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Graduation Edition
Celebrating the Class of 2018
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Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations! As you cross the stage at commencement, you'll be trading the metaphorical deacon top hat for a graduation cap, officially ending your undergraduate careers as Demon Deacons and embracing all that post graduation has to offer you.

When students of your year were first accepted to the university in 2014, you were the most diverse class to ever have been admitted to Wake Forest at that time. You brought with you a wide variety of ideas, cultures and backgrounds, and our campus is all the better for your contributions four years later.

In this edition, we strive to highlight one student from each major offered at Wake Forest. Each individual profiled was nominated by their respective academic department for their commitment to academics, involvement on campus, and contributions made to the Wake Forest community. “We wish we had the time and space to highlight every graduate in your class, as each one of you has undoubtedly made your own unique impact on our campus.

While interviewing the students presented here, the staff of the Old Gold & Black was incredibly impressed with the achievements, commitment to community and cross disciplinary abilities demonstrated by this small sector of the Wake Forest community. We take pride in the fact that this selection represents only a portion of your class, in which those same attributes are reflected. So many of you have double majored, took on large roles in extracurriculars and regularly volunteered in the community, challenging the rest of us to follow suite and do the same.

Your leadership, both in and outside of the classroom, has set a high standard for those of us walking the brick paths behind you.

In order to reach where you are right now, you've had to not only hit the books, but also hit the bricks, so to speak, in that you've taken our motto of Pro Humanitate quite literally and used it as an avenue through which to make a difference for others. Whether through participating in larger traditions such as Wake and Shake, Hit the Bricks and Lighting of the Quad, or through smaller, less official traditions such as hearing the bells each day at 5:00 or rolling the Quad, you have been a member of the Wake Forest community, and for that, the rest of us are grateful.

While many of you are pursuing higher education in places such as Cambridge and Johns Hopkins, others are jumping right into the workforce as teachers or working on Wall Street. Even others are travelling, volunteering or returning to Wake as fellows and masters students.

Regardless, as you step off of our beloved Reynolda campus, we hope you reflect fondly on your time as an undergraduat student here. We hope that you made good friends, established lifelong relationships with mentors and learned something outside of the classroom.

We hope that Magnolia trees and brick buildings invoke a certain sense of nostalgia when you encounter them outside of Winston-Salem. We hope you continue to follow our sports teams with the same strong, slight underdog mentality as the rest of us. We hope you demonstrate resilience, take part in difficult conversations and strive to improve the surrounding world. And lastly, we hope that you are proud to have graduated a Demon Deacon, fierce yet humble, and go on to impact your future communities in the same way you have impacted ours.

Best wishes,
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In the fall semester, the first year experience in Copenhagen and Wake Washington both launched.

Approximately 50 students embarked on a new experience at Wake Forest: Engineering. These programs are housed at Wake Downtown, a part of the Innovation Quarter.

The Benson Food Court underwent various renovations, including a new food option at Take Two (Asian Fusion), a new Forest Greens and lastly, a new P.O.D.

On March 28, the grand opening of the new 25-yard, eight-lane pool took place. The pool renovation is one part of a three-year project. Phase II opened in August of 2017 with a new fitness center, bouldering and climbing wall and living room. Phase III included the pool, a new and renovated Student Health, group exercise studios and multi-purpose space.

On Feb. 5, author of Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly spoke to the Wake Forest community about the nature of black history and its role in the American story.

Sen. Richard Burr ('78) announced in March that he would be donating his Congressional papers to Wake Forest. The papers will be housed in the Special Collections & Archives at the ZSR Library.
WILLIAM VON BEHREN | ACCOUNTANCY

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William von Behren is a double major in accounting and computer science from San Antonio, TX. Von Behren will graduate this May, but also will return for a fifth year to complete his Masters in Accountancy.

There were a number of things that drew von Behren to Wake Forest. "I chose Wake Forest because it seemed like a hidden gem," von Behren said. "More specifically, Wake had an outstanding reputation, a phenomenal business program and was not too far enough from home — although Wake soon became home — that I would be forced to become more independent and self-sufficient. Wake far exceeded my expectations within my first year and has continued to do so." von Behren has found value in everything Wake Forest has to offer throughout his academic career. As someone who hopes to start and run his own business in the future, he viewed accounting as the perfect major. "I decided on accounting because I wanted to create a Fortune 500 company and thought that accounting would provide the best means for understanding business comprehensively," von Behren said. While, for many, accounting may seem sterile, von Behren has enjoyed the structure and insights into business that accounting provides. "The language of business — provides, Accounting allows an individual to quickly understand strengths and weaknesses of an organization and thus better strategize in the face of competition and evolving market conditions."

Few things, von Behren believes, have contributed more to his academic success and love for learning than the faculty who have provided him with mentorship, friendship and guidance. "One aspect of Wake Forest is the strength of its faculty in availability, mentorship, and friendliness. As such, I have had strong relationships with several professors in multiple departments," von Behren said. A few professors he has been able to bond with in particular have been Dr. James Powell in the Latin Department, Dr. Erin Fulpy in the computer science department, and Dr. Thomas Canice and Dr. Jon Finder in the School of Business.

