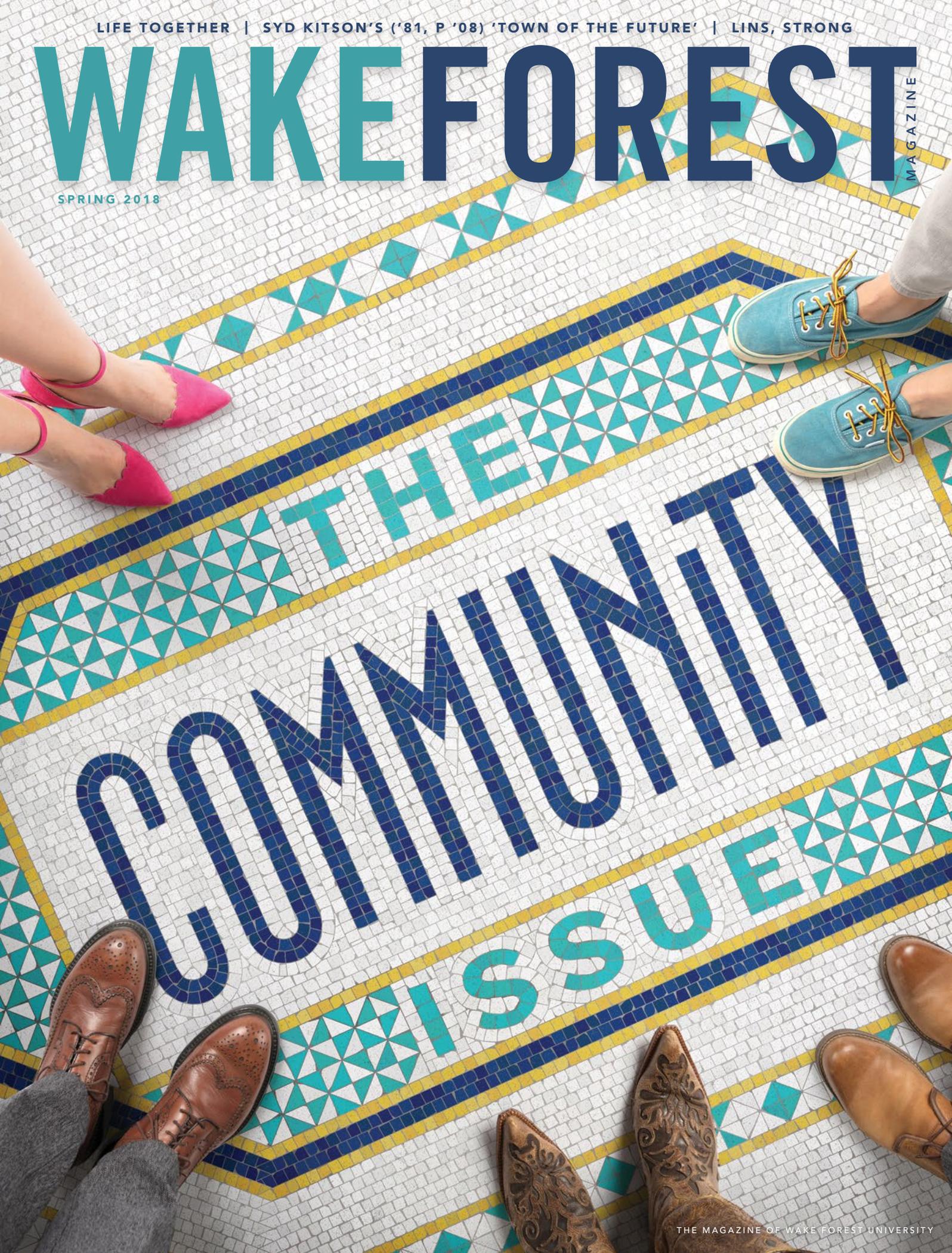


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## ON THE COVER

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**WAKE FOREST MAGAZINE** aims to celebrate and nurture community throughout the year, but this issue of the magazine provides a particular focus on how we support one another through good times and tragedy, how we strive to listen across differences and how as individuals we endeavor to build relationships that create community.

Our society tells us that one goes to a college or university primarily to fulfill personal dreams. I trust that at Wake Forest we can weave a more durable social fabric — a community whose members



understand that they are part of one another. Wake Forest at its best, living our motto of Pro Humanitate, helps individuals thrive, but in the context of deep connection and responsibility for each other.

In a culture that rewards productivity and in a university like Wake Forest that rewards excellence, it can be easy to discount the individual. In particular, I am referring to the struggling individual or the person not at the top of the class or the one who has not won the latest prize. If you are going to have community, everyone counts. The whole needs to be taken into account, and everyone needs to be taken seriously. Excellent education tends to reward the top performers and take for granted everyone else. We have to fight against that, not letting that reality color everything we do.

We have the advantage of our approach to education. The new Wake Washington undergraduate program, for example, has 16 students. Our faculty member knows them and their aspirations. It is much harder if you're dealing with classes of 300. With our size we are large enough to have the different kinds of programs a university should have, but we are still very much a face-to-face place.

When I think of our campus I am optimistic because we have realized something here that's special. It involves civil dialogue. It involves people who disagree but do so in an understanding and respectful way — a healthy way. It is far more life-giving than what one sees in the press, left or right. On this campus, we have a higher calling, to respect every individual and to build a community of hospitality and open conversation. The times we live in now require us to rededicate ourselves to the values that have held our alma mater in good stead for 184 years.

*Mark A. Petersen*



**FIRST**  
— A M O N G —  
**EQUALS**

How the black minister of a First Baptist church and the white minister of the *other* First Baptist church in Macon, Georgia, are working to heal racial divisions and transform community.

**BY TOMMY TOMLINSON**  
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MACON, GEORGIA —

# The two churches

SIT TWO BLOCKS APART. THEY BOTH CALL THEMSELVES FIRST BAPTIST. THE SAME ARCHITECT DESIGNED BOTH BUILDINGS. THE CONGREGATIONS SHARE A COMMON HISTORY THAT GOES BACK ALMOST AS FAR AS THIS CENTRAL GEORGIA CITY ITSELF. BUT ONE CHURCH IS BLACK, AND THE OTHER IS WHITE, AND THAT HAS KEPT THEM DIVIDED FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS.



The Rev. Scott Dickison ('05) has said, "I think our church has been representative of that whole trend of following the dominant culture's lead in terms of how we view our neighbors, how we separate ourselves and live kind of parallel lives in a lot of ways. ... There hasn't been animosity or ill feelings. There hasn't been much relationship at all."

The Rev. Scott Dickison and the Rev. James Goolsby are trying to change that.

Dickison ('05) is pastor of the white First Baptist — officially, First Baptist Church of Christ. Goolsby is pastor at the black First Baptist. For the last two years, they have brought their congregations together for events as simple as an Easter egg hunt and as profound as a series of deep conversations about race and privilege.

Their work has led the churches into difficult places and revealed long-buried facts. Sometimes, the members have discovered, history depends on who's telling the story. But both pastors think knowing the truth, and saying it out loud, is worth the effort — and not just for the congregations.

"Scott and I, we're comfortable that we'll pretty much talk about anything," Goolsby says. "We hope other people can see that and then work on their own relationships."

"The idea has always been," Dickison says, "that this wouldn't just be a relationship that would be a blessing for

our people, transformational for them, but something that could spill out into the community."

Almost 60 years ago, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that 11 a.m. Sunday is the most segregated hour in Christian America. In a lot of places, that's still true. But the two First Baptists hope to turn their little square of the world into common ground.

**D**ickison is now 34, but he knew from the time he was a child that he would spend his life thinking about God. He grew up in a church-going family in Charlotte, and people always told him he should be a minister. He did have a ministry of sorts at Wake Forest — Dickison performed as the Demon Deacon mascot all four of his years on campus, and was "lead Deac" the last three, 2002-05. He crowd-surfed at center court after Wake Forest beat Duke in basketball his

A man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, stands in an industrial setting. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background features large, weathered metal beams and a bright light source, possibly a window or skylight, creating a dramatic lighting effect.

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KNOW AND LOVE.’”







Dickison and Goolsby (right) decided to focus “our energies,” Dickison said in an interview with Georgia Public Radio: “Let’s build a relationship and from the relationship hopefully build the trust that’s necessary to really dig deeper into our histories.”

sophomore year. He also got written up in an Associated Press story for mouthing off at a Maryland trainer in the tunnel. Dickison pleads innocence: as the Demon Deacon, he says, it was “impossible because I couldn’t talk!”

When he started taking religion classes at Wake, Dickison thought the classes would be like Sunday School. Instead they pushed at the edges of what God represents and what it means to believe. It was, as Dickison puts it, “like I got hit in the face with a wet rag.”



He began to doubt the depths of his faith. He wondered if he had taken the wrong path. Then he took a class from professor Jay Ford. Ford assigned a reading from “Dynamics of Faith” by the philosopher and theologian Paul Tillich. In that book Tillich says doubt is a part of faith — if we had all the answers, he says, there’d be no reason for faith to exist. When Dickison read the words, sitting in his bedroom at home, he started to cry. He found new strength in his faith. He still thought he’d teach instead of preach, even after graduating from Wake and Harvard Divinity School. But as he looks back, those first classes at Wake pulled him toward being a pastor.

Dickison arrived in Macon in 2012 after serving at a church in Dallas. Goolsby had been at the black First Baptist since 2004. He’s a former banker who left the business after getting the call to preach. The two pastors knew about each other right away, but they didn’t meet until a couple of years later, at the city’s dedication of a Civil War memorial. “They actually had a young black lady in period costumes,” Goolsby says. “So that didn’t help.”

Their deeper friendship began with a nudge from the New Baptist Covenant, a group formed by former President Jimmy Carter to bridge racial and theological differences among Baptists. A Wake graduate named Hannah McMahan (’06, MDiv ’09) is executive director of

"It's been often said that the most segregated time in the U.S. is on Sunday mornings," Goolsby told Georgia Public Radio. "It prevents Christians from getting to know one another beyond the racial divide." The work between the two churches "has been tremendously effective in getting to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, and that has been amazing, and we're excited about where the conversation is going."



the New Baptist Covenant. She suggested that Dickison and Goolsby find ways to bring their churches together. That's when the two pastors started hearing the different stories about their churches' shared history.

The original First Baptist in Macon was founded in 1826, just three years after Macon became a city. As in many Southern churches back then, slaves and slave owners attended the same churches. At First Baptist, black worshippers had to sit in the back. One early head count showed 283 black parishioners and 199 whites. In 1845, the church bought land and black members moved to a new church there. The white First Baptist, according to Dickison, has always told the story that the black members asked to worship separately. It's more likely that the white members led the separation.

A pastor for the white First Baptist continued to do communion and baptisms for the black worshippers. White members considered that evidence of a unified church: "the benevolent overlord fiction," Dickison says. The truth was that in Georgia — as well as most other slave-owning states — it was illegal for black people to congregate without a white overseer present.

The churches officially split in 1865 as the Civil War ended. Both churches occupied different spots around town for a while. The white First Baptist settled in its current spot in 1887. The black First Baptist moved into its current home 10 years later. They have stood a few hundred steps apart for 120 years.

Today a few black members attend the white First Baptist, and the occasional white visitor shows up at the black First Baptist. Folks often show up at one thinking it's the other. A couple of earlier pastors swapped pulpits from time to time in the 1970s, and the congregations worshiped together briefly in 2001, after 9/11. Otherwise, the churches haven't had much to do with each other.

Dickison and Goolsby started changing that when they went to a New Baptist Covenant meeting in early 2015. They gathered their congregations together that May for a shared Pentecost service, where the churches promised to work together in worship and fellowship. Less than a month later, a young white man named Dylann Roof



killed nine black parishioners at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Dickison called Goolsby on the phone that day, torn up over the shootings, wondering what he could do.

*We're already doing it,* Goolsby said.

A few months later, as the white First Baptist got ready for its annual youth trip, they invited members of the black First Baptist to come along. But the trip was to Orlando, and Goolsby didn't want his son to go. He thought about Trayvon Martin — the black teenager gunned down by a white, neighborhood-watch volunteer in Florida in 2012. Goolsby thought his son, with a hoodie on, looked like Trayvon. David Cooke — a member of the white First Baptist and district attorney for Macon-Bibb County — promised to watch over Goolsby's son personally. The trip went fine, and it gave both churches fuel to keep trying new things.

In 2016, the two churches met for three long sessions to discuss race — not just in the history of the country, but

in the history of the two First Baptists. Members of both churches shared potluck meals, sat around tables in small groups and talked about how race had shaded their lives. The wounds did not magically heal afterward. The two churches are not planning to merge. But now members from both churches are having coffee together, or spending time at one another's homes.

Connie Jones, a member of the white First Baptist, met Bea Warbington-Ross, a member of the black First Baptist, at one of those discussions. They discovered they lived on the same street, just a few blocks apart. They've been friends ever since.

"We're committed to the process of partnering," says Jones, a marriage and family therapist in Macon. "I consider this to be a journey over the long haul. I don't want it to be a flash in the pan."

Goolsby says his members appreciate how members of the white First Baptist have reached out, listened, apologized for the sins of the past. Dickison knows his church has deeper work to do. In August, after the violence at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia,





both pastors spoke at a unity rally in Macon. Dickison's remarks included this: "The truth, of course, is that of our two churches, ours is the one who needed to re-examine its history, especially regarding racism, slavery and white supremacy. While at present we're not uniformly white as a congregation, and treasure what little diversity we have as a tremendous blessing, the fact remains that our congregation, like every predominantly white congregation in the South that dates back to that time, is the inheritor of the slave owners, not the slaves. We were the ones who have benefited and continue to benefit from the oppressive systems that we know were perpetuated long after the war was over — that are perpetuated even today."

Dickison says a few people have left his church over the deep discussion about race. But he's encouraged that most of his members want to talk about it. "I like to think that I'd be preaching full-throated sermons against racism and stuff without our relationship," Dickison says. "But the reality is that it's made it a lot easier when I can say, 'I talked with my good friend James, who you all know and love.'"

This past summer the two pastors, along with several members from both churches, went to a conference at Duke University. Dickison and Goolsby switched cars and rode with members from the other church. A night or two later, in the hotel lobby, many in the group watched the NBA Finals together.

"You see relationships developing," Goolsby says, "because of what we're doing not just on Sunday, but just trying to do as a normal way of life."



**M**acon is the kind of place that gives hope to someone in search of racial peace. It's the home of so much music that has brought people together. Little Richard grew up here. Otis Redding lived here. The Allman Brothers moved here in the '60s, not yet famous, broke as dirt. Louise Hudson, who helped run a soul-food place called the H&H, gave them food when they couldn't pay. When they made it, they took her on tour. Otis Redding's band was interracial, and so were the Allman Brothers, and in the music you can hear where blues and country and jazz and soul blend into one sound, a sound the South makes through all its beauty and agony and contradictions.

The South still owns the beauty and the agony and the contradictions. Those tensions have bled across the country and into the present tense. We have white supremacists marching around with a second wind. We have governments across the South, and in other states,

deciding what to do with all these statues and streets honoring the old Confederacy. Macon has two statues of its own downtown, and city leaders are trying to decide whether to move them.

It's not the easiest time to reconcile the divisions that kept the two First Baptists apart for more than a century. But there's no better time.

On a steamy Sunday morning in August, both pastors preach about Jesus' travels. At the white First Baptist, Dickison talks about Jesus' journey into Gentile areas north of the Sea of Galilee. At the black First Baptist, Goolsby talks about Jesus' trip into Samaritan areas to the south. They haven't coordinated their sermons. But both of them touch on the same theme: how powerful it is to reach across borders.

The two pastors know others are watching their experiment. CBS News did a piece on the two First Baptists. The pastors are hearing from other churches looking for advice



Goolsby joked about how his service is always longer than Dickison's. When the pastors decided to host the joint Easter egg hunt, Goolsby recalled in the radio interview how he agreed, "'I'll preach short that Sunday,' and Scott said, 'I'll preach a little longer.'"

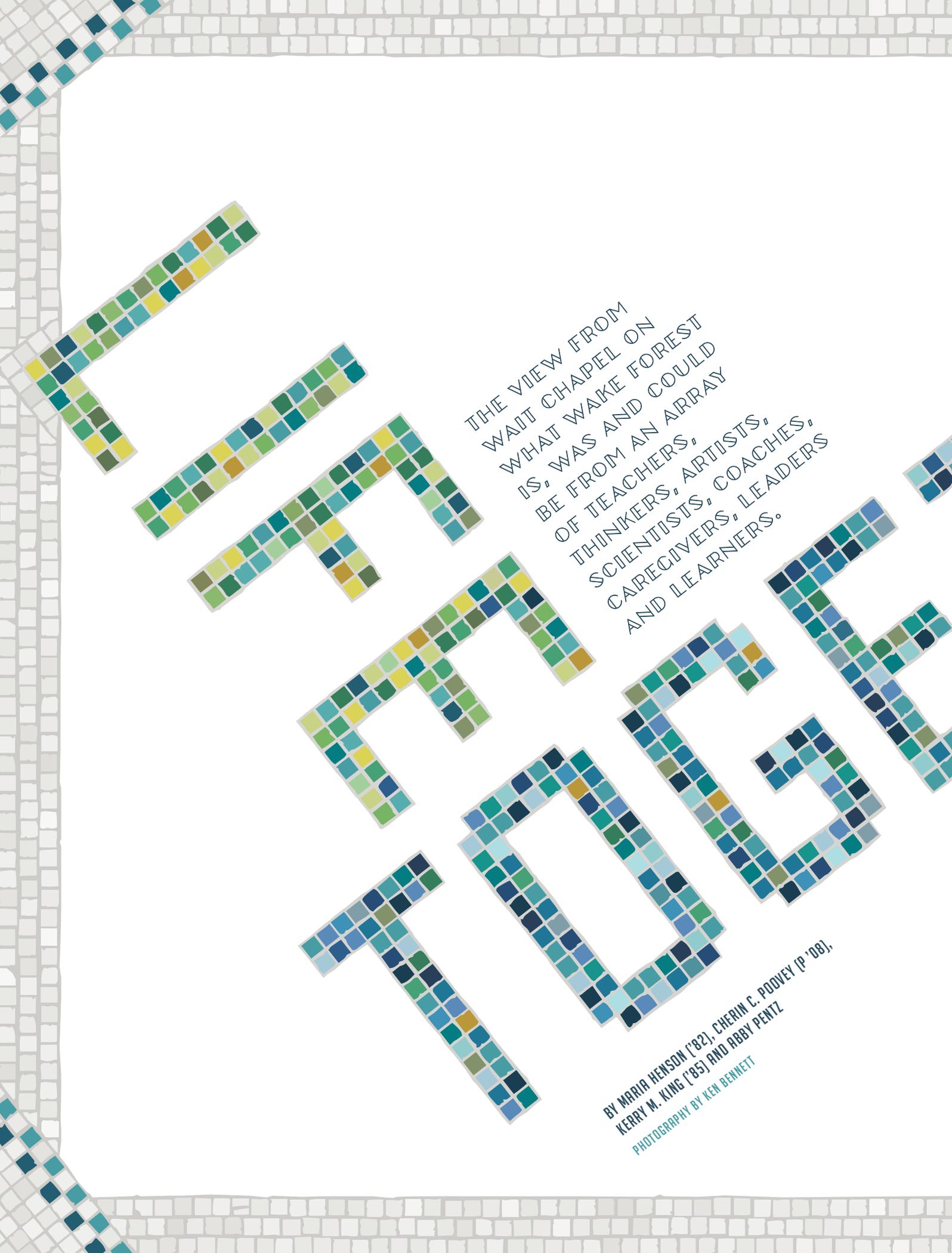


on how to start their own programs. "What I want it to become," Goolsby says, "is other people doing the work so it's not just dependent on Scott and I."

In the meantime, the two pastors eat a lot of lunches together. They have a favorite spot. It's right down the hill from the white First Baptist and basically next door to the black First Baptist. The H&H is still around, and you can go in there and get a meat and three, and look at the pictures of Otis and the Allmans, and think about the two churches on the other side of the wall, and have yourself a little taste of hope.

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THE VIEW FROM  
WALT CHAPEL ON  
IS, WAS AND COULD  
BE FROM AN ARRAY  
OF TEACHERS,  
THINKERS, ARTISTS,  
SCIENTISTS, COACHES,  
CAREGIVERS, LEADERS  
AND LEARNERS.

BY MARIA HENSON ('82), CHERIN C. POOVEY (P '08),  
KERRY M. KING ('85) AND ABBY PENTZ  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEN BENNETT



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In 2008,

I was on a yearlong sabbatical from my newspaper job and volunteering in the bush of Botswana when, to my surprise and delight, a South Carolina family arrived by bush plane on the grassy strip near my tent. The daughter wore a gray Wake Forest T-shirt. In that moment, deep in the Okavango Delta where threads of papyrus bend with gentle waves above the river channels and glistening malachite kingfishers dive for dinner, she and I were connected. She had finished her undergraduate studies and would be heading off in the fall to study veterinary medicine. Her family marked her accomplishments by coming to Botswana on safari, and I could not have been more excited by the arrival of this unexpected visitor.

“Here’s to Wake Forest!” We both knew what it meant — and felt it. (So did the young woman’s parents, proud that their daughter had been a Demon Deacon and no doubt pleased that the last tuition check had been mailed.)

I had graduated decades before. The young woman was fresh from the Quad. No matter. The kinship was immediate. We were inextricably linked by traditions, the carillon’s call, the Pit scene, our fondness for professors and our lamentation over how quickly four years can fly by.

For this issue of the magazine, to define Wake Forest community seemed to me an impossible task in a single story and with a single voice. Wake Foresters — alumni, faculty, parents, staff, even children pumping tiny legs to aim for the treetops on the swing outside Scales — are bound together over time and through our experiences on our campus home. We each have a story to tell that composes the mosaic that is our community. We are presenting to you in this issue a sample of those views.

I remain resolute in my opinion about our community. Passion for this place in Winston-Salem creates a spark of recognition that can be shared whenever Wake Forest people meet, even under the Southern Cross where elephants roam.

— *Maria Henson ('82)*

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**BORN IN COLOMBIA**

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M A R I A

“I have two children and when they left my house to start college I start(ed) to work here and see all the students like my children.

And I want to take care like (I do with) my children. I worry when they are sad and worry when they are sick, and I’m so happy when they have their birthdays. ... I know they work very hard and they are stressed, and ... many come from other countries. I know how it feels. I am an immigrant. I know how it feels when you don’t have your family close to you. They look at me like another person in their family. I want to take care like a mama.”

D I F A Z I O

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*Beloved by students as  
the hostess in the Magnolia Room*



14 MEGAN  
SCHMIT  
(’18) OF GLEN ELLYN,  
ILLINOIS

COMMUNICATION MAJOR WITH MINORS  
IN JOURNALISM AND ART HISTORY

*Former Wake Forest Magazine intern  
Aspires to be a journalist*

“I think community is best when you’re at your lowest point, not necessarily rallying around someone when they’re at their highest point. That’s what’s great about Wake. We’ve had low moments. We’ve had a lot of speak-outs that have had support. We’ve had organizations that have formed to support groups that may be marginalized in the greater community. There’s an attempt to make you feel empowered at Wake. ... I think it’s definitely a place that I’m going to credit in building the person I am today. There have been high moments and low moments, but in both instances I’ve been able to find people who have been able to give me what I need and help me through periods in my life I probably wouldn’t have been able to get through in any other sort of community. Even when I felt like I was having struggles with belonging, I always found some sort of niche here at Wake.”

43 JEFF  
MACINTOSH  
(’80)

MEMBER OF THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL

*Economics major who relies also on his Wake Forest anthropology, politics and history education in his city council work*

“Back in the day, as far as we ventured was the Safari Room or Tavern on the Green, a mile away. Now the community and the University are so much more integrated. I’m so happy to see that. It brings a very different culture to town that enhances everything we do and gives a better feeling of a cosmopolitan place to live than we used to have. I love to see the University reach out, especially in the downtown area, and both have benefited greatly from that partnership.”



**KNOWN AS “BIG DADDY”**

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BILL

Of the football players he’s known through the years at Wake Forest, he says, “They get friends other than football. They get friends for life.” Of his experience: “This place did a great job for me in giving me a chance to get an education, and I just feel very fortunate to give back to it.

That front gate at Reynolda Road? I usually average (passing through) about twice a day, sometimes three times a day. I know I’ve been in that front gate more than anybody ever at Wake Forest. That means I love this place, and, you know, really, it might be my first home more than my second home.”

FAIRCLOTH

(’64, P ’89, ’90, ’93)

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*Retired in 2017 after 42 years, first as assistant football coach, then as assistant athletic director for football*

BETTY 37  
HOLLIDAY  
WADDELL  
BOWMAN  
OF WINSTON-SALEM

*Daughter of Donald Van Holliday ('29)*

*Roomed with Byrd Barnette Tribble ('54, P '80, '82, '88) on the Old Campus as first-year students in 1950 until eloping during her sophomore year. (If she and Byrd had roomed all four years, she has said, "we could have really been famous." To this day, they still call each other "Roommate.")*

"When I think of Wake Forest and we sing the song, 'Dear Old Wake Forest,' my thoughts go to the old Wake Forest when it was a college. I am so proud of the University, but I'm so very proud of the college. I wish the students today could have had our experience when all the cares we really had were worrying about our grades. ... All the professors not only taught us but had an interest in our futures; and, of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention my college roommate, Byrd Tribble. ... I've had many blessings in my life, but the years at Wake Forest will always be a special time for me."

4 DEEDEE  
DELONGPRÉ  
JOHNSTON

CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

"The more our students are able to understand what community means from a biological perspective and the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience, the more they can ... really understand why seeking empathy with others ... makes us more resilient, really allows us to understand each other's values and to act on those values in a way that might actually make it possible for us to be sustainable as a human community."

