Things WE LOVE ABOUT WAKE FOREST

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101 Things We Love About Wake Forest
FROM THE PRESIDENT

THIS EDITION OF WAKE FOREST MAGAZINE celebrates the many things we love about Wake Forest. I love the physical space of the combined area: Wake Forest, Graylyn, Reynolda Gardens and Reynolda Village. It’s pastoral, interesting, historic and gives a great ambience for this campus.

I love the balcony overlooking Hearn Plaza and the vista you get — the sense of history and tradition. Graduation on Hearn Plaza is another favorite. I am not sure there is ever a moment — except possibly at a wedding — where you witness such concentrated joy when you see all the families.

You will also read in this issue about Wade Murphy (’00) and his gift to help endow the Humanities Institute. It is an amazing statement of his generosity and insight to know that if we are going to be good at things we can’t just be tuition-driven. We have to have partners step up in significant ways.

Humanities have always been at the heart of what we do. It would be impossible to think of Pro Humanitate without coming to terms with the humanities, always our greatest strength academically. That is not to disparage science, social science or the arts, but the humanities have been at the heart and should continue to be. Humanities are deeply threatened today because they seem the most impractical at getting people jobs and renewing an economy. In that sense they are often questioned by some politicians: “Why are we doing this?”

Ralph Waldo Emerson said this about libraries, but it applies to the humanities: Be a little careful about your library. Do you foresee what you will do with it? Very little to be sure. But the real question is, What will it do with you? You will come here and get books that will open your eyes, and your ears, and your curiosity, and turn you inside out or outside in.

Emerson’s quotation speaks to the ability of the humanities — whether it is literature, history, classics, philosophy or religious studies — to make us rethink our assumptions, evaluate our convictions and, for young people, to begin to define what they believe and to what they want to give their lives. To empower the humanities at this time is a wonderful statement about what’s important. We certainly want people who are technically skilled to get jobs, but we want people who have wisdom, insight and depth. Those are the kinds of citizens we need.

Warm regards,

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Our motto

Giving back. Paying it forward. At the core of Wake Forest’s values and principles is the motto that unites us all. “Pro Humanitate calls on us to live selflessly and focus our energy on helping others,” says Shannon Ritchie (’07).
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EDWIN GRAVES WILSON ('43, P '91, '93)

The University’s first provost has spent most of his adult life serving the University. With a specialty in the poetry of the British Romantics and an abiding faith in the highest values of our brand of liberal arts education, the retired English professor has long been known as “Mr. Wake Forest,” apropos of a mutual romance.

Jokes abound!

If you can’t say something funny about Wake Forest, come sit next to the Lilting Banshees. Those neon yellow flyers with “The Thinker” wearing a jester’s cap can only mean one thing: showtime. From the president to parking, nothing’s off-limits for this irreverent student comedy troupe known for its parodies of campus life.

For better or worse

What’s a warm and fuzzy distinction that 10 percent of our graduates share? They’re married to another Wake Forest alum! Around 8,643 Deacs are legally bound to other Deacs—in sickness and in health. So this place of lifelong learning is also a breeding ground for lifelong loving. Cupid surely has a gold and black arrow in his quiver.
No one ever displayed more school spirit than Doc, who cheered on the Demon Deacons in Groves Stadium in good times, and more often than not, in bad. Wearing his signature straw hat stuffed with ticket stubs, he’d charge down to the cheerleader platform and exhort the crowd to get behind the boys. No one could spin a yarn like Doc either, and whether it was true or not was beside the point. And no one may have loved Wake Forest more (although he didn’t much care for the studying part, he often admitted). “No boy ever went to Wake Forest College and enjoyed it more than I did,” he once said. The late Murphrey also will be remembered as a most colorful 2005 recipient of the University’s Medallion of Merit: “That’s a heck of a medal,” he said. “If I hit a dog in the head with that thing, it’d kill him.”

Friendliness

Bringing Ireland to America

Students in a third-floor Tribble classroom might not know what occupies the building’s basement, but they ought to wander downstairs. There they will find the Wake Forest University Press, which got its start in the basement in 1976 and reigns as the premier publisher of Irish poetry in North America. The former bomb shelter, designated for use to quell concerns during the Cuban Missile Crisis, has been churning out collections of Irish poetry by writers from Belfast to Dublin, from Ciarán Carson to Thomas Kinsella to John Mahon and Vona Groarke. The Press isn’t confined to the basement, however. Various published Irish poets have read their works on campus and occasionally have taught poetry here.
the swing

It allows a moment of childlike bliss, but on sunny days you may have to wait your turn.
Tricks and a Treat

Were you there when the Energizer Bunny raced across the stage or the “Blues Brothers” wowed the crowd? The Wake Forest University Orchestra’s annual midnight Halloween Concert has thrilled and entertained for years with musicians dressed in costumes, music heard at haunted houses and the inevitable high jinks. This highly anticipated event is all treat — with some special tricks thrown in to make it an unforgettable tradition.

Our First Student

On Feb. 3, 1834, Wake Forest Institute opened its doors to its first student, a lad of 12 or 13 named John W. Crenshaw. Crenshaw was the son of William Crenshaw, a merchant and farmer at whose home the school’s founder, Samuel Wait, had been staying. Along with 71 other young men who enrolled the first year, Crenshaw was schooled in agriculture by day (historical documents indicate he served as a “water boy”) and the Baptist ministry by night. He went on to become Major J.M. Crenshaw and was quoted in George W. Paschal’s 1935 edition of “The History of Wake Forest College.” The “boys,” Crenshaw said, dressed as well as average people, wearing shirts, sleeved jackets, boots, a pair of drawers and “trap-door trousers;” usually brown. The long hours spent doing chores around the farm, as well as learning how to care for the spiritual needs of others and become a contributing member of society, forged values that today remain at the institution’s core. Thank you, John, for walking through those doors into history.

Outdoor couch-sitting

For fraternities, there is no better way to enjoy the warm weather than sitting on a couch outside and firing up the grills. As soon as a hint of spring arrives, bands of brothers can be seen redecorating their patios to better enjoy the sun, some sports, refreshments and the view.
With spotlights focused on Wait Chapel, celebrities roaming campus and media platforms dotting the Quad, playing host to Presidential Debates in 1988 and 2000 put Wake Forest on the world map. But the debates (the first between George H.W. Bush and Michael Dukakis, the second between George W. Bush and Al Gore) also provided a tremendous educational opportunity for students, faculty and staff. They worked behind the scenes with set-builders and anchors of major networks, provided expert commentary, participated directly in the political process and otherwise experienced firsthand the excitement of an event with international implications. And let's not forget that the idea to apply to host the 1988 debate was the brainchild of three enterprising students from the Class of 1989: Scott DuBois, Beth Dawson McAlhany and Mike Smith. There was “magic in the air” on those memorable nights, and it still lingers.

No. 13 Tradition of Service

From the City of Joy to Haiti to Vietnam to the Samaritan Soup Kitchen and El Buen Pastor here in town, this campus community knows how to serve (in multiple languages, on multiple fronts).
No. 14 The Weather Report

Usually good. Oh, sure, there’s the occasional snow or ice in winter (snowball fight on the Quad!), and the humid dog days of summer leave us panting. But for much of the academic year Mother Nature smiles on Wake Forest with mild temperatures, bright blue skies and fluffy white clouds. We love our flip-flops and shorts, August through May.

No. 15 A Trailblazer for Diversity

Ed Reynolds (’64), a student from Ghana, became the first black person to attend Wake Forest in 1962 and went on to become an honored professor emeritus of history at the University of California, San Diego.

No. 16 Our holey moly

Oh, doughnut delight, so melt-in-mouth sweet; the time’s always right for Winston’s signature treat. Krispy Kremes — the official guilty pleasure of Deacons everywhere. Bet you can’t eat just one. Especially at one in the morning.
Campus in autumn

Orange, red and yellow mosaics in the trees. Sounds of the marching band echoing from Davis Field. Leaves crunching under our feet. A cup of hot coffee in our hands, a black and gold scarf around our necks. The spire of Wait Chapel, majestic against an azure blue sky. Project Pumpkin. Quad-rolling. The season for returning home to Mother, so dear.
Flow House

The three-story Vienna mansion feels like a five-star hotel to Wake Forest students. The University bought this former U.S. consulate in 1998 thanks to a donation from Victor ('52) and Roddy Flow (P '83) of Winston-Salem. A fun bonus: the large attic has walls covered with the names of study-abroad students. Flow House’s proximity to central Vienna also makes for an easy trip to find quality wiener schnitzel, a must-have delicacy to accompany scholarly pursuits.
We are family

“If we look at how the ancient Romans used humanitas, they never use it for ‘humanity’ as a collective. Often it means ‘kindness’; the ability to show kindness is what defines us.”

— James Powell, Professor of Classical Languages

Cook-Out

Corn dogs, Q and Snickers shakes;
How many midnight runs did you make?
Alumni of a certain age remember throwing tangerines onto the Groves Stadium grass (it was real grass back then) to celebrate a bid to the Tangerine Bowl in 1979, breaking a postseason drought dating back to the 1949 Dixie Bowl. The comeback over Auburn on Oct. 27, 1979 — the Deacs scored 22 unanswered points in the second half to win 42-38 — is regarded by many as the greatest football game in Wake Forest history. Fans have since enjoyed many more bowls, from Charlotte to Hawaii. But nothing tops the 2007 Orange Bowl — following the improbable run to the 2006 ACC Championship — and the largest alumni gathering of Demon Deacons outside BB&T Field.

Black, gold and green! At Wake Forest preparation for the future includes taking action to respect and protect the environment. From a community garden, Zipcars and reusable take-out plates to peer education, waste reduction and recycling (just to name a few), the Office of Sustainability helps students, faculty and staff develop strategic initiatives for integrating sustainability into teaching, research, public service and campus operations.
Mag Patio

Whether studying on a clear day or eating lunch with friends, students (and faculty, for that matter) know the Mag Patio offers an unparalleled view of the south side of campus and the glorious magnolia trees. It’s also the perfect place to spy on a pick-up football game or a Frisbee match. Here’s where spring fever begins.

‘A Certain Great Angel’

Look up. You can’t miss it in the lobby of the James Ralph Scales Fine Arts Center. The pine and oak sculpture by James Surls, the sculptor Garden and Gun described last year as a “force of nature,” hovers like a guardian angel over theatrogoers and students studying on orange ottomans. In 1984 The New York Times praised Surls for working with whole trees, branches and twigs “to make dryadic presences infused with a forest spirit.” The forest of Wake, perhaps?
O HERE’S TO WAKE FOREST

OK, we admit it. We don’t know all the words to the fight song, especially that slightly creepy second verse about exploring her and patrolling her. But we get the gist of it: “a glass of the finest” and “unrivaled by any.” And when the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black strikes up the tune, we always know when to yell, “Go Deacs!”
WFC Ironwork

The graceful, flowing, iconic “WFC” ironwork graces Reynolda Hall, Benson University Center, Tribble Hall and other campus buildings. You’ll find it inside the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, too, in the stacks and in the Rare Books Room. Check out the light fixtures in the Green Room in Reynolda Hall. That’s our favorite.

COMPETING (AND WINNING)

With NCAA championships in field hockey (three times), men’s golf (three times), men’s soccer and baseball, plus numerous ACC championships and postseason appearances and bowl games, we’re proud to be a Deacon.

TAILGATING

Who else but Abe Elmore (’55) of Dunn, N.C., can claim a rolling Deac Mobile for tailgating at BB&T Field? He and the self-described “has-beens” gang from the Old Campus gather around Elmore’s tricked-out 1986 airport bus and tell tales. His partymobile is a Deacon legend.

For any student or alum, the tailgate scene is the place to be. Die-hard Deacs claim their parking spots before game day, pitching tents and crossing thumbs for boring weather. Early Saturday morning, chef-wannabe Deacs bring out the griddle for bacon and eggs, long before time to grill the ribs or throw down the extra crispy.

Tents, a football, a cooler, camping chairs, bean-bag toss, fancy wineglasses, run-of-the-mill “go” cups, Wake Forest flags and ample tunes — these are the accoutrements. Then comes the cruising — that saunter with attitude from tailgate to tailgate. Before you know it, it’s halftime. Some Deacs never set foot in the stadium. The tailgate’s the thing.
Tunneling

The subterranean tour of campus is dark, claustrophobic, dangerous and strictly forbidden now. Rats. But once upon a time ...

Arnold Palmer

('51, LL.D '70)

The golf icon, with his 62 PGA Tour wins and seven major championship titles, is only the sixth athlete in history to receive the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.

A Great Escape

Secluded, yet just steps away from campus, is the historic Reynolda estate. At Reynolda House Museum of American Art, immerse yourself in art and culture. In Reynolda Gardens, enjoy an invigorating jog or a romantic stroll along its lusciously quiet trails. Share a picnic near the waterfall or lose yourself among the solitude of fragrant flowers and trickling fountains. In Reynolda Village, shop around then meet up with friends for dinner at Village Tavern, al fresco.
Bring a blanket or warm clothing to share with the less fortunate and enjoy the annual festive kickoff to the holiday season.
'Vincent with Open Mouth'

Alex Katz’ larger-than-life portrait of his only son — a painting purchased in 1973 for the Student Union Collection of Contemporary Art — once cast his disconcerting gaze on students studying in Reynolda Hall’s Green Room. More recently, he’s watched over visitors in the Benson University Center. No matter where he is, if his wide-eyed stare is upon you, you will never forget it.
Lloyd the Barber

Sit a spell in Lloyd the Barber’s chair in the basement of Taylor Residence Hall, and he’ll likely lean in and whisper the latest Wake Forest gossip: “You know what I heard?” If you want to know what’s going on at Wake Forest, what’s really going on, Lloyd’s shop is the place to go. For 37 years, the bald barber of Wake Forest — whose last name is not Barber, as many believe, but Howard — has dispensed haircuts and tall tales to Wake Forest presidents, faculty, students and alumni.

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Pub Row

From the basement of the Social Sciences Building on the Old Campus to the second floor of Reynolds Hall to the fifth floor of Benson University Center today, Pub Row’s address has changed but not its function. Pub Row has always been the place where students could try their hand at writing or photography or broadcasting, sparking many to seek a career in journalism.

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Point, Counterpoint

Wake Forest’s proud tradition of freedom of inquiry and expression encourages questioning and exploration. Whether we’re engaged in vigorous classroom discussions or open forums, marveling at the skilled arguments of a stellar debate squad or hosting guest speakers and two Presidential Debates (1988, 2000), we value all points of view. So go ahead: speak your mind.
Reverent and irreverent, prayerful and playful, wise and witty, there’s never been a more aptly named chaplain than Christman. Brother Ed turned the Pre-School Conference and the Moravian Christmas Lovefeast into Wake Forest traditions. Before retiring in 2003, he gleefully played the role of counselor, friend and soul of the University (along with turns in University theatre productions as Samuel Wait, Noah and God).

Before it offered vegan delicacies, an omelet station and pasta of the day, the venerable Pit had its charms. Dinner might consist of a bacon cheeseburger and a Polar Bear ice cream (we know one alum freshman year who ate that meal every night from Thanksgiving to winter break and suffered a tragic blue-jeans ending), but never mind the menu back then — or today. Pick a table and sit ... and sit ... and sit. Friends join you and wander away, only to be replaced by others coming from class or the library. Party banter or a serious confab makes for a Pit Sit. Through the ages the Pit Sit has spawned deeper friendships, intellectual arguments and — blame it on “Animal House” — the occasional food fight punctuated by a splat of mystery meat and potatoes served in the ancient days known as the ’70s.
ALMA MATER

We come to Wake Forest, leaving behind moms in places like North Carolina, New Jersey, Florida, Texas or Connecticut. But we leave Wake Forest singing the praises of a shared matriarchal influence: Mother, so dear.

Eww, Eww That Smell

Nothing disgusting here, but we felt like belting out the rock 'n' roll tune. The smell in question is comforting, actually. For many alumni it's as familiar as an old sweater, as treasured as a first edition. Wake Forest changes and the library expands, but this odor lingers through the ages. "A combination of grassy notes with a tang of acids and a hint of vanilla over an underlying mustiness" is how mentalfloss.com reported on the findings of an international team of chemists describing the unique odor of old books in a study. Sounds just like the cherished library stacks to us, hallowed may they remain despite their tang.

Our aspirations

Values we hold dear.
Somewhere in Tribble Hall lives the ghost of a student doomed to wander the tangled labyrinth like a lost soul in the famous Escher print, never to find his way out. With its confounding layout of alternating floors and A-B-C wings, warren of stairwells and corridors, seemingly nonsensical room labels of numbers and letters, basement hideaway offices and a U.S. Navy Cold War doomsday shelter, it was described when it opened in 1963 as a “poorly designed split level.” Tribble befuddles even longtime faculty members, not to mention directionally challenged freshmen, but it remains the campus building we love ... to get lost in.

Our Rhodes Scholars
Fifteen Demon Deacons have been selected for this prestigious scholarship to study at England’s Oxford University. They are:

Henry Trantham (1905)  Paul Hubble (1914)  Robert Humber (1918)
Richard Chapman (’86)  Maria Merritt (’87)
E. Scott Pretorius (’89)  Robert Ether (’91)
Carolyn Frantz (’94)  Charlotte Opal (’97)
Jennifer Bumgarner (’99)  Jennifer Harris (’04)
Rebecca Cook (’05)  Lakshmi Krishnan (’06)
Michelle Sikes (’07)  Brandon Turner (’12)

Deacon pride also extends to the many other scholarship recipients for postgraduate study including Truman, Marshall, lace and Fulbright winners, among others.

Greek Do-Gooders
Greek life remains a visible part of the campus scene, and it’s not all about parties. In 2012 the network of chapters in the Interfraternity, Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Councils helped raise an estimated $138,000 — more than half the total raised on campus — for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. Philanthropy and service run the gamut from Campus Kitchen to the Ronald McDonald House and Brenner Children’s Hospital to Susan G. Komen Foundation events and the local food bank.
Caffeine Fix

One is a brand name, the other student-run. Their fare? The caffeine fix that keeps college students running on full steam. Starbucks and Campus Grounds may not be recognizable to alumni who attended a decade ago — the shops opened in 2008 and 2003 respectively — but current students and faculty can often be found dropping in at either coffeehouse between classes for a latte, a scone or a meeting with friends. Starbucks provides the perfect perch for people-watching, while Campus Grounds offers live music for the studying crowd on Tuesdays. On any day, both provide a welcome retreat for students and tour groups alike.
They captivated you on your first campus visit and embraced you with a sentimental adieu upon your final goodbye. Wake Forest’s mystique wafts gently through the branches of its magnificent family of trees. Their status is exalted in our very name. Connecting past and future, they remain “constant and true,” celebrating with us in good times — comforting us in sad times — always offering peace, security, joy and renewal. Long may they be rolled.
Sixteen students arrived in 1834 at a farm near Raleigh, N.C., to attend the Wake Forest Institute, chartered as a literary and manual labor institute. Each student was expected to bring a pair of sheets, a pair of towels, an axe and a hoe.

Describing Wake Forest life in an 1835 letter, student George Washington said after the roll is called, “students take their appropriate stations around their respective leaders, axes with axes, hoes with hoes, and then we start. ... Those with axes make for the woods, where they fell the sturdy oaks and divide them into rails; the grubbers take the field, and sweat with heavy blows over the roots and shrubs that have been encroaching upon their clear land. Those with weeding hoes find much variety in their employment; sometimes they cut cornstalks, sometimes they take up leaves, and now you may see them in the barn yard piling up manure.”

Washington added, “Blistered hands we consider here as scars of honor. ...”

Just checking to see if you were paying attention. But Wake Forest Magazine is, after all, a national award winner, with Class Notes perennially a crowd favorite. Keep those birth announcements for Baby Deacs coming!

Enter Tribble Hall C201, the English seminar room, and regard a different era. The “Victorian gentleman’s study,” as it was called when it opened in the 1970s, provides a perfectly ornate setting for freshman comp. Cast your eyes upon the walnut paneling, dark red carpet, gaslight chandeliers, heavy velvet curtains, fireplace of marble and walnut, the mirror stretching floor to ceiling and the exquisite glass-front bookcases. Dickens never had it so comfortable unless Downton Abbey were to light up a vacancy sign.
The ... sniff ... movie

You’ll need a hankie along with your popcorn while watching “Brian’s Song,” a legendary 1971 film about the inspirational friendship between athletes Brian Piccolo and Gale Sayers that has become a Wake Forest tradition. Piccolo (James Caan) was a Deacon running back who led the nation in rushing and scoring and was ACC Player of the Year in 1964. He met Sayers (Billy Dee Williams) while they played for the Chicago Bears, and they became the first interracial roommates in the NFL. Piccolo died of cancer in 1970 at the age of 26, leaving behind a story of friendship and courage that touches hearts to this day. His Wake Forest legacy lives on through two daughters, Lori (’87) and Traci (’89), as well as the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund Drive to support treatment and research at the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Hit the Bricks for Brian, a popular student-organized team race around the Quad, is a highlight of the fall semester.

WFDD/WAKE

Remember listening to Deaconlight in your dorm room? We still tune in to 88.5 WFDD, but now it’s for national, local and arts news stories as well as National Public Radio favorites “Morning Edition” and “Talk of the Nation.” If we’re in the mood for Mumford & Sons or mewithoutYou, we check out student-run WAKE Radio, with its excellent playlists and eclectic music mix.
Secrest Artists Series

You don’t have to go to New York City for performances by renowned artists. The Secrest Artists Series brings a rich, eclectic array of pianists, flutists, violinists, dance troupes, chamber orchestras, string quartets and ensembles to campus. Since the Artists Series started on the Old Campus, more than 300 artists and groups have performed, including Marian Anderson, Andrés Segovia, Itzhak Perlman, Marcel Marceau, Wynton Marsalis, Ravi Shankar, Denyce Graves, Joshua Bell, Doc Severinsen, the Guarneri Quartet, the Emerson String Quartet and the National Symphony Orchestra with Leonard Slatkin. For more than 60 years — including the last 15 under the direction of Lillian Shelton (MALS ’06), who is retiring this year — the Artists Series has remained true to its mission: to provide world-class performances to students, free of charge, as part of their cultural education. In 1987, it became the Secrest Artists Series in recognition of a gift by Marion Secrest of Winston-Salem in memory of her husband, Willis.
Sweet Magnolia Breeze

One thing you’ll surely miss after leaving Wake Forest: the sweet perfume of a magnolia in bloom. Perhaps you perched among the tree’s stately branches to read a book or shared a romantic moment in the shadow of its velvety blossoms. The Southern Magnolias on Manchester Plaza, or the Mag Quad, are Wake Forest’s most recognized heritage trees. We have to thank for them Walter Raphael Wiley (’29) and his wife, Monnie Louise McDaniel Wiley, who learned of the impending move to Winston-Salem while visiting the Old Campus in 1947. Mrs. Wiley wanted to establish a symbolic bridge between the old and new campuses.