"I have learned the value and meaning of Pro Humanitate in his four years. Perhaps the most important lesson I have learned is how to better embody our university's motto of Pro Humanitate in its meaning of human cultivation, as my accounting class professor Dr. James Powell describes in his "The Meaning of a Motto." There are invaluable opportunities at Wake Forest, both in and out of the classroom, that allow us Demon Deacons to become more independent and self-sufficient."

Not only has von Behren excelled in the classroom at Wake Forest, but he has also been a leader outside of it. He served as president of the Wake Accounting Society where he worked closely with Dr. Candace and fellow students to organize events for many of the leading accounting firms to come and visit campus. "This experience allowed my team to add value to the business programs, especially accounting, by familiarizing students with the accounting firms and encouraging more people to enter both parties," von Behren said.

From those returning to campus, he is feeling as if his fifth year in the fall is there is a lot von Behren will miss upon his graduation when he moves on to work in assurance services for EY. "I will miss the friendly faces, the many moments of laughter and bonding, and the beauty and quietness of the Wake Forest campus," von Behren said. He is, for good reason, extremely proud of the person and student he has become through attending Wake Forest. "I learn a lot about myself and a lot about my Wake career is an experience that has helped me develop character, intelligence, and adaptability. I have challenged myself these past four years and have, as a result, recently started enjoying the fruits of the time I spent in accounting willingness, qualities I recommend for those who want more out of their college careers."

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Sara Coronel, who was born and raised in Asuncion, Paraguay, applied to Wake Forest with the business school in mind. Outside of classes, she spoke about playing pick-up volleyball games of all the court right behind Babcock.

"I really loved anthropological research. It was it got me thinking outside the box."

One of the things I would say is go to office hours. I was really shy my first year, I didn't go and I think that would have helped me a lot," Coronel said.

Ultimately, some of Coronel's fondest memories are of the beautiful campus, friendly faces and inviting faculty. When asked about her favorite experience, she spoke about playing pick-up volleyball games on the court right behind Babcock.

"I loved having Sara as a student. What I remember most about her scholarship was that she was always surprising me with her insights and creative approaches to her projects. She would speak about her discoveries with infectious enthusiasm," Folmar said. "This characteristic was on display when she defended her thesis. She was so clear and articulate that we, her committee, passed her thesis without substantive revision."

"I have learned the structure and insight into business that accounting provides."
"Do the most you can to maximize your time here at Wake Forest."

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Senior Edward (Ned) Gidley never expected to be an Art History major, however, after he toured the University of Virginia, he knew that he wanted to pursue art history. In his first year on campus, however the retreat helped him build lasting friendships.

Gidley's love for learning will translate to success in whatever he pursues. He exemplifies thoughtful, driven and smart. Gidley feels that the people in the Wake Forest community are what truly defined his experience on campus. He knows that the thing he will miss the most about Wake Forest are the people. Not only his peers, but also those in grades above and below his that he has studied with, as well as his friends who come to campus.

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One memory that Gidley will always remember was of his first summer retreat. He had just started the organization and was nervous to start his first year on campus, however the retreat helped him build lasting friendships.

When he moved on to work at Stifel Financial, he worked as a summer analyst last summer doing industrial equity research. Swartz will miss the right-knit community that comes with a small school like Wake Forest.

Swartz's love for learning will translate to success in whatever he pursues. He particularly enjoyed having Kurt as a student and what truly defined his experience on campus.

"It doesn't matter which major you select, but it matters what you do with that..."
Elizabeth Sarkel knew she wanted to pursue a degree in the sciences since the moment she moved into her dorm in Babcock freshman year. Her passion for the sciences developed as she grew up and was able to get professional experience in a science lab at the University of Chicago during her senior year of high school. Sarkel discovered her love for science in the lab before making the final decision to attend college.

After being charmed by Wake Forest's small-class sizes and the chance to actually get to know professors, Sarkel graduated from her high school in Columbus, OH, and traveled to Winston-Salem. Over her past four years here, Sarkel has spent her time performing classically for the orchestra, studying plant roots in Professor Gloria Marrs's research lab, and being friends on the Quad.

Sarkel is part of the first class at Wake Forest to major in biochemistry and molecular biology along with sixty other students. One of her favorite parts of her time as a Demon Deacon has been watching the opening of Wake Downtown in the Innovation Quarter of Winston-Salem. Sarkel takes several of her classes at Wake Downtown and thrills about the opportunity to use new equipment and study in this atmosphere. She looks forwards to learning about all of the new opportunities that science students will have with these facilities. Although she splits her life between the lab and the stage in Scale, she still finds time to study in Austria at Wake Forest's Flow House in Vienna.

"Vienna is a great city for classical music," Sarkel said. "It was cool being surrounded by a lot of the greatest composers had lived in Austria and I got to see a lot of musical performances while doing science research with the same.

"She was also grateful to gain experience learning about the scientific field from an international perspective and thinks it will be an extremely useful skill for her future career.

After graduating in May, Sarkel will be continuing her education at UNC Chapel Hill. She will be pursuing a PhD through one of UNC's umbrella programs, which allows students to explore the fields of genetics and molecular biology through their thesis lab after the first year.