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BYRD  
BARNETTE  
TRIBBLE

(’54, P ’80, ’82, ’88)  
OF WINSTON-SALEM

*Roomed with Betty Holliday  
Waddell Bowman on the Old Campus  
They still call each other “Roommate”  
Has taken six classes in the University’s  
Lifelong Learning Program*

“I was happy that Wake Forest moved to Winston-Salem (in 1956) because it’s my hometown, which is different from a lot of my relatives who lived in eastern North Carolina. They were horrified, and it took them years to get over it. Now I’m enjoying going over there (to Reynolda Campus) again whenever there’s a parking place. Even though I can’t get on campus as much as I want to, I enjoy it whenever I can.”

PETER 15  
KAIROFF

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

*Director of Casa Artom,  
the Wake Forest campus in Venice*

*Performed as pianist and harpsichordist  
from Rio de Janeiro to Berlin to  
Shanghai and many other cities*

*“When I think of all the wonderful  
and varied activities taking place  
on campus at any one time — all  
that assiduous study, dedicated  
teaching, all that laughter and all  
those discussions taking place at  
once — sometimes I think of it all  
as one giant symphony orchestra,  
with each of us — staff, students,  
faculty — playing our part to  
create the beautiful harmonies and  
thrilling melodies that make up  
the music that is Wake Forest.”*



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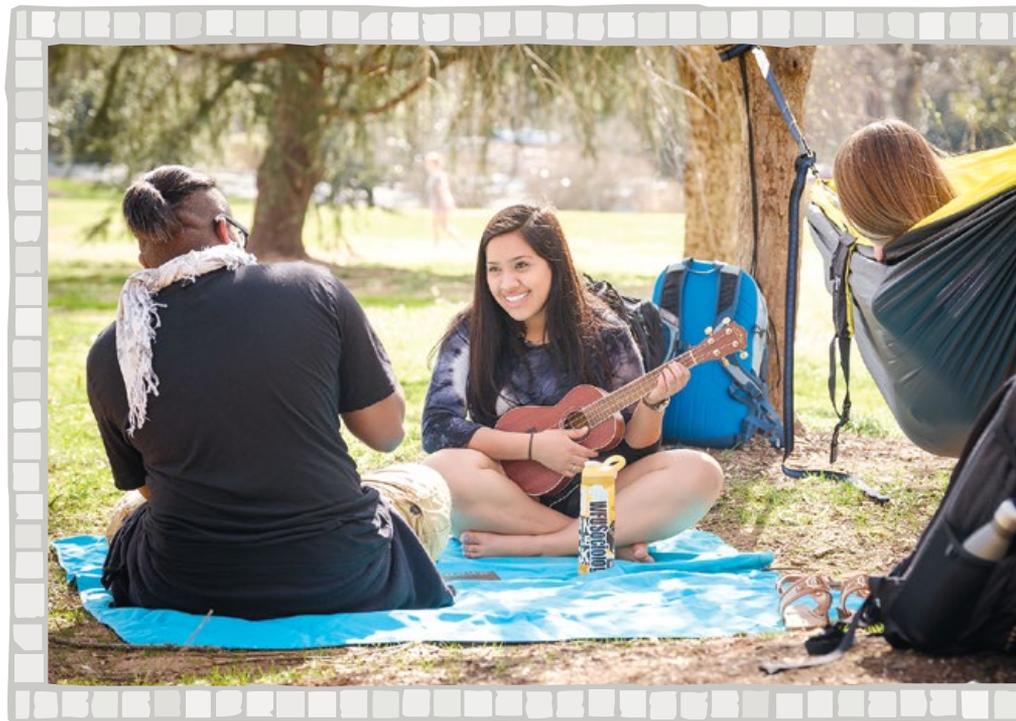
“As a ‘townie’ I expected my experience at Wake Forest to be very comfortable and that I would never expand my idea of community or even culture because I grew up here. But I knew I wanted to have a global experience in college so I sought that out. ... I can have breakfast with a family from the Congo and then have lunch with a family from Syria and then go over to a Persian family’s house for dinner. It’s enriched my life. ... Everyone here is treated as an equal, whether you’re a professor or a freshman. I can’t believe some of my friends are in places where their professors don’t know their names. That’s been such an integral part of my experience.”

O<sup>9</sup> B R I E N

( '18 ) OF WINSTON-SALEM

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*Politics and international affairs major with a minor in Italian language and culture  
President of the Student Association for the Advancement of Refugees  
Aspires to work with refugees or for humanitarian causes after college*



17 **ROGAN  
KERSH**

(’86)

**PROVOST AND PROFESSOR OF POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

*“At Wake Forest this academic year, we are ‘rethinking community.’ Through six dozen panels, performances, World Cafes, deliberative dialogues, local and national speakers, reading groups and class discussions, our community is exploring — and modeling — what it means to live in meaningful interaction with others today. Our students graduate into a society that is more diverse, polarized (politically, ideologically, culturally), global, and virtual (lives lived digitally) than ever before. The hope animating our Rethinking Community effort is that each of us at Wake Forest becomes more intentional about our own multiple memberships ... and more willing to reach across our myriad divisions.”*

35 DR. LESLIE  
DANESE  
KAMMIRE

('82, MD '86, P '18, '19, '21) OF  
WELCOME, NORTH CAROLINA

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, WFUBMC

*Member of the Greek Alumni Advisory Board and  
has served on the University's Faculty Senate*

*“When I think of my time at Wake Forest, I found the staff engaging, and (they) taught me to think much more independently than I ever had. Faculty taught me how to question things that I had taken for granted. I'm pleased that my children go here because I know they will get a top-rate education, and it's focused on making this world a better place. Pro Humanitate truly is what Wake Forest will teach.”*

2 REGINA  
LAWSON

CHIEF OF POLICE

“I came here in 1989 for five years, and it's 2017. It's because you do immediately begin to feel a part of the community. Community is important at Wake Forest, and it's a community that's hard to leave. You do feel the family atmosphere, the connections and the relationships and the partnerships. Although you have a sometimes challenging responsibility, you know you're not alone at Wake Forest.”

SUYASH 44  
KESHARI

('18) OF NEW DELHI, INDIA

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS MAJOR WITH MINORS IN  
JOURNALISM AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Aspires to be a consultant in  
business or government*

*Owner of Captain, the dog in the photo*

**“In a very deep sense I know where I'm from. I'm from India. I know my roots. I know my family values. I know my cultural and religious values.**

**At the same time, I know the American and cultural values as well — the way they interact socially, personally and professionally. The Wake Forest community, to me, means a community that is very tight-knit, very social. You can migrate to different parts of the community and find your place. ... It's a huge learning environment. Administrators and staff — they've mentored me; they've tutored me — just listening to them opens my mind so much.”**



21 LILY  
WALTER  
( '19 ) OF FRANKLIN,  
TENNESSEE

**SOCIOLOGY MAJOR WITH A MINOR IN JOURNALISM**

*Member of Friendships Beyond Borders, trying to foster connections between U.S. and international students*

“After the election, there was a big protest on campus where people from different backgrounds came to voice their opinions and share their frustrations and I think that was cool to see that people — coming from all of these different walks of life — could come together and talk about things and that we might not have that much that we agree on, but we still had this space where we could share that.”

Her favorite aspect of community at Wake: “The relationships that I’ve formed with my professors. ... I’ve been over to professors’ houses for dinner and can call some of them by their first names and I think that is a really unique thing Wake has to offer, the closeness between students and faculty and how that can carry over beyond your four years here, on to the future, having them as mentors or people who are in your corner.”



# 1 ASHBY COOK

(’71, P ’01) OF  
WINSTON-SALEM

*Can often be spotted at basketball games cheering on the Deacons wearing his signature gold fedora*

“Wake Forest has a closeness, uniqueness and spirit of connection that is so unusual. I ‘caught’ it when I stepped on campus, and it is stronger today. I moved on campus on Faculty Drive 10 years ago to experience our community in a greater way. Living here has been wonderful, and Katherine and I are blessed to be here. We are involved in many ways that have enhanced our life. The friendships throughout our community have been long-lasting and enriching. I have great satisfaction in giving back to our community.”

# 12 ANTIONETTA NETTA RICHARDSON

*For 22 years a familiar face in The Fresh Food Company, aka The Pit*

*Famous for her made-to-order omelets and big hugs*

“It’s a place of coming together and helping one another. The students have good days and bad days, but we’re there to put smiles on their faces.”

# SIMEON ILESANMI 42

(JD ’05, P ’15, ’20)

WASHINGTON M. WINGATE  
PROFESSOR OF RELIGION

*A native of Nigeria, he’s experienced Wake Forest as a faculty member since 1993, as a law student and as the parent of two students*

**“Community is when all of us share a sense of belonging, all working for a shared vision to promote an intellectually vibrant and inclusive community. There has to be a commitment to the ethos that enables everyone to feel genuinely affirmed and valued as a member of the University. ... The student body is more diverse and more international. There is more effort to connect the University to the global community, not just students studying abroad, but also bringing (international) scholars and students here. When I walk around the Quad, it’s like being at a university in New York. There is an attempt to create, in a micro way on campus, the real world. The bubble has been busted.”**

J. L.  
BOLT  
(P '10)

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, FACILITIES AND CAMPUS SERVICES**

*He preserves a bit of Wake Forest's history by making furniture and gifts from wood recycled from campus furniture and trees.*

“The Wake Forest community is made up of people who share the same values; it’s really a family atmosphere. People try to keep the traditions and values that have been created and pass them down to newcomers and explain what it means to be in the community. It’s a pretty tight community, with people that you can count on.”





**COMMUNICATION MAJOR AND  
JOURNALISM MINOR**



E L I S E

“It was so great to see so many young and old faces come together for a group photo from the simple connection to Wake Forest and the Demon Deacs. Now if that’s not community, then I don’t know what is. As a senior at Wake Forest, my time rolling the Quad and enjoying breakfast Tater Tots in the Pit is coming to an end. But with the strong communal Wake Forest spirit both on and off campus, I know that I will never truly leave.”

D E A N

(’18)



*Current Wake Forest Magazine intern*





**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL**

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REID

“A community exists within a narrative. Wake Forest’s narrative of ideals, values, relationships and affections was born on the Old Campus and continued here, carefully transplanted through the leadership of President Tribble, Ed Wilson (’43), and faculty and students. As the spirit of Pro Humanitate came to animate the college in Winston-Salem, our community broadened its vision to welcome diverse people and traditions. A true community, like a person, is always in the process of becoming. As our narrative continues to unfold, Pro Humanitate will remain a touchstone for who we are to become.”

MORRIGAN

(’75, JD ’78, P ’13, ’14, ’19)

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*He’s worked with three Wake Forest presidents — James Ralph Scales, Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and Nathan O. Hatch — dating back to 1979.*

## 29 PRESIDENT NATHAN O. HATCH

*“One of the great treasures of Wake Forest is the deep experience of community that people have felt here for generations. It opens people up to new avenues, but at the same time accepts them for who they are. That hospitality is something we need to preserve and enhance, because it’s at the core of what it is to be human. ... We live in a time when there are huge forces, maybe a tidal wave, against real functioning community. It’s the way people sort themselves out. It’s the polarization of media and politics. It’s the digital world. ... You don’t have community without hard work. That’s our task: to create a place where civil discourse can prosper. But it will not necessarily happen automatically. It has to be structured in and out of classrooms. It has to be modeled by faculty, staff and administrators.”*



MIA 16  
HARRIS  
(’17)

**BIOLOGY MAJOR WITH MINORS IN  
NEUROSCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY**

*Wake Forest Fellow, Office of the Provost*

“I start off by saying it’s like moving away from home, away from your family, but then also moving into this gigantic 4,000-plus family where you know everyone. Truly you walk across the Quad and you smile and you wave and you ask someone how their siblings are doing, how their parents are doing, because it’s just that type of family environment.”

34 LB  
SNIPES

('18) OF CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR WITH A MINOR IN NEUROSCIENCE

*President's Aide*

*“The most memorable moment I would say from the community is probably the Lovefeast where everyone just came in to the chapel and no matter where they were from or what their background was, they all came for one purpose: to celebrate being together.”*

10 SHAYLA  
HERNDON-  
EDMUNDS

DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE OFFICE  
OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

*A licensed professional life coach certified in emotional intelligence, unconscious bias and intercultural development*

**“Community at Wake Forest means so many things to so many people based on their identities and experiences. From my experience and observation, living in community at Wake is complicated, beautiful and challenging. We are both connected and disconnected, affirming and polarizing, innovative and traditional. Our community is in many ways a reflection of our society and in other ways a model for the society that we wish to create — for humanity.**



# MARK 27 WELKER

WILLIAM L. POTEA  
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

*Chemistry department chair and environmentally conscious beekeeper*

*“I think one of the things that has always impressed me about the faculty at Wake is the sense of camaraderie that exists. A lot of times Wake is the underdog on the athletic field, and in all honesty the same is true among national universities when our faculty compete for research grants, fellowships, book contracts, etc. The faculty here really want to help one another be successful. People will read grant drafts for you, read manuscripts drafts for you, share their syllabi freely, share exams, share teaching tips and on and on. It’s been a great place to work.”*

# 22 RYAN JOHNSTON

(’18) OF RICHMOND,  
VERMONT

COMMUNICATION MAJOR WITH MINORS IN LATIN-AMERICAN & LATINO STUDIES AND JOURNALISM

*Online Managing Editor, Old Gold & Black*

“I think the Wake Forest community’s strength is offering an opportunity for anybody that chooses to take it in terms of building their relationships, their skill sets and expanding their horizons intellectually. I think in the future Wake Forest ... will have to adapt their community to a changing world.”

# 24 LAMONT “LEMONYDUE” WHITE

ASSISTANT MANAGER IN THE FRESH FOOD COMPANY

*and a friendly face and listening ear in the Pit for more than four years*

“It’s a home away from home. Sometimes the students will just start talking to you and you start up a conversation. It’s the small things that make a difference.”

JIAYI 39

66 GEORGE 99  
BAOLIN

( '18 ) OF BEIJING, CHINA

DOUBLE MAJOR IN ECONOMICS  
AND MUSIC PERFORMANCE

*Member of the Concert Choir and  
Asian Student Interest Association*

*President's Aide*

*Campus carillonneur since spring  
of his freshman year*

*Likes to play Mozart and show friends the  
carillon in Wait Chapel*

41 KATE  
MEWHINNEY

MANAGING ATTORNEY, THE ELDER LAW CLINIC,  
AND CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW

*who supervises upper-level law students  
representing actual clients in civil matters and  
inspires law students to work for social justice*

Kate values the “interdisciplinary community-building” that connects the Reynolda Campus, the School of Medicine and the City of Winston-Salem. “The University is committed to the support of students, faculty and staff,” she says, and the Elder Law Clinic extends Wake Forest’s reach into the extended community – often spanning generations as it assists families in matters of geriatric law. “People who are now coming to us for assistance will say, ‘Oh, you helped our mother.’”

*“I think (the) carillon is (a) very special symbol for the community, because every day around like 5 o’clock you’re going to hear it no matter where you are. Sometimes you study in the library; some day(s) you chill out with friends on the Quad. You hear that and you realize, ‘O.K., I’m part of this community.’”*



**PROVOST EMERITUS AND  
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH**

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EDWIN

“Community is all around us. When I sit on a bench in front of the library, waiting for a ride, I chat with a retired physics professor on his way to Olin, a circulation-desk librarian taking a short break from work, an alumnus from in town come to borrow a book from the library, a little cluster of students who want to talk. We are all together: in diversity, yet in harmony. And I also see the future: high school students and their parents following a tour guide, looking around to see if Wake Forest is the future they want. I know that, if they want an education of quality in a community of friendship, Wake Forest is the place to be.”

G. WILSON

(’43, P ’91, ’93)

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*Known as “Mr. Wake Forest,” he’s spent most of his life at the University since first arriving on the Old Campus in 1939*

32 MARYBETH  
SUTTON  
WALLACE

(’86)

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

*Spreads the message of community to the President’s Aides and Wake Forest Fellows*

“I can still hear Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson (’43) from a classroom in Tribble quoting Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet William Butler Yeats: ‘Think where man’s glory most begins and ends /And say my glory was I had such friends.’ What it means to be part of the Wake Forest community is to be part of a lifelong network of friends. I’m still in touch with people I met when I was 18 years old, inside and outside the classroom, those who taught me and those I worked with on Old Gold & Black. Those friendships, and faculty and student relationships, are at the heart of the community.”

38 SPENCER  
SCHILLER

(’18) OF LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA

DOUBLE MAJOR IN SPANISH AND POLITICS  
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*President, WFU Student Government  
President’s Aide*

“I’m a little biased, but I truly believe that Wake Forest is the best undergraduate university in this country. ... I never looked for a school that was particularly small. I wanted the liberal arts feel. I wanted the classic college campus and I found that at Wake Forest. And intrinsically, I also got that 11-to-one student-to-faculty ratio. It’s amazing. I truly believe the small-town feel combined with the big-time research and the focus makes a wonderful comparison.”

EVAN 30  
RALEIGH  
(’09, MAM ’10)

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS INCLUSION AND  
ADVANCEMENT, CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM,  
*and an Alumni Council member who is a proponent  
of community-building in life after college*

“Wake has a way of pulling you back,” says Evan, who first experienced the University community as a student, and now as an alumnus and resident of Winston-Salem. “There’s the opportunity to be more engaged ... an intimacy ... a personal thing you can’t name but you feel it when it’s there.” The most dramatic change he’s seen since his college days is the physical development of campus, but he appreciates other ways in which the community is evolving. “There’s a broad diversity that was not here when I was a student,” he says, “a new level of thought and activism. Wake has embraced the new age and taken a more active role in the Winston-Salem community. Students can’t help but be engaged.”



25 **DANIELLA  
FEIJOO**  
(’19) OF WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS

**DOUBLE MAJOR IN SPANISH AND POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

*Trumpet player in The Spirit of the Old Gold and Black marching band  
Youth mentor through Wake Forest’s education department and El  
Buen Pastor Latino Community Services*

*About volunteering and mentoring in Winston-Salem, she says, “It’s really important to showcase this Pro Humanitate spirit. And it can’t be a once a year, once-a-semester type of attitude. It has to be a daily effort that students put in and realize that yes, you are doing volunteer work to make yourself feel like you are making an impact in somebody’s life, but also that you are going out into the community as a member of the Wake Forest College. Basically, making sure every single day you have the spirit of giving and Pro Humanitate.”*



## 5 JOE SPOSATO

(’20) OF PEORIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

*Instructional coordinator for the woodwind section and  
member of the Spirit of The Old Gold and Black marching band  
Wake Forest tour guide*

“The community is one of my favorite things about Wake Forest, because unlike so many other schools we’re just such a cooperative community. We are a very select and intimate group of people. We all work very hard to be here, and we all understand that to excel here we need each other. ... You’ll see students always studying together and not competing with one another. We sort of understand as a group we need each other to succeed and we don’t need others to fail for ourselves to succeed.”

BILL 23  
WELLS S  
(’74)

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID**  
*Scholar, traveler, photographer*

“The Wake Forest community is a place where people genuinely care about each other. We greet each other with warm smiles, and we want to get to know those we have not yet met. Deeply rooted in our North Carolina soil, we share a down-to-earth friendliness, and we dislike pretension. Understanding the importance of forgiveness, we do not hold grudges. Above all, we are courteous and kind. If someone asks for our assistance, we go the extra mile to assure that help is provided. We all love Wake Forest, and that means loving each other. What a joy to be part of this wonderful community!”

**ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN,  
INSTRUCTION & OUTREACH**

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“Friends, faculty and staff helped me find my way when I was a student. That sense of community is what kept me at Wake and still keeps me here today. I want to give back to students what the community gave to me. I’ve read that one measure of success is reaching back and helping the people who come up after you. Wake Forest encourages that. In today’s world, social media, with its extreme focus on the individual, makes it more challenging to feel like you’re part of a community. Building community isn’t easy; as a nation we’re still struggling with issues of race and inclusion. It’s important that we acknowledge that and continue to do the hard work required.”

WOMACK

(’90, MBA ’00)

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*Has served as a faculty fellow in a freshman residence hall and brought “Humans vs. Zombies” and “Capture the Flag” activities to the library*

# NATE FRENCH

(1993)

## DIRECTOR, MAGNOLIA SCHOLARS

*Works with first-generation college students through the Magnolia Scholars program*

“What I like best about the community is the depth of individuals across space and time, from an Ed Wilson ('43) to a new freshman. Our population has changed over time, but all of us have a connection to Wake Forest so we connect as family on that level. There's something about running into people from Wake Forest. When the only place to buy a Wake Forest shirt was on campus, when you saw someone wearing a Wake Forest shirt, you knew they were an alum. You could walk up and say 'what year?' and start the conversation from there. You could always talk about an Ed Christman ('50, JD '53) or an Ed Wilson ('43) or a Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74) or a Bill Starling ('57). Everyone knew these people and that made that sense of family so much stronger.”



# ROGER BEAHM

*WestRock Executive Director of the Wake Forest School of Business Center for Retail Innovation and a marketing guru-turned-teacher who is enjoying his career now as never before*

“To me, community at Wake Forest means a feeling. It's not a location on a map or a list in a directory. Rather, it's a place inside people's hearts ... a place defined by compassion and caring. It doesn't matter who you are with, what you are doing or even where you are in your journey. You will still find it. You will still feel it. Rooted in our history and manifest in our spirit, Wake Forest University is a community where people feel compassion toward others, and where you know others care about you. So don't look for community on a map or in a directory. No, the place you'll find what community means at Wake Forest is in the feelings of compassion and caring, found in the hearts of the people!”

19 TATIANA AIDE  
MEDINA  
NIETO

(’18) OF VALLEDUPAR, COLOMBIA,  
AND CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR WITH A MINOR  
IN NEUROSCIENCE

*President of Organization of Latin American  
Students (OLAS)*

*She likes to invite the whole Wake Forest  
community to OLAS events such as Soulfood Fiesta  
and ZSR en la Noche*

***“When I started college, I had a goal. I still have the goal of taking advantage of every opportunity, because when my mom and I came here when I was 9 years old I saw the sacrifice she did for me to come here and leave our entire family back home in Colombia. ... Luckily, when I got here to Wake everyone was so welcoming and they said, ‘You want to do something? We are going to help you — whatever you want to do.’ So, for me my passion was in science, and I made the most of it by getting into research.”***

ALEX 40  
KATZ

(’18) OF BOSTON,  
MASSACHUSETTS

ENGLISH AND BUSINESS MAJORS

*Past president of Sigma Chi fraternity  
Started a male-only discussion group with  
Director of Financial Aid Bill Wells (’74)*

***“My journey through Wake Forest has been atypical. I should have graduated in 2017, but I took a year off between sophomore and junior years. Returning was definitely a challenge, and I was anxious about returning to a place where I didn’t know half the campus. My community had totally changed. What I found was, instead of people being skeptical about my time off, everyone was welcoming. Since I’ve been back, I’ve tried to immerse myself in different parts of the college experience. I’ve made new friends. But as much as I’m grateful, I’m equally unsurprised; you just come to expect that in this accepting and comfortable environment.”***

11 MINTA  
AYCOCK  
MCNALLY

(’74, P ’02, ’06)

**ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT IN THE OFFICE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT,**

*who grew up in the town of Wake Forest across the street from the Old Campus, and has been employed at the University since 1978*

“I feel fortunate that Wake Forest has been my ‘home’ for nearly all my life. When I think about the word ‘community’ as it relates to Wake Forest, I am reminded that the physical landscape has changed over the years but the ideals we share that make Wake Forest distinctive have endured. This is a place for me of genuine friendship, collegiality and hospitality. I can’t imagine a better ‘home’ than this.”



# ANNE BOYLE

## PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

*Founding director of the writing program, also served as director of academic and community engagement and associate dean*

“Arriving in 1986, I was immediately invited to (politics professor) Don Schoonmaker’s (’60) home, where I met and made lasting friends with a diverse group of faculty across disciplines. Taking Don’s lead, I wanted a chance to create community, too, in my traditional and service-learning classrooms, across the University and in Winston-Salem. Community may be harder to get right now, but we can create multiple spaces where we listen, analyze and interpret evidence, and do just work.”



**CAMPUS BARBER FOR  
MORE THAN FOUR DECADES**

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LLOYD

“I try to ... make (students) feel better about doing the correct thing while they are here. I think that’s probably the most important thing to keep the community strong. You keep everybody united and that can be difficult at times, but I think we are a good, strong community. That’s what’s kept me here for 41 years, the bond of the community.”

