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## FROM *The* PRESIDENT

**DURING THE FALL SEMESTER,** I led Wake Forest as we launched the first phase of work to craft a new University Strategic Framework. Part of this included exploring what makes Wake Forest distinctive — and how those particular attributes combine to make Wake Forest truly unique. As always, we see so many of these distinctions on display in Wake Forest Magazine.

We see examples of our special identity in how Wake Foresters continue to cherish our liberal arts core — as highlighted in the cover story on our philosophy program. We see it in the power of the teacher-scholar model — as elaborated upon by Al Hunt ('65, D.Litt. '91, P '11) in his essay about Wallace Carroll (D.Litt '73), an intrepid journalist and publisher who taught

Wake Forest students about constitutional rights in the 1970s and '80s. We see it in the MAESTRO program, which combines immersive cultural and linguistic pedagogy with medical education. And we see it in the success and dedication of our graduates; look no further than the article on our athletics director John Currie ('93).

All of these stories, as well as others in this issue, showcase Wake Forest's distinctiveness in action.

But they also demonstrate

how Wake Foresters have a wider impact on society. Students in the MAESTRO program learn how to provide health care services to vulnerable communities. Carroll had a profound impact on Hunt, who went on to have his own storied career as a journalist. Currie's impact is felt on the field, but also in how Wake Forest cultivates an athletics culture that saw 296 student-athletes earn spots on the 2021-22 ACC Academic Honor Roll. (That's 70% of all Demon Deacon athletes.) And there are countless illustrations of how our liberal arts core catalyzes the intrinsic potential of our students, inspiring a more holistic view of the world, which in turn enables them to lead with integrity.

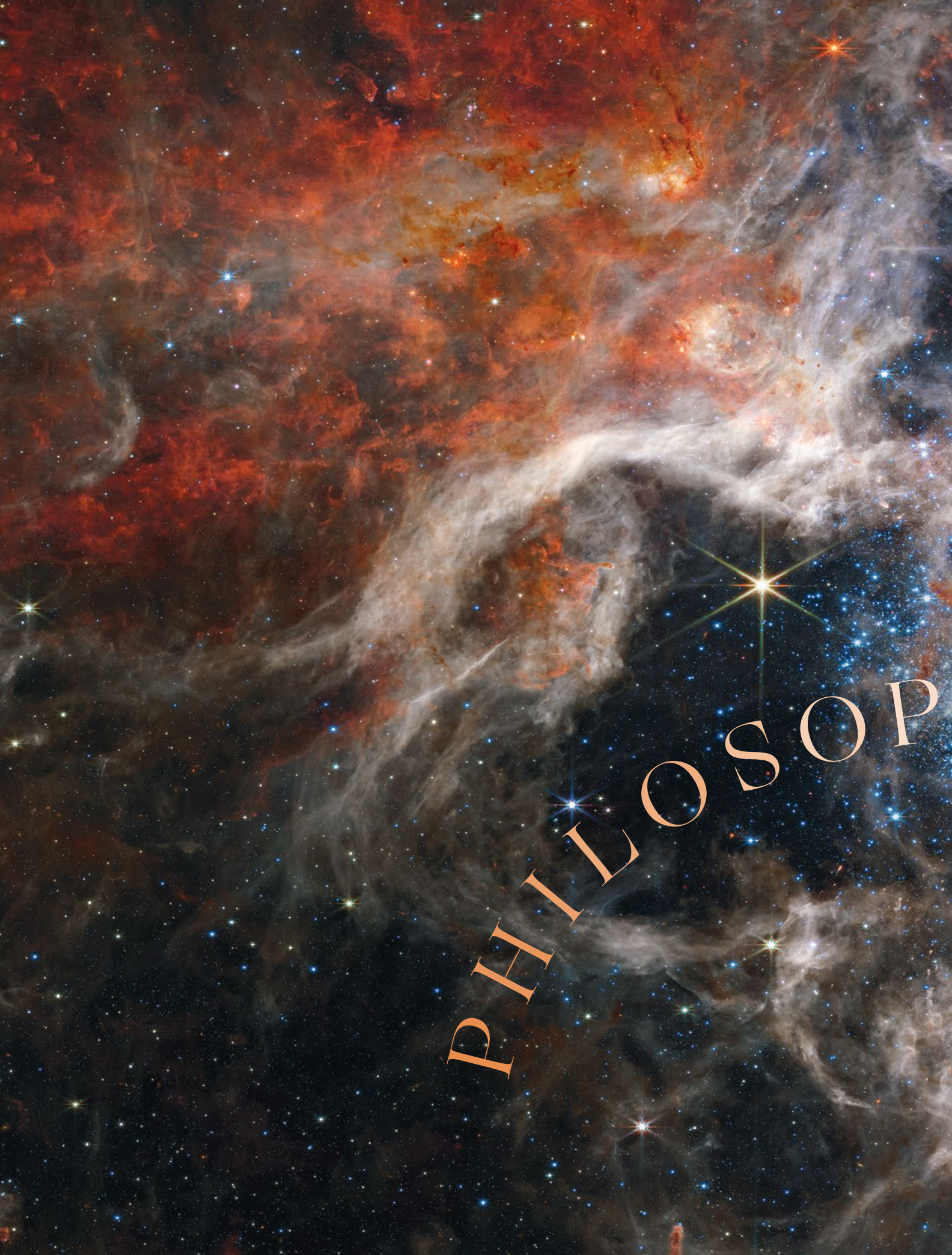
In continuing to develop the University Strategic Framework, we will hold our foundational core attributes top of mind. We also focus on an auspicious date on the horizon — 2034, when Wake Forest will celebrate its 200th anniversary. How will work and learning evolve between now and 2034? What pressing societal issues will we be best positioned to address? How will we chart a course for the University's third century?

As we seek to answer these questions and others, I'm greatly encouraged by reading Wake Forest Magazine. The wealth of evidence in these pages demonstrates how the knowledge we create and share is used every day to catalyze good in society.

Sincerely,  
Susan R. Wenthe, Ph.D.



Currie and Wenthe



PHILOSOP

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# WITH SOME PHILOSOPHY UNDER ATTACK PROGRAMS

because of  
higher education  
budget cuts and notions of  
“What are students going to do  
with that major after graduation?” —  
here’s a happy surprise:

**Wake Forest’s philosophy  
program has more majors and  
minors than ever.**

As of Spring 2022, there were 96 declared majors and 81 declared minors (177 sophomores, juniors and seniors), according to Wake Forest’s Office of Institutional Research.

In 2021-22, there were 67 students with a major or minor in philosophy who graduated, compared with 17 in 1997-98, according to data in the research office’s annual Factbook collection. That’s an increase of nearly 300%.

Philosophy is still among the smaller departments chosen as a major, but the undergraduate program has accomplished its growth without even offering graduate-level programs.

By comparison, the larger Department of Politics & International Affairs, with 180 majors and minors graduating in 2021-22, grew 125% during the same period. History graduated fewer majors but more minors during that time frame, data indicate, and English graduated fewer majors but attracted students by establishing new minors in writing and creative writing.

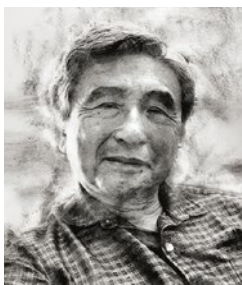
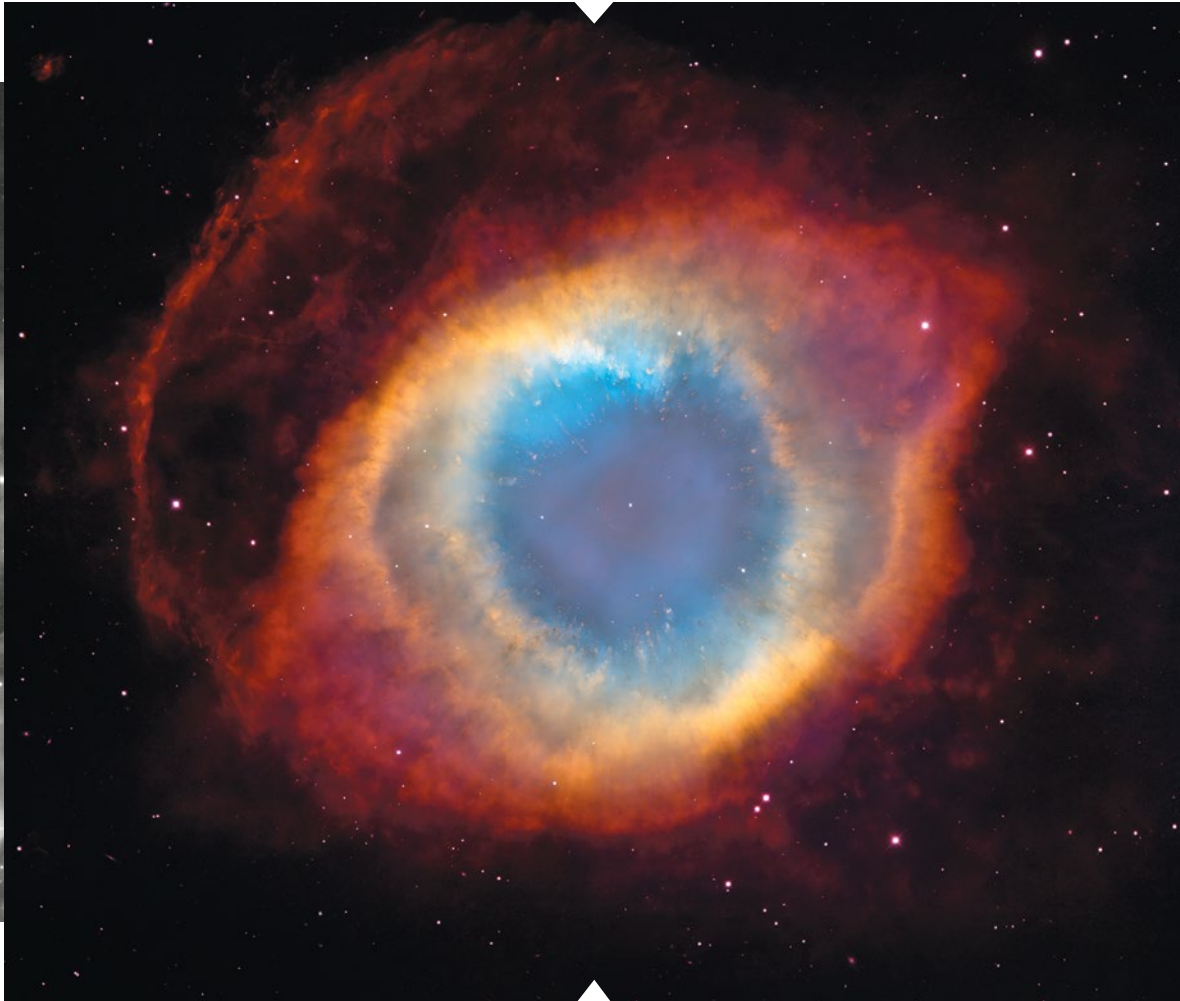




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Win-chiat Lee

To get a sense of how far the philosophy department has come, just talk to Win-chiat Lee, a philosophy professor who holds the Tatum Family Faculty Fellowship. He came to Wake Forest in 1983 and chaired the department for nearly 20 years, 1993-2001 and 2012-2021.

“When I came into the department, we were struggling with the number of majors. It rarely went beyond a single digit for each graduating class,” says Lee.

Wake Forest’s philosophy department has done better than the national trends in attracting majors over the last two decades.

The numbers of philosophy undergraduate degrees nationally rose steadily from the mid-1980s through 2013, began dropping, then began recovering slowly from 2017 to 2020, according to the National Center for Education Statistics and DATA USA.

Some colleges have eliminated philosophy programs during the pandemic or ongoing budget squeezes. But other universities have seen interest resurging before and during COVID, perhaps, some higher education watchers have suggested, reflecting the search for meaning in a world of global threats and a renewed popular media focus on the big questions in philosophy.

Let’s take a closer look at some of the theories of what has driven Wake Forest’s growth and how philosophy degrees have helped alumni find success in all sorts of fields — not just the ones you might expect, such as law, divinity and academia.



Left: Helix Nebula  
Above: The Lagoon Nebula

“Two things  
fill the mind with  
ever new and increasing  
wonder and awe,  
the more often and  
the more intensely  
the mind of thought  
is drawn to them:  
the starry heavens above  
me and the moral  
law within me.”

—German philosopher Immanuel Kant

## A DECADE OF INTENSE CHANGE

Of course, Wake Forest has more students today than it did decades ago, but the number of graduates majoring or minoring in philosophy has grown at a much faster rate than the nearly 40% increase in undergraduate degrees conferred since the Class of 1998 walked the stage.

One pivotal period for the philosophy department was 2001-2012, when Professor of Philosophy Ralph Kennedy, now emeritus, was chair. “Those were the boom years in terms of hiring new faculty,” says Lee. During that time, the department grew most years.

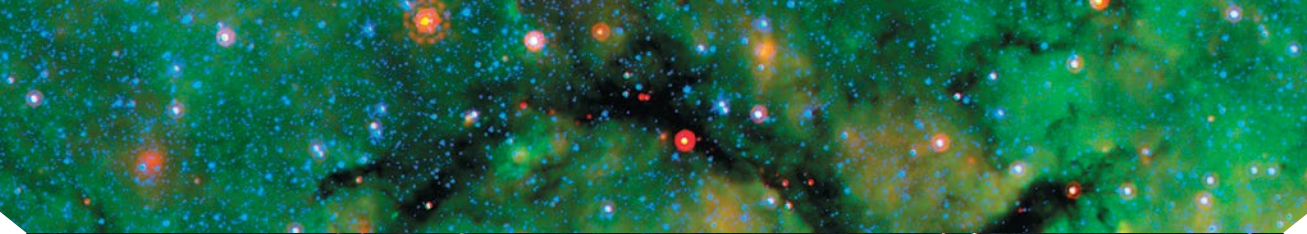
With new and more faculty came a greater variety of courses offered. For example, in the 2021-2022 academic bulletin, mixed in with classes revolving around ancient giants like Aristotle, Aquinas and Kant, you’ll now find classes with a modern twist, such as “Philosophy of Love and Friendship,” “Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art,” “Global Justice,” “Philosophical Theories in Bioethics,” “Contemporary Moral Problems,” “Main Streams of Chinese Philosophy” and “Freedom, Action and Responsibility.”

## THE GIFT OF GIFTS

A statistic that distinguishes Wake Forest’s philosophy department is the gift funding it has received. The department has one of the highest levels in the College of Arts and Sciences, says Mike Haggas (P ’21), assistant dean of College Development.

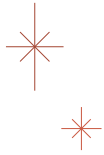
To cite just a few examples, the funding helps pay for research leaves for faculty, professorships, conferences and curriculum development. It provides meals for the Braswell Philosophy Society, a club that meets Thursday nights for an hour in Tribble Hall to discuss political, social and moral issues. The club is so popular that an Old Gold & Black article in March 2022 titled “Philosophy Society Increases Intellectual Engagement” featured a photo with two dozen students in the philosophy library.

Gift funding allows the department to bring in cutting-edge philosophers as guest speakers. In this academic year, they include philosophy faculty from Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California, Berkeley.



**Top:** The Snake  
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24 star cluster





Stavroula Glezakos

Hiring talented and committed faculty adds to the positive experiences of students who become successful and capable of giving or facilitating funding for their alma mater. For philosophy, two multimillion-dollar endowments have helped the department thrive, Haggas says.

#### MOTIVATED PRACTITIONERS

“The people in the department are really special,” says Associate Professor of Philosophy Stavroula Glezakos, who was hired in 2004 during the growth period of the early 2000s and has chaired the department since 2021. “There are people where, I’m like, ‘I knew they were productive researchers.’ And then you read the teaching evaluations and the way students write about them — they really are teacher-scholars. Everybody’s willing to put in extra time or extend themselves.”

Studies show that philosophy alumni in general often do well, in business and in pursuing graduate degrees, including law. Nationally, median earnings of those with bachelor’s degrees in philosophy exceed those of other humanities majors and were 16th among 50 majors overall, a study of 2016 data in *The Wall Street Journal* showed.

Many highly successful people — including LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, Flickr founder Stewart Butterfield, Nobel Prize-winning novelist Kazuo Ishiguro and the late civil rights activist and U.S. Rep. John Lewis — have lauded their study of philosophy and its impact on their lives.

Philosophy majors consistently perform at the top or near the top in graduate school admissions tests, according to the American Philosophical Association (APA). Philosophy majors are tops in law school admissions and generally trail only economics majors on law school exam scores, APA data show.

#### ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS

Even as division requirements at Wake Forest changed and gave more students the chance to avoid the infamously difficult philosophy classes, growth continued. Before fall 2007, all students were required to take one introductory class in philosophy, one in religion and one in history. From fall 2007 to spring 2018, students could choose two classes from just one of those three departments. Students kept choosing philosophy. Today, students can choose two classes among four disciplines: philosophy, religion, history or women’s, gender and sexuality studies.

Alumni point to the impact their philosophy study produced in their professional and personal successes and explain what drew them to the esoteric discipline.

For Lysle Evans Betts (’82), it was a philosophy major and friend at Davidson College who inspired her to consider the subject, and she ended up double majoring in philosophy and religion at Wake Forest.

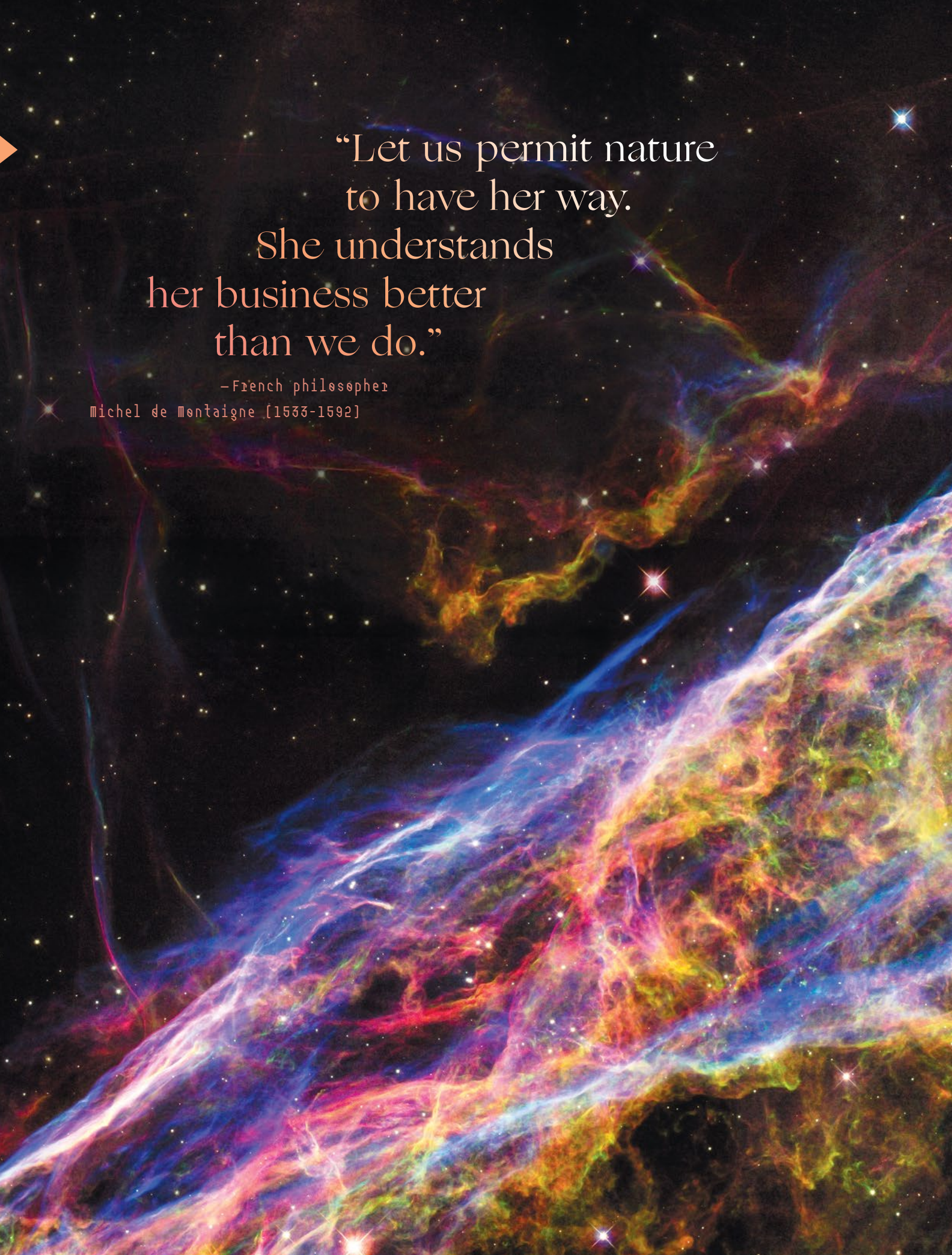
“I liked to ask around and say, ‘Who are the hardest professors?’ They tended to be the most interesting. My favorite thing was to be fascinated in class, and my least favorite thing was to be bored,” she says.

She took three philosophy classes — “Philosophy of Religion,” “Plato” and “Hegel, Kierkegaard and Nietzsche” — with Charles M. Lewis (’63, P ’13), professor emeritus and A.C. Reid Distinguished Teaching Fellow.

“He would come in with a small stack of index cards, sit at the head of the table and then ask deep questions and listen to what we said. We didn’t have a textbook or syllabus — only reading assignments from the original texts. We were graded on class participation and papers. He said the only way to get an A in his class was to make him think a thought that he’d never thought before. Isn’t that amazing?” she says.



Charles M. Lewis



“Let us permit nature  
to have her way.  
She understands  
her business better  
than we do.”

—French philosopher

Michel de Montaigne [1533-1592]





Lysle Evans Betts

Lewis confirms that Betts received an “A” in all three classes. His class notes, which he still has in his retirement, say, “She was well-prepared for involved seminar discussions. Good dialectical engagement. Personally invested in the ideas.”

The experience gave her a new sense of confidence. “I came away with a lot more trust in my own mind and my own ability to reason and think for myself. At that time, all the philosophy professors were male. Except in two philosophy classes, all my fellow classmates were male. Yet there was a clear gender egalitarianism; I was treated as a peer.”

Another perk for majors was getting a special key to the philosophy library, which Betts could enter any time, day or night. “It was so fun because only about seven or eight people who weren’t professors had keys. It was like our own special Hogwarts,” she says.

After college, she worked as director of Christian education in a Presbyterian church and then as a county social worker, but a transformative experience with a therapist during troubles in her first marriage made her want to become a therapist.

“I’m from the small town of Henderson, North Carolina, and growing up, therapy was thought of as something mainly for people with severe mental illness,” she says.

But overcoming her reluctance and talking with a therapist made her see her life through an entirely different lens. “The first time I saw a therapist, she said, ‘I don’t think your self-esteem is strong.’ And I said, ‘But isn’t that a good thing, to not think much of yourself because we’re taught as Christians that we’re supposed to be humble and not be proud?’” says Betts. “(The therapist) was a member of the same church I had grown up in, yet she saw positive self-regard as vital to health and well-being. That opened an important door for me.”

Betts later went to graduate school at North Carolina Central University and became a clinical mental health counselor, in private practice in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, since 1995.

“One of the ways my philosophy major helps me as a therapist is that lots of the people I work with are thinking about meaning, value, identity and purpose. They’re asking

questions about themselves and their lives, like, ‘Who are we and why are we here?’ For me, those questions are familiar ground. It’s come full circle,” she says.

Betts says some therapists might get uncomfortable when patients bring up hot-button issues such as God, sex, death, religion or politics.

“One of the great things about a philosophy major at Wake Forest is that it explores all the nooks and crannies of any questions anybody might ask about being human, like how should we live and what’s the meaning of life? It pushes students to inquire all the way out to those edges, and that helped me a lot.”