An avid gardener, she had her nephew, Robert Earl Williford (’51), collect seeds from the magnolia trees on the Old Campus. Williford enlisted the aid of Budd Smith, professor of biology, and the seeds were mailed to the Wileys in Chesterfield, S.C., where Mrs. Wiley planted them in a filled-in swimming pool. In 1956, when construction of the college buildings in Winston-Salem was under way, the magnolia trees in Chesterfield were about five feet tall. The administration graciously accepted Mrs. Wiley’s offer to donate the trees. She and her son, Walter R. Wiley, Jr. (’64), put the trees with root balls intact in the back of a large station wagon and delivered approximately 20 to the nursery/landscaping department. They were planted a week later. To this day the magnolias remain a bridge we all hope to cross — often.

Our alumni

Proud to be a Deacon.
Bleeding Black and Gold.
Screamin’ Demons.
Deacs Rule.

Coast to Coast, it’s a tie-dye nation. Need we say more?
Ideas worth spreading

TEDxWakeForestU made its second showing in February with innovative speakers including Ricky Van Veen (’03), co-founder of College Humor, and international photographer and activist J Henry Fair. (TEDx stands for technology, entertainment and design; the x indicates an independently organized event.) Lucy Lan (’12) led a group of student organizers in bringing the first conference to campus with its famous tagline “ideas worth spreading.” The conference strives to inspire students to think, dream and create in ways that change the world.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Nothing like snare drums, trumpets and flags to get us pumped up on game day! Whether they’re practicing on Davis Field, performing on BB&T Field or playing the fight song for freshmen as they emerge from New Student Convocation, The Spirit of the Old Gold and Black Marching Band (aka SOTOGAB) knows how to energize the Deacon spirit faster than a Red Bull.

The Carillon

Mozart, Lennon, Gaga and Bach.

Sweet serenades from bells that rock.
Shag on the Mag

At Wake Forest, springtime is for shagging. This Wake Forest tradition wouldn't be complete without a pristine white tent, a flowing chocolate fountain and swinging, nonstop dancing. Time to pull out the bow ties and the Lilly Pulitzer dresses. It's time to shag!

HORACE ALBERT “BONES” McKinney

The Pepsi-drinking, Nabs-eating, fiery basketball coach and Baptist preacher was a showman on and off the court. He was renowned for his antics (yes, he really did wear a seat belt on the bench), sparring with officials (graduates of the North Carolina School for the Blind, he called 'em) and sharing folksy tales. “I plead guilty to driving through life at about 80 miles an hour, drinking 60,000 Pepsi-Colas, smoking some two million cigarettes and threatening the lives of several hundred referees,” he wrote in “Bones: Honk Your Horn If You Love Basketball.” When he wasn't out preachin' across North Carolina, he was coachin' the Len Chappell ('62) and Billy Packer ('62) team to the 1962 Final Four. Honk your horn if you love the late Bones McKinney.

WATER TOWER

Like the child who asks repeatedly, “Are we there yet?” Wake Foresters yearn for a familiar landmark that says they’re close to returning home. And then there it is, a beacon rising above the pines — a gray protruding point of pride, adorned with a fierce black and gold “WF.” There’s the water tower. We made it. We’re home. We love the way it disappears against the sky on a cloudy day and pierces the blue on a clear one. We play soccer in its shadow. We squint to see the fake owl planted up high to keep away birds. We’re mesmerized by the slow circling of the hawk who pays the owl no mind. He perches atop the dome, master of all he surveys. He, too, has found his way home.
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OLD CAMPUS

The “Holy Land,” as some call it, is where it all started. The forest of Wake County was Wake Forest’s home for 122 years until the College moved 110 miles west in 1956. Now housing the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, the campus in the town of Wake Forest appears much as it did in the 1950s. Look for the WFC insignia in the former Watt Hall and the Wake Forest seal on Binkley Chapel. Stop by the original Groves Stadium, where Peahead Walker ruled the sidelines, and Gore Gym, where the late Murray Greason (’26, P ’59) coached and Dickie Hemric (’55) played. Sit a spell under the Old Well and remember legendary teachers: Billy Poteat, A.C. Reid, Skinny Pearson, E.E. Folk Jr., Jasper Memory, Benjamin Sledd. Visit the Calvin Jones House, where Samuel Walt and later students lived, and the Wake Forest Historical Museum. Stroll the brick walkways lined with magnolias, past familiar brick buildings (you will recognize their names), and imagine what it must have been like to be a student here. You’ll feel right at home.
Project Pumpkin

Children, pumpkins and candy, oh my! Project Pumpkin has been helping thousands of underprivileged kids in the Winston-Salem community have a safe and rewarding trick-or-treating experience since 1988. Campus organizations set up booths on the Quad to entertain wee ghosts and goblins with games and hilarious costumes. You know the event is a success when the laughter of children fills the air.
A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Over 60 percent of undergraduates study abroad. There are more than 400 study program opportunities, three residential study centers (Venice, London and Vienna) and a learning center in Nicaragua called Casa Dingledine. Wake Forest’s base is Winston-Salem, but its reach extends to more than 70 countries across the planet. Acting locally? Acting globally? Both.

CAMPUS RECREATION

With Campus Rec’s myriad offerings — from fitness classes and aquatics to intramural and club sports — there’s something to get even the most dedicated couch potato moving. And for some leisurely weekend pursuits, how about a little skydiving or whitewater rafting?

ZSR’s delights

From Starbucks to the new Writing Center to the sun-splashed atrium, the Z. Smith Reynolds Library has become the center of campus life. Two years ago, the library won a national award for excellence. With events like Capture the Flag, Humans vs. Zombies and Wake the Library, it’s the coolest place on campus. But if you still want that old-world library feel, nothing beats the Rare Books Room (officially the Special Collections Reading Room). With a 1502 edition of Dante’s “Divine Comedy” and an Ethiopian Bible from the late 18th or early 19th century, to first editions of “Pride and Prejudice” (1813) and “Charlotte’s Web” (1952), to Samuel Wait’s walking stick and reading glasses and George Pennell’s (1914) collection of circus memorabilia, the Rare Books Room boasts treasures and itself is one.
Pop, Rock and Soul

Musicians have inspired Wake Foresters to sway, shag and pogo even when dancing was verboten. Campus headliners through the years include:

THE LETTERMEN  DAVE MATTHEWS
PETER, PAUL & MARY  AL HIRT

THE DRIFTERS  THE FOUR SEASONS

DIONNE WARWICKE  CARLOS MONTOYA  WIDESPREAD PANIC
PAT BENATAR  THE FIFTH DIMENSION  DUKE ELLINGTON  CHUCK BERRY  FLEETWOOD MAC  THE SPINNERS  THE TEMPTATIONS  BEN BERRY  FLEETWOOD MAC  THE SPINNERS  THE TEMPTATIONS  BEN FOLDS  STRAY CATS  INDIGO GIRLS  BLUES TRAVELER  THE RASCALS

THE FOUR TOPS  NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND  RICHIE HAVENS
GRAHAM NASH  RANDY NEWMAN  PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
JURASSIC 5  BRUCE HORNSBY  JASON MRAZ  BEN HARPER
THE ASSOCIATION  HARRY CHAPIN  SKIP CASTRO  PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE  SARA BAREILLES  SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY & THE ASBURY JUKES
TOAD THE WET SPROCKET

An encore

The undergraduate experience leaves many of us wanting more time at Wake Forest. The University has it covered: the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; the Schools of Business; the School of Law; the School of Divinity; or the School of Medicine. Take your pick and keep on living the good life.

Faculty Drive

Imagine a time when most of the faculty and administrators lived in the same neighborhood, tucked in beside the College. When Wake Forest moved to Winston-Salem in 1956, faculty tried to recreate what they had left in the town of Wake Forest. Many put down roots along the old wagon road in the woods and hayfields of the Reynolda Estate and set about building a sense of community.

The Faculty Drive neighborhood later grew to include Royall Drive, Poteat and Sledd Courts and Timberlake Lane, all named for professors on the Old Campus. Some faculty live there now, although relatively fewer than the old days, but the neighborhood retains its charm and sense of history. Houses are still referred to by the name of the original owners. Faculty Drive and neighboring streets remain a place where students enjoy a home-cooked meal at their professor’s house.
Back in the mid-1970s, you didn't always go to Groves Stadium to watch football games. You went to watch the dancing, prancing, cheering, head-spinning Jeff Dobbs ('77). He fired up the home crowd with his famous head roll, defying human anatomy by spinning his head round and round. He knew how to make an entrance, too, once arriving in a helicopter, another time atop the Staley's Bull. Thirty-five years later, Dobbs can still bust a move, as he showed at Homecoming last year.

Casa Artom

Few places are more beautiful than the 1828 palazzo on the Grand Canal in Venice with the Pro Humanitate seal above its waterside door. Students fortunate to call 699 Dorsoduro home for a semester keep Casa Artom and Venice in their hearts. The University leased the former American Consulate in 1971 with help of then-U.S. Ambassador to Italy Graham Martin ('32, LLD '69), who later became famous for being the last ambassador to South Vietnam. After buying the house for $250,000 from the U.S. government in 1974, the University named it for the late Dr. Camillo Artom, an Italian biochemist who fled Italy in the 1930s and joined the School of Medicine faculty. His wife, Bianca, who served as the house's summer director, taught Italian on the Reynolda Campus.
Graylyn

This Norman Revival country house, built in the 1920s for the Gray family, has a storied history. After its use as a home, for a time it housed a psychiatric hospital and, after it was donated to the University in 1972, saw its share of student revelry. Seven thousand people attending a concert on the grounds in 1980 witnessed Graylyn’s worst moment. The house caught fire. Its third floor burned. But Graylyn meant too much to disappear. Rebuilt, Graylyn functions as a University conference center, the splendor of its Persian card room and indoor swimming pool intact. The estate remains a favorite spot — for Easter egg hunts, jogs through the grounds and dog walking on lazy Sunday afternoons.
Despite what popular movies suggest, students don’t need to be affiliated with a sorority or fraternity to get the most out of their college days. While they don’t wear Greek letters, the independent students are the majority at Wake Forest, making their impact through athletics, academics, service projects and myriad on-campus organizations. Instead of a lounge, their second home is on the field, in a classroom or in ZSR. And do they ever wear Wake Forest gear proudly!

Day-tripping

It’s not as though we long to escape traffic jams, blaring horns, or the stressful bustle of the big city. Winston-Salem lacks all of the above. But when the air is crisp, the trails, the woods and the “Great Guide” beckon. “Jomeokee,” or “Great Guide,” was the name the Saura Indians gave to Pilot Mountain. Atop the Little Pinnacle, look around. You can see the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia. Nearby, another day-tripping destination and rappellers’ delight, Hanging Rock State Park, claims the statewide title of 2012 Park of the Year. A carload of friends, sturdy hiking boots and a picnic — that’s the list for an excursion to toast a Sauratown sunset. The question every time: Who will claim the best seat on the rocks?

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Dessert fit for a Deac
The Biederman connection

Around Hearn Plaza have you noticed those forest-green bistro tables and chairs? How about the Ping-Pong tables outside the Deacon Shop? Two black-and-gold carts on either side of the Quad would be suitable for a flower vendor on the Champs-Élysées, but here they contain Scrabble, yoga mats and kettle bells. Dan Biederman, the global expert on vibrant public spaces who transformed Bryant Park in New York City, and his team have been helping our community add the Quad amenities and envision others for our campus spaces. The Quad is not just for Frisbees anymore.

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Commencement has its array of whoops of delight and comical signs, but every year a singular, poignant moment causes grown-ups to cry, at least a tear or two. It happens when the ROTC cadets take their oath of commissioning, swearing to uphold and defend the Constitution. The end of the oath is the very instant the cadets become officers, the newest second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The goal at Wake Forest is to commission 14 officers a year, who depart campus for up to six months of specialty training and then land anywhere in the world, from Europe to Asia and points afar. In 2004 the Commencement speaker administered the oath. It was U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.
Lessons Learned

No. 79

Call them faculty, professors, mentors or friends, Wake Forest teachers are respected for their academic expertise and a remarkable ability to inspire and nurture students. Think of time spent with Wilson, Moorhouse, Brée, Dodging and Smiley. Or Phillips, Barefield, Harriger, Weigl, Smith, Eure, Boyle and Schoonmaker, among others. What unforgettable life lessons did you learn from those who brought the “higher” to higher education?

Golfing tradition

No. 81

You can’t swing a seven-iron on the professional golf circuit without hitting a Deacon. Since Arnold Palmer (’51, L.L.D. ’70) teed it up on the Paschal Golf Course near the Old Campus, Wake Forest has been known for its golf tradition: Lanny Wadkins (’72, P ’96, ’10), Curtis Strange (’77), Jay Haas (’76, P ’04, ’10), Brenda Corrie-Kuehn (’86), Billy Andrade (’87), Stephanie Neill-Harner (’95), Laura Philo-Diaz (’97), Bill Haas (’04), Webb Simpson (’08) and Cheyenne Woods (’12), just to mention a few of those who’ve starred on the links.
Service with a smile

Alumni who have served in the Peace Corps say the experience is less about how they changed lives than how lives changed them. The University’s mission of making the world a better place through service aligns perfectly with that of the Peace Corps. Wake Forest has ranked among the nation’s Top 25 schools to produce volunteers — over 200 in the last 50 years. Arthur Orr (‘86) found joy teaching children in Nepal; Jane O’Sullivan McDonald (‘89) started a girls’ club in Togo, West Africa, and learned to better understand the difference between “want” and “need.” Charles “Chic” Dambach (MBA ’77), who served in Cartagena on the Caribbean coast, said, “Bigger cars and TV sets became irrelevant; deeper friendships and time to enjoy them became a priority. I gained tremendous respect and appreciation for the people who are born with nothing of material worth but enormous human spirit and resilience.”

A Cappella

Do you hear the people sing? If so, you’re probably listening to one of five stellar a cappella groups on campus. The all-female Minor Variation and all-male Chi Rho, both Christian groups, have been featured on the annual a cappella compilation CD “Voices Only,” which brings together some of the country’s best a cappella voices. Plead the Fifth, Demon Divas and Innuendo are also well-known. Four of the groups have albums on iTunes, and a few claim their own set of groupies. (Wake men who can sing attract quite the following.)

Friends forever

(aka ‘If you’re ever in a jam, here I am.’)

Whether you met in a dorm, a class or at a party, the good friends you made at Wake Forest likely became pals for life. (Think Byrd and Betty, still going strong as BFFs since 1950, when they said, “Hello, Roommate!”) When other friendships have been forgot, Deacon friendships will still be hot!
Rolling the Quad

“Meet me on the Quad at midnight.”
— Skip Prosser

No. 86 Tiger Pin

Thank goodness some traditions don’t last, or we’d be yelling “Go Tigers!” In 1895, John M. Heck designed the first “college badge” a tiger head over the letters WFC, according to an article in The Wake Forest Student magazine that year. The colors were old gold and black. While the colors have lasted, the tiger quickly died as the nicknames “Baptists” and “The Old Gold and Black” became popular. The tiger resurfaced 100 years later on the Old Campus on what was once the “playing grounds” for athletic contests. Before construction began at that site in 2009 for the Wake Forest Historical Museum, volunteer Doug Snyder used a metal detector to scour the area, uncovering old coins, metal fragments, buttons and other items from Wake Forest days gone by. Among the remnants was a small, oval pin bearing the image of a tiger, Wake Forest’s first, but short-lived, mascot.

Photo courtesy Wake Forest Historical Museum
RED (research, exploration, discovery)


All things thespian

When the N.C. Legislature approved a bill in 1838 changing the name of Wake Forest Institute to Wake Forest College, it included a provision prohibiting any “theatrical, sleight-of-hand or equestrian performance … rope or wire dancing” within one mile of the College. But that didn’t stop the show. The Wake Forest University Theatre got its start in 1942, presenting plays at Wake Forest High School. Ever since, budding thespians have brought comedies, musicals, dramas and the occasional passion play to the stage. On the new campus, the theatre program grew despite its makeshift, temporary quarters on the 8th floor of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library (“our little magic shop,” retired professor Harold Tedford (P’85, ’91) still calls it). When the Scales Fine Arts Center opened in 1976, theatre had a new home. Venerable professors Tedford, Don Wolfe and Jim Dodding played starring roles in building a lively campus theatre scene that continues to entertain, challenge and inspire us, and for some, provides the opening act of careers in LA and New York City.
**Freshman Pre-Orientation**

Do you remember being nervous to dive right into college? Luckily, Wake Forest has its students’ backs with a variety of pre-orientation programs offered before the official freshman orientation begins. Before the chaos of move-in, students can meet fellow first-years through wilderness excursions, community service projects, crash courses in Wake Forest history, a spiritual retreat and even a weeklong stay in Vienna, Austria. What a way to make friends before you even settle into your dorm room!
"When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford," the 18th-century British writer Samuel Johnson once said. For 36 years, students have fully embraced life in London from 36 Steele’s Road in suburban Hampstead. A semester at Worrell House has created more than 1,000 Anglophiles, formerly known as Wake Forest students, who eagerly explored Westminster Abbey, the Tate Gallery, the Globe Theatre, Kenwood House, Hampstead Heath, Primrose Hill and the Sir Richard Steele pub. The house — purchased through a gift from the late Gene Worrell ('40, L.H.D. '79) and his wife, Anne — was officially dedicated on that most American of holidays, July 4, 1977, with Winston Churchill’s daughter, Sarah, unveiling a bust of her father in the Churchill Room. With more than a handful of students finding romance (and eventually marriage) as part of its allure, Worrell House is a noble place to fall in love with life.

Campus characters

We admire those professors who are not only great teachers but great characters, too, with endearing personalities and idiosyncrasies. The late history professor David Smiley (P '74), who claimed to be from heaven by way of Mississippi, roamed around campus picking up trash and turning off lights in empty classrooms. The late trailblazing, cigarette- puffing, feisty English professor Elizabeth Phillips inspired generations of Wake Forest women, and men, too, to enjoy poetry. Longtime history professor Jim Barefield, with his wry sense of humor and love of Pepperidge Farm cookies, taught us to see comedy in tragedy. And pipe-smoking, banjo-picking Russian professor Billy Hamilton (P '93, '97) never met a pun he didn’t like.

Family ties

Legacy alumni claim a distinctive brand of Deacon pride when sons or daughters choose to follow parents’ footsteps and make Mother, so dear their own.
Who is this “little guy?” the 1948 Howler asked of the campus’ renowned personality, the Demon Deacon. The Old Gold and Black coined the term “Demon Deacon” in 1923, and Jack Baldwin (’43, P ’70) became the first Deacon 20 years later, dressing up in top hat and tails. But the “little guy” is more than a mascot, as the 1948 Howler explained: “He’s the little guy who made you feel at home among the magnolias scattered over the beautiful campus; he introduced you to professors whom you learned to love and classmates through whom you gained a new sense of brotherhood ... He revealed to you all the sacred traditions that the college cherishes; he took special care to cultivate in you a spirit of friendliness ... He is the living spirit of Wake Forest College that has enabled it to serve effectively for one hundred and fourteen years in accordance with its motto — Pro Humanitate.” The Demon Deacon may ride a Harley today, but that vintage ’48 description still rings true. We’re all Demon Deacons.
Tom Phillips and His Amazing, Technicolour Office

Step from the Quad into Reynolda Hall, turn right and behold the office of Tom Phillips (’74, MA ’78), a professor who wears many hats and is famed for nurturing students’ success on the path to Rhodes, Luce, Truman and Fulbright fellowships, to name a few. Behold the incubator — the Wake Forest Scholars office in which Phillips has tipped all his hats to the late architect Sir John Soane, whose small museum in London is one of the world’s strangest with its 5,888 antiquities, 7,783 books and dozens of “curiosities” including mummified cats.

Who knows how many curiosities exist in Phillips’ office? In homage to Soane and as autobiography, it teems with ephemera, obscura and plastic arachnids.

Here’s how the much-loved Phillips describes his roost: “In the manner and spirit of many a pretentious collector (or hoarder?), I have accrued an office that includes gifts from students (from around the world, over the past four decades); mementos of my family and friends; books read and to be read, especially criticism; stubs from plays and concerts far and near; dozens of fake spiders (they hop, they sing, they crawl, they wiggle) courtesy of my spouse, as a joke directed towards my permanent arachnophobia; awards that mean much to me (including the TO Phillips bobblehead for chairing WordsAwake!); and even a standing desk, which gets used when I actually work.” Phillips says he arrives at the office, entering “my own museum, living and warm, that reminds me of my fortune in knowing and working with so many wonderful young people (and not a few older ones as well).” We can’t say whether mummified cats lurk under a pile somewhere, but we do know Phillips could charge admission.
Generations of Wake Forest men — no women allowed — hung out at Shorty’s in downtown Wake Forest. It even attracted TV’s Archie Bunker, Carroll O’Connor, who was briefly a student in the early 1940s. O’Connor recalled spending too much time in Shorty’s, and not enough time studying, as one of the reasons he had to leave Wake Forest: “I was seen far less on campus than in Shorty Joyner’s pool hall ... (I) became a truly dangerous nine-ball player,” he wrote in declining a student’s invitation to speak on campus in 1972. Shorty’s was one of the few restaurants to survive the College’s move to Winston-Salem, and it still attracts visiting alumni who stop by for a hot dog or hamburger and a bit of nostalgia. The 1997 opening of a new Shorty’s in the Benson Center introduced the old hangout to a new generation. Photographs from the original Shorty’s and memorabilia from the Old Campus pay tribute to the past. And you might just find a picture of yourself on one of the tables that feature photos dating to the 1950s.