HOWARD

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*Has cut the hair of Presidents James Ralph Scates,  
Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and Nathan O. Hatch*





# TIME TRAV ELER

SYD KITSON ('81, P '08) RELIES ON CHILDHOOD MEMORIES, FOOTBALL LESSONS AND AN UNWAVERING VISION TO BUILD HIS 'TOWN OF THE FUTURE' IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

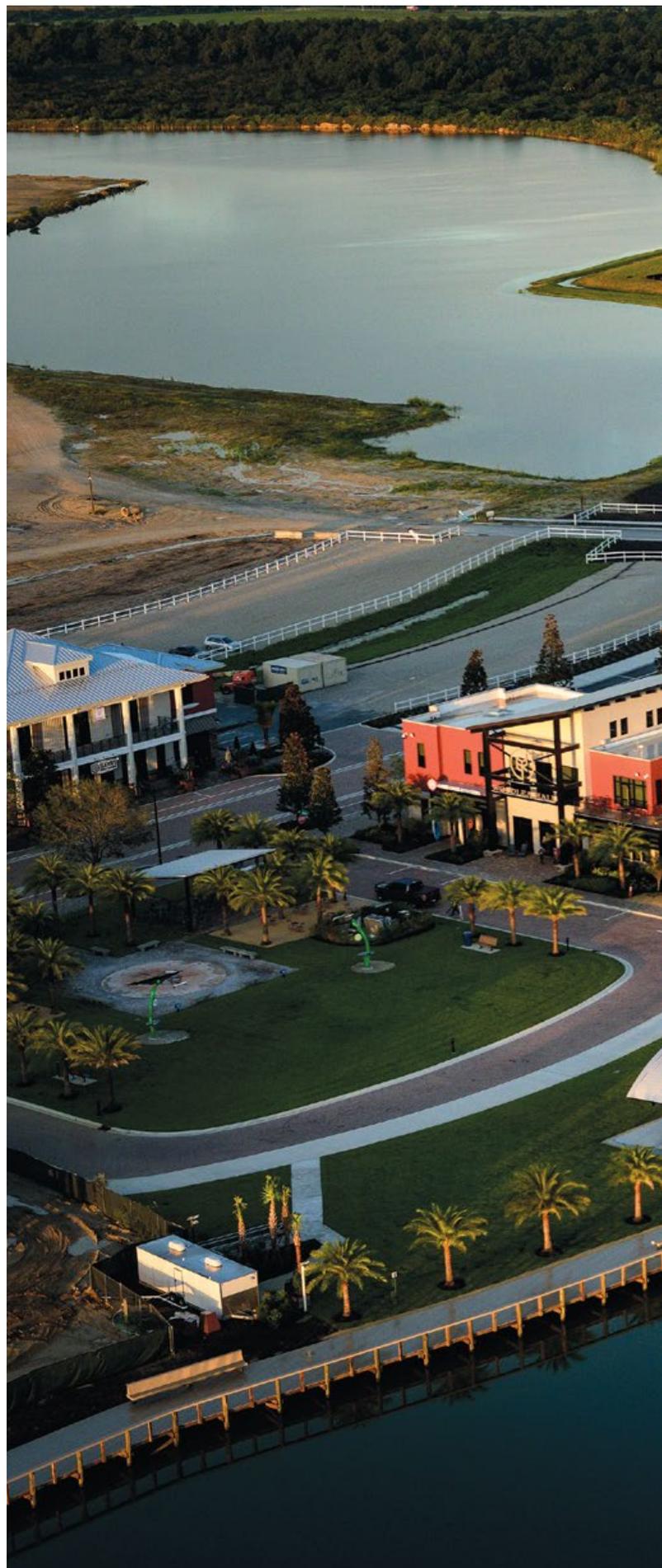
**By Kerry M. King ('85)**  
**Photography by Carlton Ward Jr. ('98)**

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A PERFECT SPRING MORNING IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, **SYD KITSON ('81, P '08)** WALKS ALONG THE PACKED-DIRT SHORELINE OF A BLUISH-GRAY LAKE THAT FILLS A RECLAIMED ROCK QUARRY. BEHIND HIM IS A BARREN LUNAR LANDSCAPE OF DIRT AND ROCK, DISTURBED ONLY BY THE TRACKS OF 40-TON EARTHMOVERS PUSHING DIRT HERE AND THERE. HE PAUSES AT THE LAKE'S EDGE AND LOOKS ACROSS TO A CLUSTER OF TWO-STORY BUILDINGS AND DOZENS OF HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AMID AN OASIS OF PALM TREES.

"Look at the view," Kitson says. "You're witnessing the birth of a new town."

Kitson, a developer who played football at Wake Forest and in the NFL, is building a futuristic-yet-throwback town on this somewhat remote site. His town of Babcock Ranch is rising from watermelon fields, sod farms and abandoned rock quarries on historic ranch land 20 miles northeast of Fort Myers. In a state peppered with retirement villages, he wants to create a community of single professionals, young couples with children, baby boomers, millennials and, yes, retirees.





Kitson, on the shore of Lake Babcock, planned his town of the future (background) to emphasize sustainability, nature, community, clean energy and technology, with a classic small-town feel.





A decade ago, Kitson revealed his dream to build a “town of the future” and “America’s first solar town.” Doggedly keeping his dream alive, Kitson has defied the odds, maneuvering his way through a tangle of negotiations that led to the single largest land conservation deal in Florida’s history, then outlasting the Great Recession.

“It takes a special kind of person to do this,” says Florida Power & Light Co. President and CEO Eric Silagy. “There are dreamers and doers, and Syd is both.”

Kitson, a 6’ 5” tall, lanky 59-year-old known for his gridiron toughness and leadership, confesses, “Everybody thought I was crazy.” But he defied them and chased his vision for Babcock Ranch with gusto: “This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, a once-in-many-lifetimes opportunity.”

**T**he town of the future is rooted in Kitson’s past. Born in New Providence, New Jersey — population 12,000 — Sydney William Kitson was the middle child between two sisters in a close, lower-middle-class family. He grew up in what he fondly remembers as a “mansion,” a small house with one full bathroom and no air conditioning. His mother was a substitute teacher. His father was a metallurgist who sold coatings for jet engines and other industrial uses.

New Providence was the kind of hometown where “pretty much everybody knew everybody,” he says. He rode his bicycle to school, to the neighborhood pool and along his afternoon newspaper route. He played trombone, sang in the school choir and loved building houses and hotels on the board game Monopoly. But what he most loved was being outside, playing pickup games in the neighborhood and hiking and camping along the Appalachian Trail and in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey.

He was a skinny wide receiver on his high school football team until he bulked up enough — thanks to eating five meals a day — to join the offensive line. By his senior year, college coaches were coming to New Providence to scout the hardworking tight end. When his top choice, Penn State, didn’t offer a scholarship, he headed south to Wake Forest — “the best decision I ever made.”

The kid who didn’t like to lose at football or Monopoly learned perseverance and patience at Wake Forest, playing on teams that won only seven games and lost 26 in his first three years. He played infrequently his freshman year before starting at tight end as a sophomore when the player ahead of him was injured. As a junior, he was heading for a breakout year — leading the ACC in receptions early in the season — when Coach John Mackovic (’65, P ’97)

**“I thought Syd was a genius. How many people do you know who have the vision to start a new town? There’s only one person I know, and that’s Syd Kitson.”**

TRICIA DUFFY  
Former Charlotte County (Florida)  
commissioner



Kitson's 20-year plan calls for the construction of 19,500 homes, condominiums and apartments to house 50,000 residents **(top)**. The first residents are moving into Babcock Ranch this winter **(bottom)**.



made an unusual request. Would he move to guard to shore up the offensive line?

He agreed to make the move for the good of the team. “Syd was, without a doubt, one of the most unselfish players I ever coached,” Mackovic says. “He was a terrific leader on the field. When you talk about leaders, you have to talk about work ethic, and he had a great work ethic.”

Kitson flourished as one of the unsung guys in the trenches, blocking for quarterback Jay Venuto ('81) and opening up lanes for running back James McDougald ('80). “He worked his butt off,” says Venuto, then and now one of Kitson’s best friends.

The hard work of Kitson and his teammates paid off in 1979 when the “Cinderella Deacs” were invited to the Tangerine Bowl.

Weeks before he was supposed to graduate, Kitson experienced in real time the all-too-familiar senior nightmare. He learned he was one class short of finishing his economics major. He took responsibility and blamed himself, suffering through the worst part — telling his dad, who just couldn’t understand why his son wasn’t going to graduate.

He left Wake Forest without his degree after Green Bay drafted him in the third round of the 1980 NFL draft. But there was never a question he would finish. When the Packers’ season ended, Kitson returned to campus for the one-month January term to complete his course credits. It’s a message he preaches to young athletes: college is too important not to finish.

He went on to graduate with his sweetheart, Diane Hansen ('81), the woman he married. They would have a son, Tyler, who works for his dad, and a daughter, Lauren Leazer ('08, MSA '09), who makes Charlotte her home.

**K** **itson spent four seasons** with the Packers and one with Dallas. In the off seasons, he worked in landscaping and construction back home and volunteered in a real estate office to learn all he could about the business. An alumnus who was a real-estate developer had set him on the path to becoming a developer while he was still in college.

Though he can’t recall the man’s name now, Kitson remains grateful to him for giving him a tour of the neighborhoods he had built in Winston-Salem. “He was creating these great places where people were outside enjoying themselves,” Kitson recalls. “You could tell he was making a real difference in people’s lives. He had a passion that really struck me, and I said, ‘This is something that I want to do.’”

When lingering shoulder injuries forced Kitson to retire from the NFL in 1985, he moved back to New Jersey to work in real estate. He formed Kitson & Partners in 1999 and became known for turning around struggling golf-course communities — Venuto even managed a course for

him — and building high-end residential developments in New Jersey and later in Florida.

In 2004, in Florida, he found his dream property.

**F** **or nearly a hundred years**, the 91,000-acre Babcock Ranch, sprawling across Lee and Charlotte counties in southwest Florida, had been used for cattle ranching, logging, mining and farming. Environmentalists had long coveted the land to preserve its natural beauty and abundant wildlife — including the Florida panther, Florida black bear and other endangered species — and to protect an important wildlife corridor from Lake Okeechobee in the center part of the state to the Gulf of Mexico.

In the late 1990s, Babcock family members tried to sell the ranch to the state of Florida for a nature preserve. When negotiations fell through in 2004, environmentalists feared the property would be divided into five-acre “ranches,” says Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida.

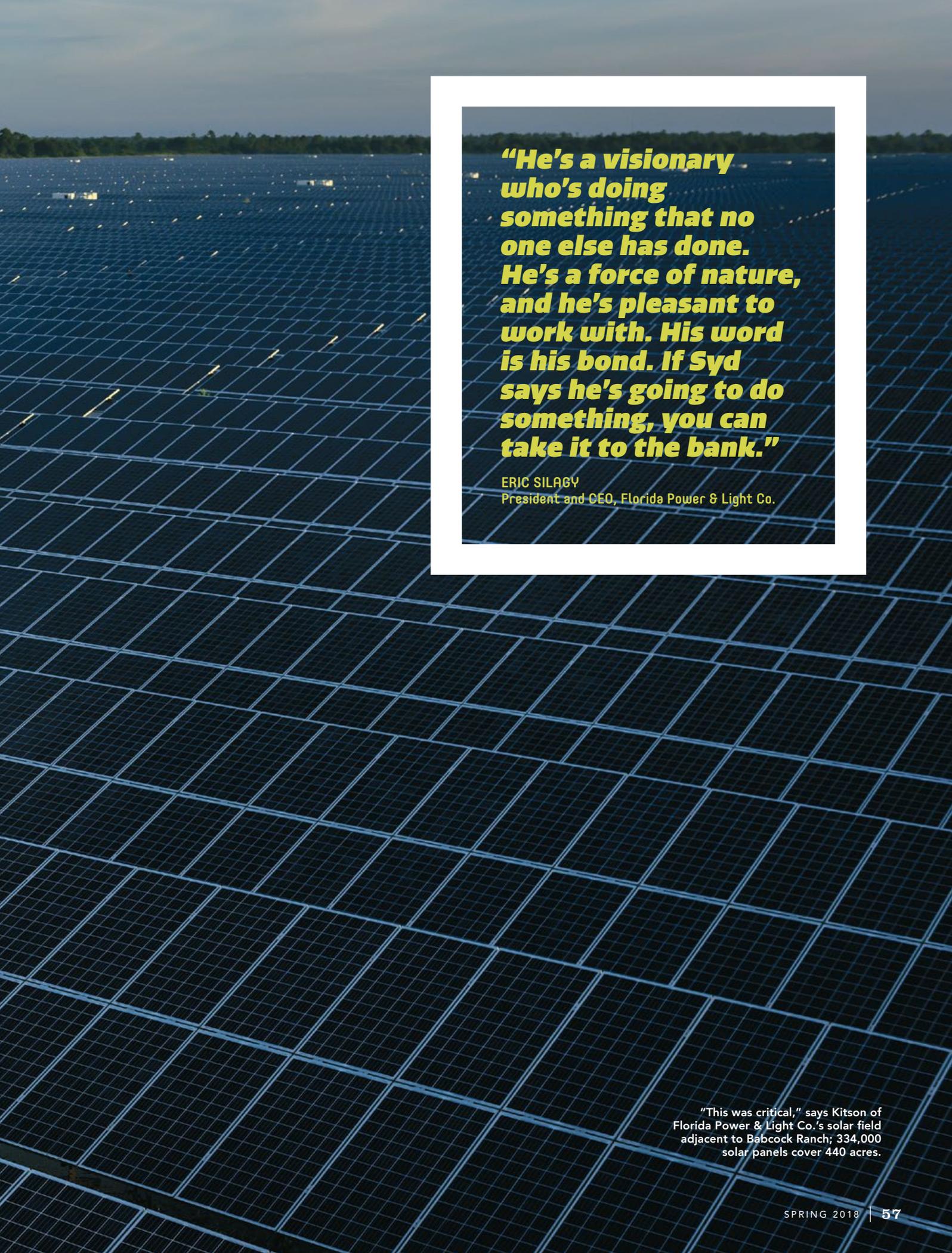
“Then,” Draper says, “here comes this very tall, very charismatic former football player.”

With its old-growth forests, wetlands and Telegraph Swamp, the ranch was to Kitson “the most beautiful place I’d ever laid my eyes on.” He remembers watching as a flock of wild turkeys and a herd of deer walked by, as cattle grazed in the distance. The outdoorsman in him wanted to save the entire property. The businessman in him knew that wasn’t realistic; the property was going to be developed. It was only a question of how and by whom.



Kitson (from left), James Parker, Mark Lancaster and James McDougald were co-captains on the 1979 team that made it to the Tangerine Bowl.





**"He's a visionary who's doing something that no one else has done. He's a force of nature, and he's pleasant to work with. His word is his bond. If Syd says he's going to do something, you can take it to the bank."**

ERIC SILAGY  
President and CEO, Florida Power & Light Co.

"This was critical," says Kitson of Florida Power & Light Co.'s solar field adjacent to Babcock Ranch; 334,000 solar panels cover 440 acres.

**H**e had never attempted a project so large and complex, fraught with environmental concerns and government regulations. Questioning whether he was up to the task, he turned to his closest adviser, his father, who was dying from esophageal cancer. His father assured his son that he had been working his whole life for an opportunity this big: what was there left to think about?

Kitson proposed a deal that would provide the state the land it wanted for the nature preserve while allowing him to develop a planned community on the remainder of the tract. Florida attorney Jack Peoples, who introduced Kitson to the Babcock family, says Kitson had the “creativity and courage” to put together a deal that many thought impossible. “This wasn’t a case where a big corporation came in. This was a guy coming in and saying, ‘I’d like to do that.’”

But Kitson’s work was only beginning. For a year, he crisscrossed the state, selling his vision. With what Draper describes as Kitson’s “infectious, unrelenting optimism” and willingness to listen to all sides, he won the backing of Audubon Florida, Florida Wildlife Federation, 1000 Friends of Florida and other environmental groups.

Draper says Kitson showed how preservation and development could work together. “Syd was the one guy smart enough and confident enough to put the deal together. What he offered, in exchange for a new development, was the opportunity that more than 70,000 acres would never be developed. To me, the trade-off was worth it. Syd’s idea to create a green community was far superior to allowing rural sprawl.”

Kitson survived a late challenge from the national Sierra Club by agreeing to protect wildlife corridors and address other environmental

concerns, which he says he had planned to do anyway. He won support from then-Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida legislature, which appropriated the funds to buy the land for the nature preserve.

Kitson closed the deal in 2006 for what was reported at the time to be \$700 million. He’s never released the purchase price but has since indicated it was closer to \$500 million. The same day, he sold 73,000 acres to the state of Florida for \$310 million and Lee County for \$41 million to create the Babcock Ranch Preserve. It remains the single largest land conservation deal in the state’s history, both in total acreage and cost, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

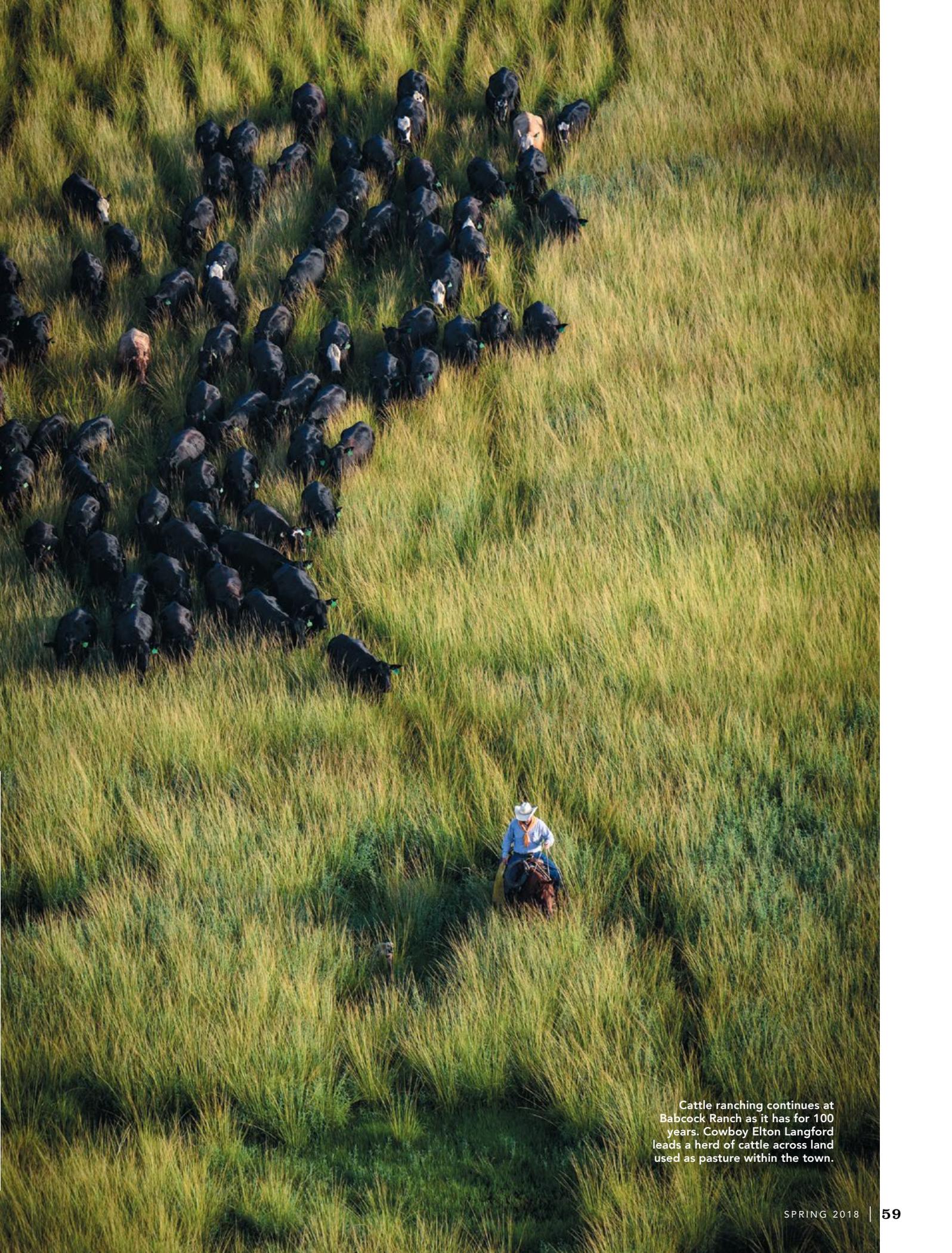
“If you ask me what I’m most proud of, it would be that,” says Kitson.

He began planning his town of the future on the remaining 18,000 acres, much of which had been used previously for mining and farming. He visited other planned communities — from Seaside and Celebration in Florida to Irvine Ranch in California — and listened to what local residents wanted to

**“Babcock Ranch is a model of how we would like to see developments done, with a significant conservation commitment ... . Syd and his team (are) demonstrating that with good planning and implementation that the environment and the economy can go hand in hand.”**

MANLEY FULLER  
President and CEO, Florida Wildlife Federation





Cattle ranching continues at Babcock Ranch as it has for 100 years. Cowboy Elton Langford leads a herd of cattle across land used as pasture within the town.

see in a new town. He envisioned a classic American hometown — one compact enough to bike or walk to work, school and shops — built from the ground up to emphasize sustainability, nature, community, clean energy and technology. He agreed to create wildlife corridors, restore historic waterways and leave half of the town acreage undeveloped as parks, wetlands and community gardens.

“This was an opportunity to create a new town but do it in the right way from the beginning to work with the environment and preserve most of the land and do something special,” he says.

But he would have to wait.

In 2008, the Florida real estate market collapsed, delivering the worst blow. Kitson was forced to put his plans on hold, but he had come too far to give up his dream. “Never,” he says emphatically, before repeating John Mackovic’s halftime speech at the Wake Forest - Auburn game in 1979 when Wake Forest was trailing 38-20. “I could hear his words: ‘Never, never, never, never, never give up!’ I think I repeated that to myself about 10,000 times. We never lost faith in our mission.”

Wake Forest came back to win, and, by many accounts in Florida, it appears Kitson is on his way.



**T**oday, *Kitson's dream* is becoming reality. A restaurant, a wellness center, an outfitters store, a general store and a business-incubator — all owned by Kitson — are open around the downtown main square. A public-charter elementary school, the first of several schools planned, welcomed 156 students from the surrounding area in August. Kitson wanted to have stores and a school open even before any residents arrived to show that he’s committed to building a town and not just another housing development.



The Founder’s Square downtown district includes a public-charter school (at left), a restaurant (above), stores and a wellness center.



The first residents are moving in this winter to energy-efficient Craftsman and bungalow-style homes. Houses are set close to the street and have front porches to encourage neighbors to get out and meet one another. Trailheads lead to the nature preserve, which Kitson calls “the greatest amenity any planned community can have.”

Beneath the hometown charm is the technology that people expect today, including a gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity and smart grid technology to monitor energy usage. He hopes residents will park their gas-powered cars and walk or bike to get around town or use electric cars or, coming soon, he says, driverless shuttles.

A 74.5-megawatt solar field is already generating enough clean energy to power the town when it’s finished. That goal wasn’t an easy one to fulfill. Kitson had to persuade Florida Power & Light to build a solar field when the company had no plans to build one there.

FPL President Silagy was stunned when Kitson offered to give the company the 440 acres it needed, adjacent to the town. “Who does that?” Silagy asks. “He’s a hard guy to say ‘no’ to.”

**K**itson has emerged as a leader in the state in the decade since moving from New Jersey to West Palm Beach, about a two-hour drive straight across the state from Babcock Ranch. He’s past chair of the Florida Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Governors of Florida’s State University System and the Florida Council of 100, a business development group.

Last year, he received the Ted Below Environmental Stewardship Award from Audubon of the Western Everglades for helping save the Babcock Ranch Preserve and for the “groundbreaking sustainability features” of the town of Babcock Ranch.

He’s just getting started. His 20-year master plan calls for the construction of 19,500 homes, condominiums and apartments, enough to house 50,000 residents, and 6 million square feet of business and commercial space.

As he looks over his new town from a balcony outside his second-floor office facing the town square, he poses a question: “Does this remind you of anything?” The palm-tree-lined square has tables and chairs, a splash pad



Single family homes in Babcock Ranch start in the low \$200,000s; condominiums and apartments are planned in future stages.



for children, a band shell, a lakefront boardwalk and “solar trees” that power charging stations. He seems disappointed I don’t know the answer.

“The Quad!”

If the resemblance isn’t clear at first, Kitson explains that he wants this to be the community’s gathering place, like the Quad at Wake Forest. Even before the first homeowners moved in, nearby residents filled the square for free concerts, farmers’ markets and exercise classes.

That’s what he envisioned years ago, creating a true sense of place. “When I sit here and ... watch people in the restaurant, walking on the boardwalk, with their families playing in the splash pad, when they’re actually doing all of the things that I hoped that they would do, there is an incredible feeling that comes from that.”

He hopes the town will become a model — “a living laboratory” — for future planned communities to prove that development and conservation can go hand in hand.

“A community is a living, breathing place created by two things,” he says. “Most importantly, it’s the people, but it’s also about the place that you create, the place that

allows people to find that community. It’s that neighborhood feeling that you have when you can go outside and play with the children. It’s a place where you have parks and safe areas to go for a walk or ride your bike. It’s about events. It’s churches and schools. It’s recreation and sports and the arts. All those things create community.”

It’s like the hometown he remembers. Just like he planned it.

**“Syd used his athletic instincts to become a principled businessman of character, competence, courage and decency, and you have to like the guy.”**

JACK PEEPLES  
Florida attorney



After a decade of planning and waiting, Kitson is seeing his vision come true.