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of the Orion Nebula  
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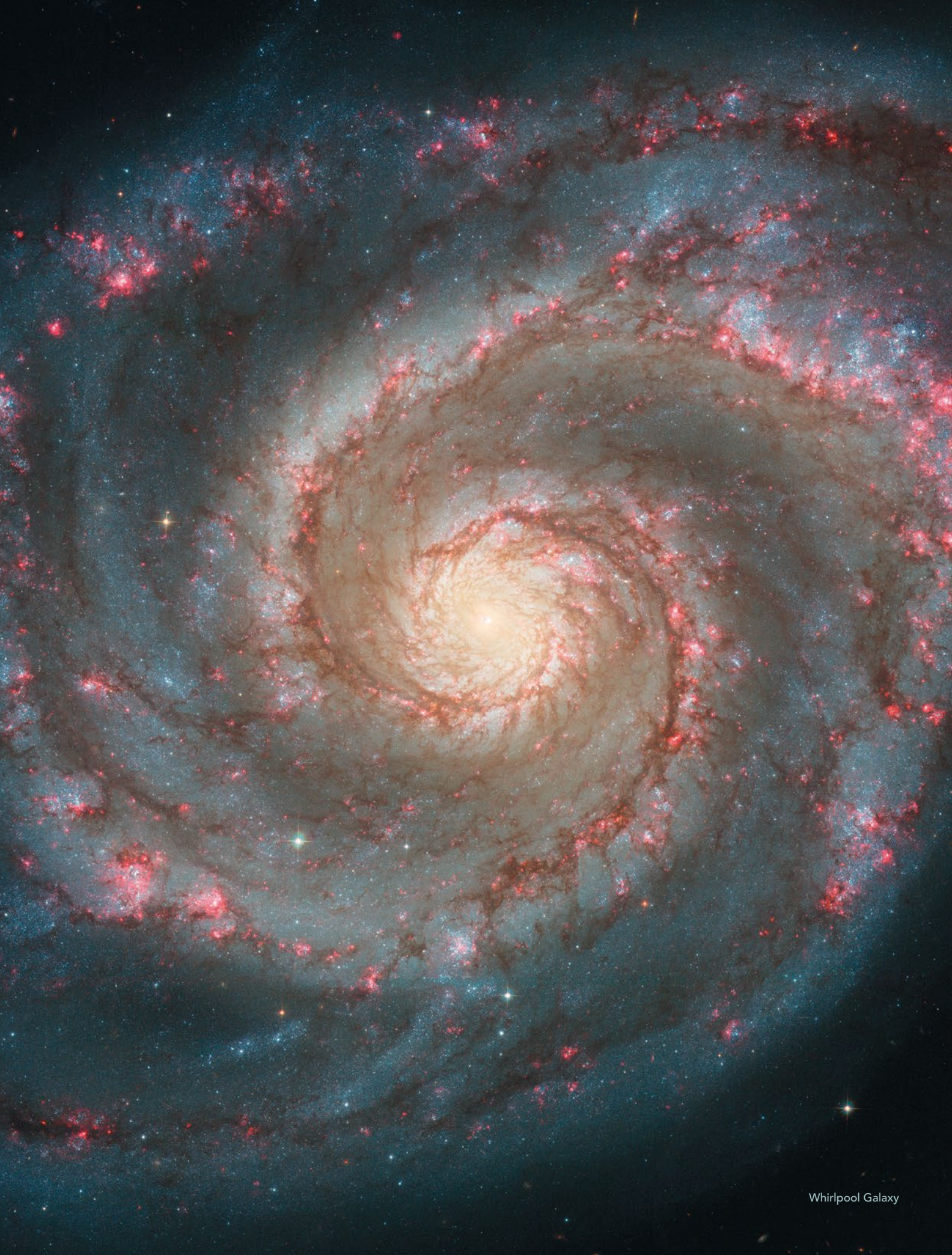


Christian Miller

## DOUBLE MAJORING

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The relative ease of a double major in philosophy at Wake Forest — at least half the philosophy graduates in 2021-22 were double majors — might have encouraged the department's growth. Requiring nine classes, or 27 hours, is "on the low end of what's required for a major," says A.C. Reid Professor of Philosophy Christian Miller. (English majors must complete 33 hours; history requires 31 hours.) "If a student can major in philosophy and something else, that can make the students — and maybe also the parents — feel a little calmer about us."



Whirlpool Galaxy



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—David Klenk [’09]

Faculty also have made a concerted effort to target younger students, helping to counter students’ impulse to procrastinate until their senior year to take a class known for difficulty in earning a high grade. When Miller arrived in 2004, “a lot of students ... had heard that it was hard — a GPA killer — and maybe not so interesting,” he says. “We were slowly able to chip away at the reputation of the department to the point where it became a desirable place to go.”

For the past decade or so, he has taught his introductory “Problems of Philosophy” class only to first-year students, usually in the fall. “They’re brand new, very excited, highly motivated — not jaded or burned out. They do the reading and have a lot to say, and hopefully, they get hooked on it and want to take more.”

## HONING PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS

David Klenk (’09) got hooked in an introductory philosophy class with Glezakos, “a wonderful professor who was just so accessible and made the material so interesting,” Klenk says.

“In her class, we’d do the Ship of Theseus thought experiment. If the ship is anchored in a port and you slowly replaced every single piece of it — every plank, every nail — is it still the same ship? If it isn’t, at what point did it become a different ship? And if you took all the old pieces and moved down the port and reassembled them, is that still the same ship?” says Klenk.

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As a confused, aimless 19-year-old, it just blew me away. I thought, ‘You can study material like this and ponder these kinds of concepts?’”

Philosophy professors insisted on essays that were thought out and well constructed, improving his writing, he says. “It truly did teach me how to make an argument.”



David Klenk

He applied that skill as a proposal writer for ClearBridge Investments, an asset management firm based in New York with several offices around the world.

Organizations with capital to invest would put out a request for proposal (RFP) to several asset management firms, and Klenk’s job was to answer dozens to hundreds of questions in 100 to 200 pages and create a compelling PowerPoint presentation to earn the business. “I’ve helped secure wins in the eight- to nine-figure range,” he says.

Klenk, who earned an MBA in 2021 at Baruch College in the City University of New York system, has risen at ClearBridge to vice president, channel marketing and advertising. He is grateful to Glezakos for inspiring him to take the philosophy route.

## OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Glezakos says the past chairs for whom she worked, including Lee and Kennedy, created an environment that helped the philosophy department flourish and retain faculty.

“I just started as chair, but everything that we’ve become — a lot of it is due to past chairs, ... the kind of climate they developed and the ways that they supported faculty and students,” says Glezakos. “They’re both genuinely modest. They offered guidance, but it was never about putting themselves in front.”

Kennedy, she says, is soft-spoken and clear-minded, and he inspired trust in his judgment. One of Lee’s many strengths, she says, is bringing a cheerful, positive energy — as well as snacks and drinks — to meetings. “He gives this feeling of ‘We are a community, and it’s fun to be a part of it.’”



Jason LeVasseur

## CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Lee was someone who made a huge impact on Jason LeVasseur ('94).

LeVasseur distinctly remembers not knowing how to deal with a breakup during college. "I thought I was the most heartbroken person in history. Romeo had nothing on me," he says.

Instead of asking for advice from his peers, who might not have understood, he knocked on Lee's door and was immediately welcomed. "I got to vent and say things that I couldn't say to other people. Dr. Lee asked me thoughtful questions about my motives and did I want to get back together and was this the right fit for me. He helped me feel good about me. And he asked me questions about how I thought she felt, which helped me see things from her perspective," LeVasseur says.

Lee's generosity made the conversation one of LeVasseur's fondest college memories. "I never felt like he was in a hurry. He made time and space for me. My biggest takeaway from that experience was: The philosophy faculty really, truly care about their students," he says.

LeVasseur, a double major in philosophy and English, took that memory with him as he launched his career. His initial plan was to teach English for a few years, then go to law school and focus on environmental law, but music lured him away. A presidential scholar, LeVasseur joined a band called "Life In General" and began performing at venues and writing songs.

"Majoring in philosophy and having the ability to see things from different perspectives helped my songwriting. The words I would sing weren't necessarily my story. I was able to write songs in somebody else's voice," he says.

During summers, he'd take a break from touring to work at a summer camp in Maine. An adviser from Central Connecticut State University visited the camp and walked in on

LeVasseur leading a fun, inspiring staff training event and persuaded him to do a workshop with her college students.

"It was the first time I was on stage without a guitar or drums," he says. That keynote address was such a success that it drove him toward another career: motivational speaking. He went on to create The Rock Star Project,<sup>®</sup> a leadership development program infused with his passion, music.

"I help celebrate your 'instrument' (the skills and strengths that make you unique) and how you make an impact on your 'band' (your team, your club, your family or your professional organization). I help students who don't feel like they're influential realize that they're powerful. Part of being a rock star is embracing that your instrument matters," he says.

He credits his positive, well-received talks to the bond that he experienced roughly 30 years ago with Lee. Now he's paying it forward. He says: "I think I have a way of helping people feel comfortable. I can break down the wall or the barrier and help people feel connected to me."

## A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Glezakos says the department's professors make studying philosophy a good experience for students, even in a time when expressing themselves can be stressful in contentious discussions. Professors emphasize "fostering a climate that is supportive of dialogue," says Glezakos. "(Students) can be questioned and challenged, but we do our best to not have an environment where people feel judged or shamed."

The department has moved toward offering classes "with issues and concerns that students have and really giving them a setting to think carefully, slowly and intensely about these things," says Glezakos.

"Young people right now have so much to contend with that feels important: social issues like historical and ongoing racism and its effects, environmental issues, political instability. Students are, like, 'A lot is at stake, and we're the people who are going to have to address these things. We're going to have to find ways to work cooperatively with people — maybe with people whose views are not the same.'"

That is the gift that philosophy professors aim to give to students.


*Jane Bianchi ('05) became associate director of strategic communications and marketing for Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Florida, in July. Previously, she wrote and edited for magazines and worked as a freelance writer.*



**Top:** Boomerang Nebula **Bottom:** Stellar nursery with a giant nebula and its neighbor  
**Next page:** Carina Nebula







“But nature flies  
from the infinite; for  
the infinite is imperfect,  
and nature always  
seeks an end.”

—Greek philosopher Aristotle

Rx:

# EMPATHY

*A bridge between the Reynolda campus and the School of Medicine leads to a 'unicorn' medical Spanish clinical knowledge and a focus*

*campus and the School of Medicine program, merging language skills, on empathy for future doctors.*

**BY CAROL L. HANNER**

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his eyes focused intently, in the way people do when they're figuring something out, Spencer Giglio ('21, MD '25) looks down and processes how to speak his next sentence in Spanish with his 10-year-old patient.

Giglio is a second-year medical student in the MAESTRO certificate program in the Wake Forest School of Medicine. The program was founded as an innovative collaboration between a pediatrician in the medical school and an award-winning Spanish professor on the Reynolda campus. The goal is to train future doctors how best to treat patients who primarily speak Spanish. These patients make up a growing proportion of those in the United States and locally who are subject to health inequities.

The program's first class of nine medical students will graduate this spring, and the program is winning praise for its deep, four-year process and its rare merging of language pedagogy and medical education.

Giglio practices a conversation with a fictional young patient on a Friday morning in September in a small medical school office in downtown Winston-Salem. Playing the verbal role of the 10-year-old with asthma is Mariana Pardy, a veteran hospital interpreter who joined



MAESTRO (Medical Applied Education in Spanish through Training, Resources and Overlearning) as an instructor in January 2022.

Giglio uses prompts from a document with a case description and instructions on dealing with the patient. Pardy gives him feedback on his language use — (“Your Spanish is good. I feel like your grammar has improved. ... Keep working on verb tenses.”) — and how best to work with patients from a different culture.

For example, she tells him, instead of pronouncing medications such as albuterol in English in his throaty, native California accent, say the word with a crisp Spanish accent “because that’s actually how the patient would read it.”

She tells Giglio he did well explaining the difference between the patient’s everyday

inhaler and the emergency one. She cautions him that referring to the inhaler using the verb “manejar” for “to handle” could confuse a 10-year-old. That’s because in Spanish, that verb used alone could mean “to operate,” as in a car.

“It would have been a really weird word. (He might say), ‘I don’t drive; I’m 10 years old,’” says Pardy, a native of Mexico who began ad-hoc interpreting for her family when she was a teenager.

For Giglio, this is all a lot to think about. He majored in math, with a minor in chemistry, at Wake Forest. He began developing his Spanish in high school, with volunteer work and mission trips abroad, but with a patient he must speak with precision, in a natural speed, while keeping a formal but friendly tone, a smile and open body language. Plus, he plans to practice pediatrics, so adjusting for speaking to a child is important. Under pressure, “I forgot about that,” he acknowledges to Pardy.

And he had to punt on some of the medical vocabulary. “You missed the ultrasound,” she tells him after another practice exercise. “Yeah, I had no clue how to say that one,” Giglio says.

She advises him to study the Spanish for all of the medical terms in his pulmonary/respiratory and cardiac modules, which the MAESTRO curriculum parallels.

Just as important as the language, Pardy tells Giglio, is how he makes a patient feel. He must maintain eye contact and be aware of his expressions. He is a caring person, and he must show it. He must convey warmth. That will help him gain the patient’s trust, she tells him. He will need that relationship with Spanish speakers, particularly those who come from remote cultures, lack immigration documents or have little faith in American institutions.

It is these last points — how do the patients feel, and do they trust you? — that serve as a valuable lesson for any medical student, the program founders say. After all, medical students already have an abundance of smarts, work ethic and ambition, or they wouldn't have made it to medical school in the first place. Empathy matters, the professors say.

### A UNICORN PROGRAM

The MAESTRO program emerged from the passions of its director, Dr. Tiffany Shin, and its associate director, Carmen Pérez-Muñoz.

Shin is a pediatrician and assistant professor in the medical school, fluent in Spanish and an advocate for improving care for the Hispanic community. Pérez-Muñoz is an assistant teaching professor of Spanish and a native of Spain. In 2019, she won a Teaching Innovation Award from the Wake Forest Center for the Advancement of Teaching for redesigning the Spanish for Health Professionals undergraduate class.

Shin is Chinese-American, with a Chinese-American father and a mother who is a native of Hong Kong and taught her Cantonese at home. Inspired by her parents' lifelong commitment to service, Shin was interested from a young age in helping those suffering from illness, poverty or injustice. At Covenant College in Georgia she majored in biology with minors in chemistry and Spanish. She studied abroad in Costa Rica, focusing on Indigenous and marginalized people in Central America. In medical school at UNC-Chapel Hill, she took part in a four-year medical Spanish program. When she came to Wake Forest, she found students eager to better serve the many Hispanic patients in the community.

Besides studying and teaching Spanish, Pérez-Muñoz had worked in medical schools, beginning at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in Hispanic literature, and later at a private medical school in Missouri.

After coming to Wake Forest in 2016 to teach undergraduate Spanish, "I wanted to do something with the Wake School of Medicine, but I did not exactly know how to approach it," she says. A mentor at UNC who knew Shin

from her days in the medical Spanish program there connected the two women at Wake Forest.

"We hit it off immediately, both at a personal and at a professional level," Pérez-Muñoz says. "She had the same idea. We combined our strengths, and with her contacts at the medical school, ... literally six months after we met, we were launching the pilot. ... This happened very fast."

Pérez-Muñoz says she and Shin, before recruiting Pardy, led the program as "a two-woman show," taking only 10 to 12 students a year despite many more applications. The program is unusual in merging language pedagogy from Pérez-Muñoz with medical education principles from Shin.

"There's not a program like this anywhere in the country that we've heard of," says Shin, who is on the steering committee of the National Association of Medical Spanish (NAMS). "And the people who run programs at other universities have commented that, 'Wow, I wish I could have that at my institution. You guys are a unicorn together.'"

Dr. Pilar Ortega, president of NAMS, is familiar with Wake Forest's program. She is a clinical associate professor in the departments of medical education and emergency medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

She says results of a survey published in 2021 found that nearly 80% of the 125 medical schools that responded offered some form of medical Spanish program, but students, rather than faculty, run about half of them. She says that was the norm until a decade ago. Having at least one faculty member dedicated to a program is seen as important to incorporating clinical knowledge into the curriculum, Ortega says.

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From left, Dr. Tiffany Shin, Mariana Pardy,  
Melisa Diadem Yuce ('19, MD '23) and  
Carmen Pérez-Muñoz





Dr. Tiffany Shin

“This model that Dr. Shin and Dr. Pérez-Muñoz have is unique and particularly useful in that they balance each other in terms of their fields of expertise and their prior training,” Ortega says.

A program like Wake Forest’s trains doctors in ways that benefit patients and also can attract more Hispanic students to become doctors and bring improved care to Hispanic communities, Ortega says.

## **BARRIERS AND DANGERS**

Shin, Pérez-Muñoz and Pardy, a project manager in community-engaged research studies in the Department of Social Sciences at Wake Forest’s medical school, know the stakes are high for Spanish-speaking patients. The medical system can bewilder even native-born Americans.

Consider an alarmingly simple scenario: “Take these pills once daily,” a doctor tells a patient from rural Mexico. Without fully understanding, the patient does the polite thing and nods in agreement. The pharmacy label on the bottle will reinforce the message. “Take once a day.”

But the Spanish word for 11 is “once.” While it’s pronounced “ON-say,” the potential for overdose is clear if the label isn’t in Spanish and the patient hasn’t received careful instruction from the doctor or an interpreter.

Culture, too, can complicate the care of Spanish-only speakers. Some patients might not realize that their herbal remedies or methods from a community healer are relevant to the doctor. A physician who asks questions in a way that feels too direct, too private or too judgmental might not get accurate answers. And patients from other cultures who lack trust in the doctor might feel free to adjust their treatment themselves if they don’t like side effects or don’t see results.

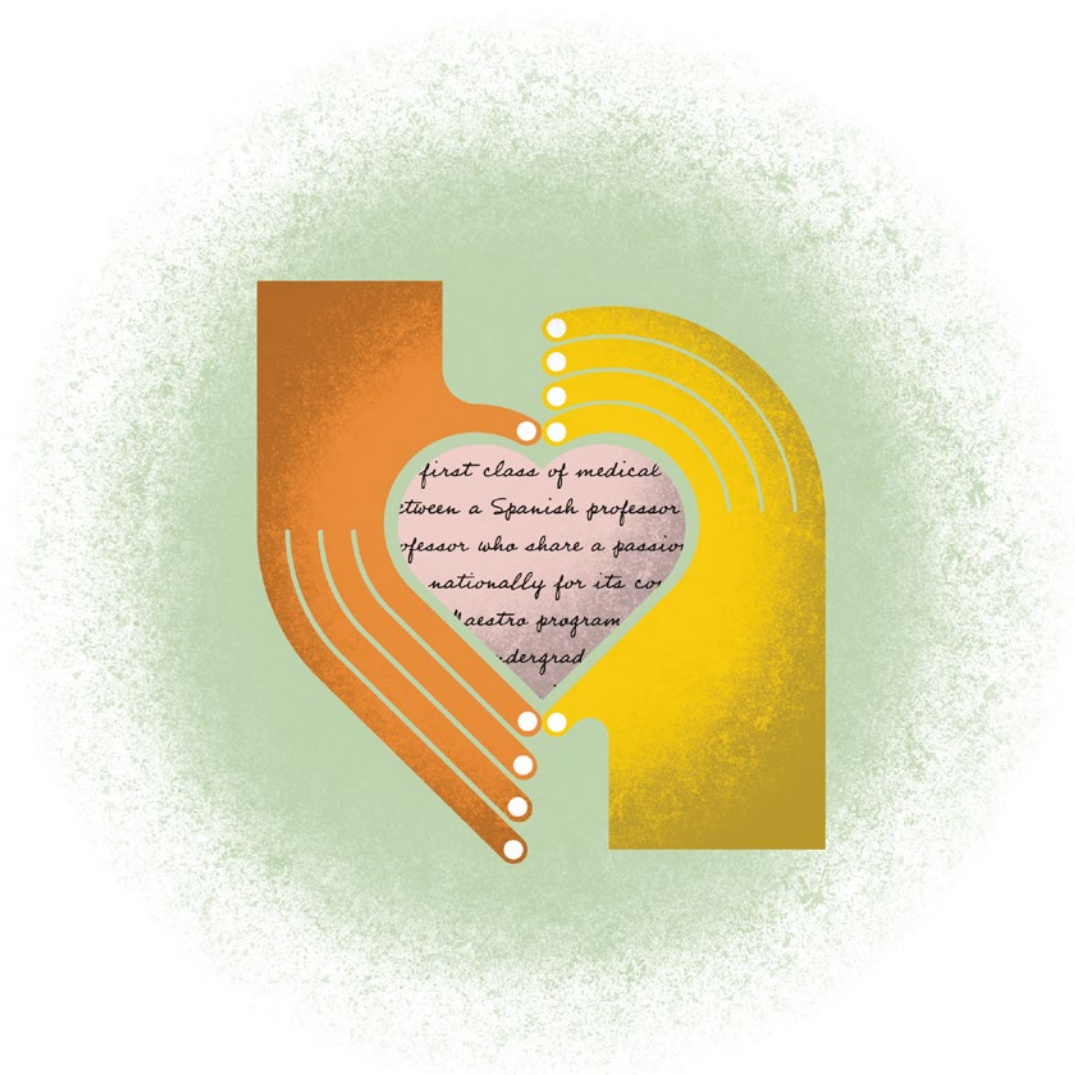
Cultural humility is a key element of the program, Pérez-Muñoz says. What a doctor might say to an Anglo speaker is not necessarily the way to approach a Spanish speaker, she says.

An example is the “pain scale” used by American doctors. Gauging pain on a numerical scale from 1 to 10 is not a natural concept in many Hispanic cultures, the professors say.

Chronic pain can register differently than an acute spasm. Pain varies over time. And a woman who has given birth or someone who has passed a kidney stone has a different pain spectrum than a person blessed with a history of only minor pains.

The program teaches students to use alternatives, asking how the pain affects patients’ lives or limits activities, such as sleeping, walking or working. “It’s a practice that is becoming more common for everybody,” Pérez-Muñoz says.

*It is these last points — how do the patients feel, and do they trust you? — that serve as a valuable lesson for any medical student, the program founders say.*



### CONNECTING CAMPUSES

For medical student Melisa Diadem Yuce ('19, MD '23), taking the undergraduate medical Spanish class with Pérez-Muñoz gave her a leg up in pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor. The class also can steer undergraduates into other medical careers, including interpreting or translating.

The class requires students to do community service such as volunteering in clinics, do research projects on Hispanic health issues and learn to do medical interviews. It includes a final roleplay assignment in a mock exam room at the medical school with a native Spanish speaker. Each student has 20 minutes to conduct a full medical history — an exercise that the medical students in MAESTRO also tackle, with savvy interpreters acting as patients and throwing curveballs to test students' ability to pivot.

Yuce has traveled the full circle of medical Spanish at Wake Forest. In her fourth year of

medical school, she is the current co-chair of the student design committee that has helped shape the MAESTRO curriculum and support students.

Like Shin, Yuce is multicultural and has known since childhood that she wanted to become a doctor, the first in her family. Her parents immigrated from Turkey to Greensboro, North Carolina. They were both music teachers and instilled service as a value, and Yuce was bilingual because they both spoke Turkish at home.

"I was really interested in anatomy. I also really enjoyed science. I enjoyed solving problems. I really liked doing puzzles when I was little, like logic puzzles," Yuce says. "Serving people was also very important for me. So, I felt like (medicine) was a good intersection of all the things that I enjoyed."

She learned Spanish in elementary and high school and saw it as a way to indulge her fascination with cultures and to meet people. She



*The instructors suggest asking patients, "How many alcoholic drinks a week would you say you consume?" rather than asking, "Do you drink alcohol?" which can imply judgment.*



maored in Spanish at Wake Forest, with a concentration in Spanish for the medical profession. She minored in chemistry on the pre-med track and added a minor in Chinese language and culture. A heavy agenda didn't slow her down; she graduated summa cum laude.

She has kept up the pace in medical school, with plans to specialize in OB/GYN. On the MAESTRO student design team, she not only gives feedback on the curriculum but also recruits participants and offers input during applicant selection.

Yuce says her undergraduate class with Pérez-Muñoz gave her a head start. The first year of MAESTRO formed a solid language base and helped her develop her linguistic style and adjust to the patient's level. "Sometimes you can't go using all the fancy words that you learned. You need to find ways to explain things to people based on their health literacy," Yuce says. She has accepted the extra work of designing MAESTRO as part of her passion.

Shin says, "The students have given input from Day One. ... They provide great insight into how can we improve this. ... They're full-time learners; that's their job. They know best how they learn best. And they come up with really creative and innovative ideas."

For example, Shin says, students adapted a flashcard app called Anki for studying medical content. They suggested the best times for certain assessments that might clash with days scheduled for eight hours of lectures.



Melisa Diadem Yuce ('19, MD '23)

## A GULP FROM THE FIRE HOSE

In August, first-year MAESTRO students arrive at a medical school classroom for the introductory class with Shin, Pérez-Muñoz and Pardy.

The students will go through monthly workshops with the instructors, learn to take medical histories and perform a required 50 hours of community service in clinics by their third year. The second year brings faculty-guided instruction and self-study, with students watching videos of actors playing patients and recording their own responses for faculty to review. Students also prepare for a major goal, passing the exam that certifies them to work with Spanish-speaking patients without a medical interpreter. The third year focuses on clinical rotations, and the fourth year on community engagement.

The program doesn't have an official estimate of student hours spent in MAESTRO, but Yuce, midway through her fourth year, has logged 105 volunteer hours as an interpreter. She estimates she spent about 40 hours on workshops and practice sessions in the first two years. The last two years are more informal, using Spanish in clinical settings.

Shin says the often-used analogy is that the pace of medical school is like drinking out of a fire hose. "And then our students sought to do more — in another language, which is tiring," she says.

The dozen students from across the country share their backgrounds: this class has a handful of students who grew up speaking Spanish at home, in Cuba, Peru, Mexico. All students speak a high level of Spanish, a prerequisite for admission, though one young man jokes that he has spoken mostly "party Spanish."

Language proficiency is important in choosing participants, say Pérez-Muñoz and Shin, but most critical is a passion for working with Hispanic patients and a strong sense of empathy.

Doctors, in a fast-paced environment, are dealing with patients who might be in a very fragile state and "not even knowing if people are going to truly understand what they're going through," Pérez-Muñoz says. "It is extra important that they feel like somebody cares about them."

## SPANISH UNDER SCRUTINY

In their first MAESTRO class in August, both Spanish and English are spoken, but most of the program will happen in Spanish. The teachers pass out slips of paper with various scenarios describing a patient and symptoms. In pairs, the students take turns doing a medical interview of the other student posing as the patient, with instructions to reveal some information only if asked. The professors hover, and some students get visibly flustered when an instructor stands close to watch and listen.