At Wake Forest, a mentor isn’t just a professor who is willing to write recommendation letters. A mentor is a teacher, staff member, student or alum who is willing to forge a relationship — based on growth, experience and compassion — that lasts past a single class or semester. The Mentoring Resource Center connects students with mentors who impart wisdom and advice, career-based or other, which students can then carry with them throughout college and their future career. Such mentorships are strong enough to endure after the graduation ceremony ends and a new life stage begins.
When our Wake Forest community unites in song and lifts 2,000 handmade beeswax candles toward the ceiling, Wait Chapel never looks more beautiful than on this night.

Lovefeast

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WILD KINGDOM

We love campus wildlife. No, not that kind. The kind that perches in the trees, swoops down from the sky, scurries through the ivy and unexpectedly pops out of trash cans holding a limp french fry. Hawks, birds, chipmunks, squirrels, geese and the occasional deer put the forest in Wake Forest!

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

Samuel Wait, a Baptist minister and educator born in New York, worked in the fields with his students when the Wake Forest Institute opened in 1834.
WAAAAAKKKEE!
WAAAAAKKKEE!
WAAAAAKKKEE!

DEACON PRIDE

WAAAAAKKKEE!
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By Kerry M. King ('85) | Photography by Ken Bennett

Above (top): Striking view from atop Wait Chapel shows the crowd for Commencement 2013; (below) A sudden downpour drenches graduates as the ceremony concludes. Opposite page, first row: Commencement speaker Gwen Ifill encourages graduates to ‘care about something’; Second row, left: Sydney Shirley (left) and Meggy Hearn show off their red Chuck Taylor sneakers, worn by the graduating members of Chi Omega sorority; right: Bentrice Jusu celebrates; Third row: the family of the late benefactor Michael Farrell (P '10) accepts a posthumous Doctor of Laws degree in his honor (left to right: daughters Taylor and Caitlin with their mother, Mary Flynn Farrell); Fourth row: School of Divinity graduates process onto the Quad.
WAKE FOREST’S CLASS OF 2013 was reminded that timing is everything at Commencement on May 20.

Following a weekend of rain that continued into Monday morning, the precipitation stopped long enough — barely long enough — to allow Commencement to proceed as planned on Hearn Plaza. A ceremony that began with students delivering the welcome in half a dozen languages concluded with heavy rain falling, almost on cue, as it ended.

Stuck in a long line for the recessional, graduates struck up a cheer of “Wake!” “Forest!” amid the downpour. Faculty members pulled out umbrellas and gamely lined up in front of Reynolda Hall to applaud, hug and congratulate graduates. The rain ended within minutes, leaving soaked graduates, family and friends time to take pictures and savor the moment.

About 1,700 students — 1,000 undergraduates and 700 graduate and professional students — received degrees. In her address to the graduates, television journalist Gwen Ifill urged them to find a cause that they believe in and use what they have learned to “affect the lives of those around you.”

“You have to decide what you care about, and then be prepared to act,” said Ifill, managing editor and moderator of “Washington Week” and senior correspondent for the “PBS NewsHour.” “If you see something, do something. ... I don’t care if you’re Tea Party or Occupy. Do something. It is not essential that you care about everything. But you have to care about something.”

At Wake Forest’s first Commencement to widely integrate social media, students and parents were encouraged to tweet during the ceremony — tweets using the hashtag #wfugrad appeared on Jumbotron — and share photos on Instagram. Ifill even got in on the action, taking to Twitter several days before her speech to ask graduates for suggestions on what she should say. During her speech, she paused to take out her phone and snap a photo of the audience for her Twitter feed.

Five honorary degrees were awarded during the ceremony. Ifill received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Carolyn Y. Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters; she delivered the Baccalaureate Address in Wait Chapel on May 19.

Honorary degrees were also awarded to: Janet Murguia, president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza, the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, Doctor of Laws; and David S. Wilkes, executive associate dean for research affairs at Indiana University School of Medicine, Doctor of Science. The late Michael A. J. Farrell (P’10), co-founder, chairman and CEO of Annaly Capital Management and the lead donor to Farrell Hall, was honored with a posthumous Doctor of Laws degree.
Retiring faculty recognized during the Commencement ceremony

Retiring from the Reynolda Campus:
Andrew V. Ettin, Professor of English, 36 years
Herman E. Eure (PhD ’74), Professor of Biology, 39 years
Alix Hitchcock, Lecturer in Art, 24 years
Hugo C. Lane (P ’92, ’95), Professor of Biology, 40 years
Perry L. Patterson, Professor of Economics and Lecturer in Russian, 27 years
Robert J. Plemons (’61), Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, 23 years
Jenny Puckett (’71, P ’00), Lecturer in Romance Languages, 18 years
Paul M. Ribisl (P ’89, ’91), Charles E. Taylor Professor of Health and Exercise Science, 40 years
Jeannie M. Simonelli, Professor of Anthropology, 14 years
Harry B. Titus Jr., Professor of Art History, 32 years
Robert L. Utley Jr. (’71), Associate Professor of Humanities, 35 years
M. Stanley Whitley (’70), Professor of Romance Languages, 23 years

Retiring from the Bowman Gray Campus:
Dr. Michael A. Bettmann, Professor of Radiology – Radiologic Sciences, seven years
Michael F. Callahan, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery – Surgical Sciences, 22 years
Dr. Robert Chin Jr. (P ’12), Professor of Internal Medicine – Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Immunologic Diseases, 25 years
Dr. Walton W. Curl, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery – Surgical Sciences, 17 years
Dr. Kimberley J. Hansen, Professor of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery – Surgical Sciences, 27 years
Dr. Margaret A. Harper (MS ’02), Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 22 years
Timothy E. Kute, Professor of Pathology – Tumor Biology, 33 years
Claudine Legault, Professor of Biostatistical Sciences – Public Health Sciences, 22 years
Dr. Ralph B. Leonard, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, 32 years
Dr. M. Madison Slusher (P ’87), Professor of Ophthalmology – Surgical Sciences, 38 years
Dr. Constance Ann Stanton, Associate Professor of Pathology, 23 years
Dr. Charles S. Turner (MD ’70, P ’00), Professor of General Surgery, Pediatrics – Surgical Sciences, 38 years
Dr. William G. Ward (P ’12), Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery – Surgical Sciences, 22 years

Above, top: President Nathan O. Hatch high-fives a graduate; Second row, left: Amanda Finney sings the alma mater as a new alumna; right: Commencement speaker Gwen Ifill takes a photo of the graduates for her Twitter feed; Third row: Professor of Russian Billy Hamilton in the procession; Fourth row: Mark Covington gets help with his bow-tie from Landon Baucom.
At the prospect of Commencement Abbe Brooks’ (’13) eyes became misty — a prelude to the tears one fights back at the thought of leaving behind someone, or some place, so dear.

"I’m scared to think of what it’s going to feel like," she said in April. "I don’t know where the last four years have gone."

I met Abbe, a health and exercise science major from Greenville, N.C., who graduated May 20, after her father, Brad Brooks, wrote to Wake Forest Magazine. He shared an intriguing story about the parallel paths of his daughter and her late grandfather, Robert E. Brooks (’48).

According to Abbe, Wake Forest had always been a big deal in her family; her uncle, William Richardson (’75), and cousin, Elizabeth Richardson (’05), were alums. A sports fanatic like her grandfather, Abbe played high school basketball and volleyball and dreamed of competing at the Division 1 level and a career in the WNBA. She envisioned herself at one of the larger state schools: Wake Forest wasn’t a prominent blip on her radar.

But things changed. "I realized I wasn’t good enough to play at that level," she said, "but I knew I always wanted to be involved with sports and with a team." She recalled how her grandfather had often talked about the close community of the Old Campus. Before he died in April 2009 — about the time Abbe had to make her college commitment — he vowed Wake Forest would lead her in the right direction and prepare her for anything.

She followed his path and became a Deacon, the sole student from her high school graduating class to enroll at Wake Forest. As her grandfather had on the Old Campus, she found a supportive community and a "family away from home" in the athletic department.

Her grandfather had played baseball and basketball and was manager-trainer for Coach Douglas Clyde "Peahead" Walker. As a freshman, Abbe applied for and got the job as assistant manager of the Wake women’s basketball team. She was promoted to manager her sophomore year and held the job throughout her college career.

Thanks to Roxann Moody (’82), head equipment manager, and Craig Zakrzewski (’00), assistant director of equipment room services, "It ended up being the greatest experience for me," she said. "I had always been timid and shy, and they put me in a position where I was forced to be a leader and be assertive. They expected a lot from me, and I had to deliver."

Abbe’s grandfather was the first Wake Forest student to graduate with a degree in physical education, earning a master’s at East Carolina. He loved college basketball, she said, and knew more about players and recruits than most fans. But he settled down, started a family and devoted his career to coaching high school basketball and football in Elizabeth City, N.C.

She plans to get a graduate degree and stay involved with a college athletic program — the very thing her grandfather gave up some 60 years ago — with a career in nutrition and sports management.

In her final days as an undergraduate, Abbe reflected on the love for Wake Forest she and her grandfather will always share — what her Dad describes as "the ultimate parallel."

"I don’t think words could explain how proud my grandfather would be of me," Abbe said, her eyes getting misty again. "He had this awful needlepoint pillow that said 'Hard to be Humble When You’re a Demon Deacon.' I think he’d be saying, 'I told you so, I knew you’d love it.'" She added, "I’m nowhere near the 4-foot child hiding behind my mom anymore."

Words that bespoke a grandfather’s wisdom — and gave insight into where the last four years had gone.
Penny Rue will become the new vice president for campus life. Rue, who joins Wake Forest mid-July, is vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California, San Diego and is nationally known for her creative leadership in strengthening campus communities. Rue will oversee most facets of student life with broad responsibility for the well-being and safety of students and their engagement outside the classroom. “I have a passion for creating a compelling student experience,” said Rue, who succeeds Ken Zick (P’01, ’03) who will return to teaching after a year’s sabbatical. “At Wake Forest, the high degree of student contact, the teacher-scholar model, the focus on service and the common good, the emphasis on student well-being—all of these are appealing elements. I’ve never seen such collective dedication to providing a truly enriching educational experience.”

You can hang your hat on the numbers and the memories. Sometimes, you hang a jersey on something more. Such is the case for Chris Paul (’07), who made sure his contributions to his alma mater and his community were only beginning when he headed to the NBA. In recognition of Paul’s excellence on and off the court, Wake retired his No. 3 jersey to the rafters of Joel Coliseum on March 2. In 2003-04 and 2004-05, Paul became the definitive player of coach Skip Prosser’s six seasons. He averaged 6.3 assists a game and shot 47 percent from the 3-point line while running a fast-paced attack that sold out the building and included the Deacs’ first No. 1 national ranking. Upon turning pro after his sophomore season, Paul said he didn’t want to be remembered for what he had done. He envisioned a wide-ranging legacy in the spirit of Pro Humanitate. “It’s very important for me to give back,” he said. “People will say to me, ‘It must be tough (to go home.) You have to do all these things.’ I don’t have to do anything. This is what I want to do.”
When Jeffrey Katula and his research colleagues set out to determine if they could help prevent patients from developing diabetes using group-based problem solving, he didn’t expect such drastic results. At the end of the two-year project, called the Healthy Living Partnerships to Prevent Diabetes (HELP PD) Study, the participants had lost about the same amount of weight and produced similar low fasting blood-sugar levels as participants in an earlier benchmark study — which cost nearly three times as much.

The results of the research appeared in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. The project was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and included a multidisciplinary team of researchers from Wake Forest University, Wake Forest School of Medicine and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, led by principal investigator Mara Vitols of the medical school.

Ricky Van Veen (‘03), an entrepreneur who combined his love for comedy and technology to create the highly successful website College Humor in his Wake Forest dorm room, gave the first TED talk at TEDx Wake Forest in February. His subject: “You Are What You Tweet — How Media Changes in a Social World.” Van Veen said people share content on social media to create their identities. Whereas five years ago new media was more personal (unshareable), now it’s all about being social (shareable). People prefer to get content recommended to them by friends instead of clicking on misleading links. “People love to share nostalgia,” he said. “Tempting to share has become the new tempting to click.” You can watch Van Veen’s TED talk on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xU92gDNtQo

The Institute for Public Engagement Fellows program has a new Public Engagement Fellows program to bolster support for students interested in pursuing careers in public service, public policy or public administration. The inaugural class of 15 fellows will explore career paths in public sector work and receive guidance and mentoring as they develop individual plans to integrate their academic learning with relevant, real-world experiences. Steven Virgil, professor of law, says the Public Engagement Fellows program is an extension of the University’s academic, research and service missions to anchor Wake Forest in the community. “We have a unique responsibility to our students who are looking forward to using their education as a force for good, whether that be as advocates for social equity, health and well-being or the environment.” Fellows are Blair Bryce, Le’Ron Byrd, Jana Fritz, Brian Gordon, Sarah Hoyle, Nicole Kus, Matthew Mancuso, Aishwarya Nagar, Harsh Patolia, Jonna Rautsola, Hannah Sheffield, Alexis Shklar, Gurdeep Singh, Logan Healy-Tuke and Kelly Watson.

Melissa Rogers, who has led the School of Divinity’s Center for Religion and Public Affairs since 2004, has been named director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. “The context she has given our students in D.C. has been invaluable,” said Gail O’Day, dean of the School of Divinity. “Every year, they get to meet with the ‘A’ list of movers and shakers in D.C., and it has had a lasting impact on our students. They are much more sophisticated about the ways religious leadership and politics intersect.”

Piedmont Triad Research Park has been renamed Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center said the new name is one of several business developments related to its commercialization enterprise, Wake Forest Innovations, which markets unique and broad-based scientific services.

The Museum of Anthropology turned 50 in March with a birthday party and family day that included Chinese lion dancers, games and multicultural dress-up. Founded as the Museum of Man in 1963 by the late Professor E. Pendleton Banks, then chair of the Department of Anthropology, the museum was renamed in 1987 and moved to its current location near Kentner Stadium. The museum focuses on broadening learning opportunities for Wake Forest students as well as education programs to benefit the general public and local school systems.
WADE MURPHY (’00) HELPS ENDOW THE HUMANITIES INSTITUTE WITH $1 MILLION GIFT

By Maria Henson (’82)

In February, Wade Murphy (’00), executive vice president of Marmik Oil Co. in El Dorado, Ark., made history as the only person under 35 to make a single seven-figure gift in the University’s history. Murphy, a member of the College Board of Visitors, donated $1 million to the Humanities Institute. In 2010 the National Endowment for the Humanities offered a $500,000 Challenge Grant if the University could raise $1.5 million by July 2015. Murphy’s gift fulfills the challenge.

Following are edited, condensed excerpts of Murphy’s answers to questions posed by Maria Henson (’82), editor of Wake Forest Magazine. A longer version of the Q&A, including his gratitude for mentors and friends, appears online at magazine.wfu.edu.

You’re an oil man from a long line of oil and gas business entrepreneurs. What made you a donor to the Humanities Institute?

I don’t find them mutually exclusive. … You have to think about risk and you have to think about context and you have to think about partnership and global trends and macroeconomics to really be good and successful in the oil and gas industry. It’s not enough to know what rocks produce the petroleum. I’m a big believer that if you can have great engineers and geologists who understand the bigger picture, you win.

Is it true that Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson (’43) brought tears to your eyes when he thanked you for supporting the Humanities Institute?

It brought tears to my eyes remembering the night. It was one of the most humbling experiences of my life. And so, yes, it did. Somebody that I respected so much and had identified and encapsulated the Wake Forest experience for me acknowledging that I can be a part of that and that this is good and this is worthwhile, it was powerful. It was very powerful.

You are the youngest person in Wake Forest history to give such a large single gift. What is the message in that?

I don’t think of myself as a young alumnus anymore. I think that that’s part of the message — not that young is a pejorative term, but on some level it still relegates us to support roles. There are a lot of people in my generation and in my class who are not just interested but are incredibly capable of leading. I want to remind us that we can pull that off now. And quite frankly, the other thing is giving in what you believed in, and what made Wake Forest Wake Forest for you, keeps that part alive.

What is the misconception about young donors?

I think the misconception is that on some level we only give because we’re in high-profile jobs that allow us to have enough money — free capital — to give. That might not be a misconception, but to me it’s a slippery slope because it encourages people to think, “Oh, we only need to go after or encourage people to go into industries and jobs that can produce high-net-worth donors.” A true misconception about young donors is that we don’t understand the nature of philanthropy. I think a lot of people think philanthropic endeavors are for retirement phase; it’s a legacy proposition.

I think it goes to (Provost) Rogan (Kersh’s) comment about a generational shift and paradigm shift from the Baby Boomers to the Gen-Xers to the Millennials. I’m kind of stuck in the middle at the tail end of Gen-Xers, but we don’t think of it as a capstone achievement anymore. Philanthropy is just as important a part of your bio and your profile because it’s what you believe in, and your job isn’t the only thing that defines you. The other things that define you are what boards you sit on and what charities you give to and where you go and what you spend your time on; and that, for us, is equally as important as what we do from 9 to 5.

You were a history major who loved theatre. How has that combination helped you in your life?

Sometimes I think my business partners would tell you that it’s a hindrance because I keep explaining the historical context of why things are happening. It helps a great deal in being able to have a presence, being able to do negotiations and speak in a room with CEOs, presidents, vice presidents and leaders of state in business. Sometimes you even pull from soliloquies you learned in the theatre department. And sometimes you just remember how presence is important and that perception is a fundamental part of reality.

An extended version of the interview is at magazine.wfu.edu
REMEMBER WHEN?
Carroll O’Connor (before Archie and Meathead)

By Kerry M. King ’85

Long before he was Archie Bunker, Carroll O’Connor was a Demon Deacon. Thirty years before O’Connor played his iconic role as America’s favorite loudmouth bigot on the 1970s groundbreaking television show “All in the Family,” he was a student on the Old Campus.

By his own account, he was a poor student who spent far more time in Shorty Joyner’s pool hall in downtown Wake Forest than in class. He dropped out before finishing his freshman year. But decades later he fondly recalled his time on the “old magnolia campus” in a letter to then-senior H. Walter Townshend ’73.

Townshend, who was then chair of a speaker series, invited O’Connor to speak on campus in 1972. O’Connor politely turned down the invitation, but in a personal letter to Townshend, he offered an interesting glimpse into his time at Wake Forest. O’Connor reprinted the letter in full in his 1998 autobiography, “I Think I’m Outta Here: A Memoir of All My Familios.”

“I am delighted that some of your colleagues remember me from the days (three wars ago) of the old magnolia campus at Wake Forest, though I was seen far less on campus than in Shorty Joyner’s pool hall in the town,” he wrote.

O’Connor grew up in Queens, N.Y., and had just turned 17 when he enrolled at Wake Forest in the fall of 1941. “I came to Wake in a funny way,” he wrote. “A close friend of mine in New York was planning to go there and I wanted to go where he went, so knowing nothing about the college, I applied and was accepted. My friend then changed his mind, but my mother refused to let me follow suit a second time. Off I went in September 1941 to meet Shorty Joyner and became a truly dangerous nine-ball player. I was a wretched student — utterly disinterested in the classroom learning situation.”

Townshend, president and CEO of the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce, has O’Connor’s letter framed in his office.

“I can almost remember the day I went to the post office and there was the letter from Carroll O’Connor,” he said. “I was disappointed that he couldn’t come, but because of who Carroll O’Connor was and more importantly the warmth and elements that he placed in the letter — talking about Shorty’s pool hall and not being fond of ‘Tarheels’ — it’s an interesting part of Wake Forest history and television history.”

O’Connor also wrote about the “few girls at the old men’s college” and the “sheer futility” of falling in love with the daughter of a faculty member. He took to the road, “via thumb,” to visit Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro. Decades before he played Archie Bunker and later the more tolerant Southern police chief Bill Gillespie in “In the Heat of the Night,” he learned some things about racial attitudes in the South.

“Believe it or not, one heard many, many whites even then expressing a certainty — yes, and an anxious wish — that the segregationist culture would soon wither away. I knew a number of racists of the bird-brained wind-bag type but my larger impression of Carolinians (forgive me, but I am not fond of ‘Tarheels’) was not at all of a hard people, but of a very sweet people — probably trapped and confused, as James Baldwin believes, in their own incomprehensible American history.”

O’Connor dropped out of Wake Forest in the spring of 1942. He later attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served briefly aboard a freighter during World War II and then as a civilian seaman. He returned to college at the University of Montana and graduated in 1951. He last visited the Old Campus in 1945. He wrote Townshend.

“I was a merchant seaman then — a fireman on an oil tanker, and we were lying useless in Miami with a broken boiler when Truman dropped his persuaders on the Japanese. I quit my ship and found a fellow who was driving to New York, and when we came through Wake Forest we stopped at Mrs. Wootten’s (sic) guesthouse on Route One. I roamed around the town that evening saying hello here and there, and I was touched and surprised almost to the point of disbelief that so many people remembered me — and not only remembered me, but welcomed me back, welcomed me home with love.”

To read the full letter from Carroll O’Connor to Walter Townshend, see magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/dz6)
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THE SPIRIT OF WAKE FOREST

A U.S. SENATOR. A HEROINE IN THE HEARTLAND. A TRUSTEE HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY FOR HIS LONG SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY.

U.S. Sen. Richard Burr (’78), Jane Owens Cage (’78) and the late Graham W. Denton Jr. (’67, P ’93, ’97, ’10) were named the 2013 Wake Forest Distinguished Alumni Award winners. They were recognized at a gala dinner on April 19.

Each honoree reflects the spirit of Pro Humanitate through service to community and alma mater. Nominations come from within the Wake Forest community. The Executive Committee and the Volunteer Identification Committees of the Alumni Council, which represents the Wake Forest Alumni Association, select the finalists.