# LINS, STRONG

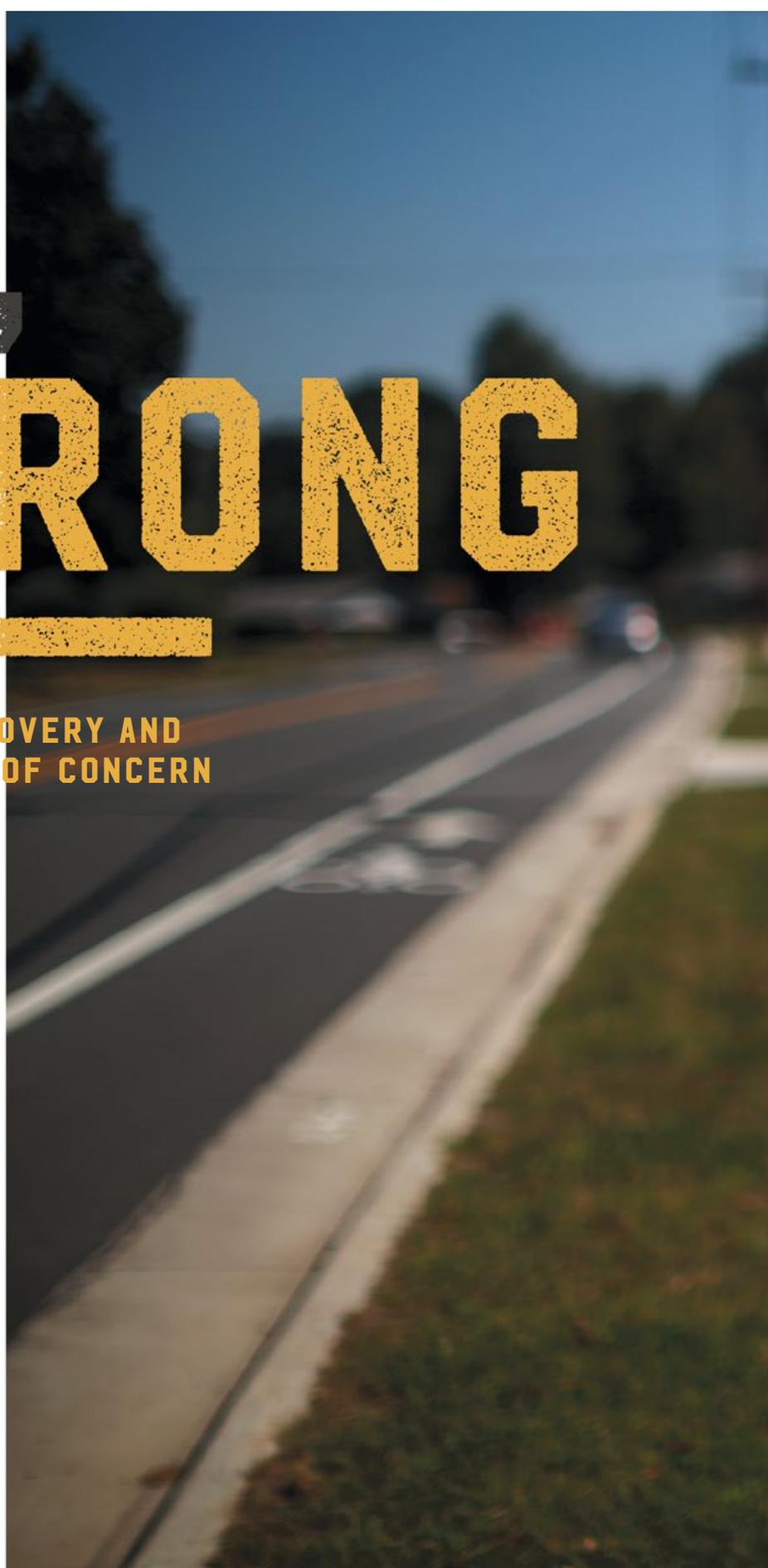
**A STORY OF TRAGEDY, RECOVERY AND  
COMMUNITY — ‘A FEELING OF CONCERN  
FROM SO MANY PLACES.’**

By **CHERIN C. POOVEY (P'08)**

Photography by **TRAVIS DOVE ('04)**

Almost a year to the day after senior Lins Barwick was injured in an off-campus armed robbery, I sat in the spacious living room of Farrell Hall waiting to meet him for the first time. I had seen his freshman year photo and had an idea of what he looked like. But as I watched young man after young man traverse the sunlit floor, I was unsure what to expect.

After all, he had suffered a life-threatening gunshot wound to his abdomen that damaged several vital organs. The bullet that ripped through his belly had lodged near his spine, threatening his ability to walk again.







Lins returns to the site where he was injured; at right, he has lunch with friends Brandon Sweeney (left) and Troy Waddell.

Would someone need to hold the door? Would he be more comfortable sitting on a couch or in a chair? Would he be limping? Would he even be walking? So many times I had heard people say, "He has a long road ahead."

Then, through a door held by no one, walked a tall, blond young man, unassisted. Clad in khaki shorts and a T-shirt, he greeted me with a sonorous voice and casually plopped into a chair. He could have been one of a hundred 21-year-olds fresh out of a summer school class. Had I not known what he had been through, I surely never would have guessed.

"If you take life one step at a time, it makes it a whole lot easier," Lins said as we began our conversation. "That's kind of the whole mindset I had throughout the entire experience."

**THE "EXPERIENCE" BEGAN** in the wee hours of Saturday, June 11, 2016. Lins and friends had been socializing at his house, just minutes from campus. He offered to walk some female friends home and was returning to his house on the other side of Polo Road when a car drove up alongside him. He vaguely remembers a voice demanding his wallet, then a loud noise. "I don't remember actually being shot, which is fantastic," he said. "Your mind does great things."

He does remember stumbling, vomiting and realizing something was extremely wrong. "I was like, number one, I need to call for help. I couldn't find my phone, for whatever reason." Growing weaker by the moment, Lins saw a nearby house and told himself he was going to knock on the door; he couldn't move. His memory of what happened next is fuzzy, Lins said, but after what seemed like forever but was actually just a few minutes, a vehicle stopped. It turned out to be an Uber car occupied by one of his summer school roommates and Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers, senior Troy Waddell.

When Troy exited the car he was shocked to see that the injured person had a familiar face. While the Uber driver called 911, Troy stayed by Lins' side. Police from the University and the City of Winston-Salem arrived within minutes, followed quickly by an ambulance and EMTs. Lins was soon on his way to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

By the time Troy arrived at the emergency room he had texted his KA brothers; news was traveling fast via social media. The ER waiting area was filling up with friends and fellow students, along with Wake Forest



professional staff there to offer emotional and spiritual support. “It was something where you don’t realize how many people are touched by an event like this,” said Troy. “Lins is someone who seemingly everyone knows. He is someone who affects and is connected to a lot of people.”

Unaware of the crowd already gathering to support him, Lins was being wheeled to the operating room when he told doctors he needed to call his mother. They asked if he knew her number, and he did. “The doctor pulled out his phone and dialed my mom’s number. She picked up, and he told her who he was and that her son had suffered ‘a serious injury.’ Then he handed me the phone and I was like, ‘Mom, I just got shot. You should probably come to Winston.’”

**I****N THE WAKE FOREST FAMILY ALBUM**, the Barwicks of North Carolina represent a distinguished legacy of Demon Deacons: three generations, two campuses, one fraternity (Kappa Alpha Order) and multiple diplomas.

Patriarch Plato Collins “P.C.” Barwick Jr. (’58, JD ’60, P ’83, GP ’18), Lins’ grandfather, lives in Kinston, about 90 miles from Wake Forest’s Old Campus, where he spent two years as a student before the College moved to Winston-Salem. He’s married to Nancy Coston Barwick (P ’83, GP ’18) and is a retired attorney with Wallace Morris Barwick Landis & Stroud.

P.C.’s son and Lins’ father, Plato Collins “Collins” Barwick III (’83, JD ’88, P ’18), is an attorney with Barwick Mediation and lives west of Kinston in Raleigh. Collins is married to Laurie Lomax Barwick



Dr. Donald Henry Lomax

(P ’18), venue manager for Henry Connor Bost House & Farm in Salisbury, North Carolina, and daughter of a Double Deac, the late Dr. Donald Henry Lomax (’48, MD ’51, GP ’18). Collins and Laurie have three sons: Plato Collins “Lins” Barwick IV, John-Henry Barwick and Smith Barwick.

## THROUGHOUT THE ORDEAL, COLLINS (LINS’ DAD) CONNECTED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS VIA FACEBOOK.

### 6.12.16

*A few of our blessings at this point: our FAITH, Our 3 children. My wife - Laurie has been a ROCK for our child!! The surgeon called in is one of if not THE top trauma surgeons in the country ... his Kappa Alpha brotherhood, and his GUARDIAN angel - his grandfather - Laurie’s dad. He graduated from medical school 65 years ago on June 11th - the same exact day Lins was admitted here, and all of us know that “Poppa Doc” was watching over EVERY move the doctors were making on his grandson at his alma mater and had doctors available and waiting! And, very importantly, our extended family and friends.*

### 7.29.16

*Laurie brought me a cup of water tonight. Pretty simple task you think. She chose this cup for no reason ... . Never grabbed it before. When she handed it to me she said “r you ok?” I said yes. Looking at it brought back 1979-1983 and LOTS of support these past 7 weeks. We have had our hands full and have not been able to say thanks in a truly heartfelt way. Y’all have been BEYOND awesome (whether or not you r Demon Deacons) The coolest thing about this image 37 years later (I got this cup as a freshman at Wake Forest) is that my son’s WFU fraternity brothers have also WAAAAY stepped up for my son.*





Lins graduated from Raleigh's Needham Broughton High School in 2014 and continued the family legacy by entering Wake's freshman class that fall. In his three-page LinkedIn profile he describes himself as a psychology major minoring in neuroscience, using the skills he's learned to "create strategic and adaptive solutions to problems that arise in organizations and the world." That's résumé-speak, he notes, for saying he enjoys challenges and is a worthy problem-solver.

Causes he cares about? Children, economic empowerment, education, environment, health, human rights, disaster and humanitarian relief and poverty alleviation. A certified EMT who plans to attend medical school, Lins has assisted Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center cancer patients in receiving financial and emotional support throughout treatment; he has been the alumni relations

officer and Title IX liaison for Kappa Alpha; and he has raised more than \$25,000 to provide care and treatment for Angel Komenda, an African orphan with cerebral palsy whom he befriended during a semester-abroad medical internship in Cape Coast, Ghana.

**I**N HINSTON ON THE MORNING OF THE INCIDENT, P.C. was in the bedroom when the doorbell rang. Nancy answered the door to find their son, Scott, Lins' uncle. That's when P.C., walking down the hallway, heard him say the words no family member wants to hear: "Lins has been shot."

"It's hard to imagine the thoughts that run through your mind," said Lins' grandfather, saying there was little more information to be had.

P.C. called the family's minister at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and he came over immediately to comfort them. As he was leaving, Father Michael asked if they'd like for him to post something on social media to inform other parishioners. "From the time he did that, it was just a feeling of concern from so many places," said P.C. "It was really just a comforting thing."

By that time Laurie was on her way to Winston-Salem while Collins remained in Swansboro, North Carolina, where the family had been vacationing, with their other two sons. On the harrowing four-and-a-half-hour drive she had plenty of time to think about an eerie coincidence: in her 20th summer, she suffered lacerated hips and feet after being hit by a motorboat. "That was the one thing I wanted to protect my children from — a traumatic experience," said Laurie, who has undergone three hip replacements. "When this happened, I said, 'You've got to be kidding me.'"

When she finally arrived at the medical center Lins' life was in the hands of a team led by another Wake Forest alumnus, Dr. J. Wayne Meredith (MD '78). Chair of the Department of General Surgery and chief trauma surgeon, he was, the Barwicks learned, the person you wanted at the helm in a critical situation. Several of Lins' friends were already in the waiting room, and they gave Laurie a hug. "It meant a lot to me to see his best buds."

**I****N THE HOURS FOLLOWING** the shooting Collins' Kappa Alpha brother and Wake Forest School of Law classmate, McLain Wallace ('85, JD '88), arrived on scene to offer support and facilitate communication between a distraught family and medical personnel. McLain, senior vice president and general counsel at the medical center, was checking phone messages during a round of golf when he heard a distressing voicemail. It was Collins, saying, "I'm sure you've heard Lins was shot."

Stunned, McLain listened to the message again to make sure he heard it correctly. He immediately called Collins, who said Lins was in surgery to repair life-threatening damage to internal organs. A second operation, to remove the bullet from his back, would be likely.

McLain headed to the hospital and found Collins and Laurie, who were stressed and concerned yet guardedly

optimistic. "Lins was very fortunate on a lot of levels — to be found where he was, within 15 minutes of a Level One trauma center, and to have the medical center's lead trauma surgeon available," said McLain.

Several days after the 7.5-hour emergency operation, Lins' father was walking down a medical center hallway when a man wearing a physician's coat came toward him. "Then it dawned on me it was him," said Collins, who stopped Dr. Meredith to say he was the dad of the Wake Forest student. "He was the warmest, nicest guy and spent several minutes telling me everything they did," Collins said. "I gave him the biggest hug." The doctor responded warmly, saying that he lived for those and didn't get enough of them.



**S**ENIOR BRANDON SWEENEY who, along with Troy Waddell, was Lins' summer school roommate, awakened at 7 a.m. that June morning to a phone call from his brother, who asked how Lins was doing. "I immediately asked my brother what he meant. The only thought that came across my mind was whether my best friend was alive or not. My body felt numb," he said.

Brandon threw on clothes and drove to the hospital, joining others already gathering to keep vigil. The mood was somber but people weren't hanging their heads, he said. Quite the contrary. Even as Lins was in the operating room, his fraternity brothers began hatching a campaign to

support the patient and his family.

Brandon and Troy both hail from the Boston area and were deeply affected by the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. They recalled the "Boston Strong" slogan that unified community during an emotional time. So out of a band of hurting KA brothers came the idea for a T-shirt with "Lins Strong" printed on the front. But what would they put on the back?

"I was designing the shirt and started to throw out adjectives that characterized Lins. Troy and I were struggling to find the perfect words to represent Lins and symbolize his fight and courage," Brandon said. Another friend and senior, Niko Fischer, suggested the word "fortitude." *(Continued on page 74)*



Lins enjoys a family gathering with his aunt, Karen Lomax (left), and his parents, Collins and Laurie.

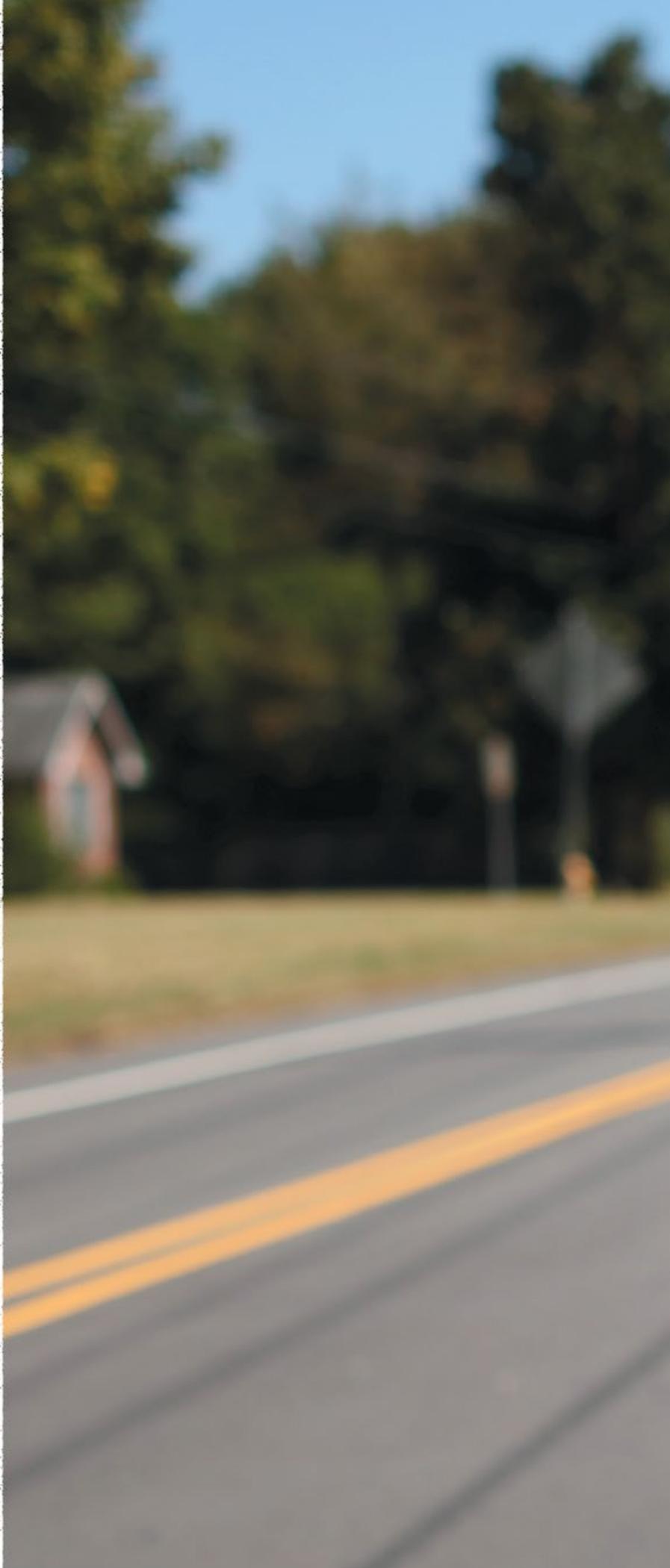
**A CARING BRIDGE COMMUNITY WEBSITE CONNECTED LINS, HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING HIS RECOVERY. THESE EXCERPTS ARE FROM LINS' FACEBOOK POST OF JUNE 20, 2016, WHICH WAS SHARED ONLINE.**

*As I sit in my hospital bed on Day 8 of my stay, I am still completely and utterly overwhelmed (in a good way) by all of the support I have received from the people around me. On the worst of my days, last Wednesday through Friday, it was more than helpful to be able to rely on everyone's kind words and wishes, while relieving my anxiety and tension through everyone's prayers. When I learned of everyone lining the hallways of the hospital in support less than 24 hours after my surgery, I could feel the love in the air ...*

*This has been one of the toughest situations, recoveries and tests of both my physical and emotional endurance, but I can and will make it through. I will emerge as a stronger individual that will have an even greater perspective on life following my trip to Ghana. Who would have thought going back to college would end up more dangerous than going halfway across the world to an African nation?*

*Anyway, the community of friends and family, and even those I don't know, has been so helpful in my progression through my stay at the hospital. Shout out to Brandon Sweeney and Troy Waddell for their effort to raise money to aid with my medical bills ... A thanks goes to Sam Carroll as well for outfitting my room with Apple TV which saved my life due to a diagnosis of boredom. My mom, my dad and my family in general have been through so much, and I owe them more than anything for being there with me, and for me, throughout my entire stay.*

*I will be in touch, and I will keep on rolling through this recovery. See you around.*





(Continued from page 71) “The word was perfect because Lins is short for Plato Collins Barwick IV,” said Brandon. “We customized the back of the shirt to say ‘IVtitude.’”

The group sold T-shirts via a Lins Strong Foundation website; funds raised benefited Angel, the child with cerebral palsy whom Lins had befriended in Ghana. “It was something amazing to see and truly shows the unified community at Wake Forest,” Brandon said. “We all play a valuable role in the community and coming together as one reflects Wake Forest’s quintessential values as a University.” Lins, who didn’t know about the shirt until weeks later, said, “That was unbelievably awesome.”

**W**HILE MANY IN THE COMMUNITY opened their hearts to the Barwicks, Minta Aycock McNally ('74, P '02, '06) opened the doors to her home. As Wake Forest’s Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Office of Family Engagement, Minta had interacted with Lins’ grandfather, P.C., at alumni and athletic events. She had met Laurie and Collins at a wedding.

During those first few days the parents were reluctant to leave their son’s side. Minta and her husband, Frank ('74, P '02, '06), offered their guest suite as a refuge for them to rest and refresh. Having a “place to call home” meant that Lins’ brothers could join their parents and the family would be together.

“It really honored us that they would accept that invitation because I do think that there are times when you feel so helpless that you don’t know what you can do to help someone,” Minta said. “I feel like if I were in need, the Wake Forest community would rally around me. It’s just what

we do. I remember that President (Thomas) Hearn would describe Wake Forest as a national institution that speaks with a Southern accent and doesn’t apologize for it.” Caring and hospitality, she said, “It’s just who we are.”

Following a second surgery to remove the bullet pressing against his spine, Lins eventually left intensive care. The alumni office assembled a care package of Wake Forest T-shirts and other items and delivered it to



Lins with Angel Komenda, a young patient he befriended in Ghana.



Family portrait: Lins with (left to right) his brother John-Henry, Laurie, Collins and brother Smith.



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Minta Aycock McNally ('74, P '02, '06)

his room, which was teeming with friends and classmates. “I think that it’s really one of the principles on which the community is built,” Minta said. “We’re blessed that it’s taken for granted here that when something like this happens, it’s not somebody else’s issue to deal with.”

While all Lins could do was lie in bed, his brothers, Smith and John-Henry, slept in chairs in his hospital room. KA fraternity brothers chipped in to purchase an Apple TV converter. “‘The Office’ became our lifeline,” said Collins, who watched back-to-back episodes with his sons each evening. “Whenever I see Steve Carell now it puts a smile on my face.”

As she watched Lins suffer, Laurie empathized with his pain. He could get through it, she told him, and he needed to believe he could. “He found comfort in me being able to relate to what he was experiencing.”

**A**FTER LINS WAS DISCHARGED in late June, he returned home to Raleigh for months of recovery, punctuated by the occasional setback. “People would come by and check on me. My friends were always there, people brought us food,” he

said. “I ate really well during that time.”

His mom, dad and brothers were always by his side. “It was such an ongoing thing that they were the ones there to see it all the way through. It was such a difficult process that I had to take literally one step at a time,” he said, and that included learning to walk again. Pressure from the bullet against his spine had damaged nerve connections in his right leg, which was temporarily paralyzed and weakened from lack of use.

When he returned to school that fall he was still undergoing physical therapy and not yet able to make long trips across campus. He overcame mobility challenges with help from KA brothers and other friends. “It was nice to have people around; they were always there,” Lins said. “It felt like I had missed out on a lot but once I got back to school nothing was different. It was all exactly the same as when I left. That’s how it always works.”

Academically speaking, he said, his first semester back was his best so far. He and his friends continue to try and bring something good out of his misfortune by using the incident as a “teachable moment,” encouraging student awareness, safety and self-care, both on and off campus.



“If you take life one step at a time, it makes it a whole lot easier,” Lins says.

**"ASKING 'WHY?' IS NOT PART OF THE EQUATION. IT HAPPENED, AND WE'RE GOING TO HOPE FOR THE BEST."**

P.C. Barwick Jr.

**W**HILE LINS DREW TREMENDOUS STRENGTH from family, friends and faith during his ordeal, he believes his experience in Africa is the reason he made it this far. Ghana was present-oriented, he said, almost a land where time stood still. "Over there, it's not about showing up at 4:30; it's about showing up when you have completed what needs to be done," he said.

"What I learned from working in the hospital there was that I didn't have the skills to provide people with medical care, so I asked, 'What can I do to better the day of the patients? How am I going to do it without being affected by all the chaos around me?' If you had a scale that would be like a 10 in terms of the hardest environment in which to remain emotionally stable and continue to benefit the people around you," he said. "If I could do it there, then I could do it anywhere, and that's what helped me when I got back."

Suffering he witnessed in Ghana shaped Lins' perspective on his own. He remembered a young boy who lived in the pediatric ward for two months after being bitten by an insect. "I'm like OK, my situation is terrible, but I am in my house with air conditioning, and I literally have the best doctors in the world. It just doesn't compare."

When a North Carolina law firm invited Lins to share his story, he talked about Ghana, getting shot — and how his friends raised money for Angel by selling "Lins Strong" T-shirts. "It was so uplifting, and not because he was my son," Collins said, "but because we all get bogged down in life and forget we can make a difference. When he was at his lowest point, he said he was feeling well enough doing something for Angel."



Three generations of Barwicks on the Quad: Lins with his father, Collins, (left), and paternal grandfather, P.C., right.

LAUREN MARTINEZ OLINGER ('13)

**A**FTER MISSING A SEMESTER for his medical internship in Africa, and unable to attend summer school while recovering from his injuries, Lins has recouped lost academic ground and is on track to graduate in December. He plans to take a gap year and work in emergency services before entering medical school to study psychology and neuroscience. "It interests me, studying people," he said. "People ask if I'm

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Lins Barwick





going into psychiatry. I think the answer is ‘No’ as of right now. I just do it because I think it’s interesting, and I think it prepares you well to deal with the world.”

He continues to live near campus, not far from the site of the incident. There was a time when he’d drive past and “offer some kind of respect to the spot.” But now he doesn’t think about what happened unless it’s in the context of how far he’s come: like when he ran for the first time after being wounded — last November — or making light of the many surgical scars hidden under his shirt. Fueled by positivity and perseverance, he doesn’t dwell on the fact that at this point no arrests have been made in the case. And he doesn’t ask, “Why me?”

Lins’ parents realized that the date he was rushed to the hospital was the same date Laurie’s father graduated from Wake Forest medical school 65 years earlier — June 11, 1951. It told them “Poppa Doc” was watching over his grandson. And Collins, overwhelmed by the patience of Lins’ friends who congregated in lobbies and hallways, marvels that there was always a presence. Laurie still tells people how much community support meant to the family. “We felt such a warm feeling about Wake,” she said.

**I WAS CURIOUS AS TO THE ORIGIN** of the Greek name “Plato” and learned it means “strong shoulders.” It seems fitting, then, that in their time of need three generations of “Platos” were embraced by a community of strong shoulders upon which to lean, weep and share a weighty burden.

Plato Collins Barwick Jr., Lins’ grandfather, told me, “Asking ‘why?’ is not part of the equation. It happened, and we’re going to hope for the best.”

Plato Collins Barwick III, Lins’ father, said, “There’s no question that his mental resolve and his ability to move on from this thing was exceptionally aided by everything that everybody at Wake did. It was huge to all of us.”

And Plato Collins Barwick IV said, “With a live-life-in-the-present kind of mindset I was able to get through it as easily as I could, and then put it behind me.”

His family and friends call it “IVtitude.”



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To read more about *Around the Quad* items, search highlighted terms on the Wake Forest website.