Afterward, the instructors give feedback to the class. “You don’t have to say gracias after every sentence,” Pérez-Muñoz tells them, the first of many lessons in maintaining a balance between formality and friendliness. “This is a medical environment. They are here to get your help. They expect questions.”

Sensitivity is key. Food scarcity can affect a patient’s health, but asking parents whether they regularly run out of food at home can feel insulting or paternalistic, the students learn. The doctor can smooth the way by explaining that all patients get asked these same personal questions. The doctor also can work more indirectly, noting that the pandemic or rising grocery prices have stressed many families’ finances and asking if that has affected the patient’s family.

“By normalizing it, you are opening that window for people to be a little bit more likely to share whatever issues they might be having,” Pérez-Muñoz says.

The medical students will get hundreds of such lessons in the next four years as they learn to be doctors.

Many of the heritage Spanish speakers in the current class talked in their application essays about having to help parents or grandparents who could not speak English and needed medical care in a small town with no interpreting services, Pérez-Muñoz says.

“It gives them that perspective of ‘It’s not easy for these people. I want to be one of the doctors that can help them.’”





From left, Mariana Pardy,  
Carmen Pérez-Muñoz, Melisa  
Diadem Yuce ('19, MD '23)  
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*What makes John Currie ('93)  
run? His job as director of  
athletics energizes this  
peripatetic man with a plan.*

**By Kerry M. King ('85)**

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### **JOHN CURRIE IS IN A HURRY.**

Forget the elevator on the sixth floor of McCreary Tower at Truist Field. He's running down the stairs. As the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black marching band performs its show before the Wake Forest-Army football game,

Currie is beelining for the field, just one stop of many on this perfect football evening in October.

"Let's go," Currie says as we head down the stairs. Every athletics staffer who has learned that I will be following Currie ('93) at the game has offered a knowing smile and a version of "good luck." I've been warned that Currie has a motor that never stops and that he could outlast the Energizer Bunny. Currie himself told me, "Wear your running shoes." Before we hit the stairs I'm already behind.

We reach the field in time to watch the "Open the Gate" ceremony. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brian Mennes, deputy commanding general of the XVIII Airborne Corps, rides in on the back of a motorcycle driven by the Demon Deacon. As the football team rushes onto the field, fireworks burst above a sold-out stadium. Currie takes in the scene and stands still, one of the few times all night.

Currie, 51, has been running full speed since he succeeded Ron Wellman (P '98, '01), his longtime mentor and onetime boss, to become Wake Forest's sixth director of athletics. After starting his career as an intern in the

Deacon Club and serving as the athletics director at Kansas State University and the University of Tennessee, Currie returned home in 2019.

"Wake Forest athletics was chugging along nicely and doing well by all standards, academically and athletically," says Peter Brubaker (MA '86, P '17), Wake Forest's faculty athletics representative to the Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA and professor and chair of health and exercise science. "And then the bullet train came through the station, and you were already late, and you're grabbing on and trying to hold on."





Don't expect Currie to slow down. He has the energy and passion to drive the athletics train to more ACC and national championships. And to anyone still tempted to describe Wake Forest as "the little engine that could," that train left the station many championships ago. "We're a jet engine now," he says. As of early November, Wake Forest boasted nationally ranked teams in field hockey, men's soccer and men's cross-country. When I ask him for an assessment of the athletics program, he offers one word: "Ascending." Then he adds, not surprisingly, "and accelerating. And I believe our best days are ahead of us."

**Left:** John Currie at the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida  
**Below:** Women's soccer players Hulda Arnarsdottir ('20, MA '22), left, and Shayla Smart ('22)

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Fans greet head coach Dave Clawson and the football team during the Deacon Walk before the Wake Forest-Liberty game in September.

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**BEFORE HIS INTRODUCTORY NEWS CONFERENCE** as athletics director, Currie stopped by his freshman room, 304B Kitchin Residence Hall, much to the surprise of the student living in what once was a tiny unairconditioned, back-room double. Currie’s story now includes “a chapter that I could never have imagined as an 18-year-old freshman,” he said at the news conference. “The best of everything I have in my life — my wife and family, my professional values, my career and my friendships — begins with Wake Forest.”

Less than a year into his tenure, COVID-19 shut down much of the world and upended sports schedules. He grew weary of hearing what one couldn’t do. He saw it as an opportunity and created a CAN committee: What can we do? COVID will end at some point, so let’s be ready to sprint out of the pandemic, he liked to say. Seeking to revive the basketball program, he made a coaching change at the height of the pandemic, replacing basketball coach Danny Manning with East Tennessee State’s Steve Forbes, the only men’s basketball coaching change at a major school in the spring of 2020. In spring 2022, he hired American University’s Megan Gebbia as the women’s basketball head coach.

Last fall, every team qualified for postseason action for the first time in history. Since late 2021, Wake Forest has won ACC championships in men’s and women’s golf and men’s cross country and an Atlantic Division title in football. The University has had five ACC coaches of the year: Forbes, football coach Dave Clawson, field hockey coach Jen Averill, women’s golf coach Kim Lewellen (P ’25) and John Hayes, director of track & field and cross

country. Numerous athletes have been named ACC Player of the Year and to All-American and All-ACC teams and to the ACC Academic Honor Roll. New basketball locker rooms named for Chris Paul (’07) and Dr. Caryl Guth (’57, MD ’62) opened in the Miller Center last year. The \$38 million McCreary Football Complex opens this spring.

How does Wake Forest, the smallest Power 5 school, succeed? That’s a question Currie says others often ask. It’s investing in the right coaches and state-of-the-art facilities and providing student-athletes with the resources to succeed and the opportunity for an education at a top-30 national university. “Wake Forest’s advantage and pathway to continued excellence is the fact that we are really distinctive,” he told an alumni group at Homecoming in mid-September. “Rather than worry about the things we can’t control — which we don’t — we have chosen to focus on being really excellent at the things that are distinctive about Wake Forest.”

Wake Forest trustee Ben Sutton (’80, JD ’83, P ’14, ’19), founder and chair of Teall Sports & Entertainment, has worked with hundreds of athletics directors in his roles at Teall, ISP Sports and IMG College. Currie is one of the best, he says. “The pressure to perform, achieve and win in college sports is higher than at any point I’ve ever seen,” Sutton says. “But John relishes that challenge, and he’s up to it.”

Currie preaches five guiding principles: Create a world-class student-athlete experience; ensure integrity in academics, compliance, finance, inclusion and safety; bring value to the University, Winston-Salem and the Triad; win championships; and provide the best fan experience in North Carolina.



“We don’t need to be the biggest or the most expensive, but we should be a model program,” Currie tells me in his small office in Manchester Athletic Center. His Wake Forest diploma hangs above two plaques from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics recognizing him as Athletics Director of the Year last year and, in 2013, at Kansas State. Family photographs rest on several bookshelves amid books on leadership. A whiteboard is covered with scribbles in blue and black ink, most of which I can’t read, except for “Connection = Culture” written in large letters.

Two days after Wake Forest defeated Army, Currie met with his senior administrative staff, as he does most Monday mornings. He peppers the group with questions about things he noticed at the game. No detail escapes his notice, from traffic on Deacon Boulevard to replays on the giant video board. To provide the “best fan experience” means constantly raising, and exceeding, expectations. “John has an amazing mindset of ‘it can always be better,’” says Barry Faircloth (’93, P ’22, ’24), the longtime executive associate athletic director for external operations. “He wants to see things with his own eyes and make changes based on what he sees.”

Currie made it a priority to reengage students — “to have fun” coming out of the pandemic with Friday night fireworks and pep rallies on Hearn Plaza before home football games and free food at the student tailgate. He’s enhanced communications through daily emails featuring the stories of

student-athletes, coaches and alumni. He uses his own weekly e-newsletter, *From the Quad*, to celebrate athletics accomplishments and as a platform to promote other areas of the University; one discussed an upcoming basketball game and Undergraduate Research Day.

He wants students, alumni and Winston-Salem residents to join in the fun of Wake Forest athletics, as he did when he was a student celebrating with classmates and student-athletes after big wins over Duke or Carolina. You can almost hear him calling out, “Come on, let’s go to Deactown.”

“The engagement and excitement of (Wake Forest) students around athletics, the incredible environment for our student-athletes and the incredible atmosphere in this moment will be a lifetime memory for everyone who’s here,” Currie says.

**C** **URRIE HAS MEMENTOS OF SEVERAL SPECIAL MOMENTS** in his office, including a football from his first win as athletics director at Wake Forest (vs. Utah State on Aug. 30, 2019) and one from the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. A framed photograph of Randolph Childress (’94, P ’20) hitting the winning shot in the 1995 ACC Basketball Championship hangs on one wall. And no Wake Forest AD’s office would be complete without a photograph of Brian Piccolo (’65, P ’87, ’89) with his teammate and future Wake Forest football coach John Mackovic (’65, P ’97).



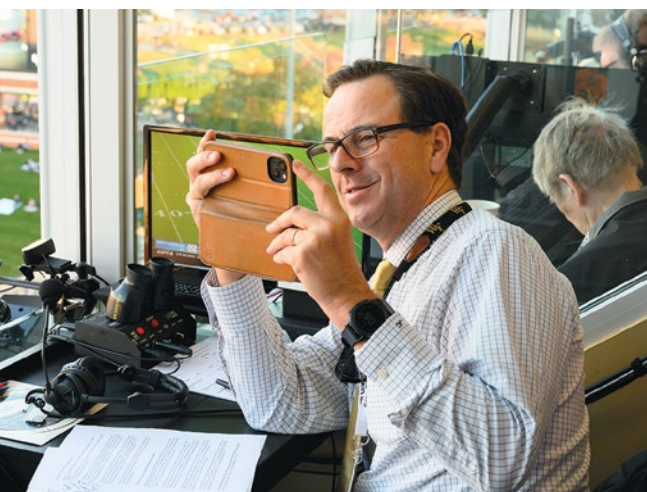


John Currie sings the alma mater at the Wake Forest-Army football game in October.



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—Jim Phillips, commissioner, Atlantic Coast Conference



Currie still remembers his first big Wake Forest wins growing up in the heart of Tobacco Road in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was 8 years old when he watched Wake Forest defeat North Carolina, 24-19, in Kenan Memorial Stadium in 1979 on the way to the Tangerine Bowl. In 1982, he was in Carmichael Auditorium when Wake Forest, led by Danny Young ('84) and Jim Johnstone ('82), upset the No. 1 Tar Heels, 55-48, one of only two defeats that season for the eventual national champions.

But his memories come with a twist. In those days, Currie was an “obnoxious” — his word — Carolina fan. His parents and other family members graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill, and he grew up going to Carolina games with his father. His father, who died in 2015, was a Morehead Scholar who also earned a medical degree from UNC and was on the faculty at the medical school and later at Johns Hopkins and Dartmouth medical schools. Currie’s mother was a librarian who later earned a divinity degree from Duke University and became a Methodist minister.

At Chapel Hill High School, Currie was president of his senior class and editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. He played soccer and baseball, and while he wasn’t the best player, he hustled. “I had to overcome my lack of athleticism with hard work and effort” is how he puts it. As much as he loved sports, he loved studying history, too. His grandfather was a D-Day veteran, and Currie devoured as many books on World War II as he could find.

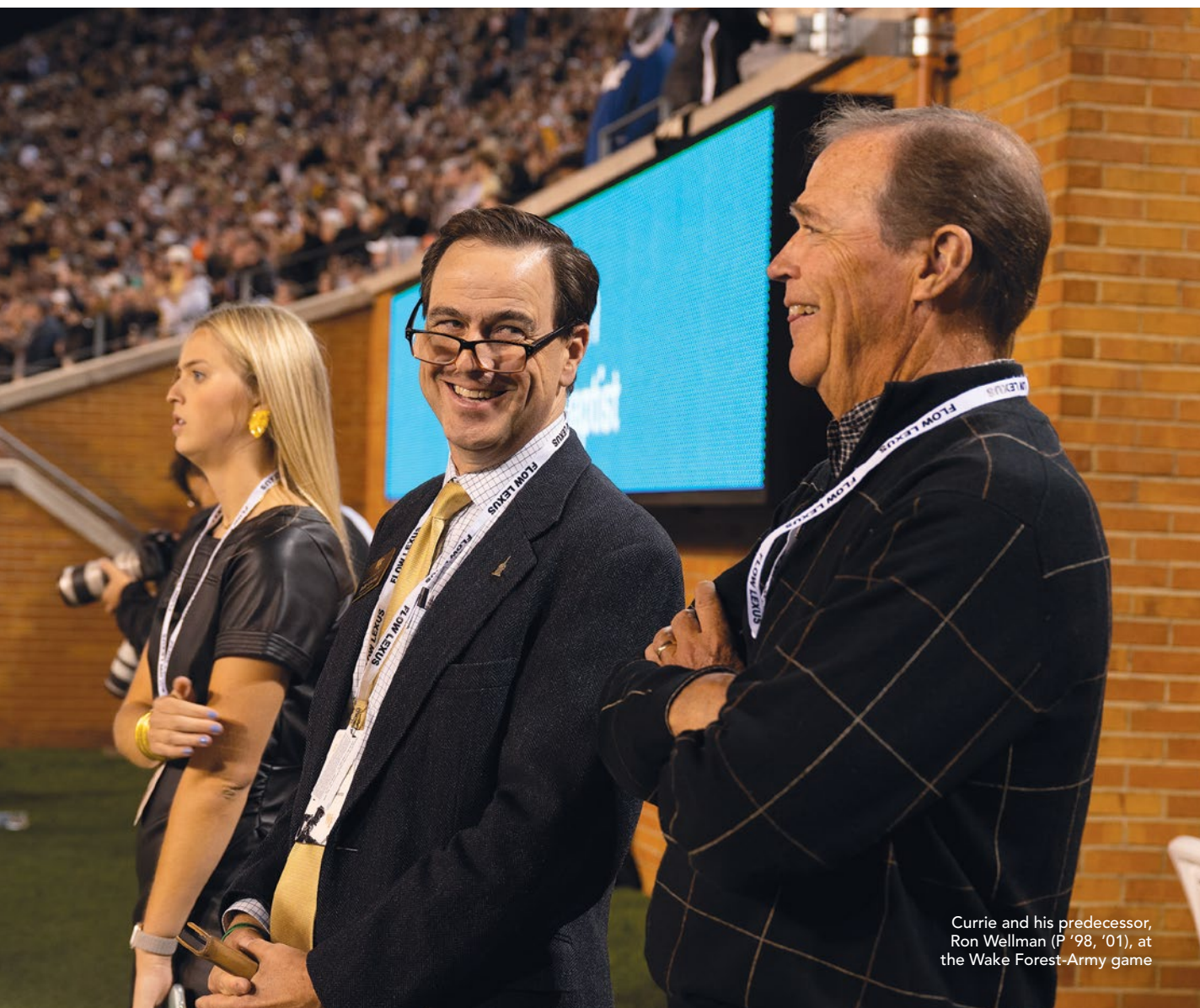
His bloodline may have run Carolina blue, but there were enough Demon Deacons in his life — in his Baptist church, a couple of cousins and even his dentist, Bob Williams ('58, P '88, '91, '94) — to nudge him to the black and gold. He wanted to attend a smaller college and was familiar with Wake Forest after spending a summer week on campus at North Carolina’s Boys State. He wrote his college essay on, of all things, laundry and the fact that he did his own, which landed him on the waitlist at Wake Forest. He was heading to Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, when he was plucked off the waitlist to become a Demon Deacon.

**O**NE NOVEMBER AFTERNOON in the Manchester Athletic Center, Currie stops in a stairwell to ask a couple with their teenage son, who appear lost, if they need help. They’re looking for the office of baseball coach Tom Walter (P '23). Currie tells them that Walter’s office is at Couch Ballpark, but he doesn’t send them on their way without a friendly chat. When the mother asks Currie what he enjoyed most about being a student at Wake Forest, he replies, good friends, a beautiful campus, strong academics and Division I sports. He points out Couch Ballpark on their campus map, gives them his business card and wishes them well as they leave, heading in the right direction.

**Left:** Currie helps new students move into Maya Angelou dorm in August 2021 and snaps a photo during a radio interview before the Wake Forest-Army game.

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Currie and his predecessor, Ron Wellman (P '98, '01), at the Wake Forest-Army game

When Currie touts the benefits of Wake Forest, he speaks from his well-rounded experience. He played on the club soccer team, served in student government, wrote a senior paper on Stalin's purges of the Soviet military before World War II and took trumpet lessons with "Mzezttee," Barbara Trautwein (P '89). (He can still play "Taps.") He was social chair in the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, leading some to call him the "cruise director," fraternity brother Steve Bumgarner ('95, MBA '02, P '26) recalls. "He was always creating, doing, leading. He always had a plan." He cheered on Randolph Childress and Rodney Rogers ('94) in the new Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and rushed the Groves Stadium field when Wake Forest upset Clemson in 1992, but he did not, he emphasizes, tear down the goal post.

But for someone who always had a plan, Currie wasn't sure what he wanted to do after college. A history major, with a minor in what was then called politics, he thought about becoming a high school history teacher and a baseball or soccer coach. He took an education class and observed classes at Glenn High School in Kernersville, North Carolina, but decided that an early morning wake-up call for student teaching wasn't for him. Currie's dad gave him a push, writing him in a letter that Currie still has, that "you don't have to know exactly what you want to do, but you have to do something."

Currie became a regular at what was then the Career Services office on the ground floor of Reynolda Hall, where he'd scan the rows of clipboards with sign-up sheets for recruiters



**Left:** Women's basketball players Jewel Spear ('24) and Gina Conti ('21) react after the team received an invitation to the 2021 NCAA Tournament.  
**Below:** Currie and his wife, Mary Lawrence Hibbits Currie, and their children, Jack, GiGi and Mary-Dell (front) at his introductory news conference in March 2019



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—John Currie

coming to campus. "I'd sign up and interview, and I really had no clue," he recalls. "I'm sure I was the interviewee who the interviewers made fun of that night back at the hotel."

He may have been bound for the management track at Taco Bell — one of his job offers — until he met Ron Wellman, who succeeded Gene Hooks ('50, P '81) as athletics director in 1992, at a student government meeting. Wellman was impressed with the eager young student with an interest in athletics and invited him to drop by to talk. That led to an internship in the Deacon Club and later a position as assistant director.

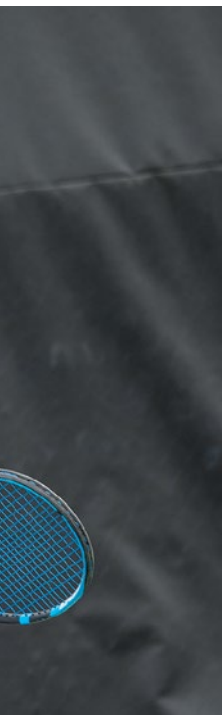
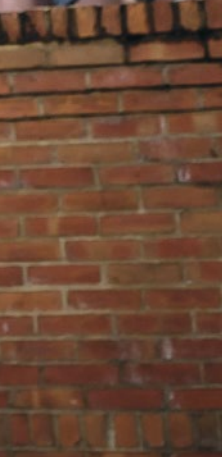
Currie speaks fondly of those years in athletics fundraising. Wellman, Cook Griffin ('65, P '00), Mike Pratapas ('85, MAEd '88), the late Charlie Patterson and others influenced his entire career, Currie says, from fundraising skills he took to Kansas State and Tennessee to the values he still carries. "I tell young people that when you're going into your first job, you have to be cognizant of the people that you're working with and for," he says. "Their commitment to doing things the right way is your baseline. Their culture becomes your culture. I was incredibly fortunate and blessed that I was born into a culture of integrity."

**C**URRIE LEFT WAKE FOREST IN 1997 to lead the athletics scholarship fund at the University of Tennessee, then returned to Wake Forest as assistant athletics director for development. He went back to Tennessee as executive associate athletics director, where he broadened his portfolio to include building projects and coaching searches and earned a master's degree in sport management. He was named athletics director at Kansas State in 2009 and led the Wildcats through eight years of academic, athletics and fundraising success, including Big 12 championships in football, men's basketball and baseball in the same year.

He returned to Tennessee again in 2017 as vice chancellor and director of athletics but was forced out after only eight months amid a search for a football coach that turned political. What did he learn from that experience? "I was reminded how important my family is to me and my sense of integrity," he says simply.

Currie and his wife, Mary Lawrence Hibbits Currie ('96, MSA '97), have three children, Jack, 21, GiGi, 19, and Mary-Dell, 14. (Mary Lawrence, Currie tells me proudly, was in the first Master of Science in Accountancy class at Wake Forest.) Being an athletics director isn't an occupation, it's a lifestyle, he says, requiring long days and time away from home. In his rare free time, Currie enjoys skiing and family trips to a house in Montreat in the North Carolina mountains.





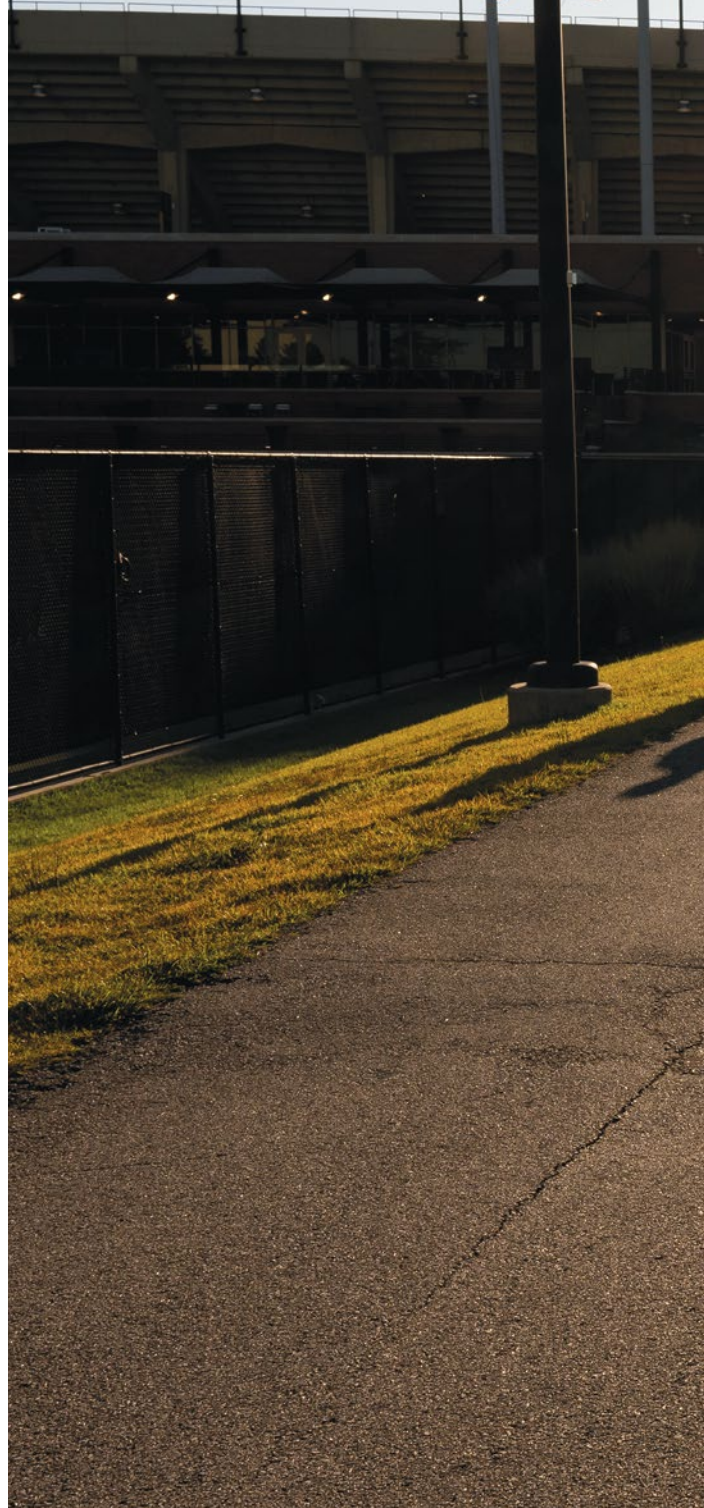
The Tennessee experience also reminded him how many friends he has in the sports world. They encouraged him to stay in the game. Another opportunity will come, they told him. He taught at Columbia University and was a consultant for the University of Texas at Austin before the next opportunity came at the perfect place, Wake Forest. When I ask him if he thought about leaving athletics, he pauses for a moment. "I've never felt like college athletics was my only identity," he says. "There are other things that are interesting to me in business and community development and higher education. But I really love being part of a team and wanted to be back on a team."

The joy of being on a team and building relationships comes up over and over in our conversations. He believes deeply in the power of athletics to build community and provide an education to student-athletes. To underscore the point, he emails me a picture of himself with a former Kansas State football player at October's Wake Forest-Boston College football game. "Nothing is more important to me than the relationships I have, whether it's student-athletes from long ago or more recently at Wake Forest or Kansas State or Tennessee," he says.

The Currie bullet train isn't likely to slow down. In the ever-competitive world of college athletics, if you slow down, you die, he says. "To be successful in this enterprise, you have to operate with a high degree of urgency. You can't stop. Certainly, we need to take time and enjoy the moment and appreciate it. But I have the responsibility to ensure that we're building for the next moment."