The late Graham W. Denton Jr. (’67, P ’93, ’97, ’10)

Last October, three months before the distinguished alumnus lost his fight with pancreatic cancer, Wake Forest had a chance to thank Trustee Graham W. Denton Jr. (’67) for his devotion and service to the University.

The University and Denton’s colleagues at Bank of America, where Denton had been an executive, announced that the main reception area at the Wake Forest University Charlotte Center would be named the “Graham Williams Denton, Jr. Commons.” President Nathan O. Hatch announced at the gathering that Denton had been selected to receive the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Denton was surrounded by more than 150 of his close friends, colleagues, fellow trustees and family, who honored him at the event.

Denton died on Jan. 8. He was honored posthumously at the Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony. Alumni Council President Elliot Berke (’93) presented the award to Denton’s family. “Even as he became one of the most respected bankers in the state, Graham always found time for his alma mater,” Hatch said. “He will be especially remembered for his wise and patient leadership as the agreement to establish unified governance at the Medical Center was developed.”

Denton was one of the top bankers in North Carolina and a volunteer leader for Wake Forest for 20 years. He was first elected to the University’s Board of Trustees in 2000 after having served on the College Board of Visitors and as president of the Alumni Council and Parents’ Council.

He chaired the boards of directors of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center during a crucial time and was a member of the search committee that recruited Dr. John McConnell as the Medical Center’s first CEO in 2008. “Graham lived and breathed Wake Forest,” McConnell said.

“There aren’t many people who love an institution as much as Graham Denton loved Wake Forest,” Director of Athletics Ron Wellman (P ’98, ’01) said. “When you lose someone like that, you lose an awful lot.”

— Kerry M. King (’85)

Watch videos about the 2013 honorees at go.wfu.edu/jx3
Jane Owens Cage ('78) Joplin, Mo.

With an evangelism of action, not words, Jane Owens Cage ('78) embodies the Wake Forest spirit of Pro Humanitate. She stepped up to serve her community when it needed her most, using business savvy and a gift for connecting with people and building consensus to lead the Citizens Advisory Recovery Team that brought Joplin, Mo., back to life after a catastrophic tornado in May 2011. As advocate, strategist and unifying voice, Jane Cage put her personal life on hold and her personal commitment to giving back into action.

Cage, owner and CEO of Heartland Technology Solutions, had been on the boards of the Humane Society, the Chamber of Commerce, First Presbyterian Church and St. John's Regional Medical Center. She was not known for seeking accolades but for seeking to serve, whether by organizing holiday parties for families of inmates or wielding shovels during disaster cleanup in New Orleans and Iowa.

As a student, Emily Jane Owens from Charlotte, N.C., graduated summa cum laude and was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society. She received one of the highest honors for a graduating senior when the faculty selected her as one of three senior orators at Commencement. She married one of her economics professors, Bill Cage, and they moved to Joplin in 1978.

In April 2012 she was Joplin's Outstanding Citizen of the Year and in December 2012, she was named the second recipient of the Rick Rescoria National Award for Resilience.

Cage knows that for Joplin it will take years to rebuild what it took just minutes to destroy. But she is committed to the long haul and accepts the responsibility — and the praise — with humility. “We have a long road ahead of us, but I am always heartened by the unity that’s shown when it comes to recovery,” she said. “It feels good to make a difference.”

— Cherin C. Poovey (P ’08)


As with every elected official, it can be tempting to consider U.S. Sen. Richard Burr ('78) in policy terms. He’s the guy who streamlined bureaucracy to expedite medical care for millions of Americans, for example. But to get the real point, ask somebody across the allegedly impassable gulf of partisanship to describe what makes the lifelong Winston-Salem resident tick.

“Richard Burr is a champion for North Carolina in the U.S. Senate,” a former election opponent said in 2009. “Let there be no question in your mind. I can tell you from firsthand experience that nobody works harder or smarter than this guy does in Washington.”

Those words came from Erskine Bowles, who lost the Senate race to Burr five years earlier, and they help explain the high regard the former communication major at Wake Forest enjoys in an era often defined by division. They also indicate where the student-turned-senator’s roots are. “The education and experiences I gained at Wake Forest prepared me for the rest of my life and set a foundation for service that has stuck with me ever since,” Burr said.

Burr has been persevering and winning over people for at least three decades. A defensive back on the Demon Deacon football team, he suffered a knee injury that cut short a promising 1975 season and knocked him out of action for all of 1976. In those days that kind of layoff almost always became permanent. Not in this case. Burr came back to play three games in 1977.

Upon graduation, Burr took a job with Carswell Distributing and worked his way from entry-level hire to national sales manager over 16 years before deciding to run for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. A man who would rather rake leaves in his yard and hang out with constituents than embed himself in the capital came home to his district every weekend.

“The lessons of Pro Humanitate and the education and personal growth I experienced in the classroom, on the football field, and with friends and classmates surrounded by the magnolia trees,” Burr remarked, “have truly been a guiding force for me and have inspired me to a life of serving my state and my country.”

U.S. House Speaker John Boehner saluted Burr in a video tribute. “I can’t think of a finer individual to represent the good people of North Carolina in the United States Senate than Richard Burr,” said Boehner. “He represents the very best of Wake Forest.”

— Rob Daniels
I'm sure you have already devoured the main feature in this issue, “101 Things We Love About Wake Forest.” What a fun tribute to the people, places and traditions that we hold so dear.

I hope it brought back happy memories of your time at Wake Forest. I'm sure each of us could write our own list; many of the things would be the same, of course, which is what binds alumni of different generations and two campuses together. But I expect many of the reasons would be unique to each of us. I wanted to share my reasons for loving Wake Forest:

I Belive in Wake Forest and a Chapel that stands in wait,
Of Georgian Bricks and Magnolia Trees and Reynolds’ fine Estate,
Of Journeys along Tobacco Road and that Learning is Lifelong,
Of Gold & Black and Deacon Joy and the Sadness of “Brian’s Song.”

I Believe in Wake Forest and Southern Minds like Cash,
Of Ammons’ Punctuation and a Smiley Man clearing Trash.
Of Wilson the Romantic and the Army of “the King,”
Of Primrose Hill and Grand Canal and flowing Hearts that sing.

I Believe in Wake Forest and raising a finest Glass,
Of Greensboro Lunch Counters and Doctor Billy’s science Class,
Of a steely Name in loss and a papered Quad in white,
Of Reynolds House and Gardens and Lovefeast Candles aight.

I Believe in Wake Forest and a mystic Name to cheer,
Of the Number Five raised in the Air and the Deacon’s stately leer,
Of Pro Humanitate and with noble praise to thee,
Of all of Us who hold her dear and herald for Humanity.

I hope you'll take time to share some of the reasons you love Wake Forest on the magazine Facebook page, www.facebook.com/wakeforestmagazine.

I hope you'll also mark your calendars for Homecoming, Oct. 18-19, to renew friendships with fellow alumni and reengage with your alma mater.
1940s

Marcus M. Gulley (’47, MD ’51) has retired from the Wake Forest School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry. He continues his work with the department’s Homeless Opportunity and Treatment project at the Samaritan Inn in Winston-Salem.

1950s

Lynwood Bridger Lennon (’50) reports that his wife of 35 years, Carol, passed away Dec. 31, 2012.

Robert S. Murphy (’53) taught high school mathematics for 33 years in Pulaski County, KY, and was an adjunct mathematics instructor at Somerset Community College. He and his wife, Jo Ann, moved to Hampstead, NC, in 2004 where he taught for five years at Cape Fear Community College. He enjoys woodworking, swimming, playing clarinet in a local band and singing in his church.

Hunter James (’54) has published 16 books since retiring from the Atlanta Constitution. His latest works include: “Tobacco Town” (Canaan-Star Publishing, 2012), a collection of short stories set in Winston-Salem’s boomtown era; “Kingdom of the Lost,” a novel focusing on the dark side of Southern religious fundamentalism; “Life Among the Nabobs” (Moonshine Cove Publishing, 2012), his third work focusing on civil rights; and “New Dawn in Appalachia” (Moonshine Cove Publishing), a book of essays.

James G. Jones (’55, MD ’59) is a national crusader for family medicine and a passionate advocate for delivering medical care to poor and rural communities. He was the first Native American student to graduate from Wake Forest. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/jbd.

1960s

Janie Poole Brown (’60) was recognized for her service to Elon University with the naming of a residence hall, the Janie Poole Brown Hall, in The Oaks neighborhood in Elon, NC. She retired in 2005 after 39 years and is professor emerita of physical education. She received the Daniels-Danieley Award in 1995 and the Elon Medallion in 2006.

Ed T. Wilson (’50) met his wife, Jeanie Whyte (’61), at Wake Forest and they became “Deacs in Love.” They live in Louisville, KY, and are members of the Half Century Club. They have five grandchildren and plan to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary in June.

Sidney S. Eagles Jr. (’61, JD ’64, P ’91, ’95) is an attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He is one of four N.C. attorneys elected to membership in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Larry Sitton (’61, JD ’64, P ’90) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

James T. Williams Jr. (’62, JD ’66, P ’89, ’92) is a partner with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He received the N.C. State Bar Association’s John B. McMillian Distinguished Service Award.

Loretta Lee Spirlin Forbes (’62, P ’87) retired in 1997 after teaching English in the Gaston County schools for more than 30 years. She and her husband, Wilson, have three daughters, Susan F. Donahue (’87), Sandra and Sharon, and 10 grandchildren.

Stephen J. Bozarth (’65) is one of the founding partners of Dean Moad Egerton Bloodworth Capouano & Bozarth PA in Orlando, FL. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law and one of Florida’s leading real estate attorneys.

Toby A. Hale (’65, P ’03) is retiring as associate dean and dean of the Wake Forest Summer Session. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/halr.

John C. Martin (’65, JD ’67, P ’93, ’09) is a court of appeals chief judge in Raleigh, NC. He is president-elect of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeals.

Rhoda Billings (JD ’66) is a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court and a retired professor from the Wake Forest School of Law, having taught from 1973 to 2003. She received the 2013 Medallion of Merit at Founders’ Day Convocation, the highest honor given by Wake Forest.

William K. Davis (JD ’66) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Dinah Sprinkle Reece (’66, P ’93) has self-published a collection of over 500 recipes to benefit the Winston-Salem Ronald McDonald House (mhws.org/press/cooking-with-love). Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/s86.

Beverly T. Beal (’68, JD ’74, P ’93) has retired as a superior court judge in North Carolina after more than 21 years. He served as the senior judge for N.C. District 25A for the last 10 years, presiding over courts in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln, Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. He received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine at his retirement party in December.

Richard V. Bennett (’68, JD ’74) is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense, medical malpractice.

J. Nick Fountain (JD ’68) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Jeff Mackie (59) is with Signon Clark Mackie Harvey & Ferrell PA in Hickory, NC. He and Mark Holt (’83) appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court and a decision was made in favor of their client.

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Richard T. Stange ('69, JD '72) has retired as senior vice president and general counsel, life companies after 40 years with Jefferson Pilot/ Lincoln National Corporation. He continues to practice law as a consulting expert in insurance cases. He and his wife, Judith Bebeau Stange ('73), live in Greensboro, NC. They have four children and four grandchildren.

1970s

Dennis Patterson (’71) was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina’s highest civilian honor. He retired after 30 years in journalism. He was with The Associated Press in Raleigh, NC, until 2000 when he became the public affairs director for the N.C. Office of the State Auditor. In 2006 he joined the Office of the State Controller and in 2009 rejoined the Auditor’s Office as director of its media and legislative operations.

Walter W. Pitt Jr. (JD '71) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

D. Clark Smith (’72, JD ’75) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense, medical.

Beth Hopkins (’73, P ’12) received the Legal Scholar Award, one of the Women of Justice Awards from North Carolina Lawyer’s Weekly. She serves as director of the Pro Bono program and teaches business drafting at the Wake Forest School of Law and a course on race and the courts in the history department. She is vice chair for the Constitutions and Rules Committee of the U.S. Tennis Association and was named Volunteer of the Year by the Southern Tennis Association.

Debra Conrad (’74) is president of Conrad Marketing Specialists LLC. She was a Forsyth County Commissioner for 18 years and is serving her first term in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Marylou Cooper Green (’74) is completing a two-year term as president of the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale, NY. She is first vice president of the League of Women Voters of Westchester County and continues to work with the Scarsdale Board of Directors. She reports she must be “the oldest mother” visiting campus this year as her daughter, a junior in high school, runs the college application drill.

David P. Shouvlin (’74, JD ’79) is with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP in Columbus, OH. He has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Vernon Glenn (JD ’75) is with The Clore Law Group in Charleston, SC. He and Jodi Hildebran (JD ’08) of Alman Spry Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem have joined with other counsel to try a products liability case against Novartis Pharmaceutical.

W. Douglas Parsons (JD ’75) was elected senior resident superior court judge for N.C. Judicial District 4A.

Thomas Dwight Rains (MA ’75) has retired from Cutter Laboratories/Miles Laboratories/Bayer/Grifols after 36 years in pharmaceutical manufacturing in Clayton, NC, and Berkeley, CA. He plans to spend time with his family and enjoy his love of photography and furniture craftsmanship.

Robert L. Burchette (JD ’76) is a partner with Johnston Allison & Hord PA in Charlotte, NC. He has made presentations at multiple seminars on changes to the North Carolina lien and public bond law and is a speaker regarding legal updates in the construction industry. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America for construction law.

Thomas Hill Davis Jr. (JD ’76, P ’05, ’08, ’10) is a partner with Poeunyer Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC, practicing construction and commercial litigation. He is president of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar Association.

Joseph T. Carruthers (JD ’77) has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem, establishing a litigation practice area.

Jeslin Davis (JD ’77) is with Davis Harwell & Biggs PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in family law, one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers and one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers for the seventh consecutive year.

Eric N. Olson (’77, PhD ’81) received the 2013 March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology for his studies of genetic signals that control muscle cell development, particularly cardiac muscle, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Outside the lab, he plays guitar and harmonica in a rock band, the Transactivators. One song, “Mamas Don’t Let Your Stem Cells Grow Up to Be Cowboys,” is a tribute to the Annie and Willie Nelson Professorship in Stem Cell Research that he holds at UT Southwestern.

William E. Russ (’77) recalled memories of Reynolda Gardens after reading the Spring 2013 Wake Forest Magazine. He asked his wife for their first date as she rode on the handlebars of his bicycle in Reynolda Gardens. He retired as an airline corporate attorney after 23 years with UPS and is a Turbo Tax consultant and teacher of business law at Indiana Wesleyan University. His wife, Carol Chandler Russ (’77, MAEd ’84), spent 21 years as a teacher. She enjoys tutoring, teaching adult internationals and serving in local and world Christian missions. They lived in Winston-Salem for 15 years before moving to Louisville, KY, 21 years ago. They have two sons and two granddaughters.

William W. Walker (JD ’77) is with Craige Brawley Lipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation and appeals.

John Dowell (’78) has been confirmed as a federal judge for Oklahoma’s Northern District.
Terri L. Gardner (’78, JD ’81) is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in business bankruptcy law and recognized in Chambers & Partners USA for bankruptcy and restructuring law.

David T. Harris (’78, MS ’79, PhD ’82) is a professor of immunology at the University of Arizona and a pioneer in the field of stem cell banking. He received the Arizona Biotechnology Association’s award for 20 Years of Discovery and Innovation.

Gary L. Long (’78) is a professor of chemistry and has been named associate dean for curriculum and instruction in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University’s College of Science in Blacksburg, VA. He and his wife, Sharon Darnell Long (’79), live in Radford, VA.

Joseph W. Williford (’78, JD ’81) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Rudy L. Ogburn (’79, JD ’82) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Rebecca L. Wiggs (’79) has been an attorney specializing in civil trial work with Watkins & Eager PLLC in Jackson, MS, since 1985. Her community involvement includes the firm’s seventh year sponsoring houses for Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build program and serving as chair of the Red Beans and Rice Festival for Stewpot Community Services.

1980s

Russell E. Armstead (MBA ’80) has been named chief executive officer of Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine, in Jacksonville, FL. He was previously vice president for health services administration at Wake Forest and then associate vice president for finance and planning for the University of Florida Health Science Center’s Gainesville and Jacksonville campuses.

Howard L. Borum (JD ’80, P ’08) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in real estate law and recognized by the N.C. State Bar for 25 years as a board certified specialist in real property law.

Rodney A. Guthrie (JD ’80) is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America and has been invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

“The Old Campus, like the magnolia blossoms for which it is remembered, exudes the fragrance of the past. On every brick walk the ghosts of those who made Wake Forest great.”

Susan Brinkley (’62, P ’93)

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Michael C. Whitehurst (’80) received the Melvin M. Feldman Award for his service as chairman of the board for Hearts and Homes for Youth, a nonprofit serving abused, neglected, homeless and troubled children in Maryland. He and his wife, Nan, live in North Potomac, MD (heartsandhomes.org).

John D. Hipes (’81) has practiced law for 25 years, most recently with Bach Dewberry & Hipes. Three firms joined to form Hipes & Belle Isle LLC and opened new offices in Alpharetta, GA, where he now works.

David A. Senter Sr. (’81, JD ’84, P ’07, ’12) is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

John T. Walker (’81, P ’10) is co-owner of the Red Hot and Blue barbecue restaurant chain, based in Winston-Salem, which has a restaurant on Deacon Boulevard. He and his wife, Beverly, have a son, William, and a daughter, Anna (’10, MAEd ’12).

David M. Warren (’81, JD ’84, P ’13) is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized by Chambers USA with the highest ranking in bankruptcy/restructuring law and was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

Rush Wilson (’81) is president of Rush Wilson Limited, purveyors of classic American-style men’s clothing, in Greenville, SC. He received the Greenville Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year award.

Robert Wilson Jr. (JD ’81) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in health care law.

Eric Richard Spence (JD ’82) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in real estate law.

Bill Wilcox (JD ’83) is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in business law.

J. Stanley Atwell (JD ’84) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate law.

John Connor Jr. (JD ’84) has a private practice and coaches high school basketball and track. He has been elected city judge for the City of Hudson, NY.

David M. Duke (JD ’84) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Trisha Folds-Bennett (’84, MA ’86) has been named dean of the College of Charleston Honors College. She has served in faculty and administrative positions at the College of Charleston for more than 20 years and has received the Distinguished Advising Award and the Innovations in Teaching Award. She received her PhD in developmental psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is married to J. Brett Bennett (’84).

Budge S. Huskey (MBA ’84) has been named CEO and president of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC in Parsippany, NJ.

Craig Minagar (JD ’84) is an attorney with Winderweedle Haines Ward & Woodman PA in Winter Park, FL. He has received his Florida Bar recertification in real estate law.

John Babcock (JD ’85) is with Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

J. Dennis Bailey (JD ’85) has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem, establishing a litigation practice area.

M. Gray Styers Jr. (’85) is a founding partner of Styers Kemena & Mitchell PLLC in Raleigh, NC. He is president-elect of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar.

Thomas S. Blalock Jr. (’86) retired from the U.S. Air Force and is now an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. in Fort Bragg. He and his wife, Mary Paige Forrester (’89), live in Fuquay-Varina, NC.

Allyson Currin Stokes (’86) has a new play, “Benched,” that had its world premiere with Pinky Swear Productions and was performed at The Writers Center in Bethesda, MD. Another new play, “Caesar and Dada,” will premiere with WSC Avant Bard in Arlington, VA, in June and July. She is one of the resident playwrights with Theatre J’s Locally Grown Initiative.

John M. Flynn (’87, JD ’90) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in environmental law.

Terral Harris (’87) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in health care law.

Richard Lafferty (JD ’87) has been named a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Ernie Osborn (’87) is a senior investment management consultant and financial adviser with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in Winston-Salem. He has been named to the firm’s President’s Club.

Windsor Westbrook Sherrill (’87) is a health sciences professor at Clemson University. She received the Class of 1939 Award for Excellence and is now an honorary member of Clemson’s Class of 1939. She is an Aspen Institute Liberty Fellow for South Carolina and a recipient of the Award of Distinction from the National Scholars Program.
Michael A. Usan (JD ’87) was elected to a six-year term as a circuit court judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He currently presides over a criminal felony trial division.

Brian Chase (’88) is general counsel for Found Animals Foundation, an animal welfare nonprofit in Los Angeles.

David B. Smith (’89) is an associate minister at Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, SC. He enjoys playing tennis every week.

Bruce Thompson (’88, JD ’94) is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named to the Campaigns & Elections Influencers 500 list and named one of the top 10 political influencers from North Carolina.

Joe E. Austin Jr. (JD ’89) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Mary Paige Forrester (’90) is a project manager with Cisco Systems in Raleigh, NC. She and her husband, Tom Blalock (’86), live in Fuquay-Varina, NC.

Carol McGinnis King (’89) is a media specialist for Kernodle Middle School and Colleen Koonts Pinyan (’89) is media specialist for Brooks Global Studies Extended-Year Magnet School, both in Greensboro, NC. They were the school coaches and the two first-place winning teams in the 2013 Battle of the Books competition for the Guilford County schools.

Charlot F. Wood (JD ’89) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

1990

Andrew Kent McVey (JD ’93) is the managing partner of Murchison Taylor & Gibson PLLC in Wilmington, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in litigation. He has run 20 marathons and is training for his first Ironman triathlon.

Rodney E. Pettry (JD) is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, one of the Best Lawyers in America and an AIL Top Rated Lawyer.

Anne Sprague (JD) has been appointed a federal administrative law judge at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Roanoke, VA.

Laura B. Burt (JD) has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in family law. She and Stacy C. Cordes (JD ’91) have formed Burt & Cordes PLLC in Charlotte, NC.

Kevin O’Neal Cokley is a professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a joint appointment in the Department of Educational Psychology and African and African Diaspora Studies Department.

Walter P. Collins III has been named dean of the University of South Carolina Lancaster.

Mark Davis is vice president of finance with Oxford Finance LLC in Alexandria, VA, where he has worked for 11 years. He and his wife, Laura Daniel Davis (’90), have a daughter, Stella (10).

Jen Hoover is the women’s basketball coach at Wake Forest. She has been named to the 2013 ACC Women’s Basketball Legends Class.

