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FROM THE PRESIDENT

AT WAKE FOREST we are in the midst of a yearlong celebration of the decision by the Board of Trustees on April 27, 1962, to end racial segregation. It was a seismic change, and it wasn’t inevitable. Those who led that struggle did it against very significant odds, and it took huge courage and creativity to do so.

I love the celebration’s title, “Faces of Courage,” because it was courageous beliefs, many of them on this campus, religiously inspired, which were resonant with the whole civil rights movement. To recount those stories is important for us as a community, and I salute Assistant Provost for Diversity and Inclusion Barbee Myers Oakes (‘80, MA ‘81) and others who planned the events. It is curious why it was decided that a student from Africa seemed more acceptable to the powers that be than an African-American student from Winston-Salem. The antislavery movement before the Civil War holds parallels. It gained most credence not in its most radical form but in its more moderate version and when religious groups proclaimed it. Often social progress occurs when people are willing to take smaller steps rather than demand absolute change all at once.

At Wake Forest the eyes were on the long-term prize, but the actions reflected, “Let’s take step one.”

In this issue of Wake Forest Magazine, you will read about Ed Reynolds (‘64), who integrated the University. He shows a deep appreciation for what Wake Forest did despite the hardships that I know he must have endured, being alone and isolated. Fifty years later there is a lot to celebrate. We have made great strides. Yet there is still much to do to make sure this is a campus where people of different backgrounds and ethnic identities feel comfortable and welcome. That is the kind of educational institution we want — a face-to-face place where different people can become friends and learn to talk about challenging subjects. It becomes a model for how to live in a pluralistic society. If people can learn here how to know and understand other perspectives and to engage them, then they can become leavened for the broader society.

This magazine also highlights Reynolda Gardens, a treasured place for reflection and conversation; an appreciation of our famed debate program; and a tribute to the late Wes Hatfield (‘41, LL.D ’96, P ’76) and Mike Farrell (P ’10), legendary champions of the University, leaders who inspire me.

Warm regards,

[Signature]

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Photographer Travis Dove (’04) captures the beauty and drama of Reynolda Gardens.
EDWARD REYNOLDS
COURAGE TO CHANGE A CAMPUS

BY LINDA CARTER BRINSON ('69, P '00)
In 1970, Linda Carter Brinson interviewed Edward Reynolds for the July issue of Wake Forest Magazine. Reynolds had graduated in 1964 as the first black undergraduate at the College. In June 2012, Brinson and Reynolds met in Santa Barbara, Calif., for another interview for Wake Forest Magazine. At both meetings, the two alumni talked about Reynolds’ experience as the person who racially integrated Wake Forest and the impact it had on his life and career. This article draws on both interviews, 42 years apart.

I recognized Ed Reynolds (’64) the minute he stepped off the train in Santa Barbara. He’s the same dignified, shyly friendly man he was in 1970; the years have taken little toll on him. We exchanged greetings as if we’d parted weeks before, rather than 42 years, and headed for a hotel patio. He was eager to talk, obviously having reflected deeply on the remarkable life journey that brought him from Ghana to Southern California by way of Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C.

By anyone’s standards, Reynolds can look back on his career with satisfaction. From Wake Forest, he went on to a master’s degree at Ohio University, Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. in African history at the University of London. He’s an honored professor emeritus of history at the University of California, San Diego, where he’s garnered many teaching awards and academic honors since he arrived there in 1971. An esteemed scholar of African history, he’s the author of several books, including “Stand the Storm: A History of the Atlantic Slave Trade” (1985), an in-depth look at the Atlantic trade in slaves from Africa. He’s also a leader and sometime preacher in the Presbyterian Church.

But Ed Reynolds has long applied a different set of standards to his life, a less quantifiable set. When we talked in 1970, he was teaching summer school at Wake Forest, where he had become the first black to graduate six years earlier. On the brink of finishing his dissertation and starting his career in San Diego, he said then that he wanted to be “a missionary to the United States,” promoting human relations in addition to his more formal teaching and preaching. Though he’s a modest man, Reynolds clearly — justifiably — thinks that through the years he has lived up to those goals as well.

