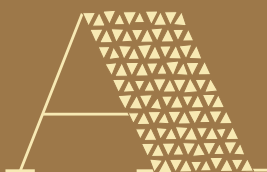
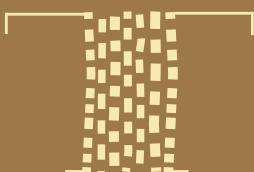
NEWS OF THE WORLD

Behold the humble Fijian dish bearing tidings from Polynesia,
an explorer's ship, a 'Disneyland' museum circa mid-1700s and
a Wake Forest bet on the future.

In the mid-1700s, an artist on an unknown island in Fiji intricately carves a piece of wood into a shallow dish, the shape inspired by a tropical leba fruit, or perhaps a bird. The *bete*, or priests, of Fiji have commissioned the bowl for mixing coconut oil, fruit and pigments into their favored body oils, colorful and perfumed.

At 13 inches long, it is one of many wooden containers serving the powerful priests in the South Pacific archipelago. Using their larger, deeper wooden bowls, the *bete* concoct an earthy liquid of water and grated pepper plant roots. They drink this potion in sacred rituals to induce a trance state, inviting ancestral spirits to enter their bodies and channel visions and wisdom for the chiefs and their tribes.

BY CAROL L. HANNER  ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOHN S. DYKES

if the *bete* could have envisioned the destiny of their humble shallow dish? They would see it cross seas in the hands of a legendary explorer and centuries in collections of curiosities and art, eventually to rest under glass in the Timothy S. Y. Lam Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest. The dish would

acquire title as the oldest known historical wooden object in existence from Fiji, with a history that includes obsessed collectors and a connection to a kidnapping.

TODAY, steered by Wake Foresters and a New York City arts leader, the dish has gone even farther without moving an inch, as a piece of the inspiration for a Wake Forest novel experiment that will cross invisible realms, through space and time, in 21st-century cyberspace.

Susan de Menil (P '19), a design consultant and cultural heritage thinker, is leading the project, driven by innovative blockchain technology and an equally innovative interdisciplinary Wake Forest group.

Two law students and a physics major formed the core for the group's radical collaboration, which spans anthropology, computer science, art, law and business. They are creating a white paper laying out the case for a first-of-its-kind tool they envision for museums, dealers and others to track treasures of antiquity.

The goal is to equip guardians and purveyors of art and cultural objects with a blueprint that could create new ways of managing intractable issues of practice and ethics. The envisioned tool will address how to share ownership of objects, often with histories as complex as that of the Fiji dish, across disparate cultures and vast expanses of time.

The three students, all now alumni, are developing a plan for a prototype with programs based on blockchain technology — heralded and notorious for its use in cryptocurrency, often mysterious to laypeople, yet holding a mother lode of possibilities beyond Bitcoin. A blockchain is a unique type of database with advanced security features. “Blocks” containing data are “chained” together. Users can add but not delete anything.

Wake Forest’s blockchain and cultural property project is deeply collaborative around a technology topic difficult for many to comprehend, says Provost Rogan Kersh (’86), whose office oversees the project. “It’s radical because it involves such widespread, non-obvious, almost unnatural disciplinary collaborations,” he says. “They’ve come together to do something really, really useful in a space that nobody understands. I just cannot think of a more fruitful example of radical collaboration in an academic setting.”

Raina Haque, a professor of practice of technology in the School of Law and a key leader in the group, says, “What’s exciting about our project is we’re really juxtaposing something ancient with something that’s cutting edge, and then seeing how we can bridge the two.”



New York lunch

A FORTUNATE CONNECTION

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The Wake Forest project sprouted from a casual question in August 2019 as Kersh had lunch in New York with de Menil, whose son Conrad (’19) graduated that year.

“What are you working on?” Kersh asked her.

“I’m actually into the strangest space — art and antiquities in the blockchain,” she told him.

Only the blockchain aspect was strange for de Menil. For more than 30 years, with her husband, architect François de Menil (P ’19), she has been

active in the arts and museum world. A 1986 story in *The New York Times* about the de Menil family and their Houston art museum was headlined, “The Medici of Modern Art,” referring to the patrons who fueled the Italian Renaissance.

The matriarch, Dominique de Menil, was a visionary force with her husband, John. She had a keen eye for artwork and an equal ability to spot illegally acquired objects long before equity and social justice were named as ethical values in American society.

In 1983, Dominique de Menil rescued what she suspected were valuable, sacred pieces of Byzantine frescoes pitched to her by shady characters in a dimly lit room in Germany. The experienced art collector immediately sent out letters and determined eventually

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that the frescoes originated in Lysi, Cyprus, at a small monastic Greek Orthodox Church looted after Turkish occupation in 1974.

She established a foundation that bought the frescoes and restored them, costing millions. François de Menil designed the Byzantine Fresco Chapel in Houston to display them in the family's Menil Collection, which includes the Rothko Chapel named for Abstract Expressionist Mark Rothko.

When Dominique died in 1997, the museum's board asked Susan de Menil to serve as president and lead the complex negotiations on whether and

how Cyprus would reclaim the frescoes, as her mother-in-law had agreed.

More than 450,000 people visited the Byzantine Fresco Chapel in Houston, "probably more than all the people who had seen them since the 13th century," Susan de Menil says. The frescoes returned in 2012 to their native country.

In the last few years, de Menil became inspired by the new social justice conversations and museums' awareness of the need to acknowledge and share equity with the cultures where ancient objects originated. She saw museums and auction houses unwilling to sell, acquire or accept treasures whose transactional history — known as their provenance — could not be confirmed as legal or ethical. This made it hard for families to donate treasures.

"Every time (an auction house) would take a consignment, it would get questioned," de Menil says, "so it became a losing economic reality for them. ... Suddenly you had all these so-called orphaned objects all over the world. That seemed like that's not really serving anybody terribly well."

De Menil learned about blockchain from a friend, previously at Christie's auction house, who had seen it used for a buyer. De Menil, her friend and a handful of other women prominent in law, academia and business in New York began gathering regularly to talk about the possibilities. They formed the Arts & Antiquities Blockchain Consortium (AABC).

After the lunch in New York, Kersh connected de Menil with the law school's Raina Haque, who has deep knowledge of blockchain. They met in the fall of 2019, and the brainstorming began.

The group expanded to include Christina Soriano, the associate provost for arts and interdisciplinary initiatives, along with professors of art, computer science and business. Andrew Gurstelle, the anthropology museum's academic director, rounded out the dynamic group, bringing with him the background of the Fiji dish as one of the touchstones for the project.



PHOTO BY PAUL WARCZOK, COURTESY OF MENIL ARCHIVES, THE MENIL COLLECTION, HOUSTON



Interior of the Byzantine Fresco Chapel when it held the 13th-century restored treasures on loan until they were returned to Cyprus in 2012. To see a 10-minute video of the complex de-installation of the frescos, search "Byzantine Chapel Fresco De-installation" on youtube.com



CAPT. COOK AND THE FIJI DISH

Fiji first came literally onto the horizon of British explorer Capt. James Cook in 1774 as he made his second of three voyages 'round the world. The fabulous success of his first voyage had earned him renown and a major upgrade from his first ship, HMS Endeavour, a Navy

research vessel known as a bark, faster and lighter than a full-rigged ship and often favored by pirates. For his second voyage circumnavigating the icy waters of Antarctica, Cook needed a stouter ship. The British Navy royally outfitted the 14-month-old HMS Resolution with "the most advanced navigational aids of the day, including ... ice anchors

and the latest apparatus for distilling fresh water from sea water," says the Captain Cook Society.

Cook called her "the ship of my choice, the fittest for service of any I have ever seen."

Fiji did not manage to impress the great captain nearly so much.

On July 2, 1774, his men spotted land and hurried toward Vatoa, a southeastern islet among more than



300 islands in Fiji's archipelago. But it proved to be "an Island of so little consequence," Cook's journal says, that he landed only briefly and encountered no residents.

How, then, did Cook acquire the Fiji bowl?

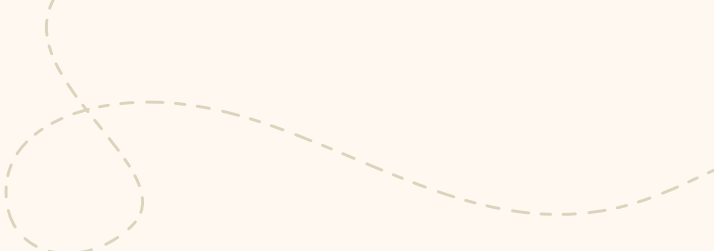
Gurstelle at the anthropology museum and his father, Bill Gurstelle, who is pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, spent nine months researching the bowl's past. Andrew Gurstelle says the most logical conclusion is that Tongans gifted the bowl to Cook, or he received it from Fijian traders staying on Tonga, a more appealing island that Cook called the "Friendly Archipelago." South Pacific islanders practiced diplomacy by bestowing many gifts on the Europeans, Gurstelle says. Cook gathered plants, animal specimens, delicate earrings of shells or pearls, woven bark cloth and other exotic treasures.

WHAT IS BLOCKCHAIN, ANYWAY?

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Exotic might be a fair way to describe how some modern citizens view blockchain technology. Mention it or its eponymous companions — cryptocurrency, Bitcoin and NFTs (digital "non-fungible tokens" of ownership) — and a furrowed brow or a grimace often follows. But those who follow technology see blockchain holding a permanent place in the future, and de Menil saw its potential for connecting that future to tracking artifacts of the past such as the Fiji dish.





How cryptocurrency works as an economic exchange is much harder to understand than the core concepts of blockchain technology itself.

Will Caulkins ('22) came into the Wake Forest project as a physics major eager to expand his expertise in his computer science and math minors. He has learned how to program using a well-publicized global blockchain and functions as the team's programmer.

Blockchain's secure ledger function is key. "If something is tampered with in your previous transaction, ... you can

easily recognize if something has been entered," Caulkins says, making it "an environment that is the most secure on the planet."

That transparency is a great virtue in tracking antiquities, whose analog documentation has always been subject to forgery, fiction or the fragility of a paper trail — or no trail at all.

The second crucial aspect of blockchain is its decentralized network, with all users giving up a little part of their network's memory rather than one entity controlling the database. "A bad actor wanting to take over the blockchain or alter something, they would have to surpass the computing power of (a majority of) everyone in the blockchain, which is an enormous (number of) people. Basically, you can't tamper with it at all, and it exists forever," Caulkins says.

Programming on a blockchain requires no massive computer power.

"It's really cool because you don't have to have this huge data center with lots of security protocols and all that," Caulkins says.

This is especially useful for museums and smaller institutions without big budgets.

While programming on a blockchain isn't itself energy intensive, some cryptocurrency companies are in the news for heavy energy use in their security features. Facing criticism, many are working on ways to reduce consumption.

Gurstelle notes that the tool envisioned by the Wake Forest team can't eliminate the need to verify historical provenance, but once a piece of an item's history is verified, the documentation going forward will be more useful and trustworthy.

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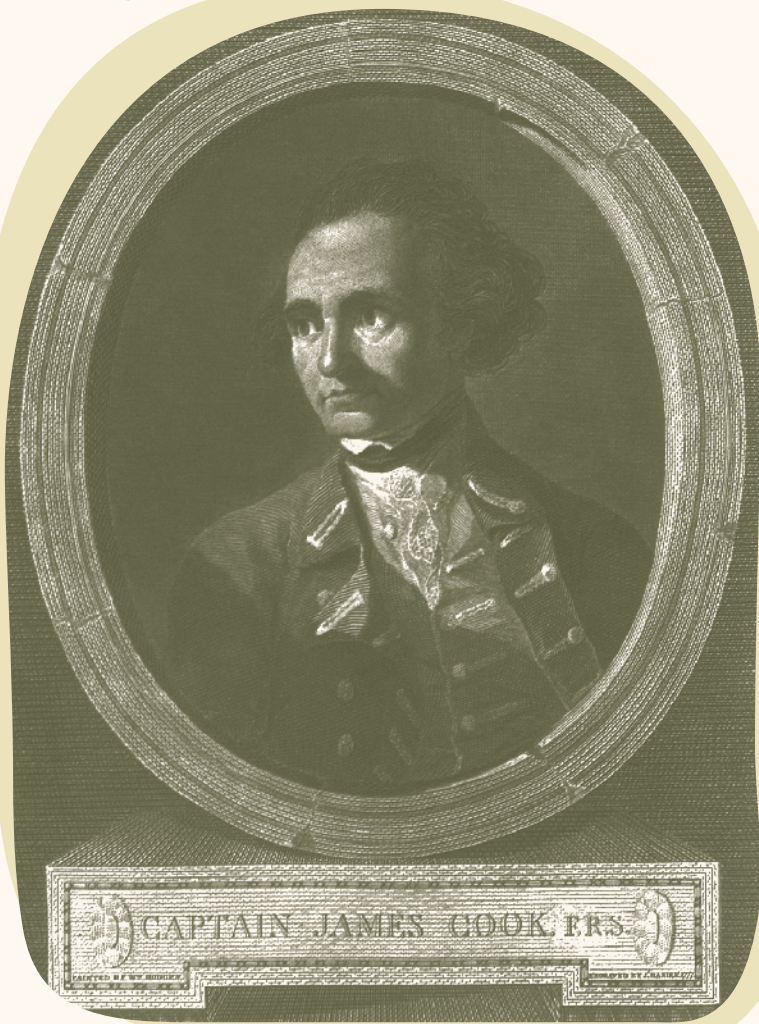
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Blockchain carries the potential to track items directly from archaeological digs, to open avenues for diplomacy and negotiation and to share exhibit revenues and ownership, de Menil's New York consortium wrote in the *International Journal of Cultural Policy* in 2020.

For example, Gurstelle says, a museum could divide ownership of a collection among 5,000 individuals from the region where the items originated. Each person would get a USB thumb drive documenting the person's or family's ownership. "They can sell (their shares) to someone else. They could acquire other shares. They could subdivide that further and give their children equal shares," he says.

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The nonprofit Wake Forest museum continues to research the provenance of various objects, and Gurstelle has reached out to officials in other countries to determine appropriate and ethical ways to honor objects' source cultures.

The tracking prowess of blockchain is an important issue across society, beyond the art and museum worlds, says law professor Haque.

Consider that Walmart has been moving its food suppliers to blockchain,

she notes. Both Walmart and farmers had lost millions as the company froze purchases to investigate the source of E. coli contamination, for example. As Walmart developed a blockchain system, the company used mangoes in a contamination scenario. Normal tracking took a week to find the culprit. Blockchain identified the source in 2.2 seconds.

Cryptocurrency, susceptible to misinformation and scams, is fogging the visions for blockchain innovation, says Haque. The law and regulators — generally slow to change — are just figuring out that this uncharted virtual economy will need new thinking, she says. They will need critical minds with fresh perspectives like those of her law students, she says.

"Blockchain technologies are so hyped up, and most of the articulated cases I've seen for implementing a blockchain really just don't make sense. They're riding the hype to get investment money," says Haque.

The Wake Forest project, however, "really struck me because it made so much sense because we're talking about a need for efficient transactions across borders ... and cultural diasporas."

FROM CAPT. COOK TO THE HOLOPHUSICON

The Fiji dish might never have made it out of the South Pacific but for a moment of fate. As Cook prepared to depart the "Friendly Archipelago" of Tonga, a Tongan chief was plotting to assassinate him. Thanks to a change in Cook's timing and infighting among the chiefs, the plot failed.

Upon Cook's return to London in 1775, he gave many items to his friend Ashton Lever, whose family's fabulous wealth in textiles freed Lever to pursue his passions of archery and collecting cultural objects. Cook "so much admired this good Ashton's intellect, that he gave him a complete collection of all kinds of South Seas curiosities,"



Andrew Gurstelle
with the Fiji dish

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a visitor wrote at the time, according to the Gurstelles' research. Lever acquired the Fiji dish in that 1775 gift or possibly from Cook's wife when the HMS Resolution returned with more bounty after Cook's death in 1779.

The dish probably survived because of its relatively swift arrival in London within a year or so of Cook's acquisition, Gurstelle says. Museums have stone artifacts from Fiji that have survived many thousands of years, but wooden objects generally decayed in the Polynesian humidity. That's why Gurstelle estimates the dish's creation at 250 years ago. He hasn't found references to any older wooden objects from Fiji.

Lever displayed the dish in the somewhat protected environs of his museum, named the Holophusicon



(HO luh FOO suh kahn) — “the place that embraces all of nature.”

Visitors flocked to see Capt. Cook's riches and thousands of scientific, historical and ethnographic objects and taxidermied animals that Lever had amassed since 1760.

“This was the Disneyland of its time period,” Gurstelle says. “It was intended to be an overwhelming sensory experience.”

Gurstelle understands why exotic cultures and species awed the British people. The unusual fascinates him, too, as does stoking the public's curiosity. He talked his way at 14 into his first job as a carnival barker. As a teen working in a juggling shop, he earned a scar on his palm when a little boy tugged at Gurstelle's shirt and distracted him as he juggled machetes.

“We know that museums really were invented by showmen like Barnum, and ... while museums have a more serious focus today, our role is still to give people a sense of wonder at the world,” he says.

The Holophusicon grew into the largest private museum in the world. But by 1786 its operating expenses exceeded revenues.

The Fiji dish was soon evicted.

Contributing to the yearlong work to prepare for the hackathon were Haque, de Menil, Soriano, Gurstelle, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Sarra Alqahtani and Professor of Art History Morna O'Neill, as well as the Arts & Antiquities Blockchain Consortium. Students could take courses on blockchain in law, computer science, anthropology or art.

De Menil wanted real items to give meaning to the challenges students faced and to spark their creativity. Gurstelle had already begun researching the Fiji dish for an introductory class on museum studies. Besides enlisting his father in the time-consuming online research, Gurstelle had help from Z. Smith Reynolds Library, the Smithsonian and the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

The dish turned out to have a very long, complicated journey that well illustrates the challenges of building a verified provenance, de Menil says.

"The dish ... was very inspirational because it was a real, live cultural artifact," de Menil says. "It encompassed so much of the underlying issues and thoughts that everybody was trying to

explore. The fact that it had been in so many different places over time, the whole travel in the life of that object became kind of an anthem on a certain level for the whole project."

For the March 2021 hackathon, students could choose their challenge from three scenarios involving museum objects — the Fiji dish, a ceramic bowl from Mexico and a funerary statue from Niger.

"What was interesting about all of them was that they had different backstories, different provenance-related stories," de Menil says.

Documents and a video series gave students the background in concise chunks — the law of antiquities, short histories of the objects, guidelines for questions to ask and how the solutions would be judged.

CREATING A BLOCKCHAIN HACKATHON

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De Menil saw value in the new perspective of young people to grapple with the larger cultural questions around treasures. She and the Wake Forest professors began discussing how to incorporate blockchain and antiquities into WakeHacks 2021, the annual hackathon by the student computer science club and the Department of Computer Science. Student teams compete in 24 hours of nonstop planning and programming to propose solutions to a problem presented to them.





Bridwell estate

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"We didn't give them a ton because a huge asset, especially to these ancient intractable problems, is having a beginner's mindset and not being so entrenched in how things have always been done," the law school's Haque says.

Haque says the professors' discussions to create a hackathon rubric were an enlightening example of interdisciplinary work. She saw how each discipline's perspective played into a professor's focus, with color and physical qualities important for art but not so much for computer science, for example.

"Our values would start to show," Haque says. "Even if we don't agree or see the same things ..., what movement forward right now can we make? Then later on we ... can improve it some more."

CROSSING THE THAMES AND LOSING PRESTIGE

With his Holophusicon failing in 1786, Ashton Lever decided to raffle its contents as a whole rather than auction his precious collection piecemeal.

A raffle ticket cost 1 guinea (enough for velvet breeches or a week's wages for a skilled tradesman). The lucky winner, James Parkinson, with no museum experience, collected his jackpot.

Parkinson, variously described as lawyer, retailer of legal supplies, land agent, dentist or proprietor of



Sarah Stone illustration of the interior of Sir Ashton Lever's Holophusicon museum in London in 1785/State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

a “pleasure garden,” moved the huge collection to a cheaper part of town across the Thames River. He lowered the ticket price and simplified the futuristic name to Leverian Museum.

It worked for 20 years until public interest waned. The British Museum wasn't interested, so the collection succumbed at last to a piecemeal auction in 1806. A Baptist minister

bought the Fiji dish and about 150 other items. He shipped them off to Devonshire to his wealthy brother-in-law, Richard Hall Clarke, who was obsessed with Capt. Cook.