Scott A. McLaren (JD) is with Hill Ward & Henderson PA in Tampa, FL. He has been named the 2013 Tampa Real Estate Litigation Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America.

1991

William Franklin Johnson Jr. (JD) is celebrating his 20th year as senior partner of Johnson & Cooper Investment Advisory Group in Charlotte, NC. He is also senior vice president and senior investment advisor of Morgan Stanley.

Jennifer Richardson has published a travel memoir, “Americashire: A Field Guide to a Marriage” (She Writes Press, April 2013). The book chronicles the years she spent living in a Cotswold village. She and her husband live in Santa Monica, CA. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/pk9).

1992

Paul Lancaster Adams (JD) is a managing shareholder practicing employment litigation and counseling, class actions and wage and hour law in the Philadelphia office of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC. He has been named Pennsylvania Diverse Attorney of the Year by The Legal Intelligencer.

Samuel P. Funk has been named head of the litigation practice group at Sherrard & Roe PLC in Nashville, TN.

J. Gregory Hatcher (JD), of Hatcher Law Group PC in Charlotte, NC, has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer for the fourth consecutive year.

Greg Mur returned to Wake Forest this spring as a visiting faculty member to teach printmaking classes. His work was part of a faculty exhibition at the Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery (go.wfu.edu/5cc).
Andrew W. Snorton III has been honored in the 14th edition of Who’s Who in Black Atlanta. He is a 21-year member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and program director for The L.E.A.D. Foundation where he played a key role in the Foundation’s ABC2 Campaign. He is president of the Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni and a member of the Alumni Council and an Alumni-in-Admissions volunteer.

Allison Overbay Van Laningham (JD ‘96) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in general litigation.

Rachel Weaver is an associate service desk student employment manager in the ZSR Library at Wake Forest. Read her second chance “Deacs in Love” story with David Paff (’86) at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/zfp).

1994

Curt Beech is a California-based production designer and a member of the Academy Award-winning team that won an Oscar for production design for the movie “Lincoln.” He returned to Wake Forest to speak and share his perspective with students in April (go.wfu.edu/k57). Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/JM) and (go.wfu.edu/2ZK).

Joe Kaufman is senior vice president, business development and marketing, with Engage Digital, a marketing agency with a digital core in Atlanta. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children.

Marc Palmieri is a playwright, screenwriter, actor and teacher living in Queens, NY. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/jw4).

Sarah Thornburg (JD) is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Kenneth G. Trinder II (JD) is CEO of EOS Surfaces LLC in Norfolk, VA. His company partnered with Cupron Inc., and they were recognized by the Governor of Virginia for an innovative, antimicrobial material to control hospital-acquired infections. His invention, EOS 3cm, received an Innovation Award (eos-surfaces.com).

1995

Randolph Childress has been named an assistant men’s basketball coach at Wake Forest.

Melissa Berry Gratias is the owner and principal consultant for MBG Organizing Solutions. Her firm received the Rising Star Award from the Tennessee Small Business Development Center for outstanding growth, management and leadership in its first five years of business. She and her husband, Eric Gratias (MD ’98), live near Chattanooga, TN.

1996

Tiffany Reese Clark has been promoted to of counsel with Ulmer & Berne LLP in Cincinnati. She has been named a 2013 Ohio Super Lawyer and the 2012 Leslie R. Jaffee Volunteer of the Year. She was a court-appointed special advocate for 11 children for ProKids and helped launch the ProKids Young Professionals group in the summer of 2011.

Marlene A. Harrell Griggs-Warner (MA) is pastor of the Temple of Christ Christian Church in Camden, NJ, which also has a church in Kenya. She completed her MSN in nursing in 2012. She was inducted into the international nursing honor society and started a pro bono nursing school in Camden (templeofchristchristianchurch.com).

John F. Morrow Jr. (JD) has been appointed head of the intellectual property litigation practice group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Amy, have three sons, Jack (11), Will (9) and Ford (7).
DaBeth Manns is co-founder of Serenity Blue LLC, a vacation rental property in the Nantahala National Forest at Lake Tadaway, NC. Wake Forest alumni, faculty and staff can receive information by placing WFU in the email subject line to serenityblues@gmail.com.

Emily Meyers Munn (JD '01) has a solo practice in Norfolk, VA, concentrating on criminal defense and family law. She was recognized by Inside Business as a Top 40 Under 40.

1998

Faye Rodman Barbour is senior counsel at Turner Broadcasting System in Atlanta. She handles labor and employment law matters for Turner Sports, CNN, HLN, Turner Ad Sales and Turner Network Sales. She and her husband, Chris, live in Austell, GA, with their children, Solomon (3) and Nadia (1).

Tim Blue teaches English at Wesleyan School in Atlanta. He and his wife, Ann, have two children. He has published a memoir, “Compelled: A Memoir of OCD, Anxiety, Depression, Bi-Polar Disorder, and Faith ... Sometime.”

Brock Clary is a major in the U.S. Army South Carolina National Guard’s 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He was deployed to Kosovo in 2000, Iraq in 2004-2005 and again to Kosovo in September as the brigade operations officer. He plans to return home to Charleston, SC, this summer.

Daveed Gartenstein-Ross is an expert on counterterrorism and the author of 11 books and monographs. He and his wife, Amy Powell (01), live in Washington, D.C. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/gopc.

Gregory D. Habesh (JD '01) is with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP in Roanoke, VA. He has been named one of The American Lawyer's Top Rated Lawyers in commercial litigation, general practice and products liability.

Robert Kidwell (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business/corporate law.

Jennifer Laudadio is an associate professor of pathology for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is the medical director of molecular pathology and program director of the associate residency program.

Julian P. Robb (JD) is a partner with Craig Brawny Lipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. He practices residential and commercial real estate law.

Jamison Weinbaum works in real estate development in Washington, D.C.

1999

Courtney Coates Britt (JD '04) is a partner practicing civil litigation with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star and one of the Best Lawyers in America for employer workers’ compensation.

Elizabeth Pharr McCullough (JD) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Jason D. Newton (JD) is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Patti West Ramseur (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in employment law and a N.C. Super Lawyer in employment and labor law.

Ryan M. Shurman (JD) is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Brian Walls and his wife, Corinne, live in Philadelphia. He has published his first book, "Exercise for the Athlete Within" (amazon.com).

2000

Scott E. Bayles (JD '05) is a partner practicing in the antitrust, business torts and white-collar group of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLC in Raleigh, NC.

Matthew Cunningham (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business/corporate law.

Kevin E. Felder has been honored by The State Newspaper of South Carolina as one of its 20 Under 40 rising business stars.

Charles Raynal (JD) is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40.

Allison M. Roditi has been with the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System in New Hyde Park, NY, for seven years. She is director of business operations management, Perioperative Services, at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. She is responsible for the business functions and daily operations of the 26 operating rooms at LIJMC and the six operating rooms at the Center for Advanced Medicine.

Amy Ligler Schoenhard is a partner and intellectual property attorney with Arnet Fox LLP in Washington, D.C.

Sona Tatoyan is a producer, writer and actress. She is the founder and president of Door/Key Productions and lives in Brooklyn. She is working on her next film, “Three Apples Fell From Heaven,” based on the 1914 Armenian genocide. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/67y).
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2001

Chad Brown (JD ’06) is a commercial real estate and lending attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Winston-Salem. He serves on the local executive committee and board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Robert C. Carpenter is with Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger PA in Asheville, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in employment law.

Joe Meador (MBA ’07) and Cameron Morris Meador (’01, MAEd ’02, MBA ’07) met at Cameron’s sister’s roommate’s brother’s wedding and they became “Deacs in Love.” They graduated together in May 2001, met in September and were engaged three months later. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/ptq).

Kristen Scott Nardone (JD) is a partner practicing bankruptcy law with Davis Nardone PC in Concord, NC. She and her husband have twin daughters and live in Huntersville, NC.

Stacey Bailey Pharr (JD) is with Pharr Law PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

2002

Christopher Brinson Hartness studied at the Medical College of Virginia and is near completion of a radiology residency in the Army hospital depot of the Northwestern territories. He is now in Tacoma, WA, but has moved 15 times since leaving Wake Forest.

Keeley C. Luhan (JD) is with Albence & Associates APC in La Jolla, CA. She has been elected co-chair of the estate planning, trust and probate law section of the San Diego County Bar Association and is secretary of the Probate Bench-Bar Committee.

Emerson C. Moser (JD) has been named vice president and assistant general counsel of General Cable Corporation in Cincinnati.
**2003**

Marsha Anderson is pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Reading, PA.

Caroline Thomas Brown (MD ‘07) is with Twin City Pediatrics in Winston-Salem and Clemmons, NC. She and Kathleen Martin Barry (’04, MD ‘08) co-author a blog for their pediatric practice focusing on child health and development (shothurtlessblog.com).

Andrew Bryant (MD ‘07) is a fellow in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt University. He received the Pulmonary Hypertension Association and Foundation of the American Thoracic Society Career Development Award. The grant will support his project, “Hypoxia Inducible Factor Regulation of Secondary Pulmonary Hypertension.”

David M. Fothergill (JD) has been named a partner at Yatos McLamb & Woyhor LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Matthew J. Gray (JD) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in family law.

Monica R. Guy (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in family law.

Kim M. Hutchinson (MS) has co-authored the 4th edition of the “Review and Resource Manual for Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurses” (2012). She works at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and is active in helping nurses accomplish board certification designation.

Derrick Hassan Lewis received his master’s in English from Georgetown University and served four years in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. He is a coordinator of volunteers for the Clinica de Familia La Romana in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Michael D. Phillips (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Bryant Priester received his MS from Purdue University’s College of Technology in West Lafayette, IN. He is assistant director of international undergraduate recruitment at Purdue.

Ricky Van Veen, founder of CollegeHumor.com, was among the speakers at the second TEDx conference at Wake Forest.

Michelle Lowder Walker (JD) is an assistant district attorney in Rowan County. She and her husband, Ryan, and twin sons live in China Grove, NC.

**2004**

Leigh C. Bagley (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in banking.

Wes J. Camden (JD) is a partner with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Christina M. Crockett (JD) is a tax associate with Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond, VA. She has been awarded the John S. Nolan Fellowship by the American Bar Association Tax Section in recognition of her service on the employee benefits committee. She is vice chair of the subcommittee on Self-Correction, Determination Letters and Other Administrative Practices.

Philip Deibel (MD ’09) is completing his OB/GYN residency at Northwestern University. He and his wife, Ashleigh, will then move to Raleigh to join Atrium Obstetrics & Gynecology.

J. Cory Falgowski (JD) has been named a partner in the worldwide financial industry group of Reed Smith LLP in Wilmington, DE.

Brian Grimberg (PhD) and Kerry O’Connor Grimberg (PhD ’04) met at Wake Forest during graduate school and became “Deacs in Love.” They represented the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses as presidents of the Graduate Student Association. At their hooding and awards ceremony in Wait Chapel, Brian prepared a “special award” and proposed to Kerry in front of the entire graduating class, family and friends. They were married in 2005 and live in Cleveland with their three children.

Mary Kate Hurley begins an assistant professorship in the English department at Ohio University this fall. She taught writing as a visiting lecturer at Yale University and received her PhD in English and comparative literature from Columbia University. Her dissertation focused on translation and community in Old English literature.

Courtney Elissa Lee is a printmaking instructor at the Griffin Art Center in Frederick, MD.

Kelly Mahan Meany (MBA ’12) is a regional community bank district manager for Wells Fargo in Charlotte, NC.

Benjamin R. Norman (JD) has become a partner with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.

Robert J. Orlowski is a medicine resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and has been accepted into the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship program.

Weston “Wiggy” Saunders (MD ’08) completed his residency in family medicine with Cone Health in Greensboro, NC. He is a junior partner specializing in integrative and functional medicine with Robinhood Integrative Health in Winston-Salem. He is a contributor on NBC’s WXII-12 and appeared on ABC’s “The Doctors.”

Heather White (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business litigation.
Ben Worley is a financial adviser with Northwestern Mutual in Greenville, SC. He has been certified by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

Meredith Aceste received her PsyD in school-clinical child psychology from Pace University in New York.

Jill Bader is communications director of the Republican State Leadership Committee in Washington, D.C.


Tyler Ryan Jordan received his MAM in clinical informatics from Duke University. His practicum research, “Comparison of Manual versus Automated Data Collections Method for an Evidence-Based Nursing Practice Study,” was published by Applied Clinical Informatics, an international peer-reviewed journal. He presented his findings at the N.C. Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society conference in Cary, NC.

Edward F. Pincar Jr. has been named a Syracuse University Fellow for the 2013-14 academic year to pursue a master’s of public administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Susan J. Ryan (JD) is a partner with Craig Brawley Lipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil litigation and domestic law.

2006

David C. Coons is an associate in the litigation practice group of Adams & Reese LLP in New Orleans. He has been accepted into Loyola University’s Institute of Politics program.

Benjamin M. Fehrman (JD/MBA) is a foreign-service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He and his wife, Nicola Leo, and children, Emma Sophia (8) and Alex (6), are relocating to Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Bradley Christopher Hall (MA ‘08) has been named director of policy and research for former Vice President Al Gore.

Julie D. Loring (JD) is with Fisher & Phillips LLP in Atlanta. She has been listed as one of the Georgia Super Lawyers in employment and labor law.

Missy Malkush received her master’s in prosthetics and orthotics from Georgia Tech and works with diabetic patients on Long Island, NY. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (gq.wfu.edu/66b).

Erin C. McCarthy (MBA) is a senior human resources manager with Avery Dennison in Pasadena, CA.

Michael Parkhurst was on the roster for the U.S. Men’s National Team’s opening match against Honduras in the final round of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Qualifying.

Wells Thompson is a Major League Soccer midfielder with Chicago Fire and founder of Wells Thompson Soccer LLC. His second annual soccer camp for boys was held in Winston-Salem in January. Joining him for the camp were Cody Arnoux (’10), Austin da Luz (’10), Brian Edwards (’07) and Zach Schilawski (’09).

2007

Clara Cottrell (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in intellectual property law and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in the Young Guns Best Under 40 category.

Patrick Kane (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil litigation defense.

Emily Ranshaw Moseley is an account executive in the public relations department of Luquire George Andrews, an advertising, digital and public relations agency in Charlotte, NC.

Chris Paul had his No. 3 jersey retired during the March 2 basketball game at Joel Coliseum. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/newsletter.

Shannon Ritchie has been named the first director of online engagement for the A.J. Fletcher Foundation in Raleigh, NC. She and her husband, Carl, and son, Stuart, live in Durham, NC.

Andrew R. Trafford is an associate in the litigation department of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP in Columbus, OH.

2008

Geoffrey Adam Bellini received his MD from New York Medical College and is a surgical resident at Saint Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.
2009

Martin Rinscheid (LLM) passed the New York Bar and is an attorney at Taylor Wessing in Frankfurt, Germany. He handles general corporate and litigation matters for international clients from the U.S., U.K. and India.

Davis F. Roach (JD ‘12) has joined Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, NC, practicing in the commercial and corporate area.

Ruili Wang (LLM, JD ‘11) has relocated from New York to work on mergers and acquisitions with a firm in Shanghai, China.

2010

Ellen Page and her father, Jonathan, created Coyote Case, a smartphone case with a built-in GPS locator and 110-decibel panic alarm. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/gp3).

ALUMNI Q&A

Stacy Epstein McCoy (’08)
Los Angeles, Cal.

Stacy Epstein McCoy (’08) is president of the Los Angeles Alumni Club. She and her husband, Dan (’07), have lived in Los Angeles for five years. About 700 alumni, parents and friends live in the Los Angeles area.

What’s your favorite Wake Forest memory?
I was in school when we won the ACC Championship in football. The rolling of the Quad that afternoon was like nothing I had ever seen before. There was so much toilet paper, it literally looked like a blizzard had just hit campus.

What professors inspired you when you were a student?
It would be impossible to narrow that down. The education I got will always be the thing I cherish most (sorry, husband). The professors who influenced me the most are Jarrod Whitaker (religion), Steve Folmar (anthropology) and Simeon Ilesanmi (religion). I also traveled abroad twice; I spent a summer in Vienna at Flow House and a summer in Nepal after receiving a Richter Scholarship for Independent Study Abroad; both greatly impacted my life.

What are you doing now?
I am the co-founder of Give To Get Jobs, an information hub for jobs that use a sustainable business model to solve social and/or environmental issues, mainly social enterprise and corporate social responsibility. The proceeds are used to fund job creation programs. I also work as a research associate at a small market research firm. My research experience was getting further and further in the past, and I wanted to get back into research so that I could keep the Ph.D. door open.

Tell us about some of the events the LA Club has sponsored recently.
Mary Dalton (’83) (associate professor of communication and co-director of the Documentary Film Program), Randolph Childress (’95) (assistant basketball coach), and Lynn Sutton (dean of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library) have visited us. But the most attended event we have ever hosted was the meet-and-greet with Chris Paul (’07) last season. We filled three box suites at the Staples Center to watch Chris and the Clippers take on Tim Duncan (’97) and the Spurs. After the game, Chris spent time doing a Q&A and taking pictures with the group. People came from Las Vegas, San Francisco and San Diego. It was quite the event.

You’re a long way from campus, so how do you stay connected with Wake Forest?
The alumni club is really what keeps me connected. Being married to another alum who also bleeds black and gold helps keep the memories alive. We still keep in touch with a lot of our friends from Wake and try and get together at least once or twice a year.
"We're trying to promote that there is no singular Wake experience," said Konowiecki, a midfielder on the men's soccer team from Long Beach, Calif. "All of our individual experiences come together to form a Wake experience."

For Konowiecki and Wilkinson, this concept was nothing new. The two had already started a blog titled "Forest Folk" that celebrated students' unique styles and backgrounds. Despite a loyal fan base, they were looking for a way to reach the Wake community as a whole.

"We had an idea, but it wasn't fully developed," said Wilkinson. "We really just wanted to get a snapshot of the Wake campus at its most diverse level." With their passion and vision intact, the three friends approached Matt Williams ('09), assistant director in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, with their plans.

Williams helped to secure the more than $1,000 needed to carry out the "Inside Out" project and helped the three perfect a proposal to various departments. "I just offered them some advice along the way about how to capture the moment and what this means for the community," shared Williams. "The thing that attracted me to the project was their creativity and their consciousness, how thoughtful..."
they were about how they wanted this message of inclusion to come across.

With the administration’s support, Hudson Ortyrn, Konowiecki and Wilkinson set up a website (insideoutwake.com) and Facebook page to share their inspiration for the project as well as to post photos and general information regarding its development.

Despite a broken Kinkos printer in Winston-Salem that sent them on a nighttime trek to Raleigh to print the images, the project has presented more rewards than pitfalls. After a lengthy pasting process that took six-and-a-half hours, Konowiecki recalled putting the last strip of paper up on the wall. “We all stood there and looked at it, which was a really special moment for me having worked for seven hours and finally being able to see this finished product that we created,” he said.

Reaction to the temporary installation was extremely positive, initiating discussions amongst students and faculty about diversity and inclusion on Wake’s campus. “We’re seeing the unraveling effect of it as it reaches different demographics,” said Wilkinson. “From a visual standpoint, people are really enjoying it but we’re still waiting for the message to truly sink in.”

For senior Nick Reichert that message had already made an impact. “I saw JR’s TED talk and I’m so happy that this is happening at Wake Forest and it should continue to happen at Wake in the future,” said Reichert. “The project brings the community together through dialogue and reflection on the state of the student body here.”

Williams agreed, and he was happy to serve as the staff member behind the project. “I thought back to [former University chaplain] Ed Christman (’50, JD ’53) and his role when Ed Reynolds (’64) became a student here [in 1962],” Williams said. “This year we’re celebrating the 50th anniversary of integration, and Christman’s example inspires me to be the type of administrator that he was, someone committed to helping students navigate their way at this University.”

As for what’s next for the trio, a documentary is in the works that they hope will bring the project full circle. Hudson Ortyrn, from Newton Square, Pa., sees the film as a way for the message of mutual respect and inclusion to continue beyond the confines of Wake Forest and inspire more students to bring such issues to the forefront.
2011

**Greg Billington** received the Under-23 Athlete of the Year Award for the second time. He was the third U.S. finisher at the 2012 Olympic Trials in San Diego, won the U.S. Under-23 National Championship, placed second overall at the National Championships, was 8th at the U23 World Championships and won the F1 Pro Triathlon in San Diego. He lives at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, works as an intern for U.S. Senator Mark Udall and helps a department of Hunger Free Colorado.

**Joseph W. Norman (JD)** is an attorney with K & L Gates LLP in Charlotte, NC.

**Kopkej Oupapatig (LLM)** is a government corruption officer at the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Liubov Ebralidze (LLM)** is head of the legal department at Ulyanovsk Nanocenter in Russia.

**David D. Jones (JD)** is an attorney in the bankruptcy group of Moore & Van Allen PLLC in Charlotte, NC.

**Robert Vondley and Meghan Forry Vondley** met their first day as Wake Forest freshmen and became "Dooks of Love." They were both in the ROTC program, were commissioned as 2nd lieutenants in the U.S. Army during graduation and were married June 3, 2011. They live in Savannah, GA, and are military intelligence officers assigned to the 4th infantry Brigade Combat Team, serving a nine-month tour in Afghanistan. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/kdyv.

**2012**

**James Zachary Bailes (MDiv)** is associate director of development at Barton College in Wilson, NC.

**Philipp Campestrini (LLM)** is a junior associate at a business law firm in Zug, Switzerland.

**Thierry Huber (LLM)** is a junior associate for a law firm in Zurich, Switzerland.

**Tim Nicodemus** was a financial and accounting analyst at Rehoboth Christian School, a school for impoverished children of the Navajo, Zuni and Hopi tribes in Rehoboth, NM. He left in June for graduate school at UNC Charlotte, but he continues to share their story. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/hj.

**Donald Edward Perry (’73) and Yilisi Bing**. 12/21/12 in Charlotte, NC. They will split their time between Charlotte and Beijing.

**Terri L. Gardner (’78, JD ’81) and Francis Anthony Monaco Jr.** 5/27/12 in Wilmington, NC. They live in Wilmington, DE, and Raleigh, NC.