**1** Wake Forest participated in a yearlong process with the Atlantic Coast Conference, partner ACC universities and the Smithsonian Institution to create the first **"ACcelerate: ACC Smithsonian Creativity and Innovation Festival"** last October. The celebration of creative exploration and research at the nexus of science, engineering, arts and design showcased interactive installations from across the 15 ACC schools around six thematic areas: civic engagement, arts and technology, sustainability and

environment, biomimetics, health and body, and making and advanced manufacturing. Wake Forest exhibitions and presentations included: **IMPROVment: Improvisational Movement for Brain and Body Health**, a project partnership between Associate Professor of Dance **Christina Soriano**, who developed a movement intervention for older adults, and School of Medicine neuroscientist **Dr. Christina Hugenschmidt (PhD '08)**. It combines art and science to address symptoms of dementia, a relatively common and devastating disease of aging; **Wake the Vote**, an intensive civic learning and democratic engagement experience during which a group of students formed a diverse cohort to

examine issues central to the presidential election, built competencies for engaged citizenship, and experienced American democracy from the front lines through travel, participatory action, employment, coursework, program planning and personal reflection; **The Story of My Life**, a multimedia exhibition following the lives of six intellectually and developmentally disabled adults and telling their stories through photography, written and spoken word, and various visual art forms; and **What is Language? Challenging Our Intuitions and Assumptions**, a multi-year project in which student-researchers and faculty-mentors used concordancing software to tease

out patterns of language use in nearly 20,000 student-written essays.

**2** — **Angela Harper ('17)** received the **LeRoy Apker Award** from the American Physical Society for outstanding achievement in physics. She was a Stamps Scholar and a Goldwater Scholar, and she also won a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship. Harper worked in Professor of Physics **Oana Jurchescu's** research lab. A graduate student at Cambridge University, she was honored for contributions to printed electronics and leadership in the Society of Physics Students and Society of Women in STEM fields.

**3** — The **Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame** elected five new members, including four who were voted in on their very first ballot. The 2017 induction class includes Winston-Salem native **Chris Paul ('07)**, Rhodes Scholar and track and field athlete **Michelle Sikes ('07)**, field hockey All-American **Lauren Crandall ('07)** and football All-American **Steve Vallos ('06)**. **John Gerring ('57)**, a member of the men's golf team and the 1957 ACC champion, rounds out the class as the Heritage inductee. They will be inducted Feb. 17 and honored at halftime of the Wake-N.C. State men's basketball game.

**4** — When **Wake Forest University Press** started in 1975, founder **Dillon Johnston** ran the business out of his office in the English department. As operations grew, the Press moved into Carswell Hall, and then later into the old bomb shelter in the basement of Tribble Hall. A bomb shelter seemed particularly appropriate for a poetry press, and the Press was happy there for more than 15 years. However, with 40 years' worth of publishing Irish poetry, space was limited, and in July the Press relocated to a nearby off-campus house on Reynolda Road. The new location includes enough space for staff, interns, warehousing needs and small events. And it has windows!

**5** — Last fall Wake Forest convened a group of national thought-leaders across the ideological spectrum to ex-

plore what it means to live in a society that is more diverse, polarized, global and virtual than ever before. At the **Rethinking Community Conference** (Oct. 19-21), journalists, politicians, scholars and public intellectuals discussed complex and controversial topics influencing academic, political and civic spheres including free speech and safe spaces; efforts to end or defend DACA; free press and fake news; and sports, race and politics. Participants also explored the "Community" — or the relationship between universities and their communities. Hosted by the **Eudaimonia Institute** and the **Pro Humanitate Institute**, the conference engaged a wide swath of Wake Forest, local community and higher education leaders nationally in better understanding — and preparing students for — a society in which our communal bonds are increasingly fragmented, said Provost **Rogan Kersh ('86)**. The conference featured a hub for innovative expressions of the meaning of community from student organizations, as well as a session at **Wake Downtown** in Innovation Quarter to learn about best practices for university-community partnerships and to hear from local business and nonprofit leaders engaged in a Winston-Salem idea exchange. "This effort to rethink community comes at a time when many feel the fabric of our local and national communities has frayed," said **Melissa Harris-Perry ('94)**, faculty director of the Pro Humanitate Institute. **Adam Hyde**, assistant director of the Eudaimonia Institute, said, "We are excited to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders willing to meet each other with the mutual respect and dignity necessary for our communities to flourish."

**6** — Faculty are making conscious efforts to help students get comfortable with a healthy degree of conflict as part of their academic and personal growth. Instead of shying away from studying topics that evoke strong — and often polarized — emotions, they are helping students engage in meaningful discussions across difference. Assistant Professor of Cultural

Anthropology **Sherri Lawson Clark** says, "Race is a myth." In her classrooms, where typically two-thirds of students are people of color, she creates space where sensitive issues like the origins of race and racism in the United States are discussed without judgment. **Michael Callaghan Pisapia's** "American Political Thought" course tackles tough questions related to power, race, gender, religion, partisan polarization and national identity — to name a few. The day after the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Pisapia, assistant professor of politics and international affairs, led a class discussion about issues of gun control. Some students come to the "Zionism, Palestine, and Israel in Historic Perspective" class because they are interested in learning more about this conflict. Some have pre-conceived ideas. Some have ties to the Middle East or ties to one side or the other, said **Rubin Presidential Chair of Jewish History Barry Trachtenberg**, who had students read from a contemporary collection of family histories and memories describing the conflict from both Jewish and Palestinian points of view. "There's no more worthy or timely application of the engaged liberal arts than to prepare our graduates to navigate our increasingly divisive and fragmented society," said **Michele Gillespie**, dean of the College and Presidential Endowed Chair of Southern History.

**7** — **Muhammad Yunus**, an economist who won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for founding the global micro-finance movement, discussed his life's work and his vision for "A World of Zero Poverty" at the inaugural **Noesis Lecture** on Dec. 6. Yunus, who said in his Nobel acceptance speech that "Poverty is a threat to peace," founded the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. It has provided small, collateral-free loans to help some nine million borrowers around the world. He encouraged the audience to become job creators and entrepreneurs. The inaugural Noesis Lecture was presented by the **Eudaimonia Institute**.

# The Byrum Challenge: A Focus on Scholarships

By Kerry M. King ('85)

Illustration by Hayes Henderson

A year after Porter Byrum (JD '42) died, his generosity continues to have a transformative effect.

Wake Forest received more than \$70 million from Byrum following his death last March. The gift was about half of a \$140 million bequest; the remainder was divided equally between Queens University of Charlotte and Wingate University.

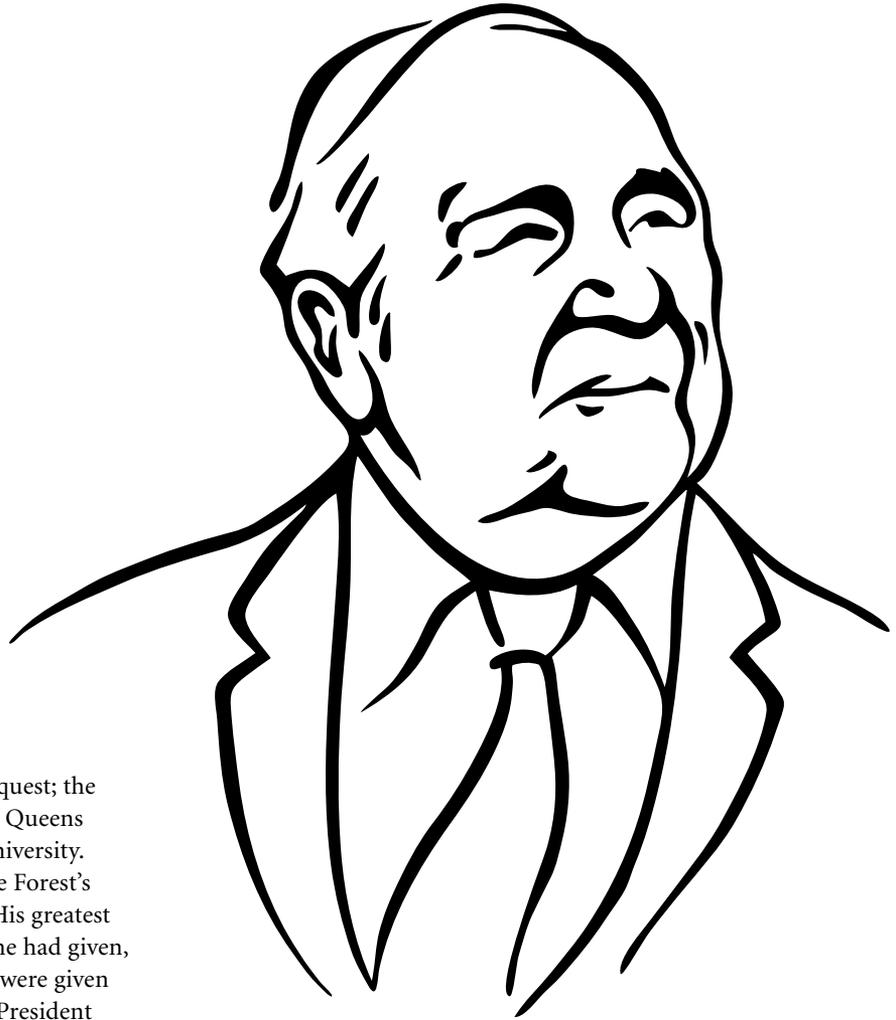
Byrum's final gift, the largest in Wake Forest's history, will be used for scholarships. "His greatest joy was not in the recognition of what he had given, but rather in watching what those who were given an opportunity would do with it," said President Nathan O. Hatch.

Wake Forest has launched the Byrum Challenge to raise an additional \$30 million from alumni, parents and friends to add to Byrum's gift to endow \$100 million in new scholarships. Donors can support the challenge by establishing new scholarships or contributing gifts of any amount to existing scholarship funds.

Byrum was especially interested in helping students from middle-income families reduce their student loan debt, said Mark Petersen, vice president for University Advancement. Byrum's latest gift could help as many as 300 undergraduates in every class.

"We hope to inspire, through Mr. Byrum's example, our community to redouble support for scholarships," Petersen said. "Mr. Byrum's life was an inspiration. Yet his greatest inspiration was helping the next generation (of students). We are taking that cue from him to see how many more students we can help come to Wake Forest."

During his lifetime, Byrum gave more than \$50 million to Wake Forest, primarily for scholarships in the College and School of Law. His gifts have funded scholarships for more than 350 students.



A Charlotte attorney, businessman and philanthropist, Byrum never forgot the impact that Wake Forest had on his life. He and three of his brothers attended Wake Forest free because their father was a minister.

"My daddy never would have been able to have gotten four boys through Wake Forest, so somebody ought to pay back that debt," the plain-spoken Byrum once said. "Education gave me an opportunity in life. It is my privilege to be able to give that same opportunity to others."

Byrum talked often of repaying that debt. In 2011, he donated Charlotte's Park Road Shopping Center, which he had owned since the 1960s, to Wake Forest, Queens and Wingate. Wake Forest received \$40 million from the sale of the shopping center. The new admissions and welcome center was named in his honor the same year.

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# My mysterious teacher

The late Wallace Carroll taught a popular First Amendment class but didn't reveal his place in history on the global stage or as an extraordinary editor of consequence in his community of Winston-Salem. It's time people know.

By Mary Llewellyn McNeil ('78)



Wallace Carroll, far right, as a young correspondent for the United Press in Switzerland.

nalism to work in another field, Carroll entered my thoughts less frequently.

That changed a little over a year ago when I came across "Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood With Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour," a book by Lynne Olson. It told of three influential Americans, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow; W. Averell Harriman, Franklin D. Roosevelt's special envoy to Europe who later became U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union; and John Gilbert Winant, then-U.S. ambassador to the Court of St. James's, all working to bring the United States into World War II when England stood alone in facing the Nazi juggernaut. It turns out Wallace Carroll was a friend to all three and appeared throughout the book.

This surprised me. So I Googled him, and I've been fascinated ever since. I intend to write a book about him — he died at age 95 in 2002, and many days I find myself at the Library of Congress poring over the library's seven boxes about his life and work.

Wallace Carroll was not just the editor and publisher of the local newspaper. He was present and reported on most of the major events of the 20th century. He knew, befriended or advised nearly all the mid-century's key decision-makers — from Winston Churchill to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. As a correspondent for United Press he covered the League of Nations in the mid-1930s, sent dispatches on the

In 1977, in the spring of my junior year at Wake Forest, I was walking across the Quad when I saw one of my professors. Dressed in a Brooks Brothers shirt and cashmere sweater, he waved at me and commented on the brilliance of the sunlit afternoon. He was walking briskly, I knew, to the pool to do his daily laps and then most likely to the library, where he seemed to spend a great deal of time.

Wallace Carroll, or "Mr. Carroll" as we all called him, as far as I know wasn't a full professor, and I wasn't sure which department he was in. The Sam J. Ervin Jr. University Lecturer, he taught a seminar on the First Amendment, and as a journalism student I thought that might be an interesting course to take. I heard that Carroll had been the editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, but beyond that I knew little about him.

In class he was understated, calm, deliberate and kind. We read Anthony Lewis' "Gideon's Trumpet," a seminal work on the constitutional right to counsel, and several Supreme Court cases. He would stand in the corner, arms folded, and ask questions about the reading. I tried to sound worldly when called upon and cringe now to think of the quality of the final paper I wrote. He marked it up and made suggestions for improvement.

"You have a good mind," he once told me. "You just need to learn to express yourself better."

Former students agree: You wanted to do your best for Mr. Carroll. I often wondered what he would think of my career moves as I left Wake Forest to take a job in journalism in Washington, D.C., and, in the end, if he would be proud of me. Would I measure up to his standards?

As the years went by and I left jour-

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bombing of Madrid during the Spanish Civil War, interviewed Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery following the British army's narrow escape from Dunkirk and reported nightly from his office rooftop on the bombs falling on London during The Blitz. He was on the first convoy into the Soviet Union following the Nazi invasion in 1941 and remained to cover the Nazi's initial assault on Moscow. Barely

making it out, on his way home via Persia (now known as Iran), Singapore and the Philippines, he landed in Hawaii seven days after the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack and filed among the first reports from the field. He eventually became the first director of the U.S. Office of War Information in London, specializing in psychological warfare operations during World War II.

Wow, I thought. Who knew? Certainly none of us who sat in his class, even though there had been a few hints: One time when discussing a paper I was writing on the Battle of Stalingrad, he casually mentioned that, yes, he had seen the Soviets fight and knew they were capable of beating the Nazis. Later, at a small party for us students, he introduced his friend, the journalist George

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As news editor for the New York Times from 1955-1963, Carroll covered both the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations.

Wallace Carroll  
1957

**Top:** Carroll interviews young Royal Air Force pilots during the Battle of Britain. **Bottom:** Here with his wife, Peggy, center, and Elizabeth (Lib) Jones Brantley ('44, P '72), one of the friends who joined voices to preserve the New River Valley.



Will, to me. And later I learned that Carroll had been Anthony Lewis' editor at The New York Times and encouraged him to write "Gideon's Trumpet."

After the war, Carroll worked as executive editor at the Journal and Sentinel from 1949 until 1955, when James Reston hired him to be his deputy in the Washington bureau of The New York Times to oversee day-to-day coverage. When he decided to leave his Times position in 1963, the paper offered him "the Rome bureau, or any other bureau that was open," if he changed his mind, according to Gay Talese in his 1969 book, "The Kingdom and the Power, Behind the Scenes at The New York Times: The Institution that Influences the World."

Instead he returned to Winston-Salem, where he would continue to make his mark on the city and beyond. During his tenure as editor and publisher of the Journal and Sentinel from 1963 to 1973, Carroll led the newspapers' efforts in support of busing to desegregate the city's schools, restricting gun use and persuading lawmakers to establish the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem.

In 1968 he wrote "Vietnam — Quo Vadis?" (Vietnam — Where do we go?), a signed editorial questioning the war in Vietnam and urging the United States to get its priorities straight: "But we must see that we cannot allow Vietnam to become the be-all and end-all of our national policies. Starting with that realization we can make our way back to our true role in the world — not as destroyers but as builders, not as sowers of fear but as bringers of hope." The editorial is widely acknowledged as influencing President Lyndon Johnson's decision to begin disengaging from Vietnam.



June 13, 1987  
Grayson-Highlands



In 1971, under Carroll's tutelage, the Journal and Sentinel won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, for environmental reporting that ensured strip mining would be halted in thousands of acres in the mountains of northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

When he retired as a newspaperman in 1973, Carroll characteristically underplayed his role, crediting the paper and its staff. "The Journal and Sentinel," he said at the time, "had a vital influence in transforming this community from a mill village dominated by three or four very strong-willed, feudal barons to where it is today, a pretty open community."

If we were to bring back the concept of contributing to the community — or to the well-being of the whole — we would do well to remember Carroll, the man Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson ('43) calls "the most influential editor in the South then and since."

Former managing editor of the Winston-Salem Journal Joe Goodman, in his summary of Carroll's career, wrote of Carroll's importance in American journalism, international affairs and North Carolina's cultural development. It is "because (Carroll) is content to stand in the background with arms folded that his achievements have never been summed up," he concluded.

Perhaps, Mr. Carroll, it is time to change that.

*Mary Llewellyn McNeil ('78) is a former official of the World Bank and member of the Wake Forest Board of Visitors. She lives in Washington, D.C.*

**Top:** Carroll at age 23 as a young reporter. **Bottom:** Carroll introduces his friend Dean Acheson, former U.S. Secretary of State.



## The Power of Words

James Reston, the longtime editor of The New York Times, once said that Wallace Carroll could “edit the Gettysburg Address and improve upon it.” Precise and crisp in his writing, Carroll railed against hyperbole and jargon, at one point agreeing with Reston never to allow the words “unprecedented” or “universally” to appear in published articles. Many Winston-Salem Journal reporters recalled that their greatest fear was to have a blue note, written by Carroll and attached to their articles, appear on the office bulletin board pointing out grammatical errors, misplaced commas or other literary failings.

Words had to be precise, Carroll believed, because they had the power to change things. In an address at his alma mater, Marquette University, in 1969, he cited Franklin Roosevelt’s admonition, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself,” and Winston Churchill’s pledge to “never surrender” during World War II as examples of how words had the power to change history. “The English language has stood us in good stead,” he concluded. “Never doubt that we shall need it again in all its power and mobility.”

Carroll practiced what he preached. He used his skill with words to foster a more open and enlightened community in Winston-Salem and beyond. Perhaps among his proudest achievements was blocking the Appalachian Power Co.’s plan to dam the New River and generate electricity through a massive project stretching from Grayson County, Virginia, into Ashe and Alleghany counties in North Carolina. Carroll, drawing on his many contacts and reputation in the journalism community, managed to get more than 150 newspapers across the country to run editorials in support of the river’s conservation. As a result — and with immeasurable help from his wife, Peggy — in 1976 Congress approved legislation to place large stretches of the river valley in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and, on Sept. 11, 1976, President

Gerald Ford (LLD ’80, P ’72) signed it into law. The Carrolls were on hand at the White House. More than 5,000 acres of land and 66 miles of stream and riverbank won protection in what remains a cherished part of the country.

Newspapers, he believed, had a moral imperative to take on this kind of work. Until his death in 2002 at age 95, Carroll considered words the tools through which this could be accomplished. “He had the journalists’ urge to further his listeners’ understanding,” said Doug Lewis at the funeral service. “It was his wonderful combination of intellect and conscience which gave Wally’s carefully reasoned and artfully worded editorials such power ... he was our collective conscience at work.”

— Mary McNeil (’78)



Here with his dogs at his mountain retreat near Sparta, North Carolina, where Carroll and his wife welcomed students for picnics and ice cream.

*As we remember  
him*



*I'm excited about the latest initiative in our continuing efforts "to take Wake Forest to alumni." A Call to Conversation offers a chance to get to know fellow alumni and parents in a deeper way. I had the joy of participating in one of the first "calls" last fall. It was a meaningful and moving experience. I hope you'll join the conversation this spring and share your thoughts on how we can strengthen the Wake Forest community, both on-campus and in the alumni community. Thank you for your support of Wake Forest.*

**Glenn Simpson ('78, MBA '80, P '09)**  
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Have a question?  
Contact the Alumni Engagement Office at 800-752-8568 or [alumni@wfu.edu](mailto:alumni@wfu.edu)

## Call to Conversation



Building relationships and stronger community through face-to-face conversation has always been a Wake Forest tradition. Wake Forest is taking that idea to alumni and parents nationwide through a Call to Conversation.

A Call to Conversation has one goal — to spark conversations among small groups of Wake Foresters on meaningful topics. How do you teach leadership and character? How do you foster civil political dialogue? How do you instill values of integrity and honesty?

Hundreds of alumni and parents have already taken part and discovered the personal, intellectual and cultural value of meaningful dialogue. The stories, values and ideas that emerge from these conversations will influence how Wake Forest prepares students for the future.

If you'd like to join the Call to Conversation, visit [c2c.wfu.edu](http://c2c.wfu.edu).

## Camp Third Act

June 8-9, 2018

Thinking about a career or life transition? How do you even begin to prepare for the next stage of your life? Return to Wake Forest to learn and think about what your "third act" will be. The Alumni Engagement office is offering a two-day on-campus "camp" to guide alumni between the ages of 50 and 75 through the process of discerning what's next in their life.

Gregg Levoy, author of "Callings: Finding and Following An Authentic Life," will headline Camp Third Act. He'll guide alumni through the steps toward fulfilling passions you've set on the back burner, creative leaps you yearn to take, service projects and leadership roles in the community, a new line of work or simply rediscovering the love of learning.

The camp also will include practical workshops on topics such as social enterprise development, writing and publishing, and entrepreneurship. Visit [alumni.wfu.edu](http://alumni.wfu.edu) for more information.

## PRO HUMANITATE DAYS



Alumni from coast-to-coast will once again join forces to fight childhood hunger this spring, April 14 - 21. Last year, more than 900 Wake Foresters in 30 cities from Winston-Salem to Seattle volunteered at their local food banks, planted community gardens or prepared meals. Contact your local WAKECommunity leaders to find out what's happening in your area or visit [phd.alumni.wfu.edu](http://phd.alumni.wfu.edu).

## TREK TO THE OLD CAMPUS

Saturday, April 7

Travel back to the time and place where Wake Forest began during the annual "trek" to the Old Campus on Saturday, April 7. The Wake Forest Historical Museum near the Old Campus has an impressive collection of artifacts, documents and memorabilia from the founding of Wake Forest in 1834 to the move to Winston-Salem in 1956. The Calvin Jones House, the first college building and home to Wake Forest founder and first president Samuel Wait, has been beautifully restored. The campus itself looks much like it did when Wake Forest students strolled the walkways. Alumni who graduated from or attended the Old Campus are especially encouraged to attend to reconnect with classmates and stroll the familiar walkways once again.



## 1950s

**Ronald C. Dilthey ('57, JD '60, P '92)** was honored by the Campbell University School of Law with the dedication of the "Advocacy Suite" in his honor. He was an adjunct professor at Campbell's law school for 35 years. Dilthey was also included in the 24th edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**Daniel Roberts (MD '57)** was named Surgeon of the Year in 1993 by the Florida Society of Dermatologic Surgeons and later Practitioner of the Year. He was honored as Man of the Year by Kiwanis International in 1995. Roberts and his wife, Carol, live in Rockledge, FL.

## 1960s

► **Boyd Franklin Collier Sr. ('61)** is serving on the Alumni Council. He is an attorney in Richmond, VA.

► **John Michael Carroll ('64)** is serving on the Alumni Council. He lives in Clemmons, NC, and is retired.

**Sidney S. Eagles Jr. ('61, JD '64, P '91, '95)** was recognized by Benchmark Litigation 2018 as a Local Litigation Star. He is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Raleigh, NC.

**Jim Williams Jr. ('62, JD '66, P '89, '92)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for antitrust law, bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation and education law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Emily Herring Wilson (MA '62, P '91, '93)** wrote a book, "The Three Graces of Val-Kill: Eleanor Roosevelt, Marion Dickerman, and Nancy Cook in the Place They Made Their Own" (UNC Press). It examines what Wilson calls the most formative period in Roosevelt's life, from 1922-1936, when she cultivated an intimate friendship with Dickerman and Cook, who helped her build a cottage in Hyde Park on Roosevelt family land.

**Dan McGinn ('64, JD '67, P '90)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for employment law (management), labor law (management) and litigation (labor and employment). He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Marianne Harrelson McIver ('64)** retired from her 47-year nursing career in 2013. She lives in Siler City, NC, and enjoys her farm and living near family.

**Bob Braxton ('66)** and **Beth Pirkle Braxton ('66)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Road Scholar cycling trip from Munich, Germany, to Vienna, Austria. They plan to do this every half-century!

► Alumni Council new member

**Robert R. McRae Jr. ('69)** was selected to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame for outstanding service. He was president of the NCHSAA from 1997-98 and was selected by the association as North Carolina Superintendent of the Year in 1995. The award now bears his name.

## 1970s

► **Diane L. Schneider ('75)** is serving on the Alumni Council. She and her husband, **David H. Grundies ('73)**, live in La Jolla, CA. She is a physician.

**Deborah L. Best ('70, MA '72)** received the Denmark/Reuder Award from Division 52/International Psychology of the American Psychological Association for her "outstanding international contributions to the psychology of women and gender." She was recognized for her cross-cultural research on children's cognitive and social development and gender stereotypes. She is the William L. Poteat Professor of Psychology at Wake Forest.

**Rick Gentry ('70)** received the M. Justin Herman Memorial Award, the highest award for outstanding service, from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. He is president and CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission and has spent more than 45 years in the affordable housing field.

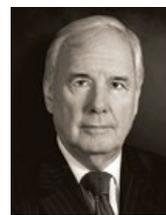
**Jim Trent Jr. ('70)** co-edited the book "Phal-lacies: Historical Intersections of Masculinity and Disability" (Oxford University Press). He is a visiting scholar at Brandeis University's Heller School. Trent and his wife, **Sue Norman Trent ('72)**, live in Wenham, MA.