Three years later, his collection overflowing, Clarke built a fine new stone building on his Bridwell estate, with the unabashed purpose of paying tribute to his celebrity hero.

The dish resided quietly for 158 years in that Chapel Museum in western England, drawing occasional travelers hungry for a taste of Cook's voyages.

As large British estates continued their decline à la “Downton Abbey,” Clarke's heirs auctioned off the museum's contents in 1967.

The dish would soon transform into a work of art.

HACKING AWAY FOR 24 HOURS

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For the first time, the Wake Forest hackathon in March 2021 had to take place online because of COVID-19 restrictions. Students used a chat platform popular with video gamers. It's called Discord — an ironic twist, Haque notes, for an event calling for collaboration, creative thinking, quick decisions and bonding in the wee hours when silliness takes over tired minds. To help with the absence of pizzas delivered to conference rooms, students received snack packages at home.

The winning team consisted of Caulkins, Caitlin Kelly (JD '22) and Kristen Kovach (JD '21).

Caulkins handled the programming duties. He will begin in August as a satellite communications engineer with Peraton, an aerospace technology company, in the Washington, D.C., area, where he was an intern last summer. Kelly, with an undergraduate degree in art history from Mary Washington University and a freshly earned law degree, is headed for a job at entertainment startup Gala Games and its blockchain-based platform. Kovach is a patent attorney at Bookoff McAndrews, a Washington, D.C.-based firm.

Kelly focused as an undergraduate on community approaches to culture and repatriation, so the hackathon topic was “perfect for me,” she says. “I’ve always been about taking art history and trying to drag it into the future through the law.”

Kovach, drawn to the hackathon by Haque’s class, recognized that understanding blockchain “opens up my avenues for work” as a patent attorney.

The three students chose the Mexican ceramic piece for their hackathon proposal, and their win immediately earned them the chance to move to the next level: developing the framework and arguments for a blockchain tool that could handle histories of any object, including those as long and deep as the Fiji bowl’s.

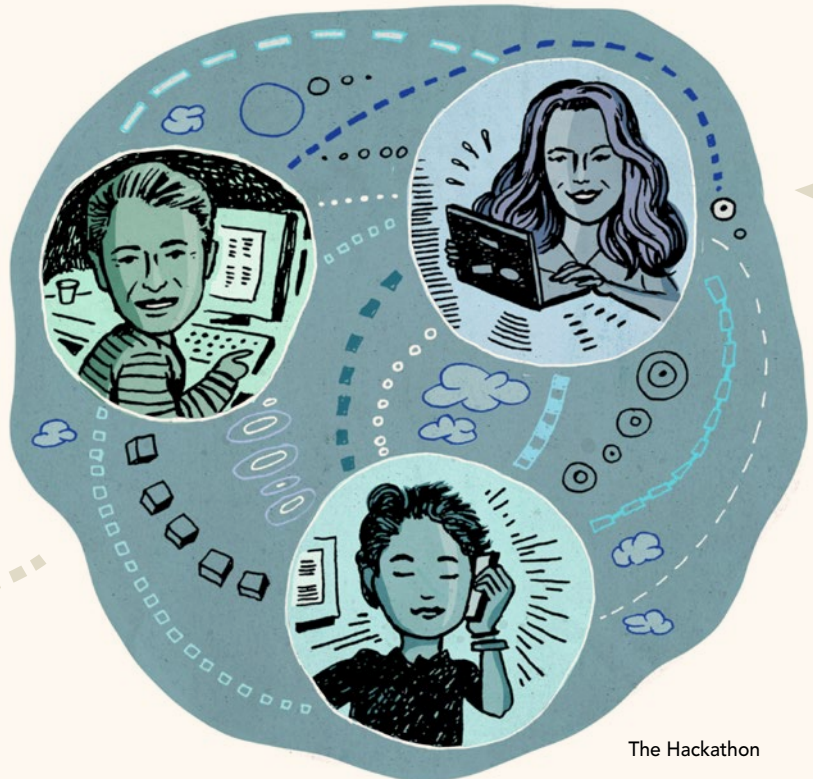
De Menil connected the team to another not-for-profit called the

Blockchain for Social Impact Coalition (BSIC) in New York City.

Ravi Srinivasan, a global technology consultant and BSIC board member, volunteered to help the team with key elements and workflow for a functional prototype of an app or system that museums could use.

During the summer, Caulkins taught himself how to program using a blockchain. All three team members spent nights and weekends on the project while working full-time.

“It’s really interesting stuff that we’re doing, all totally revolutionary, innovative,” Caulkins says.



The Hackathon

Kelly says she recognized that attorneys can be the “the killjoy” by always looking for potential obstacles, but the team appreciated a cautious perspective.

Kovach says taking action rather than working in hypotheticals was rewarding. “Creating something new is something that we don’t always get to do.”

They doubled down to find answers. “We’re doing new things every single day, so it’s not like you’re going to Google your issue and find somebody who’s done it,” Caulkins says. “You’re going to have to solve those problems. And we have, so I’m really proud of our whole team.”

JOINING THE 1960S BOHEMIAN ART WORLD

In the 1967 auction of the Chapel Museum contents, the Fiji dish drew the attention of London art dealer Ernest Ohly. He bought it for the Abbey Art Centre, an art colony with a small ethnographic museum in an old barn, where artists borrowed objects to sketch.

The dish didn’t stay there long. Its time had come.

Western societies did not initially consider non-European cultural objects as art. But in the 1960s, the high-priced

art market grew enamored of the beauty and craftsmanship of African and South Pacific tribal art, which had influenced cubism and artists such as Picasso. Ohly was a trendsetter in making London the center of attention for tribal art. Another top dealer, Ralph Nash, bought the dish and resold it to Alexander Martin for his new African and Oceania art gallery in posh St. James Square.

Martin’s catalog caught the eye of George Ortiz, one of the foremost collectors of African and Oceanic art in the world. Ortiz’s father was the Bolivian ambassador to France, and his maternal grandfather was the “Andean Rockefeller,” Bolivian tin-mining magnate Simón I. Patiño.

George Ortiz, who began collecting in 1944, grew up in Paris, was educated in the United Kingdom and the United States, then briefly read philosophy at Harvard before a journey to Greece changed his life. He began amassing one of the premier collections of ancient art in private hands.



George Ortiz/
Courtesy of
George Ortiz
Collection



George and
Catherine Ortiz
plead on TV in
October 1977
for the return of
their kidnapped
5-year-old
daughter, Graziella.
Photos/Radio
Télévision Suisse



In October 1977, kidnappers snatched Ortiz's 5-year-old daughter, Graziella, from her chauffeur's car in Switzerland and issued a \$2 million ransom demand. Ortiz had spent much of his family wealth on collecting and had to borrow the ransom money. The kidnappers returned the little girl a week later. One kidnapper was found dead, and the others were caught and imprisoned, but most of the money was never recovered.

The dish was on display at a Honolulu museum for an exhibit on Capt. Cook, but before the exhibit ended, Ortiz announced that he would sell some of his collection to repay the

ransom loans. His alternative was to lose the 18th-century Swiss manor house he had lovingly restored. "My family needs somewhere to live, so I had no choice," he told *The Washington Post*. He consigned 234 pieces, including the dish, to Sotheby's in London.

AN IDEA EMERGES AT CASA ARTOM

In 1978, J. Gordon Hanes Jr. (LL.D. '92) was visiting with Professor of Anthropology E. Pendleton "Pen" Banks at Wake Forest's Casa Artom during a vacation in Venice when the two devised a plan.

Hanes, the head of textile manufacturer Hanes Corp., was a well-known philanthropist and supporter of arts and cultural institutions. Banks had founded Wake Forest's anthropology museum in 1963 as the Museum of Man.

Banks had little funding to acquire permanent collections, so Hanes resolved to buy pieces from the Ortiz



J. Gordon Hanes Jr.
(LL.D. '92)

collection for Wake Forest. The 31 pieces he donated included the Fiji dish. The gift launched the growth of acquisitions, and he donated hundreds more items before his death in 1995.

The museum has flourished, with 30,000 items from more than 90 countries. It moved in 2020 to a newly renovated, larger space in Arnold Palmer Hall. It was renamed last year for the late entrepreneur and philanthropist Timothy S. Y. Lam ('60), who donated his collection of more than 500 Chinese ceramics from the Tang Dynasty (618-907). A historic gift from Lam's wife, Ellen, and their sons, Tim ('93) and Marcus ('98), made the expansion possible.

ASIDE FROM THE DISH AND 233 PIECES

In 1994 the Royal Academy of Arts in London had exhibited George Ortiz' remaining collection. The trove was considered "breathtaking," *The Independent* newspaper reported. Many museums have shown the collection, which remains in Switzerland.

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Not everyone lauded Ortiz. British archaeologist Lord Colin Renfrew criticized the Royal Academy exhibit for "the large-scale looting which is the ultimate source of so much of what he is able to exhibit."

Ortiz's collection had not managed to escape the large network of smugglers, looters and market dealers who turned a blind eye. After 15 years of legal struggles, he received a short, suspended sentence on a 1961 charge of receiving stolen property. Ortiz was emblematic of those caught between saving treasured ancient objects and receiving looted artifacts.

With only her fascination with the small Fiji dish connecting Susan de Menil to George Ortiz, de Menil nevertheless knows the ethical conundrums antiquities can raise, and such issues are gaining more attention.

France is examining how to repatriate 90,000 museum artifacts from sub-Saharan Africa. The Association of Art Museum Curators organized its 2021 virtual conference around issues of appropriation, colonialism, identity and a culture of silence among curators.

The group at Wake Forest was still working on its project as this story was being written. By this summer, the team expects to have completed a white paper laying out how and why their blockchain tool is possible and useful, perhaps in the form of an app, Srinivasan says.

He is helping the team assess the business prospects, which could lead to investors or interested parties developing a marketable tool. The students' longer-term involvement remains to be seen, but they are members of the founding team with whatever that brings. With millions of artifacts in private hands, Srinivasan says, owners who want better provenance records are the most likely users.

Like Srinivasan, Christina Elson, a business-oriented Wake Forest faculty member, sees the possibilities for a tangible outcome for the Wake Forest blockchain experiment. Elson, who leads the Center for the Study of Capitalism, says she came to the project to help drive thinking about the many business implications of blockchain

technology. She is the center's John A. Allison IV executive director and also is an anthropologist.

The ability to track antiquities benefits museums. The ability to track art, from a physical painting to digital art, offers value to an artist who can continue to receive revenue rather than a one-time payment under the one-owner model. And new models of ownership create the opportunity for new business models, as well as new ethical issues, Elson says.



Timothy S.Y. Lam ('60), his wife, Ellen, and their sons, Marcus ('98), center, and Tim ('93).



“You want as many people as possible to be able to engage in the market and be able to have opportunities in the market,” Elson says. “And these kinds of technologies help provide that.”

De Menil says of the project: “Honestly, the winds could not have blown more in our favor if we had tried to arrange a wind machine.”

AN ACADEMIC SHIFT

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The multidimensional team at Wake Forest is part of an academic shift, too.

Universities have become accustomed to “two close cousins who collaborate together,” such as chemistry and biology (biochemistry) or political science and economics, Provost Kersh says. The Wake Forest project brings together parties that are much farther apart on the disciplinary chart.

Kersh says de Menil is “doing something really pathbreaking. We’re providing some of the intellectual underpinnings, ... then ... it’s taking the radical collaboration even farther to go outside the University, to partner with a nonprofit, thanks to a connection with a Wake parent.

“Blockchain for good — we’re helping to define what this is. And most people don’t even know what blockchain is.”

As for the Fiji dish, it sits serenely in its case on campus, with a mini-exhibit that tells the story of its travels through time, and its provenance — so far.



The Rev. Tish Harrison Warren ('01)
wrote about noticing God in the routines
of daily life. Then came the invitation
to share her reflections on faith in
the public and private spheres with millions.

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ORDINARY

TISH HARRISON WARREN (’01)

IS BUSIER THAN EVER these days in Caldwell County, Texas, where she spent her early childhood before moving to Austin and, eventually, after high school, heading to Wake Forest for college. She spent more than a decade as a campus minister with InterVarsity’s Graduate and Faculty Ministries and worked through various churches and nonprofits to

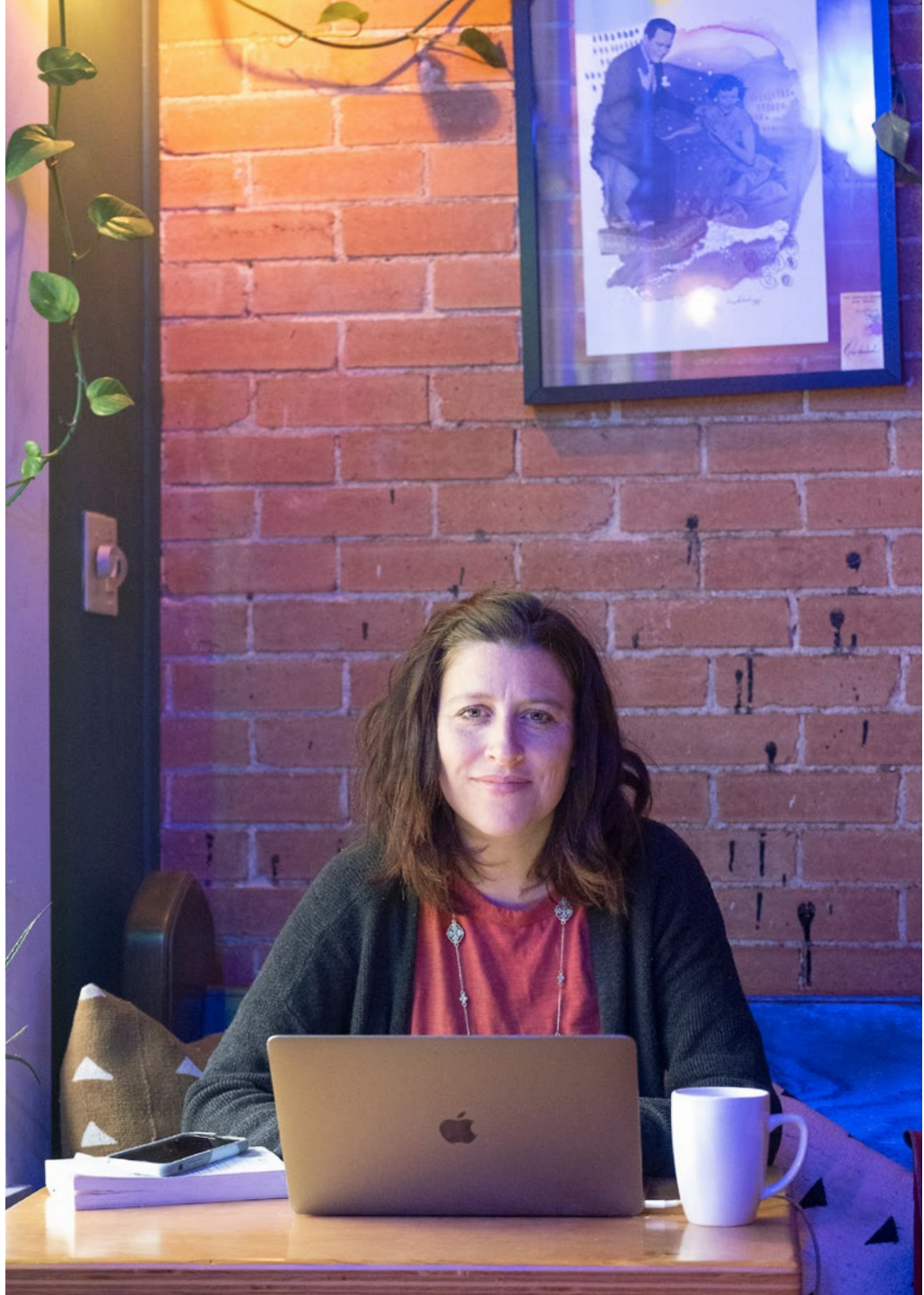
help people living in poverty or suffering from addiction. With her husband, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Warren

Pagán (’02) — both are ordained in the Anglican Church in North America — she is raising two daughters, 11 and 9, and a son, 2. Pagán is assisting priest and interim director of family ministries, and she is writer-in-residence at Resurrection Anglican Church in South Austin.

Warren’s list of eclectic jobs, which she has described as “Mom, priest, campus minister, writer,” includes these work sites: “bookstore, coffee shop, organic grocery store, elementary school office and drug rehab center.” She goes on, “I’ve been on a film crew, taught English overseas, assisted in kids’ ballroom dancing classes, and nannied.” In summer 2021, she added a new role to her résumé — weekly newsletter writer sharing about faith and public discourse and private life for the opinion section of The New York Times.

The invitation came after Warren, 42, wrote two books, “Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life,” Christianity Today’s 2018 book of the year, and the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association’s 2022 Christian Book of the Year “Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep.” (Warren points out that the InterVarsity Press editor on both was Cindy Bunch (’87); “I want to show her some love.”) Warren’s essays and articles have appeared in Christianity Today, Comment magazine and the Religion News Service. The new assignment brings her insights occasionally to the Times’ website home page and in print to more than 8 million subscribers, a global audience whose faith traditions (or lack thereof for some) can be wildly different from her own.

Maria Henson (’82) of Wake Forest Magazine spoke to her earlier this year about her life and her new role. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.



MH: Tell us about how you came to write for *The New York Times*.

THW: I would have never in a million years sought out this job for lots of reasons. First of all because it's very difficult, and I tend to want things to be chill and not difficult. I was writing broadly. I'd already had two books out, and I was writing for *Christianity Today* — a monthly column — and then freelancing, and I had written for the *Times* twice. The head of the opinion section emailed me and asked if I would be willing to have a conversation about a project they were doing.

I told my husband, "This is going to be like they want my quote for a religion take, or this is going to change my life, this

conversation." ... She had come across my writing, and they were wanting someone with a religious perspective. ...

It was like a meteor in the sense that it just came out of nowhere and was unexpected.

I don't know who walks around thinking *The New York Times* is interested in their take. Some of that is because I'm an Anglican priest, right? And I'm a female priest, but I'm a fairly-traditional-trying-to-be-somewhat-Orthodox female priest. It's difficult to use this language because some people would consider me far left and some would consider me far right. But I certainly, I would say, have a more conservative or traditional religious conviction than



your average New York Times reader. When I was deciding if I could take the job, I said I want to be able to write to a broad audience that believes very differently than me, that has no religious belief or different religious beliefs, different political opinions. I am only going to be able to write out of my own perspective as an Anglican priest who believes what I believe and is who I am.

MH: What have you learned in your first months of writing for the Times?

THW: I started at the Times in this weird season where we're coming out of COVID, but we're not. Some people feel like COVID is kind of over. Some people feel still afraid and concerned. And there's a lot of polarization. I think people are really hurting. And I think that goes for people on both sides of the political aisle (and) for people of various races, genders and beliefs. There are a lot of hurting people.

And I think people are really, really wanting hope. People are thirsty for hope. They're just starving for it. I mean absolutely famished for hope, for genuine consolation and comfort. Not superficial comfort. True, good, luminous hope.

One of the things I've learned is that I think to move forward, to rebuild social trust as a culture, we need a

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few things — to spend less time online and more time connecting with real people. I feel old saying that. ... But what connects people with me, even people who are really different from me, ends up being stories from their life. It ends up being the people around them, the people who have impacted their life, neighbors, family members. We need to rebuild physical, daily interactions with people.

We also need really good thinkers thinking in public. We need people that have really different views, particularly views that don't just parrot the left or parrot the right. ...

They don't entirely fit into kind of the red team or the blue team, who aren't partisan and are thoughtful, who are trying to learn. In order to have that, we have to make space for people without being shouted down. We have to make space to let people be wrong in public.

MH: I think as a society we are struggling with how to have difficult conversations across differences. You've written about that. What advice do you have?

THW: (She mentions a 2021 University of Virginia project that reported how of 2,012 people surveyed, significant percentages from both parties "somewhat agree" they favored blue and red states seceding from the union to form separate countries.) I mean that's just shocking. So, it's very difficult to reach across ideological differences right now. To be completely honest and a little vulnerable, it's very difficult to be a writer in the public square because I get yelled at a lot. And I also get thoughtful engagement. Unfortunately, with the kind of rage machine that is social media, (it) exacerbates our rage more than when people are in person with one another. Our discourse devolves into accusations and recriminations out of our hurt. ...