Sarkel has yet to determine the exact basis of research she will study during her career, but is very passionate about learning and is curious about the world around her. She is most interested in the research side of the biomedical field rather than actually practicing medicine.

"Ultimately, I would like to go into academia and do research involving asking basic questions about genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, and thinking about how all those basic mechanisms regulate organisms and how they respond to the environment," Sarkel said.

With graduation quickly approaching, Sarkel took a moment to reflect on her time at Wake Forest and the wealth of memories she has made. She will miss being in the orchestra and having so many musical opportunities easily available, but plans on continuing to play in some capacity. After developing such close relationships with professors in her science department, Sarkel also looks forward to meeting new professors in different environments.

"I get to know your professors well and spend a lot of time learning a specific topic very in-depth," Sarkel said. "That has helped me grow and figure out what I want to do as much as going abroad did."

From her time in Babcock freshmen toDogwood senior year and everything in between, Sarkel has truly appreciated her time as a Demon Deacon and made a deep impact on the students and faculty of Wake Forest.

"Get to know your professors well... that has helped me grow."
Jorge Dabdoub had never heard of Wake Forest before he visited, but he has not regretted his choice to attend ever since. Dabdoub, who hails from Norwich, CT, has excelled during his time on campus. "Wake is the people around me," Dabdoub said. "This includes all my friends that I have met throughout my four years at Wake, but also the multitude of teachers who have helped me at various points in my time at Wake, I have also learned to be eye-opening in a positive way.

"The one thing I will miss the most about Wake is the freedom to do what I want," Dabdoub said. "I have learned the importance of giving back to the community around me in any way possible. It doesn't have to be something major, but even just volunteering an hour a week makes a big difference to those around you." Dabdoub said. "I started college with interest in biology, but I decided to go with a chemistry major, plans on eventually applying to medical school, but he will be taking a gap year next year. During his time away from academics, Dabdoub plans to work in a clinical, transitional or basic research lab in order to learn how research impacts the medical field. He plans to specialize in either cardiology, transitional or basic research lab in order to learn how research impacts the medical field.

"Wake is a great school that helps you develop as a person."
When you get to the small departments, you realize how much they really care about you and your education.

"My goal was to...focus on bridging barriers between different groups on campus."

"What we wanted was...to involve...native Chinese speakers."

"I was at my second home until that time."
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Extracurriculars: Administration team for WFU Argumentation Conference
Post-Grad Plans: Move to Israel

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“I enjoyed the conference so much that now he is considering an academic path, one that is not just related to the WFU Argumentation Conference,” Von Burg added. “Itamar suggested one of the scholars whom we invited as a keynote speaker who might not otherwise study it.

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“Women in STEM, intern, tutor, TA
Post-Grad Plans: PhD at the University of Georgia ILS program

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Even as a child, Makenzie Whitener was a Demon Deacons fan and Wake Forest was her dream school. Growing up in the area, she spent time on campus, as both of her parents work as staff members for the university.

In the past few weeks, Whitener’s mind has been “constantly flashing back” to the moments, when, as an admitted student at Accepted Students Day, she saw the “Welcome Class of 2018” banner and her dream school was realized.

Four years later, Whitener is graduating with a double major in biology and computer science. In the fall, she plans to get her PhD at the University of Georgia’s Integrated Life Sciences program, where she will be studying plant biology and/or genetics.

While she has always been passionate about biology, she enjoys the challenge that computer science presents, and feels that its intersection with biology is where she thrives.

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She spends a lot of time doing outreach both on campus and the community, encouraging younger students and women to consider STEM fields, specifically computer science. She has been a member of Women in Computer Science, Women in STEM, Rostarcat club and Middle School Mentor Program. Since her sophomore year, Whitener has been the secretary for the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) club.

“Being able to do outreach to women in science has really defined who I am as a woman in science,” Whitener said. “I think it’s really cool, and I want other people to think it’s cool too.

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Senior Itamar Lewin-Arundale is a double major in communication and history, two disciplines that he believes blend well together.

Lewin-Arundale has thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Wake Forest. “I really like the academic environment of Wake Forest. It combines with the size of the campus. I am going into the basketball and football games, so it has a big school feel in those aspects but also has the aspect of it that is academically challenging,” Lewin-Arundale said. “I’ve been able to explore a bunch of different facets of academia.”

One thing that drew Lewin-Arundale to Wake Forest were some similarities it holds to his high school. “I have talked to a lot of my peers who went to different colleges and universities, and they say it is very impersonal in comparison to my high school. Here I feel like it is similar to that,” Lewin-Arundale said. “You can engage with them personally, and I think that comes with the small classes.”

Lewin-Arundale chose communication for a variety of reasons, one being that it fits well with his long-term goal of attending law school.

“I realized how cross applicable it was — I am interested in law so these two things pair really well. I realized that communication was cross applicable, everything is really rhetoric and that is the part that I am interested in,” Lewin-Arundale said. “If you are going to understand people’s information and what they present to you then you have to understand how to present that to the people in the classroom as well.”

Lewin-Arundale has also excelled in the classroom, according to Alexandra Von Burg, a professor of communication.