**David Ward Sr. ('72, JD '75, P '05, '08)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for Raleigh in the area of medical malpractice law (defendants). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

**Howard Williams (JD '72, P '03)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for litigation and controversy (tax and tax law). He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Tip Richmond ('73)** was named by Chambers 2017 High Net Worth Guide as a leader in his field. His practice focuses on trusts and estates planning, and planning for closely-held businesses. Richmond is also listed annually in the Best Lawyers publication and as a Kentucky Super Lawyer. He is a member of Dickinson Wright in Lexington, KY.

**Robert G. Tanner (JD '73)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for medical malpractice law (defendants) and commercial litigation. He is a partner at Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial in Atlanta.



Tanner  
(JD '73)



Gorham  
(JD '74)

**Henry Wise Gorham (JD '74)** is with Teague Campbell Dennis and Gorham in Raleigh, NC. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**Richard Lyon Morgan (MAED '74)**, co-authored the book, "Resist Tyranny: Matthew Lyon: Defender of Liberty" (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform), with his brother, John Morgan.

**Deb Richardson-Moore ('76)** released her novel, "The Cover Story," the second in the Branigan Powers mystery series (Lion Fiction). Her first mystery novel, published in 2016, was "The Cantaloupe Thief." She is pastor of the Triune Mercy Center in Greenville, SC, and author of a 2012 memoir, "The Weight of Mercy" (Monarch Books). Her memoir was named to the 2016 Reading Program for United Methodist Women.

**Joseph T. Carruthers (JD '77)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 list for commercial litigation, personal injury litigation (defendants) and medical malpractice law (defendants). He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

**Chip T. Hagan III (JD '77)** was named among the 2018 Best Lawyers in America for his work in the area of business organizations. He is a partner with Hagan Barrett & Langley in Greensboro, NC.

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Lewis ('77)



Root ('77, JD '80)



Sweeney ('77)



Woodard ('80)

**Mitchell Lewis ('77)** was appointed director of endorsement for the United Methodist Church and will oversee the certification and support of chaplains and pastoral counselors in military and civilian settings. Lewis recently retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel with over 26 years of service as an Army chaplain. He is an ordained elder in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**David Root ('77, JD '80)** was admitted as a fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner at Carlock, Copeland & Stair and has been practicing law in Atlanta for 37 years.

**Mary Jo Sweeney ('77)**, a retired U.S. Navy captain, dedicated a year of volunteer leadership to the Commissioning Committee for the USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000), the Navy's most technologically advanced destroyer. Sweeney

is a strategic marketing consultant at First Command Financial Services. She continues to promote the Navy's interests in her role as vice president of National Capital Council, Navy League. Sweeney and her husband, David Hoffman, who is also a retired U.S. Navy captain, live in the Annapolis, MD, area so they can sponsor Naval Academy midshipmen in their home.

**Mark F. Ellison ('78, P '04)** was presented with the Community Advocacy Award by the dean of the Medical College of Georgia for his support and commitment to the medical school. Ellison and his wife, **Betsy Felts Ellison ('79, P '04)**, live in Athens, GA.

**Laura Elliott ('79)** wrote "Suspect Red" (Disney-Hyperion), a look at the McCarthy era through the eyes of two teenage boys swept up in the Red Scare's national paranoia and witch-

hunts. She is also the author of "Under a War-Torn Sky" (Disney-Hyperion) and other books including "Annie, Between the States" (Katherine Tegen Books), a New York Times young adult e-book bestseller.

**Cameron Kent ('79)** wrote "The Sea is Silent" (Plot Hound Books). He retired after a career as reporter and news anchor for WXII 12 News in Winston-Salem.

**Bob Singer (JD '79)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for banking and finance law, corporate law, financial services regulation law and mergers and acquisitions law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Carolee Williams ('79)** retired after 35 years in local government. She works as the Lowcountry field director for Conservation Voters of South Carolina, which protects clean air, water, land and energy through bipartisan and pragmatic political action.

## 1980s

► **Thomas Daniel Welliver ('87)** is serving on the Alumni Council. He and his wife, **Margaret Demopoulos Welliver ('88)**, live in Westminster, MD. Their daughter, Diana, is a freshman at Wake Forest. He is chief financial officer of Healthcare for the Homeless.

► **Crystal Leonhardt Sellers ('89)** is serving on the Alumni Council. She and her husband, Steve, live in Charlotte, NC. Their son, Will, is a Wake Forest senior.

**Deni Gladieux McIntyre ('80)** of the Will & Deni McIntyre Foundation received a grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County to help fund the third season of David Holt's "State of Music" public TV series. Her foundation, established with her husband, Will, in 2009, raises the profile of the arts and regional nonprofit organizations through the creation of videos, books and photography for websites and related media in the greater Henderson County, NC, area.

**Catherine Woodard ('80, P '13)** wrote "Opening the Mouth of the Dead," (lone goose press), a story in poems. She also chairs the New York City advisory committee of the News Literacy Project.

**Phillip A. Coleman (MBA '81)** completed his 28th year as president of the board of directors of the Houston area Municipal Water and Sewer Authority.

**John D. Martin ('81)** was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for Wilmington in the area of medical malpractice law (defendants). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Wilmington, NC.

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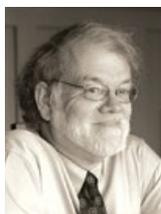
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**Widenhouse Jr.**  
(JD '81)



**Harton**  
( '82)



**Gallagher**  
(JD '84)



**Minegar**  
(JD '84)



**Musser**  
(MBA '84, JD '85)



**Hicks**  
(JD '87)



**Kivett**  
( '87, MBA '94)



**Valaoras**  
( '89, JD '92)

**M. Gordon Widenhouse Jr. (JD '81)** is a visiting professor of practice in the Wake Forest law school teaching criminal law, criminal procedure and criminal litigation drafting. His practice, Rudolf Widenhouse, focuses on appellate and post-conviction litigation.

**M. Andrew Avram ('82, JD '90)** was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for workers' compensation law (employers). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, NC.

**Lynn Harton ('82, P '13)** was named CEO of United Community Bank. He serves on several community boards including the Greenville County Museum of Art, the Peace Center and Artisphere. Harton is a director of the Risk Management Association and serves on its Community Bank Council.

**Jill Wilson (JD '82)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for education law and employment law (management). She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Karen Wilson ('82, JD '85)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 list for corporate law. She is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

**Michael James Dodson (JD '83)** was admitted as an advocate to the San Francisco Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is an attorney with Phillip M. Andersen & Associates in Pleasanton, CA. Dodson and his wife, Mindy, live in Los Gatos, CA.

**Robert Griffin ('83, JD '86)** was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for litigation (insurance). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

**Brian A. Gallagher (JD '84)** was named interim dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

**Craig A. Minegar (JD '84)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for real estate law. He is a lawyer with Winderweedle, Haines, Ward and Woodman in Winter Park, FL.

**Jim Phillips Jr. (JD '84)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, litigation (intellectual property) and litigation (securities). He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Bill Musser (MBA '84, JD '85)** is a senior public finance, securities and corporate attorney with more than 30 years of experience. He joined the

Pope Flynn law firm and works in both the Columbia and Charleston, SC, offices.

**John W. Babcock (JD '85, P '13, '16)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 list for mergers and acquisitions law and corporate law. He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

**J. Dennis Bailey (JD '85)** was recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2018 as Lawyer of the Year for personal injury litigation (defendants) and was included on the list for commercial litigation, personal injury litigation (defendants) and medical malpractice law (defendants). He is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem.

**Bobby Higdon Jr. ('85, JD '89)** was nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Higdon had previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney in North Carolina's Western and Eastern Districts.

**James K. Pryor (JD '85)** is chief counsel at Capital Telecom in Morristown, NJ.

**Beth Langley ('86, JD '92)** was named among the 2018 Best Lawyers in America for employment law (management), commercial litigation and litigation (labor and employment). She is a partner with Hagan Barrett & Langley in Greensboro, NC.

**Ronald L. Hicks (JD '87)** was selected by Super Lawyers to the 2017 list of top Pennsylvania attorneys.

**Ed Kivett ('87, MBA '94)** and his wife, Luci, own the Glen-Ella Springs Inn and Restaurant in Clarksville, Ga. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2fkUcPM>

**Robert E. Lamb ('87)** and the Brevard Community Chorus of Melbourne, FL, participated in the Luther Choral Festival in Berlin, Germany, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Maestro Helmuth Rilling conducted. Lamb was a soloist for the performance at the Berlin Cathedral.

**Jan E. Bostic Yarborough (JD '87)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 list for health care law. She is a partner at Wall Babcock in Winston-Salem. Yarborough is a member of the Wake Forest Law Board of Visitors.

**Bob King III (JD '88)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for commercial

litigation and environmental law. He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Barbara Babcock Millhouse (LHD '88, P '02)** received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, for her exemplary service to the State of North Carolina, during Reynolda House's Centennial Ball. She is founding president of Reynolda House Museum of American Art.

**David Rhoades (MBA '88, JD '89)** was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for workers' compensation law (employers). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Raleigh, NC.

**Rick Sager Jr. (JD '88)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for personal injury litigation (defendants). He is a partner at Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial in Atlanta.

**Kathy Mattson Zoeller (MBA '88)** received the AARP and Crain's Custom Media 50@50+ Illinois Award for her work as president of Mattson Communications in Chicago, helping boost Illinois' economic growth while giving back to the community.

**Dean W. Hollandsworth (JD '89)** is deputy county attorney representing the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services in High Point, NC. Hollandsworth and his wife, Barbara, live in Greensboro, NC.

**Nicholas Valaoras ('89, JD '92)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for workers' compensation law (employers). He is an attorney at Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog in Charlotte, NC.

## 1990

► **Rushani Sie Brooks** is serving on the Alumni Council. She and her husband, **Richard ('90)**, live in Cary, NC.

**Forrest Campbell Jr. (JD, P '14)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for health care law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Anne Marie Goslak** was selected as one of the LPGA Teaching and Golf Professional Division's Top 50 instructors worldwide. She was also nominated for the Golf Digest Best in State list for instructors. Goslak played golf at Wake Forest from 1987-1990, later became a professional

## ALUMNI Q&amp;A



**Joseph Wescott ('81, MA '00)** of Raleigh, North Carolina, and **Josh Traeger ('05)** of Annapolis, Maryland, are co-chairs of the new *Decorated Deacs* affinity group, open to all Wake Foresters who have served in the military.

#### What is the purpose of *Decorated Deacs*?

*Decorated Deacs* aims to connect, honor and support military-affiliated students, alumni and friends. The group will facilitate networking opportunities and provide support activities for veterans, active duty personnel, National Guard members, reservists and their families. We also hope to provide strong support to students planning to enter military service, those actively serving and veterans leaving the military to return to civilian life.

#### Can you tell us about your own service?

**Joe:** I attended Wake Forest on a four-year ROTC scholarship. I trained as an armor officer and served in Kentucky, South Carolina and North Carolina. Today, I am the executive director of the North Carolina State Approving Agency, overseeing veterans' educational programming, and the legislative director of the National Association of State Approving Agencies. I have assisted other veterans services organizations in the passage of several laws enhancing veterans' education and training.

**Josh:** I commissioned in the Air Force in 2010 as a judge advocate and have served in various legal positions at bases in Georgia, Arizona and Colorado. I am currently a senior trial counsel in Washington, D.C., and I travel worldwide to prosecute the military's most serious criminal cases.

#### Was there one professor or experience at Wake Forest that influenced your service?

**Joe:** When I was considering whether to pursue a military career, my military science professor told me that three institutions dramatically change people's lives: education, religion and the military. He went on to say if I really wanted to serve others and impact their lives, the military would be a great career. My military experience and devotion to veterans drives much that I do!

**Josh:** I learned the importance of service from my involvement in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program on campus, which I led my senior year. That same year, I was fortunate to be in Maya Angelou's class, and she inspired me to approach life with courage and conviction. The spirit of Pro Humanitate resonated in her, and it carried me to military service.

#### How do you plan to bring *Decorated Deacs* together?

The geographical separation presents a unique challenge, but we believe it will be overcome by the unique bonds in the Wake Forest and military communities. We will certainly lean on our members to network locally, but we also plan to host regional events near communities with a heavy military presence. We will also organize events for everyone to enjoy no matter their location, such as a virtual 5K in support of Hit the Bricks and webcasts hosted by military leaders and distinguished alumni. Already this year, veterans, ROTC students and military personnel have come together to lay wreaths at memorials in North Carolina and Virginia.

**Decorated Deacs is open to all military-affiliated alumni, friends and students. For more information, visit [wakecommunities.wfu.edu](http://wakecommunities.wfu.edu) (look under Affinity Group) and the *Decorated Deacs* Facebook page.**



Hoffman  
(JD '90)



Dalton  
('83)

golfer and has been teaching golf for the last three decades.

**Dana H. Hoffman (JD '90)** was elected president of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA). She has served as secretary and president-elect on TIDA's Executive Committee. This marks her third consecutive term serving as a member of TIDA's board of directors. Hoffman is a shareholder and litigation team member at Young Moore and Henderson in Raleigh, NC.

## 1991

► **William R. Pleasant Jr. (JD '94)** is serving on the Alumni Council. He and his wife, **Shannon Hefner Pleasant ('91)**, live in Hickory, NC. He is vice president and deputy general counsel at CommScope.

**Clint Pinyan** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for commercial litigation. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 1992

**Patricia Williams Goodson (JD '96)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for employment law management and litigation (labor and employment). She is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, NC.

**David E. Inabinett (JD '96)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for elder law and trusts and estates. He is an attorney at Brinkley Walser Stoner in Lexington, NC.

**Sean Kumer (PhD '97)** is vice president/physician-in-chief of operative services and surgical director of liver transplantation at the University of Kansas Health System. Kumer lives in Kansas City, KS, with his wife, Alix, and sons, Patrick and Ryan.

## 1993

**Kevin Dalton** was included in the The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for the fourth year for litigation (labor and employment), employment law (management) and labor law (management). He was also recognized in N.C. Super Lawyers. Dalton is a partner at Fisher Phillips in Charlotte, NC.

**Susan McNear Fradenburg (JD)** was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide and honored as Lawyer of the Year for health care law. She is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greensboro, NC.

## 1994

**Daniel G. Cahill (JD)** is managing partner at Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, NC.

**Susan Chorley** is executive director of Exhale, a nonjudgmental talk-line for individuals and their partners, friends and allies who have experienced abortion. She was named a 2017 Faith Leader to Watch by the Center for American Progress. Read more at [bit.ly/2iJWf4G](http://bit.ly/2iJWf4G)

**Ben Davis** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for banking and finance law. He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, NC.

**Rodney Rogers** was honored by the City of Durham, NC, with a day in his name. On October 17, 2017, the start of the 2017-18 NBA season, Mayor William V. Bell declared "Rodney Rogers Day in Durham" to recognize Rogers' basketball career and service to the City of Durham.

**Jennifer Van Zant (JD)** was recognized by Benchmark Litigation in its sixth edition of the Benchmark Top 250 Women in Litigation, her third consecutive year on the list. She was also included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, litigation (antitrust), litigation (banking and finance) and litigation (securities). Van Zant is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

**Joseph E. Zeszotarski Jr. (JD)** is a partner with Gammon, Howard & Zeszotarski in Raleigh, NC, where he represents clients in white-collar criminal and False Claims Act matters. He was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the 2017 annual meeting in Montreal.

## 1995

**Julie Dunlop** published the book, "Ocean of Yoga: Meditations on Yoga and Ayurveda for Balance, Awareness, and Well-being" (Singing Dragon). She works in the English department at Central New Mexico Community College.

**John Hayes** wrote the book, "Hard, Hard Religion: Interracial Faith in the Poor South" (UNC Press). He is an associate professor of history at Augusta University.

**Allison E. McWilliams** published the book, "Five For Your First Five: Own Your Career and Life After College" (Library Partners Press), to assist young professionals who are navigating the critical first few years after graduation. Her book is being used in programs with young alumni



Fradenburg  
(JD '93)



McWilliams  
('95)



Kennedy  
( '97, JD '00)



McDonald  
(JD '00)



Whitley  
(JD '01)

across the country. McWilliams is assistant vice president for mentoring and alumni personal and career development at Wake Forest.

**Ed West III (JD)** was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide for commercial litigation and litigation and controversy (tax). He is an attorney at Brooks Pierce in Wilmington, NC.

## 1996

**Jude Stewart** wrote a new book, "Patterna-lia: An Unconventional History of Polka Dots, Stripes, Plaid, Camouflage, & Other Graphic Patterns" (Bloomsbury USA). She writes about design and culture for Slate, Fast Company, The Believer and other publications. Stewart also blogs regularly as a contributing editor for Print magazine and AIGA's Eye on Design blog.

## 1997

**Keith Jones (JD/MBA)** is a partner at Troutman Sanders, in the firm's multifamily housing finance practice, in Charlotte, NC.

**William K. Kennedy II (JD '00)** is partner and vice chair at Montgomery McCracken in its labor and employment practice in Philadelphia.

## 1998

**Kate Ward Leeder** is a partner in the Grand Rapids, MI, specialty restaurant Aperitivo, a local source of imported and domestic cheese, charcuterie, wine, beer and cider. Last fall, the Wake Forest women's soccer team learned firsthand about her journey from history major to restaurant owner. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gnLqot>

## 1999

► **Lisa Elizabeth Ewart** is serving on the Alumni Council. She is a lawyer in Columbia, SC.

## 2000

**Christine Bischoff (JD '14)** is a senior supervising attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, AL, and Jackson, MS. Bischoff and her husband, Giancarlo, recently welcomed daughter Lyla Sam, who joined her sister, Maya (3).

**Emily Jacobs McClatchey** is a child psychologist and therapist in Cambridge, MA. She has founded a company called Kidolences ([www.kidolences.com](http://www.kidolences.com)) that makes customized keep-sake care boxes for kids who have suffered the loss of a family member, friend or pet, or who are experiencing a stressful life change, such as moving or divorce. She and her husband, Devereaux, have three children: Mabel (6), Millie (4) and Devereaux (2). Read more at [bit.ly/2vLu6Qp](http://bit.ly/2vLu6Qp)

**Roy L. McDonald II (JD)** was selected deputy command judge advocate for the 166th Regional Support Group, Taino Warriors, located at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico. He is an attorney at Brinkley Walser Stoner in Lexington, NC.

**Sarah Elizabeth Milam (MSA '01)** is an associate corporate attorney at Kirkland & Ellis in New York. She recently welcomed a son, Robert Gatling Clifton.

## 2001

**Tracy Lyman Howell** is software manager for the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Howell and her cat, Roger, are a registered Pet Partners therapy team and visit patients at Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix.

**Ramy Serageldin** is co-founder and CEO of Honeyfi, an app that helps couples collaborate and stay in sync about finances. Serageldin founded Honeyfi with **Joe Stanish ('08)** and **Sam Schultz ('08)**.

**Elise Morgan Whitley (JD)** is a partner and board certified family law specialist with Tash & Kurtz in Winston-Salem. She was named a N.C. Super Lawyer, one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and one of The Best Lawyers in America.



**Manofsky**  
(JD '03)



**Falgowski**  
(JD '04)



**Cheek**  
(MBA '05)



**Murray**  
(JD '05)

## 2002

**Jill Peters Kaess (JD)** was named in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 guide and honored as Lawyer of the Year for trusts and estates. She is an attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Wilmington, NC.

**Matthew Craig Lindberg** is managing partner of Plumb Line Capital Partners and managing director of Power Curbers Companies. Lindberg and his wife, Brittany, and their three children, Colton (4), Brock (3) and new baby Emmett, live in Weddington, NC.

**Tim Ralston** is a major and clinical psychologist in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Aviano Air Base in Italy. Read more at [bit.ly/2xhjko](http://bit.ly/2xhjko)

**Bryan Starrett Jr.** was recognized in Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List." He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 2003

**Cathy Caniglia Manofsky (JD)** received the Leading Women Award from the Maryland Daily Record. She is a principal at Kramon & Graham in Baltimore. Manofsky serves on the board of the Anne Arundel County Court Appointed Special Advocates. She is also a member of the Executive Parent Teacher Organization Board at Davidsonville Elementary School and is a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. Manofsky is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association and serves on its ethics committee, and is a member of the Federal Bar Association and the D.C. Bar Association.

## 2004

**Kristin Braun DiObilda** is a principal with DeLoitte Consulting in New York. DiObilda and her husband, Pete, recently welcomed a daughter, Nora Alice.

**Cory Falgowski (JD)** is a partner in the creditors' rights & bankruptcy practice group at Burr & Forman in Wilmington, DE. Since 2014, he has been ranked among the top bankruptcy practitioners in Delaware by Chambers USA.

**Ben Norman (JD)** was recognized in Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List." He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 2005

**Chad Cheek (MBA)** was re-appointed to the North Carolina Arts Council by Gov. Roy Cooper. He was first appointed to the council in 2014. He also serves on the board of trustees for the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Cheek owns Elephant In The Room, a graphic design and brand strategy consultancy in Winston-Salem. Cheek and his wife, Janel, and their children, Kendall and Zachary, live in Kernersville, NC.

**Diana Santos Johnson** was named an honoree for the 2017 North Carolina Leaders in the Law award hosted by North Carolina Lawyers Weekly. She is an associate attorney at Bolton Law Group in Winston-Salem. Johnson serves on the N.C. Bar Association's Minorities in the Profession Committee, the Winston-Salem Zoning Board of Adjustment and is a board member for Smart Start of Forsyth County.

**Karen Neely Louis (JD)** is counsel in the corporate practice group at Taylor English Duma in Atlanta.

**Megan S. Weber Murray (JD)** is a partner at Paine, Zaleski & Murray and manages the firm's Red Bank, NJ, office. She is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Murray was awarded the Young Attorney of the Year award, received the Martin Goldin Award for dedication to family law and was named a New Leader of the Bar. She also co-authored the book, "Divorce in New Jersey: The Legal Process, Your Rights, and What to Expect" (Addicus Books).

**Christian Staples** was named a 2017 Leader in the Law by North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly. He is an attorney at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick in Charlotte, NC. Staples and his wife, Jennie, recently welcomed a son, Evan Vincent.

**Samantha Larkin Stoddard** is the chief financial officer at Industrial Timber, a furniture manufacturing company, in Charlotte, NC.

**Ann Tucker** was appointed assistant professor of history at the University of North Georgia.

## 2006

► **Patrick Colin Brennan** is serving on the Alumni Council. He is a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

**T. Dixon Douglas** wrote his first children's book, "Miss Bunny's First Flight (The Adventures of Lovey)" (Warren Publishing), which won the 2017 Bronze Moonbeam Children's Book Award.

**Carrie Arthur Hanger (JD)** joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough healthcare practice as a partner in the Winston-Salem office. She lives in Greensboro with her husband, Chris, their children, Nate (8) and Eve (4), and dog, Lily.

**Rebecca Hiester** was promoted to associate curator of education at the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, SC.

## 2007

► **Jill Annis Ahrens (MSA '08)** is serving on the Alumni Council. She is an accountant in Houston.

► **Jillian Marie Macdonald** is serving on the Alumni Council. She lives in Atlanta and is a senior manager at Turner.

**Brian C. Focht (JD)** launched his new firm, Law Offices of Brian C. Focht, in Charlotte, NC, focusing on cyber security and civil litigation.

## 2008

**Brian Moran** graduated with his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is completing his postdoctoral fellowship at the CBT Center for Anxiety and OCD in Media, PA.

**Clint Morse (JD)** was recognized in Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List." He is a partner at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC.

## 2009

**Elizabeth M. Rosen** received the Victoria F. Gelman Legal Excellence Award at the annual conference of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association. Rosen is a prosecutor at the Office of the State's Attorney for Howard County in Ellicott City, MD. She also tried a first-degree murder trial against fellow Wake Forest classmate, **Joshua A. Speert ('09)**, who is an attorney in the Maryland Public Defender's office. This was the first murder trial for both.

**Joshua A. Speert** tried a first-degree murder trial against fellow Wake Forest classmate, **Elizabeth M. Rosen ('09)**. He works in the Public Defender's office, and Rosen works for the Office of the State's Attorney for Howard County, both

in Maryland. This was the first murder trial for both.

## 2010

► **Peyton Durham Bryant** is serving on the Alumni Council. He is a commercial real estate broker in Columbia, SC.



**Payne**  
(JD '11)



**Wharton**  
(11)



**Samuel**  
(JD '12)



**Browder**  
(14, JD '17)



**Grubb**  
(JD '16)



**Krantz**  
(JD '17)

**Stephen Edwards** was named one of the Winston Under 40 Leadership Award winners by the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and its young professional program. He is the assistant director of development for the ZSR Library and College at Wake Forest.

**Meredith E. Green (JD)**, a 2005 graduate of Furman University, is general counsel at the university. She co-authored, "The Impact of the May 2013 Montana 'Blueprint' on the Sexual Harassment-Related Obligations of Colleges and Universities" (National Association of College and University Attorneys). She was also named a N.C. Rising Star by Super Lawyers for three consecutive years. Green and her husband, Josh, have two sons, Dayton and Jack.

**Elizabeth Anne Molino** recently married Gerald John Sauvigne. Instead of presenting wedding guests with traditional favors, the couple made financial contributions to their alma maters in honor of their guests. Read more at [bit.ly/2wXZ3jy](http://bit.ly/2wXZ3jy)

## 2011

**Jack W. Owen III** and **Elizabeth G. Armstrong** are engineers at Ford Motor Company. They recently married and live in Saline, MI.

**Ronald Payne (JD)** was selected for the 2018 North Carolina Rising Stars list for his excellence in the practice of law. This is his second consecutive year receiving the recognition. Payne and his wife, Jennifer, live in Burlington, NC.