There was a time where we said, "We are going to achieve unity by saying we're all basically the same." Like we

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all kind of believe the same things, want the same things. It was a superficial and relativistic idea that we can kind of all get along because our differences aren't very great. I think that's not a helpful way to approach creating relationships over deep distance and rebuilding social trust. I think we have to start and say, "No, we really do sometimes see the world differently than other people. We really do have some different assumptions about what's true and false, what's good and not, what's worth protecting and what's not worth protecting." ...

I think that often what we lack, honestly, is just humility — the idea that we don't actually have all the facts. We don't actually understand the fullness of things. ... The kind of academic word for this is epistemic humility. We're humble about not just what we know but how we know what we know, right? I think that part of being a human is that we're really limited.

And that doesn't mean we can't have strong opinions. I'm literally paid by The New York Times to have opinions and say them. ... And that means I might not always be right. My opinions could sometimes be wrong or incomplete or just kind of dumb. ... I'm not against strong opinions, but I think that we hold those opinions and go, "Well, yeah, I could be wrong, or I might not understand fully, or I have to continue to learn from other folks in the midst of that."

MH: I'm curious about your upbringing.

THW: My parents had a profound sense of community. They were both kind of small-town kids with a strong sense of civic duty. They were the people who baked the casseroles on Wednesday night at church and headed up the chamber of commerce and manned the booth for the PTA and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Honestly, as the mom of three kids now, I'm like, I don't understand how they had that much time or energy, but they did. ...

My father was a banker for a while. My mother was a real estate agent and sort of built her own company, and then my dad joined it, and they ran it together. ... I spent more Sundays than I can remember going to church and then going to open houses and being incredibly bored while my parents did open houses for a long time.

MH: And handing out chocolate chip cookies?

THW: Yes. I just brought a book and sat in the back.

MH: Tell me about how Wake Forest came across your radar, because I imagine you had a lot of people saying you would go to the University of Texas or Texas A&M or Rice.

THW: UT, A&M or Baylor. Everyone in my whole world was at one of those schools. Or Texas State, which is now Southwest. So, it's weird and crazy that I ended up at Wake Forest. My friend Robert (Hamilton '98) was four years ahead of me. He went to this place, Wake Forest. I don't

know why I became so intrigued by it. I asked for a brochure, and they sent me a brochure.

I think I had some questions, some theological questions, but also questions of identity and who I was that I didn't know how to explore without just getting away from everyone I ever met. Which, honestly, looking back, I don't think was the healthiest way to respond to some of that, but that was part of it. I also was just craving adventure. I wanted to go to a school with four seasons. ... I really wanted a school where most people lived on campus because something about the community life was appealing to me.

MH: I thought you were probably an English major, but you were a communication major.


THW: I took this class on race, religion and American film (First Year Seminar: Racial Identity and Religion in American Film), team-taught by (Professor of Communication) Mary Dalton ('83) and Eric Watts. I loved it, so I ended up majoring in (communication). ... I ended up taking a lot of classes with Mary and a lot of classes on race and religion whenever I could. ... I would say if there's anything I looked at in college, it was how we, as a culture, discuss things and particularly discuss important and controversial issues. And that question still is a shaping, driving question of my life. ...

MH: What would you want to say that I didn't bring up?

THW: You don't have to include this — you don't — but I'm really grateful Wake Forest was a place where I was exposed to the idea of voices around a table. And I'm still pretty idealistic about the university as a place where people can strongly disagree and still hold space for each other and for debate and for getting at critical issues. ... I hope, as I think our culture is getting less tolerant of hearing other ideas, the universities will stay places where you have a really broad — even shocking — swath of ideas that are out there. And where friendship is modeled between people that have those ideas. That is something I experienced at Wake.



PASSAGES FROM TISH HARRISON WARREN'S WRITING



"IN COLLEGE, I LIKED RAMEN NOODLES. The main reason I liked them, besides the fact that they were awesomely terrible and cheap, was because we didn't have a kitchen in our dorm room. All our meals had to come from 'The Pit,' the charming nickname of our cafeteria. But my suitemate, Jen, had a camp stove and we had a sink so, by the magic of Maruchan ramen, we could make lunch in our dorm room. We got into the routine of doing this together almost daily, sitting on Jen's futon, eating our instant ramen. There was hardly any nourishment in it, besides the good conversation with Jen, but it left us feeling full enough and we didn't have to slog across campus. Plus, once you start eating ramen, it's hard to stop. It's addictive.

"Habits shape our desires. I desired ramen noodles more than good, nourishing food because, over time, I had taught myself to crave certain things and not others. In the same way I am either formed by

the practices of the church into a worshiper who can receive all of life as a gift, or I am formed, inevitably, as a mere consumer, even a consumer of spirituality. The contemporary church can, at times, market a kind of 'ramen noodle' spirituality. Faith becomes a consumer product — it asks little of us, affirms our values, and promises to meet our needs, but in the end it's just a quick fix that leaves us gluttoned and malnourished."

—Excerpted from **"LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY: SACRED PRACTICES IN EVERYDAY LIFE"**

"MY GREATEST EXAMPLE of the magic of trivial conversation came from my late father. He was named 'funniest-friendliest person' by the local newspaper in the small Texas county I was born in. Really. That's a real award. My dad had friends across the political spectrum. He saw a person's ability to find a moment of levity — a laugh about the Aggie vs. Longhorn rivalry — as more important

than the person's political affiliation. He saw the demonization of your political opponents as a character flaw, not a mark of purity or passion.

It wasn't that he didn't think politics mattered — he lectured me on the importance of voting. He simply thought that cordiality and the civil trust it engenders mattered more. Granted, he'd never use the words "cordiality" or "civil trust." He'd call it not taking yourself too seriously and being a good neighbor. As a kid, I watched him perform some kind of daily alchemy, building bridges with simple conversations, crossing racial, political and ideological lines while checking his mail or depositing a check. He called forth a mutual humanity between people. It astonished me then and now."

—Excerpted from **"HOW AMERICANS CAN LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN"**
in *The New York Times*, Oct. 24, 2021



Commencement 2022

Find the good in people

By CAROL L. HANNER and KATHERINE LAWS ('20)

Photography by KEN BENNETT

SUNNY, BLUE SKIES WELCOMED the Class of 2022 for the first traditional May Commencement ceremony on Hearn Plaza since 2019, before the pandemic.

The May 16 ceremony honored 1,212 undergraduates and 1,020 graduate and professional school students. Earlier hooding ceremonies conferred advanced degrees for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the business, law, divinity and medical schools.

President Susan R. Wenthe, in her first Wake Forest Commencement, welcomed students, families and faculty. She praised the graduates for their "courage, patience, adaptability and resilience" that will create for them "a well of excellence from which you will continually draw."



Commencement speaker Van Jones, CNN host and Dream Corps founder, urged the graduates to keep three recommendations in mind: Be a bridge; don't just make a point, make a difference; and be encouraged.

It's not true there are "just too many bad people" in any political, social or racial groups seen as opposition, Jones said. He said he has successfully bridged the gap across political and social divides to produce solutions, including bipartisan criminal justice reform.

"You can find the good in people," said Jones, the author of three New York Times best-sellers, including "Beyond the Messy Truth: How We Came Apart, How We Come Together" (2017). The Dream Corps nonprofit he founded works to place recently released prison inmates in green and technology jobs.

Eddie S. Glaude Jr., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University, gave the Baccalaureate Address on May 15 in Wait Chapel and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Commencement. His books address complexities of race in the United States and, as he says, "the challenges we face as a democracy."

Speaking after what appeared to be a racially motivated mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, filled the news, Glaude offered a clear-eyed view of "a world that is broken" when "old antagonisms threaten to rend the republic."

He told the Class of 2022, "The fate of the republic rests in your hands. You must dream dreams and see visions. You must imagine a new America." He said they are "called to be that inexhaustible voice, to exhibit that spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance. ... Go out and fight for the world as it ought to be, and live up to your alma mater's motto. Do so for humanity itself."

Besides Glaude, recipients of honorary degrees were Loretta Copeland Biggs, U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Doctor of Laws; Dr. Kelsey C. Martin, director of the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative and former dean of UCLA's medical school, Doctor of Science; Rodney Rogers ('94), Doctor of Humane Letters; and W. Howard Upchurch ('85, MBA '87), retired group president of Innerwear Americas, HanesBrands Inc., Doctor of Business Administration.

Maj. Taylor Irwin, U.S. Army Reserve assistant professor of military science, called to the stage nine graduating ROTC cadets to be sworn in as second lieutenants in the Army.

Before the ceremony, Catherine Walwer ('22), an environmental science major from Fayetteville, North Carolina, said being a part of Commencement's return to Hearn Plaza was exciting. "It's insane considering the past two years we haven't seen graduation. I'm proud and happy to be here."

Michael Galante (P '22) tweeted about his daughter, Emma: "Acceptance letter Today best journey ever!"

Andy Chen ('22) carried with him a photo of his parents because they could not attend in person and planned to watch the livestream from their home in Beijing. "It's sad that my parents won't be here," Chen said. "They'll be with me, in my pocket."

Asked what he will say when he calls them later, Chen said: "I hope I made you proud."

At right, Eddie S. Glaude Jr. receives an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree as Jonathan L. Walton (D.D. '15), dean of the divinity school, bestows the official hood. Opposite page, from left, graduates enjoying their day, Van Jones and Andy Chen.

Retiring Faculty

FROM THE REYNOLDA CAMPUS

Carol B. Anderson, J.D., Clinical Professor of Law, 37 years

Terry A. Baker, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business, 24 years

Lynn Book, M.F.A., Teaching Professor of Theatre and Dance, 17 years

Stephen B. Boyd, Th.D., John Allen Easley Professor of the Study of Religions, 37 years

Robert A. Browne, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, 42 years

William E. Conner, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, 34 years

William L. Davis (MA '72, P '97), Ph.D., Teaching Professor of Business, 26 years

Samuel T. Gladding ('67, MAEd '71, P '07, '09), Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, 31 years*

William S. Hamilton (P '94, '98), Ph.D., Professor of Russian, 38 years*

Michael L. Hughes, Ph.D., Professor of History, 37 years

Michael J. Hyde, Ph.D., University Distinguished Professor of Communication Ethics, 28 years

Claudia T. Kairoff, Ph.D., Professor of English, 36 years

Allan D. Loudon, Ph.D., Professor of Communication, 45 years

Mary L. B. Pendergraft, Ph.D., Professor of Classics, 34 years

Albert Rives ('76, P '08, '11), Ph.D., Teaching Professor of Chemistry, 20 years

John H. Wood, Ph.D., Reynolds Professor of Economics, 36 years

FROM THE MEDICAL CAMPUS

Louis C. Argenta (P '92, '01, '03), M.D., Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 35 years

David M. Cline, M.D., Professor of Emergency Medicine, 20 years

L. Gail Curtis (PA '81), MPAS, PA-C, Associate Professor of PA Studies, 40 years

Jorge Figueroa (P '06), M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 31 years

Jane Meschan Foy, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, 25 years

Kathryn McConnell Greven (MD '83, P '11), M.D., FASTRO, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Otolaryngology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, 32 years

William R. Hazzard (P '90), M.D., Professor of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, 36 years

Craig K. Henkel, Ph.D., Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy, 44 years

Stanley Kogan, M.D., Professor of Urology, seven years

Nadine Maryanne Lesko, M.D., Professor of Radiology, 23 years

Kerry Michael Link, M.D., M.B.A., Professor of Radiology, 33 years

Michael Morykwas, Ph.D., Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 35 years

Fred W. Perrino (P '13), Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry, 32 years

Mark J. Pettenati, Ph.D., Professor of Pathology/Medical Genetics, 35 years

Linda J. Porrino, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology, 32 years

Robert Douglas Teasdale (P '15), M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, 28 years

Christopher Y. Thomas IV, M.D., Professor of Hematology & Oncology, 11 years

Robert Weller, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology, 24 years

*Citation awarded posthumously





1 **President Susan R. Went** appointed **Michele Gillespie**, current dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to succeed **Rogan Kersh ('86)** as provost, effective July 1. Senior Associate Dean **Anthony Marsh (P '22)**, professor of health and exercise science, will serve as interim dean during a national search for Gillespie's successor. Kersh has decided to return after a decade as provost to full-time teaching and research as Distinguished University Professor. He will take a sabbatical year beginning July 1 to travel and teach abroad.

Gillespie joined the faculty in 1999. She was named Kahle Faculty Fellow in 2004, the Presidential Endowed Professor of Southern History in 2013 and dean in 2015. She has a master's degree and Ph.D., both in history from Princeton University, and a bachelor's degree from Rice University,

where she majored in history and English. She taught history for nine years at Agnes Scott College. *More at bit.ly/3uqE8TT*

2 **Annette L. Ranft** is the new dean of the **School of Business**, effective July 1. She was the dean and Wells Fargo Professor at the Harbert College of Business at Auburn University. A native of North Carolina, she earned a doctorate in business administration from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler School of Business, a master of science in management from Georgia Tech and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Appalachian State University. She has been dean and Steve P. Zelnak Jr. Chair at NC State's Poole College of Management, associate and senior associate dean at the University of Tennessee's Haslam College of Business

and chair of the Department of Management at Florida State University. The Wall Street Journal named Ranft to its 2012 list of top female business school administrators — one of 11 "shining stars" expected to make a mark in business education. She succeeds **Charles Iacovou**, who was named dean of the School of Professional Studies. *More at bit.ly/3tf1M55*

3 **Shea Kidd Brown** joined Wake Forest as vice president for campus life on Jan. 1, overseeing a wide array of offices that include Residence Life and Housing, the Office of the Dean of Students and the University Counseling Center. She was associate vice chancellor for student life and dean of students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She succeeded **Penny Rue**, who retired. *More at bit.ly/3Ah8olB*

4 President Emeritus **Nathan O. Hatch (L.H.D. '21)** received the University's highest honor for service, the Medallion of Merit, during the 2022 **Founders' Day Convocation** in February honoring the creation of Wake Forest in 1834. *More at bit.ly/36NPbO9*

5 Faculty awards announced in May were: **Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching** to **David Hagy**, director of orchestra and professor emeritus of music; **Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching** to **Qiaona Yu**, associate professor of Chinese; **Teaching Professionals Award for Excellence in Teaching** to **Nicole Dalzell**, assistant teaching professor in mathematics and statistics; **URECA Faculty Awards for Excellence** in Mentorship in Research and Creative Work in the Arts and Humanities to **Qiong Zhang**, associate professor of history, and in Creative Work in the Sciences and Social Sciences to **Betina Wilkinson**, associate professor of politics and international affairs; **Awards for Excellence in Research** to **Elizabeth Clendinning**, associate professor of music, **Saami Yazdani (Ph.D. '08)**, associate professor of engineering, and **Staci Hepler**, associate professor of mathematics and statistics; **Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award** for bridging the gap between classroom and community to **Alessandra Von Burg (P '14)**, associate professor of communication; **Excellence in Advising Award** to **Brian Calhoun ('97, MBA '03, MA '12)**, associate professor of the practice of education; and the inaugural **Scholars Office Mentorship Award** to **Justin Esarey**, associate professor of politics and international affairs. *More at bit.ly/3L27s8k*

6 Inspiring former athlete **Rodney Rogers ('94)** received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the pandemic-postponed ceremony in April to honor the **2020 Distinguished Alumni Award** winners. Besides Rogers, also honored were former University Board of Trustees chair **Donna Boswell ('72, MA '74)** and groundbreaking scientist **Eric Olson ('77, Ph.D. '81, D.Sc. '03)**. Elected by the Alumni Council, the three were selected for serving the University and weaving Pro Humanitate through their lives and work. Rogers, a basketball star at Wake Forest and in the NBA, has

inspired others and supported children with his foundation established after he was left paralyzed by a dirt-biking accident. Boswell, the first woman to chair the board of trustees, joined the board in 2004 and is in her fourth term as trustee through 2023. She retired from a high-level career, first in academics and later as an attorney. Olson, a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, has produced world-renowned breakthroughs and new therapies to fight diseases of the heart, cardiovascular system and skeletal muscle tissue. *More at bit.ly/3x7SmuQ*

7 The **Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame** named six members to its 2021-22 class and awarded **Barbara Trautwein (P '89)** the Gene Hooks Lifetime Achievement Award. She started the women's basketball pep band 36 years ago, worked in the music department from 1985 to 2005 and today is an adviser to the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black. New Hall of Fame members are **Trina Bindel ('96)**, four-time All-American and two-time ACC Champion in heptathlon; **Sam Cronin ('08)**, three-time soccer All-American and 11-year MLS professional; **Mike Elkins ('89)**, Arnold Palmer Award recipient and NFL veteran; **Alphonso Smith ('08)**, former NFL and former All-American football player; and **Emily Taggart ('03)**, the first four-time All-ACC selection in Wake Forest women's soccer history. **Alton "Tunney" Brooks ('52)**, letter winner in baseball and basketball, was inducted posthumously as the Heritage Honoree. *More at bit.ly/3DtKZ1M*

8 The **Celebrate Excellence Week-end** on April 1-3 brought together Wake Forest's current and past female athletes as part of an ongoing recognition of the 50th anniversary in June of the **passage of Title IX** that set in motion intercollegiate women's athletics. *A video recorded highlights at bit.ly/3v0r1bf*

9 The **Kern Family Foundation** awarded Wake Forest an \$8.6 million grant to develop programs that put character at the center of preparing students for work in the professions. The grant will expand the work of the University's nationally known Program for Leadership and Character. *More at bit.ly/35pLB1T*

10 President **Susan R. Wente** announced at her inauguration ceremony on March 25 the **"For Humanity" initiative** to add 100 new scholarships. **Football Coach Dave Clawson and his wife, Catherine**, made a \$250,000 gift in support of the initiative. The Dave and Catherine Clawson Scholarship will benefit undergraduate students, with a preference for those who help Wake Forest achieve and sustain the diversity of the student body, first-generation students and students from the Piedmont Triad. *More at bit.ly/3uMTa5p*

11 Wake 'N Shake, the annual student dance marathon held in March, raised over \$300,000 for the **Brian Piccolo ('65, P '87, '89) Cancer Research Fund** at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. *More at wakenshake.wfu.edu*

12 **Howard E. Levine**, the former chair and CEO of the Family Dollar retail chain, made a \$25 million gift to the Atrium Health Foundation. The Howard R. Levine Center for Education, scheduled to open in 2024, will include the **Wake Forest University School of Medicine Charlotte** campus. *More at bit.ly/3K7QiGG*

13 **John E. Reece II ('81, P '07, '09)** and his wife, **Libby Reece (P '07, '09)** have endowed a conservation fund to care for, steward and rename the Student Union Collection of Contemporary Art as the **Mark H. Reece Collection of Student-Acquired Contemporary Art**. Reece's father, **Mark H. Reece ('49, P '77, '81, '85)**, was dean of men and College Union adviser when he founded the collection in 1963. *More at bit.ly/3By2rkU*

14 **Simeon Ilesanmi (JD '05, P '15, '20)**, Wake Forest Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies, spoke on "Human Dignity in the Age of Disrespect" in the annual **Hubert McNeill Poteat Lecture**. The prestigious lecture, named for **Poteat (1906, MA 1908, P '36, '40)**, a Latin scholar at Wake Forest from 1911 to 1956, recognizes faculty research and scholarly and creative work. *More at bit.ly/36Psr0e*

15 Baker Family Professor of Physics **Oana Jurchescu** is leading a Wake Forest research team with the University of Kentucky and Princeton University that received a rare and coveted **National**



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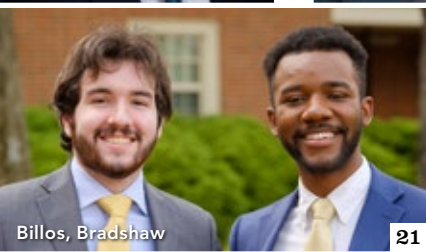


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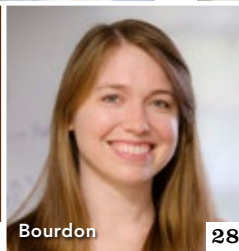
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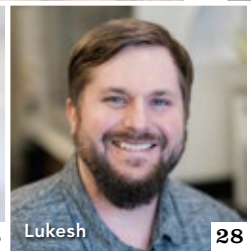


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Science Foundation Special Creativity extension for their current grant. Jurchescu is the first Wake Forest recipient of the award. Her project's mission is to develop ways to shorten the path from concept to commercialization for optoelectronic materials and devices. *More at bit.ly/3NXYID0*