**Thomas Sullivan Blaek Jr. (’06) and Mary Paige Forrester (’89).** 5/26/12 in Stanley, NC. They live in Fuquay-Varina, NC.

**Tim Berghoff (’96) and Kelli Martz.** 12/28/12. They live in San Diego.

**Lisa Marie Biedrzycki (’01) and Erik B. Kolb.** 10/27/12 in Philadelphia. They live in Washington, D.C.

**Christi L. Ward (’01) and Christopher P. Ritacco.** 7/28/12 in Western, RI. They live in Athens, GA. The wedding party included Kate McGuire (’01).

**Christina Tiffany Cuny (’02, MSA ’03) and Justin Keane.** 12/31/12 in Stamford, CT. They both were commissioned as 3rd lieutenants in the ROTC program, were assigned to the 2012 Olympic Brigade Combat Team, serving a nine-month tour in Afghanistan. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/dyv.

**Benjamin Marsh (’03) and Elizabeth Yoelker (’07).** 10/20/12 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included Carolyn Grobro (’07) and Elisabeth Holby (’09, MAM ’10).

**Philip Deibel (’04, MD ’09) and Ashleigh Ford.** 11/10/12. The wedding party included Joel Maynard (’04), Andrew Tucker (’04), Jeff Wilson (’04) and Matt Zimmerman (’04).

**David Irvine (’04) and Emily Scudder.** 11/10/12 in Nacogdoches, TX. They live in Charlottesville, VA. In attendance were John Ammons (’04), Laura Hall Ammons (’04), Greg Connor (’04), Richard Kozell (’04) and Casey Tealdi (’04).

**Kevin Robert Kuzma (MD ’04) and Renee Koszewski.** 9/22/12 in Greensboro, NC.

**Jordan Rae Smith (’05) and Matthew Kelly.** 4/6/13 in Alexandria, VA. They live in Falls Church, VA. The wedding party included Elizabeth Dusch (’05) and Mary Catherine Williams (’05).

**Erin C. McCarthy (MBA ’06) and Matías López Sancho.** 10/6/12 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. They live in Brea, CA.

**Rachel Nice (’06) and Jacob Sheehan.** 7/14/12 in Portland, ME. They live in Tacoma, WA.

**Lauren Hancock (’07) and Hadley Kitchen Wilson (’08).** 12/22/12 in Raleigh, NC. The wedding party included Lauren Austin (’07), Maggie Campbell (’08), Parker Grunkemeyer (’08), Fernando Morales (’10), Megan West (’07) and Ian Winkler (’08).

**Philip Semich (’07, MSA ’08) and Colleen Dunn (’07).** 9/14/12 in Newport, RI.

**Thomas M. Clancy Jr. (’08, MSA ’09) and Lauren S. Majzoubi (’09).** 10/6/12

**Ashley Marie Garner (’08) and Robert Alexander Ellison.** 6/2/12 in Washington, NC. They live in New Orleans. The vocal and music were by Ash Corbett II (’08) and Nancy Shaw. They were commissioned as 3rd lieutenants in the ROTC program, were assigned to the 2012 Olympic Brigade Combat Team, serving a nine-month tour in Afghanistan. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu/go.wfu.edu/dyv.

**Kristie Lynn Neeser (’08) and Mark Thomas Watkins.** 12/29/12 in Pocatello, ID. They live in London, UK. The wedding party included Mallory Biegler (’08), Elizabeth Crawford King (’08) and Katherine Powell (’08).

**Bryan Kliefboth (’09) and Kristin Högland.** 8/18/12 in Philadelphia. They live in Summit, NJ. The wedding party included Kevin Gursky (’09), Ashley Kliefboth (’07), Stephen Kliefboth (’07), Vern Manuel (’09) and Brian O’Connor (’09).

**David John Poplaski (’09) and Shannon Lucile Dunn (’09, MSA ’10).** 6/23/12 in Wait Chapel. They live in Greensboro, NC. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Charity Calhoun (’09), Phil Conway (’09), Wade Hampton IV (’09), Allison Lutanich (’09), Angal Summers (’09) and Nick Tetsworth (’09).

**Nathan R. Haines (MD ’11) and Julie A. Reisz (PhD ’11).** 9/29/12 in Pittsburgh.
Douglas Wright Weaver II ('11) and Sarah Elizabeth Longworth ('12). 3/2/13 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Michael Campanaro (13), Cameron Ford (11), Michael Hoag (11), Shane Popham (11), Cyrl Quarles (11), John Stamper ('11) and Kyle Wilber ('11).

**Births and Adoptions**

Kevin Mayfield Church ('88) and Sue Edison Church ('90). Houston: a daughter, Ashley Edison. 2/11/13

Jana Harrell Daley ('88) and Bob Daley, Columbia, SC: adopted a son, Robert Dimitri (13), from Kiev, Ukraine.

James Gregory Matthews ('93) and Ann Matthews, Advance, NC: a daughter, Emily Faith. 12/12/12. She joins her brothers, Ty and Zac.

James “Ben” Davis ('94) and Toni Davis, Raleigh, NC: a son Benjamin Baker. 11/7/12. He joins his sister, Liles. He is the great-grandson of the late Fred L. Davis Sr. (40). JD '53 and the late Selma Harris Davis (44); the grandson of Fred Leary Davis Jr. (54, JD '67) and Joy Baker Davis (65); nephew of Fred L. “Trey” Davis III (91); and niece of Elizabeth Joy Davis Johnson (96).

Steve Gillmor ('94) and Meghan Gillmor, West Chester, PA: a daughter, Emilie Grace. 12/31/12

Brian Harhai ('95) and Welthani Harhai, Atlanta: a son, Thornton Charles. 12/12/12

Jim Stone ('96) and Christine Stone, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Emily Adria. 2/16/13. She joins her sister, Kathryn Margaret (20 mos).


Cameron Elizabeth Powell ('97) and Daniel A. Lamm, Washington, D.C.: a son, Culpeper Cameron. 1/4/13. His grandfather is Charles Collett Powell III ('68) and his great-uncle is Rodey E.S. Powell ('75, MD ’80).


Laura Kirby Murdock ('98) and James Brian Murdock. Charlotte, NC: a son, Adam Kirby. 2/12/13. He joins his brothers, Colin (6) and James (3).

Kevin Palme ('98) and Harri Johnson Palme ('99). Asheville, NC: a daughter, Vivian Casey. 8/2/12. She joins her sisters, Mattie-Clark (7) and Pearl (4).

Michele O’Connor Rieb ('98) and Robert Rieb, Staten Island, NY: a son, Thomas John. 11/20/12. He joins his brothers, Robert (4) and Ryan (2).

Jamison Weinbaum ('98) and Cortney Weinbaum, Washington, D.C.: a son, Adam. 3/30/12

Kyle Porter Hughes ('99) and Alexandra Calix-Hughes, Cary, NC: a son, Jackson Robert. 3/12/13

Emily Hoagland McNamara ('99) and Paul Joseph McNamara (JD '03), Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Smith Eleanor. 2/9/13. She joins her sisters, Madeleine and Anna.

Kara Kinser McQueen-Borden ('99) and the late Emily Lauren McQueen-Borden ('99). New Orleans: a daughter, Zelia Gray. 1/9/13. She joins her sister, Greta (3).

Ann Wrege Ferebee (00) and Jay Ferebee, Norcross, GA: a son, Ryan Wrege. 3/2/12. He joins his brother, Jack.

Julie Gibbons Jackson ('00) and Brooks Jackson, Charlotte, NC: a son, Penn Harper. 10/25/12

Amy E. Ligler Schoenhard (00) and Paul Schoenhard, Washington, D.C.: a son, Austin James. 10/12/12. He joins his sister, Elizabeth (4), and brother, Aidan (2).

Zachery Ziegler ('00, MA '02) and Julie Templeton Ziegler ('01, MA '04), Lewisville, NC: a son, Roman Chase. 7/4/12. He joins his sister, Isabella Lynne.

Chad Brown ('01, JD '06) and Caroline Thomas Brown ('03, MD '07), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Sarah Louise Summers. 2/21/13. She joins her brother, Henry Sheffield (2).

Bradford William Davis (01) and Tiffany Hill Davis (02), Dallas: a son, Bradford Stephen. 9/17/12. He joins his brother, Bennitt (2). His godmothers are Molly Garvin Griffith (02) and Maggie Shihadeh Townsend (02).

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Melissa Newman Johnson ('01) and Brandon Johnson, Clemmons, NC: a daughter, Ivy Evelyn. 4/4/12. She joins her brother, Owen (5).

Fairley Washington Mahlum ('01) and David Mahlum, Raleigh, NC: a son, Robert John II. 10/29/12. He joins his sister, Annabel (2).

Marcia Stafford Manz ('01) and Jonathan Manz, Lyons, CO: a daughter, Allison Mae. 3/15/13. She joins her brother, Jackson (2).

Brooke Woods McCollum ('01) and Lee McCollum, Dallas: a son, John Mills. 1/19/13. He joins his brother, Henry (2).


Rachel Esther Dunn Throop ('01) and Kevin Noumann, Austin, TX: a son, Connor James Reeves. 11/3/12. He joins his sister, Abigail (2).

Maura E. Proulx Carpinello ('02) and Greg Carpinello, Cincinnati, OH: a son, Andrew Joseph. 2/29/12

Caroline Tyson Cox ('02) and Bradley Ryan Cox ('03), Winston-Salem: twins, Charles Hamilton and Caroline Kirby. 12/24/12. They join their brother, William Bradley (3).

Gary J. Dyksterhouse ('02) and Kathryn Sturdivant Dyksterhouse ('02), Greenwood, MS: a daughter, Nella Lenore. 9/22/12

Greg Groninger ('02) and Emily Mayhew Groninger ('02), Thompsons Station, TN: a son, Hudson James. 2/15/13. He joins his brother, Noah Harrison (2).

Pringle Claypoole Jackson ('02) and Kenndall Jackson, Chicago: a daughter, Frances Pringle. 11/23/12. She joins her brother, Alden (2).

Courtney Pieczynski Keplinger ('02) and Scott Matthew Keplinger, Alexandria, VA: a son, Alexander Joseph. 3/18/13

Virginia Buchanan Marks ('02) and Ben Marks, Columbia, SC: a daughter, Lillian Ruth. 9/5/12. She joins her brother, Henry (2).

Paul Brian Pearson ('02) and Erin Marietta Pearson ('02), Austin, TX: a son, Nathan Paul. 7/15/12. He joins his brother, Cooper (3).

Ashley Summers Talarecio ('02) and Justin Talarecio, San Antonio, TX: a daughter, Victoria Jane. 11/2/12

Maggie Shihadeh Townsend ('02) and Andrew Townsend, Cambridge, MA: a son, Graham Steven. 10/13/12

Meredith Travis Orlowski ('03) and Robert J. Orlowski ('04), Havertown, PA: a son, Thomas Owen. 12/17/12

Brian T. Pearce (JD '03) and Caroline Pearce, Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Keller Emma. 3/3/13

Michelle Lowder Walker (JD '03) and William Ryan Walker, Chino Grove, NC: twin sons, Landon Baxter and Noah Ray. 5/23/12

Marcum Glenn Gillis ('04, MD '08) and Laura Smith Gillis ('04), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Clare Regina. 1/13/13. She joins her sister, Heidi (2).

Lea Ternes McFall ('04) and Rob McFall, Newport, RI: a daughter, Elizabeth Garnette. 2/6/13

Matthew Edward Meany ('04) and Kelly Mahan Meany ('04, MBA '12), Charlotte, NC: a son, Colton Edward. 2/27/13

Emily Anderson Payne ('04) and Timothy Payne, Raleigh, NC: a son, Cameron Wade. 2/16/13. He joins his sister, Claire (2).

Joey Picard ('04) and Laura Halsey Picard ('07), Boston: a son, Benjamin Willoughby. 2/11/13

Weston W. Saunders ('04, MD '09) and Emily Nemith Saunders ('04), Clemmons, NC: a son, Weston Adair. 1/19/13

Mallory Barber Edwards ('05) and Garrett Edwards, Colorado Springs, CO: a daughter, Reagan Sophia. 9/20/12

Edward C. Kuehne III ('06) and Juliet Lam Kuehne ('06), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Harper Ramsey. 10/26/12

Baxter McGregor ('06) and Maggie Simmons McGuirt ('06), Winston-Salem: a son, Samuel Alan. 12/21/11

John S. Yi ('06) and Quinn O. Yi, Durham, NC: a daughter, Winsley Jin-Hao. 3/6/13. She joins her sister, Ellington.

Christine Hunt Frackelton ('07) and Rob Frackelton ('08), Virginia Beach, VA: a daughter, Louise Carter. 11/15/12. She joins her brother, Sam (2).

Joseph W. Norman (JD '12) and Amy R. Norman, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds. 11/30/12

Deaths

Robert T. Reid ('33), Feb. 4, 2013, Charlottesville, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Naval Reserves during the Korean War. Reid retired in 1972 as a captain. He was in real estate, farming and loved playing tennis.

Edwin Lawrence Combs Sr. ('37), Dec. 14, 2012, Hampstead, NC. He was a chemistry teacher, worked for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, Combs worked for the Food and Drug Administration and the General Services Administration in Washington. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and retired as a captain. Combs worked with the Boy Scouts for 50 years and received his highest award, the Silver Beaver. He was preceded in death by his father, Allie Bryan Combs (1910, MA 1991), and his wife, Julia. Combs is survived by a son, E. Larry Combs Jr. ('65); a daughter, Julia C. Somers ('66); six grandchildren, including Bryan Marshall Combs ('89); and nine great-grandchildren.

Cecil Fleming Wallace ('37), Nov. 16, 2012, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Wallace and a partner started N&W Grocery which became Nicholas Foodservice before a retirement liquidation in 1979. He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother, Wilson Thomas Wallace Jr. ('36). He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Margaret, two children, and three grandchildren.

James W. Clontz ('38, JD '41), Dec. 14, 2012, High Point, NC. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. Clontz was an assistant solicitor in Guilford County before opening a law office in High Point in 1946. He practiced law for more than 50 years and was a founder of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers where he served as its first president. Clontz was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

John William Foster ('38), Dec. 1, 2012, Columbia, SC. He taught school, was a coach and a high school principal before serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Foster was proud to be part of an Honor
Flight that visited the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was a general agent for Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. in Columbia for more than 50 years. Foster was an honorary life member of the Columbia Life Underwriters Association, a past president of the General Agents and Managers Association and a member of the Columbia Estate Planning Council.

Carl Arey Dull Jr. ('39), May 3, 2013, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Dull's business career included real estate and insurance with his father before joining Interstate Corporation, where he retired as CEO in 1983. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children, Donna Hurt, Sybil Edwards and Keith; eight grandchildren, including Colin Barry Edwards ('01) and Conrad Carlen Edwards ('05); and eight great-grandchildren.

Marshall P. Durham ('39), Feb. 25, 2013, Abilene, TX. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and continued in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 20 years. Durham's education was interrupted by the war, but he completed his degree through Northwestern International University. He was in insurance and managed his brother’s stock farm and pecan orchard.

Norman Freeman Perry ('40), March 7, 2013, Cokerin, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and helped run the family farming business, Perry Farms, with his father and his late brother, Melvin Lynn Perry ('34). He also helped manage Perry Wynn's Fish Co. Perry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marrian; three children, 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Albert Isaac Stroud ('40), Dec. 30, 2012, Greenville, NC. He established the Esther Pease Stroud Scholarship Fund in honor of his mother, a diettian for the Wake Forest football team. Stroud served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honored to be selected for a Flight of Honor trip to the war memorial in Washington, D.C. A partner of Lincoln Financial Group, where Stroud finished his career, said he was “one of the most decorated and accomplished associates in the history of Pilot Life and Jefferson Pilot.” Stroud was preceded in death by his wife, Anna, in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Jerry Sue Brooks; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sue Todd and Doris Eller ('51); and two brothers, Thomas and Joe ('49). Stroud was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

William Durward Turner Sr. ('40), Feb. 4, 2013, Henderson, NC. He was owner and operator of Turner Distributing Co. Turner served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and 26 years in the Naval Reserves. He served on the National Reserve Policy Board.

Charles Walter Byrd ('41), Nov. 27, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Byrd received the Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross for Bravery.

Paul Davis Early Sr. ('41), Jan. 27, 2013, Winston-Salem. He received his master’s and PhD from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Early served as a U.S. Army Chaplain and in the ministry to five Baptist churches. He worked with Immanuel Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC, in their outreach program from 1959 to 1974. In 1975, and for the next 11 years, Early served in the Bahamas Baptist Bible Institute providing education to Bahamian pastors and lay leaders. After retirement he taught courses in Trinidad and Tobago, at the Barbados Baptist College, Campbell University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Early is survived by a son, Paul Jr.; two daughters, Miriam E. Picklesimer ('59) and Martha E. Rodenbeck ('71); six grandchildren, including Mary K. Early ('03); and five great-grandchildren.

Carol LeVan Plott ('41), Nov. 28, 2012, Willmar, MN. He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps during World War II. Plott had a private practice in Haren Lake, MN, practiced general surgery in Algona, Emmetsburg and Britt, IA, and then joined the Spirit Lake (MN) Medical Center, where he practiced until 1980. He was a medical officer for Huffman's liquefied natural gas production site in Bontang, Indonesia, from 1980 until 1984. After retirement, Plott assisted with other medical practices, Indian Reservations and served as an international volunteer.

Orice E. Branan ('42), Jan. 26, 2013, Cedar-town, GA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and received his DDS from Emory School of Dentistry in 1946. Branan was a dentist in Carollton, GA, until 1984. After a brief retirement, he resumed his practice until 2008.

Bruce Edward Tarkington ('42), Dec. 8, 2012, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received his MAEd from East Carolina University. Tarkington taught at Belhaven High School, served as principal in the Smyrna and Beaufort, NC, public schools for nine years and then served as a principal for 24 years at Mineral Springs elementary and junior high schools in Winston-Salem. He retired in 1983. Tarkington is survived by his wife, Marian; two children; three grandchildren; including Patrice Carpenter Dykes ('97, MBA '05); and two great-grandchildren.

Hugh Edward Tyner ('42, MD '46), Dec. 23, 2012, Gastonia, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and practiced medicine in Gastonia from 1954 until retiring in 1989. Tyner was a former member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Vann Tyner ('14); a son, Carl Tyner ('70, MA '72); his wife, Anna; and a brother, Kenneth Van Tyner ('39, MD '41). Tyner is survived by a son, Wayne; a daughter, Carol; and two grandsons, Garrett B. Johnson ('96, JD '10) and Tyler Gregory Johnson ('08).

Merr Clarence Whitney Jr. ('42), Jan. 5, 2013, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. Whitney was in the insurance business before opening Whitney Furniture Co. in 1950 with his father and brother. In 1974 he and his son started Whitney Decorating and later began Budget Flooring and University Carpet One. Whitney was a partner in a family business, Winston-Salem Barber School, until his retirement. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Hoyt ('46) and Robert.

Billy Braxton Sparrow ('43), Dec. 14, 2012, Chapel Hill, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a retired claims director with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Sparrow served as a volunteer at the Orange Correctional Center for almost 20 years. He was an ordained minister for several Baptist churches. Sparrow was preceded in death by his wife, Emily; four sisters; and five brothers, including Philip Sheldon Sparrow ('41).
John Ellis Wooten Jr. ('43), Jan. 6, 2013, Wake Forest, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and received a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. As founder of Wooten Insurance Agency in 1953, he served as president of the Industrial Development Corp., was a commissioner on the town board, served on the Wake County Housing Authority and the board of directors of the Wake Medical Center. Wooten was instrumental in saving the Calvin Jones House (Wake Forest College Birthplace) and was a past president of the Birthplace Society. He was the first inducer into the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame. Wooten is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley; three children, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Church Heritage Foundation, 107 E. South Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587 or to the Wake Forest Historical Museum, Wake Forest College Birthplace, 414 N. Main Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587.


Lorice Fogelman Britt ('46), Jan. 8, 2013, Sovereign, NC. She taught at schools in Kings Mountain, Sourar and Murfreesboro and in Chowan University's Upward Bound Program. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Walter Fogelman ('20).

Gene P. Cole Sr. ('46), Jan. 15, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Cole retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the late 1970s. He was preceded in death by his father, John William Cole Sr. ('09), his wife, Louise; and four brothers, John William Cole Jr. ('33), James Myers Cole ('39, JD '41), Ben N. Cole ('46, JD '48) and Collier. Cole is survived by three children, Gene, Margaret C. Atherton ('80) and Scott; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.


Joseph Frank Coleman Sr. ('47), Feb. 5, 2013, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked with Pitney Bowes before starting his own business, Coleman Envelope & Printing. Coleman ran the business for 45 years before retiring and selling it in 1998.

Edgar U. Hoover ('47), March 28, 2013, Roanoke, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radio operator and worked for the FAA as an aircraft communicator. Hoover graduated from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and served churches in Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia. He is survived by his first wife, Pauline; a daughter, Elaine; a son, Wayne ('68); and a stepdaughter, Sandra.

Edward Lorenzo Williamson ('47), Feb. 10, 2013, Whiteville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Williamson received his JD from Duke University and had a solo practice before forming a partnership which grew into the firm of Williamson Walton & Scott LLP, which includes his son, Carlton JD '80, and nephew, Greg JD '77. He was an attorney for Columbus County Schools and the City of Whiteville and general counsel for Southeastern Community College. In 1995 Williamson was inducted into the N.C. Bar Association General Practice Hall of Fame and in 2003 was recognized by the N.C. State Bar Association for his 50 years as an attorney. He was preceded in death by his eight siblings, including Worth Richard Williamson ('27, P '72, '90). Williamson is survived by two sons, Edward and Carlton (JD '80); a stepdaughter; and five grandchildren, including Van Williamson (MBA/MD '12).

Harold Winston Causby ('49), Nov. 18, 2012, Shelby, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism. Chappell was a photo engraver with The News and Observer for 37 years.

Jo Meredith Shelton Edwards ('48), Nov. 20, 2012, St. Simons, GA. She taught English and Latin in North Carolina and Georgia. Edwards was preceded in death by her twin sister, Jean Shelton Norman ('48); a sister, Tommy; a brother, James Ferguson Shelton ('48); and two grandchildren. She is survived by a daughter; a son; and two grandchildren.