**Brooke Wharton** represented the USA and was among the sixth-place finishers in the 2017 Mongol Derby, a self-guided 1,000-kilometer equine adventure race across the Mongolian steppe, one of the world's last remaining wildernesses and cradle of the largest land empire ever created under Genghis Khan. Participants ride Mongolian horses, which are sacred in the nomadic culture. They eat and rest with nomadic families along the way, experiencing Mongolia as it would have appeared in the time of the Great Empire.

## 2012

**Emily Hershman** earned a doctoral degree in English from the University of Notre Dame.

**Katie King (JD)** practices with the law firm of Everett Gaskins Hancock in Raleigh, NC. She rep-

resents individuals in personal injury and wrongful death claims.

**Ryan Samuel (JD)** was selected as an Inside Business 2017 Top 40 under 40 honoree for Hampton Roads.

## 2013

**Charlotte White Burnett** was selected as a 2017 Pat Tillman Scholar. She is pursuing her MBA at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

## 2014

**Laura S. Browder (JD '17)** is an attorney, practicing in residential real estate, at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, NC.

## 2015

**Brandon Chubb** has started the Chubb Foundation to inspire disadvantaged children in the Atlanta area. He was an All-ACC linebacker at Wake Forest and has been on injured reserve with the Detroit Lions. Read more at [bit.ly/2ytpSO1](http://bit.ly/2ytpSO1)

**Celia Spell** joined the Lou Hammond Group, a public relations and marketing firm, as an account executive. She is based in Charleston, SC.

## 2016

**Coleman Craddock-Willis** is a partner manager in the sales and business development division at Facebook's Austin, TX, office.

**Kayla Frederickson (JD)** is an associate attorney at Robinson & Lawing in Winston-Salem. Her practice areas include appellate, business and personal injury litigation.

**Alicha M. Grubb (JD)** is an associate in the commercial litigation group at Gentry Locke in Roanoke, VA. She also volunteers with Blue Ridge Literacy and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

**Sophie Leveque** published her first book, "Trans/Active" (Library Partner Press).

**Olivia Wolff** and **Lauren Miller ('17)** launched their business, UpDog Kombucha, out of their Wake Forest residence hall room in 2016. They distribute their probiotic-rich fermented beverage throughout North Carolina and are expanding into new markets.

## 2017

**Elizabeth DeFrance (JD)** is the immigration services coordinator at Church World Services in Greensboro, NC.

**Angela Harper** received the 2017 LeRoy Apker Award in recognition of outstanding achievements in physics. She was selected for her contributions to printed electronics research and outstanding leadership of the Society of Physics Students and Society of Women in STEM fields. Harper and postdoctoral researcher **Peter Diemer (PhD '16)** developed the first laser-printed transistor. She is a graduate student at Cambridge University in the U.K.

**Spencer C. Krantz (JD)** is an associate at Tuggle Duggins in Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army from 2009-2014 and held leader-



ship positions as troop fire support officer, scout platoon leader, rifle platoon leader and battalion fire support officer. Krantz was deployed to Iraq from 2010-2011. He also serves in the N.C. Army National Guard as an artillery officer and is active in the West Point Society of the North Carolina Piedmont.

**Brian Kuppelweiser (JD)** is an attorney, practicing in the area of business law, at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point, NC. He attended West Virginia University, graduating with a bachelor of science and master's degree in sport management.

**Lauren Miller** and **Olivia Wolff ('16)** launched their business, UpDog Kombucha, out of their Wake Forest residence hall room in 2016. They distribute their probiotic-rich fermented beverage throughout North Carolina and are expanding into new markets.

**Ryan C. Ramsay** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in a ceremony in Davis Chapel. He will complete basic training in Quantico, VA.

**Nicole Regna (JD)** joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton as part of the firm's chemistry and life sciences team in the intellectual property department. She earned a PhD in biomedical and veterinary sciences from Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and a bachelor of science in biology, with a minor in medicine and society and leadership and social change, from Virginia Tech.

**Sarah Saint (JD)** is an associate at Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, NC. She will focus her practice on education law, employment law and litigation.

**Amanda Whorton (JD)** is an associate at Brooks Pierce in Raleigh, NC, working in intellectual property law, entertainment law and media law.

## Marriages

**Julie Ann Burandt ('06)** and Javier de la Peña. 7/1/17 in Mallorca, Spain. They live in Plano, TX.

**Liza Beth Bruno ('09)** and Dylan John Perry. 8/12/17 in Rye Beach, NH. They live in Boston. The wedding party included Melissa Hite ('09).

**Elizabeth Anne Molino ('10)** and Gerald John Sauvigne. 9/23/17 in New York, where they live. The wedding party included Sarah Duzyk ('10) and Sarah Mason ('10).

**Grant Moraven ('10)** and **Marcy Pomeroy ('11)**. 7/29/17 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlottesville, VA. The wedding party included Rebecca Abramson ('11), Emily Boker Kidd ('11), Anthony Kuey ('10), Morgan Maloney ('11) and Anthony Williams ('10).

**Alexander David Volpi ('10)** and **Johanna Margaret Kilbride ('12)**. 9/30/17 in Southold, NY. They live in New York. The wedding party included Joseph Binns ('10), William Bissell ('10), Ryan Cain ('10), Brian M. Lee ('10, MAM '11) and Sebastian Steege ('11).

**Jack Walden Owen III ('11)** and **Elizabeth Gene Armstrong ('11)**. 5/13/17 in Ann Arbor, MI. They live in Saline, MI. The wedding party included Dan Kiley ('11) and Courtney Owen ('14).

## Births and Adoptions

**Darrell Carter ('98)** and McKenna Carter, Columbia, SC: a son, Grant James. 7/19/17

**Anne Thurston Debnam ('98)** and Shaun Womack, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Asher Pearce Weathersby. 9/30/17

**Jay Penry ('99, MS '01)** and **Julie Eling Penry ('00)**, Corvallis, OR: a daughter, Charlotte Susannah. 5/24/17. She joins her brother, Leon (5).

**Christine Bischoff ('00, JD '04)** and Giancarlo Ladaga, Jackson, MS: a daughter, Lyla Sam. 8/16/16. She joins her sister, Maya (3).

**Sarah Elizabeth Milam ('00, MSA '01)**, New York: a son, Robert Gatling Clifton. 5/20/17

**Michael Bounds ('02, MD '11)** and **Katie Gill ('04, PhD '13)**, Lexington, KY: a son, Everett James. He joins his sister, Elodie (6), and brother, Jefferson (4).

**Andy Daugherty ('02)** and Patricia Daugherty, Atlanta: a son, Deacon Manning. 10/16/17

**Matthew Kinsland Johnson ('02, MDIV '10)** and **Clare Conway Johnson (MDIV '11, MA '11)**, Louisville, KY: a daughter, Wake Kathryn. 8/25/17. She joins her brother, McCall, and sister, Kinsland.

**Matthew Craig Lindberg ('02)** and Brittany Lindberg, Weddington, NC: a son, Emmett Cooper. 6/16/17. He joins his brothers, Colton (4) and Brock (3).

**Frank MacPherson ('03)** and Jenna MacPherson, Upper Chichester, PA: a son, Harrison Grant. 10/3/17

**John Leland Ammons ('04)** and **Laura Hall Ammons ('04)**, Waynesville, NC: a son, Wiley Hall. 7/28/16. He joins his sister, Susan (7).

**Graham Patrick Carner (JD '04)** and Mary Etta Carner, Clinton, MS: a daughter, Mary Patrick. 9/5/17. She joins her brother, Owen (2).

**Kristin Braun DiObilda ('04)** and Pete DiObilda, New York: a daughter, Nora Alice. 3/22/17

**Charlie McCurry ('05, JD '08)** and **Kate Arnold McCurry (JD '11)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Virginia Britt. 10/1/17. She joins her brother, Teddy (2).

**Christian Staples ('05)** and Jennie Kuhn, Charlotte, NC: a son, Evan Vincent. 5/18/17

**Kimberly Heffernan Williams ('05)** and Trevor Williams, Simsbury, CT: a daughter, Sloane Rose. 3/26/17. She joins her brother, Cole (3).

**Gerard McMahon ('07)** and **Kristen Hauser McMahon ('06)**, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Charlotte Grace. 9/14/17. She joins her brother, Jackson (3).

**Dan Siler Patterson IV ('07, MSA '08)** and **Brook Matthews Patterson ('08)**, Greenville, SC: a daughter, Sibyl Anne. 9/14/17. She joins her sister, Carmer Lee (4), and brother, Siler (2).

**Tripp Petzel (MSA '07)** and **Sarah Graham Petzel ('09, MSA '10)**, Cleveland Heights, OH: a daughter, Eleanor Ann. 3/4/17

**Natalio Daniel Budasoff ('08)** and **Christine Holcombe Budasoff ('08)**, Durham, NC: a son, Sydney Gabriel. 10/4/17. He joins his sister, Riley (4), and brother, David (2).

**Alexander Dadakis ('08)** and **Cassandra Dorris Dadakis ('08)**, Chicago: a daughter, Anna Grace. 7/7/17. She joins her brother, William (2).

**Patrick John Eulitt ('08)** and **Sarah White Eulitt ('09)**, Chapel Hill, NC: a daughter, Eliza Rosemary. 9/15/17. She joins her sister, Caroline (2).

**Jason Matlack (MDIV '08)** and Sara Matlack, Worthington, OH: a son, Isaac Miller. 5/24/17

**Craig Bonney ('09, MSA '10)** and **Katherine Kelly Bonney ('09)**, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Emily Miller. 2/14/17



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**Kyle W. Binder (PhD '11, MD '13)** and **Nancy J. Rapp ('07, JD '10)**, greater Washington, D.C. area: a daughter, Ciara. 7/11/17

## Deaths

**James Brady Kinlaw Sr. ('39)**, Aug. 31, 2017, Asheboro, NC. He was a captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. Kinlaw was a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. He was a general practitioner in Rowland, NC, before joining the Virginia State Health Department where he was health director for Lynchburg and surrounding counties. He later served in the same capacity in Danville and Pittsylvania counties before retiring in 1983. He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie; his parents, **James (LLB '10)** and Cora Brady; and four siblings, including **Murray ('33, MD '35, P '63)**. He is survived by his sons, **James Jr. ('70, P '00, '06)**, Jerry and **Junius ('78)**; three grandchildren, including **Whitney Kinlaw Shevlin ('00)** and **Mallory Kinlaw Nardin ('06)**; and four great-grandchildren.

**Alan Fulton Scott ('39, MD '41)**, Aug. 10, 2017, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, Scott began his medical practice as a family physician in Salisbury, NC, and he continued to practice medicine until he retired at age 70. Scott served as a board member for the American Red Cross and Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

**Waldo L. Cobb ('40)**, Aug. 23, 2017, San Jose, CA.

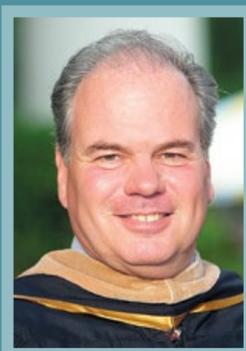
**John Frank Ray ('41, JD '48)**, Aug. 22, 2017, Concord, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Ray was general counsel for Continental Trailways and later practiced in the law firm of Myers, Ray, and Myers before becoming a solo practitioner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; two children and a brother, **Carl Grady Ray Jr. ('48)**. He is survived by one daughter, one daughter-in-law, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**William Henry Gray Jr. ('45)**, Sept. 4, 2017, Williamston, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Gray practiced dentistry and remained active in the community for more than 50 years.

**Edwin J. Skovron ('45)**, Sept. 9, 2017, Erie, PA. During World War II he was an aerial photographer in the U.S. Marine Corps and attained rank of staff sergeant. After the war he worked for his brother as an X-ray technician. Skovron later worked at Marx Toy Co. and then as president of Kondu Corporation from 1980 until his retirement in 1990. He was a lifetime member of the Commodore Perry Yacht Club, Maennerchor Club and East Erie Turners.

**Edgar Hobbs Bridger ('46, JD '52)**, Aug. 11, 2017, Cary, NC. He was a member of the Raleigh Jaycees, William Hill Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club for 40 years. Bridger also

## JOHN K. MEDICA University Trustee



John K. Medica (MBA '83), a University trustee and visionary leader for Apple and Dell computers, died Oct. 13, 2017, in Reston, Virginia. He was 59.

"John made an indelible mark at Wake Forest," said President Nathan O. Hatch. "From his active engagement as an alumnus, to his dedicated service as a trustee, to his extraordinary commitment to Wake Forest being a place that educates students to be leaders of character, he proved the spirit of Pro Humanitate."

Medica had served on the University's Board of Trustees since 2009. He was a past member of the School of Business Board of Visitors and was executive-in-residence at the school in 2007.

A native of Ridgewood, New Jersey, Medica graduated from Manhattan College in New York with a degree in electrical engineering. After graduating from the then-Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest, he went on to a long career as an innovator in computer technology.

He spent 10 years at Apple Inc., leading the product development teams for the Powerbook series of computers. During his 14 years at Dell, he revamped the company's notebook computer line. Most recently, he was a vice chairman and group corporate adviser of Compal Electronics, based in Taiwan.

Medica and his wife, Megan Salzman Medica (MA '83), were avid supporters of the Wake Forest debate team. "Their support has made all the difference for the debate program," said Director of Debate and Associate Professor Jarrod Atchison ('01, MA '03). "They have quite literally changed the lives of our students."

Memorials may be made to the John Medica Fund for Wake Forest Debate.

served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and chaired various committees at Ridge Road Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, three sisters and one grandson. Bridger is survived by his wife, Betty; five children, including **Albert ('90)** and **Richard ('93)**; three brothers, including **Robert ('44)**; and seven grandchildren.

**Helen Wells Smith (MD '46)**, Aug. 20, 2017, Murphy, NC. She served as a general practitioner and hospital physician for 46 years, delivering over 3,500 babies in Cherokee and surrounding counties in North Carolina and North Georgia. Smith's involvement with the Cherokee County Health Department spanned decades and included holding the position of chairman/medical director. Upon retirement, she received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina. Murphy Medical Center named its Ambulatory Care Center in her honor and established a scholarship fund in her name. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, John,

and two siblings. She is survived by two sons, including **Noland (JD '82)**; and five grandchildren.

**William Elliott White (MD '46)**, July 22, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He was a U.S. Army Medical Corps veteran. In 1977, White received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Davidson College. He served the pediatric community in Charlotte for 46 years, including time as chief of pediatrics at Mercy Hospital and Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

**Aldos Cortez Barefoot Jr. ('48)**, July 25, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Barefoot earned BS and MS degrees from N.C. State University and a doctor of forestry degree from Duke University. He worked at N.C. State University in forestry and wood science and in 1973 was a visiting professor at Wolfson College in Oxford, England. Barefoot also worked with East Pakistani and Sri Lankan governments, advising employees on forestry products and practices. He is survived by his wife, Naomi; three children,

six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Barefoot was preceded in death by his grandson, **Simon Everett (MBA '11)**.

**John Woodie Boone Jr. ('48, MD '51)**, Oct. 10, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Public Health Service, retiring with the rank of captain. Boone was a practicing physician in Roanoke Rapids, NC, for 43 years. He was also president of the Halifax-North Hampton Medical Society, served on the board of directors for the Roanoke Rapids Hospital and was chief of hospital staff.

**John Henry Deans ('48)**, July 28, 2017, Advance, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Deans earned a MBA with a concentration in hospital administration from the University of Chicago. He served in a variety of roles including executive director of Medical Park Hospital in Winston-Salem, and he opened a private healthcare management consulting group, serving as president, before retiring in 1994. Deans also taught at the University of Tennessee, Duke University and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Margaret Hopkins (Dover) Gregory ('48)**, Sept. 23, 2017, Cumming, GA. She was a square dancer with the Durham Twirlers, a talented seamstress and an avid reader. Gregory was preceded in death by her first and second husbands, **Hugh Curtis Dover ('49)** and Artis Gregory; her son, Dwane Dover; and brother, **William Hopkins Jr. ('49)**. She is survived by two children, Bruce and Chyrl Dover; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Richard Fuller Howle ('48)**, Aug. 30, 2017, Greensboro, NC. He served in the Korean War as an Army platoon sergeant. Howle was general manager of Greensboro Plumbing Supply for over 40 years and was one of three to begin the company Thermal Controls. He was also a charter member of the Greensboro Power Squadron and served in positions at the local and district level.

**George B. Randolph Jr. ('48)**, Sept. 9, 2017, Alexandria, VA. He received a master of science from George Washington University and his PhD from Columbia Pacific University. Randolph served as a private in the U.S. Army, earning rank of colonel, from 1950-1982. After retiring from the Army, he was vice president and served on the board of directors of PHP Healthcare Corporation.

**Angus Gerard Sargeant Jr. ('48, MD '53)**, Aug. 21, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He served in the Army Infantry in World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. Sargeant established a medical practice in High Point, NC, and served his patients for 31 years. He made two trips across the Sinai Desert to Mt. Sinai to retrace the path of Moses and the children of Israel out of Egypt. Sargeant wrote a book, "To Find the Truth," which highlighted the life of Jesus from a Jewish cultural point of view.

**Dorothy Price Evans ('49)**, Sept. 7, 2017, Portsmouth, VA. She received her master of social work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Evans was director of child and family services from 1974-1990 in Portsmouth. She was one of seven founders of the H.E.R. Shelter for battered women. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael. Evans is survived by her daughter, **Judith ('79)**.

**Calvin Milton Mayberry Jr. ('49)**, Aug. 12, 2017, Winston-Salem. He played center on the basketball team at Wake Forest College. Mayberry worked as a supervisor in procurement at Western Electric, where he retired with more than 30 years of service. He later started a second career with his wife, Ardena, working at Helms Parrish Realty.

**Byron Mabry Russell ('49)**, Aug. 2, 2017, Burlington, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Russell retired from Duke University Medical Center in 1991 after serving for 25 years as business manager of the Duke Family Medicine Residency Program. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna; his parents, Isabelle and **Edward Lee Russell ('37, MA '39)**; and his sister. He is survived by one niece and three cousins.

**Jack Lynnwood Bullard ('50)**, Oct. 19, 2017, Winston-Salem. He received a master of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary and completed doctoral studies in ancient Semitic languages. The Bessemer Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC, played a pivotal role in Bullard's early life, and it was his home church which ordained him into the Christian ministry. His passion for human rights was ignited during his years as pastor in Paulsboro, NJ, where he served on the Mayor's Human Rights Commission. Later, he became executive director of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

**William Foster Grigg ('50)**, Oct. 7, 2017, Niceville, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Grigg later earned a master's degree from East Carolina University.

**Allen Decosta Stephenson Jr. ('50)**, Oct. 8, 2017, Athens, GA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Stephenson began his chamber of commerce career at the Rocky Mount, NC, Chamber of Commerce. In 1955, he moved to Carrollton, GA, to help organize the city's first Chamber and served as its CEO until moving to Atlanta as the director of industrial relations for Associated Industries of Georgia. In 1961, Stephenson moved to Athens, GA, to become the executive officer of the Athens Chamber of Commerce. Following his retirement from the Athens Chamber in 1985 he began a second career with Coldwell Banker, specializing in industrial and commercial properties for more than 30 years.

**Harry Richard Bowers ('51)**, Oct. 10, 2017, Harrisonburg, VA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Bowers took his first high school coaching position in 1957. In 1963, he came home to become the head basketball coach at Harrisonburg High School. Later, Bowers worked for the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation department as athletic director, retiring in 1981.

**Alford Charles Sinclair ('52)**, Sept. 1, 2017, Ocala, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received two Purple Hearts. Sinclair had a long career in the banking industry, serving in executive positions. During a second career that lasted 23 years, he provided financial consulting, real estate and mortgage brokerage services and was a banking expert witness with his company, Capital Enhancement Corporation. Sinclair was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean, and second wife, **Tibby Ferrell Sinclair ('60)**; his parents and stepsister. He is survived by his son **Alex ('92)** and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**James Edward Tillery ('52)**, Oct. 15, 2017, Cary, NC. He served in the Army Security Agency during the Korean War.

**William Richard Alheim ('53)**, Sept. 17, 2017, Cooper City, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Alheim earned a master's degree from Appalachian State University in 1958 and a PhD from Florida State University in 1973.

**James Pittard Gillespie ('53)**, Aug. 19, 2017, Silver Spring, MD. He earned a MS in botany from the University of Tennessee and a PhD in education from Vanderbilt University. Gillespie worked for the Maryland Department of Education and Carroll County Public Schools and taught biology at several colleges. He was an avid amateur radio operator and used Morse code to talk with his identical twin brother, **Arthur Samuel Gillespie Jr. ('53)**, every night in NC. He also wrote a memoir published in 2013, "Around the World and Headed South, Growing Up a Twin and a Missionary Kid" (lulu.com). He was preceded in death by his parents, **Arthur Samuel Gillespie Sr. ('26)** and Pauline; and twin brother, **Arthur ('53)**. Gillespie is survived by his wife, Marilyn; three children, two grandchildren and brothers **Paul ('57)** and **David ('66, MA '67)**.

**Walter Frederick Sherron Sr. ('53)**, Oct. 25, 2017, Richmond, VA. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Sherron retired as vice president chief actuary at Home Beneficial Life Insurance Company in 1991. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one son. Sherron is survived by his wife, **Alease Roach Sherron ('54)**; one son, two granddaughters and three sisters.

**Harvey William James ('54)**, Sept. 12, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and had distinguished careers with the FBI as a special agent stationed in Nevada, California and the Virginia/D.C. bureaus, and as financial security officer with the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. He was an avid volunteer at the Mt. Vernon Hospital and the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences.

**Henry Samuel Yarborough ('54)**, Sept. 16, 2017, Myrtle Beach, SC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. During Yarborough's 68 years of ministry, he served in churches in North and South Carolina. He was a member of Jamestown Baptist Church in Conway, SC, hav-

ing served there as minister for 16 years and as pastor emeritus.

**Carol Ray Rogers ('55)**, Aug. 14, 2017, Florence, SC. He hosted the DeaconLite Serenade on the Wake Forest radio station. He received a master of theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rogers, and his wife, Joyce, spent 35 years as missionaries with the International Mission Board. He served 26 years as evangelist and church planter in Indonesia. In 1988, Rogers started a Baptist church in Manurea, New Zealand. In the 1990s, he served as an itinerant missionary in Southeast and Central Asia. Rogers returned to the U.S. in 1998 and was an active member of the Florence, SC, Calvary Baptist Church.

**William Boyd Rogers ('55, JD '59)**, July 31, 2017, Raleigh, NC. He met his wife, **Margaret Patterson Rogers ('60)**, at Wake Forest, and his pursuit of her required care since her father, **Grady Siler Patterson Sr. ('24, P '48, '60)**, was the registrar, and her mother, Elizabeth Lake Patterson, was the daughter of Wake Forest's first physics professor. Rogers was a U.S. Army veteran. He attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Throughout his career he served as pastor, chaplain, real estate broker and professor. Rogers was preceded in death by his parents, **A. Paul Rogers Sr. ('22)** and

Dorothy; and brothers, **Lide Harold ('52)** and **Thomas ('58)**. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret ('60)**; brother, **A. Paul Rogers Jr. ('49)**; four children, including **Dorothy Rogers Adcock ('80, MAED '82)** and **William Boyd Rogers Jr. ('82)**; and six grandchildren, including **Alexander Mark Adcock ('14)**.

**Jo Jones Bowles ('56)**, May 9, 2017, Shelby, NC. She was a social worker for Cleveland County Social Services and became a quality control director for NC, retiring from that position. Bowles was a member of the Junior Charity League and active in her book and bridge clubs.

**Homer Brown Fitch Jr. ('56)**, Sept. 26, 2017, Raleigh, NC.

**Mable Louise Cash Farrow ('57)**, Oct. 27, 2017, Winston-Salem. She was a freelance writer with published stories and articles in Woman's Day magazine, McCall's magazine and Weekly Reader. During her years of serving churches with her husband, the **Reverend Dr. Donald M. Farrow ('55)**, she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

**Ted Ray Rollins ('58)**, Oct. 9, 2017, Garner, NC. He received his master's degree from East Carolina University and doctorate degree from N.C. State. Rollins was retired from the N.C. Depart-

ment of Public Instruction as chief consultant in the Division of Vocational Education.

**Jerry Truman Greene ('59)**, Sept. 20, 2017, Chapel Hill, NC. He had a 40-year career in the baking industry and retired as vice president of production for the southeastern division of Interstate Brands.

**John David Hines (MD '59)**, Aug. 2, 2017, Brecksville, OH. He worked for 50 years in the Cleveland medical community and was a professor at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

**Shirley Turner Ledford ('59)**, Oct. 17, 2017, Pink Hill, NC. She earned her master of library science from East Carolina University. Ledford worked as librarian at Pink Hill Elementary School for almost 30 years. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother. Ledford is survived by her husband, **Luther ('59)**; two children, one sister, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

**George Curtis Barber (MD '60)**, Oct. 17, 2017, Versailles, KY.

**Janet Binkley Erwin ('60)**, Sept. 9, 2017, Tallahassee, FL. She earned a master's degree in English literature from Duke University and later worked as a graduate assistant teaching English at Pacific

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Lutheran University and Florida State University. Her love of writing included publishing a book of poems, "Surviving Hopeful" (Edwards & Broughton), and many other unpublished works. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Olin Binkley ('28, DDIV '51)** and Pauline. She is survived by her sister, **Pauline Binkley Cheek ('56, P '86)**; two children and 11 grandchildren.

**Hiram Jackson Hodges Jr. ('60)**, Sept. 28, 2017, Anderson, SC. He worked as an accountant with AT&T for more than 27 years before retirement. Hodges was active with Meals on Wheels and taught a men's Sunday School class at his church for more than 20 years.