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Lilly Gaeto said that when she entered Wake Forest as a freshman, she had no idea that she was going to major in economics.

"I didn't really know what the Federal Reserve was until I came to college," Gaeto joked. However, she quickly fell in love with the "fantail science." "It was one of those classes where everything clicked when I was sitting in class at 8 a.m. I just wanted to take more classes, and the rest is history," Dr. Jac Heckelman, who taught Gaeto's first economics class, said that her talent was evident from the beginning.

"Lilly has excelled in both classes she took with me," asking questions which went beyond basic course material and seeking greater depth of understanding," he said. "After initial major advice, I was happy to learn of her desire to further pursue economic analysis by expressing interest to graduate studies for which I am sure she will excel. She never shied away from the extra work which I am sure she will use her methods in the classroom.

During her junior year, Gaeto also accompanied Heckelman to the Southern Economics Association Conference in Florida, where she gained enough confidence to return as an official discussant the following year. However, Gaeto said that one of her most rewarding experiences in college was co-authoring an academic research paper with Mazumder about the accuracy of Federal Reserve forecasts. They looked at forecasts in speeches by members of the Board of Governors and compared it to realized economic data such as growth, unemployment and inflation and found that over time accuracy has decreased.

Gaeto will attend graduate school at Vanderbilt and hopes to become a professor.

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"Teaching is really demanding but you get so much from it."
Mairead Mederios is unique because it's an excuse for her to do more math. A senior Finance major, Mederios enjoys some of her favorite memories at Wake Forest. Although she is exceptional at math and finance, Mederios also enjoys the challenge that comes with the discipline. Her favorite class at Wake Forest was the Fixed Income class because of the tricky problem sets that she had to solve for homework. While finance is known as a tough major in the business school, the work ethic required to succeed in the major is inherent to her. The most rewarding part of finance isn't about how much you can study; it's how well you can problem solve in a way that not everyone can excel at it," Mederios said. Outside of the major, Mederios spends a lot of her free time tutoring other students in business classes. She tutors various courses for student-athletes and business school students, including some of the hardest classes in the major. Mederios6 admittedly enjoys tutoring because it's an excuse for her to do more math and finance in her free time. Some of her favorite memories at Wake Forest were spent during her time studying abroad in Barcelona. While Spain was home, she participated in the fall semester of her junior year traveling to different cities in Europe with friends from Wake Forest and elsewhere. She also enjoys running, exercising, and spending time with her friends. Her experience at Wake Forest was mostly shaped by the moments she shared with her closest friends, and will be the thing she misses the most once leaving campus in May. "I'll miss everything, but probably just that you get to do everything with your friends all the time," Mederios said. "You get to live with and always spend time with your friends, but once you graduate everyone is all over the place and it's harder to be close." Once graduated, Mederios is taking one of the most competitive post-graduate positions for young people in business, working as an investment banking analyst at Wells Fargo in New York City. "I'm really excited to be in New York City," she said. "I already interned with Wells Fargo and absolutely loved the group I was with over the summer, so I'm really excited to be back with them."
"Try everything. If you have an interest in something, don't be afraid to explore."
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John Ruddiman, who has been a huge inspiration in my life, has played a major role in stimulating the flames of Parker's passion for history. As Parker explains, "I love how, because of Wake, I can now go anywhere in the country and take my classes."

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Parker is quick to note the value of the broad curriculum required by the history department. "I love the variety of classes needed to fulfill the major and minor combination, along with the diverse topics covered in my history classes," she said.

Overall, Parker is happy with her decision to declare history as her major. "I'm really glad I chose history," she said. "It's challenging, but I love it."
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Coming to college as an international student is a daunting experience; leaving your home to move to a foreign country with a foreign language and a new culture is uncomfortable. Finding your place at a new university is crucial in finding a sense of belonging and comfort. Graduating senior Tina Liu, originally from Qingdao, China, found her sense of belonging in the Department of East Asian Language and Cultures. Her first language is Chinese, but she also studied Japanese at Wake Forest. “I came to Wake Forest because I always wanted to attend a small college and Wake Forest was the only university I applied to, others were liberal arts colleges. I found Wake unique as a university because it combines liberal arts college characteristics,” Liu said. “I choose to major in Japanese because I have been interested in Japanese since high school, and I thought it was a good opportunity for me to make it a focus of my undergraduate studies.”

The decision to study Japanese was not always Liu’s plan. Coming to university from China, there were expectations from her parents and other students to study certain areas to prioritize post-graduate employment. After taking various classes, she decided to follow her passion for studying language. “I tried to choose my major as accounting sophomore year, but I just found every class so painful to take,” Liu said. “Even my parents told me that accounting would easily help me find a job after I graduated. I struggled and decided to double major in Japanese and Communications even though I couldn’t locate a career direction with these two majors, but I really enjoyed almost every class from these two majors.”

One of Liu’s biggest lessons at Wake Forest was to follow her passions and make decisions for herself — the decision to study Japanese and Communications was just one example of this. She also joined the Global Research and Assessment Team with the Center for Global Programs and Studies as a Global Outreach Intern. Also throughout her time on campus, Liu has committed her experience to helping other international students with their adjustment to Wake Forest. She co-authored a story on Embrace, an online publication from the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, about how international students can better transition to university in the U.S.