16 The **Honorifics Planning Group** in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion received 481 responses, most from alumni, offering names of individuals and groups to honor and a broad range of themes and methods of honoring. They included names on buildings and roadways, professorships, scholarships, artistic creations depicting historical themes and events and digital media to convey a more inclusive institutional history. *More at bit.ly/3x4X6Bn*

17 Wake Forest received \$250,000 from the **Henry Luce Foundation** to commission and produce two original plays to be presented at the 2024 **National Black Theatre Festival** in Winston-Salem. *More at bit.ly/3DDmeQK*

18 **Bob Baker**, senior associate vice president for University development, retired in June after leading successful fundraising and alumni relations since 1978, including driving the \$1 billion,

decade-long Wake Will Lead campaign. *More at bit.ly/3ESVBYC*

19 Sophomores **Dimarvin Puerto** of Chicago and **Asya Taylor** of Dallas won the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) National Championship, the first win for Wake Forest in 18 trips to the competition. They had only two days to prepare their arguments for whether the United States should expand antitrust law. *More at bit.ly/3Ey0XZc*

20 Junior **Tal Feldman**, a double major in economics and mathematics from Fort Worth, Texas, was selected as a **2022 Truman Scholar**, one of 58 students chosen for the premier graduate scholarships for aspiring U.S. public service leaders, named for President Harry S. Truman. *More at bit.ly/3vcssV5*

21 Junior **Landon Bradshaw**, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Lake City, South Carolina, and sophomore **John Billos**, a computer science major from Mount Airy, North Carolina, were named **Barry M. Goldwater Scholars** for the 2022-23 academic year. The scholarship is the most prestigious national undergraduate scholarship in the natural sciences, engineering and mathematics. *More at bit.ly/3M3O6Rg*

22 The **National Endowment for the Humanities** awarded a \$60,000 grant for **The Maria Edgeworth Letters Project** led by **Jessica Richard**, chair and associate professor in the Department of English. *More at bit.ly/38EMMWn*

23 Wake Forest's **accounting program** has the highest percentage of graduates — 26.43% — employed by the Big Four accounting firms among 300,000 U.S. accounting alumni in the past decade, according to OnlineU, a research group. *More at bit.ly/3jpJU1F*

24 **Sandy Heller**, founder of the Heller Group in New York and Paris, spoke in Farrell Hall at the inaugural **Acquavella Distinguished Lecture in Arts Management**, funded by the Acquavella Family Foundation. He discussed the global nature of today's art market, how to build an art collection and the intersection of art and business. *More at bit.ly/3x2mdVm*

25 **Joy Harjo**, who in 2019 made history by becoming the first Native American to be named U.S. Poet Laureate, gave a poetry performance in January at Wait Chapel and led a three-day **interdisciplinary writing workshop** for students. She is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. *More at bit.ly/35GpKNK*

26 **Wake Forest's MBA program** ranked as the best part-time MBA program in North Carolina and 19th nationally on U.S. News & Report's 2023 Best Graduate Schools list. *More at bit.ly/3ueLcmu*

27 Music Director and Professor Emeritus of Music **David Haggy** conducted "She Loves Me," his final Wake Forest musical, in April after 26 years at the University. Professor of Theatre **J.K. Curry** directed. *More at bit.ly/3uVIH7E*

28 Assistant professors **Abbey Bourdon** in mathematics and statistics, **John Lukesh** in chemistry and **Erin Henslee** in engineering were named National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Program Award winners. Each will receive a five-year grant from \$400,000 to \$625,000 to support their work. *More at bit.ly/3L8lGEK*

Prost! Danke!

He's 100 years old with a lesson about giving

By Kerry M. King ('85)

RETIRED GERMAN PROFESSOR Wilmer Sanders, who turned 100 in May, was sitting in a pasture in American-occupied territory in Austria in the closing days of World War II when he first heard about the GI Bill of Rights.

A radio and telegraph operator and “pole climber” in an anti-tank communications unit in the U.S. Army, Sanders was also called on as an interpreter when his company encountered German-speaking civilians in its march through Alsace-Lorraine, France, into Germany and finally into Austria. “I was the only one in the company who had even a sprinkling of German because I had two years in high school,” he recalled recently, “and I grew up in the Pennsylvania German area, which gave me a good background.”

Sanders and his buddy Wally listened as a sergeant read the GI Bill of Rights, which provided a range of benefits to veterans, including tuition assistance to attend college. “Up to that point, I had no idea what I was going to do with my life,” Sanders said. “On the spur of the moment, I turned to Wally and said, ‘I’m going to college. I’m going to be a German professor.’”

You can draw a line from that Austrian pasture to Wake Forest and to Sanders’ dedication to Wake Forest students for an astonishing 60 years and counting — as a professor for 31 years and as a donor for the last three decades who’s helped more than a hundred students study German abroad.

Sanders, who lives in a retirement community in Winston-Salem, retired in 1992 but is still giving back. In 1989, he started making monthly gifts from his salary to endow the W.D. Sanders Scholarship Fund for German Studies Abroad. Sanders has made numerous additional gifts and is the largest donor to the German and Russian department.

About 125 students have benefited from Sanders’ generosity in the last 33 years. The fund has grown to support four to six students each summer. Some former recipients have made gifts to the scholarship in honor of Sanders’ 100th birthday.

Alyssa Howards, associate professor and chair of the German and Russian department, said Sanders’ contributions to students have been transformative. “We time and again have seen

students with shy and halting German return from their time abroad with confidence and an eager passion for all things German. (His) implicit instructions are: ‘Go to Germany, speak German and have adventures!’”

A native of Lyon Station, Pennsylvania, Sanders was a machinist apprentice at a steel mill when he was drafted in 1942. He got a taste of higher education through several Army training programs at colleges before he was sent overseas. He returned to the United States in 1946 and used the GI Bill to graduate from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

After earning his master’s degree and Ph.D. in German from Indiana University, he joined the Wake Forest faculty on the original campus in 1954 to fill in for a couple of years for another professor. He taught German and French at Salem College from 1957 to 1963 before returning to Wake Forest in 1964.

Sanders had the opportunity to study in Basel, Switzerland, when he was in college and in Vienna, Austria, when he was in graduate school. He started the scholarship to give students an opportunity to study abroad as he had and to learn German language and culture in an immersive setting.

“I had no children so I thought I should at least send one student to Europe, and it turned out it bloomed into more than 100. My students were always something special. I also felt that I was very fortunate having the GI Bill of Rights.”

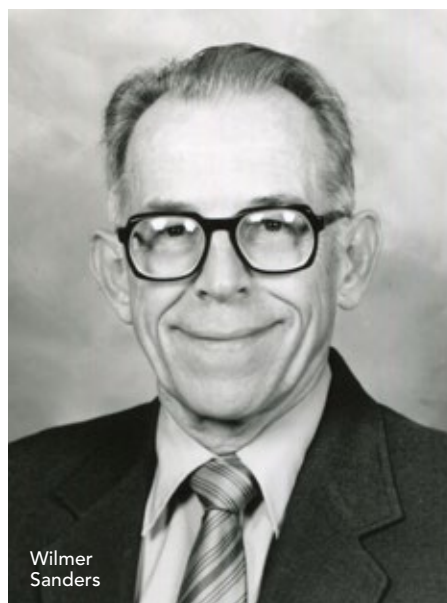
The scholarship continues to benefit students decades after Sanders retired. Jesse Hinde ('07) received the scholarship to study at the Goethe-Institut in the city of Schwäbisch Hall, Germany. He lived with other students from around the world. “I was the only American in the program for most of my stay, and German was the

common language that we had,” said Hinde, who majored in German and economics.

After an intensive two-week course in business German, he interned at a financial institution. “It was one of the most amazing journeys in my life,” he said. “For the first four weeks I was there, no one else I interacted with knew much, if any, English. It was such an immersive experience and pushed me as a person like never before.”

Sanders, who returned to Europe 11 times after World War II, is pleased to give back to students. “I wanted somehow to leave some mark of my presence behind. I always liked to help people. I could not have found a better place than Wake Forest. I’ve been extremely, extremely lucky.”

To support the Sanders Scholarship or any undergraduate department, contact Mike Haggas (P '21) at haggasmp@wfu.edu or visit giving.wfu.edu





What an incredible weekend celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Wenthe as Wake Forest's 14th — and first female — president. From the generations of alumni delegates to the incredible diversity in speakers and in music, the celebrations will be remembered for years to come. I was truly proud to be a part of our alumni community and to formally welcome Dr. Wenthe to our beloved alma mater.

In the coming months, we also look forward to welcoming Dean of the College Michele Gillespie into her new role as provost. We send our sincerest thanks and best wishes to Provost Rogan Kersh ('86), who led his alma mater with distinction these last 10 years. Provost Kersh, we wish you all the best in your sabbatical and in your return to full-time teaching.

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

Welcome, New Alumni

As alumni events resume around the country, the Alumni Engagement office extends a special welcome to the classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022. Just as COVID interrupted and changed your student experience at Wake Forest, it also changed how we've interacted with alumni the last two-plus years. Recent alumni haven't gotten to experience a warm welcome to their new communities, game-watching parties, networking events and other WAKECommunities events to feel a part of the alumni community. We hope to change that this fall!

If you're a recent alumnus, make sure we have your correct address, and please seek out alumni events in your new town. Come out and experience what it means to be a part of the Wake Forest alumni family. Visit wakecommunities.wfu.edu for the busy schedule of upcoming in-person events. The Alumni Engagement office also plans to continue offering virtual events, which have proven so popular. Check the monthly alumni newsletter for the latest classes, career development programs and webinars, most of which are free.

Let's kick off a great 2022-23 alumni year with an early Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Sept. 16-18. Undergraduate alumni classes ending in 2 or 7 will be celebrating their reunion years.

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Michaelle Browers

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Taught by Assistant Professor of English (Writing) Alisa Russell

1950s

Alton "Tunney" Brooks ('52), who passed away in 2012, was posthumously inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame as the heritage honoree. He was a two-sport captain at Wake Forest, starting at catcher on the baseball team and guard on the basketball team. He was a coach and athletic director for 30 years at Lumberton (NC) High School, where he coached football, baseball and basketball. The school's football stadium is named in his honor.

Alexander "Sandy" Burton ('55) was named to the Syracuse District (NY) Golf Hall of Fame. He was a four-year letterman on the Wake Forest golf team from 1952 through the spring of 1955 when Wake Forest won the ACC Golf Championship. He remembers all the good times on the original campus with **Arnold Palmer ('51, LLD '70)** and other golf teammates and his Sigma Chi brothers. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in the Syracuse, NY, area.

Caryl J. Guth ('57, MD '62) received the 2021 Marquis Who's Who Humanitarian Award, which recognizes individuals making a positive impact in their communities and the world. She was honored in the Marquis Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. After a 33-year career, she retired in 2000 as a member of the hospital board of directors and a former chair of anesthesiology at Mills-Peninsula Hospital System in Burlingame, CA. She is a former president of the California Society of Anesthesiologists. In 2003, she helped establish the Center for Integrative Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine. She lives in Bermuda Run, NC.

1960s

Dan Morrill ('60) and **Frank Bragg ('61, P '88, '90, '93)** founded Preserve Mecklenburg Inc., a nonprofit that preserves properties of historical and cultural significance in Mecklenburg County (NC) and surrounding counties. Morrill retired in 2019 after 46 years as consulting director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and in 2014 after 51 years as a history professor at UNC Charlotte, the longest tenure of any faculty member. Bragg is founder and chairman emeritus of Bragg Financial Advisors in Charlotte. He is a past chair of the Catawba Lands Conservancy and vice chair of the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund. More at bit.ly/3pfrCnn

Robert LeGrand ('64, MD '68) was named Angelo State University's 2021 Remembering Angelo's Military Veteran of the Year. LeGrand, a retired U.S. Air Force major, received two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals and a Bronze Star while serving as a flight surgeon during the Vietnam War. He was the first permanent neurosurgeon in San Angelo, TX, and has treated more than 40,000 patients in West Texas since arriving in 1976.



Guth
('57, MD '62)



McManus
('70)



Hill
('73)



Davis
(JD '77)



Singer
(JD '79)

Conrad Barrows ('67) and his wife, Barbara, helped his brother move his yacht from Maryland to Florida last fall. He took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Outer Banks and other parts of eastern North Carolina and stopped along the way to meet or talk by phone with old friends and meet new Deacons. He traveled from Norfolk, VA, to Myrtle Beach, SC, by boat on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and sometimes by car. He connected with Theta Chi fraternity brothers **Dean Walters ('68)** and **Don Prentiss ('71, JD '81)** and fellow Deacons **George Bryan Jr. ('72, P '18)**, **Ernest "Ernie" Glass Jr. ('71)**, **Mike Sasser ('68)** and **Linda Carter Brinson ('69, P '00)**. Barrows and his wife live in Estero, FL.

1970s

Hugh Forrest McManus III ('70, P '04) is serving a four-year term on the New Hanover County (NC) Board of Education. He retired in 2017 after 30 years as a high school principal and more than 40 years in education. He lives in Wilmington, NC.

Daniel Freyberg ('72) retired last year after 24 years as a family lawyer in Merritt Island, FL. He is now a general magistrate in the Dependency Division (child abuse, neglect and abandonment) in the 18th Judicial Circuit in Brevard County, FL. He spent the first part of his career in the Juvenile and Domestic Courts in Roanoke, VA, before going to law school at Ohio Northern University.

Dianne Maguire Hobbs (MAEd '72) wrote "Losing My Mind...to Alzheimer's?" The book is a frank account of her medical treatment and thoughts in the first three years following her Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Robert D. Hill ('73) retired as CEO of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Association of Realtors in Harrisonburg, VA. He led associations, ranging from arts organizations to chambers of commerce, in six states for 36 years. He and his wife, Ellen, live in Harrisonburg.

Joslin Davis (JD '77) received the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers' prestigious Professionalism Award at its annual meeting in Chicago last year. The award is presented annually to lawyers who consistently exhibit the highest level of professionalism. Davis is of counsel at Allman Spry Davis Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem.

Eric Sternberg ('77) lives in Napa, CA, with his wife, Nancy, a Salem College graduate. Their two children and four granddaughters also live in California. After retiring from high tech in 2013, he started a travel company, Sapphire Journeys, that helps clients plan international trips and visits to wine country. He hopes to see everyone at Homecoming 2022.

Richard M. Hooley ('78, MAEd '86) retired after 40 years in public education in three states. He spent more than 20 years in administration, starting as an assistant principal in Winston-Salem and finishing as the superintendent of the sole supervisory district of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Dutchess County (NY). He earned his doctorate and a second master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. He co-authored a book, "The Assistant Principal: Leadership Choices and Challenges." He and his partner, Brian, live in Poughkeepsie, NY, with their three rescue dogs.

Jeffery Hogg ('79) was a visiting professor in the Department of Radiology at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, in December. He is professor emeritus of radiology at West Virginia University and a member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council.

Robert "Bob" Singer (JD '79) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in banking law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

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Rea
(JD '80)



Warren
('81, JD '84)



Ormand
('84)



Phillips
(JD '84)



Langley
('86, JD '92)



Moore
('86)



Osborn
('87)

1980s

David Rea (JD '80, P '13, '20) is president of Salem Investment Counselors in Winston-Salem. The firm manages \$4 billion in assets and has ranked among the top two financial advisory firms in the country in the last three CNBC Financial Advisor 100 Listings, including two years at No. 1. There are five other alumni in the firm: **Mark Thompson (MBA '83, P '06)**, **Joyner Edmundson (MBA '98)**, **Matt Simmons (MBA '99)**, **Kip Keener (JD '02)** and **Lyn Williams (MBA '09)**.

Sam Leonard Beck ('81, MA '89) retired from Wake Forest in June 2021 after 38 years as a career counselor in higher education. She spent the last 13 years teaching in the School of Business as the director of student professional development.

David M. Warren ('81, JD '84, P '13) was appointed to a seven-year term as chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina by the Eastern District's Chief Judge Richard E. Myers II.

Eric R. Spence (JD '82) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in real estate law. He is of counsel at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

John Hanlon (JD '83) was appointed to the Illinois Forensic Science Commission by Gov. JB Pritzker. Hanlon retired in 2021 as executive director of the Illinois Innocence Project at the University of Illinois Springfield. He was a staff attorney for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and assistant defender and assistant director of capital litigation for the Office of the Illinois Appellate Defender 4th Judicial District and Supreme Court Unit.

Lisa Singer Costner ('84, JD '87) is an assistant federal public defender in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of North Carolina. She is also an adjunct professor at the Wake Forest School of Law. She received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina State Bar in January.

John W. Ormand ('84, P '19, '22) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in business litigation. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh.

Jim W. Phillips (JD '84) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in business litigation. He was also recognized as one of the Top 100 North Carolina Lawyers. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

William W. Pollock ('84) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in construction litigation. He was also named to Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite list. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

Beth Langley ('86, JD '92) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in employment and labor law. She was also recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for employment law and North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's inaugural Power List for employment law. She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Paul W. Moore ('86) joined Ceartas Advisors in Washington, DC, as managing principal and co-owner. Ceartas assists nonprofits, foundations and associations, particularly those in the health and environment sector, with strategic planning, growth and advocacy. Previously he was senior vice president at Nathan Associates Inc., where he led the international development practice.

Ernie Osborn ('87, P '18, '19, '21) was promoted to managing director, Wealth Management, at Morgan Stanley, where he is a financial adviser in the Osborn-Berrier Group in Winston-Salem. He began his career at Morgan Stanley in 1992 and is a member of the firm's President's Club.

Burk Wyatt (JD '87, P '22) received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor awarded by the North Carolina governor's office. For 25 years, Wyatt was the chief legal officer/general counsel of CommScope in Hickory, NC, a telecommunications equipment provider with 30,000 employees worldwide. He is now working with and on the board of Maui Jim, an eye-



wear company he helped his cousin found in the 1980s. Wyatt is chair of Hickory's Bond Commission, which supports economic development and city improvements, and was honored with the unveiling of the Wyatt Bridge along City Walk, a downtown greenway. Wyatt is the chair of the General Counsel Advisory Committee for the Wake Forest School of Law.

Web Alexander ('88, P '20) was promoted to associate director of development, North Carolina, in the University Advancement office at Wake Forest. He joined the advancement office in 2017 and was previously a development officer. His wife, **Beth Alexander (P '20)**, is director of alumni engagement at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Ian Baucom ('88) was named executive vice president and provost at the University of Virginia. He was previously the Buckner W. Clay Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. Before going to UVA in 2014, he spent 17 years at Duke University as an English professor and director of the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute. Baucom grew up in South Africa, where his parents ran adult literacy programs for mine workers during the country's apartheid era. He and his wife, **Wendy Pohligh Baucom ('88)**, live in Charlottesville.

Robert "Bob" King (JD '88) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in environmental law. He was also recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for litigation. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Mike Blosser (MBA '89) was elected to the American Wood Council board of directors. He is senior vice president of manufacturing services at LP Building Solutions in Nashville, TN, where he has worked since 1999.

Todd M. Brooks ('89) joined the sales, trading and investment banking firm The Benchmark Company LLC as senior analyst and managing director, covering restaurants and packaged foods. He has covered the consumer sector for more than 20 years.

Mike Elkins ('89) was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021-22. His 19 wins as a starting quarterback rank second in football program history. He was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs as the second quarterback taken in the 1989 NFL Draft.

Julie Groves ('89, MALS '03) was elected president of the University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA), an international organization providing education and resources to higher education risk management and insurance professionals. Groves is director of risk services at Wake Forest. She has been a member of URMIA since 2008 and has served on the board of directors for the last five years.



King
(JD '88)



Shipley
(JD '93)



Van Zant
(JD '94)



West
(JD '95)



Latham
('97, JD '02)

1990s

Jackie Copeland ('90) was promoted to regional director of community operations for Partners Health Management. He lives in Pfafftown, NC.

Patrick Flanagan (JD '90) was named to Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for employment law. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte.

Patricia Goodson ('92, JD '96) was recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for employment law. She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh.

Robert J. Ramseur Jr. ('92, JD '95, P '23) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in real estate law. He was also named to Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite list. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

Rita Marie Sampson (JD '92) was named director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Previously, she was the director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Elliot S. Berke ('93) was named the 2021 Republican Lawyer of the Year by the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA). He is managing partner of the Washington, DC-based law firm Berke Farah LLP and a former president of the RNLA. He served on the Wake Forest College Board of Visitors and is a past president of the Wake Forest Alumni Council.