**Stephen Leon Sasser ('60)**, Aug. 15, 2017, Albemarle, NC. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served with the Air National Guard in Badin, NC. Sasser worked in insurance sales and later as an underwriter, retiring from Liberty Life Insurance Company of Greenville, SC. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Albemarle where he served as a Deacon and member of the finance committee. Sasser was a member of the Albemarle Optimist Club, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity, and band player with Josey Brown Combo.

**Max Liles Griffin Jr. ('61)**, Sept. 6, 2017, Gastonia, NC. He enjoyed cooking the herbs and vegetables he grew in his patio garden and spending time with his grandchildren. Griffin was preceded in death by his parents, **Max Sr. ('29)** and Mary; and his sister, **Margaret Griffin Whisenant ('67)**. He is survived by his three children, four grandchildren and his former wife.

**Saralyn Blanton Griffith ('61, P '88)**, Sept. 8, 2017, Asheville, NC. She earned a PhD in child development and family relations from UNC-Greensboro. She worked as a teacher, research assistant, statistical consultant and data analyst. The job she found most satisfying was as pastor's aide, working primarily with congregational care and youth ministry, at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Greensboro, NC. Griffith is survived by her husband, **Kelley ('62)**; her children, **Gareth ('88)** and Bronwen; four grandchildren and her sister.

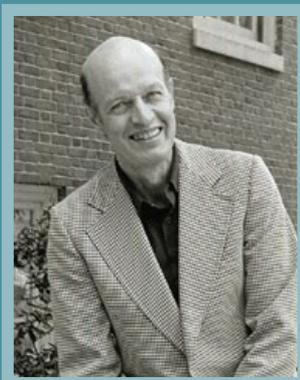
**Margaret Anne McDonald ('61)**, July 16, 2017, Kernersville, NC. She was passionate about her work as a vocational rehabilitation certified counselor.

**Frederick Luke Musselwhite ('61, JD '63)**, July 28, 2017, Lumberton, NC. He was a U.S. Army reserve veteran. Musselwhite practiced law for 54 years and was a partner in the firm of Musselwhite, Musselwhite, Branch & Grantham.

**Augustus Byron Greene Jr. ('62)**, Sept. 18, 2017, Oxford, NC. He earned a master of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1968. Greene was trained in pastoral care, first in Winston-Salem, then in Richmond and northern VA. He served as pastor of Baptist churches throughout NC and VA.

## RICHARD D. SEARS

### Professor Emeritus of Political Science



Richard "Dick" Sears (P '94), a longtime political science professor who founded the international studies program, died Sept. 27, 2017. He was 83.

Sears joined what was then a new political science department in 1964 and spent his entire career at Wake Forest. He helped define the department's direction for nearly four decades before retiring in 2002.

"He helped significantly to broaden the University's mission by his strong commitment to international studies, relationships and cross-cultural

experiences," said Professor Emeritus of Political Science Jack Fleer, who joined the faculty the same year as Sears and retired the same year. "We had study abroad in several European locations, but Richard provided leadership in extending the University's programs into Asia, Africa and Latin America."

A native of Connecticut, Sears grew up on a family farm in Massachusetts and served in the U.S. Army in Hawaii and Korea. He joined the Wake Forest faculty after earning his master's degree at Indiana University; he later earned his Ph.D. there.

In 1986, he helped secure a \$500,000 grant from the Pew Memorial Trust to start an international studies program. He directed the program until 1999. He also was instrumental in starting the international studies minor. For many years, he taught a popular course on the Vietnam War.

Rebecca Sears, one of Sears' daughters, said he loved the sense of community at Wake Forest, both among his colleagues and students in the political science department and in the Faculty Drive neighborhood where he lived. "Wake Forest felt like a second home to him, and he made friendships which lasted his entire life," she said. "Because he joined the University when it was young, there was a true sense of excitement and a feeling of being able to make a mark."

Sears also was active in environmental causes and volunteered with the homeless and older adults. He received the Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Ilene; three daughters and their husbands: Kathryn ('94) and Tom, Rebecca and Tony, and Elizabeth and Ryan; and five grandchildren.

**Samuel Herbert Hocutt Jr. ('62)**, Aug. 3, 2017, Williamston, NC. He was a retired manager for Belk stores.

**Clyde Gray Jeffrey Jr. (MD '62)**, Aug. 27, 2017, Virginia Beach, VA. He was a retired U.S. Navy veteran with 32 years of service. Jeffrey's last assignment was in Virginia Beach, where he became senior medical officer at NAS Oceana Clinic. Among the awards he received during his service were the Navy Commendation Medal, China Service, National Defense and Vietnam Service Award.

**Donald Cleveland Perry ('62, JD '64)**, Aug. 25, 2017, Indian Trail, NC. He played baseball at

Wake Forest. He served in the U.S. Air Force as judge advocate achieving the rank of captain. He was an attorney for the town of Wingate and Union County, NC. Perry is survived by his wife, **Edith Ann Early Perry ('65)**; his daughters, **Donica Perry Hudson ('89)** and Desha Perry Weatherman; one brother and five grandchildren.

**Ann Hultin Kiesau ('63)**, Sept. 7, 2017, Mill Spring, NC. She earned a MEd from Converse College. Kiesau was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, where she served on the Altar Guild. She was a former member of the Spartanburg Debutante Club, the Talisman Garden Club and remained a member of the Novel Lovers Book

Club. She was a passionate bridge player and became a Life Master. She was preceded in death by her son and a sister, **Susan Hultin ('67)**. Kiesau is survived by her husband, Kyle; daughter, daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and sister.

**Robert Lee McGee Sr. ('63)**, Aug. 2, 2017, Mount Airy, NC. He retired from the Wake County School System after 25 years of service. McGee was preceded in death by his parents and twin sister, **Rachel McGee Bondurant ('63)**. He is survived by one son and one niece.

**John Lamar White ('63)**, Aug. 19, 2017, Gas-tonia, NC. He received his brokerage license in New York and was a successful stockbroker for close to 40 years.

**Jean Marie McDonald ('64)**, Sept. 9, 2017, Win-ston-Salem. She worked at the North Carolina School of the Arts library for more than 30 years. McDonald loved music, her cats, a good Jumble and making people laugh. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, **Margaret Anne McDonald ('61)**.

**David Norfleet Parker (MD '64)**, Sept. 13, 2017, Corpus Cristi, TX. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Parker was a board certified orthopedic and hand surgeon, a member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and served the Corpus Christi community as a hand surgeon for almost 30 years. He was passionate about music and sang in two church choirs, served on the board of the Corpus Christi Symphony, was president of the Chamber Music Society for 14 years and played banjo with his country and western band, Boots. Parker was preceded in death by his parents, **Simon ('29)** and Kathleen. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his sister, **Betty Parker Savage ('63)**; two children and four grandchildren.

**Paul Eugene Price Jr. (JD '64)**, Aug. 20, 2017, Wintson-Salem. He was county attorney for For-syth County from 1971-1997. Price was a member of the Tanglewood Park Board of Trustees, Forsyth/Stokes Area Mental Health Authority, Horizons Residential Care Authority and the Nature Science Center Board of Forsyth County.

**James Mark Sinkway ('64)**, Oct. 7, 2017, Murrells Inlet, SC. He was a senior vice president of real estate for the JCPenney/Eckerd Drug companies.

**Alton Yates Lennon ('65, JD '68)**, Oct. 26, 2017, Wilmington, NC. He practiced law for many years with the law firm of Stevens McGhee Morgan Lennon. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Alton Asa Lennon (JD '29)** and Karine. Lennon is survived by his wife, Lynda; one sister, three daughters, two stepchildren and nine grandchildren.

**Carole Saintsing Midura ('65, MA '88)**, Aug. 24, 2017, Winston-Salem. She taught English and drama in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for more than 30 years, most recently at Mount Tabor High School. Midura was an accomplished drama director and actress

who directed many high school productions and performed in community theater productions.

**John McLean Bahner Jr. ('66)**, July 31, 2017, Al-bermarle, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and earned a Bronze Star. McLean received a juris doctor degree from Valparaiso University. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Lynda Goode Ferrell ('66)**, May 9, 2017, Ra-leigh, NC. Her life centered around her children, church and community. Ferrell is survived by her children, **Mary Hampton Ferrell Neuhoff ('91)** and Trace Ferrell; two grandchildren and a brother, **Grey Goode Jr. ('70, JD '73)**.

**James Michael Randleman (JD '66)**, Aug. 5, 2017, Salisbury, NC. He served in the FBI, practiced law and taught at several North Carolina colleges. Randleman's favorite job was working the wheat harvest from Texas to Canada during the summers of his college years. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia; two daughters, three step-daughters, his mother, three siblings including **Richard ('61, JD '62)**; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**David Murray Rushing ('66)**, Aug. 14, 2017, Marshville, NC. He graduated from the Univer-sity of Georgia in 1969 with a pharmacy degree. Rushing was a successful pharmacist, entrepre-nur and farmer. He served on the boards of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Masons and Kiwanis. Rushing also served as town councilman and Mayor of Marshville for two consecutive terms. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Thom-as Benjamin Rushing Sr. ('35)** and Christine; and brother, **Thomas Benjamin Rushing ('64, MA '65)**. Rushing is survived by his wife, Marsha; two children and three grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Martha Roberson Auldrige ('67)**, Aug. 16, 2017, Topeka, KS. She earned her medical tech-nology degree from Duke University and spent several years as a phlebotomist. Auldrige re-tired after 17 years from teaching middle school science for Shawnee Heights School District in Tecumseh, KS. She was active in school activi-ties, coaching basketball and track and assist-ing with theatrical productions. She also volun-teered at St. Francis Hospital and Countryside United Methodist Church.

**Edward Victor Wisnecki ('67)**, June 13, 2017, Prince George, VA. He was a coach and teacher before spending 20 years as a programmer with Computer Sciences Corporation. Wisnecki was a charter member of the Prince George Auxiliary Police and a deputy sheriff for Prince George's Sheriff's Department. He retired as a lieutenant from the Department of Army Civilian Police in Fort Lee after 10 years of service.

**Thomas Duran Chitty Jr. ('69)**, Aug. 3, 2017, Greensboro, NC. He had a highly successful career in real estate and established himself as one of the top producing real estate agents in the Triad. He later formed Tom Chitty & Asso-ciates. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

**Aleta Cochran Henderson ('69)**, July 23, 2017, Phenix City, AL. She began her career as a teacher before becoming a nurse.

**Susan Parks Baughey ('73)**, Sept. 27, 2017, Hartford City, IN. She worked for Blackford County Hospital as laboratory manager, at Pa-thology Associates and as executive vice pres-ident at LabCorp, where she retired in 2011. Baughey was an active member of her church, Tri Kappa Sorority and Daughters of the Amer-ican Revolution. She also volunteered at the animal shelter in Blackford County.

**Stephen Laurie Cochran ('73)**, Aug. 14, 2017, Chattanooga, TN. He earned a PhD in neu-rophysiology from the University of Virginia. Cochran was a Microsoft MVP and worked in research for many years before moving to Chattanooga, where he worked as a computer software developer and photographer.

**Peter Jeffrey Jones ('73)**, Sept. 14, 2017, Manassas, VA. He graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1977 and had a successful career representing claimants in workers' compensation cases. He was a vol-unteer driver for 15 years with SERVE, helping to collect and deliver meals to the homeless. Jones and his twin brother **Pat ('73, P '12)** played in 34 straight member-guest golf tour-naments at Ansley Golf Club in Atlanta. The Ansley board of directors named the annual Guest of Honor Award after him.

**Jimmy Gregg Pell ('73)**, Aug. 12, 2017, Jef-ferson, NC. He worked as a television news photographer. Pell loved his hometown of Ramseur, NC, and enjoyed sharing stories and photographs of the town.

**Thomas Kennedy Perry ('74, MA '77)**, Aug. 21, 2017, Newberry, SC. He was a published author of poetry, four books, and newspaper and magazine articles. Perry worked as a hu-man resource manager with American Fiber and Finishing until its closure and later retired from Westview Behavioral Health as a preven-tion specialist. He had a passion for youth and served on the YoungLife Advisory Committee and as a volunteer coach at Newberry Acade-my for more than 20 years.

**William Douglas Parsons (JD '75)**, Sept. 24, 2017, Clinton, NC. He was the senior resident Superior Court judge in District 4A including Sampson, Duplin and Jones counties. Parsons was a practicing attorney for 37 years and named to the Best Lawyers in America, Legal Elite and Top 100 Criminal Lawyers. He was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Sampson Community College and a former commissioner on the N.C. Wildlife Commission.

**Gerald Wiss Wilson (JD '75)**, Sept. 2, 2017, Boone, NC. He served as the Mitchell County at-torney before serving as assistant district attor-ney and district attorney. He served the people of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yanc-ey counties for 32 years before retiring in 2014.

**Irvin Kenneth Clay ('76)**, Sept. 1, 2017, Winston-Salem. He worked as director of operations at Ellis Ashburn Stationery, a family-run bookstore for 17 years. Clay later worked in real estate, eventually opening his own real estate brokerage firm, Clay's Castles. He was a Jaycee and served on the board.

**Allen Holt Gwyn (JD '76)**, Sept. 18, 2017, Greensboro, NC. He was a civic leader and nationally renowned construction lawyer, arbitrator and mediator. In 1999, Gwyn co-founded the construction law firm of Conner Gwyn and Schenck, with offices in Greensboro and Raleigh. He was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of North Carolina, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. Gwyn was also a North Carolina Superior Court certified mediator and charter member of the N.C. Academy of Superior Court Mediators. He was a Renaissance man with many interests and talents including traveling, reading, sailing, music and art.

**Charles Putnam Woodbury III ('76)**, Sept. 14, 2017, Pensacola, FL. He had a love for debate and participated on the debate teams at his high school and Wake Forest. He received his law degree from Florida State University. Woodbury served on various boards over the years and for decades as chairman of the board of Bank of the South.

**James Clarke Bashelor ('78)**, Oct. 4, 2017, Bozrah, CT.

**Daniel Anthony Monaco III (JD '81)**, Aug. 2, 2017, Voorhees, NJ. He earned his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. Monaco was a patent attorney and partner at Drinkier, Biddle and Reath. He previously was a partner at Seidel, Gonda, Lavorgna and Monaco.

**Kimberly Cline Callahan ('82)**, Oct. 7, 2017, Ellenboro, NC. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from UNC-Chapel Hill and served as a registered nurse for 34 years. Callahan spent 21 years at Hospice of Cleveland County as director of nursing for the Wendover and Testa houses. She was a member of the Hopewell-Hollis Ruritan Club and was recognized as Ruritan of the Year several times.

**Charles Boyce Rich Jr. (MD '82)**, Sept. 15, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He was a physician with Mecklenburg Medical Group-Uptown and served his patients for 31 years. Rich was also president of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society and vice president of the North Carolina State Medical Society.

**Arnold James Madsen (MA '83)**, Sept. 5, 2017, Waterloo, IA. He was a prominent debate coach and argumentation scholar. Madsen taught and coached debate at Illinois State University, the University of Pittsburgh and University of Northern Iowa. Even after he left academia, he helped manage the National Debate Tournament for many years. Later, he became an antiques dealer of political memorabilia, vintage toys, art pottery, farm advertising and postcards.

**James Patrick Reidy ('83)**, Oct. 5, 2017, Norford, CT. He was a managing director at Aon in New York. Reidy served as a board member of both Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden and Xavier High School in Middletown. He was past president of the St. Monica's Church Parish Council. Reidy was preceded in death by his father and brother, **Joseph Reidy (P '03)**. He is survived by his wife, Karen; four children, including **Bridget ('11)**; his mother and seven siblings.

**Mark Baruch Kent ('85)**, Sept. 24, 2017, Greenville, SC. He was the fifth generation of Kents to direct the family business, serving as chairman, president and CEO of Kentwool, Inc. Kent's public life included service on many boards including the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association Upstate Heart Ball. He was named Red Cross Philanthropist of the Year in the eight-state Southeast region. Kent also served on the boards of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance and the Historic Greenville Foundation.

**John Desmond Shine Jr. (JD '85)**, Sept. 3, 2017, Augusta, GA.

**Leland Earl Sember ('89)**, Oct. 12, 2017, Sparta, NJ. His continued involvement at Wake Forest led him to spearhead the establishment of the **Kenneth Gordy ('88)** Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor a friend's memory and provide financial assistance to deserving students. Sember spent over 20 years at Unilever and became vice president of sales. He continued his career in sales and organizational leadership as vice president of sales at B&G.

**Susan Pennington Belcher Barr (MALS '91)**, July 21, 2017, North Wilkesboro, NC, and Nine Mile Creek, Prince Edward Island, Canada. She graduated in 1985 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and religion from Salem College. Barr worked for the New River Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services Program for 26 years. She was a third-generation member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Rendezvous Mountain Chapter.

**Richard McDonald Miller (PA '93)**, Oct. 22, 2017, Greensboro, NC. His medical career spanned 35 years working for EMS and as a physician assistant. Miller was a member of the N.C. Association of Rescue Squads and held memberships with the American Academy of Physician Assistants and N.C. Academy of Physician Assistants. He was certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and held licensure with the N.C. Medical Board.

**Marvin Byron Smith IV (MBA '95)**, Sept. 4, 2017, Charlotte, NC. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1988 and was a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity. Smith enjoyed his career working in real estate and pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors. He was a present and loving father to his daughter, Whitney, the center of his life.

**Ann Beckett Herring (MA '99)**, Aug. 17, 2017, Sarasota, FL. She was a graduate of Virginia

Commonwealth University and earned a master's degree in art restoration and conservation while living in Italy. Herring was certified as a medical massage therapist through the Cortiva in Boston, MA. She also excelled in many forms of art, in particular drawing and sculpture.

**Denise Franklin (MBA '06)**, Oct. 31, 2017, Winston-Salem. She was a news anchor at WXII-TV in Winston-Salem in the 1980s and 1990s. She joined Wake Forest's public radio station, WFDD, in 2001 and eventually became general manager before leaving the station in 2012. She was also an adjunct faculty member in the communication department. Franklin grew up in Wichita, KS, and graduated from Wichita State University. She worked at a television station in Kansas City before joining WXII in 1983. A longtime member of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, she was a student at the Wake Forest School of Divinity at the time of her death. She is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

**Ronald Darren Ilesco ('07)**, Sept. 24, 2017, Nashville, TN. He was a member of the Honor and Ethics Council and Sigma Nu Fraternity at Wake Forest. Ilesco was a senior investment banker at Avondale Partners. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Victor and Elena. Ilesco is survived by his wife, **Corey Thompson Ilesco ('07)**; his two sons, James and Alexander; and parents, Michael and Ety.

## Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

**Merwyn A. Hayes**, Aug. 21, 2017, Winston-Salem. He was founder and CEO of Hayes Group International. Hayes taught at Wake Forest as a professor of communication and was director of the debate team from 1967-1972. He was also an associate dean of the Babcock Graduate School of Management until 1976. He was a friend, counselor, coach and mentor to hundreds of leaders worldwide.

**Patty Lanier**, Sept. 24, 2017, Winston-Salem. She joined Wake Forest in 1998, working in the School of Business, Department of Communication and as administrative coordinator in the Dean's Office. In 2014, she was named Employee of the Year. Lanier retired in 2017.

**Lily Saade**, Oct. 3, 2017, Winston-Salem. She was an assistant and coordinator of literary production in the philosophy department and with the humanities program from 1990 until retiring in 2009. She is survived by two children. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem.

## WAKE WASHINGTON

Wake Forest has taken its relationship with our nation's capital to the next level. Last fall, the Wake Washington Center opened its doors to the Demon Deacon and Washington, D.C., community, marking a bold new moment in a longstanding partnership between a city rich in opportunity and ambitious young minds ready to absorb everything it has to offer.

There's no place like the center of things. With an address of 1 Dupont Circle, the Wake Washington Center is 4,300 square feet of beltway vibrancy positioned in the beating heart of the district. Its neighbors include think tanks, research institutions, museums, nonprofits and government agencies — many of which provide hands-on learning experience for Wake Washington students.



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**“This program allows our foundational Wake Forest strengths — rigorous classroom learning and intense student-faculty engagement — to intersect with the opportunity to explore and shape public life.”**

– Katy Harriger, faculty director of Wake Washington



Jennifer Richwine ('93), executive director of the Wake Washington Center, left, with Donna Boswell ('72, MA '74), chair of the Board of Trustees.

**“Whether students decide to focus their time on politics, international affairs, communications, nonprofit organizations or the arts, I know that any Demon Deacon who spends a semester here will be better for doing so.”**

– United States Senator Richard Burr ('78)

**“From WAKE Washington to White House internships, hundreds of Wake Forest students spend their summers in D.C. each year, but we can do more to create meaningful connections between our students and D.C. influencers inside and outside the Wake Forest community.”**

– Jennifer Richwine ('93), executive director of WAKE Washington

**“We came to Washington, D.C. because we know it is a place our students and alumni want to be. It is here — where there are so many intersecting forces at work, where important conversations are had and decisions are made, where people have the opportunity to be in the center of our nation's activity, where there is room to make a difference — it is here we want to be. It is here Wake Foresters need to be. It is here we are pleased to be.”**

– President Nathan O. Hatch, Wake Forest University



Annie Johnson ('14), editorial researcher for National Public Radio, offers a studio tour.

# Come sit on the porch and tell us about yourself

By Martha Blevins Allman ('82, MBA '92, P '15, '19)

**P**ROVOST EMERITUS Ed Wilson ('43) refers to the Byrum Welcome Center as “Wake Forest’s front porch.” It is the first stop for prospective students eager to experience our community, wondering if this could be “the match.”

Admissions officers like me inhabit the porch, offering hospitality, information and insight — a sort of dress rehearsal for Demon Deaconhood. We create a preview of campus life and we consider the role each of these young visitors could play. What gifts might they bring to Wake Forest? Are they bright and curious? Do they imbue “friendliness and honor?” Will our community be enriched and our future brightened by their presence?

I don’t just sit on the porch. I have been a student here, an alumna, an administrator, a parent, a Faculty Drive neighbor, a fan and a critic. Many lenses, many views. A lifetime of Wake Forest.

I have witnessed the changes — our amazing growth in size, scope and reputation. I have celebrated dazzling achievement, joined in communal grief, played joyful music with students and faculty in an unbroken circle, shared overwhelming pride and aching disappointment, all the while knowing that I was deeply entrenched in and tethered to this community.

Wake Forest, as I tell prospective students — and my own two daughters — is a place to create yourself. With remarkable teachers and myriad resources, you are given the tools and instructions to navigate a glittering sea of opportunity. Your job is to immerse yourself, close your eyes, jump and then swim vigorously. A community of arms waits here to guide you if you falter or, if need be, to drag you out screaming before you drown. But it’s your job to jump, and it’s your job to swim. No one can do that for you.

Wake Forest is a place of ideas, where we are pushed to explore that which makes us uncomfortable and makes us human. Before you can understand Pro Humanitate, you must understand humanity. And so, Wake Forest students live together in residence halls; they learn in



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intimate classes with mentoring teachers; they interact in the library, the gym and outside in the Forest. They perform together onstage and on the field. They venture to Venice, to London, to Vienna and beyond, where they consider difference, view themselves and their culture critically, and grow.

We are not all of the same mind here. We disagree. We debate. Sometimes we persuade. Sometimes we are persuaded and change our minds. We learn and learn to empathize.

Wake Forest is not static but ever-evolving. The growth, the newness sometimes feels strange. But what really was it that we first treasured about our community that defined Wake Forest for us years ago? I offer that it was the “friendliness and honor,” the intellectual discovery, the moments when we felt we were becoming adults, understanding ourselves and others. It was the binding moments of love, friendship and kindness. It was the feeling of being mentored, encouraged and enlightened. And those very things, those precious things, continue and endure. They remain at the very core of our community. The very essence of Wake Forest.

Prospective students step on to “Wake Forest’s front porch” now from all over the

world, and also from Rocky Mount and Shelby and Mitchell County. They represent the religions and ethnicities of the world and yes, still the North Carolina Baptists. Thousands come each year. They are drawn to the reputation and achievement of our scholars, the intimacy and the purpose of a community defined by Pro Humanitate and by the beauty of the Forest. My admissions colleagues and I await them, with heads full of facts and convincing statistics, but also with hearts full of our own experiences and Wake Forest stories.

Welcome future Demon Deacons. Welcome to our community. Welcome to Wake Forest.

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*Dean of Admissions Martha Blevins Allman ('82, MBA '92, P '15, '19) can usually be found on campus in Byrum Welcome Center or at her Faculty Drive home, cooking, gardening and making music with husband, Joe ('82, JD '86, P '15, '19), occasionally daughters Bailey ('15) and Ella ('19) and various four-legged friends. If she's not there, she's likely playing autoharp with Wake Forest's community string band, The Unbroken Circle, or in her beloved mountain cabin on the lookout for future Western North Carolina Demon Deacons.*

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# Bowled Over

Wake Forest football took charge at the Belk Bowl in Charlotte on Dec. 29, 2017, beating Texas A&M 55-52 in a down-to-the-wire thriller. Quarterback John Wolford had one of his best games, throwing for 400 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for another 68 yards. “Thank you to Deacon Nation for filling the stands with Old Gold and Black,” tweeted Coach Dave Clawson following the Deacs’ second bowl victory in two seasons. “So happy to send out the seniors with a Bowl Win and to share it with our fans! Grateful for all your support.”

Wake Forest men’s soccer, ranked No. 1 in the country for much of their stellar 2017 season, ended another impressive run with a tough 0-2 loss to defending College Cup champion Stanford in the NCAA Quarterfinals Dec. 2. Four Deacs — Luis Argudo, Jon Bakero and Kevin Politz (first-team) and Ema Twumasi (second-team) — earned All-South Region honors from the United Soccer Coaches. Bakero, ACC Offensive Player of the Year, received the MAC Hermann Trophy as the best player in college soccer on Jan. 5. Politz was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year.



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