To understand Ed Reynolds, you have to understand why he was willing to be the person to integrate the Wake Forest student body. Wake Forest’s end of the story is well known: With the backdrop of the sit-ins, sentiment for integrating the College was growing among students and faculty, although the administration appeared in no hurry to dismantle racial barriers. Organized into the African Student Program (ASP), activists hit upon the idea of contacting missionaries to recruit and finance a black African student who would be qualified as an international student. Harris Mobley, a Baptist missionary in Ghana, found Ed Reynolds. Reynolds’ initial application was rejected, so the ASP brought him to North Carolina in 1961 to attend all-black Shaw University in Raleigh while waiting for trustee action. After the College Board of Trustees’ historic vote in April 1962, Reynolds enrolled. He graduated in June 1964 with honors and a standing ovation.
When he talked with me in 1970, Reynolds said he came to Wake Forest because he “thought it would be very nice to have a part in bringing down the racial barriers in a major American university.” He did not plan to be an activist, he said, just to be himself, a young man and student.

After four more decades in the United States, in Santa Barbara Reynolds wanted to make a few other things clear.

For one, he may have been from Ghana, but he was more than qualified to attend Wake Forest. He recited the names of prestigious institutions where his grandfather, a Presbyterian minister, and his uncles and cousins studied: Basel, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh. His relatives wrote a dictionary for Ghana, translated the Bible and penned hymnals and textbooks. Young Ed’s mentors were John Malloch, a Scottish Presbyterian missionary, and his young second wife. With their help, he was admitted to the Achimota School, a highly selective and prestigious secondary boarding school that has educated many of Africa’s leaders.

In fact, he said, some of his supporters wondered if an American education would be good enough. “You can’t be sure about American colleges,” he said, “and my dream was to go to Edinburgh. But this was a rare opportunity to do something that I thought was important. I had some uncertainty, but this is where faith comes in.”
“The whole racial integration issue was something that appealed to me — in terms of justice, equality and fairness,” Reynolds said. “It’s part of one’s basic belief and faith that there has to be justice and equality. One could go into a challenging situation and try to make a difference.”

Reynolds did not come to Wake Forest because it was his best chance to get a good education. He came because he wanted to fulfill the sense of mission instilled in him by his family and mentors, and because he admired the people at Wake Forest who were taking a stand for integration.

Looking back, he has many reasons to believe he made the right decision. For one, he did help advance the cause of integration at Wake Forest and at other Southern universities that followed its lead. He is quick to say, however, that American society still has a long way to go toward true justice and equality. “We have made some progress,” he said, “but I don’t think we are anywhere near where we should be. It seems to me that we lack the prophetic voices, the people of courage who demanded some of the earlier changes.”

He also got a fine education. “The academic programs were good. Wake Forest really prepared me for further studies,” he said. “The history program especially was excellent.”

And he made many friends among students and faculty. Not that everything was easy: There was the anonymous gorilla picture in the mail, and, more serious to him, the struggle to maintain his identity in a world where little was familiar. But he smiles enthusiastically when talking about...
his supporters. There was his roommate, Joe Clontz (’64), later a missionary in Togoland. “Clontz chose to room with me. He is a fun person to be with, but beyond that a very solid individual with a lot of strength. He was very protective and encouraging and made a lot possible for me.”

Reynolds knows that Clontz’ parents were not pleased with their son’s decision. “His parents might have had doubts, but his father owned a clothing store, and every couple of months he sent me clothes. Deep inside, the father realized the importance of what his son was doing,” he said.

Clothes were a problem both because he had little money and because he’d been used to wearing school uniforms. During the year at Shaw, Reynolds spent two weeks during December break with Wake Forest history Professor David

“It’s part of one’s basic belief and faith that there has to be justice and equality.”
Smiley (P ’74). When Smiley realized Reynolds had no overcoat, he gave him one of his World War II Army coats. “I thought it was nice and wore it,” Reynolds recalled.

Girls in the Baptist Student Union at Wake Forest were “like big sisters to me, and they would say, ‘Ed, your clothes don’t match.’ I had a hard time with this — I had on a shirt. I had on trousers. What were they talking about? I got to a place where I would try to buy all Navy blue jackets and dark ties so I would at least know I matched,” he said.