David J. Shipley (JD '93) joined the law firm Stevens & Lee in its Princeton, NJ, office and will co-chair the firm's state and local tax group. He has nearly 30 years of experience representing clients in complex state tax controversies.

Mary Renner Beech ('94) joined Scholastic, a global children's publishing, education and media company, as chief marketing & transformation officer. She also joined the board of directors of NextCare, a leading urgent care provider. She most recently was CEO of direct-to-consumer luxury footwear company Sarah Flint, and her career includes leadership roles with the Walt Disney Co. and Kate Spade.

Marc Palmieri ('94) is an assistant professor at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and a guest faculty member in the MFA program in creative

writing at the City College of New York. He has written a book, "She Danced with Lightning," about his daughter's struggle with epilepsy, that is scheduled for release in August.

Jennifer K. Van Zant (JD '94) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in business litigation. She was also recognized as one of the Top 10 North Carolina Lawyers and one of the Top 50 North Carolina Women Lawyers. She is a member of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Hall of Fame in antitrust law. She is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Janis Escallier Gallagher (JD '95, P '22) was appointed county manager by the Pitt County (NC) Board of Commissioners. She has more than 20 years of experience in Pitt County government, including as county attorney since 2008.

Elaine Luhr ('95, MBA '02) was named acting CEO of Lexington Habitat for Humanity in Lexington, KY. She has been the director of finance and administration since 2011.

Ed West (JD '95, P '24) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in criminal defense law. He was also recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for criminal law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Wilmington, NC.

Trina Bindel ('96) was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021-22. She was a four time All-ACC selection who earned All-American honors in 1993, 1995 and 1996. She is ranked in the top three all-time at Wake Forest in the long jump, 100-meter hurdles and javelin and holds school records in high jump and heptathlon.

John Morrow (JD '96) is a partner at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP in Winston-Salem. He chairs the firm's intellectual property litigation practice group. He has been recognized by Chambers and The Best Lawyers in America for several years in various intellectual property disciplines and was recognized last year by the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society. He and his wife, Amy, have three sons, Jack (20), Will (18) and Ford (18), and a dog, Arnie (8).

Dan Katzenbach (JD '97) was named to Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite for construction law. He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Raleigh.

Roberta King Latham ('97, JD '02) was included in the 2022 editions of The Best Lawyers in America for employment law — individuals and North Carolina Super Lawyers for employment



Mast
(‘99)



Murphy
(‘99)



Roseboro
(MA ‘99)



Harris
(JD ‘00)



Matthews
(‘00)

and labor law. She is founder and owner of King Latham Law PLLC in Winston-Salem, which was named one of America’s Best Law Firms for 2022 by Best Lawyers and U.S. News & World Report.

Tycely Williams (‘97) was elected chair of the YWCA National Capital Area’s Board of Directors. She joined the board in 2021. Williams is a Certified Fund Raising Executive who has inspired individuals and institutions to invest over \$135 million in charitable causes in her 25-year career. As chief development officer for the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC, she crafts strategies to fuel the best ideas from Democrats and Republicans to promote health, security and opportunity for all Americans.

David P. Zins (‘97) was named partner at global law firm Morrison & Foerster in Los Angeles. He is a member of the litigation group and the employment and labor group.

Kevin Joseph Kuntz (‘98, MSA ‘99) is chief financial officer at cosmetics company BOOM! by Cindy Joseph. He lives in Alexandria, VA.

Kevin Alden Maxwell (‘98) joined Smith & Wesson Brands Inc. as senior vice president - general counsel, chief compliance officer and corporate secretary. He was previously vice president - associate general counsel and assistant secretary for WestRock Company. He, his wife and children have relocated from Sandy Springs, GA, to Knoxville, TN, where Smith & Wesson’s headquarters is located.

Angie Orth (MBA ‘98) rejoined Cone Health as president of Annie Penn Hospital in Reidsville, NC. She was CEO of Randolph Health in Asheville, NC. She was a cashier at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, NC, when she was in high school and held leadership positions at Cone Health from 1983-2007.

Jill Mahonchak Andersen (JD ‘99) was named chief legal officer at Adagio Therapeutics Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on solutions for infectious diseases with pandemic potential. She was general counsel, corporate secretary and chief compliance officer at Oyster Point Pharma.

Jennifer Bumgarner (‘99) was named principal deputy assistant secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, in the U.S. Department of Energy. She was senior regional director for the Southeast with Energy Foundation in the Raleigh office, where she led efforts to develop clean energy solutions across a 14-state region. She also has been assistant secretary for energy in the North Carolina Department of Commerce. She studied at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

Laura Brown Dezarn (MBA ‘99) was promoted to chief information officer at Truliant Federal Credit Union in Winston-Salem. She was vice president of IT infrastructure and operations.

Kerri Smetzer Mast (‘99) was named managing director of Brown Brothers Harriman. She advises business owners and families of generational wealth on estate planning, philanthropy, business succession and tax minimization. She lives in Charlotte with her husband and their two children.

Patrick Murphy (‘99) was named director, U.S. national accounts, oncology at Gilead Sciences in Foster City, CA. Gilead is a leading biotechnology company specializing in treatments and cures for hematology, oncology, HIV, liver disease, COVID-19 and inflammation. He lives in Wilmington, DE, with his girlfriend, Nicole Kern, and his daughters Katie (15) and Emma (9). He is a member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council.

Donyell Phillips Roseboro (MA ‘99) was named chief diversity officer at the University of North Carolina Wilmington after serving in the role on an interim basis. She joined UNCW in 2007 and is also a professor in the Department of Instructional Technology, Foundations and Secondary Education.

2000

Jason Harris (JD ‘00) was named to the 2022 North Carolina Super Lawyers list in transportation/maritime law. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Wilmington, NC.

John Leonard (‘00) was named a partner at Aiken Warner Leonard PLLC (formerly Aiken & Company), a CPA firm in Fairfax, VA. He leads the firm’s valuation and litigation services. He and his wife, **Suzanne DuBose Leonard (‘00)**, have four children and two dogs.

Carter Brock Matthews (‘00) received a Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. He graduated at the top of the DHA class and received the Dean’s Award certifying proficiency



as a top graduate. He also was the only First Honor Graduate. He was one of two DHA graduates who earned advanced certification while completing an Interprofessional Health Services Education Fellowship.

Sarah Milam ('00, MSA '01) was elected partner at the law firm Dechert LLP in New York City, where she focuses on asset finance and securitization.

Allison Doyle Roditi ('00) was elected president of Tufts University's Public Health and Professional Degree Programs Alumni Board. She received a master's degree in public health from Tufts University School of Medicine in 2002. She is the chief administrator of the Sports Medicine Institute at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, the oldest and one of the top orthopedic hospitals in the country. She lives in Port Washington, NY, with her two boys, Connor and Ryan.

2001

Leigh Anne Shepherd Robinson ('01, MA '21) completed a Master of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies at Wake Forest in December. She is a faculty affairs specialist in the Office of the Dean of the College at Wake Forest.

Carrie Vey ('01) was elected president of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians. She is director of the Family Medicine Residency Program and chair of the Department of Medicine at Halifax Health Medical Center in Daytona Beach, FL.

2002

Whit McLeod (MAEd '02) was named the 2022 Park County School District 6 Teacher of the Year in Cody, WY. He has taught seventh and eighth grade language arts for 14 years.

LaChina Robinson ('02) signed a contract extension as an ESPN analyst and lead studio host. She will continue her focus on women's basketball, particularly the WNBA, and add NBA duties. She won the prestigious annual Mel Greenberg Award in 2021, given for commitment to advancing women's basketball. She was a four-year starter at Wake Forest and member of the All-ACC Academic team.

John Bowen "Bo" Walker ('02) was named to Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite list for litigation. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh.

Matt Hames Whitener (MBA '02) was named president of Lancer Worldwide Corp., a San Antonio-based manufacturer of beverage dispensers. He was previously an executive with Emerson Electric Co.



Milam
('00, MSA '01)



Roditi
('00)



McLeod
(MAEd '02)



Neal
('03)



Iams
('05)

2003

Katherine "Katie" Collins Neal ('03) is associate vice president of media relations at TimeLyMD, which provides virtual health and well-being solutions for college and university students, including those at Wake Forest. She was assistant vice president of news and communications at Wake Forest and started Katie Neal Consulting LLC, a strategic communications and PR consulting firm, in 2019. She lives in Lexington, KY, and is president of the WAKELexington community.

Emily Taggart ('03) was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021-22. She was a forward on the women's soccer team and ranks first in school history in shots (268). She was named ACC Rookie of the Year in 1998 and became the first Wake Forest women's soccer player to earn All-ACC honors four consecutive years.

2004

Wes J. Camden (JD '04) was named to the Top 100: North Carolina Super Lawyers list for 2022 and was recognized as a Super Lawyer in his practice area (criminal defense: white collar issues). He is a partner at Williams Mullen in Raleigh in the white collar and investigations practice group. He has been named to the North Carolina Super Lawyers list every year since 2015 and was named a Rising Star in 2013 and 2014.

Samson "Sam" Enzer ('04) joined New York law firm Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP as counsel in its securities litigation and white collar defense practice. He was an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) and a senior member of the SDNY Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. He is a leading cryptocurrency enforcement practitioner and has extensive experience in complex white-collar matters.

Balint Gaspar (MBA '04) and **Ali Tahbaz (MBA '04)** are the co-founders of Sightsource LLC, a custom software development and consulting company in Winston-Salem. In 2021 the company created an eight-week, free crash course in software development called Empower.

Lorin J. Lapidus (JD '04) was named a board-certified appellate practice specialist by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Since the appellate specialization pro-

gram began in 2011, fewer than 40 lawyers have achieved the distinction. Lapidus is of counsel at Nelson Mullins in Winston-Salem.

Tony Perry (MSA '04) was named chief financial officer at Kymanox Corp., based in Morrisville, NC. The company offers engineering, scientific and compliance support to biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device companies. He has more than 17 years of experience in finance and accounting roles.

Immanuel Turner (MD '04) was named chief of pediatric and adult congenital cardiac surgery at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver. He is a surgeon who treats infants with congenital heart conditions.

2005

Brian Ross Benton (MBA '05) was elected treasurer of the board of directors of TimberKnoll's Spirit Cove, a nonprofit (newfietherapy.org) that provides animal-assisted therapy, primarily with giant breed Newfoundland dogs, to veterans, military families, first responders, health care workers and those overcoming trauma or illness. Benton and his wife, Kelly, are certified therapy dog handlers. His family owns two Newfoundlands in training to become therapy dogs. With the pandemic increasing mental health issues, he and his family have found a sense of purpose in living Pro Humanitate by volunteering with TimberKnoll's Spirit Cove, based in Dandridge, TN. He lives in Tega Cay, SC, and is a digital channel strategy manager in the customer experience transformation organization at Duke Energy.

John C. Clowney ('05, MSA '06) was named to the Triad Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for 2022. He is co-founder and CEO of Bull City Ciderworks with North Carolina locations in Durham, Greensboro, Lexington and Cary. He is board chair of United Way in Davidson County (NC). He, **Will Volker ('05, MSA '06)** and **Ben Ingold ('05)**, friends since their freshman year, opened Campus Gas bar and restaurant in 2018 in a 1960s gas station on Polo Road near the Wake Forest campus.

Katie Miller Iams ('05) was elected partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in its Charlotte office. She focuses on real estate litigation and eminent domain proceedings. She earned her law degree from the University of Georgia.



McCann
(‘06)



Kane
(JD ‘07)



Appleby
(JD ‘08)



Choi
(‘08, JD ‘11)



Kreider
(JD ‘08)



Morse
(JD ‘08)



Andrew Smith
(‘08, MAEd ‘09)



Gibson
(‘09)

2006

Matt Eford (JD ‘06) was named to the Power Players: Outside Counsel list by the Sports Business Journal. Eford, a corporate attorney at Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte, was recognized for representing NASCAR teams, drivers, sponsors and agents.

Adam Gabrault (‘06) was named president of Strategic Verticals & Industry Solutions at SoftServe, a global IT consulting firm based in Austin, TX. He leads a new division supporting clients in the health care, banking, financial services and retail sectors. He lives in North Andover, MA, with his wife, Emily, and children Reagan, Catharine and James.

Patrick J. McCann Jr. (‘06) was promoted to shareholder at the law firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka

in Atlanta in the tax controversy and litigation group. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and his master of laws in taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

2007

Louis Fiorilla (‘07) was named equity shareholder at Saxton & Stump LLC in Lancaster, PA. He has been with the firm since 2020 and leads its banking and financial services team. He earned his law degree from Villanova School of Law.

Patrick Kane (JD ‘07) was named to the 2022 class of Client Service All-Stars by BTI Consulting Group. He is a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP in the Greensboro, NC, office and an adjunct professor at the Wake Forest School of Law, where he teaches business and commercial torts. He

is a member of the Wake Forest Rose Council, which encourages recent law graduates to stay involved with the school. The council is named for Professor Emeritus of Law Charley Rose.

Elizabeth Voelker Marsh (‘07) rejoined the University Advancement team at Wake Forest as lead director of development, North Carolina. She previously worked at Wake Forest for eight years, primarily in development, before becoming vice president of philanthropy at Winston-Salem’s Kaleideum museum in 2016. She and her husband, **Benjamin Marsh (‘03)**, live in Winston-Salem with their children, Charles (5) and Caroline (3).

Serena A. Rwejuna (‘07, MSM ‘08) joined global law firm White & Case LLP as a partner in Washington, DC, where she advises energy companies on regulatory issues.

2008

Andrew Appleby (JD ‘08) was promoted to associate professor of law at the Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, FL, where he teaches tax and business law.

Erin Marie Tanner Choi (‘08, JD ‘11) was promoted to counsel in Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP’s litigation department in its Dallas office. She has been with the firm since 2019. Choi was selected as a Texas Rising Star by Super Lawyers from 2017-2022 and was recognized in 2021-2022 in Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch for commercial litigation.

Sam Cronin (‘08) was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021-22. He led the men’s soccer team to its first national title in 2007 while garnering All-American honors in 2007 and 2008. He holds the Wake Forest record for games played and games started (98) while ranking 19th in points (53). He was selected second overall in the 2008 MLS Draft and played professionally for 11 seasons and was an MLS All-Star in 2015 as a member of the Colorado Rapids.

Jonathan Kreider (JD ‘08) was named to Business North Carolina’s 2022 Legal Elite for family law. He is the owner of Kreider Attorneys at Law in Greensboro, NC.

Clint S. Morse (JD ‘08) was recognized as a Rising Star in business litigation in the 2022 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers. He was also recognized in Business North Carolina’s 2022





Farley
(JD '10)



Seaman
('10)



Simmons
(JD '10)



Thompson
(JD '10)



Bell
(JD '12)



Samuel
(JD '12)



Bruner
(JD '13)



M. Gass
(JD '13)

Legal Elite for bankruptcy law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

Jason Moser (MBA '08) was named plant manager of IFB Solutions' Winston-Salem manufacturing facility. Previously he was the director of financial planning and analysis for IFB Solutions, formerly known as Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind.

Alphonso C. Smith ('08) was selected to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2021-22. A star defensive back at Wake Forest, he was a two-time All-ACC selection and first-team All-American in 2008. He led the nation with a school-record eight interceptions in 2007 and seven in 2008. He holds the ACC record for career interceptions (21). He played four seasons in the NFL after being selected by the Denver Broncos in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft.

Andrew Smith ('08, MAEd '09) is chief administrative and strategic planning officer with the Rowan-Salisbury School System (NC). He was featured on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt in a segment on navigating COVID-19 and future disruptions in schools and transforming public education.

2009

Robert Barrow ('09) was appointed CEO and board member at Mind Medicine Inc. (MindMed), a leading biotech company developing psychedelics-inspired therapies. He was previously interim CEO and chief development officer. He has more than a decade of experience as a pharmaceutical executive leading organizations and drug development programs.

Charles E. Gibson III ('09) was named the first chief diversity officer of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC.

2010

Michael "Mike" J. Baranovic Jr. ('10) was promoted to partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, a global law firm. He lives in Washington, DC.

Luke Farley (JD '10) was elected partner at Ellis & Winters LLP in the Raleigh office. He is a construction lawyer who represents contractors, subcontractors, owners and developers.

Susan Manship Seaman ('10) joined the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP as a partner. Based in Columbus, Ohio, she focuses on consumer financial services law and is a resident in the firm's virtual office, The Link.

Kirk A. Sigmon ('10), an attorney at Banner Witcoff in Washington, DC, accepted a 2022-2023 Thomas Edison Innovation Law and Policy Fellowship at the Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. Sigmon will research the implications of consumers remastering copyrighted material in a technologically superior format, such as running earlier popular video games on modern computer hardware.

Jerri Simmons (JD '10) was recognized as a Rising Star in workers' compensation in the 2022 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers. She is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte.

Emile C. Thompson (JD '10) was appointed interim chair of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, which regulates electric, natural gas and telecom companies.

2011

Natalie Halpern Hales ('11) was named one of The Hill's Top Lobbyists for 2021, the key players for the nation's biggest companies, advocacy groups, labor unions and trade associations. She is a congressional lobbyist for the American Dental Association in Washington, DC.

Luke MacDowall (JD '11) was elevated to shareholder at Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management. He is based in the Dallas and Houston offices.

Ben Winikoff ('11, JD '15) is a partner at Elliot Morgan Parsonage PLLC in Winston-Salem. He was certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a specialist in workers' compensation law. He is an adjunct professor at the Wake Forest School of Law and a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps.

2012

Stephen Bell (JD '12) was recognized as a Rising Star in business litigation in the 2022 edition of

North Carolina Super Lawyers. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Wilmington, NC.

Andrew Bunker ('12) was named vice president of government operations and business strategy at Rocket Lab, a global leader in launch services and space systems. He was director of Government Operations at United Launch Alliance. He is also marketing chair of the Washington Space Business Roundtable.

Meredith Draughn ('12) was named the North Carolina School Counselor of the Year by the North Carolina School Counselor Association. She is a counselor at B. Everett Jordan Elementary School in Graham, NC. She lives in Saxapahaw, NC.

Ryan Samuel (JD '12) was named deputy county attorney for Arlington County, VA. Prior to joining the County Attorney's Office in 2018, he was an assistant city attorney in Chesapeake, VA. Samuel was named to Inside Business' Hampton Roads Top 40 Under 40 in 2017 and received the city of Chesapeake's Public Service Award in 2015. He lives with his wife in Washington, DC.

2013

Robert Bruner (JD '13) was named partner in the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone LLP, where he is a member of the investment management practice group.

Kelley Chan Gass (JD '13) was elected partner at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta. She is a member of the law firm's commercial finance practice group and represents national and regional banks and other financial institutions.

Matthew Gass (JD '13) joined Stites & Harbison PLLC as a member (partner) in the Atlanta office. He was with Copeland, Stair, Kingma & Lovell LLP in Atlanta. His practice focuses on commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Christopher "Corey" Pegram ('13) was named director of development, mid-Atlantic region, in the University Advancement office at Wake Forest. He was general manager of REVELxp in Winston-Salem, a premium hospitality company, where he oversaw Tailgate Guys and PRE Event Resources. His wife, **Kathryn Norcross Pegram ('14)**, is an adjunct lecturer in Wake Forest's education department. They live in Winston-Salem with their young daughter, Nora, and dog, Deacon.



Summey
(JD '13)



Kanczewski
(MSA '14)



Zakarin
(JD '14)



Foster
(15)



Reading
(JD '16)

Christian Stoffan (JD '13) was promoted to member at the Pittsburgh law firm Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe LLC. He was named to the 2021 and 2022 Ones to Watch list for corporate law and real estate law by Best Lawyers in America. He represents clients in commercial real estate transactions and leasing matters.

Tory Summey (JD '13) was elected partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in its Charlotte office. His practice focuses on employment counseling and litigation.

Chad M. Vanderhoef (JD '13) was named a partner at Holland & Knight LLP in Tampa, FL. He joined the firm in 2018 and was previously an associate. His practice focuses on tax controversy and litigation and cross-border tax planning.

Christopher Zaluski (MFA '13), a filmmaker and assistant teaching professor in Wake Forest's

Documentary Film Program, aired his first full-length film, "Theirs is the Kingdom," on PBS. The award-winning documentary shows the arduous three-year process to make a fresco in an Asheville, NC, church using this rare, ancient form of art. More at bit.ly/3rK4VYO

2014

John Barry ('14) is partner and North American division director of Analog, a global boutique talent booking agency specializing in booking DJs and artists in house and techno music genres. More at bit.ly/3vpjZib

Danielle Garcia (JD '14) joined the Law Offices of Paul A. Samakow PC, a personal injury practice in Washington, DC.