Now about to graduate, Liu able to reflect on her most important places on campus. While she has grown more comfortable with the university and what it means to be a student here, one specific place on campus will forever stay important to her. “I will most miss my time in the East Asian Language and Cultures department; it is a small department and I am familiar with every professor,” Liu said. “I really felt like I’ve been respected and taken care of through these classes. For my other major (Communications), I sometimes just sit there and listen instead of voicing myself.”

Upon graduating, Liu plans to continue her studies at Columbia University. Liu plans to complete her Masters in Communication in the Teachers College.

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Post-Grad Plans: MA in Communication at Columbia University

THINA LIU | JAPANESE

"I chose to major in Japanese because I have been interested … since high school."

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A Farrell Hall study room enthusiast, Youyang Zhang has excelled as a Mathematical Business major at Wake Forest. After taking a statistics class, she realized that her love for business and her interest in math could be combined through this major.

Zhang always had the Wake Forest School of Business in mind — it was one of the reasons she applied to Wake Forest in the first place. She was further captivated into the Math Business major after taking Accounting 111. Although at first she thought she would major in Accounting, she was not drawn to the subject. This allowed her to narrow her path within the business school, focusing more on marketing and statistics. Along with academics, there were many other reasons Zhang chose Wake Forest.

"I choose to come to Wake because I liked [the] campus a lot. Also the small class size setting is appealing to me because I’m the kind of person who would avoid to speak in front of a large crowd or be around them,” Zhang said. “So I thought I could learn a lot more and a lot better if I came to Wake.”

Originally from Beijing, China, Zhang is the treasurer of the Asian Student Interests Association (ASIA).

"Most people in ASIA have Asian heritage and are struggling to find an ideal position for themselves on campus," Zhang said. "This is not only a club activity for me, but I have formed lifelong personal bonds with people in ASIA who have a lot of similar experiences with me.

Along this role, she is also a member of two different academic honor societies on campus. Specifically, she has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the social science honor society, and Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society.

In 2016, Zhang participated in a Red Ventures case competition at the business school. She was a member of one of the student groups, each one taking on the role of a student development team. After presenting their concepts to representatives from the company, Zhang’s team received first place and $5,000.

"This natural inquisitive nature of Youyang will make her a tremendous asset to every organization with which she works," said Marketing Professor Michelle Steward. "It was such a pleasure to have a student like Youyang who has both curiosity and a high level of intelligence, and is willing to dig into marketing problems that have a lot of interesting uncertainty.”

One of Zhang’s favorite memories from her time at Wake Forest is the President’s Ball, which she was able to experience as a senior. She said some of her fondest experiences also include simple activities, such as spending time with friends or a late night session at ZSR. When asked what advice she would give to incoming freshmen, Zhang remarked on the importance of breaking outside of your comfort zone to experience more and make new friends. She also emphasized the need to befriend your professors, as they play a big role in your college career.

"[You need] to embrace the differences and don’t be afraid of trying new things,” Zhang said. "There will always be surprises when you try something new."
**HUNTER HALE | MATH STATISTICS**

**BY HEATHER HARTEL**

Hunter Hale strikes most in and outside the classroom with his intelligence and math-focused brain. Whether in high-level statistics or economics courses, Hale has a unique passion for learning and understanding complex material. He came to Wake Forest because he wanted to go to a university that offered a statistics major and small class sizes, and it seemed Wake Forest was a natural fit for this criterion.

According to Hale, his experience here has been better than he anticipated. “I was surprised how much professors want to make sure their students succeed, and I’m really grateful for all of the help I’ve received from professors the past four years,” Hale said.

While math statistics is not a simple major, Hale has had to learn how to prioritize independent study and commitment problem-solving. “As my math courses got more difficult, I started to have moments where I felt completely lost for the first time, and I found out it’s easy to feel a little bit overwhelmed or defeated in those situations,” Hale said. “Now, I’m comfortable with being confused for a little while, and I’ve learned to approach really difficult situations with a lot of patience and persistence.”

In his free time, Hale has committed his academic passions to extracurriculars. In his sophomore year, Hale participated in the COMAP contest in mathematical modeling. Though wary at first, Hale was committed to the challenge and ended up enjoying it more than expected. His team also won the “Meritorious Winner” distinction for their paper and proceeded to compete the following year.

This was a similar experience when Hale was asked to join Wake Forest’s College Fed Challenge team, where economics students mimic the Federal Reserve’s Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings and provide suggestions for the current economics. Hale was hesitant to join the team in the first place, the opportunity ended up being a successful one for him, and one that taught him important lessons.

“I’ve learned how important it is to say yes to new opportunities,” Hale said. “Some of my favorite experiences at Wake Forest were through activities that I was initially hesitant to join.”

Beyond math and economics competitions, Hale also notes he loves rolling the quad with his friends. “I’ve learned how important it is to say yes to new opportunities,” Hale said. “I’ve learned how important it is to say yes to new opportunities.”