Names of other student friends came readily to his mind: Bill Brady (’65, MD ’70), Glenn Blackburn Jr. (’63), Frank Wood (’64, MA ’71), Barry Dorsey (’65), Ross Griffith (’65, P ’91). One friend even gave him a dollar a week out of his allowance. The black churches in Winston-Salem and the black people who worked in staff positions at the College also gave him great support.

And his eyes glowed when he named the faculty, and, in many cases their spouses, who supported him. “These were learned people, and there was also a humanity about them,” he said. “What leaders: my good friend Smiley. Ed (’50, JD ’53) and Jean (’51) Christman. J. Allen Easley (P ’43, ’44, ’46), born in 1893 in South Carolina, but leading the debate on integration. Mark Reece (’49, P ’77, ’81, ’85). Chaplain Hollingsworth (’43). Professor Aycock (’26) and Lucille. Richard (’54, P ’81) and Betty May (’55, P ’81) Barnett. Mac Bryan (’41, MA ’44, P ’71, ’72, ’75, ’82), Charles Talbert and Phyllis Trible in religion. These were great people.

Then there were young people like Tom Mullen (P ’85, ’88), enthusiastic and ready to really challenge you in terms of intellect. And Ed Hendricks, talking about how there were European colonials in North and South America, too. So many great people.”

As Ed Reynolds talked, our Wake Forest connection drew us together. These were the great people of my college days, too. I know exactly what he means.

“Deep within me, I think that I took a lot of my experience at Wake Forest with me, in terms of my understanding of what an undergraduate education was all about — the learning and the teaching, the intellectual exchange between professors and students,” he said.

The UC San Diego where he began teaching in 1971 was just beginning to develop a full university around the nucleus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, using a residential college system like Oxford and Cambridge — or, as young Reynolds found, like Wake Forest. He flourished, inviting students to dinner, developing a mentoring program to help minorities and women pursue graduate studies, getting to know students as individuals, joining enthusiastically into the “lovely community” that reminded him of the one in Winston-Salem.

On this day in 2012, Ed Reynolds had work to do and a train to catch. I told him how good it was to see him again, and how interesting it is that he has both taught history and had an important role in history.

“Thank you,” he said, with that grin that still seemed a little bit shy.

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Always ready for a fierce argument are (left to right) Maddie Langr ('15), Bennett Clifford ('16), Amanda Pham ('14) and Richard Min ('14).
THINK HARD

TALK FAST

YIKES!

AN INTROVERT DISCOVERS AND EMBRACES THE WONDERS OF WAKE FOREST DEBATE

BY CHERIN C. POOVEY (P '08)

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEN BENNETT
I’ve made my way to the top floor of Carswell Hall and into an attic-like room where the sole source of natural light is a large window overlooking Magnolia Quad. Along one wall are lockers; along another, trophies and plaques. At first glance it could be any classroom — students are seated around big tables, most wearing headphones and all focused intently on their computers.

But then the coffee pot catches my eye, alongside it a supply of pain relievers, allergy medicine, vitamins and cough drops. These over-the-counter clues remind me I’m not in just another classroom; I have entered the oratory outback of Wake Forest Debate, the squad room where a team of 28 student word warriors and their 12 coaches are already hard at work — a week before the semester begins — preparing for a new season of research, argument and persuasion. No wonder fatigue, headaches and scratchy throats happen here.

So what am I — a writer who majored in conflict avoidance with a minor in podium panic — doing here? After all, the mere mention of debate suggests confrontation, and the team motto, "Think Hard, Talk Fast," elicits a faint shudder. As I tiptoe to my observation point over in introvert corner, I know I’m here for a glimpse inside a diverse community “melting pot” whose members come from all over the country and represent a variety of perspectives on politics, race and gender. They have a reputation for being intelligent, inquisitive and sometimes, even quirky. I also know that I don’t fully appreciate the art of argument or its connection to a liberal arts education. What I don’t know yet is that this experience will teach me debate is about more than I ever imagined.
But let me back up a bit. To explore the Wake Forest Debate community my first stop is the Department of Communication's Carswell Hall lobby, where glass cabinets showcase the history of debate through trophies and plaques, historical photos and a quote from Edwin G. Wilson ('43), provost and professor of English emeritus. “Long before we played football, edited publications, acted, or sang, in fact almost before we studied, we of Wake Forest talked,” it says.