Daniel Eugene Leigh ('48), March 11, 2013, Kinston, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was a pitcher for the St. Louis Browns minor league baseball clubs. Leigh's tobacco career included E.V. Webb Co. of Kinston and Carolina Leaf Tobacco Co. of Greenville, NC.

Jack Burton Wilder ('48), Jan. 25, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He was a woodworker who crafted furniture, mostly out of walnut. Wilder was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred ('53) and Clyde. He is survived by his wife, Gerry; a brother, George; a sister, Pauline W. Stewart ('47); two daughters, Brenda W. Poplin and Dianne W. Ebbeling ('72); four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ellis George Aboud ('49), Jan. 13, 2013, San Antonio, TX. He was an aerospace physiologist in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years and retired as a colonel. After retiring, Aboud was a hospital administrator for Metropolitan General Hospital in San Antonio and headmaster of Antonian College Preparatory High School.

Milton L. Bazemore ('49), Dec. 24, 2012, Raleigh, NC. He was owner/operator of A1 Appliance Co. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Willie Adolphus Berry Jr. ('49), Jan. 21, 2013, Richmond, VA. He was a veteran of World War II. Berry's ministry included serving the staffs of Tabernacle and Pine Street Baptist Churches and as director of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center.

Harold Winston Causby ('49), Nov. 18, 2012, Shelby, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a furniture sales representative for Bassett Furniture. Causby served on the board of advisers at Gardner-Webb University and on the board of trustees at Mars Hill College. He is survived by his wife, Polly; his sons, David
(’71) and Robert; two stepchildren; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

William F. Connelly (’49), March 1, 2013, Morganton, NC. He retired from Owens-Illinois as vice president in 1982. After retiring, Connelly began a second career as owner of Professional Office Supply in Morganton. He is survived by two daughters, Anne C. Gulley (’77) and Kay Sanborn; and five grandchildren, including Sarah Catherine Gulley (’01).

William Henry Crouch Sr. (’49), Dec. 29, 2012, Asheville, NC. He was a trustee emeritus of Wake Forest. Crouch was a pastor and counselor for churches in Kentucky, Mississippi and North Carolina; a volunteer police chaplain for 25 years in Charlotte and Asheville; and a chaplain for six years with the NBA Charlotte Hornets. After retiring from the ministry, he served as director of development for the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Crouch also graduated from Mars Hill College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he served on trustee and alumni boards. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wake Forest in 1981. Crouch was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Young Crouch (’51); a daughter, Deborah C. McKeithan; and a brother, Robert Perry Crouch (’51, MD ’54). He is survived by four children, Sarah C. Tucker, Thomas L. Crouch (’78), William H. Crouch Jr. (’73) and Rebecca Hobbs; 12 grandchildren, including Graham H. Crouch (’03); and 10 great-grandchildren. Crouch was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Thomas Francis Gibson (’49), Feb. 20, 2013, Marion, NC. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Gibson served as executive director of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis and Health Association. From 1955 until his retirement in 1986, he was with the Georgia Mental Health Planning Project. Gibson received the Will Ross Medal for volunteerism and contributions to the prevention and control of lung disease.

CARLTON T. MITCHELL (’43) Professor Emeritus of Religion
By Kerry M. King (’35)

The Rev. Carlton T. Mitchell (’43), who died Jan. 30, 2013, served his alma mater as a dedicated teacher and devoted alumnus for more than a half-century. He was 92.

Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson (’43) had remained close friends with Mitchell since they were students on the Old Campus. He said he will remember Mitchell most for his strong character. “I can’t say enough about his genuineness and kindness. He was very generous, very fair, an all-around good Wake Forest person.”

Mitchell joined the faculty in 1961 and taught American church history, religious education and the psychology of religion. He also chaired the religion department and directed the department’s graduate program.

After he retired in 1991, he served for 20 years as president of the University’s Half Century Club, for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. He was also a member of the University’s Samuel Wait Legacy Society. “If it had been possible for someone to be our eternal president of the Half Century Club, he would have accepted the job happily,” said Bob Mills (’71, MBA ’80, P’04), associate vice president for University Advancement.

Mitchell was a strong supporter of Wake Forest’s School of Divinity. He and his wife, Miriam, established a scholarship fund, the first endowed fund for the school, before the school even opened. “The divinity school has been a longtime dream of mine,” he once said in an interview. “The scholarship extends what my career has been about.”

A native of Richmond, Va., Mitchell led Campbell Junior College to a state championship before receiving a basketball scholarship to Wake Forest. He also graduated from Yale Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary in New York, and he received his Ph.D. from New York University.

He was a Navy chaplain during World War II and a Marine chaplain during the Korean War. Throughout his life, he maintained an active church ministry. He served as pastor or interim pastor at more than 40 churches in several states and was a consultant or teacher at an additional 200 churches. He retired in 2008 as pastor of Westview Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Mitchell is survived by two daughters, Grace Mitchell and Betty Morgan; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Miriam, and a son, John Robert Mitchell.

Memorials may be made to the Carlton and Miriam Mitchell Divinity School Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109, or to Salentowne, 1000 Salentowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.
Wayne Hunter Honeycutt (’49), Sept. 22, 2012, Jamestown, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a retired claims adjuster and insurance agent. Honeycutt is survived by his wife, Mary Alice; three daughters, Becky Holfield (’80), Alice Caldwell and Ruth Honeycutt; six grandchildren, including Elizabeth Caldwell (’05); and one great-granddaughter.

Mary Westbrook Moyle (’49), Dec. 3, 2012, Wrightsville Beach, NC. She was co-owner and executive vice president of Stumps Prom and Party World in Fort Wayne, IN, from 1974 to 1990. Moyle was preceded in death by her husband, Paul O. Moyle (’49). She is survived by two sons, Paul and Shepard; six grandchildren; and a sister, Frances Westbrook White (’52).

Gloria Abernethy Norwood (’49), March 7, 2013, Raleigh, NC. She taught in the Caldwell and Alamance county public schools and had acres of flowers that she sold from her home. Norwood is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jack; a son, John; two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Lloyd Jr. (’52) and Gene. She was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

William A. Parham (’49), March 13, 2013, Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Parham trained bus drivers with the N.C. State Department of Transportation for 32 years and served as the music director for several churches. After retirement he taught at Cape Fear Community College.

Roy Caviness Parker (’49), Aug. 21, 2012, Winterville, NC. He was a retired principal of Highfalls Elementary School. Parker previously taught in the Harnett County schools and was a principal of Bues Creek High School for 10 years.

Clarence Eugene Paul (’49), Dec. 24, 2012, Atlanta. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a pilot in the Naval Air Corps. Paul joined the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms in 1949 and retired after 30 years of service. He was recognized as a Tom Bingham Fellow by the Lions Club. Paul is survived by his wife, Lillian Suggs Paul (’49); two children; and five grandchildren.

James Tillman Powell Jr. (’49), April 4, 2013, Canton, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and graduated from the National Hardwood Lumber Inspection School before joining the family business, Canton Hardwood Company, where he was president until his retirement. Powell was a former director of Canton Savings and Loan, which became RCC Centura Bank, and a board member of First Citizens Bank. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean; three sons, James III “Jimmy” (’73), Gerald “Jerry” (’76) and Jeffrey; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Marcelle Milloway Upright (’49), Dec. 16, 2012, Kannapolis, NC. She was retired from Kannapolis City Schools after teaching 30 years. Upright also taught evening classes at Evans Business School and was a former Cabarrus County commissioner.

Eustis Leo Derrick Jr. (’50), Nov. 20, 2012, Asheboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army, was editor and co-owner of the Columbus County News in Chadbourn and a promoter of the outdoor drama “Horn in the West.” Derrick was director of the Boone, NC, Chamber of Commerce and co-founder of the Blue Ridge Parkway Association. He entered the field of television with WFSB-TV in Greensboro, was a broadcaster with WQHP-TV in High Point for 18 years and then was station manager and director of new business development for WXIV-TV in Winston-Salem, where he retired in 1992.

R. Claxton Hall (’50), Feb. 7, 2013, Winston-Salem. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a pastor, counselor, minister of music, teacher and friend at Baptist churches in North Carolina and Virginia. Hall’s business career included investments, insurance and financial management. He served on the Wake Forest Alumni Council and the board of directors for the Deacon Club and was on the board of visitors for Gardner-Webb University. Hall was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Allen Hall (’81). He is survived by his wife, Alice; a daughter, Janie; and four grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Fred Norman Joyce (’50), Feb. 28, 2013, High Point, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. Joyce was with Curtis Smithdeal Realtors before joining Chambers & Price Realtors from which he retired in 1995. He wrote a history of the High Point Board of Realtors and in 2001 was elected to the High Point Regional Association of Realtors Hall of Fame. Joyce was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lib. He is survived by two sons, David Clark Joyce (’80) and James Stuart Joyce, and two grandchildren.

Ernest Linwood Long (’50), Jan. 13, 2013, Kinston, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Long was a chemist for the state before working at DuPont, from which he retired in 1985. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sylvia; two sons, Gary (’78) and Jeffrey; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Calvin Lee Long (’48).

Ernest Patrick McDaniel (’50), Nov. 25, 2012, Washington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. McDaniel was a sales representative in the textile industry and served as a Biddy basketball coach at the YMCA, where he enjoyed a championship record for 10 consecutive years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia. McDaniel is survived by two daughters, Maria (’81) and Fran; a son, Rick; and two grandchildren.

Walter Clifton Moone Jr. (’50), Jan. 7, 2013, Durham, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Moone worked with Durham Industrial Bank before becoming the exports manager for Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. in Durham, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Long Moone (’47).

Walter Han Morphis (’50), Dec. 13, 2012, Statesville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Morphis was a retired purchasing agent with Kewanee Scientific Furniture Co. He was a handyman who served on mission trips to Guatemala and Nicaragua and competed in the senior Olympics for tennis and table tennis. Morphis was preceded in death by his twin brother, Luther (’46); two brothers; and three sisters. He is survived by his wife, Betty Church Morphis (’49); two daughters, Sandy and Pam; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers.

William Reid Outen (’50), Dec. 21, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Pickett Moss Stanback (’50), Jan. 21, 2013, Wadesboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and as a radio operator gunner in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Stanback served on the Wadesboro City Council and was with the Bank of Wadesboro for more than 25 years.
Eddy Lee Medlin Tippett ('50), Nov. 29, 2012, Zebulon, NC. She was an eighth-grade English and history teacher and a librarian for the Town of Zebulon. Tippett was chairperson of the Zebulon Bicentennial Commission and received a lifetime achievement award from the Little River Historical Society. She was also a docent at the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh.


David Bennett Hill ('51), Feb. 26, 2013, Lynchburg, VA. He received his MD from Duke University School of Medicine and practiced general, thoracic and vascular surgery in Lynchburg for 42 years before retiring in 2004. Hill received the Barney Award from the Lynchburg Academy of Medicine and was instrumental in developing the Intensive Care Unit at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, William Ross Hill Sr. (1910); a sister; and two brothers, William Jr. ('39) and James. Hill is survived by his wife, Judith; four children, David, Caroline Moore, Scott and Marcus (JD '04); and seven grandchildren.

Jewel Emerson Holden ('51), April 3, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He was with Western Electric in Burlington for 14 years and retired after 23 years with Bell Department Stores. Holden was preceded in death by his mother and father, Calvin Y. Holden (1888), and a brother, William Benjamin Holden ('42). He is survived by a sister, Edith H. Fyfe ('48), and 19 nieces and nephews.

Vincent John Lanning Jr. ('51), Nov. 18, 2012, Plano, TX. He was retired from AT&T after 33 years as a district manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

George Pennell May ('51), Feb. 11, 2013, Lawrenceville, GA. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. May had an engineering career at America Enka in Ashville, NC, before joining IBM for the next 30 years.

Betty Goolsby Whicker ('51), Feb. 24, 2013, Thomasville, NC. She was a member of the Atlanta Symphony, Winston-Salem Symphony and Raleigh Civic Opera Co. Whicker was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Austin Whicker ('49), and a son, Marcus Austin Whicker ('74). She is survived by a son, Charles, and three grandchildren, including Jessica Whicker Williams ('08, MD '12).

Clarence Eugene Williams Sr. ('51), Feb. 28, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He was a certified public accountant for more than 50 years.

Jefferson Davis Batts ('52 JD '57), Feb. 5, 2013, Rocky Mount, NC. He practiced law in Rocky Mount from 1957 until 2010. Batts served on the Board of Visitors and Alumni Council for the School of Law and in other areas of community and public service. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Stanley Batts ('57); a daughter, Amy Batts Bell ('84); two sons, Michael Stanley Batts ('80, JD '87) and Jeffrey Arthur Batts ('81, JD '86); and 11 grandchildren.

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Alton R. Hardison Jr. (*’52), Feb. 19, 2013, Beaver-fort, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force. Hardison was with Barclay Bank, was a charter boat captain of “The Rock Along,” taught for a year at Smyrna School and in 1948 joined Branch Banking and Trust. Hardison retired in 1988 as vice president and city executive.

Henry Wesley Johnson III (*’52, MD ’56), Jan. 31, 2013, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Navy. Johnson was a partner with Pediatric Associates in Winston-Salem, served as chief of staff for Forsyth Memorial Hospital and was president of the Forsyth-Stokes Medical Society. In 1991 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the N.C. Pediatric Society. Memorials may be made to Hope Moravian Church, Old Salem Museum & Gardens, Moravian Church Archives or to Brenner Children’s Hospital of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Shirley Elaine Wooten Wooten (*’52), March 11, 2013, Smithfield, NC. She was a teacher with the Johnston County schools for 30 years. Wooten was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Bryan Wooten Jr. (*’50), and a daughter. She is survived by three children; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

John Clyde Yates Jr. (*’52), Feb. 5, 2013, Salisbury, NC. He received a degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, an MA from Appalachian State University and completed the Pastoral Care Program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Yates was a pastor in Nash, Columbus and Greene counties and served as interim pastor in Rowan, Cabarrus and Davie counties. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, John C. Yates Sr. (*’30). Yates is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Bullard Yates (*’54); two children; five grandchildren; six sisters, including Martha Y. Brady (*’55) and Phyllis Y. Harvel (*’57); and two brothers.

Bailey Owen Cooper (*’53), Feb. 3, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He was a stockbroker and entrepreneur in Charlotte. After retirement he enjoyed traveling. Cooper is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara, and a brother, Henry Burwell Cooper (*’53, P ’82, ’85, ’89).

Walter Lee Gibson Sr. (*’53), Feb. 17, 2013, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army. Gibson worked in the family business, Fli-back, a toy company based in High Point, until it was sold in 1972. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Lewis Elliott Levine (*’53), March 6, 2013, Myrtle Beach, SC. He was founder of Super Discount Stores of North and South Carolina and president of Family Dollar, and he launched the Silk Plant Forest chain and the Tree Factory. Levine is survived by his wife, Rita; three daughters, Kathi Robin and Wendi L. Frost (*’84); three grandchildren, including Wake Forest junior Samantha Frost; a brother, Alvin S. Levine (*’48); and three sisters.

Edward Thomas Pulliam (*’53), Jan. 10, 2013, Owensboro, KY. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Pulliam was a social worker before joining Liggott & Myers Tobacco Co. in Richmond, VA. He transferred to Durham, NC, and then to Owensboro where he worked with Pinkerton Tobacco Co. until his retirement in 1991.

Harold Bascom Bates (MD ’54), Jan. 9, 2013, Burlington, NC. He served in the U.S. Infantry during World War II. Bates joined Burlington Urological Associates in 1959 and retired in 1994. He served as chief of staff and chief of surgery at Memorial Hospital of Alamance County and chief of staff at Alamance County Hospital.

Carl L. Beard Jr. (MD ’54), Feb. 11, 2013, Warner Robins, GA. He served in the U.S. Navy and opened an OB/GYN practice in Warner Robins in 1960. Beard was a charter medical staff member of Houston Medical Center.

Roy Vernon Thornberry Jr. (*’54), March 26, 2013, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for two years and was with the Greensboro Fire Department until 1950. Thornberry was an ordained minister and served in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps until his retirement in 1973. He was a mission volunteer for 17 years in Greensboro and Reidsville, NC, and in Okinawa, Japan, and served as an interim pastor in the U.S. and Japan. Thornberry was pastor emeritus of Rankin Baptist Church in Greensboro.

George Albert Warrick (*’54), Nov. 12, 2012, Goldsboro, NC. He was owner/operator of Warrick’s Mill. After retirement, he and his son started W&S Construction Co. Warrick was preceded in death by his parents, Luby Albert Warrick (*’20) and Ina. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two children; and two grandchildren.

James Ernest West Jr. (*’54), Dec. 16, 2012, Durham, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. West graduated from Southeastern Theological Seminary and the pastoral care programs at Wake Forest Baptist and Dorothea Dix hospitals. He was pastor of Baptist churches in Amherst, VA, and Durham, Raleigh and Wake Forest, NC, and after retirement he was an interim pastor in Durham.

Thomas Theodore Frazier Sr. (*’55), Jan. 7, 2013, Henderson, NC. He was a manager of Kwik Pik and several family-style restaurants in Raleigh, NC.

Vernon Fuller Mitchell Jr. (*’55), Feb. 20, 2013, Rolesville, NC. He served as a second lieutenant and chemical weapons officer in the armed forces.

Ralph Lee Adams (*’56), Dec. 30, 2012, Baltimore, MD. He served in the U.S. Army. Adams loved baseball and was a pitcher on the 1955 College World Series championship team.

Joe Roland Denson Sr. (*’56), Dec. 17, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. Denson worked with Bigger Brothers and Exxon before going into the ministry full time. He was pastor of Southview Baptist Church in Charlotte for 35 years. Denson received the Homer G. Lindsay Lifetime of Ministry Award and appeared in 2001 on the CBS “Everybody Has A Story” episode of Accumulating Riches in Heaven.

John C.W. Gardner Sr. (JD ’56), Dec. 25, 2012, Mount Airy, NC. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Gardner practiced law in Mount Airy with his brother, the late Carroll F. Gardner (*’58, JD ’60, P ’84), and his son, John Jr. (*’81, JD ’84) with Gardner & Gardner. He was town attorney for Mount Airy and the Town of Dobson and his firm represented the City of Mount Airy for nearly 60 years. In 2005 the N.C. Bar Association inducted Gardner into the General Practice Hall of Fame. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pansy, in 2004. Gardner is survived by his wife, Joy; a daughter, Terri L. Gardner (*’78, JD ’81); a son, John C.W. Gardner Jr. (*’81, JD ’84); and two granddaughters.

Edward Thomas Hogan (*’56), Feb. 10, 2013, Gastonia, NC. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the pastoral care program at Wake Forest Bap-
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Betsy Hurst Lake ('56), Nov. 16, 2012, Wake Forest, NC. She served as an organist and choir director at Ridge Road Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, and as minister of music at Wendell Christian Church in Wendell, NC. Lake was a jazz pianist with several groups including the Continentals, Paul Montgomery, Mike Minguez and Ed Moon. She was also an administrator with the N.C. Department of Corrections. Lake was preceded in death by her parents, Betty Hurst and Adrian D. Hurst ('26). She is survived by her children, Lynn Lake, Laura L. Neal and Isaac Beverly Lake ('88); six grandchildren; and three siblings.

Lewis Albert Myers ('56), March 3, 2013, Atlanta. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Ministerial Alumni Council. Myers taught at The Westminster Schools for 20 years.

Robert Lacy Oliver Sr. ('56), Jan. 17, 2013, Kinston, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Oliver was a pastor for 55 years serving New Bethel, Spillman Memorial, Rivermont and Union Baptist churches. He led a building program at each. Oliver served on two mission trips to Africa and worked in the men’s department of J.C. Penney.

Leonard Morris Tilley ('56), Nov. 15, 2012, Chapel Hill, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a chemist during the Korean War. Tilley joined the American Tobacco Co. in 1958 and retired as senior vice president of manufacturing and support services in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; two daughters, Andrea T. Lassiter ('82) and Laura T. Campbell; and one grandchild.

Dale Voss Holland ('57), Feb. 14, 2013, Tequesta, FL.

Isaac Albert McLain Jr. ('57), April 5, 2013, Marion, NC. He received his master’s in music education from Florida State University and served in the U.S. Army. McLain was a band and choral conductor in Florida before returning to Marion to join the family business, Marion Buick Company. He was a supervisor with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and after graduating from the Fruitland Bible Institute, he was a pastor for Hankins and Catawba Heights Baptist churches.

Frank Eldridge Medford ('57, MD '61), Jan. 8, 2013, Williamsburg, VA. He served in the West Virginia Air National Guard and was a medical director of Union Carbide Technical Center in South Carolina and West Virginia. Medford practiced internal medicine in Newport News, VA, for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; a daughter; and a brother, Robert Medford ('60).

Brunson M. Salley Jr. ('57, MD '64), Feb. 2, 2013, Charlotte, NC. Following his residency at Carolina Medical Center, he practiced family medicine in Charlotte until his retirement. Salley received the Mead Johnson Scholarship award in family medicine. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; a daughter, Susan; a son, Bronson III ('67, JD '99); and a granddaughter, Paris.

Alonzo Hill “Sonny” Gainey Jr. (JD '59), Jan. 17, 2013, Oak Island, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was a partner in the law firm of Frink Foy Gainey & Yount for 37 years. Gainey is survived by six children, including Steven Morris Gainey ('76); 24 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Edwin B. Gresham III ('59), March 12, 2013, Clearwater, FL. He was a retired buyer from United Technologies. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edwin B. Gresham Sr. (1898), and his father, Edwin B. Gresham Jr. ('26). He is survived by his wife, Bennett; three children; and six grandchildren.

Jerry Manson Keeter ('59), Jan. 7, 2013, Irmo, SC. He taught biology and coached wrestling at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, VA, before a 30-year career in technical education with the State of South Carolina, S.C. Educational TV and the University of South Carolina.