Hale’s commitments on campus have ranged from academic successes to extracurriculars outside the classroom. From these experiences, he can offer applicable advice to other students. “You’ll get the most out of your time at Wake if you find something you’re passionate about,” Hale said.

After graduation, Hale will be entering a PhD program to further his studies in statistics.

**HOMETOWN:** Raleigh, NC

**EXTRACURRICULARS:** COMAP Participant, College Fed Challenge

**POST-GRAD PLANS:** Entering a PhD program in Statistics

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**JACK GARVEY | MATH ECONOMICS**

**BY BECKY SMIG**

Senior Jack Garvey, originally from Arlington, VA, is a Math Economics major with minors in both biology and health policy and administration. Garvey, initially coming to Wake Forest to be a doctor, made the decision to change courses as a result of one class he took. “I was thinking I was going to be a biology major, being pre-med, but I took my first math class here and really just realized how much I really enjoyed it,” Garvey said.

While he liked that math class, he is happy with the decision to study math economics as opposed to just mathematics. “It is a cool combo without having to double major. It is the perfect fit for me,” Garvey said.

He also cited that math economics distinguishes itself from majoring in just math or just economics. “What distinguishes math econ is that it is sort of intended to see if people want to go to economics grad school, which actually isn’t something I am particularly interested in doing. But it is intended for those who have a strong math background to go to economics grad school,” Garvey said. “Something that I think makes it a bit different than math is that it gives you a really good application for in mathematics. It gives you some really neat applications of basic things that you have learned in calculus and some more complex processes you learn along the way.”

One thing that Garvey has loved about the department is the personal connections he has made not only with his peers, but with the professors. “It is a cool combo without having to double major. It is the perfect fit for me,” Garvey said.

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**EXTRACURRICULARS:** President of Student Union, Screamin’ Deacons

**POST-GRAD PLANS:** Working for Deloitte in Virginia
When she was focusing on her mathematics major, Irina particularly enjoyed the pure mathematics aspects of the field. However, after shifting focus to complete the computer science degree, she realized that she began to better appreciate applied mathematics as well.

"About middle, I found it quite interesting that both her mathematics and computer science senior projects (yes, she did one for each major) have a lot of similar components, especially regarding computer science to the other disciplines," said D. Frank Moore, the Department of Mathematics.

"Her smile and enthusiasm for mathematics will be missed by the department."

Originally from Ukraine, Irina and her family moved to North Carolina when she was a child. Despite living in the U.S. for the majority of her life, Irina loves traveling and learning new languages. She can hold a conversation in Russian and Chinese, and has studied Korean, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian, and French as well.

"My background is really important to me, so even though I've lived here for a long time, it's still my roots and I work really hard so that I don't forget them," said Viviano.

"Her ability to speak a bit of Chinese came handy her freshman year, when she was paired with roommate Yue Chen. The pair worked so well together, rooming together following the three years. We both had the same dedication to our classes, and got along really well," Viviano said. "I feel lucky to have had a good roommate pairing."

Viviano's favorite memories on campus include sitting on the quad, perusing the Media Room of the library and spending time with friends.

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CLAY HAMILTON | MUSIC (LIBERAL ARTS)

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Before coming to Wake Forest, Clay Hamilton played piano and sang in his youth choir, planned to be a science major with no intention of pursuing music in college. Now, as a Music in Liberal Arts conducting major, he has become a much larger part of his life than he ever would have imagined.

“It’s something that came out of nowhere for me and was definitely a big change in direction, but it’s one that’s helped me grow in a ton as a person and be more open about life than I want to do with this next step,” Hamilton said.

After joining Chi Rho, the campus men’s Christian a cappella group, and concert choir his freshman year, Hamilton dove further into music. He did research in Vi- ruses related to Mozart and Beethoven, became a conduct- ing student, and, most recently, was music director for the play Spring Awakening.

“[Being part of the play was] an experience I didn’t expect to have,” Hamilton said. “I don’t know that I could have done that at a bigger school. Profes- sors here, especially in the music department, give students so many incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to lead projects.”

His high school choir for philosophy has continued to hold true throughout his college career.

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Extra curriculars: Music Director for Spring Awakening, President’s Aide, Chi Rho, concert choir, APA, TA, research

Post-Grad Plans: Fellow at Wake Downtown while applying to medical school

YIFEI WANG | PHILOSOPHY

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Senior Yifei Wang, from Beijing, China, knew from the time he started at Wake Forest that he wanted to study philosophy. According to Wang, “I was in an IB program during high school, and I took philosophy courses starting in the tenth grade.”

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Although Hamilton will be applying to medical schools in his free time, refining his original plan, he is thankful for the professors who encouraged him to change his original undergraduate path.

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Hometown: Beijing, China

Extra curriculars: Owner and manager of Wake Wash, member of Pi Sigma Alpha Politics Honors Society

Post-Grad Plans: Attend law school

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When Sajant Anand first stepped on campus, he knew he wanted to major in both physics and computer science. Now, his incredible ambition, dedication and drive will earn him a degree in both fields, as well as a minor in mathematics.