That means looking ahead to what's next for Truist Field and the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and how to revitalize the Deacon Boulevard area around the stadium and coliseum. Then there are the challenges — name, image and likeness deals, the transfer portal and conference realignments — that are threatening the amateur model at the heart of intercollegiate athletics. Currie exudes the confidence that whatever happens, Wake Forest will adapt and be just fine. "There's been extraordinary investment and commitment and growth here, not just in athletics, but in the whole University, to get into a position of leadership," he says.

"We're facing a vortex of changes challenging the future of college athletics more than ever before. And yet Wake Forest athletics and Wake Forest University are in the strongest place we've ever been. Think about that. ... I like our chances because there are plenty of schools that are not at their strongest."



John Currie's pregame routine includes checking out the student tailgate behind the east concourse. His emphasis on engaging students paid off with a record turnout of students at football games in 2022.



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—Deborah Dixon Lambert ('78, P '13)  
chair, athletics committee, Wake Forest Board of Trustees

***AS THE FINAL MINUTES TICK OFF THE CLOCK*** in Wake Forest's 45-10 victory over Army, Currie leaves his box in McCreary Tower to head back to the field. He takes the elevator this time to the stadium concourse. With daughters GiGi and Mary-Dell in tow, he runs down the stadium steps to reach the field just as the game is ending.

He stands at midfield as the Wake Forest and Army players walk over to the visiting fans in section 11 for the playing of the West Point alma mater. Then the players head in the opposite direction to stand in front

of the Wake Forest student section. Currie puts his hand over his heart and sings along as the band plays the Wake Forest alma mater. As the football team heads into the locker room, he offers a quick congratulations to coach Dave Clawson.

"That's it, we're done," he tells me. But his weekend is far from done. The next day, he's got field hockey, volleyball and women's soccer games on campus. His nonstop pace to keep the jet engine of Wake Forest athletics flying high is just beginning.



# ON ALL FRONTS

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The derring-do of a newspaperman  
whose legacy — from  
the London Blitz to Pearl  
Harbor to Wake Forest  
classrooms — should  
not be forgotten.

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# NOT LONG AGO THERE WAS A GOLDEN AGE OF NEWSPAPERS.

**ONE OF THE GIANTS OF THAT AGE**, who was also a prime mover of the modern Winston-Salem, had deep Wake Forest roots. His name was Wallace Carroll.

Carroll (D.Litt. '73) was the editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, one of America's best regional newspapers. Then, from 1974 to 1984 he taught "An Editor Looks at the Rights of American Citizens, 1965 – present," which reinforced Wake Forest students' understanding of the precious rights we're afforded under our system of government.

Earlier, in the 1930s, he had been a United Press correspondent and bureau chief in Europe, covering the lead-up to and start of World War II and interviewing, among others, Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and Dwight Eisenhower. In between two stints at the Journal and Sentinel, he ran news coverage of The New York Times' Washington bureau, where famed Times columnist James Reston once

told me: "I've never known a newspaperman with better judgment than Wally."

All this is captured in the magnificent new biography "Century's Witness: The Extraordinary Life of Journalist Wallace Carroll" by Mary Llewellyn McNeil ('78). She was inspired by Carroll while taking his class, only later discovering her brilliant but self-effacing professor was a journalistic legend. She decided to write a book about him.

Carroll's story serves as a reminder of the importance of journalism in a liberal democracy and the daunting challenges it faces today. He would be horrified at the priority many newsrooms place on how many clicks a story gets. He rarely if ever did television programs; he was a newspaperman. Carroll died in 2002, and as much as I admired him, I sort of hoped he didn't catch me on one of those ubiquitous cable programs. His close colleague Reston once asked me why I did those shows. I explained it was an opportunity to reach a broader audience, news habits were changing, blah, blah, blah.

Carroll believed, McNeil writes, that “journalism had a higher calling and that was to give citizens the information they need and deserve to know in order to preserve democracy.”



Wallace Carroll outside Paris in his early years. He became a London-based correspondent for United Press news service at age 22 and spent 14 years there and in Europe. Photo/ Courtesy of Carroll family





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Mary Llewellyn McNeil ('78)

"I see," he replied. "Mid-life crisis."

In Carroll's age, newspapers played a central role in community life, political discourse and accountability. Today local news, to borrow a phrase, looks more like a vast wasteland.

A handful of great national newspapers, The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal, are flourishing. They produce great journalism and are essential reading, adapting to the digital age. About 90 percent of the Times' circulation of 9.2 million subscribers is digital.

But the business model has soured for most local papers. Since 2005, the country has lost more than a quarter of its newspapers. Others, such as the Chicago Tribune, once one of the country's largest and most influential papers,

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It was journalism — and humanity — at their best.” —ED AND EMILY



Children in a London suburb who were left homeless by German bombing in September 1940. Photo/The New York Times Paris Bureau Collection (USIA)

**Opposite page:** Wallace and Peggy Carroll in the Alps in 1938. Photo/Courtesy of Carroll family

are a mere shadow of what they once were due to huge staff reductions. Much-needed investigative reporting and accountability at most local news organizations are in sharp decline. Alden Global Capital, a hedge fund, has bought some 200 papers, usually cutting them to the bone and selling assets. The citizens of those communities suffer.

There still is good journalism in North Carolina, though local ownership is rare. The Winston-Salem Journal and Greensboro News & Record are among the publications owned by Davenport, Iowa-based Lee Enterprises in 77 markets across 26 states. The Charlotte Observer and The (Raleigh) News & Observer are owned by Chatham Asset Management, headquartered in Chatham, New Jersey. This makes

us even more appreciative of the journalism of Wallace Carroll. His stewardship of the Winston-Salem Journal began in 1949, when his high-powered diplomatic sources recommended him to the Journal's owner, Gordon Gray (LL.D. '51), later Secretary of the Army.

It was a good professional marriage — a committed local owner giving independence to a top-flight, experienced editor. Carroll hired talented young reporters like Tom Wicker (D.Litt. '76), who would go on to national fame at The New York Times. Carroll set exacting standards for aggressive but careful reporting and clarity in writing.

He left Winston-Salem in 1955 to direct the enormously talented New York Times Washington bureau. He returned

to Winston-Salem eight years later as editor and publisher of the papers.

The second act was even better. North Carolina newspapers were playing an important role in the tense civil rights struggles; their leadership was a major reason North Carolina witnessed less violence and disruption than in other Southern states. Carroll and his paper were at the forefront of this effort.

There were no sacred cows. The paper gave extensive coverage to the 1964 U.S. Surgeon General's report on the dangers of cigarette smoking. Carroll knew that would incur the wrath of the town's largest employer, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He took on the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby long before this became a popular cause. And the paper won a Pulitzer Prize in 1971 for its environmental reporting, which exposed the ravages of strip mining.

Carroll also played an integral role in the effort to locate what is now the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, and he was deeply involved in the life of the community. As Wake Forest Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson ('43, P '91, '93) and his wife, Emily (MA '62, P '91, '93), noted, the evolution of the city was due to "the intellectual work emanating from Marshall Street" (home of the Journal and Sentinel offices). Carroll and his equally talented wife, Peggy, "made us all citizens of the world," they recalled.

He influenced national policy too. In 1968 Carroll wrote an editorial, "Vietnam — Quo Vadis," ("Where do we go from here?") in which the long-time Cold Warrior argued America should withdraw from Vietnam, as it was distracting us from the more important interests of countering the Soviet Union and Communist China. His old friend, former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, read the editorial to President Lyndon B. Johnson. A few days later, Johnson said he wouldn't run for re-election and proposed de-escalating the conflict. (The same editorial might have been written about Afghanistan.)

Upon retirement, Carroll was a natural teacher for his courses on constitutional rights — including the First

## Marquette Journalism Alumnus Reports Russian Conflict for United Press



Between bombing attacks on his way up to the Russian front lines, Wallace Carroll (in tin hat), United Press London bureau head, halts

with his Soviet army guides while a soldier camouflages their car to conceal it from Nazi pilots, whose bombs have been striking too close

for comfort. Carroll for several months was on special assignment to Moscow and recently returned to New York via Siberia and the

Philippine Islands. While on the Hilltop, Carroll was a member of Sigma Delta Chi and edited the Journal.

## Wallace Carroll, MU Alumnus, Lives Life of World Adventure

*Dialing In...  
MU Radio Workshop*



A January 1942 news story in the Marquette Tribune in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Carroll's hometown. He is shown with Russian generals after the Nazis invaded the Soviet Union. He was among the first correspondents in the fall of 1941 to enter the country and report that Soviet troops could resist the invasion. Photo/ Marquette Tribune

Amendment — at Wake Forest, and he furthered his teaching by bringing distinguished guests to campus: Reston, Acheson and columnist George Will, among others. “Everything Wallace Carroll said seemed relevant to the real world outside the Wake Forest bubble. I could sense everything we learned would be important,” remembers Maria Henson ('82), who spent 27 years at newspapers and is now the editor of this magazine. “I remember how regally he stood, how elegantly he dressed and how regularly he strolled across the campus for his swim sessions.”

Regal and elegant, but also self-effacing and more daring than many imagined. Students had no idea he had been a renowned reporter or knew the danger he faced in covering Hitler's bombing blitz of London or reporting from Moscow when the Nazi invaders were on the doorsteps. McNeil's book captures his harrowing 2½-month trip in 1941 from Russia back to New York: rickety planes, flying low to avoid anti-aircraft fire; unsteady rail travel; a 100-mile taxi ride through the Iranian desert trying to avoid nomad bandits; and ultimately completion of a journey that took him through Asia and across the Pacific. One of his final stops was in Hawaii a week after

the attack on Pearl Harbor. Carroll was the first reporter to see all the devastation.

In his “retirement,” as well as teaching at Wake Forest, he and Peggy fought the power companies' efforts, backed by Big Labor, to put dams on the New River, which would have been a disaster for the environment and farmers. Carroll used his contacts with public figures and journalists in a remarkable campaign to win its designation as a wild and scenic river, prohibiting such development. When President Gerald Ford (LL.D. '80, P '72) signed the legislation protecting the river and its valley in 1976, the Carrolls were in the Rose Garden. The New River has now become this country's most recently designated national park: the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

“Century's Witness” captures all these stories about a great man and his era, and it provides lessons to contemporary journalists. The dark days of U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy's Communist witch hunt in the 1950s caused Carroll to decry journalism's “tyranny of objectivity” by reporting without verifying or questioning, which rewarded the “Big Lies” spun by the Wisconsin demagogue. (Something we should take note of today.)



**Below:** Wreckage at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii after the Japanese bombing on Dec. 7, 1941. Carroll was early on the scene. Photo/Historica Graphica Collection/Heritage Images from Alamy  
**Bottom:** London buses en route to King's Cross bombed by the Nazis. Photo/Shawshots/Alamy

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“We would do well to remember the power of one man to speak truth and right wrong,” Ed and Emily Wilson observed. “It was journalism — and humanity — at their best.”

On a personal note, Carroll changed my life. My last year at Wake Forest I worked part time at the Winston-Salem Journal. That spring editors offered me a job, but I had already accepted one at The Wall Street Journal.

The Charlotte Observer had held an annual North and South Carolina college newspaper contest and, for pieces in the Old Gold & Black, I had won several awards. At the Charlotte awards dinner, an editor offered me a job. I told him I was headed to The Wall Street Journal. “That’s a big mistake,” he said. “They are notorious for hiring young reporters, and you never hear about them again.”

Petrified my career was over before it began, I went to see Mr. Carroll to ask if the Winston-Salem Journal offer still stood. “That man doesn’t know what he’s talking about,” he said. “There is no paper in the country that better achieves its objectives than The Wall Street Journal. Whether you stay for a year or 10 years, you will learn and be a better journalist.”

I stayed for almost 40.



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*Washington editor for The Wall Street Journal. For almost a quarter century he wrote a column on politics for The Wall Street Journal, then later for the International New York Times and Bloomberg View. He is a Life Trustee on the University Board of Trustees.*





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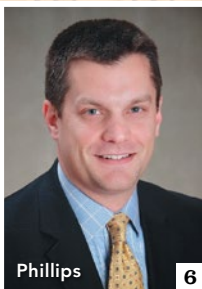
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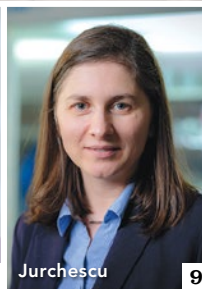
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**1** President **Susan R. Wenté** focused on two important questions in her second annual presidential address to the University community on Nov. 17 in the Sutton Center: Who are we now, and who will we become for future generations?

“Our strategy for the future must be built on the foundation of what we have already done,” Wenté said.

She updated her Strategic Framework process and shared the “distinctive value proposition” based on input from across the University community: Wake Foresters will embody Pro Humanitate at home and in the world.

Three thematic goals from the core planning team led by Provost **Michele Gillespie** are that Wake Forest will be a lifelong learning community that calls all to develop their full potential to contribute in a diverse and complex world; that we will foster a community of inquiry through research, scholarship and creative work

that transcends boundaries to address the challenges facing humanity and our world; and that we will build meaningful, mutual partnerships to honor our commitment to the wellbeing of our local, regional and global communities. The next step will involve forming working groups to analyze how to put each thematic goal into action.

Wenté said she aims for Wake Forest to be recognized as a national model for graduating leaders with integrity and courage across disciplines and professions; innovation in curricular, co-curricular, experiential learning and personal and professional development; excellence in defined scholarship and research areas across our academic programs and partnerships; accountability in inclusive excellence; and entrepreneurial partnerships that advance our mission.

She announced that the University has surpassed the goal announced at her March inauguration to add 100 new “For

Humanity” scholarships by year’s end. With \$25 million raised for 130 new scholarships, the campaign will continue, with a goal of raising another \$25 million by June 30, with a portion for North Carolina students. *More at [bit.ly/3OgiWbD](http://bit.ly/3OgiWbD)*

**2** Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer **Hof Milam** (’76, MBA ’91, P ’00, ’04) will retire in June after 12 years in the position. *More at [bit.ly/3X7I7B4](http://bit.ly/3X7I7B4)*

**3** **Corey D. B. Walker** (P ’25) became interim dean of the School of Divinity on Jan. 1 while continuing as a humanities professor and director of the African American Studies Program. He succeeds Dean **Jonathan Lee Walton** (D.D. ’15), who was named president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Walker was vice president, dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology and

professor of religion and society at Virginia Union University. *More at [bit.ly/3tG0qzG](https://bit.ly/3tG0qzG)*

**4** The University will appoint one dean to oversee both the **College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences** as it searches for a successor to **Michele Gillespie**, the former dean of the College who is now provost. More than two-thirds of the graduate degree programs are based in departments within the College. **Brad Jones ('84, P '14, '19, '21)** is stepping down as dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and will continue as a chemistry professor after a research leave next academic year. **Dwayne Godwin** will continue as dean of biomedical sciences for the Graduate School. *More at [bit.ly/3OmAvqE](https://bit.ly/3OmAvqE)*

**5** **Dr. L. Ebony Boulware** is the new dean of the School of Medicine and the vice chief academic officer and chief science officer of Atrium Health. She succeeds **Dr. Julie Ann Freischlag**, who remains CEO of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and chief academic officer of Atrium Health. *More at [bit.ly/3tAwB3H](https://bit.ly/3tAwB3H)*

**6** Provost **Michele Gillespie** appointed Associate Professor of Spanish **Anne E. Hardcastle**, who was associate dean for academic planning, as associate provost for academic affairs and **Matthew Phillips ('00, JD '06)**, teaching professor of law and ethics in the School of Business, as senior advisor for strategic initiatives. *More at [bit.ly/3Ola8kx](https://bit.ly/3Ola8kx)*

**7** **Warrenetta Mann** was named assistant vice president for health and wellbeing in the Division of Campus Life, overseeing the University Counseling Center, Student Health Service and Office of Wellbeing. *More at [bit.ly/3OmGLPa](https://bit.ly/3OmGLPa)*

**8** **Rob Erhardt**, chair and associate professor of statistical sciences, and **Jackie Sheridan**, director of the Wake Forest Scholars Program, were awarded the 2022 **College Board of Visitors leadership awards**. Erhardt received the faculty award for the growth of the statistics curriculum that led to the launch of the Department of Statistical Sciences. Sheridan received the staff award for her work with the Signature Scholars and assisting students navigating post-gradu-

ate scholarships and fellowships. *More at [bit.ly/3UFzyf3](https://bit.ly/3UFzyf3)*

**9** Baker Family Professor of Physics **Oana Jurchescu** received the 2022 **George B. Pegram** prize from the Southeastern Section of the American Physics Society for her excellence in teaching physics in the Southeast. *More at [bit.ly/3Ex780j](https://bit.ly/3Ex780j)*

**10** Forbes magazine ranked Wake Forest the **top employer in North Carolina** in its 2022 list of America's Best Employers by State. A survey asked respondents how likely they would be to recommend their employer and to rate them on work safety, compensation, advancement opportunities and openness to telecommuting. *More at [bit.ly/3GmmcjO](https://bit.ly/3GmmcjO)*

**11** Wake Forest ranked among the **top 30 national universities** for the 27th consecutive year in U.S. News and World Report's 2022-23 Best Colleges. Wake Forest was 29th overall among 443 universities and 21st for undergraduate teaching. *More at [bit.ly/3dJtUsd](https://bit.ly/3dJtUsd)*

**12** Wake Forest is one of the recipients of a \$4.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create **WS-Teach (Winston-Salem Teachers for Equity, Achievement, Community and Humanity)**. The project with Winston-Salem State University, Salem College and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will recruit, prepare and retain 120 educators. *More at [bit.ly/3Ec3h8I](https://bit.ly/3Ec3h8I)*

**13** Associate Professor of Classics **T.H.M. Gellar-Goad** and his collaborator, **Christopher B. Polt** of Boston College, received a \$224,081 grant to run an Institute for Higher Education Faculty in summer 2023 on "The Performance of Roman Comedy." The grant is the largest federal grant ever for a humanities professor at Wake Forest. Gellar-Goad also received the Leadership Award from the **Women's Classical Caucus** of the Society for Classical Studies. *More at [bit.ly/3tJtftp](https://bit.ly/3tJtftp)*

**14** Law students and professors in the **School of Law's Veterans Legal Clinic**, directed by veteran **Eleanor Morales (JD '10)**, helped **James Brown**, who was injured in the Korean War, win correction of his dishonorable discharge

from the U.S. Army and restoration of his Purple Heart medal after 70 years. Assisting him as law students were **William Crotty ('16, JD '22)** and **Ashley Willard (JD '22)**. *More at [bit.ly/3hX2HEk](https://bit.ly/3hX2HEk)*

**15** The **Face to Face Speaker Forum** featured former **President George W. Bush** in a conversation with author and historian **Jon Meacham** in September and **Thomas Friedman**, author and reporter and columnist for The New York Times, with **Nick Schiffrin**, PBS NewsHour's foreign affairs and defense correspondent, in November. *More at [facetoface.wfu.edu](https://facetoface.wfu.edu)*

**16** The Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame's 2023 class honors **Bill "Big Daddy" Faircloth ('64, P '89, '90, '93)**, an offensive lineman who retired as football assistant athletic director in 2017; runner **Nikeya Green ('04)**, a six-time All-American in the 800 meters; **Cory Parr ('09, MBA '20)**, who ranks third in men's tennis career solo victories and played professionally before returning to Wake Forest in 2017 as a volunteer assistant coach; **Ish Smith ('10)**, who plays for the Denver Nuggets and was one of the top all-around players in the men's basketball team's history; **Ron Wellman (P '98, '01)**, athletics director for 27 years; and **Cheyenne Woods ('12)**, a professional golfer who was a two-time All-American and an ACC individual champion. *More at [bit.ly/3g9j9AV](https://bit.ly/3g9j9AV)*

**17** "The University and the Neighborhood Conference" in November showcased research and teaching by Wake Forest faculty and community partners, hosted by the Wake Forest University Humanities Institute and the Office of the Dean of the College. It was preceded by a discussion on Black experience in segregated Winston-Salem with **Elizabeth Herbin-Triant**, associate professor of Black Studies at Amherst College and author of "Threatening Property: Race, Class, and Campaigns to Legislate Jim Crow Neighborhoods" (2019), and **Wanda Hendricks (MA '84)**, distinguished professor emerita of history at the University of South Carolina and author of "The Life of Madie Hall Xuma: Black Women's Global Activism during Jim Crow and Apartheid" (2022). *More at [bit.ly/3glHbbR](https://bit.ly/3glHbbR)*

# Senior Alice Hauser, a refugee advocate, wins a Rhodes Scholarship

By Kim McGrath  
Wake Forest News

Alice Hauser, a refugee advocate and a philosophy and piano performance double major with a minor in history, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at England's Oxford University beginning in the fall.

She was among 32 Americans chosen by the Rhodes Trust on Nov. 12 from among 840 candidates endorsed by 244 colleges.

Hauser, from Kennebunk, Maine, plans to pursue a Master of Science in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies and a Master of Philosophy in Law, with the goal of promoting justice for populations in need.

"It is unbelievably humbling to receive such an immense honor and investment in my future. I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me follow my passions," Hauser said.

She is a Stamps Scholar — a recipient of one of Wake Forest's prestigious Signature Scholarships awarded to exceptional incoming freshmen because of merit. Two fellow Stamps

Scholars, seniors Tal Feldman, a mathematics and economics double major with a minor in computer science, and Ashley Peake, an applied mathematics major with minors in computer science and statistics, were also named finalists for the Rhodes.

As a member of Wake Forest's Student Association for the Advancement of Refugees, Hauser has worked to help those who have crossed international borders to find safety in the Winston-Salem community.

"I am excited to gain a greater understanding of which systems and structures promote and preclude access to justice for asylum seekers experiencing human rights abuses," Hauser said.

"Conducting specialized legal research in close proximity to the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative will provide the knowledge and leadership abilities I will need to be an effective advocate."



As a Leadership and Character Ambassador and Principled Pluralism Fellow at Wake Forest, "Alice has demonstrated the impressive ability to hold together the courage of her convictions with genuine openness and empathy toward others," said Michael Lamb, associate professor of interdisciplinary humanities and executive director of the University's Program for Leadership and Character. "Alice listens to comprehend, not just to persuade, and she genuinely wants to understand what others think and why. She lives out her values with passion, humility and integrity."

Hauser's interests outside of the classroom have focused on the law, including internships at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Lawyers Without Borders and other legal organizations.

She received a Richter Scholarship for independent research and traveled to Germany, Austria and Switzerland during the summer of her junior year to study composer and pianist Johannes Brahms.

Established in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest graduate scholarship in the world. It is considered among the most prestigious international scholarship programs.

*Note: Alice Hauser is one more example of Wake Forest philosophy majors who do well. See page 2 for a story about that department's successes.*

## DEACON RHODES SCHOLARS

These are the 17 Wake Foresters who preceded Alice Hauser as Rhodes Scholars. Read our 2019 story about modern-era Deacons who won the scholarships at [bit.ly/3664myS](https://bit.ly/3664myS) and about the 2021 alumna who was named a scholar at [bit.ly/3AC1VCY](https://bit.ly/3AC1VCY)

Savarni Sanka ('21)  
Jim O'Connell ('13)  
Brandon Turner ('12)  
Michelle Sikes ('07)  
Lakshmi Krishnan ('06)  
Rebecca Cook ('05)  
Jennifer Harris ('04)  
Jennifer Bumgarner ('99)  
Charlotte Opal ('97)

Carolyn Frantz ('94)  
Robert Esther ('91)  
E. Scott Pretorius ('89)  
Maria Merritt ('87)  
Richard Chapman ('86)  
Robert Lee Humber Jr. (1918, MA 1919, L.L.B. 1921, LL.D. '49, P '51)  
Paul Hubbell (MA 1913)  
Harry Trantham (1900, MA 1901)

# Scholarships, aid provided her “last piece of the puzzle”

By Maria Henson ('82)

**I F YOU HAVE EVER WONDERED** what happens after Wake Forest's fundraising appeals, I'd like you to meet senior Beth Seagroves, who grew up in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. I met her in March 2021, masked and sitting outside for a cup of tea on a nippy afternoon. She was my mentee assigned through the wonderful Adopt-A-Deac program, which the University introduced during COVID days to offer students who requested it support and caring from a faculty or staff member.

How pleased I am to have become friends with this young woman who experienced the topsy-turvy challenges of seeing her first-year spring semester upended by the pandemic. She has managed to thrive despite the obstacles. I didn't know until recently the details of how she was able to attend Wake Forest. Financial aid? “It meant everything,” she says.

“I came to Wake Forest to take a tour, and I immediately fell in love with the campus,” she says. “I knew that while every place I had applied would give me unique opportunities, Wake Forest was a place that would care about me as a person. It would help nurture me and help me grow.”

Her mother arrived to pick her up after Beth stayed overnight in a dorm. “I remember we got the news about my scholarship when she came, and I went up to her, and I saw she had tears in her eyes because without it I wouldn't be here today. ... It felt like the last piece of the puzzle that made my dream of coming to Wake come true.”

Beth won a William Louis Poteat Scholarship and an Egbert L. Davis Jr. Scholarship, both merit based and aimed at helping outstanding North Carolina students. She also received a need-based scholarship.

Ask the highlights of her Wake Forest experience and prepare to be awed. She visited parts of Europe as a first-year student. As a sophomore, she and friends who were passionate about inequality created “from scratch” and hosted an online research symposium for students across the world “who didn't really have a place to showcase their research like we do here at Wake.” She became a politics and international affairs major with a minor in international studies. Soon, she began spending time with one of her favorite politics professors, associate professor Betina Wilkinson, to learn more about research skills. That led to an internship to assist Wilkinson in summer 2022. That led to a trip last fall to Montreal at which professor and student presented their research at the American Political Science Association's conference. All of that led to Beth's career path. She is applying to graduate schools — to become a politics professor.