Steven Kanczewski (MSA '14) made a career change in 2021. After seven years with CPA firms, he has gone "all in" on his passions — education, languages and travel. He is a part-time lecturer of accounting at UNC-Charlotte, and he has launched his own business, "USA with Steven K," creating content on travel, culture and everyday life in the U.S. Follow his journey across America on Instagram (@usawithstevenk) and his upcoming YouTube channel, "USA with Steven K."

Kathryn Harvey Moore (JD '14) was elevated to partner in the Nashville, TN, office of Bradley LLP. She is a member of the law firm's healthcare practice group.

Christi Smiley (MBA '14) was named vice president of human resources at Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy, NC. She has more than 20 years of experience in human resources and was the hospital's director of human resources.

Benjamin Zakarin (JD '14) joined Barclay Damon LLP as an associate in its commercial litigation, torts & product liability defense, and insurance coverage & regulation practice areas, where he focuses on complex commercial litigation. He is primarily based in New York City.

2015

Nina Otería Foster ('15) is a poet and artist who teaches English at Raleigh Charter High School. She is an artist-in-residence in The Drawing Room studio of Attic 506, an art space that houses a coalition of artist-run initiatives on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill, NC. She lives in Durham, NC.

Michael Zavagno ('15) is CEO and **Griffin Kurzious ('15)** is COO of TopProp Fantasy Sports, a fantasy football startup based on individual player matchups. The longtime friends left their corporate jobs — Kurzious in computer technology and Zavagno in law — to form the company. More at bit.ly/35ogHAI

2016

Darren Pierce (MBA '16) was promoted from vice president to president of Florida-based ZRS Management LLC, one of the largest independent third-party multifamily property management firms in the country.

Timothy Reading (JD '16) was appointed and took an oath as an arbitrator in North Carolina's Court-Ordered Arbitration Program. He is a managing attorney with Davis & Davis, Attorneys at Law, PC in Salisbury, NC.

2017

Robert Johnson (MBA '17) was inducted into the inaugural Johnson C. Smith University Forty Under 40 class in 2021. He is director of internal



audit and chief audit executive at SPX FLOW Inc. in Charlotte.

Grace Sykes Pennerat (JD '17) joined Poyner Spruill LLP as an associate attorney in its newly formed education law practice group, based in Raleigh. She also spends time in the Rocky Mount (NC) and Charlotte offices.

Sarah Saint (JD '17) was recognized in Business North Carolina's 2022 Legal Elite in the Young Guns category. She is an associate at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC. She was also named to the Wake Forest School of Law Rose Council, which encourages recent law graduates to stay involved with the school. The council is named for Professor Emeritus of Law Charley Rose.

2018

Jordan Barnette (JD '18) joined Robert & Stevens PA, an Asheville, NC-based law firm, as an associate attorney. He focuses on medical malpractice and health care liability.

Robert Mitchel Botkin (JD '18) is an associate attorney in the Raleigh office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, focusing on privacy, cybersecurity and tech transactions. He was previously with Womble Bond Dickinson LLP.

Andrew "Drew" E. Hayhurst (JD '18) joined Gentry Locke as an associate attorney in the Richmond, VA, office, where he assists clients with commercial transactions.

Jacob "Jake" Horvat (MBA '18) was named to the Triad Business Journal's 40 Under 40 class of 2022. He is director of digital marketing at Flow Automotive Cos. and was senior manager of customer development, Amazon, at Hanesbrands. He lives in Winston-Salem with his wife, **Margaret "Meg" Weiss Horvat (MA '18)**, and their daughter, Beckett.

Annabel Love ('18) and **Courtney Toll ('18)**, former Wake Forest roommates, launched the Nori Press. Nori, which is "iron" spelled backward, zoomed to a strong start with an engineered device that can iron, steam or steam-iron clothes on a hanger, a bed or a table. More at bit.ly/3IZisdT

Tyler "Ty" James Maron ('18, JD '21) joined the law firm Morris James LLP as an associate in its government relations and regulatory practice groups. He was an intern for Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., and Delaware Gov. John Carney. Maron lives in Wilmington, DE.

2019

Adrienne "Addie" Estes Folk ('19) was named territory development coordinator, Southeast region, in the University Advancement office at Wake Forest. She was an admissions counselor with the Office of Admissions at Wake Forest, where she was involved in diversity, equity and



Barnette
(JD '18)



Hayhurst
(JD '18)



Folk
(JD '19)



Laws
(JD '20)

inclusion efforts and served as the staff leader for tour guides.

2020

Katherine Laws ('20) was named deputy editor of Wake Forest Magazine. She was a territory development coordinator in Wake Forest's University Advancement office. As an undergraduate, she was an intern for Wake Forest Magazine, a President's Aide and co-chair of the Traditions Council. After graduation, she completed a year-long fellowship in Wake Forest's Office of Personal and Career Development. Her brother, **Thomas Laws**, graduated in May, and her father, **Kevin Laws**, is a 1989 graduate. She is originally from Concord, NC.

Joshua T. Randall (JD '20) is an associate in the accidents/personal injury law practice at Einhorn, Barbarito, Frost & Botwinick PC in Denville, NJ.

Ema Twumasi ('20) signed a three-year contract extension with MLS squad FC Dallas. A native of Ghana, he was drafted 11th overall by FC Dallas in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft after earning All-ACC honors as a soccer midfielder at Wake Forest.

Emile Stokes Whelan (JD '20) is an associate in the Charlotte office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP. She lives in Charlotte with her husband, Patrick Whelan.

2021

Johny Hallow (JD '21) joined the law office of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Maland as an associate attorney in Elizabeth City, NC, focusing on civil litigation, personal injury, employment and local government.

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Hornberger
(JD '21)



Krikorian
(JD '21)

Abbie N. Hornberger (JD '21) joined the law firm Roberts & Stevens PA in Asheville, NC, as an associate attorney. She focuses on business transactions, corporate law, estate planning and administration and taxation.

Natalie Krikorian (JD '21) joined Bressler, Amery & Ross PC as an associate attorney in its Miami office, focusing on business and commercial litigation.

Kayla Lisenby-Denson (MBA '21) was named inclusive practice manager in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Wake Forest.

Marriages

Meredith Anne Bragg ('14) and Daniel Karson, 11/6/21 in The Plains, VA. They live in New York. The wedding party included Shannon Twilley Greenbacker ('14) and Meredith Storm ('14).

Caitlin Bush ('14, MA '16, JD '19) and Samuel Hunter Birkhead, 12/18/21 in Lenoir, NC. They live in Raleigh. The wedding party included Delaney Brummer ('16), Justine Wright Hayton (JD '19), Whitney Hosey (JD '19), Jacob Leonard (MAEd '15), Alexia Martin (JD '19), Ashley Wylie Myers ('15, MSM '16, MBA '23) and Sarah Spanenburg (JD '19).

John Allen Riggins ('14, JD '18) and **Anne "Annie" Ives Monson ('15)**, 1/29/22 in Winston-Salem. They live in Washington, DC. The wedding party included Rachel Roth Aldhizer ('15), Mike Antonell ('14, MD '18), Brooks Bradway ('14), Laura Talton Bradway ('14), Houston Clark ('15), Chandler Dunklin ('14), Will Hardy ('17), Matt Harris ('14), Caroline Dodd Heys ('16), Mary Augusta Slawson Hill ('17), Dakota Lee ('16), Caroline Drew Mann ('15), Blake Rutledge ('16) and Owen Stone ('14).

Laura Jurotich ('15) and John Michael Danze, 11/6/21 in Atlanta, where they live. The wedding party included Hannah Breden ('15), Caroline Angle Maguire ('15), Alicyn Reverdy Pearson ('15), Peyton Reed ('17) and Megan Jarrell Robbins ('15).

Jackson Betts Hubbell ('16) and **Melissa Anne Milstein ('16, MSM '17)**, 9/18/21 in Brooklyn, NY. They live in Bristol, UK. The wedding party included Michelle Amand Estes ('16).

Elizabeth Tyndall Tedeschi ('17) and **James "Spence" Townsend ('17)**, 3/19/22 in Kiawah Island, SC. They live in New York. The wedding

party included Evan Altizer ('17), Franny Blanchard ('17), Peter Bristow ('17), Dan Griffin ('17), Virginia Townsend Hanckel ('15), Zach Hollander ('17, MSA '18), Hannah Holliday ('16), Abby Nectow ('17) and Britt Schwing ('17). The groom is the son of Doug Townsend ('88) and Shannan Spence Townsend ('87).

Mary Anne Szymeczek ('18) and Gus Piepmeyer, 12/11/21 in Wilmington, NC. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Olivia Blute ('18), Shelby Devine ('18, JD '22), Katie Dickens ('18), Laura Jennings ('18) and Sidney Murray ('18).

Ella "Ellie" JoAnne Bruggen ('20) and **David Storm Filston ('20)**, 9/4/21 in Winston-Salem. They live in Athens, GA. The wedding party included Emily Biesel ('20), Maggie Burns ('21), David Deerin ('20), Noah Dill ('20), Ashley Farley ('18), Ben Gilbert ('20), Coleman Greene ('20), Larisa Hanger ('19), Katherine Laws ('20), Carly Liebich ('20, MSM '21), Taylor Schumpert ('20), Kellie Shanaghan ('19) and Colson Streitmatter ('20, MA '22).

Births

John Meroney ('94) and Meredith Williams Meroney, Los Angeles: a daughter, Blair Grace DeLancey. 12/27/21

Fairley Washington Mahlum ('01) and David Mahlum, Raleigh: a son, Oliver Lee "Ollie." 11/5/21. He joined his sister, Annabel Grey (11), and brother, Robert John "Bert" (9). He is the grandson of Sherrill "Royster" Washington ('67).

Rachel Throop ('01) and Kevin Neumann, Austin, TX: a daughter, Caroline Grace Neumann. 7/13/21. She joined her sisters, Abigail (11) and Alice (5), and brother, Connor (9).

Aaron McLean Winter ('02) and **Susannah Rosenblatt ('03)**, Arlington, VA: a son, Samuel Jude Winter. 7/19/19. He joined his brother, Charles Jennings Winter (7).

Kristen Stutz Barkimer ('03) and Greg Barkimer, Cincinnati: a daughter, Cecilia Christine. 11/16/21. She joined her brother, Charles "Charlie" Jackson (2).

Ashley Pruitt Andren ('05) and John Andren, Miami: a son, Harrison James. 2/15/22. He joined his brothers, William Taliaferro (3) and John "Jack" Michael (2).

Christopher R. Kowal ('06) and Meredith Kowal, Atlanta: a son, Wells Benjamin, 2/14/22. He joined his brother, William (8), and sisters, Amelia (6) and Leighton (2).

Kelsey Indorf Soukup ('06, MSA '07) and Bryan Jeffrey Soukup, Alexandria, VA: a son, Ford Bryan. 3/28/21

Hilary Wathern Zaytoun ('06) and Matthew Zaytoun, Raleigh: a daughter, Maris Anne. 10/27/21. She joined her sister, Clark Adele (2).

Logan Patrick Roach ('07) and Danielle Rogers Roach, Winston-Salem: a son, Rhys Patrick. 11/3/21. He joined his sister, Evangeline Rae (3).

Duncan Graham Wilson (JD/MBA '09) and Lauren Elizabeth Wilson, Charlotte: a daughter, Virginia Reid. 12/30/21. She joined her brother, Graham Louis (7).

Kirsten Weegar McCarty ('10) and **Troy Shane McCarty Jr. ('12)**, Santee, CA: a son, Brenner Hayes. 9/22/21. He joined his brothers, Everett James (6) and Case Fitzgerald (3), and sister, Dawson Amelia (5).

Vinithra Sharma Mihill ('10, MSL '16) and **Shawn Michael Mihill (JD '16)**, Virginia Beach, VA: a daughter, Maya Marie. 8/16/21

Barrett S. Seay ('11, MSM '12) and **Virginia A. Spofford Seay ('11)**, Woburn, MA: a son, Nolan Edward. 11/8/21

Elizabeth Horne Bierbower ('12) and **Ricky Deane Bierbower ('12)**, Washington, DC: a daughter, Julia Dodds. 8/28/21

Charles Alexander Dann ('12) and **Lauren Christine Dann ('12)**, Charlotte: a daughter, Madeline Quinn. 1/2/22

Katherine DeRosa Emerson ('12) and MacKenzie James Emerson, Atlanta: a daughter, Blythe Katherine. 1/6/22. She joined her sister, Sloane Margaret (2).

John Christian Keller ('12) and **Rachel Eason Keller ('12)**, Lookout Mountain, GA: a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth. 1/2/22. She is the granddaughter of Paul Eason ('84) and niece of Brian Keller ('15) and Stephen Eason ('15).

Kara Marie Lowman (MSM '17, PA '19) and **Nathan Douglas Lowman (MSM '17)**, Winston-Salem: a son, Tedder Bennett. 1/14/22

Jacob "Jake" Horvat (MBA '18) and **Margaret "Meg" Weiss Horvat (MA '18)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Beckett Alexandra. 3/31/21

Deaths

Irvin Taylor ('37), Nov. 10, 2020, Chesapeake, VA. He retired from Norfolk and Western Railway. He was 103.

Carl Major Thomas ('39), Feb. 7, 2022, Lydia, SC. He was a farmer and fertilizer inspector at Clemson University for over 30 years. He was 101.

James Warren Whitesel ('43), Nov. 9, 2021, LaGrange, IL.

Rufus Edward Chandler Jr. ('44), Feb. 1, 2022, Virgilina, VA. He owned Chandler's One Stop Service, an auto repair shop in Virgilina, for 65 years.

Ray Lang Jefferson ('46), Oct. 21, 2020, Greensboro, NC. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Alvin Jerome Kahn (MD '46), April 13, 2021, San Antonio. He was a surgeon with Mount Sinai Health System in New York.

John Alford Stephens ('46), Dec. 22, 2021, Morehead City, NC. He was a dentist in Burlington, NC, and a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He was preceded in death by his father, **Alford Stephens (1920)**, and brothers **Edwin Stephens ('49)** and **Leonidas Stephens ('51)**.

Margaret Elaine Wacaster Baldree ('47), Jan. 3, 2021, Shelby, NC. She was a social worker in Martin County (NC) and a seventh grade teacher in Shelby. She received the Jack Stickley Fellowship Award for dedicated humanitarian service from the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

Pauline "Polly" Wilder Stewart ('47), Jan. 27, 2022, Thomasville, NC. She taught remedial reading classes in Randolph County (NC). She was preceded in death by her husband, **Elliot Brown Stewart ('47)**, and brothers **Jack Burton Wilder ('48, P '72)** and **Fred Morgan Wilder ('53)**.

C. Lynn Banks ('48), Nov. 10, 2021, Cary, NC. He was a real estate broker and appraiser. He was preceded in death by brother **Thaddeus M. Banks ('42)**.

Ralph Augustus Byrd ('48), Dec. 24, 2021, Silver Spring, MD. He was preceded in death by his

father, **William C. Byrd (1921)**, and brother **William C. Byrd Jr. ('47, MD '50)**.

Marjorie "Margie" Perry Clarke ('48), Dec. 10, 2021, Midlothian, VA. She was an elementary school librarian and ESL teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Edwin Clarke ('49)**.

James "Jimmy" Butler Fleet ('48), Jan. 23, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He played baseball at Wake Forest and was a Baptist minister.

Mildred Leath Shuford ('48), Oct. 30, 2021, Matthews, NC. She was a teacher for 62 years, including 30 years at Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, SC, where she taught AP English.

Robert "Watson" Wilkinson III ('48), Dec. 20, 2021, Wake Forest, NC. He was the Wake Forest postmaster and CEO of Wake Forest Federal Savings and Loan. He was active in the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society. He was preceded in death by his father, **Robert Wilkinson Jr. (1920)**.

John Hubert Moore Witt ('48), Oct. 23, 2021, Aulander, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a district representative for General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

Medicus "Med" Ernest Bragg ('49), Nov. 26, 2021, Franklinton, NC. He served in the U.S.

Army during World War II and was a teacher and administrator at high schools in Raleigh before retiring in 1986.

Walter Friedenberg ('49), Feb. 1, 2022, Santa Fe, NM. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a second lieutenant of infantry. His career as a foreign correspondent, editor and professor took him around the world, covering the Cuban missile crisis, the Iran-Contra affair, summit meetings of U.S. and Soviet leaders, the Vietnam War and the Middle East. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Edward Friedenberg ('50, P '81)**.

John Truett Gibson ('49), Feb. 6, 2022, Huntersville, NC. He started Autodex Publishing Co. in Huntersville and volunteered at Huntersville Oaks nursing home for 44 years, making him its longest-serving volunteer. He was preceded in death by brother **James Vance Gibson ('56)**.

Howard Bruce Williams ('49), Nov. 12, 2021, Morganton, NC. He was a minister, teacher and stage actor and director. He was preceded in death by brother **Jack E. Williams ('51)** and sister **Alice Williams Wellons ('53)**.

Althea Gathings Bishop ('50), Jan. 15, 2022, Orange Park, FL. She was the supervisor of school nurses in Duval County (FL) schools.



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Wilhelmina Wallace Bracey ('50), Feb. 10, 2022, Elkin, NC. She was a music director in Baptist churches. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John "Jack" Bracey ('49)**. She is survived by her daughter **Alice Bracey ('75)**.

Jack Gentry Sr. ('50), Nov. 2, 2021, Walnut Cove, NC. He left Wake Forest after two years to serve in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II for four years before returning to Wake Forest. He was a co-captain of the basketball team and a member of the golf team. He became lifelong friends with teammate **Arnold Palmer ('51, LLD '70)**. He was department chief of public relations for Western Electric for 28 years and served as mayor of Walnut Cove for 12 years.

Charles Harold Harris ('50), Jan. 12, 2022, Val-dese, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a salesman in the oil and gas industry.

Martha Lou Holton Pearman ('50), Jan. 28, 2022, Greensboro, NC. She was a nurse at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Harvey Pearman Jr. ('51)**. Survivors include daughter **Mary P. Brock ('76)**.

Matthew Gay Delbridge ('51), Jan. 12, 2021, Goldsboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a dentist in Goldsboro for 47 years.

Hal Bernard Dixon ('51), Dec. 28, 2021, Cleveland, TN. He served in the U.S. Army as a quartermaster clerk and military police officer in Kobe, Japan, and in the Army Reserve. He owned a number of businesses, including 10 McDonald's restaurants in North Carolina, and was a founding member of First Citizens Bank in Cleveland. He served on the board of Lee University in Cleveland for 32 years and was the first emeritus board member.

John "Jack" Dean Manley ('51), Dec. 14, 2021, Catonsville, MD. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He led the health, recreation, physical education and athletics programs at Catonsville Community College and coached the men's basketball, cross country and track teams. He was cited in Sports Illustrated for his support of women's athletics. After retiring in 1984, he was inducted into the Maryland Physical Fitness Hall of Fame. In 2012, Catonsville named its new athletic and wellness center in his honor.

Louise Morgan Rogers ('51), Dec. 25, 2021, Wilmington, NC. She was a high school science teacher.

Jesse "Brian" Scott (JD '51), Jan. 3, 2022, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and practiced law with Battle Winslow Scott & Wiley in Rocky Mount, NC, for 60 years. He was a member of the School of Law Alumni Council and the General Practice Hall of Fame of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was preceded in death by brothers **John Scott Jr. ('39)** and **Robert Scott (LLB '46)**.

Alfred "Al" Fleming Talton ('51), Jan. 25, 2022, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for Carolina Power & Light Company.

William "Bill" H. Hartley ('52), Nov. 11, 2021, Oceanside, CA. He served in the U.S. Marines. He was the golf professional at California's Camp Pendleton for 25 years before becoming the golf pro at Vista Valley Country Club in Vista, CA. He was a lifetime member of the PGA of America and received numerous Golfer of the Year honors from the Southern California PGA. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mary Lou Harris Hartley ('52)**.

Melvin R. Kendrick ('52), Jan. 12, 2022, Reisterstown, MD. He traveled extensively, including to his family ancestral home in Baltimore, County Cork, Ireland.

Julian Woodburn McCracken ('52), Dec. 22, 2021, Fairview, NC. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years in the United States, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and Germany.

Ida Kay Jordan ('53), Dec. 5, 2021, Portsmouth, VA. She was an editor at The News & Observer in Raleigh and a reporter and columnist at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, VA.