"Most people end up choosing to master one discipline and to know a cursory portion of another," said Samuel Cho, a professor of physics and computer science. "To see someone of Sajant's age already demonstrating strong competence in both fields, and in a breadth and depth that is truly exceptional, is just brilliant at the same time, he is a great colleague who is beloved by all group members, is talented, and has a joy to work in the lab with."

Anand said he will most miss the camaraderie he has found on campus, specifically within the computer science department. "It is fun to build a community in a department where the faculty are willing to do stuff outside of normal work hours to get students interested in computer science," he said.

In recent weeks, Anand has had a "jam session" on the flute with Professor Todd Torgersen playing ukulele, and took part in a tradition with Professor Erin Fulp whereby a group of students under his mentorship the past few years gathered at the annual Halloween Orchestra Concert.

"You get a rush from doing something when you've worked so hard to get it right," Anand said. "Also, it's nice to have that relaxation where you go from doing quantitative stuff to using a different part of your brain to play an instrument."

When not playing the flute, Anand was a teacher's assistant and member of a team of high school girls competing in First Robotics Competition (FRC) who ended up winning the state championship for their robot.

"It was especially rewarding experience to be able to help them, since it was their first foray into hands-on STEM outside of a textbook," Anand said. "Half the reason I joined STEM was because of the mentors I had in high school; they were really excited and that rubbed off on me."

After graduation, Anand will be getting his Masters in Applied Math in Cambridge, England, and will then pursue a PhD in physics or math. Long-term he hopes to eventually become a university professor.

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When Ali Eakes talks about her future, it is easy to hear the excitement in her voice. She will attend medical school at UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. When she added that she just decided last week, a big smile spread across her face. Although her hard work as a pre-med student and a member of the Wake Forest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team has paid off, Ali has a true passion for the study of religion and is an embodiment of a student of the liberal arts curriculum.

“Telling medical school and I’m going to learn the medicine I need to learn but right now I’m studying something I’m passionate about and I found that in my religion class,” she said. Her homeroom teacher captured both of her passions in a field of study. “The Dying Body in Medicine and Religion,” was recently awarded the 2019 G. Joseph B. Canrin Award.

Her passion for religion also came through in her internship last summer. “I never expected to spend the summer working in pastoral services. As a pre-med student, I never thought that as something I would do, but that’s something I did for my department and it’s something I really enjoyed,” Eakes added. When asked to identify what she has learned from Wake Forest, it takes her a moment to find the words, “It’s hard to pick one thing,” she said. “I know how to relate to people better, especially from the religion department and how to talk across difference and how to find empathy for other people.” She also speaks to the transformative nature of the content that she has learned. “Not only have the classes changed me as a person for the better... [they] will help me be a better physician,” Eakes said.

Eakes chose Wake Forest for its small environment and financial aid package, but believes being a religion major has defined her experience at the University. When asked if her Wake Forest experience has lived up to everything she imagined, she added, “I expected the community and the rigor and that’s what I got out of it.”

In terms of Eakes’ community, she has actively engaged with faculty on campus in an attempt to learn from them outside the classroom. Her psychology minor has a deep level of respect for what they have taught her.

“My teachers here are some of the most influential people in my life and serve as mentors now and will continue to be mentors in the future,” she said.

Her greatest piece of advice is to embrace the opportunities that are thrown your way, which she has certainly done. Outside the classroom, Eakes is a freshman resident advisor in her dorm room, “The experience of bringing in the new class and being one of the first faces they see at Wake.”

As the Wake Forest training and equipment captain for EMS, she speaks highly of the tight-knit community she has found in this dedicated group of volunteers. “I probably say my favorite memory is senior send off for EMS. It’s something we do every year,” she said. “We have so many seniors who are graduating and we’re all grown so close as a group that it was nice to not only hear about ourselves, but enjoy in everyone’s memories was really great,” she said.

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One professor in particular with whom Osement built a strong relationship over her four years was Dr. Best. To speak to the type of person and student Osement is, Dr. Best said, “I first met Anna when but will continue to be mentors in the future,” she said.

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Logan Stinson has received numerous accolades from Wake Forest's Russian department. He is president of the Russian Honor Club, was selected by the department to do an honors thesis and was nominated for Phi Beta Kappa's Greene Award. These accomplishments are even more impressive considering he only began studying Russian his freshman year. Stinson said that he originally became involved with Russian by way of the Defense Language Scholarship, which he did because of his involvement with Army ROTC, of which he was a four-year member.

"I was here to study Russian," he said. "I got paid to study Russian." Stinson said that he was taken with the language almost immediately upon studying it, even though he has no Russian ancestry or relatives; he was born in Philadelphia, PA before moving to Dallas, TX. He cites the time he spent studying the language as crucial to helping him land a job following graduation.

"I'm actually working on Wall Street, so there's no correlation there," he said. "But the thing that you have to think when you study Russian, the things I learned from my professor, and the interesting ways of thinking that are required to do well in the Russian department really contributed.

Stinson also gained some knowledge about finance when writing his honors thesis about the Russian economy. He cited Wake Forest's Russian department as a particularly helpful resource for gaining experience, preparing him for his career search and just generally helping him along.

The Russian professors are very knowledgeable, and I can reach out to them whenever, even late at night," he said. "If you show the interest and you're good enough, they will do stuff with you."