Beth Seagroves ('23)

Don't think she was only in the classroom or crunching data. She names Hit the Bricks, Project Pumpkin, football games and learning ballroom dancing as other highlights.

This year, Wake Forest is raising \$10 million for North Carolina students like Beth. The money will go to establish or enhance scholarships specifically for deserving North Carolina students. It is known as the “For Home” initiative, protecting heritage and presence within our home state. This campaign is a part of the larger “For Humanity” campaign with an overall goal to raise \$25 million (which includes the \$10 million goal for North Carolina students) by June 30 for scholarships to create life-changing opportunities.

In 2010 I heard another eastern North Carolinian speak of the difference a scholarship makes. “I came home for lunch one day,” Bill Wells ('74) said, “and there was a big, fat envelope on the kitchen table from Wake Forest. I opened that envelope, and there was a letter inside that said I had been awarded a (Guy T.) Carswell Scholarship that would pay for all of my expenses. And that changed my life.”

Bill became director of financial aid at Wake Forest in 1998, retiring in 2020 after putting philanthropic dollars to work for access and affordability for underserved students.

In the talk I remembered from 2010, he reminded people who have been successful “to always send the elevator back down” for young people eager for an opportunity.

One of those people is my Adopt-A-Deac, Beth. “I gave a speech at my church when I graduated high school, and I talked about what having a home means,” she says. “It's about being somewhere you are cared for, where you feel loved, where you feel accepted for exactly who you are, and that is precisely what I found here at Wake Forest.”

“For Home” campaign? She says, “I couldn't think of a better name for it.”

*To support the For Home and For Humanity scholarship initiatives, contact Mike Haggas (P '21), assistant dean, College development, at [haggasmp@wfu.edu](mailto:haggasmp@wfu.edu) or Dustie Lanier ('06), assistant vice president, regional development, at [lanierdn@wfu.edu](mailto:lanierdn@wfu.edu).*



## Dear alumni,



I am excited for my first opportunity to communicate with fellow Deacons as your new Alumni Council president. My heartfelt thanks go to Alex Reyes Schroeder ('06, JD '09) for her compassionate and determined leadership of the council during the pandemic.

The Alumni Council consists of 57 of your classmates who are a true cross-section. Our oldest member graduated in 1963, and our youngest member graduated in 2018. We live all across the country — from New York to California and Minneapolis to Florida. Our four working committees are communities; diversity, equity and inclusion; Greek letter organizations; and Pro Humanitate. We meet semi-annually on campus and work remotely as well. You'll hear more about the committees' work in the next issue.

Our mission is to deepen and widen your connection to Wake Forest. My message to all of you is that you belong here at Wake Forest. Our University experiences may have differed greatly. We have seen many iterations of campus life. You may have studied abroad or been one of the first students to attend classes at Wake Downtown. You may have been a part of Greek life or found a place at Campus Kitchen. Your Wake traditions may have included the weekly chapel service, Lovefeast or Wake 'N Shake. Your memories may be fond ones or perhaps even painful ones. But no matter when you graduated, we share the bond of "Mother, So Dear."

Suppose your only connection to Wake Forest over the past years has been reading this award-winning alumni magazine. In that case, I want to encourage

you to reach out and reach back to your alma mater to discover what Wake Forest University is today. If you've not been back for your reunion year, think about making the trip when it's time for your class to get together. Everyone gets a name tag, so don't worry if you can't remember a name. There is a killer kickoff party for alums and students, a joint evening for all the returning classes and campus events that will let you relive your time at Wake.

You can also connect with Wake Forest through other Wake community events. You can join affinity groups such as AWFUBA (Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni), Decorated Deacs (for Veterans), HOLAA (Wake Forest Hispanic/Latino Alumni Association), Wake the Arts, Wake NOW (Network of Women) and more.

Finally, it's no secret that I believe the secret sauce of Wake Forest is Pro Humanitate. Pro Humanitate has become a guiding principle that crosses every facet of the University. In her inaugural address, President Susan R. Wenthe called on Wake Forest to be "a catalyst for good." She called on us to leverage what makes Wake Forest distinctive to have the greatest impact. You can make that difference every day as a Wake alumnus or alumna. I hope you are proud to be a Deacon — I know I am.

In the spirit of Pro Humanitate,

**Jane Owens Cage ('78)**

*Joplin, Missouri*

*President, Wake Forest Alumni Council*

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## 1940s

**Thomas D. Long Sr. ('49, MD '52, P '80, '83, '90)** was honored by the city of Roxboro, NC, which proclaimed Sept. 22 Dr. Thomas D. Long Day. He was celebrated with a dinner honoring his 66 years of leadership and perfect attendance in the Rotary Club.

## 1960s

**Warren R. McGraw (JD '63)** received the 2022 Caplan Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to the state of West Virginia and the practice of law. McGraw served in the West Virginia House of Delegates, the State Senate and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and as a circuit judge in Wyoming County.

**Bill Faircloth ('64, P '89, '90, '93)** was inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022-23. "Big Daddy" joined the football program as an assistant coach in 1978 and was assistant athletic director for football from 1983 until retiring in 2017. He attended every Wake Forest football game during his tenure — 452 consecutive games. In 2012, he received Wake Forest's Gene Hooks Lifetime Achievement Award. The coaches' locker room in Bridger Field House at Truist Field and the foyer of the Pruitt Football Center on campus are named in his honor. He was team captain and a three-year letter winner as an offensive lineman at Wake Forest. Faircloth and his wife, Becky, have three sons, **Scott Faircloth ('89, MBA '94, P '19)**, **Woody Faircloth ('90, P '23)** and **Barry Faircloth ('93, P '22, '24)**. More at [bit.ly/3RmSsp5](http://bit.ly/3RmSsp5)

**Martha Swain Wood ('65)** received a 7 Over Seventy award from the Winston-Salem Journal and Senior Services. She was mayor of Winston-Salem from 1989 to 1997, the city's only female mayor. She was an alderman from 1981 to 1989 and cast the deciding vote to name the new coliseum in honor of Lawrence Joel. She and her husband, **Frank ('64, MA '71)**, live at Salem-town retirement community in Winston-Salem.

**Beth Pirkle Braxton ('66)** completed her 15th mission trip to Kenya, where she cared for orphans, with the Presbyterian Church (USA). She first went to Kenya in 1962 when religion professor **G. McLeod Bryan ('41, MA '44, P '71, '72, '75, '82)** encouraged her to apply for Operation Crossroads Africa. She and her husband, **Bob Braxton ('66)**, live in Fairfax, VA.

**R. Steve Poston ('68)** retired as vice president and director of athletics after 50 years at Wingate University, where he emphasized giving adequate financial support to all programs and increased the number of women's sports. He began his career as baseball coach and was the university's longest-tenured administrator. He also helped establish Wingate's pharmacy school. Poston was inducted into the Wingate Sports Hall of Fame in 2018 and the South Atlantic Con-

ference Hall of Fame in 2022. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor, from Gov. Roy Cooper. He is now an adviser to Wingate President Rhett Brown.

## 1970s

**Scott Olbert ('72)** is a pastoral psychotherapist based in Pittsburgh. He launched the second season of his podcast, *Spiritual Onion*.

**Costi Kutteh ('73)** was elected to a fifth four-year term as mayor of Statesville, NC. He continues to practice law with Pope McMillan PA. Kutteh and his wife, **Teresa ('73, MAEd '74)**, a retired school counselor, spend as much time as possible with their two granddaughters, Cameron (4) and Sophia (1).

**Charles H. Henry (JD '75)** retired after serving for 24 years as the senior resident Superior Court judge for the 4th Judicial District of North Carolina. He is now an emergency Superior Court judge. He lives in Jacksonville, NC.

**Terry Warco ('76)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He recently retired as general counsel and treasurer of High Company LLC, a group of privately held companies in Lancaster, PA. He is also president of the Lancaster Law Foundation. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Lititz, PA. Their daughters, **Amanda Warco ('07)** and Lydia Warco, live in New York and Chicago, respectively.

**Donald "Don" Girard ('77)** retired from clinical practice after 40 years and has closed his Wilmington, DE, gastroenterology practice after 34 years. He served his medical school alma mater on the Drexel University College of Medicine Board of Trustees and as president of the College of Medicine Alumni Association. He now has more time for fly fishing in cold fresh water and casting in warm salt water. He and his fiancée, Roe, divide their time between Sea Isle City, NJ, and Old Bridge, NJ, and they can usually be found at the Jersey Shore, the Union League of Philadelphia or enjoying the Sunshine State.

**Mary Llewellyn McNeil ('78)** launched her book, "Century's Witness: The Extraordinary Life of Journalist Wallace Carroll," a biography of the famed journalist who taught constitutional rights at Wake Forest from 1974 to 1984. He covered the major events of World War II, oversaw The New York Times' Washington bureau and was editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel in 1971 when it won a Pulitzer Prize. McNeil is a former editor and writer for Congressional Quarterly and the Smithsonian Institution and primary author of "Environment and Health," "Reagan's First Year" and "The Nuclear Age." She had a 28-year career at the World Bank. She lives in the Washington, DC, area with her husband and three daughters.

**Cameron Kent ('79)** was honored at a comedy roast and received the Truliant Federal Credit Union Volunteer of the Year Award from the



Warco  
(76)



Kent  
(79)



Stevenson  
(JD '79)

Rotary Club of Western Forsyth (NC). The roast benefited Samaritan Ministries. Kent has helped more than 100 nonprofits in the community. He is a novelist who was an anchor and reporter for 28 years at WXII in Winston-Salem. He was inducted into the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2018.

**L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin ('79)** was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists for her outstanding contributions to the archives profession. She is manuscripts librarian and curator of the Joseph R. Biden Jr. senatorial papers at the University of Delaware. She nurtured her love for library science while working at Z. Smith Reynolds Library as a student.

**James "Marvin" Owen (MBA '79)** was named the 2022 Business Person of the Year in Florence, SC, by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. He is owner and president emeritus of ACS Technologies, a church management software company where he has worked for nearly 40 years.

**Scott M. Stevenson (JD '79)** was recognized in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in medical malpractice law — defendants and personal injury litigation — defendants. He is a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP in Charlotte.

**Mike Toth ('79)** conducted research on Gutenberg Bibles, Korean Confucian texts and other early printed documents using X-rays at the Stanford synchrotron as part of an international project comparing Asian and Western early printing techniques. The project was covered by CNET, WIRED and NBC Bay Area. Toth is based in

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(‘81)



**Avram**  
(‘82, JD ‘90)



**Griffin**  
(‘83, JD ‘86)



**Pollock**  
(‘84)



**DiBella**  
(‘88, MBA ‘97)



**Summers**  
(‘89)



**Valaoras**  
(‘89, JD ‘92)



**Jones**  
(‘94)

Oakton, VA, and travels the world to examine rare objects with sophisticated digital imaging. He has examined Lincoln's draft of the Gettysburg Address (and found a thumbprint, but hasn't been able to prove that it's Lincoln's) and analyzed one of the oldest known copies of works by scientist and mathematician Archimedes.

## 1980s

**David Furr (‘80, JD ‘82)** was appointed to Atrium Health's Levine Cancer Institute Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee as the independent patient advocate for a team that oversees all new and existing trials for cancer. His experience with lymphoma is documented in a YouTube video by Kite Pharma, a division of Gilead, which calls his story one of "hope and endurance." Furr is a partner at Gray Layton Kersh Solomon Furr and Smith PA in Gastonia, NC. The South Carolina Cybersecurity Conference has named an award for industry cybersecurity excellence in his name. See the video at [bit.ly/3fydbJr](https://bit.ly/3fydbJr)

**Alan G. Bourque (‘81)** was named professor emeritus by the U.S. Army War College in recognition of his teaching and research in general officer development. He was the principal architect of the Army's general officer development program, the Army Strategic Education Program. He was a professor at the U.S. Army War College for 10 years and retired as a colonel after 30 years as an active duty Army officer. He lives in Carlisle, PA.

**Andrew Avram (‘82, JD ‘90)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in workers' compensation law, employers. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte.

**Eric R. Spence (JD ‘82)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in real estate law. He is of counsel at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

**Mary Tribble (‘82, MA ‘19)** received a positive review for her book, "Pious Ambitions: Sally Merriam Wait's Mission South 1813-1831," from David T. Moon Jr. in the Journal of the Early Republic's fall 2022 edition. Tribble lives in Winston-Salem.

**Robert Griffin (‘83, JD ‘86)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in insurance litigation. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Raleigh.

**William Reingold (JD ‘83, P ‘19)** received a 7 Over Seventy award from the Winston-Salem

Journal and Senior Services. Reingold was a judge for more than 27 years, including 15 years as chief judge of Forsyth County District Court. He started specialized courts for truancy, mental health and juvenile drug treatment. He is board president for Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and a member of the Wake Forest School of Law Board of Visitors.

**James Felman (‘84)** was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a partner at Kynes, Markman & Felman PA in Tampa, FL.

**William W. Pollock (‘84)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in construction litigation, insurance litigation and product litigation-defendants. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett in Raleigh.

**Hilton H. Smith (‘84)** is co-executive producer of Hulu's "The Dropout," which was nominated for a 2022 Emmy Award in the Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series Category. The miniseries, about the biotechnology company Theranos and its founder Elizabeth Holmes, was nominated for several other Emmys and Hollywood Critics Association TV Awards.

**J. Kevin Moore (JD ‘86)** was named to the 2022 Northern California Super Lawyers list for construction litigation. He is an attorney at Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson & Judson in Walnut Creek, CA.

**Alex Reeves (‘86)** was named president of Craftmaster Furniture in Taylorsville, NC. He previously was president of Sam Moore Furniture in Bedford, VA. He was senior vice president of sales/merchandising at Craftmaster for 11 years before going to Sam Moore Furniture.

**Rob DiBella (‘88, MBA ‘97)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is founder and principal of DiBella Consulting Group LLC, which works with consumer and industrial goods manufacturers, retailers and hospitality companies. He and his wife, Gretchen, live in Winston-Salem.

**Scott F. Wyatt (‘88, JD ‘91)** was recognized in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is partner and head of the litigation practice group at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, NC.

**Liz Prewitt Summers (‘89)** contributed to "Standing Out: Innovators, Disruptors, and Influencers," a book about the inspiring stories of

28 Lehigh Valley (PA) leaders. Summers is president of Advancing Leadership Consulting Inc. She and her husband, **Mike Summers (‘87)**, live in Nazareth, PA.

**Nick Valaoras (‘89, JD ‘92)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in workers' compensation law, employers. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte.

## 1990s

**Pat Flanagan (JD ‘90)** was named Lawyer of the Year in insurance litigation and municipal litigation in the Charlotte area in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP.

**Mit Shah (‘91)** received the 2023 Hospitality Executive of the Year Award from Penn State's School of Hospitality Management and the Penn State Hotel and Restaurant Society. Shah is founder and CEO of Noble Investment Group in Atlanta and a member of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees.

**Robert "Bob" Ramseur (‘92, JD ‘95, P ‘23)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in real estate law. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh. He has been recognized in Best Lawyers for 11 consecutive years.

**Robert "Rob" Jones V (‘94)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He is a business execution and transformation leader for the corporate investment banking, commercial real estate and capital markets business at Wells Fargo. He and his wife, Kristine, live in Denver, NC, and have three daughters, Abigail, Sarah and Ella.

**Kerry Billingsley (‘95)** was named superintendent of Irwin County Schools (GA). He has been in education for more than 25 years as a special education teacher, head football coach, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent.

**Jordan Rose Calaway (‘95)** joined the board of directors of EarthShare North Carolina, a coalition of 70+ environmental nonprofits that connects with corporate partners through workplace giving and employee engagement programs. Calaway is chief development officer of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, a member organization of EarthShare NC. She is based in Winston-Salem.

**Nick Clinard (‘95)** has been men's golf head coach at Auburn University since 2009. During his 13 seasons, Clinard has led the program to seven



**Drummond**  
(’96)



**Lubas**  
(’97)



**Music**  
(’98)



**Patti**  
(’98)



**Rubain**  
(JD ’99)

top-15 national finishes and an SEC Championship in 2018. Auburn tied for 10th at the NCAA Championship last year, tying the third best finish in program history.

**Irvin DeAndre “Dee” Drummond (’96)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He is general counsel and secretary of TEKsystems Inc. He and his wife, Amy, and their two daughters, Jackson and Spencer, live in Baltimore.

**Michele Stoddard Settle (JD ’96)** was promoted to deputy general counsel of employment at Truist, where she oversees the employment and benefits law team. She is based in Richmond, VA.

**William “Bill” Barrett (JD ’97)** joined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Boulder, CO, as a partner in the patents and innovations department. He has more than two decades of experience in technology and intellectual property law.

**John W. Lubas (’97)** was promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Army. He is deputy commanding officer for operations of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and was previously executive officer to the Secretary of the Army. He has had multiple combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, including with the 75th Ranger Regiment and the 101st Airborne Division. His Wake Forest classmates, **Anne Blakeney Kelley (’98)**, **Jed Kelley (’97)**, **Turner Lewis (’97)** and **Jenny Manley Brokaw (’97)**, attended his promotion ceremony in Fort Campbell, KY.

**Kristen Eppley England (’98)** moved with her husband and youngest child to the coastal town of Santa Teresa, Costa Rica, to open an art gallery, Galería Pura Vida, or “pure life.” Previously, she was teaching crisis intervention skills to law enforcement officers in the Denver area, using her improvisational skills honed through the Lifting Banshees comedy troupe at Wake Forest. More at [bit.ly/3T72k86](https://bit.ly/3T72k86)

**Carla Gallelli (’98)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. She lives in New York and is the chief financial officer of Siete Bucks Spirits, which distributes Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s Teremana Tequila.

**Todd King (’98, JD ’02)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in personal injury litigation, defendants. He is a partner at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte.

**Jill Deisler Music (’98)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. She is executive clinical oncology specialist at AstraZeneca. She lives

with her husband, Jeff, and daughter Macey in Safety Harbor, FL.

**Kevin Palme (’98)** had a solo show, “For the Time Being,” at Gallery Henoch in New York City. Several Demon Deacons visited the show to support him. The exhibition featured his paintings of towers, pyramids and walls composed of ice cubes and origami paper boxes exploring the nature of impermanence and fragility. He and his wife, **Harli Johnson Palme (’99)**, live in Asheville, NC.

**Lauren J. Patti (’98)** walked the Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage beginning in France and ending in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, last July. The solo adventure took her 37 days to complete. She says her Spanish major came in handy, and she was delighted to meet a “Wake Forest hopeful” along the way and encourage her to apply.

**Amie Fonville Sivon (’98)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in appellate law. She is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

**Kenneth R. Hunt (JD ’99)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in insurance law. He is a partner at Roberts & Stevens in Asheville, NC.

**Patti West Ramseur (JD ’99)** was named president-elect of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Bar Foundation, and chair of the audit and finance committee of both organizations. She will be installed in 2023 as the 129th president of the NCBA and NCBF. Ramseur is a partner at the employment law firm Ramseur Maultsby LLP in Greensboro, NC.

**Stacey Rubain (JD ’99)** joined the Office of the Federal Public Defender in Greensboro, NC, as an assistant federal public defender. For 17 years, she was the managing partner of a small law firm in Winston-Salem. She is a North Carolina board-certified specialist in state and federal criminal law. She serves on the Indigent Defense Services Commission and the Criminal Justice Council of the North Carolina Bar Association.

## 2000

**Joe Brown (MBA ’00)** joined Bristol Myers Squibb colleagues in the Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer ride in support of the V Foundation for Cancer Research. He rode three days from Pittsburgh to Long Branch, NJ, in October. He was inspired by his

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Tarantula Nebula



**Gianopulos**  
(JD '01)



**Keyes**  
(MBA '01)



**Griffith**  
(02)

time All-American distance runner at Wake Forest. More at [bit.ly/3A3FzZE](https://bit.ly/3A3FzZE)

**Beth Mabe Gianopulos (JD '01)** joined the Salem Academy and College Board of Trustees. She is senior associate general counsel at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and associate dean of faculty relations and retention at Wake Forest School of Medicine. She is also an assistant professor at the medical school and an adjunct professor at Wake Forest School of Law. Before joining Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in 2006, she was the first general counsel and chief planning officer at Salem Academy and College. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Salem College in 1997.

**Ruth Henry Keyes (MBA '01)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. She is executive director at the RSM Foundation, a teen-led nonprofit that inspires a love of math in young people. She is also customer success manager at Vertical IQ, a market researcher based in Raleigh. She and her husband, Chris, live in Wellesley, MA. They have four children, Ainsley, Ryan, Peyton and Caroline.

**Kestrin Pantera ('01)** directed "Pretty Problems" (IFC Films), which won the Audience Award at the 2022 SXSW Festival, the Grand Jury Prize

for Best Picture at the Sonoma International Film Festival and the Audience Award at Maui International. She was named the 2022 Bay Area Filmmaker of the Year.

**Ed Roberson ('01, MBA '09)** is producing a podcast for Ranchlands, a family-owned livestock business based in Colorado Springs, CO, that conserves and protects the legacy of ranches throughout the West. He also has his own podcast, Mountain & Prairie, founded in 2016 to dive deeply into thinking about the environment. Roberson was conservation director for the Palmer Land Conservancy in Colorado Springs. More at [bit.ly/3W0I5KM](https://bit.ly/3W0I5KM)

**Missy Sumerell Spainhour (JD '01)** joined Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP as a partner in the Asheville, NC, office. She has more than 20 years of experience in labor and employment law.

mother, who had ovarian cancer, and a close friend and colleague who beat stage 4 colon cancer.

**Alisha Mosley ('00)** was named assistant director of athletics/director of compliance at Washington College, where she is in her 10th year as women's basketball head coach. At Wake Forest, she was named to the ACC's all-rookie team as a freshman, was most valuable player her senior year and was honorable mention on the All-ACC team.

## 2001

**Sara Day ('01)** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and an officer in the training directorate at U.S. Army Forces Command, or FORSCOM, at Fort Bragg, NC. She was a three-

## 2002

**Molly Garvin Griffith ('02)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. She is assistant vice president of regional, international and parent advancement at Emory University. She and her husband, **Bryan Griffith ('02)**, and their daughters, Hadley and Joni, live in Atlanta.

A promotional graphic for Wake Forest Spring Sports. The background is a repeating pattern of the Wake Forest University seal. In the center, a large white flower shape is composed of eight circular cutouts, each featuring a different athlete in action: a tennis player, a basketball player, a baseball player, a soccer player, a track athlete, a swimmer, a basketball player, and a male athlete. To the right of the flower, the text "WF" is displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the phrase "Spring it on." is written in a large, white, cursive script. Underneath that, the text "GET YOUR TICKETS TO SPRING SPORTS TODAY." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the website "GoDeacs.com/Tickets" and the phone number "336.758.3322" are listed in a white, sans-serif font.



**Lindberg**  
(’02)



**Walker**  
(’02)



**Bosco**  
(JD ’04)



**Dunn**  
(JD ’04)



**Perry**  
(’04, MAEd ’05)



**Warchut**  
(’05)



**Champlin**  
(’06, MBA ’15)



**Douglas**  
(’06)

**Matt Lindberg (’02)** was named to the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He is the founder and managing partner of Plumb Line Capital Partners LLC and owner of Abatemaster LLC. He and his wife, Brittany, live in Weddington, NC, with their four children, Colton, Brock, Emmett and Sloane.

**Lauren McSwain-Starrett (’02)** was promoted to editor-in-chief at the Center for Creative Leadership, a top-ranked, global nonprofit provider of executive education and leadership development research in Greensboro, NC. She leads production, maintenance and optimization of strategic marketing content and oversees day-to-day editorial operations for the organization’s website. Her husband, **David “Bryan” Starrett Jr. (’02)**, was appointed by the Greensboro City Council to the War Memorial Commission, the volunteer advisory board for the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. They live in Greensboro with their daughters, Caroline and Josie.

**Kelly Motycka Otis (JD ’02)** was named partner at Akerman LLP in its real estate practice group in Winston-Salem. She has experience in commercial real estate, community development and data center development.

**Maria Toler Velissaris (’02)** is founding partner of SteelSky Ventures, which manages \$72 million in health care assets and was named by Forbes as a top venture capital fund to watch. She was named to Business Insider’s List of Rising Stars in Venture Capital and received the 2020 Business Alumni Changemaker award from New York University, where she earned an MBA. As a Wake Forest student, she built Wakeboxes, later Collegeboxes, a student storage company. She lives in Atlanta. More at [bit.ly/3yLYPdN](https://bit.ly/3yLYPdN)

**John Bowen “Bo” Walker (’02)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in personal injury litigation, defendants. He is a partner at Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh.

## 2003

**Kit Wilkinson Thomson (’03)** and **Erin Creasy Ferree (’04)** co-founded the National Security Career & Leadership Institute. NSCLI’s mission is to reach and inspire new populations to pursue national security and foreign affairs careers.

## 2004

**John Ammons (’04)** was promoted to president of Green Mountain International, a chemical company in the construction industry. He has been with the company for 10 years. He and his wife, **Laura Hall Ammons (’04)**, and their two children live in Waynesville, NC.