James Wilbur Mohorn ('59), Dec. 3, 2012, Morganton, NC. He received his master’s of music education from Appalachian State University and taught band in the South Carolina public schools for 30 years. Mohorn is survived by his wife, Patricia Gay Mohorn ('60), daughter of the late Wake Forest math professor, R.L. Gay ('28); two children, Lewis and Lisa; and three grandchildren.


Adelia Mauney Weathers ('59), Jan. 7, 2013, Lincolnton, NC.

Thomas Edward “Pete” Williams ('59), April 1, 2013, Smithfield, NC. He began his career in the Installment Loan Department of First Citizens Bank in 1962, became a regional manager in Smithfield and then a corporate development officer for the Smithfield area. Williams retired in 2000 but continued as a consultant to the bank.

Elaine Nance McElroy ('60), March 20, 2013, Winston-Salem. She was a teacher in Winston-Salem for a few years in the 1960s and then worked as an editor for Prentice-Hall Publishers in the New York City area. After moving back to Winston-Salem in the early 1970s, McElroy worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs and eventually became manager of human resources for the North Carolina regional office of the Veterans’ Administration. She is survived by her husband, Clinton Eugene McElroy (60, JD '62), and a son, Clint.

Frederick T. Morola ('60), Feb. 26, 2013, New York, NY. He served two years in the U.S. Navy and taught in the New York City school system for more than 20 years. Morola was preceded in death by his mother and father, Vito Joseph Morola ('23). He is survived by a brother, Matthew Vito Morola ('56).

Jennings Lee Wagoner Jr. ('60), Jan. 27, 2013, Charlottesville, VA. He received his MA in teaching from Duke University and in 1962 became an instructor in education at Wake Forest. Wagoner received his PhD from Ohio State University in 1968 and began a 37-year career at the University of Virginia where he attained the William C. Parrish Jr. Professorship and was professor emeritus of education. He received many teaching awards and honors while on the UVa faculty and authored numerous articles, reviews and books, includ-
GRAHAM W. DENTON, JR. (‘67, P ’93, ’97, ’10)
By Kerry M. King (’85)

University Trustee Graham W. Denton Jr. (‘67), who held numerous volunteer leadership roles with the University and the Medical Center over the last 20 years, died on Jan. 8, 2013, in Charlotte. He was 67.

Denton, who was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 2000, received the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously in April. In recent years, he chaired both the boards of directors of Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He had also served on the College Board of Visitors and as president of the Alumni Council and Parents’ Council.

Denton, along with his wife, Anne, were generous donors to the University and had established faculty and scholarship funds on the Reynolda Campus and a cancer research fund at the Medical Center. He was also a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

A native of Charlotte, Denton graduated with a degree in history and earned his MBA from Georgia State University. He spent two years in the Army, mostly as a supply officer in Korea, before beginning his career in banking.

He joined what was then North Carolina National Bank in 1971 and held a number of leadership roles as the bank evolved into NationsBank and then Bank of America. In 2002, he was named president of both Bank of America in North Carolina and Charlotte. Two years later, he was also named market president/executive, overseeing about 145 market presidents across the country. He retired in 2007 as president of Bank of America in North Carolina.

Last October, Bank of America colleagues and Wake Forest honored him by naming the main reception area at the Wake Forest University Charlotte Center in his honor.

Denton is survived by his wife, Anne, and three children: Mary Denton Lunsford (’93, PA ’96), Elizabeth Denton Shah-Khan (’97) and Graham “Wills” Denton III (’10). His father, Graham Williams Denton, graduated from Wake Forest in 1930.

Memorials may be made to the Anne and Graham Denton Cancer Research Endowment Fund, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, P.O. Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157, or to Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1218 Main St., P.O. Box 392, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.
James Ray Blackwelder ('63, MA '64), Jan. 6, 2013, Kannapolis, NC. He received his PhD in English from Emory University in 1968 and was inducted into A.L. Brown’s Hall of Fame in 1971. Blackwelder began his teaching career at N.C. State University and was a professor of English at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. His research and publications were about North Carolina author Thomas Wolfe.

Joseph Bernard Dockery Sr. ('63), Dec. 8, 2012, Mooresboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves and coached Mooresville High School baseball and football.

Frederick Moten Parrish Jr. ('64), Dec. 3, 2012, Smithfield, NC. He taught in several Johnston County schools.

Lonnie Rosseau Williford Jr. ('64), April 1, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He was a retired senior vice president with Wachovia Bank and a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Williford was preceded in death by his mother and father, Lonnie R. Williford Sr. ('20), and a brother, William Eugene Williford ('53).


Roger Ellwood Bullock ('65), Dec. 11, 2012, Conover, NC. He retired as a human resources manager in 1989 after 38 years of service with AT&T and the Bell System. After retirement, Bullock served as chairman of the planning board for Beech Mountain and on the long-range strategic planning committee for the town of Banner Elk, NC.

Laurence Starr Graham ('65, JD '67), Nov. 17, 2012, Greenville, NC. He was a certified elder law attorney practicing law in Greenville for most of his career. Graham was a past chairman of the N.C. Bar Association’s section on elder law and was appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to serve on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws from 1978 to 1985. He was a city attorney and legal counsel to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve Retired, Intelligence Command. Graham was a member of the Samuel Waite Legacy Society.

Judith Lea Harris ('65), March 13, 2013, Roanoke Rapids, NC. She received her master’s degree in music in piano performance from East Carolina University. Harris retired as an assistant teacher after 20 years with the Roanoke Rapids school district.

Joan Mather Garrenton ('66), Feb. 18, 2013, Punta Gorda, FL. She retired in 2010 from the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office. Garrenton was preceded in death by her mother and father, Connell G. Garrenton ('31, MD '33), and two sisters. She is survived by a daughter; two grandchildren; and a sister, Connie G. Hackney ('58).

Larry Clarke Crawford ('67, MD '71), Feb. 7, 2013, Burlington, NC. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council. Crawford served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps and completed his general surgery internship and residency at N.C. Baptist Hospital. He was a general surgeon. Crawford was instrumental in the accreditation of the Alamance Regional Medical Center Comprehensive Cancer Center. He served as a trustee for N.C. Baptist Hospital and Gardner-Webb University. Crawford is survived by his wife, Glenda; a daughter, Elizabeth Kate Crawford ('95); a son, Kenneth; two stepsons; and four grandchildren. He was a member of the Samuel Waite Legacy Society.

Larry William Pitts (JD '67), Jan. 2, 2013, Newton, NC. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served in the U.S. Army’s Ranger Corps before coming to Wake Forest. Pitts had a practice in Newton for 45 years. He was appointed legal counsel for the City of Newton in 1989 and held that post for 23 years.

Rodney Eugene Green ('68), Jan. 4, 2013, Raleigh, NC. He received his MAEd from Appalachian State University. Green retired as a counselor from Virginia Western Community College in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Rickey; two daughters; and a granddaughter.

Randy Byron Hartman ('68, MD '72), Dec. 23, 2012, Cary, NC, and Sarasota, FL. His residency in internal medicine was at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and his residency in cardiology at the University of Florida. Hartman was a cardiologist in Sarasota and was instrumental in founding the Heart Center of Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Conrad Hartman ('72); three children, Heather ('97), Zachary and Victoria; two grandchildren; and his father. Hartman’s body was donated to the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Carole Grimsley Creekmore ('70, MA '71), March 9, 2013, Loganville, GA. She was a professor at Georgia Perimeter College. Creekmore enjoyed traveling and was a river-rafting guide on the Nantahala River.

Thomas Stephen Gaetje ('70), Dec. 10, 2012, Morganton, NC. After playing football at Wake Forest, he was a trust officer for a bank, a hospital administrator and a teacher at Summit Christian School in West Palm Beach, FL. He was vice chairman of the board of directors for the Good Samaritan Clinic in Morganton and served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.

James Dallas Howell III ('70), Jan. 5, 2013, Jamestown, NC. He was a retired regional sales manager with more than 20 years of service with Griffith Rubber Mills. Howell was preceded in death by his father, James Howell Jr. ('33). He is survived by his mother, Sara; his wife, Kathy; and four children.

Miriam Silverman Rouzie (MAEd '71), Dec. 23, 2012, Winston-Salem. She taught kindergarten at Summit School and had a private therapy practice for more than 40 years.

Frederick Cay Heidgerd ('72), Jan. 1, 2013, Boca Raton, FL. He received his JD from the University of Florida College of Law and practiced law for 37 years.

Gilbert E. “Gil” Woodard Jr. ('72), Jan. 18, 2013, Bastian, VA. He practiced law in Giles County, VA, for 33 years and was town attorney for Urbanna, VA, for nine years. Woodard is survived by his wife of 38 years, Anne; two daughters, Catherine and Laura; his father, G.E. Woodard Sr. ('43); and a brother, Gary.

William Benjamin Beery IV ('73, MBA '78), March 24, 2013, Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ana Villalon Beery (MBA '78), and two daughters.

Virgil Alan SmITHERS ('74), March 3, 2013, Raleigh, NC. He began his career with N.C. Historic Sites and in 1967 founded a video production company, Multi Vision Productions, which he operated until his death.

Brenda Furr Engel ('75), Dec. 21, 2012, West Windsor, NJ. She received her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law and was a partner with Backes & Hill in Lawrenceville, NJ. Engel is survived by her husband of 35 years, Peter Engel. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Peter Engel. She was a partner with Backes & Hill in Lawrenceville, NJ. Engel is survived by her husband of 35 years, Peter Engel.
years, Richard; three children, John (’05), Robert (’09) and Libby; and her mother, Betty. She was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Arthur R. Marshall III (MD ’75), Feb. 16, 2013, St. Augustine, FL. He completed a medical internship in the Tulane University Charity Hospital System in New Orleans and anesthesiology residency at the Shands at the University of Florida. Marshall was an anesthesiologist at Beaufort County Hospital in Washington, NC, at Miami Heart Institute and South Miami Hospital in Miami, and at Eglin Air Force Base Hospital in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

William David Woodruff (MA ’75), March 30, 2013, Blacksburg, VA. He served several churches in North Carolina before becoming rector of St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church in Roanoke, VA, and then associate rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal in Salem, VA.

Stephen Paul Halstead (JD ’79), Dec. 1, 2012, Winston-Salem. He retired as general counsel from GMAC in 2011 after 31 years with Integon/GMAC Insurance. Halstead was operations manager for the N.C. Soccer Referee Association. He is survived by his wife, Lyn; three children; and his tennis partner of 30 years, Gerald Chrisco (MBA ’81).

John Lawton Capps (’81), March 11, 2013, Gastonia, NC. He received his MD from Duke University School of Medicine and practiced internal medicine in Gaston County for more than 20 years. More recently, Capps practiced bariatric medicine in Rock Hill, SC. He was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

Barbara Anne Maxwell (’83), Jan. 12, 2013, Lewisville, NC. She received her JD from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law and worked for Wachovia Bank. In 2011, Maxwell left the bank to start a new career in veterinary medicine.

Robert Edmunds Camp (’85), Nov. 22, 2012, Winston-Salem. He received his master’s in operations research from UNC-Chapel Hill. Camp worked for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and in 1989 joined Ford Motor Credit in Dearborn, MI. In 2002 he returned to Winston-Salem to work for Wachovia Bank.

Arthur Carlton Motsinger III (’85), Nov. 14, 2012, Winston-Salem. He worked in service and delivery at Ed Kelly’s Appliance while in high school and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Motsinger was a computer supplies representative with R.J. Reynolds before completing his education. In 1988 he received his MDiv from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 1993 his master’s in public administration and social work from Columbia University. Motsinger was a counselor at Camp Butner and High Point Regional Hospital.

Wesley Houston Spencer Everett (MBA ’91), March 2, 2013, Murrells Inlet, SC. He received his JD from North Carolina Central University and organized the Everett Law Firm in 2002. Everett is survived by his wife, Lisa, and three children.

William Blackmon Huckabee (’91), Dec. 4, 2012, Rock Hill, SC. He received his master’s in English from Winthrop University and his JD from the University of South Carolina. Huckabee was an English professor at Winthrop before practicing law at Huckabee Law Firm in Rock Hill.

Rodney Avarid Mailhot (’92), Jan. 2, 2013, Kennebunkport, ME. He served in the U.S. Army for four years with deployments to South Korea and Iraq. Mailhot enjoyed working with handicapped and special-needs children.

James Arthur Regan (PA ’93), Feb. 21, 2013, New Bern, NC. He was a family, urgent care and emergency medicine physician assistant for 20 years in Eastern North Carolina.

Howard L. Cauvel IV (’94), Dec. 12, 2012, Shepherdstown, WV. He was proud of his work supporting the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Coast Guard Operations Systems Center in Kearneysville, WV, as a senior oracle database administrator with General Dynamics Information Technology. Cauvel is survived by his wife of 17 years, Elizabeth Heflin Cauvel (’92); a daughter, Kate; and a son, Benjamin.

M. Louise Thomas (MALS ’94), Feb. 17, 2013, Winston-Salem. She was a buyer for Ivey’s in Charlotte, NC, before moving to Winston-Salem in 1959 where she was vice president of Thalhimer’s Department Store. Thomas retired as senior vice president of merchandising for Thalhimer’s in Richmond, VA. In 2011 she published her autobiography, “Dear Emily: A Memoir, My Life in Fine Department Stores.”

Marcus Steven Vaughan (’96), Feb. 26, 2013, Rainelle, WV. He played football at Wake Forest. Vaughan is survived by a son; his parents; and two brothers, Kelly (’90) and Chris (’94).

Theander Cornelius Brannon (’97), Feb. 25, 2013, Winston-Salem. He was a computer support consultant at Wake Forest. Brannon had also worked at UNC-Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem State University.

Gregory Andrew Coursat (’01), Jan. 17, 2013, East Bend, NC. He is survived by his wife, Tabitha, and a daughter.

Mary Sandra Jenkins (’02), Feb. 19, 2013, Winston-Salem. She was a resident adviser and a licensed EMT during the 2000 presidential debate at Wake Forest. Jenkins was on the woman’s track and field team where she won the shot put at the 2000 Wake Forest Dual Meet, finished second in discus, broke the school record in shot put at the ACC Championships in 2001 and won the indoor shot put at the 2001 Meyo Invitational.

Geoffrey Milton Miller (MBA ’06), March 5, 2013, Charlotte, NC. He is survived by his wife, Stacey, and a son.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

Don Gray Angell, Jan. 31, 2013, Winston-Salem. He was a generous donor to Wake Forest and a former member of the Babcock Board of Visitors. Angell was co-founder of Angell-Long Funeral Home in Boonville, NC, founding partner of Angell Care Long Term Health Care and Bermuda Village Retirement Community. He is survived by his wife, Vera; a daughter, Shawn (’83); a son, Gray; and two grandchildren.

Warren Galloway “Floogie” Araiil Jr., Jan. 23, 2013, Gaffney, SC. He was a retired professional athlete who worked with numerous NFL and college football teams, including Wake Forest in the 1950s.


William Thomas Barrett, Dec. 7, 2012, Winston-Salem. He was director of placement at
the Wake Forest School of Law before starting his publishing business, Career Education Institutes. Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Barrett practiced law in Dover, DE, was director of paralegal studies at Wesley College, worked in career services at East Carolina University and was director of placement at Vermont Law School.

Robert L. Boggs Sr., Aug. 22, 2012, Ashland, VA. He was a Baptist minister who served churches in Richmond, Roanoke and Glen Allen, VA, and Taylorsville, NC. Boggs was a trustee of Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC, and worked with the Dover Baptist Association. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara Beals Boggs (’55, MAEd ’77); three sons, Bob Jr. (’81), Bill (’87) and his wife Melanie Parham Boggs (’92, MD ’97) and Ben (’87) and his wife Brenda Spicker Boggs (’89, MA ’91); and four grandchildren.

Howard Holt Bradshaw Jr., Nov. 28, 2012, Mooresville, NC. He was an adjunct business professor at Wake Forest. Bradshaw worked with Western Electric/Bell Labs and Celanese Fibers in the 1960s and 1970s and founded Organizational Consultants in Charlotte, NC, before moving to Mooresville in 1994. He was the author of several books.

Robert Edward Chubbuck, Nov. 16, 2012, High Point, NC. He was a member of the regional advisory board of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Chubbuck retired in 2002 as director of sales and marketing with L’Oreal in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Lorri; two children; six grandchildren; and his mother. Memorials may be made to the Chubbuck Fund for Lung Cancer Research, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Development and Alumni Affiars Office, PO Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Mary Floyd, Sept. 7, 2012, Southampton, NY. She is survived by her husband, Hall of Fame golfer Raymond Floyd; a son, Raymond Jr. (’98); a daughter, Christina (’01); and one grandchild.

Alton M. Hill Sr., Dec. 24, 2012, Rural Hall, NC. He was chief of the Wake Forest Police Department from 1973 until the mid-1990s and continued in administration at Wake Forest until his retirement in 2008. Hill was a former president of the N.C. Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, an organization he helped create. After retirement, he started a book publishing company and published “The Exciting Life and Times of Sheriff Gerald K. Hege.” Hill is survived by his wife, Cathy; a son, Mickey; a daughter, Allison H. Duncan; and five grandchildren.

Christian J. Medved, Feb. 6, 2013, Pleasanton, CA. He was a freshman at Wake Forest. Medved was interested in the sciences and had planned to major in biochemistry and minor in neuroscience. He enjoyed the fencing club and was involved with the emergency response team while at Wake Forest. A memorial service was held in Wait Chapel.

Louis Richard “Lou” Morrell, April 28, 2013, Wilmington, NC. He was vice president for investments and treasurer at Wake Forest from 1995 to 2007 and continued serving as treasurer until 2009. Morrell wrote numerous articles and book chapters on higher education endowment and investment management and received two national awards for his contributions to the field. In 2006, Wake Forest was named the Savviest Nonprofit of the Year by Foundation and Endowment Money Management. Morrell began his career in higher education as controller and assistant treasurer at Smith College, before serving as chief financial officer at Rollins College and in a similar capacity at Radcliffe College. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann; a son, Stephen; and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109, for scholarships, or to Wrightsville University Methodist Church, 4 Love Oak Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28400.

Michael E. Robbins, Nov. 23, 2012, Kernersville, NC. He was a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology and section head of radiation biology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. Robbins received his degrees from Thames Polytechnic in England and spent his career researching the effects of radiation on normal tissues. He developed research in the prevention and treatment of radiation-induced brain injury in the Thomas K. Hear Brain Tumor Center of Excellence. Memorials may be made to the Lucy Robbins Graduate Fellowship Fund, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Donna Lax Wesley, Dec. 16, 2012, Pfafftown, NC. She was a staff assistant and office manager for the Wake Forest Documentary Film Program in the communication department. She is survived by her husband, Bill; two children; and two grandchildren.
Greek Life

By Megan Mayhew Bergman ('02)

I LIVED IN A RURAL TOWN IN VERMONT WHERE you can wear yoga pants out to dinner, and if you sport heels and makeup anywhere people raise an eyebrow. I can classify most of my post-college friends into Bohemian writers, activists or hobby farmers. Little do they know I'm keeping a dark secret that I was once in a sorority, that I used to spend my Saturday nights in a tube top, teetering out of Babcock in too-high heels, dancing to pop songs in a seedy basement, showing up to class a little too proud in my sorority jersey.

I can picture Pledge Night now, surrounded by a hundred screaming women in red singing songs I didn’t yet know, lapping the Quad, being ushered in to take group pictures. Two older girls started calling me Sparky; I still don’t know why. I marveled at the elegant Eastern North Carolina accents, the occasional Boston or Midwestern voice tossed in. I was utterly impressed and intimidated by the chaos. I recall exchanging bewildered looks with two other pledges who were hanging back from the fray, as if to say: What are we doing here? Did we make a mistake?

That’s also the first night I saw Emily McQueen ('99), dashing out of the shadows with a mischievous grin to do The Worm, undulating across the floor on her stomach while girls — some raucous in T-shirts, some perfect in pearl earrings — cheered her on. What a character, I thought, cutting up like that in front of all these belles and debutantes. Only later would I find out that Emily was a debutante herself.

I was never close with Emily in school; she was older, and I had a freshman’s healthy fear of cool upperclassmen. But I was fascinated, and two years ago this fascination led to a Facebook friendship. We realized we had common ground; we both had young kids and were interested in marriage equality.

Shortly after we reconnected, Emily was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. We started working on an essay project together. I’m a writer, and Emily had a story that I thought the world would benefit from hearing. Here was a girl with all the hallmarks of traditional Southern womanhood, who chose a nontraditional life with her partner, Kara Borden ('99), and made it beautiful.

But that was the thing. In what I first perceived as a group of intimidating, overly-perfect women, post-college life revealed astounding texture: doctors, artists, Peace Corps volunteers, deaf actresses, teachers, lawyers, veterinarians, nonprofit activists. There were real characters. Honorable characters. Women of substance who would later give so much of themselves to the world. I belonged to a sorority where a debutante like Emily could do The Worm, could ultimately trade in her pearl earrings for roller derby gear, a career in physical therapy and a necktie.

When Emily and I first decided to work on a story together, I told her that I would write the story she wanted me to write. She said “I want to do it simply to brag about Kara ... dealing with my illness ... caring for me and our daughter while ranking number one in her law class. She is my hero.”

But I never got to write this beautiful essay. What you’re reading now is it.


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Writers spend a lot of time studying the ancient Greeks. One of the things Greeks knew was that, after tragedy, catharsis. A sort of purging of emotions. Insight. Renewal. After Emily died, I watched as her sisters swooped in to comfort Kara and each other. The grief over losing such an enormous, warm, big-hearted friend was sincere; the support, as I perceived it, swift.

While for years I had reduced sorority life to something petty, I quickly realized that sisterhood, for all its flaws, is not something so easily dismissed. Somehow, while we were wrapping each other in Saran Wrap, dancing to pop songs in a seedy basement, singing decades-old songs, something much bigger was at work. The girls in the photographs from my pledge night have grown into amazing women, and they continue to inspire me in ways I never imagined.

Megan Mayhew Bergman ('02) is the author of “Birds of a Lesser Paradise” and the forthcoming novel, “Shepherd, Wolf,” both published with Scribner. She lives in rural Vermont with her husband, veterinarian Joe Bergman ('02), and their two daughters.
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