Stinson has done a great deal within the department, including high-level research. He also said that he has even been published in Slavic, an interdisciplinary journal covering Russian, Post-Soviet, Central & East European affairs. This was a collaborative effort with Dr. Elena Clark of the Russian department. Stinson said that this has been quite helpful in getting him interviews and jobs.

"It doesn't hurt being a published author as a junior and senior in college," he said. "Stinson's writing is not just limited to academic journals. He has also occasionally taken time to help out his friends on the The DePaul Review, the conservative newspaper on campus, by helping them develop their own journalistic style. Stinson has also assisted with articles about the military. He says he does this to try and help bridge the gap between the armed forces and the civilian population.

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"Something that Dr. Clark and I wrote a lot about was this cultural divide between civilians and the military," Stinson said. "A lot of people don't understand what it's like in the military."

He said that this rift he has observed within the Wake Forest student body has traits that are reminiscent of a similar gap in Russia that he has studied. Having grown up in a military family, he is quite acquainted with soldier lifestyles, and seeks to spread awareness about the dangers of military work and activity among the civilian population.

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Senior Will Coleburn is a Spanish and Studio Art double major with a minor in Art History. He came to Wake Forest from his hometown of Marietta, GA. Throughout his time on campus, Coleburn has been greatly involved in the a cappella group Chi Rho, student art, the Baptist Student Union and Reynolda House Student Advocacy Council (RHSAC).

Coleburn chose to come to Wake Forest for several reasons. He knew from the beginning that he wanted to attend a small liberal arts school that was close enough to home but far enough away that his parents couldn’t show up unannounced. However, once he toured Wake Forest, he immediately fell in love with its facilities. Coleburn is also a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for Visual Arts, which influenced his choice to come to Wake Forest. As a Studio Art and Spanish double major, Coleburn spends an abundance of time working on his art. He was one of six students that was granted honors candidacy in the fall, which allowed Coleburn to create pieces of art to be displayed in the spring. His show is titled “Botanical Meditations” and it consists of a series of monotype prints displayed at the START Gallery in Reynolda Village.

“His stories are epic [but also] pertain to the lesson,” Lewiecki said. As someone who has admittedly been “full-throttle Scales” during her time in Coleburn’s class, Lewiecki will clearly miss the unconventional brick building. While Scales doesn’t feel that most of the buildings on Wake Forest’s campus are “concrete faced with brick... meant to mimic a different architectural style,” Lewiecki appreciates that Scales is full-blown brick.

“The building is authentic,” she said, referring not only to the building itself, but also to the people in it. “It is home to so many amazing people that I never run into on campus outside of it,” Lewiecki said. “And that is Sarah Lewiecki, it seems to me. An authentic person, intriguing. She is a mind that seems to glitter, and it emits the powerful sort of aura that is both pensive and powerful, not dominating or intimidating.”

Lewiecki hopes to continue her artistic practice next year, and is awaiting formal documentation from her thesis show as a potential gateway to gaining an art residency, a mixture of different artists’ work on projects for certain institutions. The final thesis show was titled “The Blood Sport Orders of Pennsylvania City.” Lewiecki’s pairing advice seemed to mirror that of the art residency building where she lives:

“Spent time on Davis field, because grassy areas are important, apart from just aesthetics,” Lewiecki shared. “You need time to be alone and enjoy nature.”

For Lewiecki, Scales seems to have been a place of intellectual growth and emergence. Davis field is right next door, and seems to be soaking up some of the same energy.
I am learning new things ... and questioning things I had never thought to question.

"It was just this really intense, chemistry-based look at relationships and the way people hurt each other," Bradley said.

On the other side, he noted that his favorite writing experience was for Laugh Tracks, a student comedy show whose purpose was to benefit the Anthony Aston Players.

"I allow us to sit in my silly little conversations with my friends into sketches that people then laugh at and donate money to an organization I love," he said.

However, his favorite experience at Wake Forest did not take place on a stage in Scales Fine Arts Center. Last summer, Bradley received a Richter grant to travel to Spain to translate Lembert de Terminis de Genua's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Afterwards, he synthesized his experience with his two different majors.

"I wrote a play about my experience and the philosophy of personal identity as it relates to isolation and community," Bradley said.

"That was the best month of my life," he said.

After graduation, Bradley will be taking a year off to work in Winston-Salem while he applies to programs to pursue a Masters of Fine Art in screenwriting. One of his professors, Lilli Johnson, spoke to them about many opportunities Bradley has ahead of him.

"I think the hardest thing he has to decide is where his career is going to go," Gendrich said.

"As a director, he is thorough and immune to criticism, and he works with actors exceptionally well. Eli is also a brave and prolific writer, and an actor of exceptional commitment and energy.

Bradley is looking forward to just relaxing for a little bit after being so involved in his impressive studies and extracurriculars.

Knowing that he has wonderful things ahead for him, Gendrich reflected on why Bradley is so special to her. "He pushes himself, knows that culture is a gift, not a punishment, and is endlessly interested in the big questions," she said.

"I act a lot, but I predominantly write and direct, so philosophy has had a huge impact on my writing."
“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Maya Angelou