**John Bosco (JD ’04)** was recognized in the 2022 Lawdragon 500 Leading Corporate Employment Lawyers guide. He is a partner at Bailey Brauer PLLC in Dallas and represents clients in labor, employment and accessibility matters.

**Amanda Branam Dunn (JD ’04)** was appointed a criminal court judge in the 11th Judicial District in Hamilton County, TN, by Gov. Bill Lee. She was an attorney at Houston & Alexander PLLC in Chattanooga, handling state and federal criminal defense cases.

**Nick Gray (’04)** wrote a book, “The 2-Hour Cocktail Party,” with a formula he tested with hundreds of parties to create a system for making new connections and ensuring that guests have a great time. Gray founded the highly successful Museum Hack tours of museums, which he sold to colleagues while retaining an interest in the company. More at [bit.ly/3PoDBdm](https://bit.ly/3PoDBdm)

**Nikeya Green (’04)** was named to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022-23 for her achievements in track and field. She was a six-time All-American in the 800 meters and a five-time All-ACC selection. A two-time individual ACC champion, she holds the outdoor and indoor school record in the 800 meters. She is a strategic account executive at Salesforce.

**Michael L. Hamlar (’04)** is president and owner of Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home & Crematory in Roanoke, Va., which opened a new office in Rocky Mount, VA. Hamlar lives in Roanoke.

**Gadson William “Will” Perry (’04, MAEd ’05)** has rejoined Butler Snow LLP as a partner in its Memphis, TN, office in the commercial litigation and appellate practice groups. He will focus his practice on alternative dispute resolution. Previously, he served on the Chancery Court for Shelby County and was the youngest African American judge, and second youngest judge, in Tennessee’s largest county.

## 2005

**Robert H. Meek III (’05)** joined the Clerk of Court’s office at the U.S. Supreme Court as the emergency applications attorney.

**Rebecca Lowry Warchut (’05)** wrote her debut young adult novel “Catastrophe Theory.” The book follows a mother and daughter who face personal and natural disasters as a hurricane barrels toward St. Petersburg, FL. Warchut lives in West Hartford, CT.

## 2006

**John Champlin (’06, MBA ’15)** was one of 25 young professionals to receive the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc. Champlin is director of engagement programs in the Alumni Engagement office at Wake Forest. He also serves on the board of the Hispanic League and works with the SECU Family House.

**Dixon Douglas (’06)** was one of 25 young professionals to receive the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc. He is the director of partnerships and customer loyalty at Flow Automotive and owner of CycleBar Winston-Salem. He has spent 17 years in the entertainment, sports and lifestyle marketing fields.

## 2007

**Jesse Barber (PhD ’07)** is a biology professor at Boise State University who researches noise and light pollution’s impact on animals to improve the environment for wildlife and humans. His research may help guide the National Park Service as it replaces buildings and streetlights. More at [bit.ly/3TPlqWK](https://bit.ly/3TPlqWK)

**Sarah Carver (MDiv ’07)** received her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling from Montreat College last May. She is a licensed clinical mental health counselor associate at Affinity Counseling and Wellness in Winston-Salem.



**Berry**  
(‘09)



**Mukombe**  
(‘09, MSM ‘11)



**Winikoff**  
(‘11, JD ‘15)



**Douglass**  
(JD ‘12)



**Lyon**  
(‘12)

## 2008

**Erin Marie Tanner Choi** (‘08, JD ‘11) was recognized in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America in commercial litigation. She is counsel at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Dallas.

**Max Rubin** (‘08, MSA ‘09) joined BNZ Materials Inc. as chief financial officer. He and his wife, **Emilie Rubin** (‘08, MSA ‘09), live in Sewickley, PA, with their daughters, Dorothy (5) and Cornelia (2).

## 2009

**Caitlin Berry** (‘09) was named inaugural director of the Rubell Museum DC in Washington, DC. It is the second location of the Rubell Museum, founded in Miami in 1993 to house Don and Mera Rubell’s collection of contemporary art. Berry was previously an art dealer and director of the Cody Gallery at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. She was the first director of the stArt Gallery, Wake Forest’s student art gallery, which opened in 2009 in Reynolda Village.

**Katharine Williams Farrell** (‘09, MBA ‘15) joined Delta Air Lines as manager, sales digital marketing communications for global sales. She was co-founder and president of Dots and Lines Inc., an independent marketing agency that was acquired by public relations and marketing agency OnWrd and UpWrd. Farrell lives in Atlanta.

**Ashley Merrill** (‘09) was named director of content strategy and organic growth at Framebridge Inc. She and her husband, David, and daughter Remy live in Chevy Chase, MD.

**Saiyani Mukombe** (‘09, MSM ‘11) was named counsel at Wells Fargo Bank NA. He is based in Greensboro, NC.

**Cory Parr** (‘09, MBA ‘20) was named to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022-23. He ranks third in men’s tennis career solo victories and ranked as high as No. 7 in the country. He and doubles partner **Steven Forman** (‘10) ranked No. 1 in the country and won Wake Forest’s first-ever national tennis title in the 2008 ITA National Indoor Doubles Championship. Parr was a three-time All-ACC selection, an ITA Singles All-American and a two-time ITA Doubles All-American. He competed on the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour before returning to the Wake Forest program in 2017 as a volunteer assistant coach.

**Christine Cooluris Trites** (‘09) joined Chick-fil-A Inc. as an attorney on the commercial contracts team. She and her husband, **Kevin Trites** (‘09), and their children, Rose and John, live in Atlanta.

**Rachel Davis-Johnson Wulf** (‘09) was named executive director, healthcare product delivery at JPMorgan Chase & Co. She and her husband, **Bo Wulf** (‘08), and their children, Casey and Jane, live in Philadelphia.

## 2010

**Catherine Coelho Riley** (‘10, MA ‘12) co-wrote “Title IX and the Protection of Pregnant and Parenting College Students” with **Alexis Hutchinson** (‘20). The book began as a research project by Riley, a former part-time assistant professor of communication at Wake Forest, and Hutchinson, who was her student. Riley received the 2021 ChangeMaker Award from the International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship. She is the owner of Supportive Space Consulting LLC, which aims to make universities supportive spaces for pregnant and parenting students. Riley, her husband, **Wes Riley** (‘09), and their three children live in Winston-Salem.

**Ish Smith** (‘10) was named to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022-23. He was one of the top all-around players in the history of the men’s basketball team. He was a three-year captain and a second team All-ACC selection as a senior. He was the first player in school history with 1,000 career points and 600 assists. He has played in the NBA for 12 years and is with the Denver Nuggets.

## 2011

**Jason Benetti** (JD ‘11) joined FOX sports as a play-by-play announcer. He spent 11 years with ESPN calling college football and basketball, MLB, NFL and NBA games. Benetti has been the voice of the Chicago White Sox since 2016. He lives in Chicago.

**John Cano** (MSM ‘11) was elected to the board of trustees for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. The district consists of 212 Kiwanis Clubs with more than 5,000 members. In the last administrative year, clubs completed 50,000 hours of community service, raised \$1.5 million, awarded \$400,000 in scholarships and invested \$800,000 in local communities and non-profits. Cano lives in Austin, TX.

**Paul Davis** (MBA ‘11) has launched The Bank Slate, a website that provides news and commentary on the financial services industry. The Bank Slate also offers a weekly newsletter and provides content to the American Bankers Association. Davis is director of market intelligence at Strategic Resource Management, a consulting firm in Memphis, TN.

**Peter H. Ledford** (JD ‘11) was appointed North Carolina clean energy director by Gov. Roy Cooper. He was general counsel and director of policy at the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association.

**Benjamin “Ben” Winikoff** (‘11, JD ‘15) was one of 25 young professionals to receive the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc. He is a partner attorney at Elliot Morgan Parsonage PLLC in Winston-Salem. His civil litigation practice focuses on employment law, workers’ compensation and personal injury. He is an adjunct professor at Wake Forest School of Law and a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps.

## 2012

**Stephen J. Bell** (JD ‘12) was featured in a Washington Post article in October about his representation of a whistleblower who exposed alleged securities violations involving Trump Media & Technology Group Corp. Bell is a partner in the white collar, government investigations and special matters group at Cranfill Sumner LLP in Wilmington, NC.

**Scott M. Douglass** (JD ‘12) joined the law firm Baker Donelson as a shareholder in the intellectual property group in Memphis, TN.

**Matthew “Gray” Garner** (‘12, MSA ‘13) joined Grubb Ventures as chief financial officer. Grubb Ventures creates and redevelops high quality communities in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina. Garner and his wife, **Kelsey Luvender Garner** (‘14), and their two children live in Raleigh.

**Kelly Larson** (‘12) was promoted to vice president, digital at Golin New York, a public relations agency.

**Kayla Trivette Lyon** (‘12) was promoted to outpatient medical director and associate residency program director for the Department of Psychiatry at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist.

**Cheyenne Woods** (‘12) was named to the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2022-23. She won the 2011 ACC Women’s Golf Individual Championship and was a two-time All-American and a three-time All-ACC honoree. She finished her career with the then lowest single-season and lowest career-scoring average in school history. She plays professionally and has been an on-course broadcaster for the Golf Channel.



**Clark**  
(JD '13)



**Laws**  
( '15, MSA '16)



**Agbleze**  
(MBA '16)



**Grace**  
(JD '16)

## 2013

**Gregory "Greg" Baker (MSA '13)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is a director at Aurora Management Partners, where he handles crisis management consulting. He and his wife, Christine, live in Atlanta.

**Sarah Riedl Clark (JD '13)** joined Kaufman Dolowich as a partner in its insurance coverage and litigation practice group in Chicago.

**Alex Ingle (JD '13)** joined Westmount Realty Capital, a commercial real estate investment firm in Dallas, as senior legal counsel. He lives in Arlington, TX.

**Thomas S. Lambert (JD '13)** was named to the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch for the third consecutive year in commercial litigation, litigation — construction and product liability litigation — defendants. He is an associate at Pullman & Comley LLC in Bridgeport, CT. He was elected to the Representative Town Meeting of Fairfield, CT, in 2021.

## 2015

**Amber Burton ('15)** was part of a team at The Wall Street Journal that was named a 2022 Pulitzer Prize finalist in explanatory reporting for stories about the 1921 Tulsa race massacre. Burton's story, "When Tulsa's Black Wall Street Went Up in Flames, So Did Potential Inheritance," was published in May 2021. She is now a senior writer at Fortune.

**Diane Hodson (MFA '15)** is investigative producer for The Line, an Apple Original podcast produced by Jigsaw Productions. The podcast, which explores the gray areas of warfare, won the 2022 duPont-Columbia Award. Hodson is also consulting producer for Apple TV+'s "The Line," the docuseries that is part of the podcast-TV combination.

**Derrian L. Hollingsworth (MBA '15)** started The Hollingsworth Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that raises awareness and funds to fight Spinocerebellar Ataxia type 7 (SCA-7), a rare genetic disease. Hollingsworth, his mother, his sister and his two teenage daughters are affected by SCA-7. Hollingsworth lives in Charlotte with his wife, Kyla, and children, Kiyana (20), Sydney (18), Kelsey (16) and Grayson (4).

**Heidi Muller Hoover (JD '15)** was promoted to senior manager of operations at CT Assist LLC, a health care staffing company specializing in cardiac surgery providers. She lives in Dayton, VA.

**Iris Wigodsky Laws ('15, MSA '16)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. She is a tax manager at FORVIS. She and her husband, **Matthew Laws ('15)**, live in Winston-Salem.

## 2016

**Dzidzorli Agbleze (MBA '16)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is a senior vice president at Truist. He lives in the Charlotte area.

**Monica Berra (MFA '16)** is a producer of HBO's "A Choice of Weapons: Inspired by Gordon Parks," which was nominated for Outstanding Documentary Feature, Outstanding Arts and Culture Documentary and Outstanding Editing: Documentary at the 43rd Annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards last September. She is based in New York.

**Michael "Mike" Grace (JD '16)** was one of 25 young professionals to receive the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc. He is an associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He was recognized in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch in banking and finance law and corporate law.

**Will Selfridge ('16)** graduated from the University of Miami School of Law. He is a law clerk at the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal in West Palm Beach, FL.

## 2017

**Duncan Bowden ('17)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is vice president at Blue Marlin Partners and lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, **Mattie Bowden ('16, JD '19)**.

**Jack Kountouris ('17, MSM '19)** developed a board game, "Invasion: The Conquest of Kings," with business partner and former classmate **Davis Gilbert (MSM '19)**. In the military strategy game for ages 13 and older, players can learn critical thinking skills, resource management and political concepts. They were inspired to create the game and their company, Dimension

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(MSA '17)



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( '18)



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(JD '18)

## 2018

**David Boone ('18)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is a senior financial services consultant at Ernst & Young LLP. He and his wife, **Alexandra Yarosh Boone ('20)**, live in Charlotte.

**Jacob "Jake" Horvat (MBA '18)** was one of 25 young professionals to receive the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award from Greater Winston-Salem Inc. He is director of digital marketing at Flow Automotive. He serves on the boards of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Winston-Salem and the United Way of Forsyth County.

**Kiran Patel ('18)** joined the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He is a senior investment analyst at KrisDan Management Inc. and lives in Naples, FL.

**Earl Storrs III (JD '18)** joined Barclay Damon LLP as an associate in Rochester, NY. He focuses on insurance coverage disputes and products liability defense matters.

## 2019

**Davis Gilbert (MSM '19)** developed a board game, "Invasion: The Conquest of Kings," with business partner and former classmate **Jack Kountouris ('17, MSM '19)**. In the military strategy game for ages 13 and older, players can learn critical thinking skills, resource management and political concepts. They were inspired to create the game and their company, Dimension Board Games, after playing board games with classmates at Wake Forest and learning business strategy and management in the Master of Science in Management program. Gilbert lives in Denver, CO.

**Julia Haines ('19)** joined U.S. News & World Report as a data editor after working as a data analyst for the U.S. Air Force. She lives in Dayton, OH.

**Cameron Young ('19)** was named the PGA Tour's Rookie of the Year and received the Arnold Palmer Award. Young was a five-time runner-up on the tour in 2021-22 and finished No. 19 in the FedEx Cup standings. His former teammate, **Will Zalatoris ('18)**, was named Rookie of the Year last season.

**Megan E. Young ('19)** joined Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP as an associate on the employment and labor team in the firm's Philadelphia office.



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## 2020

**Sam Chason ('20)** and **Matt Gronberg ('20)** earned an opportunity to pitch their business on ABC's Shark Tank in October. They received offers from four of the "sharks" interested in investing in Storage Scholars, which provides moving, storage and shipping services for students in collaboration with 23 campuses in nine states. Chason, the founder of the company, and Gronberg, co-founder and chief operating officer, struck a deal with investor Mark Cuban, who offered to invest \$250,000 to help Storage Scholars go nationwide in exchange for a 10% stake in the company. Chason started Storage Scholars as a freshman. With support from Wake Forest's Center for Entrepreneurship, he landed a coveted spot in Winston Starts, a startup incubator in Winston-Salem dedicated to nurturing entrepreneurs and helping them develop and scale their business ideas.

**Alexis Hutchinson ('20)** co-wrote "Title IX and the Protection of Pregnant and Parenting College Students" with **Catherine Coelho Riley ('10, MA '12)**. The book began as a research project by Hutchinson when she was a student and working with Riley, a former part-time assistant professor of communication at Wake Forest. Hutchinson is in her third year of law school at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

**Elliot Mee (MSBA '20)** joined the Wake Forest School of Business Alumni Council. He is a resource management non-commissioned officer for the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." He and his wife, Lauren, and their two daughters, Riley and Avery, live in Springfield, VA.

**Tara Schiphof (MSM '20)** was named Miss Capital City 2023 and will compete for the title of Miss Georgia 2023, part of the Miss America competition. Her platform, #yesYOUcan, helps students develop healthy coping mechanisms. She is an assistant channel manager at Stanley Black & Decker Inc. in Atlanta.

**Adriana Craver Selfridge (MDiv '20)** was ordained by the Moravian Church and is a chaplain at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

## 2021

**Lauren Green (JD '21)** joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as an associate in the litigation practice group in Dallas. In law school, she was an articles editor for the Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy and vice president of the Women in Law organization.

**Kaylie Levitz ('21)** is a compensation analyst at Dell Technologies in Austin, TX. She led its Women in Action program that focused on empowering women globally.



Chason  
( '20)



Gronberg  
( '20)



Green  
(JD '21)



Aguilera  
(JD '22)



Jenkins  
(JD '22)



Laughery  
(JD '22)

**Miles Palmore Middleton ('21)** is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He graduated Ranger School in July 2022 and is stationed in Fort Drum, NY, in the 10th Mountain Division. He deployed and is an infantry officer in Syria. In 2021, he wrote a Constant & True essay in Wake Forest Magazine. More at [bit.ly/3St1Ecq](https://bit.ly/3St1Ecq)

**Adam Rhew (MBA '21)** was named president of SouthPark Community Partners, an economic development nonprofit in Charlotte's SouthPark district.

## 2022

**Maria Aguilera (JD '22)** joined Cranfill Sumner LLP in Charlotte as a civil litigation associate attorney. She was president of the Latinx Law Student Association at Wake Forest and founded the school's first Latinx scholarship for incoming students.

**Samantha Jenkins (JD '22)** joined Roberts & Stevens PA in Asheville, NC, as an associate attorney, concentrating in corporate and employment law. At Wake Forest, she was managing editor of the Journal of Law & Policy and provided legal services to assist small businesses, nonprofits and startups through the Community Law & Business Clinic.

**Ethan Landen (MA '22)** was named a capital project analyst for Independent Project Analysis after graduating from the Master of Arts in Sustainability program. He consults with companies in the energy and natural resource sector and develops research for their capital projects. He lives in northern Virginia.

**Rachel Ormand Laughery (JD '22)** joined Young Moore and Henderson PA in Raleigh as an associate on the transportation and logistics team, concentrating on trucking accidents and litigation. At Wake Forest, she was an executive editor of the Journal of Law & Policy and participated in the Appellate Advocacy Clinic.

**Hex Li ('22)** researched and curated an exhibit, "Guī Shù Gǎn: Between Belonging and Isolation in the WFU Chinese Community," at the Timothy S. Y. Lam Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest. She is studying in the Education, Society and Culture program in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. More at [bit.ly/3qXVfde](https://bit.ly/3qXVfde)

**Sharene Pierce (MBA '22)** was named vice president of customer experience & services, operational transformation, at Duke Energy Corporation. She lives in Charlotte.

## Marriages

**Matthew L. Jamison ('01)** and Lindsay Parker, 10/22/22 in Winston-Salem, where they live.

**Mary Patterson Broome ('05)** and John William Fenn, 5/28/22 in Delta, AL. They live in Greenville, SC.

**Lynn Daniels ('07)** and Patrick Bowles, 7/30/22 in Smithfield, NC. They live in Four Oaks, NC. The bride is the daughter of Hank Daniels ('76).

**Elizabeth "Beth" Jane Brumbaugh ('09)** and Patrick Rei-Po Chai, 9/25/21 in Mooresville, NC. They live in Newport News, VA. The wedding party included Matthew Brumbaugh ('12), Emily Rosemann Davis ('09, JD '12), Alana James ('09, MSM '10), Kristen Reek ('09) and Caroline Lawler Webb ('09, JD '12). The bride is the daughter of Wayne Brumbaugh ('71) and Jane Irwin Brumbaugh (MA '77).

**Tyler Adam Meyer Pietruszka ('11)** and Taryn Alexandra Hochleitner, 8/20/22 in Leesburg, VA. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Allan Burton ('11), Woody Hales ('11), Deven Patel ('11) and Blake Taylor ('13).

**William Joshua Ward ('11)** and Nicole Ashley Keith, 4/2/22 in Savannah, GA. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Fletcher Bingham ('10), Brian Hart ('16), Mike McNamara ('80), Nick Rubino ('09), Daniel Russell ('09), Kyle Smith ('10), Seth Williford ('11, JD '18) and Emily Young (MA '24).

**Jasmine Michelle Pitt ('12, JD '15)** and **Brandon Kenneth Jones (JD '15)**, 8/27/22 in Winston-Salem. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Breonna Hammond (JD '15), Eric Jones (JD '17), Alison Lester (JD '15) and Hannah Nicholes Rahimzadeh (JD '15).

**Lauren Michelle Hiznay ('13)** and **John Philip "JP" Rotchford ('13, MSA '14)**, 9/17/22 in Chapel Hill, NC. They live in Raleigh. The wedding party included Caroline Culp ('13), Dan DiSalvio ('13, MSA '14) and Nick Stanzione ('13).

**Bradley Michael Keegan ('13, MS '15)** and McKinley Mapes, 6/25/22 in South Bend, IN,

where they live. The wedding party included Alex Bashore (PhD '18), Cory Ryan Cerussi ('13), Ryan Ivey (JD '15), Peter Lewis (JD '15) and William Marsh Jr. ('13). Larry Jones ('76), former Wesley Foundation campus minister, celebrated the wedding.

**Casey Orr ('14)** and **Parks Noyes ('15, JD '21)**, 10/1/22 in Emerald Isle, NC. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Griffin Brumbaugh ('15) and Amalia Klinck-Shearman ('14).

**Matthew DeVito ('15)** and **Heather Donelson ('15)**, 9/17/22 in West Orange, NJ. They live in Verona, NJ. The wedding party included Briana Vogel Booth ('15), Zoe Corner ('15), Michelle DeVito Marinello ('12), Lauren Sisak ('14) and Andrew Vietze ('15).

**Nathan Scott Everhart ('15)** and Anna Brown, 5/14/22 in Concord, NC. They live in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Scott Siegler ('15).

**Charlotte Louise Leitch ('15)** and Forrest Byron Jones, 4/16/22 in Cary, NC. They live in Raleigh. The wedding party included Serena Daya ('15, MA '17) and Natalie Michaels ('15).

**Hannah Alms ('16)** and **Jason Guo ('16, MD '20)**, 9/25/21 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlottesville, VA. The wedding party included Natalie Alms ('20), Rebecca Alms ('12, MA '14), Tala Khatib ('16), Nuwan Meegalla ('15, MD '20), Hassan Nasif ('16) and Harsh Patolia ('16).

**Geoffrey Leeker ('16, MSA '17)** and **Claire Trump ('16)**, 4/2/22 in Sawgrass, FL. They live in Charlotte. The wedding party included Emily Bryant ('15, MSA '16), Frederick Daley ('16), Maria Grant ('16, MSA '17), Andrew Harton ('16, MSA '17), John Iskander ('16, MSA '17) and Ella Ryan ('16).

**Will Selfridge ('16)** and **Adriana Craver (MDiv '20)**, 9/24/22 in Winston-Salem. They live in West Palm Beach, FL. The wedding party included Taina Diaz-Reyes (MDiv/MA '19) and Brian Keller ('15).

**Kevin Andrew Chapman ('17)** and Jamie Diane Van Horne, 6/12/22 in Carmel, CA. They live in Philadelphia. The wedding party included Douglas Chapman ('15) and Brady Dunayer ('17).

**Rocco Esposito ('17)** and **Lauren Gilvar ('18)**, 10/15/22 in Charlotte, where they live. The wedding party included Reid Althoff ('17), Abby Castaldi ('18, JD '21), Hannah Singerling Jones ('18), George Pate ('17), Grace Sharer ('18), Tommy Vater ('17), Tim Wieckowski ('17) and Chase Wilson ('17).

**Emily Joyce Beeland ('19)** and Charlie Jo Kaufman, 8/4/22 in Jackson, WY. They live in Orlando, FL. The wedding party included Cheyenne Zuck ('18).

**Cassidy Noble ('21)** and Daniel Bennett, 7/16/22 in Atlanta, where they live. The wedding party included Abby Hawkins ('21, MSA '22), Madison Michles ('21) and Emma Szuba ('21).

**Jessica Hardee ('22)** and William Knight, 6/24/22 in Morganton, NC.

**Daniel "Danny" Myers ('22)** and **Madeline "Maddy" Waltemath ('22)**, 6/11/22 in Nashville, TN. They live in Raleigh. The wedding party included Peter Bryant ('22), Elise Burger ('22), Lexi Colan ('22), Jackson Cole ('22), David Deerin ('20), Mary Caroline Funk ('22), Peter Gilbert ('22), Anna Hogewood ('21), Thomas Laws ('22), Andrew Mauney ('22), Graham Schultz ('21), Mary Harriet Waltemath ('25) and Libby Welborn ('22).

## Births

**Chad Austin Pugh ('02)** and **Jessamine Beach Buck ('03)**, Cary, NC: a son, Ambrose Everett Pugh. 4/2/22. He joined his siblings, Jonah (9), Remsen (7) and Beatrix (3).

**Jason Roger McCarthy ('06)** and **Katy Talley McCarthy ('06)**, Cambridge, MA: a son, Kian Torrey. 10/29/20. He joined his brother, Declan Gray (4).

**Kelsey Indorf Soukup ('06, MSA '07)** and Bryan Jeffrey Soukup, Alexandria, VA: a son, Blake Thatcher. 10/11/22. He joined his brother, Ford Bryan (1).

**Mary Scott Hardwick Balys ('07)** and Matt Balys, Washington, DC: a son, Theodore Adamo. 8/17/22.

**William "Will" P. Dickinson III ('07, JD '10)** and Angela Peay Dickinson, Richmond, VA: a son, Anthony Myers. 2/22. He joined his brother, William IV (3).