That defining comment appeared in a 1940s Howler and puts into context the history of one of the country’s most revered college debate programs with its legacy of legends and loving cups. Wake Forest’s “talking” tradition dates back to 1835, just a year after the College was founded, and long before there were Greek organizations, Student Unions or myriad extracurricular and social activities to engage students outside the classroom. The history includes the first public debate between the Philomathesian and Euzelian literary societies in 1872, multiple championships and two National Debate Tournament titles in 1997 and 2008.

The program has flourished through the years, guided by visionaries such as George W. Paschal, H. Broadus Jones, A. Lewis Aycock, Franklin R. Shirley, A.C. Reid ('17, MA '18, P '48), Merwyn A. Hayes, Allan Louden (now chair of communication) and Ross Smith ('82). The Debate Hall of Fame honors stellar debaters who have gone on to careers including public service, law, academics, health care, think-tanks and politics.

Back in the squad room I see these talkers are spending a good bit of time being quiet. Prolonged silence is punctuated by the tap of fingers on keyboards — there's no more paper research in debate — as they intently surf the Web looking for information to support arguments for and against the energy-related policy resolution they'll be debating this season, which culminates with the 2013 National Debate Tournament March 28-April 1.

Then, as the silence is broken by an impromptu back-and-forth on vegan versus vegetarian — complete with friendly barbs and laughter — I begin to understand why, when other students are outside tossing Frisbees on a warm summer day, debaters are holed up inside volleying terms like carbon capture and gasification. Debate’s culture is a passionate blend of camaraderie and competition in which personal success is valued second only to the success of the team.

“For debaters, a fierce argument is the ultimate sign of respect,” says Jarrod Atchison ('01, MA '03), a veteran of Wake's team who returned “home” in 2010 as director of debate after three years in a similar position at Trinity University in San Antonio. “It means that you agree that another perspective is worthy of a rigorous analysis and you are willing to invest the time and effort into testing the idea. As a result, the debate community is largely defined by students who are passionate, intellectually curious and excited to engage in a battle of ideas rather than sitting around and assuming they have the whole world figured out.”

When we first meet, Jarrod is about to embark on a six-week summer recruiting trip. He's looking for students with the raw intellectual talent to compete at the highest level — and who are ready to set goals and make the sacrifices it takes to win a national championship.

He's both ecstatic and humbled to have been offered his dream job — a bittersweet opportunity brought about by the death of his mentor and friend, Ross Smith, in 2009. He met his wife, Becca Eaton Atchison ('03), on the team and, as many debaters do, he formed lifelong friendships including one with his debate partner, Justin Green ('99). Last fall he brought Justin back to Wake Debate as head coach.
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We talk about debate culture and Jarrod says that while it's easy to articulate the program's longevity, the community itself is constructed year in and year out. “Debaters have lots of dorky things in common including being far more passionate about politics, philosophy, history and argumentation than their peers,” he says. “More fundamental, however, is the notion that things are not as black and white as they sometimes appear.”

Contrary to what some may think, debaters are not necessarily egotists. “Debate is a method of arriving at a decision, so when a community adopts debate as its central method of resolving conflict it actually reduces the role of ego, making it easier for people to change or to articulate their beliefs without resorting to personal attacks,” he adds.

Fast-forward to an 88-degree day just before the fall semester starts. I’m sitting at a table outside Z. Smith Reynolds Library with Drew Thies (’13) of Kansas City, Mo; Luke Sullivan (’16) of Aspen, Colo., Lauren Sisak (’14) and Joe Perretta (’14), both from Miami, Fla; and Lee Quinn (’15) of Birmingham, Ala. They are smart, amiable and psyched to be Deacon debaters. Even during our casual conversation their words are artfully chosen, delivered with cadence and confidence. I know if they tried they could persuade me today is a snowy day in December.