Mary Lide Morris ('53, MD '57), Dec. 3, 2021, Durham, NC. She was a radiologist in Burlington, NC. She served on Wake Forest's Board of Trustees and was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society. She was preceded in death by siblings **Robert Wilson Lide ('43)**, **Nina Lide ('44)**, **Bettie Lide ('46)** and **Francis Pugh Lide ('51)**. Survivors include her husband, **George Thomas Arnold Morris ('55, MD '59)**; sons **Robert Wilson Morris ('82, JD/MBA '86)**, **Francis Lide Morris ('82)**, **David Stephens Morris ('87)** and **George Thomas Morris**; and sister **Anne Lide Ford ('56)**.

Louie Foy Simmons ('53), Nov. 23, 2021, Statesboro, GA. He served with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He worked for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Robert "Bob" O. Crawford Jr. (MD '54), Dec. 9, 2021, Burlington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was an ophthalmologist in Burlington and at Heritage Hospital in Tarboro, NC.

Larry B. Harrill ('54), Jan. 15, 2022, Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Unisys Corp. after 34 years as a senior systems engineer.

Wallace Ethan Shearon Jr. ('54), Jan. 25, 2022, Wake Forest, NC. He was a concert singer throughout Europe and a voice teacher to opera singers while living in Cologne, Germany, for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, **Ella Mae Lentz Shearon ('54)**.

Shelton Vaden Bridgers ('55), Sept. 25, 2021, Wendell, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He owned Bridgers Coal and Farm Supply and was a high school teacher and coach. Survivors include son **Glenn Bridgers ('83)** and grandson **Adam Bridgers ('16)**.

John Cramer Dean ('55), Jan. 3, 2022, Virginia Beach, VA. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and a Baptist minister in North Carolina and Virginia.

James "Jim" Howard Waters ('56), Nov. 23, 2021, Concord, NC. He served in the U.S. Marines and retired from the U.S. Social Security Administration.

Richard William Baker Jr. ('57), Dec. 5, 2021, Harrellsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was assistant superintendent of Bertie County (NC) Schools. He was mayor of Harrellsville for 17 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Jacqueline Rowe Baker ('57)**.

David Lee Drummond ('57), Oct. 7, 2021, Ormond Beach, FL. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was an accountant. He was a Forsyth County (NC) commissioner for several years.

June Laughlin McIntyre ('57), June 28, 2021, Denver, NC. Survivors include son **Daniel "Baker" McIntyre ('86)**.

William "Bill" Henry Smith ('57), Dec. 14, 2021, Danville, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radar operator during the Korean War and flew 63 operations off the aircraft carrier USS Midway. He was an attorney for 36 years and received the Patrick Henry Award from Virginia Gov. James Gilmore for his commitment to good government and justice.

Barbara Hill Snyder ('57), Dec. 17, 2021, Bloomington, IN. She was a history teacher.

Lewis "L.C." Clarence Carlton Jr. ('58), Jan. 20, 2022, Raleigh. He was human resources manager at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Beaufort County Hospital and Eastern Carolina Vocational Center.

James "Jim" Liston Harrell III ('58), Oct. 26, 2021, Virginia Beach, VA. He served in the U.S. Army and retired as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was partial owner of Be-Lo Supermarkets in Virginia's Tidewater region. Survivors include son **James "Bert" Harrell ('88)**.

Darwin "Tip" Johnson ('58), Feb. 11, 2022, Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at Southern Bell for 30 years.

Wesley Linton Keith ('58), Nov. 12, 2021, Apex, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in business, education and landscape management.

Gordon Tyler Mann ('58), Nov. 30, 2021, Austin, TX. He was an air traffic controller in the U.S. Air Force. He established an oil and gas production company in San Angelo, TX. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

Johnny Stewart McLamb ('58), Jan. 15, 2022, Lillington, NC.

Jim D. McQueen ('58), Feb. 4, 2022, Reidsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan and was a banker.

Robert "Bob" LeRoy Northcutt ('58), Jan. 3, 2022, Wake Forest, NC. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and served in the U.S. Army and National Guard. He was a manager with Archer Products, an R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. subsidiary, in Greeneville, TN, and Winston-Salem. He helped build a library and YMCA in Greeneville and was president of the United Way of Greene County. He served on the board of directors of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society and received its 2017 Distinguished Service Award. Survivors include daughter **Diane N. Clouse ('82)**.

Carolyn "Carol" Ann Kistler Poole ('58), Dec. 20, 2021, Charlotte. She was a teacher and a bookkeeper at her parents' hardware store.

Nancy Reeser Ragsdale ('58), Jan. 14, 2022, Burlington, NC. She was a teacher in Leaksville/Eden, NC. Survivors include stepson **David Ragsdale ('79)**.

Donald Gray Sebastian ('58), Nov. 8, 2021, Richmond, VA. He was vice president of claims for Overnite Transportation Co. in Richmond.

Charles Bennett Deane Jr. ('59, JD '62), Feb. 6, 2022, Rockingham, NC. He was vice president of the student body at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and practiced law in Rockingham for over 50 years. He served on the board of trustees of Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and was first vice president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He was also a North Carolina state senator and was named Citizen of the Year in Richmond County. He wrote "From Humble Roots to the Halls of Congress" about his late father, **Charles "C.B." Bennett Deane (LLB 1923, LHD '61)**, who was a member of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, **Myra Upchurch Deane ('64)**, and sister, **Cree Deane Sherman ('51)**.

William Barrett "Barry" Hines ('59), Nov. 8, 2021, Little River, SC. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and played football at Wake Forest. He worked for McLean Trucking Company in Winston-Salem for 27 years, retiring as regional sales manager.

Robert "Bob" Vance Suggs ('59, JD '64), Jan. 22, 2022, Archdale, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a civil law attorney for nearly 40 years and a real estate broker.

Vada Byers Anderson ('60), Nov. 15, 2021, Colfax, NC. She operated a real estate appraisal business with her late husband, Ed. She was an accomplished musician who played the flute and piccolo and performed with the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Stanley "Stan" Beckman (MD '60), Dec. 19, 2021, Fremont, MI. He was a physician for U.S. Embassy personnel overseas before becoming a radiologist at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont for 42 years.

DOYLE R. FOSSO

Professor Emeritus of English



Doyle Fosso shared his passion for Shakespeare with Wake Forest students for three decades. He delighted in Shakespeare's lyricism and word play and "performed" many speeches from the Bard's plays in class.

Fosso taught classes on Renaissance drama and poetry, including his challenging classes on Shakespeare — required for English majors for many years — from 1964 until he retired in 1995. Novelist Robert Gipe ('85) said Fosso referred to English as "the queen of the sciences."

"He loved, and led us to love, the sonorous sentence and the multivalent word. Yeats' 'bee-loud glade' and Falstaff's opening 'Now, Hal, what time of day is it, lad?' became our realm as well as his. ... He was a great teacher, steadfast in the service of his students and his queen."

Fosso, who was 88, died on Feb. 9, 2022, in Walstonburg, North Carolina. He is survived by two children, Martin Fosso ('81) and Elisabeth Fosso, and three grandchildren.

Raised in Detroit, Fosso earned his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. from Harvard and his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He taught at the University of Vermont before joining the Wake Forest faculty. As chair of the University Senate in 1978, he wrote the nomination that resulted in Wake Forest receiving the prestigious Alexander Meiklejohn Award for Academic Freedom from the American Association of University Professors.

After retiring, Fosso and his wife, Evelyn, moved to her homeplace in Walstonburg, in eastern North Carolina. Five years after he retired, he received the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching, nominated by students from the class of 1990.

"He comes to mind whenever I think about Wake Forest, a fantastic professor," wrote Lisa Mann DiMona ('83) on Facebook. "I was fortunate enough to attend his last lecture before he retired," wrote Ryan Nusbickel ('96). "We gave him a standing ovation. (I) cannot imagine anyone teaching Shakespeare any better."

Robert "Bob" Humphrey Forbes (JD '60), Oct. 20, 2021, Gastonia, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was an FBI special agent before practicing law in Gastonia for more than 50 years.

Eugene "Gene" Keith Franklin ('60), Nov. 25, 2021, Raleigh. He worked for the North Carolina Department of Transportation for nearly 40 years before retiring.

Benjamin "Ben" L. Honeycutt ('60), Feb. 16, 2022, Columbia, MO. He was a French professor at the University of Missouri for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Edna Haynes Honeycutt ('59)**. Survivors include sister **Martha Honeycutt Stockton ('64)**.

Lois Katzin ('60), March 22, 2021, Rockledge, FL. She was a teacher for 30 years in Brevard County (FL), where she was named social studies Teacher of the Year.

Clarence Douglas Maxwell Jr. ('60), Jan. 15, 2022, Stedman, NC. He played baseball at Wake Forest and was an attorney in Fayetteville, NC.

Ray Marshall Woodlief ('60, MD '64), Jan. 7, 2022, King and Queen, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a radiologist at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, VA. Survivors include his wife, **Ann Matthews Woodlief ('61, MD '63)**.

William "Wayne" Eudy ('61, MS '69), Nov. 12, 2021, Wilmington, NC. He worked for International Paper Company for 28 years, retiring in 1999 as senior research director. He later developed several condominium complexes in Carolina Beach, NC.

Billy "Dale" Stancil ('61), Oct. 26, 2021, North Myrtle Beach, SC. He was the former owner and operator of Sugar Mountain Resort in Banner Elk, NC. He was preceded in death by his brother, **R. Wayne Stancil ('63)**. Survivors include son **W. Dale Stancil (MBA '95)** and grandson **Lawson Stancil ('18)**.

John Everett Stockberger ('61), Nov. 18, 2021, The Villages, FL. He served as a corpsman in the U.S. Navy, including during the Vietnam War. He retired from military service after 20 years and became an optician in Orlando, FL.

Charles Yarbrough Sr. ('61, MS '63), Jan. 23, 2022, Kinston, NC. He was vice president of academic affairs at Peace College, a professor at Campbell University and an administrator at Wingate University. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Hazel Hill Yarbrough ('63)**. Survivors include son **Charles Yarbrough Jr. ('81)**.

Roger Phillip Cooke ('62), Jan. 14, 2022, King, NC. He was a high school mathematics teacher for 30 years, including 28 years at South Stokes High School in Walnut Cove, NC.

William Kenneth "Ken" Hinton ('62, JD '65), Nov. 17, 2021, Smithfield, NC. He practiced law for 30 years and taught business law classes at Johnston Community College and Campbell University.

Barbara Metcalf Ledford ('62), Dec. 30, 2021, Charlotte. She retired as principal of West Charlotte Senior High School and was North Carolina Principal of the Year. Survivors include her husband, **Roy "Buster" Ledford ('59)**.

Kenneth "Ken" Carl Morris ('62), Oct. 17, 2021, Southport, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was in civilian personnel management with the Department of the Army. Survivors include his wife, **Carolee Wood Morris (MA '62)**.

Robert "Bob" Joseph Muller ('62), Dec. 6, 2021, Mission Viejo, CA. He was a pitcher on Wake Forest's 1962 ACC championship baseball team. He played in the minor leagues with the Chicago Cubs organization before serving in the U.S. Army. He was senior vice president of human resources at Coldwell Banker in Mission Viejo.

David James Beal ('63, JD '66), Jan. 7, 2022, Mount Airy, NC. He was chief of police in Mount Airy, clerk of Superior Court of Surry County and vice president of human resources at Renfro Corp. He was a volunteer special assistant to the general managers of the Winston-Salem Spirits



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and Warthogs baseball teams. He was preceded in death by his father, **Fate J. Beal (LLB '39)**. Survivors include son **Michael Beal (JD '91)** and brother **Beverly Beal ('68, JD '74)**.

Neal Edwin Eller ('63), Dec. 8, 2021, Kernersville, NC. He was a Baptist minister who pastored at churches in North Carolina.

Linda Wilkerson Ferris ('63), Jan. 21, 2022, The Villages, FL. She was a librarian, fashion model and real estate agent. Survivors include son **Frank H. Ferris IV (JD '94)**.

Roger Jeter-McAvoy ('63), Feb. 12, 2022, Chattanooga, TN. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany and was an accountant.

William "Bill" Reginald Sigmon Sr. (JD '63), Jan. 22, 2022, Hickory, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and Reserve as an air traffic controller. He was a founding member of the law firm Sigmon, Clark, Mackie, Hanvey & Ferrell P.A. in Hickory. He was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association General Practice Hall of Fame.

Henry Harrison Warren Jr. ('63), Dec. 13, 2021, Clemmons, NC. He was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. He retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 32 years. Survivors include brother **Holland Warren ('59)**.

James "Drew" Drewery Moore Jr. ('64), Feb. 5, 2022, Sanford, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Hanes Hosiery and taught adult education classes. Survivors include sister **Jennette Moore Franklin ('53)**.

Samuel Lanier Snyder ('64), Nov. 5, 2021, Lexington, NC. He was personnel manager and director of benefits for Lexington Furniture Industries. Survivors include son **Sam "Bud" Snyder Jr. ('88)**.

Dwight "Larry" Davis ('65), Nov. 22, 2021, Shelton, WA. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for Wachovia Bank and Trust in Winston-Salem and Bethel Lumber Company in York, SC.

Carole Hendrix Grady ('65), Feb. 3, 2022, Concord, NC. She was one of the "Magnificent Seven," a group of friends from the Class of 1965 who gathered regularly for reunions. She was the office manager for a law firm and leader for youth mission trips throughout the Southeast. Survivors include her husband, **Tom Grady (JD '66)**.

Stanley "Sandy" Morris Herman (JD '65), Dec. 6, 2021, High Point, NC. He was an attorney who practiced with his father, **Ben Herman (LLB 1925)**. Survivors include grandson **Ryan E. Kane ('18)**.

Frances Dyess Rodgers ('65), Jan. 19, 2022, Brentwood, TN. She taught English as a second language and worked in forensic accounting with Marsh & McLennan.

Patricia Elaine Sinicrope ('65, MA '70), Feb. 9, 2022, Panama City, FL. She was a clinical child psychologist.

William Banfield Trevorrow (JD '65), Dec. 24, 2021, High Point, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and was an attorney in Guilford County (NC).

P. Larry Wingate ('65), Dec. 15, 2021, Greensboro, NC. He played on the freshman basketball team and was in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve in a base hospital in Vietnam. He was a partner and owner at McMillion Capital Management in Greensboro and a past member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council. Survivors include sons **Paul Wingate ('92)** and **Don Wingate ('02)**.

Benjamin Hayes Averett ('66), Nov. 1, 2021, Raleigh. He was a real estate appraiser. Survivors include son **Christopher Nilan ('06)**.

Jean Truitt Corbett ('66), Oct. 25, 2021, Chapel Hill, NC. She was a chemist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in the Research Triangle Park for 46 years before retiring in 2017.

Edward "Ed" Clarence McKinney Jr. ('66), Oct. 29, 2021, Gig Harbor, WA. He was a fullback and placekicker on Wake Forest's football team who earned the nickname "True Toe" McKinney. He was a captain in the U.S. Army. He worked in the comptroller's department at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and CSX Transportation before retiring from Sears, Roebuck & Co. in 2012.

Larry Sherman Renegar ('66), Nov. 29, 2021, Winston-Salem. He retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. as a senior systems analyst after 33 years. Survivors include son **Larry "Scott" Renegar ('94)** and daughter **Susan Renegar Wendell (MBA '98)**.

Walter Henry Beale III ('67), Nov. 12, 2021, Greensboro, NC. He was a professor, chair of the English department and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC Greensboro. He retired from UNCG after 45 years. Survivors include his wife, **Laurie "Lollie" White**, and former wife, **Sarah Jenkins Beale ('67)**; daughters **Stella Beale (MAEd '97)** and **Louise Beale Vincent (MA '17)**; and stepson **Benjamin White ('98, JD '02)**.

John Carl Brookshire ('67), Oct. 22, 2021, Hendersonville, NC. He was the owner and president of textile manufacturers, Old Orchard Inc. and FIMIA Inc.

Edmund Kirby-Smith ('67), Nov. 19, 2021, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army and retired as an investigator for the North Carolina Medical Board. Survivors include his wife, **Wanda Kirby-Smith**, daughters **Melody Whitaker ('93)** and **Cassie Kirby-Smith Gayer ('05)**, and son **Ethan Edmund Kirby-Smith ('05, MBA '18)**.

Douglas "Doug" Robbins Bris-Bois ('69), Nov. 7, 2021, Southport, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic. He worked for Sears, Roebuck & Co. for nearly 40 years and retired as national director of replenishment and systems at its headquarters outside Chicago. Survivors include daughter **Marie Bris-Bois Miclat ('92)**.

John Compere (MA '69), Oct. 10, 2021, Chandler, AZ. He was a clinical psychologist who taught psychology at Wake Forest and practiced in Winston-Salem. He was also a professional speaker at conferences in all 50 states and internationally. Survivors include daughter **LouAnn C. Vaughn ('83)** and granddaughter **Padgett V. Sullivan ('12)**.

Donald Christopher Cross ('69), Dec. 13, 2021, Bridgewater, MA. He led Component Manufacturing Services. Survivors include his wife, **Susan Barker Cross ('69)**.

George Anthony "Tony" McNabb ('69), Nov. 1, 2021, Ocean Pines, MD. He was a high school teacher, principal and supervisor of transportation and maintenance for a school system in Maryland.

Dorus Edgar "Eddie" Faires ('70), Jan. 19, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He worked for Gilbarco in Greensboro, NC, for 20 years.

Charles "Chuck" Edward Floyd ('70), Dec. 14, 2021, Columbia, SC. He played football at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He worked in textiles and sales.

John Rodman "Rod" Dillon ('71), Nov. 12, 2021, Canandaigua, NY. He served in the U.S. Army and was an insurance salesman for more than 40 years.

Jay "John" Johnson Stringfield ('71), Nov. 16, 2021, North Wilkesboro, NC. He retired from Lowe's as a systems analyst.

Russell David Wright ('71), Jan. 31, 2022, Tabor City, NC. He was preceded in death by his father, **Willard Cannon Wright ('40)**. Survivors include brother **Henry Neill Wright ('64)**.

Catherine "Cathy" Lewis Seaver ('72), Jan. 10, 2022, Winston-Salem. She spent 25 years with Northwestern Mutual and was also a life coach who helped others improve their employment skills. Survivors include her husband, **Tom Seaver ('71)**.

Diane Fox Van Derveer ('72), Jan. 30, 2022, Mooresville, NC. She played varsity tennis at Wake Forest. She covered high school sports for 20 years for the Westford Eagle in Westford, MA, and was inducted into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include son **Andrew Van Derveer ('96, MBA '04)**.

Francis "Frank" Earl Dail (JD '73), Oct. 29, 2021, Raleigh. He served as a linguist in the U.S. Army for four years. He was clerk of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and administrative counsel for more than 30 years.

William H. Shoemaker Jr. (MD '73), Jan. 7, 2022, Charleston, SC. He was a physician at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA, and in private practice in Charleston.

Richard Anthony Fernandes ('74), Dec. 31, 2021, Upper Marlboro, MD. He played baseball at Wake Forest for one year before transferring to

George Washington University. He founded his own CPA firm.

Lokie Charles Lackey (JD '74), Jan. 25, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He spent his career in finance in manufacturing and the paper business.

John Burke O'Donnell Jr. (JD '74), Jan. 16, 2022, Raleigh. He was an assistant district attorney in North Carolina's 6th Judicial District (Hali-fax, Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties) and a partner in several law firms in Raleigh.

Henry Averill Harkey (JD '75), Dec. 1, 2021, Charlotte. He was a retired captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was an attorney who co-man- aged with his brother, **Averill Harkey (JD '79)**, a law firm founded by their father. The brothers also co-founded a real estate development firm, Morehead Properties Inc. He served on the Wake Forest Alumni Council, School of Law Alumni Council and School of Law Board of Visitors. In addition to his brother, survivors include son **Jonathan Henry Harkey ('03)**.

Thomas Morgan Johnson (JD '75), Feb. 1, 2022, Elizabethtown, NC. He served in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division from 1969 to 1974, including two tours in Vietnam. He practiced law with his brother, **Leslie Johnson (JD '68, P '00)**, at the Johnson Law Firm in Elizabethtown.

Kathy Whitmire Romeo ('75), Oct. 23, 2021, Cary, NC. She was manager of the children's book sections at Barnes & Noble stores in the Cary area.

Demory Braxton Strickland Jr. ('75), Jan. 27, 2022, Stedman, NC. He helped open the Heart & Vascular Center at Cape Fear Valley Health in Fayetteville, NC.