**Kendra Armstrong McAdams ('07)** and Scott McAdams, Charlotte: a son: Davis Scott. 9/29/22. He joined his sister, Sloan (2).

**Meredith McCrea Whetsell ('07)** and Stuart Frank Whetsell, Lynchburg, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth McCrea "Mackie." 5/24/22. She joined her brother, Eli (5). She is the granddaughter of Mary Kay Meredith McCrea ('75) and the niece of Katherine Hunter McCrea Francis ('15, MAEd '16) and Johnny Youssef Francis ('15).

**Patrick John Eulitt ('08)** and **Sarah Coffman Eulitt ('09)**, Lone Tree, CO: a son, Nathan Paul. 4/27/22. He joined his sisters, Caroline (6) and Eliza (4), and brother, Thomas (2).

**Allie Hewlett Stifel ('08)** and **Drew Stifel ('08)**, Crozet, VA: a son, Henry Thomas. 11/5/22

**Gray Allen Godwin ('09)** and **Ryan Godwin (PhD '17)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Insley Lou. 11/3/21

**Ashley Merrill ('09)** and David deBuys, Chevy Chase, MD: a daughter, Remy Merrill deBuys. 10/13/21

**Joe Edward Abernethy ('10)** and **Katie Harrell Abernethy ('10)**, Longmont, CO: a daughter, Penny Swift. 9/22/22. She joined her brother,

Luke (2). She is the granddaughter of Brandon Hayes Harrell ('82) and Nancy Blades Harrell ('82).

**Matthew Cashman ('10)** and **Sarah Luvisi Cashman ('10)**, Charlotte: a daughter, Caroline Margaret. 8/31/22. She joined her sister, Eleanor Leigh (2).

**Brian Farrell ('10)** and **Laura Ator Farrell ('12)**, Paoli, PA: a son, Liam Mark. 8/5/22. He joined his brother, Jack (2).

**Thomas Sensing ('10)** and Wendla Sensing, Birmingham, AL: a son, Grae Alderman. 11/29/21. He joined his brother, Anderson (2). He is the grandson of Donald Sensing ('77) and the godson of Stephen Castillejo ('10).

**Benjamin Winikoff ('11, JD '15)** and **Holley Nelson Winikoff ('11, MSA '12)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Mary Ella. 8/1/22. She joined her sister, Lindley (3).

**Matt Galione ('12)** and **Rachel Niddrie ('12)**, Stamford, CT: a daughter, Mia Grace Galione. 8/2/22

**Griffin Benjamin Shoemaker ('12)** and **Mandi Yohn Shoemaker ('12)**, Roanoke, VA: a daughter, Margot Reade. 1/31/22. She is the granddaughter of Jeff Yohn ('76).

**Kelley Chan Gass (JD '13)** and **Matthew Gass (JD '13)**, Atlanta: a daughter, Sophie Grace. 10/17/22. She joined her brother, Noah James (3).

## Deaths

**Henry Jerome "Pete" Langston Jr. ('43)**, March 4, 2022, Danville, VA. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a radio broadcaster.

**John Wesley Chandler ('45, LHD '68)**, Aug. 5, 2022, Williamstown, MA. He was an influential educator and champion of the liberal arts. A native of Mars Hill, NC, Chandler spent much of his childhood in a Baptist orphanage. He began his long career in education in 1948 as a philosophy instructor at Wake Forest. He earned a divinity degree and Ph.D. from Duke University. He joined Williams College in 1955 and was a religion professor, dean and acting provost. Chandler was named president of Hamilton College in 1968 and, five years later, he returned to Williams as president for 12 years. He was president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities from 1985 to 1990. He was chair of the board of trustees at Duke University and received the University Medal for Distinguished Meritorious Service.

**Alvin Saul Levine ('48)**, Dec. 3, 2021, Jacksonville, FL.

**E. Lee Adams ('49)**, July 24, 2022, Goldsboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an optometrist in Goldsboro for 58 years and president of the North Carolina Optometric Society. He biked triathlon legs

until he was 90. He established the F. Lee Fulton Scholarship at Wake Forest in honor of his uncle, **Fitzhugh Lee Fulton (LLB '1923)**. Survivors include sons **Edwin Lee Adams Jr. ('83)** and **Glenn Scott Adams ('90)**.

**Thomas G. Austin Sr. ('49)**, Sept. 1, 2022, Greenville, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired as vice president of Dealers Supply & Lumber Co. in Greenville. He was 100.

**William S. Clarke Jr. ('49)**, Sept. 6, 2022, Cary, NC. He was a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who flew 100 combat missions over North Vietnam and 10 over Laos during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross three times and the Air Medal 10 times. He was an operations analyst and spokesperson for the U.S. Air Force at the Pentagon and retired as assistant director of public affairs for the Air Force. He later directed the national headquarters of the United States Power Squadrons.

**William "Bill" Gardner Montgomery ('49, MD '52)**, July 1, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean War. He was a "country doctor" and urologist. Survivors include daughter **Julie Watson (JD '82)**.

**John W. Person ('49)**, Sept. 12, 2022, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was a mortgage banker. He was treasurer of the North

Carolina Home Builders Association and a member of the North Carolina Housing Hall of Fame.

**Bobby "Bob" Gerald Shaw ('49)**, Sept. 20, 2022, Boynton Beach, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught high school mathematics and Latin and retired from Palm Beach State College as professor of mathematics.

**Donald Perry Douglass ('50, MD '53)**, Oct. 16, 2022, High Point, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force as chief of general surgery at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He had a private surgical practice and was chief of staff at High Point Regional Hospital. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Walter James Douglass Jr. ('43)**. Survivors include daughter **Elizabeth Douglass Walsh ('80)** and son **Donald Perry Douglass Jr. ('88, MBA '93)**. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Colette Matthews Burgess Naso ('50)**, July 10, 2022, Davidson, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Riley Dee Burgess Sr. ('51)**.

**Lester "Jack" Wilson ('50)**, Aug. 8, 2022, Ocean View, DE. He flew 15 missions over Japan as a gunner in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II in the 16th Bombardment Group. He couldn't find a place to live when he enrolled at Wake Forest after the war, so he ordered a kit for a chicken coop from the Sears Roebuck catalog and built

his own place. He was a guidance counselor at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, VA.

**Byron Bullard ('51)**, May 6, 2021, Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was president and CEO of Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. He was chair of the North Carolina Healthcare Association. He received the Excellence in Christian Healthcare Management Award from the American Protestant Healthcare Association in 1988 and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor, in 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Carolyn Timberlake Bullard ('51)**. Survivors include son **Byron Bullard Jr. ('76)** and daughter **Leigh Bullard (MBA '80)**.

**Robert Gaston "Red" Poole Jr. ('51)**, Sept. 6, 2022, Cary, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a homebuilder and sold real estate.

**Lucius W. Pullen ('51)**, Aug. 21, 2022, Raleigh. He was assistant attorney general of North Carolina and vice president and head counsel for Texasgulf Chemicals Co. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Randolph Lee Rhodes ('51)**, July 11, 2022, Summerville, SC. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 until 1982 and received the Gray Owl award as the longest serving naval flight officer on active duty in 1982-83. After retiring from the Navy, he



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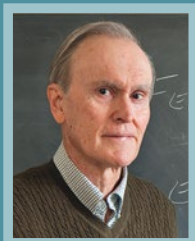
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**FREDRIC T. HOWARD**

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics



Fred Howard loved baseball and teaching mathematics and had a Hall of Fame-worthy career: 43 years teaching at Wake Forest from 1966 to 2009. Howard, who was 83, died Sept. 26, 2022, in Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife, Gail Howard.

A Texas native, Howard earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from Vanderbilt and his Ph.D. from Duke University. He advised graduate students for 30 years and oversaw the thesis research of numerous students. He was a past president and emeritus board member of The Fibonacci Association, an international mathematics organization devoted to the study of special number sequences.

When he retired, Howard was saluted as "an inspired teacher, a gifted scholar, a trusted mentor and a valued colleague." "I will miss interacting with students," Howard said. "I've enjoyed helping students, being a friend and mentor, as well as their teacher. And I've enjoyed being an integral part of the math department."

**MARION W. BENFIELD (JD '59)**

University Distinguished Chair Emeritus in Law

Marion Benfield had already enjoyed a long, distinguished career when he returned to his alma mater as the first chaired faculty member in the School of Law from 1990 to 1997. Benfield, who was 90, died Aug. 30, 2022, in New Braunfels, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Dalida Benfield.

Benfield grew up on his family's farm in Belwood, North Carolina, and graduated with a degree in English from UNC-Chapel Hill. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he earned his law degree from Wake Forest and a master's in law from the University of Michigan. A national scholar in commercial law, he held an endowed chair at the University of Illinois when he was recruited to Wake Forest.

"We could not have had a better first chair," said retired law school Dean Robert K. Walsh (P '94). "Marion was a wonderful role model of the teacher-scholar ideal and the best human being imaginable. He played a great role in the development of our law school."

**MICHAEL S. LAWLOR**

Professor Emeritus of Economics

Mike Lawlor, who taught economics from 1986 to 2014, was passionate about integrating a liberal arts perspective into the study of the economy to facilitate equitable social progress. He died Sept. 21, 2022, in San Antonio. He was 63. He is survived by his wife, Janice Lawlor, and daughters Emma Lawlor ('11) and Moria Lawlor Love ('15).

Lawlor graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and earned his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He was a respected researcher on influential economist John Maynard Keynes and the author of "The Economics of Keynes in Historical Context." He started the health policy and administration minor and mentored numerous students in the honors research program in economics.

"He was an ideal mentor, always determined to enable and encourage students to discover and give of their best," said Professor of Economics Allin Cottrell (P '10). "Besides teaching, Mike made a substantial contribution to the intellectual life of the University and to scholarship more widely."

**JAMES F. COTTER**

Retired Professor of Finance



James Cotter brought to his classroom a blend of experience in banking, engineering and running his own business. Cotter, who was 64, died Sept. 8, 2022, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He is survived by his wife, Debora Cotter, son Christopher Cotter ('10) and daughters Allison

Hatley-Cotter ('14) and Jessica Cotter.

Cotter grew up in Las Cruces and graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in civil engineering. He was a homebuilder before earning an MBA from Indiana University and going into banking. He earned his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill and taught at several other universities before teaching at Wake Forest from 2002 to 2018. He received the Horace Kelly Alumni Teaching Award in 2014.

"It would be hard to overstate the positive impact James Cotter had on the development of our undergraduate finance program," said Bill Marcum, director of the program. "He was responsible for countless innovations in the way we prepare our students for life."

was executive director of the Greater Summer-ville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce.

**Hugh Edward Sutphin Sr. ('51)**, July 12, 2022, Mount Airy, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was a retired dentist.

**L. Robert Vaughan ('51)**, May 27, 2022, Fincastle, VA. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and had a 40-year career at General Electric in Roanoke, VA.

**Raymond Otis Colston ('52)**, Nov. 1, 2022, Virginia Beach, VA. He was pastor emeritus at Central Baptist Church in Norfolk, VA, and past president of the Virginia alumni association of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Elgar Percy "E.P." Ellis Jr. ('52, MD '55)**, Oct. 4, 2022, Anderson, SC. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Navy. He practiced anesthesiology at the Anderson Area Medical Center for 30 years and was Anderson's first board-certified anesthesiologist. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marion Horn Ellis ('52)**. Survivors include son **James Michael Ellis ('76)**.

**Arch E. Lynch ('52, JD '57)**, Aug. 31, 2022, Pinehurst, NC. He played baseball at Wake Forest and practiced law in Raleigh until retiring from Poyner Spruill LLP.

**John Cornelius Riggs ('52, JD '56)**, July 28, 2022, High Point, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was an attorney in High Point for 61 years until retiring at age 90 and president and secretary of the 18th Judicial Bar Association. He was president of the High Point Civitan Club and was named Civitan of the Year in 1982. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Fern Tharrington Riggs ('56)**. Survivors include daughters **Beth Batchelor ('82)** and **Rebecca Lockhart ('84)**, son-in-law **Bob Batchelor (MBA '82)** and granddaughter **Katharine Batchelor (JD '21)**.

**Ernest Harrison Stines ('52, MD '57)**, Sept. 22, 2022, Canton, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was co-founder of Midway Medical Center in Canton. He was a past member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council, past president of the medical school alumni council and a former trustee of North Carolina Baptist Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Libbie Allen Stines ('53)**, and his father, **Ernest Stines (1924)**. Survivors include son **William H. "Bill" Stines ('84)**. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Imogene Douglas Clegg ('53)**, Jan. 24, 2022, Apex, NC. She was a teacher.

**Jackson "Jack" Rea Herring ('53)**, May 26, 2022, Boulder, CO. He was a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder. Survivors include brother **Ralph Herring Jr. ('49)**. He was preceded in death by his brother, **David Herring ('51)**, his father, **Ralph Alderman Herring Sr. (1921, DDiv '45)**, and his grandfather, **David Wells Herring (1882)**.

**George N. Lefelar ('53)**, July 14, 2022, Rockville, MD. He served in the U.S. Army and played minor league baseball for the New York Giants. He retired as a consulting systems engineer with CIA clearance after 35 years with IBM. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Floyd Lefelar ('53)**. Survivors include son **Greg Lefelar ('81)** and grandson **Jackson Lefelar ('19)**.

**Lillian "Billie" Louise Parrish Maguire ('53)**, Sept. 23, 2022, Pomona, CA. She was a founding board member of the Children's Advocacy Center in Covina, CA. She received the Volunteer Leadership Individual Award from the National Children's Alliance.

**Willard S. DeLara ('54)**, April 1, 2022, Williamsburg, VA. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for the National Park Service and the U.S. Postal Service.

**Ellene Holbrook Francis ('54)**, Aug. 26, 2022, Waynesville, NC. She grew apples at the Francis Fruit Farm with her husband, **Charles "Pink" Francis ('52)**, who preceded her in death. She was a trustee at Haywood Community College.

**M. Carlisle Franks ('54)**, Raleigh, Nov. 16, 2022. He was chaplain of Moore (County) Regional Hospital and Sandhills Mental Health Center and director of pastoral services at Dorothea Dix Hospital. He helped start and chaired the board of Sandhills Hospice.

**David Taylor Garrett ('54)**, July 3, 2022, Springfield, VA. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Wake Forest and was the business manager for The Howler. He served in the U.S. Army and was co-owner of a commercial printing business.

**Thomas Matthews Haizlip ('54)**, Sept. 7, 2022, Raleigh. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was director of child and adolescent psychiatry at UNC-Chapel Hill and at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh. He was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor, for his contributions to the care of North Carolina's children.

**Colon Stonewall Jackson Jr. ('54)**, Aug. 4, 2021, Lillington, NC. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and a pastor. Survivors include stepson **John Leslie Campbell ('00, MSA '01)**. Jackson was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Charles Kenneth "Ken" Phillips ('54)**, Aug. 20, 2022, Bradenton, FL. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces as a weatherman in Nicaragua. He was an ophthalmologist in Bradenton for 25 years.

**Thomas Eugene Register ('54)**, May 5, 2022, Apex, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and was a director at Carolina Biological Supply Co. for 40 years. He was preceded in death by his stepson, **Anderson Hostetler ('76)**.

**Bertis Hilton Sellers ('54)**, Oct. 1, 2022, Wendell, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from the North Carolina

Department of Correction. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Richardson Sellers ('54)**.

**Arthur Bard ('55, MD '59)**, Jan. 21, 2022, Boca Raton, FL.

**Betty May Tribble Barnett ('55)**, Aug. 26, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was a Fulbright scholar in France and received an MA from UNC-Chapel Hill. She taught Latin and French for 28 years at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Harold Wayland Tribble Sr. (LLD '48)**, the 10th president of Wake Forest, and Nelle Futch Tribble. Survivors include her husband, Professor Emeritus of History **Richard C. Barnett ('54)**, daughter **Amelia "Amy" Carlton Barnett ('81)** and son Colin Warwick Barnett. She was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society and helped endow the Harold Wayland and Nelle Futch Tribble Scholarship.

**William R. Beach III ('55)**, Oct. 28, 2022, Atlanta. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest. He was a pathologist and retired medical director for Wellstar Health System. Survivors include son **John Beach ('93)**.

**George Julius Deaton Jr. ('55)**, March 15, 2022, Oak Ridge, TN.

**Robert "Bob" Pegram Yoder ('55)**, Sept. 7, 2022, Raleigh. He played in the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black band at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Army as a cryptographer and was an insurance underwriter with the North Carolina Rate Bureau.

**Alexander Tilden Austin ('56)**, May 31, 2021, Fort Mill, SC.

**James Jaquelin "Jack" Crosswell Sr. ('56)**, Sept. 13, 2022, Cripple Creek, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a special investigator for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Survivors include son **James Jaquelin Crosswell Jr. (MD '80)**.

**George Edward King ('56)**, May 12, 2022, Cary, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a deputy insurance commissioner with the state of North Carolina and chair of the board of McM Corp. before retiring at age 86. Survivors include son **George King Jr. ('82)**.

**Giles Langdon Martin Sr. ('56)**, Jan. 23, 2022, Iron Station, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a chemical engineer and chair emeritus of the Lincoln County (NC) Extension Advisory Council.

**Thomas Dale Simmons ('56)**, Aug. 29, 2021, Rocky Mount, VA. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a teacher in Virginia.

**Donald L. Tekavec ('56)**, Oct. 21, 2022, Uniontown, PA. He served in the U.S. Army and was a psychologist.

**Philip Tracy Wall (JD '56)**, Aug. 29, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Air Force Reserve and was an attorney in Greensboro. He was a past president of

the Greensboro Lions Club and received the highest award given by Lions International, the Melvin Jones Award.

**Christ G. Balatsoukas ('57)**, Sept. 12, 2022, Ambridge, PA. He played football at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from Conrail Railroad.

**Emily Kate Hockaday Boegli ('57)**, Nov. 10, 2022, Lawrenceville, GA. She was a retired nurse.

**Bill Collins ('57)**, Oct. 1, 2022, High Point, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and worked in sales for 60 years.

**Joe Henry Crump ('57)**, Feb. 18, 2021, Asheville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army.

**James "Jim" Fulghum ('57)**, Aug. 11, 2022, China Grove, NC. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Army in Paris during the Korean War. He worked for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

**William Edward Jones ('57)**, Aug. 3, 2022, Silver Spring, MD. He was superintendent of Belcher-town State School in Massachusetts and an advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

**Bernell "Bernie" Gooding Miller ('57)**, Jan. 17, 2022, Lynchburg, VA. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan. He worked for three decades in banking, at United Virginia Bank and Crestar Bank.

**Elizabeth Reid Parker ('57)**, Feb. 14, 2022, Roanoke, VA. She was a school librarian for 35 years.

**Richard Edward Powell ('57)**, Aug. 14, 2022, Blackstone, VA. He was an aircraft logistics coordinator for the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command.

**Frederick Leon Simpson Jr. ('57)**, April 28, 2022, Monroe, NC. He was an independent insurance agent and a community theatre actor.

**Polly Wood Smith ('57)**, July 28, 2022, Wake Forest, NC. She was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for 40 years.

**Marietta Chamblee White ('57)**, Aug. 11, 2022, Charlotte. She played tennis at Wake Forest and was a school guidance counselor and volunteer. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Allen White ('54)**. Survivors include sons **Alan White ('87)** and **David White ('90, MBA '99)**.

**Theodore "Ted" Charles Conrad Jr. ('58)**, June 27, 2021, Spartanburg, SC. He was a founding partner of Conrad & Company CPAs.

**William "Bill" Franklin Folds ('58, MD '62)**, Aug. 26, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a family doctor and chief of staff at Forsyth Hospital in Winston-Salem. He was a trustee at Campbell University. Survivors include daughter **Trisha Helen Folds-Bennett ('84, MA '86)**.

**Douglas A. Graham ('58)**, Aug. 30, 2022, Matthews, NC. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Wake Forest and editor of *The Howler*. He served in the U.S. Army in the biological weapons program. He taught botany for 25 years at Barton College and received the Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Member of the Year Award. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Gloria Flippin Graham ('57, MD '61)**.

**James H. Hawley ('58)**, Aug. 28, 2022, Raleigh. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He retired from Farm Bureau Insurance after 30 years.

**John Frederick Hebel ('58)**, July 7, 2022, Dover, DE. He served in the U.S. Navy and was in the aerospace industry and worked on the Magellan spacecraft that visited Venus.

**Robert "Bob" Cecil Hedrick ('58, JD '63)**, Sept. 3, 2022, Lexington, NC. He was president of Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest and served in the U.S. Army. He practiced law for over 50 years and was the attorney for Davidson County and Davidson County Community College. He was president of the Kiwanis Club, chair of the March of Dimes and Jaycee Man of the Year. Survivors include his wife, **Jane Aycok Hedrick ('58)**, daughters **Laura Lucile "Laura Lu" Hedrick ('83, JD '86)** and **Martha Delia "Mardee" Johnson ('85)**, and grandchildren **Baily Johnson ('18)** and **Taylor Jane Johnson ('20)**.

**Vollie W. "Woody" Hicks Jr. ('58)**, Jan. 19, 2022, Mechanicsville, VA. He retired from Ford Motor Co., Dominion Energy and the state of Virginia.

**Helen Josephine "Jo" Holt ('58)**, July 29, 2022, Adel, GA. She was a retired high school teacher.

**Anna Rae Johnson Murray ('58)**, Aug. 1, 2022, Rose Hill, NC. She started an accounting business and helped establish Harrells Christian Academy. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Elwyn Grey Murray Jr. ('60)**. Survivors include her children, **Laura Rae Case ('81)**, **Llew Ann King ('83)**, **Caroline McMahon ('87)** and **Elwyn Murray III ('89, MBA '94)**, son-in-law **Matt King ('82)**, daughter-in-law **Wendy Lewis Murray ('89, MBA '94)**, and grandchildren **Anna Williams King Birdwell ('08)**, **Maggie Case Wallis ('09)**, **Matthew King Jr. ('12)**, **Sidney Murray ('18)**, **Robert Case ('18)**, **Elwyn Murray IV ('20)** and **Julia Rae Murray ('25)**.

**Jerald "Jerry" Johnson Pierce ('58)**, Dec. 31, 2021, Sanford, FL.

**David Nordan Canady ('59)**, July 19, 2022, Parkton, NC. He was a Baptist minister and an adult probation officer and prison chaplain with the North Carolina Department of Correction. Survivors include son **Andrew McNeill Canady ('03)**.

**Wayne Eugene Ellingham ('59)**, Oct. 13, 2022, Clemmons, NC, and Albertain, MT. He was a teacher in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for more than 30 years.

**Elizabeth York Enstam ('59)**, Sept. 15, 2022, Dallas. She was an adjunct professor of history

at Southern Methodist University and author of "Women and the Creation of Urban Life," which was a finalist for the Texas Institute of Letters. Survivors include daughter **Gwendolyn Enstam (MA '93)**.

**Mark Waitzel Hodges ('59)**, May 3, 2022, Osprey, FL. He served in the U.S. Army.

**William Dunn Martin ('59)**, Oct. 23, 2022, Advance, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. He retired as director of internal audit after a 30-year career at the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

**Suzanne Taylor Poston ('59)**, Oct. 15, 2022, Oklahoma City, OK. She was a teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Alexander Poston ('58, MD '62)**.

**Bobby "Bob" B. Smathers ('59)**, March 24, 2022, Buford, GA. He served in the U.S. Army and was a retired Realtor.

**Leila Smith Chapman ('60)**, Oct. 20, 2022, Raleigh. She was a nurse at Wake Technical Community College, UNC Rex Hospital and NC State University student health services. Survivors include son **Richard O. Chapman ('86)**.

**Robert F. Crumpler ('60)**, Sept. 14, 2022, Four Oaks, NC.

**Branch Howard "B.H." Daniels Jr. ('60)**, Aug. 15, 2022, Chesapeake, VA. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest. He was a retired attorney and a past president of the Great Bridge Baseball Association in Chesapeake.

**Gene Glasco Sr. ('60)**, July 31, 2022, Virginia Beach, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy in Japan. He was a teacher, instructional specialist and principal in Virginia Beach.

**Thomas Ward Hogan ('60)**, Aug. 8, 2022, Raleigh. He was director of social services for Wake County (NC). In 2002, he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor awarded by the North Carolina governor's office, for his public service.

**Thomas "Tom" Jefferson LeVines ('60)**, Aug. 20, 2022, Mount Dora, FL. He served in the U.S. Army and pastored Lyles Baptist Church (VA) for a combined 30 years in both his first and last ministries.

**Judith "Judy" Shaw Peterson ('60)**, Sept. 23, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was a retired educator. She was a past president and a member for more than 51 years of the North Carolina Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an organization for women educators. She was preceded in death by her sister, **Phylliss Shaw Tilley ('55)**.

**Reuben Gainey ('61)**, July 17, 2022, Gainesville, FL. He retired as vice president, regional manager after 36 years at Nationwide Insurance.

**David Moore Holding ('61)**, Sept. 8, 2022, Concord, NC. He ran his family business, Holding Brothers, for 40 years.

**Judith Ellingham Nichols ('61)**, July 22, 2022, Clemmons, NC. She worked at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in laboratory research on leukemia.