James Kenneth Waldroup (JD '75), Dec. 5, 2021, Robbinsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. He was an attorney, a teacher and a farmer.

James "Hadley" Cash Jr. ('76), Feb. 13, 2022, Kernersville, NC. He was in the Sigma Phi Epsi- lon fraternity at Wake Forest. He owned Marriot Orchids and was one of the world's top Paphio- pedilum (slipper orchid) hybridizers. He received more than 400 awards from the American Orchid Society, including the Award for Excellence in Hybridizing.

William "Bill" L. Dungan (MBA '76), Nov. 16, 2020, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was manager of National Gypsum Com- pany's plant in Wilmington before retiring in 2002.

Diane Huffman (MD '76), Dec. 6, 2021, Bur- lington, NC. She practiced family medicine in Greensboro, NC.

Harry C. LeGette (MBA '76), Oct. 25, 2021, Bur- lington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He retired as a technical direc- tor at Glen Raven Mills. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

Ronald "Ronny" Edward Bostian (MBA '77), Nov. 9, 2021, Salisbury, NC. He worked at Row- an-Cabarrus Community College for nearly 30 years until retiring as executive vice president. He was president and CEO of Citizens Feder- al Savings & Loan for nine years before retiring again in 1999.

Elbert Andrew Rudisill Jr. (MD '77), Jan. 28, 2022, Hickory, NC. He was a family physician in Hickory for 40 years.

Michael Tucciarone ('78), Dec. 3, 2021, Derry NH. He played football at Wake Forest and was a senior acquisitions manager for Analogic Corp., a medical imaging and technology company based in Peabody, MA.

Brian McKeever Connolly (MS '79, MD '83), Nov. 9, 2021, Stuart, FL. He was an anesthesiolo- gist in the Danbury, CT, area.

Lynn Miller Godwin ('79), Jan. 26, 2022, McClel- lanville, SC. She retired as a dentist in Cary, NC, where she practiced with her father for many years.

Nancy Carol Osborne (JD '80), Nov. 6, 2021, Elkin, NC. She was a retired attorney with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Edward Stephen Raliski ('80), Dec. 27, 2022, Pinehurst, NC. He retired from Wake Forest School of Law as chief technology officer in 2013. Survivors include his wife, **Karen Beasley Raliski ('80)**, and daughters **Kristen Raliski Fyock ('07, MSA '08)** and **Kathryn Raliski Pham (MA '13)**.

James "Keith" Fowler (MBA '81), Feb. 17, 2022, Beech Mountain, NC. He was an invest- ment banker in New York and Richmond, VA, and remained involved in real estate development until retiring.

Richard "Dick" Long Huffman Jr. (JD '81), Jan. 29, 2022, Salisbury, NC. He practiced law in Charlotte and at his own firm in Salisbury. He won the first mesothelioma case heard by the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He was chair of the alumni association and the board of visitors at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Martin J. O'Connor (JD '81), Oct. 21, 2021, Needham, MA. He was a corporate and family law attorney in Boston and had a second career as a teacher.

John Franklin Wheatley (MBA '81), Dec. 7, 2021, Charlotte. He was a senior vice president with Bank of America.

Mollie Little Weaver (JD '82), Jan. 13, 2022, Glen Allen, VA. She practiced law in North Caro- lina and Florida.

John Kings Motsinger (JD '83), Jan. 7, 2022, Walkertown, NC. He was an attorney, a media- tor and an adjunct professor at Guilford Col- lege. Survivors include his wife, **Elisabeth Sykes Motsinger (PA '89, MA '13)**.

Gregg Alan Stark (PA '83), Jan. 18, 2022, Little Switzerland, NC. He was in emergency medicine.

David "Paul" Folmar (MBA '84), Dec. 26, 2021, Advance, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a pilot in Vietnam and was a commercial air- line pilot, beginning with Piedmont Airlines, for 30 years.

Michael Patrick Napier ('84), Sept. 3, 2021, Pitts- ville, VA. He was an attorney in New Jersey who retired to Virginia and became a farmer.

Stephen Charles Sink (MAEd '84), Dec. 16, 2021, Linwood, NC. He was a math teacher and led the hunting and fishing club at Central David- son High School in Lexington, NC.

Michael "Mike" Healy (JD '85), July 25, 2020, Huntington, NY. He was a bankruptcy and litiga- tion attorney for 35 years.

Bridget Glass Martin ('85), Nov. 10, 2021, Kings Mountain, NC. She owned a computer business.

Eric David Stiff ('86), Feb. 9, 2022, Winston-Sa- lem. He was senior vice president at Members Credit Union, where he worked for over 30 years.

Julia Wilkerson Burns (MD '87), Nov. 16, 2021, Chapel Hill, NC. She was a psychiatrist who worked with abused children and youth in New York and Chapel Hill. She also was an artist and au- thor, whose memoir, "Songs for the Forgotten: A Psychiatrist's Record," was published in 2020. She volunteered at the Durham (NC) Nativity School, which dedicated a tutoring room in her honor.

Robert "Bob" James Kolodziej (MBA '87), Oct. 31, 2021, Greensboro, NC. He was a sales- man for GE Silicones for 36 years before retiring in 2000. Survivors include his wife, **Suzanne Bowles Kolodziej ('67)**.

Spencer Gray Key Jr. ('89), Nov. 21, 2021, Pi- lot Mountain, NC. He was a district court judge in Stokes and Surry counties (NC) for two de- cades. Survivors include his wife, **Erica Smith (MALS '08)**.

Scott Chapman Davis ('90), Nov. 25, 2021, Jack- sonville, FL. He was an attorney in Tampa, FL.

Ronald Lee Smith ('90), Dec. 6, 2021, Greens- boro, NC. He played football at Wake Forest and was CFO of Unifi and Sigma Electric Manufactur- ing Corp.

Jeffrey L. Allen (MBA '92), Nov. 29, 2021, Win- ston-Salem. He spent most of his career in IT sales.

Jerry Wayne Marshall (MBA '92), Jan. 17, 2022, Stokesdale, NC. He was a master scientist in the research and development department at R.J. Reynolds.

Tate Day Folstad ('94, PA '96), Feb. 13, 2022, Wilmington, NC. She was in the Thymes society at Wake Forest and was a physician assistant.

Constance "Connie" Cecile Finch Ritter (MALS '94), Nov. 6, 2021, Winston-Salem. She taught art and pottery in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and at Summit School in Winston-Salem until retiring in 2003.

Deana Ann Miller Denton ('95), Dec. 22, 2021, Wilmington, NC. She was a paralegal. She was a member of the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black marching band at Wake Forest.

Linda Lee Farmer (MD '97), Feb. 15, 2022, Auburn, AL. She immigrated to the United States from South Korea when she was 14. She was an oncologist at the Spencer Cancer Center in Opelika, AL.

Shannan Vannoy Carlisle ('99), Jan. 9, 2022, James Island, SC. She received a master's degree in education from The Citadel and was a preschool teacher. She was preceded in death by her father, **William Carlisle Jr. ('63, MBA '79)**.

Anthony "Tony" Ikedia Egbuna (MBA '02), Jan. 1, 2022, Winston-Salem. He was the vice president of African Capital Alliance and CFO of PNG Gas Limited in Lagos, Nigeria. He had more than 35 years of experience in financial management and strategic planning at businesses in the United States and Nigeria.

James "Jimmy" Butler ('03), Dec. 3, 2021, Albuquerque, NM. He was a state champion distance runner and a standout on the cross country team at Wake Forest. He was an assistant cross country coach at the University of New Mexico and helped lead the Lobos to two national women's cross country championships. He also coached at his alma mater, Eldorado High School, where he coached six state championship teams and individuals.

Gerry Crouch Coggin II (JD '03), Feb. 1, 2022, Charlotte. He founded Coggin Law in Charlotte.

Murray Chaney Reams (MA '03), Dec. 5, 2021, Winston-Salem. He was a professional musician/percussionist who toured throughout the United States and abroad. He retired as an executive with Bank of America in 2015.

Christopher "Chris" Lawrence Amick (MBA '10), Feb. 13, 2022, Matthews, NC. He worked for Wells Fargo.

Louis Blais Wonnell ('10), Jan. 5, 2022, Oak Ridge, TN. He was in the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black marching band and a member of the service fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi. He earned two master's degrees and a Ph.D. in mechanical and nuclear engineering. He did postdoctoral research in fluid dynamics at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH, and in fusion energy at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Jeremy Kyle Nottingham ('13), Nov. 22, 2021, Dumfries, VA. He was a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service in Pittsburgh and with the Department of Health and Human Services in Birmingham, AL. Survivors include sister **Briana Nottingham ('15)**.

Janice Vanessa Johnson (JD '17), Feb. 2, 2022, McDonough, GA.

Cheslie Kryst (JD/MBA '17), Jan. 30, 2022, New York. She was the 2019 Miss USA and a correspondent for the entertainment program Extra. She competed in the Miss North Carolina USA competition five times before winning in 2019 and then won the Miss USA pageant. She was a top 10 finalist in the subsequent Miss Universe competition. She also was an attorney and diversity adviser at Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte. At Wake Forest, she was on the team that won the 2017 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, and she was a member of the School of Law Board of Visitors. Poyner Spruill has established the Cheslie C. Kryst Diversity and Social Justice Law Scholarship at the School of Law.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Christopher Edward Dometrius, Dec. 14, 2021, Winston-Salem. He was a visiting assistant professor of mathematics at Wake Forest in the 2000s. He also taught at Lenoir-Rhyne University and Forsyth Technical Community College, where he was president of the faculty senate.

Annie Baxley Douglass, Feb. 8, 2022, Colfax, NC. She was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society. She is survived by her husband, **Donald "Don" Perry Douglass Sr. ('50, MD '53)**, daughter **Elizabeth Douglass Walsh ('80)** and son **Donald Douglass Jr. ('88, MBA '93)**.

Willie Mae Grace, Feb. 5, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was on the Wake Forest housekeeping staff from 1961 until retiring in 1987. Many students fondly remember going home with "Ma Grace" and enjoying a home-cooked meal with her family. She was an advocate for Black students and a connection to the local Black community. Survivors include son **Mike Grace (JD '77)** and his wife, Simone Rose, a Wake Forest law professor, and grandson **Michael Grace Jr. (JD '16)**.

Archie Dean Hobson, March 11, 2022, Boonville, NC. He worked in facilities management at Wake Forest for many years.

Patricia "Pat" Adams Johansson (MA '69), April 7, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was associate dean of the College emerita and lecturer emerita of English at Wake Forest. In the late 1960s, as a young mother, she went back to college at Winston-Salem State University and became the first white graduate of WSSU in 1968. She was later named by WSSU as one of "eight Rams who changed history." After earning a master's degree in English at Wake Forest, she joined the English department in 1969 and remained at Wake Forest until retiring in 1998. She was one of the earliest recipients of the Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching. She took student groups to Casa Artom in Venice in 1984 and 1990. As a teacher and longtime associate dean, she taught

and counseled thousands of students, many of whom became lifelong friends. "Pat's life was full and varied," her family wrote. "From Chaucer to Faulkner, from the Beowulf poet to Stoppard, there was room in her keen, scholarly mind for the whole host of literary greats." Survivors include son **Alan Johansson ('84)** and daughters **Charity Johansson ('80)**, **Theresa Johansson ('83)**, Melinda Johansson and Joanna Tesh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Johansson, and son Chris Johansson.

Guy Johnson, Feb. 16, 2022, Oakland, CA. He was a writer and the son of the late **Maya Angelou (LHD '77)**, Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest. He worked with the University to establish the Maya Angelou Artist-in-Residence Award to honor his mother's legacy.

William "Randall" Lolley (DD '71), March 21, 2022, Raleigh. He was a Baptist leader and president of his alma mater, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, from 1974 until resigning in 1988 over disagreements with conservative leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. In the late 1980s, he received the Alexander Meiklejohn Award from the American Association of University Professors for his defense of academic freedom. He was also an early leader of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and served as moderator, its highest elected position. He also pastored several Baptist churches, including First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Greensboro, NC. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Clara Lou Jacobs Lolley, and daughters **Pam Lolley Frey ('80)** and Charlotte Lolley Murphy. Two scholarships at the Wake Forest School of Divinity, the Randall and Lou Lolley Fund and the Randall Lolley Scholarship, are named for him.

Ronald "Randy" Alexander MacDonald, Dec. 6, 2021, Winston-Salem. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy. He was a communications officer for the Wake Forest Police Department from 1989 until retiring in 2013.

Bobby Gray Norman, Feb. 28, 2022, Boonville, NC. He served in the military and worked at Wake Forest for 40 years in facilities management.

Jane Trogdon Reade, March 14, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was retired from the psychology department at Wake Forest.

Charles "Charlie" Madison Shelton Sr., Jan. 22, 2022, Dobson, NC. He served on the Wake Forest Board of Trustees in the late 1980s and early 1990s and the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Board of Visitors. He was a generous donor to the University and made a large gift toward construction of the Worrell Professional Center. Shelton and his brother, Ed Shelton, founded Fortis Homes; Shelco, a general contractor company; and The Shelton Companies, a private real estate and investment firm. In 2000, they founded Shelton Vineyards in Dobson in North Carolina's Yadkin Valley. He was inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame and Queens University of Charlotte's Carolinas Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame.

A recollection of two mentors' lasting lessons

By John Rosenthal ('64)

TWO WAKE FOREST MENTORS. Two different voices that helped me listen, pay attention and find my own voice. They have stayed with me for life.

I wonder where I was going before I took a course in British Romantic Poetry with then-Professor of English and Dean (later Provost) Edwin G. Wilson ('43, P '91, '93). I'll never know, but I vaguely remember the young man I left behind.

It was the beginning of a new semester. On our first day of class, we'd been assigned to read the beginning of Wordsworth's "The Prelude." My eyes glazed over as I read it in my dorm room. Obsolete diction — words like "yon" and "methought" — exhausted me. I didn't want to read these words. Their time was past, way past.

But something happened in class when Dr. Wilson read the opening lines of the poem. I heard the poet speaking, as if he were in the room. A young man, Wordsworth, had just escaped from London, a dark city where he'd been "a discontented sojourner." Now he was reeling with joy as he listened to murmuring water and observed a wandering cloud.

Unlike some of my professors, Dr. Wilson didn't possess a theatrical personality, and yet his voice found the conversational cadences of the poem and its thoughtful pauses. "The Prelude," I suddenly realized, wasn't a venerable, literary monument. It was simply the voice of one human being speaking to another about the common condition of longing.

Later in the semester, Dr. Wilson read Keats' "La Belle Dame sans Merci." His reading was strangely toneless, capturing the spirit of a man broken by an irretrievable dream of enthralling love — a vision of wounded desolation, a knight "palely loitering" in a bleak landscape where no birds sing. These are moments you cannot forget. Two years later I wrote my master's thesis

at Columbia University on Wordsworth, and 10 years later I named my son John Keats Rosenthal.

Until he died in 2019, James H. "Bill" Walton, the director of the Wake Forest College Theatre (from 1956-65), never stopped encouraging me to remain true to myself, no matter what the cost.

Walton's title was instructor in the speech department, and he taught speech and acting, but his real business was dispensing human possibilities. He was less interested in his students' grade-point averages than in how much they dared and how much they cared.

In his Oral Interpretation of Literature course, he would tell students not to "hide," not to respect their own modesty. Once he said, "A wallflower at a dance is the largest ego in the room." To his way of thinking, and Thoreau's, most people lived lives of quiet desperation — hiding from each other behind false courtesies and conventional thinking.

When he cast me as Hamlet and in "My Fair Lady" as Henry Higgins, he was less interested in my performance — he figured I'd be good enough — than in the purity of my focus. His motto, expressed in a thousand ways, was "No Excuses." What sort of teacher teaches something like that?

A few years after I graduated from Wake Forest, Walton told me that he and his kids had spent the summer working on a half-acre garden at his family home in South Dakota. But just as everything was beginning to bloom, a huge storm blew through the Midwest and destroyed the garden. I said, "How awful!" Walton laughed and said, "No, Johnny, just the opposite. It was wonderful. Think of what they



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learned." That was pure Walton. He believed that loss and disappointment were built into human experience, and we shouldn't pretend otherwise. He wanted to teach failure and the growth that comes with it.

Professors Wilson and Walton, who approached teaching from such different perspectives, had a special friendship. They recognized in each other a rare dedication to the unknown and mysterious potential of students. More than half a century later, I still live with their voices and the effect of their words.

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John Rosenthal ('64) lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife, Paula. A writer and photographer, his work has been widely exhibited throughout the South and Northeast. Two collections of his photographs — "Regarding Manhattan" and "AFTER: The Silence of the Lower 9th Ward" — have been published by Safe Harbor Books, and his memoir, "Searching for Amylu Danzer," was published in 2021 by The Waywiser Press.



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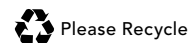
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Wanted: a bigger trophy case

Wake Forest sports fans had many reasons for ear-to-ear smiles in 2021-22.

Both the **women's and men's golf teams** won ACC championships and advanced to the NCAA Championships. The women swept individual ACC awards for the second time in program history with **Rachel Kuehn ('23)** named ACC Player of the Year, **Carolina López-Chacarra** named Freshman of the Year and Coach **Kim Lewellen (P '25)** winning Coach of the Year for the second time. The women golfers defeated Florida State for a second title in four years and seventh in program history.

The men's golf team overcame Georgia Tech to win the team's 19th ACC title — its first since 1989.

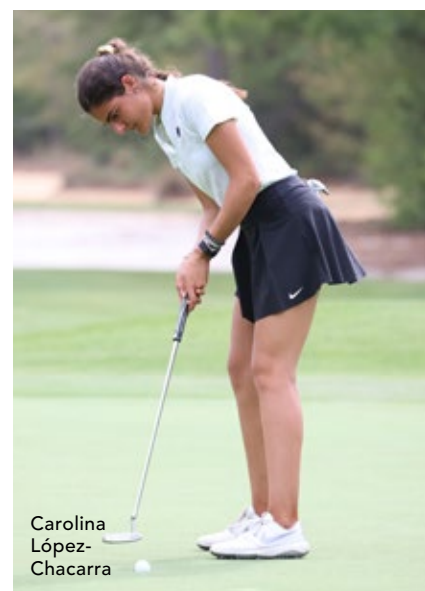
In late-breaking news in **outdoor track & field**, **Thomas Vanoppen (MA '23)** won the ACC title in the men's 1,500-meter race.

In basketball, fifth-year transfer guard **Alondes Williams** earned ACC Player of the Year, and his coach, **Steve Forbes**, took the title of ACC Coach of the Year in his second season at Wake Forest.

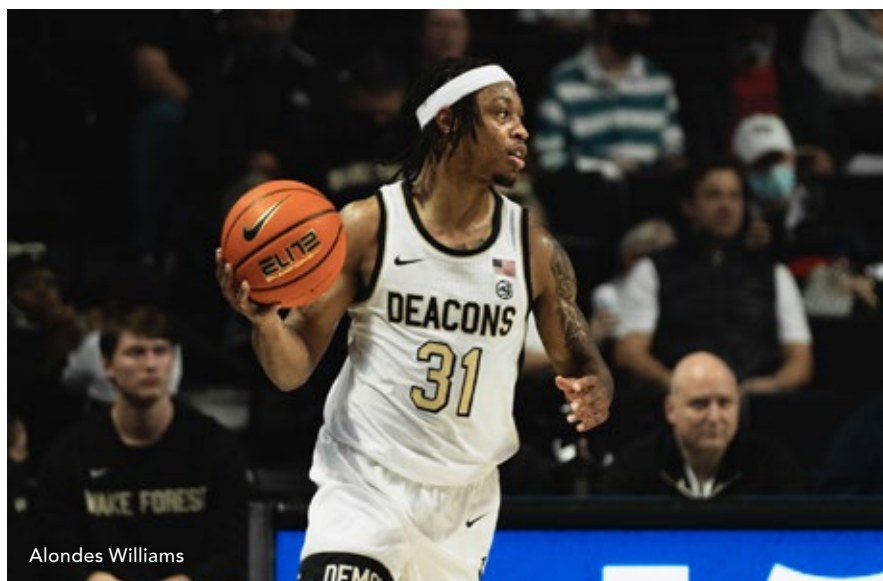
John Currie ('93) was named Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics for administrative excellence and contributions to athletes, campuses and communities. Among other Deacon successes, football Coach **Dave Clawson** was named earlier as ACC Football Coach of the Year.



Rachel Kuehn



Carolina López-Chacarra



Alondes Williams

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