**Clara "Cackie" Buchanan Rollins ('61)**, June 15, 2022, Clemmons, NC. She worked in marketing research and retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

**Glenda Lineback Taylor ('61)**, Sept. 21, 2022, Clemmons, NC. She was a teacher.

**Watt C. White Jr. ('61)**, Oct. 12, 2022, Stamford, CT. He was owner of Watt White Management Consultants.

**Bob W. Bowers ('62, JD '64)**, Sept. 12, 2022, Lexington, NC. He practiced law for nearly 50 years, including with his law school classmate **Skip Stoner Jr. (JD '64)** at Stoner Bowers & Gray PA in Lexington.

**Hiram Vance Jenkins ('62)**, June 24, 2022, Madison, NJ. He taught French at Wake Forest in the 1960s and was a technical documentation specialist for Exxon.

**James Oscar "Jimmy" Outland ('62)**, Sept. 21, 2022, Rich Square, NC. He was a cotton farmer who helped start the Southern Cotton Growers Association. He was mayor of Rich Square, a commissioner of Northampton County and chair of the Roanoke River Basin Regional Council. He was preceded in death by his father, **Robert B. Outland Sr. ('28)**. Survivors include brother **Robert "Bob" B. Outland Jr. ('60, P '89)**.

**Richard Jefferson Shouse ('62)**, Aug. 8, 2022, Advance, NC. He retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 30 years.

**Phyllis Spangler Bryant ('63)**, April 28, 2022, Chatham, VA. She retired from the Pittsylvania County Library in Chatham.

**Sylvia Marie Timoskevich Chatburn ('63)**, Feb. 11, 2022, Sagle, ID. She was a teacher.

**Frederick Roy Clifford Sr. ('63)**, Nov. 4, 2022, Winston-Salem. He established Durabilt Corporation, where he built several hundred racing and cruising sailboats. He and friends founded Adventure Sail, a nonprofit that taught youth to build and sail sailboats. Survivors include his wife, **Dean Major Clifford (MAEd '80)**.

**Maurice Allison Helms ('63)**, Aug. 12, 2022, Atlanta. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wake Forest. He was a showroom manager at Atlanta Decorative Arts Center.

**Barrett McKenzie Hunter ('63)**, March 22, 2022, Jonesboro, GA. He was a dentist in the U.S. Navy. He was the first orthodontist in Clayton County (GA), where he practiced for 45 years.

**Thomas Kerr Lally ('63)**, July 26, 2022, Lancaster, OH. He played football at Wake Forest and was a retired financial adviser.

**Brent Allen McRae ('63)**, Sept. 15, 2022, Sanibel, FL. He worked for the Centers for Disease Control for over 30 years and received a distinguished award for his work on the Coronary Drug Project. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Haenni McRae ('63)**, and sons **Steven McRae ('90)** and **Scott McRae ('92)**.

**Ida E. Yates ('63)**, Oct. 5, 2022, Athens, GA. She was a scientist at the USDA Russell Research Center, where she researched corn and pecans until her retirement in 2008. She authored 50 peer-reviewed scientific publications.

**Thomas "Tom" Dalton Cash Jr. ('64)**, Sept. 17, 2022, Troutman, NC.

**David LeGarde McCullough (MD '64)**, Oct. 17, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Air Force in general surgery. He was professor and chair of urology for 21 years at Wake Forest School of Medicine and president of the American Board of Urology and the American Association of GU Surgeons. He received the Medical Alumni Association's Distinguished Achievement Award. Survivors include his wife, **Carroll Lisenby McCullough ('64)**. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Arthur John Redden Jr. (JD '64)**, Sept. 1, 2022, Hendersonville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a military police officer at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. He was an attorney for 45 years.

**Jerry Reeves Sparger ('64)**, Aug. 8, 2022, Germantown, TN. He was a personnel psychologist in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired after 31 years as a professor and chair in the criminology and criminal justice department at the University of Memphis.

**Sullivan Anthony Welborne Jr. ('64)**, Sept. 14, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He was retired vice chancellor for student affairs at North Carolina A&T. He was the first Black president of the Old North State Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor, from **Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. (LLD '82)**.

**Randall Hill Gibson ('65)**, Oct. 13, 2022, Hamilton, Ontario. He was program director and a DJ at WSJS radio station in Winston-Salem in the 1970s before moving to Canada.

**William "Bill" Kenneth Slate II ('65)**, June 10, 2022, Mount Pleasant, SC. He was a Poteat Scholar and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wake Forest. He was president and CEO of the American Arbitration Association and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution. He founded the Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Center for the Americas.

**Glenda Ann Turner ('65)**, Aug. 16, 2022, Gastonia, NC. She was a social worker with the Gaston County Department of Social Services for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her brother, **Denny Lee Turner ('62)**.

**Francis M. Mason (MA '66)**, Sept. 10, 2022, Manchester, NH. He taught at Saint Anselm College for 30 years and was chair of the history department for two decades.

**Thomas P. Nauman (MA '66)**, Oct. 12, 2022, Davenport, IA. He and his wife owned Nauman Sod Farm for more than 30 years.

**James Arthur Pepper III ('66)**, Sept. 9, 2022, Winston-Salem. He was a financial planner at his company, Pepper Financial.

**Sherman Lee Townsend ('66)**, Oct. 19, 2022, Dover, DE. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He retired as first vice president at Merrill Lynch after 47 years in financial services. He was on the University of Delaware Board of Trustees for 30 years and was a founding member and past chair of the Delaware Community Foundation.

**James Michael Turner ('66)**, Aug. 1, 2022, Charlotte. He worked in information services in the food industry.

**Samuel Latham Whitehurst Jr. ('66, JD '69)**, Oct. 16, 2022, Clayton, NC. He practiced law in New Bern, NC, for many years.

**Patricia Christenbury Yonders (MA '66)**, Dec. 2, 2021, Peachland, NC.

**William "Bill" Thomas Bertrand ('67)**, Aug. 26, 2022, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a real estate broker.

**Peter Jacob Bondy ('67)**, Sept. 27, 2022, Prairieville, LA. He served on the College Board of Visitors and the Global Programs Advisory Committee at Wake Forest. He worked in reinsurance and consulting in the actuarial industry in the United States and Latin America for more than 40 years.

**Johnny Dean DeLaigle (MS '67)**, Oct. 7, 2022, Madison, GA. He was an aerospace warfare engineer in the U.S. Department of Defense.

**Charles "Mac" McFarland Hunter (JD '67)**, Nov. 11, 2022, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He practiced law at his own firm for 50 years and was town attorney for Erwin, NC, for 30 years. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest award for service.

**Herbert Taylor Mullen Jr. (JD '67)**, Sept. 13, 2022, Elizabeth City, NC. He was a "country lawyer" in Elizabeth City, Camden County attorney and counsel for Albemarle Regional Health Services.

**John Michael Ray ('67)**, July 12, 2022, Raleigh. He was treasurer of student government and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Army and was president of his family business, Raleigh Office Supply. Survivors include daughter **Ashley Ray ('94)**.

**Charles "Chuck" Cochran Adams III ('68)**, Sept. 20, 2022, Charlotte. He was co-captain of the track team and a member of the monogram club and Kappa Sigma fraternity at Wake Forest. He had a career in sales for more than 40 years and started his own company, CIII Packaging.

**Richard Douglas Fearington Sr. ('68)**, Aug. 30, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Wachovia Bank, Bank of America and Carolina First Bank.

**Charles "Jack" Jackson Jr. ('68)**, Oct. 24, 2022, North Myrtle Beach, SC. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a farmer in Robeson County (NC) for 45 years.

**Durward Burrell Jones Jr. ('68)**, Nov. 4, 2022, Zebulon, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Taiwan during the Vietnam War and worked at the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Glenn G. Riley ('68)**, Aug. 16, 2022, Washington, DC. He was a management analyst, grants specialist and trainer at the U.S. Department of Education.

**Richard Connelly "Sandy" Sanders (MS '68)**, March 8, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and retired from Western Electric Co. Survivors include his wife, **Carolyn R. Ferree (MD '70)**.

**Stephen Richard Burns ('69)**, Sept. 7, 2022, Spartanburg, SC. He taught biology at Anderson University and was an associate pastor at Hope Church in Spartanburg.

**James Lowell Hemphill ('69)**, Sept. 11, 2022, Winston-Salem. He was one of the founders of the Men's Residence Council at Wake Forest. He was a stockbroker and investment adviser for 46 years and co-founder of Pennington Financial Group in Winston-Salem. Survivors include his wife, **Laura Thomson Hemphill ('71)**, son **John Randolph Hemphill (JD '01)** and daughter **Laura Hemphill Nazario ('07, MA '09)**.

**James Kenneth Martin ('69)**, July 15, 2022, Springfield, VA. He taught music and directed the Collegiate Chorale at Campbellsville University for over 20 years and was a church music director. Survivors include his wife, **Nancy Gravley Martin ('69)**, and daughters **Sara Martin ('95)** and **Susie Martin Yancey ('01)**.

**Bronnie "Cliff" Clifton Pearce ('69)**, Oct. 20, 2022, Lynchburg, VA. He played tennis at Wake Forest. Survivors include son **Eric Pearce ('08)**.

**Charles Stephen "Steve" Gaddy ('70)**, Oct. 8, 2022, Southern Pines, NC. He was a teacher. He was preceded in death by his father, **Clifford G. Gaddy Sr. ('45, MD '47)**. Survivors include brother **Clifford G. Gaddy Jr. ('68)** and sister **Betty Witman (MD '85)**.

**John George Wolfe III (JD '70)**, Nov. 5, 2022, Kernersville, NC. He was a longtime private attorney and town attorney for Kernersville. He helped preserve his family's 1880s Victorian

mansion, now the Körner's Folly house museum, and helped develop the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden. He and his wife, Bobbie, helped found the Kernersville Museum and donated a historic house for the museum's home. Wolfe was also a collector of eclectic curiosities, including antique typewriters, adding machines and cameras, old medicine bottles, a 1920s time clock and an 1870s organ. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor. Survivors include son **John Wolfe ('93)**.

**Jane Alice Weldon Woodward (MAEd '70)**, Aug. 3, 2022, Fripp Island, SC. She was a school guidance counselor for 35 years in North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington and California.

**Gwyndolyn "Gwyn" Daniels Bourne ('71)**, Aug. 16, 2022, Madison, MS. She was an elementary school teacher for 22 years and was a Teacher of the Year.

**Louis E. Laurence Sr. ('71)**, July 11, 2022, Augusta, GA. He played golf at Wake Forest on the Arnold Palmer Scholarship before serving in the U.S. Navy. He was an assistant golf pro at Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta and a caddie at Augusta National Golf Club.

**Gerard "Jerry" E. McGowan Jr. ('71)**, July 1, 2022, Albion, MT. He was a starter on the 1970 football team at Wake Forest that won the ACC championship. He was a musician and owned a faux painting and restoration business.

**Mahon "Mac" Smith ('71)**, July 23, 2022, Charlottesville, VA. He was a career employee with the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He was a member of the Wake Forest Legacy Society.

**Randall Delane Ledford ('72)**, July 21, 2022, Frisco, TX. He retired in 2015 as senior vice president and chief technology officer at Emerson Electric Co. Earlier, he was president and general manager of several divisions of Texas Instruments Inc. He received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the physics department in 2019. He endowed the Randall D. Ledford Scholarships at Wake Forest for students in physics or biophysics. Survivors include daughter **Jennifer Ledford Bentley ('02)**.

**Angus E. Chisholm (MBA '73)**, Nov. 12, 2022, Rockingham, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was owner and CEO of Chisholm Construction Co., chair of the city planning commission and president of the chamber of commerce and community theatre.

**G. Redmond "Reddy" Dill Jr. (JD '73)**, Aug. 18, 2022, Morganton, NC. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and practiced law in Burke County (NC) for nearly 50 years.

**Patrick M. Kelly ('73)**, Aug. 14, 2022, Salt Lake City. He played basketball at Wake Forest and professionally in France. He was a physical therapist.

**Lloyd B. Gallimore Jr. (MS '74, PhD '75)**, Oct. 30, 2022, Brevard, NC. He taught gross anatomy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for about 25 years.

**Robert "Terry" Hammond (MBA '74)**, Dunnellon, FL, July 11, 2022. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as CEO and president of Crown International.

**James A. Hooker (MBA '74)**, Nov. 4, 2022, Gig Harbor, WA. He was vice president and chief financial officer at McCormick & Co.

**Raleigh "Rod" Arlando Hunter III (MBA '74)**, July 17, 2022, Winston-Salem. He was president and CEO of Hunter Publishing Co. and a photographer. He carried the Olympic torch for a mile in the torch relay before the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

**Terry Prieston Titus ('74)**, Aug. 4, 2022, Yadkinville, NC. He was owner of Titus Construction Co.

**Peter A. Donelan ('75)**, Aug. 14, 2022, Tampa, FL. He was a dermatologist in Tampa for more than 35 years until retiring in 2019.

**William "David" Lee (JD '75)**, Oct. 4, 2022, Monroe, NC. He was an attorney and a senior resident Superior Court judge. He was chair of the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civic honor, from the governor. Survivors include his wife, **Kim Carpenter Lee ('74)**.

**Brian Patrick Lewis ('77)**, Aug. 16, 2022, Raleigh. He was a sales and customer service representative. He was president of the Raleigh/Wake County Council of the Blind and vice president of the North Carolina Association of Workers for the Blind.

**Charl Butler ('78)**, July 29, 2022, Columbia, SC. He retired as COO of AgFirst Farm Credit Bank in Columbia after 40 years in the financial industry.

**Robert J. Dunn Jr. (MBA '78)**, July 26, 2022, Spring Hill, FL. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and worked for the New York State Police and IBM. Survivors include son **Robert Dunn ('81)**.

**Ruth Ellen Werner (MBA '78)**, Aug. 9, 2022, San Francisco. She worked at an investment company.

**Susan A. Bishop ('79)**, Oct. 3, 2022, Franklin, NC. She was an editor for consumer and trade magazines.

**Sharon Ann Darnell Long ('79)**, Aug. 31, 2022, Radford, VA. She was a librarian, teacher and designer. Survivors include her husband, **Gary Long ('78)**.

**William Ray Armstrong (JD '80)**, July 4, 2022, Deland, FL. He was a mediator and civil-trial attorney specializing in personal injury and medical malpractice.

**Arthur Benedict Harron (MBA '80)**, July 21, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise. He worked in the hotel and restaurant industry and owned Stocks & Buns, a cornerstone of the downtown

restaurant scene in Greensboro in the 1980s and 1990s. Survivors include son **Greg Harron ('95)** and granddaughter **Jonny Kate Harron**, a freshman at Wake Forest.

**Urcle Mack Sheets II ('80)**, July 31, 2022, Sacramento, CA. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

**Derek John Crocker ('81)**, Aug. 23, 2022, Miami Shores, FL. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from MINTS International Seminary in 2000.

**Kirsten Dale "Kris" Edwards (JD '81)**, Oct. 17, 2022, Columbus, OH. She was an attorney, small-business owner, environmentalist, teacher and writer.

**Steve Nohlgren (PhD '81)**, June 30, 2022, Del Mar, CA. He taught biology at Salem College for 46 years and was chair of the biology department and pre-medical, pre-dental and pre-veterinary adviser. He was director of the Atlantic region of the Sertoma Club and received a Lifetime Achievement Award. He was named an honorary Black Panther by the Winston-Salem Urban League for his work in sickle cell testing. He was the longest continuously serving member of the Wake Forest School of Medicine's institutional review board for research on human subjects.

**Nora Susan Hawkins Johnston ('82)**, July 27, 2022, Indianapolis. She worked on admissions marketing and communications for Centre College and other universities and was an adjunct professor at Butler University. Survivors include her husband, **William Johnston ('82)**.

**Todd Anthony Leight ('83)**, Sept. 5, 2022, Pacific Palisades, CA. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Wake Forest. He worked in sales for medical device and biomedical companies. Survivors include his brother, **Troy Leight ('86)**.

**William Festus Turlington ('84)**, Oct. 22, 2022, Clinton, NC. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Wake Forest. He was president of F.L. Turlington Lumber Company Inc., a more than 100-year-old family business, for 40 years. He was past president of the Clinton 100 Committee. Survivors include his wife, **Lisa Hall Turlington ('84)**, son **William Festus Turlington Jr. (MSA '17)** and daughter **Lillie Ward Turlington ('18)**.

**Scott H. Miller (MBA '86)**, Oct. 14, 2022, Winchester, VA. He was a sales representative for Consolidated Packaging Group.

**Mark E. Taylor (MBA '86)**, Sept. 16, 2022, Greenville, SC. He worked in banking in Baltimore.

**Amy Lynn Brookbank Bradshaw ('87)**, Aug. 21, 2022, Greensboro, NC. She held an administrative position at Wrangler.

**Stephen George Dillingham ('92)**, Sept. 2, 2022, Silver Spring, MD. He was a senior analyst for technology company CACI International Inc.

**Andrea Leigh Bennett-Cain ('94, MD '99)**, Oct. 25, 2022, Seven Lakes, NC. She was a pediatrician known as "Dr. ABC" at Sandhills Pediatrics.

**Jon-Erick "Jeb" Burghart ('94)**, Aug. 25, 2022, Greensboro, NC. He was a quantitative analyst at Forest Investment Hedge Fund and a programmer at The Fresh Market. Survivors include his wife, **Shannon Farrell Burghart ('95)**.

**John Richard Liston (MS '94)**, July 5, 2022, Asheville, NC. He taught computer science courses at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC.

**Rojah Benard Rhodes ('95)**, Oct. 6, 2022, Louisville, KY. He was a technician for Ivy Technology.

**Marc Schoone ('96)**, Aug. 28, 2022, Downingtown, PA. He played basketball at Wake Forest. He was vice president of customer experience and supply at Superior Plus Energy Services.

**Walter "Walt" Hartley Ettinger (MBA '97)**, Oct. 17, 2022, Baltimore. He practiced medicine and was director of the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and president of UMass Memorial Medical Center. He was named to Best Doctors in America in geriatric medicine for 18 consecutive years and received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Johns Hopkins University. Survivors include son **Justin Lyon Ettinger ('04)**.

**Randolph "Tyler" Stone ('97)**, Sept. 21, 2022, Las Vegas. He was student government secretary and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity at Wake Forest. He graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law. He was in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and served tours of duty in Iraq and Bahrain.

**Charles "Chuck" Chambers (MAEd '03)**, Aug. 15, 2022, Vail, AZ. He retired after 30 years from Hanesbrands in Winston-Salem, where he led the direct marketing business.

**Julia Doub (MALS '04)**, Aug. 8, 2021, Winston-Salem. She worked at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for 30 years.

**Gregory Kyle Evans ('05)**, Aug. 10, 2022, Lexington, NC. He was a broadcast engineer with Wake Forest athletics.

**Jamie Lynn Cooper Hancock ('08)**, Sept. 5, 2022, Charlotte. She was a capital markets senior business manager during her 15-year career with Wells Fargo. Survivors include her husband, **James David Hancock ('08)**.

**Jean Sholar Christman ('51)**, Sept. 30, 2022, Winston-Salem. She was the widow of longtime University Chaplain **Ed Christman ('50, JD '53)** and a math and literacy tutor. Christman grew up on a farm in Kentucky and attended a women's junior college. She wanted to be a teacher so she enrolled at Wake Forest College, sight unseen, where she soon met Ed Christman. They would spend the rest of their lives ministering to Wake Forest students, faculty, staff and alumni. "For everything Ed accomplished, Jean was there with him and sometimes even ahead of him. They were a perfect pair," her family wrote in her obituary. The Ed and Jean Christman Fellowship in the Divinity School and the Ed and Jean Christman Poteat Scholarship are named in their honor. Survivors include daughters **Carolyn Christman (MA '84)** and **Kim Christman ('85)**.

**Bobbi Hensley Cobb**, Oct. 25, 2022, Winston-Salem. She worked in the athletics department at Wake Forest for more than 20 years.

**Willie Mae Funderburk**, June 16, 2021, Stockbridge, GA. She was a retired accounts payable representative at Wake Forest.

**Connie Brinegar Lawson**, Aug. 1, 2022, Tobaccoville, NC. She was the postmaster at the campus post office for 33 years until retiring in 2008.

**Helen Matthews Lewis (DDiv '00)**, Sept. 4, 2022, Abingdon, VA. She taught in colleges and prisons and was a civil rights activist. She was president of the Appalachian Studies Association, which created the Helen Lewis Community Service Award.

**Scott William Roth**, Sept. 21, 2022, Winston-Salem. He was a second-year student in the Master of Studies in Law program at Wake Forest.

**Trula Mae Hawkins Simmons**, May 24, 2022, Greensboro, NC. She was a store coordinator at Wake Forest.

**Raymond "Ray" Monroe Stout**, Sept. 2, 2022, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea and at Fort Bragg. He retired after 45 years with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and was a police officer at Wake Forest and a security officer at LJV Coliseum.

**Wrenn Calvin Walker**, Sept. 9, 2022, Boonville, NC. He worked in Facilities & Campus Services at Wake Forest for nearly 20 years.

**Isabel Zuber**, May 2, 2022, Winston-Salem. She worked at Wake Forest for 32 years and retired as head of circulation at Z. Smith Reynolds Library. Survivors include son **Jonathan Zuber ('85)** and daughter **Elizabeth Zuber ('89)**.

## Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

**Julia W. Bradford**, Sept. 18, 2022, Winston-Salem. She worked at Wake Forest for 25 years and retired as coordinator of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

# The love of wisdom

By Dr. Lawrence Ngo ('08)

**T**HE WORD PHILOSOPHY is derived from the ancient Greek, *philos* and *sophia*, meaning “love” and “wisdom.” It sounds good, doesn’t it? Who couldn’t use a bit more wisdom? At least I thought this was the case when I started college.

I entered Wake Forest hoping one day to become a physician, as I have. I knew the journey would be arduous and uncertain, but I didn’t want to go as the crow flies. I was at Wake Forest, a place famous for its meandering trails. I was particularly excited by the one marked “philosophy.” But at the trailhead, there were several ominous warnings. “Don’t take philosophy since it will kill your GPA.” “Wait until your senior year.” “Philosophy seems wildly impractical.” But I still couldn’t resist peeking at the trail as a freshman.

I soon found myself in a crowded (only by Wake standards) classroom in Tribble Hall, ready to start an introductory philosophy class. A well-dressed student in a blazer entered the classroom and stood in front looking at everyone with a pile of papers in his hands. A hush fell over the class as we all slowly realized that blazer-kid was not a student. His name was Christian Miller. Although the ink was still wet on his Ph.D. dissertation, he was going to be our philosopher, our professor and our GPA killer.

The ensuing semester and years did not go as planned. Professor Miller was as full of wisdom as any gray-haired professor, and the philosophers were not out to get us. We discussed the practical and biggest questions in life. What is the meaning of life and death? Does God exist? What are the arguments for/against abortion, the death penalty and gender equality? I was hooked. I majored in philosophy, and for the next four years, philosophical debate started in class and spilled

over to the dinner table at the Pit. These discussions reached a climax with a famous class from Professor Charles Lewis, called “Hegel, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche.” After a semester’s worth of nonstop dinner discussions of philosophy we barely understood, an exasperated and weary friend finally declared that there would be “no more Hegel at the table.”

When I graduated from Wake, I didn’t realize that I would face the most challenging philosophical problems yet. In medicine, I had to make sense of the senseless, such as coping with the loss of the 8-year-old patient who had been shot while sleeping in his bed. As a researcher, I struggled for years to elucidate the neural pathways our brains use to make moral judgments. As an entrepreneur, I wrestle with the problem of how to design artificial intelligence algorithms that can effectively save patients’ lives while avoiding negative unintended consequences. When seeking answers to these hard questions and issues, I have reflected on the deeper meanings behind these activities, the conclusions of those Pit dinner conversations, and the philosophers’ views I heard in Tribble many years ago.

My wife and I met on our first day at Wake Forest and have followed similar paths. She minored in philosophy and is now a physician. We have a young daughter and son who are full of life, energy and curiosity. They embody many of the conclusions that we had reached about the meaning of life years ago. We named our daughter Sophia. (Don’t worry, we did not name our son Phil.) I hope they both will



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become lovers of wisdom. I hope that they find this wisdom to be as practical as anything else they learn. And I hope they will not wait until the senior year of their college, careers or lives to do so.

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# Fueling Deacon pride

After a fall season with an ACC championship for the men's cross country team, Wake Forest fans enjoyed a beachside holiday gift in Tampa, Florida, on Dec. 23 from the football team. The Deacons notched a fifth postseason victory since 2016, defeating Missouri 27-17 in the Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl. Head coach Dave Clawson has taken the team to the most bowl game wins in University history and the second longest-bowl streak in the ACC.

Quarterback Sam Hartman, fresh off receiving the ACC's 2022 Piccolo Award for courage, led the team to three touchdowns in his last game as a Deacon and became the only Wake Forest player to win most valuable player award in two bowl games. The Piccolo Award honors the late Brian Piccolo ('65, P '87, '89), a standout Deacon running back whose career with the Chicago Bears was cut short by cancer. Hartman, a redshirt junior who is the sixth Deacon to win the award, was sidelined with a blood clot from a rare condition in August. He returned to the field after surgery and now holds the ACC record for career touchdown passes.

The men's cross country team was led by John Hayes, director of track & field and cross country, the 2022 ACC men's cross country coach of the year and the Southeast Region coach of the year. The team claimed the fifth ACC men's title in program history and the first since 1994. Four runners placed among the top eight to finish 42 points ahead of second-place Syracuse. Three players earned All-American honors: Zach Facioni ('22, MSBA '23) for the third time, junior Luke Tewalt and senior Aaron Las Heras.



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