I ask what compels them to give up nights, weekends, holidays — and even come back to school early — to prepare for a new season of Wake Debate. It’s because debate is their passion — a “sport” at which they want to win. For Drew it’s not just about argument and persuasion — it’s about advocacy. For Luke, it means learning humility and resilience. For Lauren, it’s about mastering communication skills that will help her excel in the world of finance.

So what of camaraderie among debaters? “We definitely have a squad culture,” says Lauren, noting that later they are heading to a group cookout. “Between meetings, practice and tournaments, the group spends so much time together they’re almost like siblings.” Adds Joe, “What makes our relationships unique is that it’s not uncommon to tell war stories because we have similar experiences.”

We talk about the squad’s annual preseason retreat to the Blue Ridge Highlands of Virginia and the year they got a visit from 1997 National Debate Tournament co-champion Daveed Gartenstein-Ross (’98), now a senior
fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. “He is one of the most influential think-tank scholars in the world, and he came to a log cabin in Fancy Gap and slept on an air mattress,” says Lee. “We got to talk to him as much as we wanted about anything.” Adds Lauren, “I cannot think of another college debate team that has such a strong alumni network.”

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At a squad meeting weeks later, Justin zips through the business items. The weekly shoutouts — debate’s equivalent of the attaboy/girl — follow and are acknowledged with snap-finger applause. There’s time for one brief flashback to a ’70s poetry slam (I’m undoubtedly the only one in the room who recalls the ’70s and we’re on to serious stuff again — the National Earlybird Tournament Wake Forest is hosting that weekend. Debaters are reminded their responsibilities include tracking furniture and knowing how to locate extra toilet paper. “You are not volunteers,” says an assistant coach. And in this situation, I don’t hear any argument.

Walking to my car after the meeting I reflect on what I’ve learned in the last few weeks, namely that debate is about more than fast talking and persuasive argument. It’s about conquering challenges, building character and confidence, nurturing teamwork and responsibility — and most of all, self-discovery. Debate teaches lessons and provides opportunities that help students learn who they are and how they will lead examined and purposeful lives. In that regard it is a microcosm of the University community and the values that define Wake Forest.

I wonder, had I known back in the day what I know now, how the debate experience might have changed me. Maybe I’d have been more outspoken in meetings. Heck, I might even have dominated meetings. I might have grabbed that “notice me” seat instead of slinking to introvert corner. Maybe I would have engaged in spirited arguments, questioned authority or made my personal motto “Bring it on.” Perhaps, at the sound of my confident, persuasive voice, my children would have stood at attention, eager to listen and obey. But I suppose that last one would have been a stretch — even for debate.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT DEBATE?

After a 1909 debate team victory over Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, a student writing for the 1910 Howler recalled the celebration this way: We look back with joy to Thanksgiving night, and we can still hear the old college bell ringing out, “Another victory won,” and the music of the pans as the howling mob woke up the town. Some of the speeches which certain members of the Faculty, clad in scanty apparel, made when called from their slumbers, still linger. Particularly do we remember Professor Carlyle’s speech in rhyme, as is his wont, which closed with this inspired couplet:

“While the moon is shining bright,
Now I bid you all good night.”

Wake Forest’s long tradition of hosting high school debates began in 1917 with the first “Declamation Contest.” A $50 scholarship and a gold medal (reportedly worth $12.50) are the first prize; a gold pin, valued at $5, is second prize.

As reported in a 1943 Old Gold and Black, Martha Ann Allen (44, P ’80) joined the debate squad on a trip to Charlotte, becoming the first “member of the weaker sex ever to represent Wake Forest in any varsity debate tournament.”

Franklin R. Shirley, who had a long-standing interest in the history of public speaking and rhetorical theory, became chair of the Department of Speech in 1963. Under his direction the debate program attracts national attention. Wake Forest offers a few competitive debate scholarships, including one named for Franklin R. Shirley, but most debaters are walk-ons.

Two former mayors of Winston-Salem were Wake Forest debaters: the late Franklin Shirley and Martha Swain Wood (’65), who met her husband in the debate program.

In 1988 Gloria Cabada (’88) became only the second woman ever to be named a National Debate Tournament Top Speaker.

Brian Prestes (’97) and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross (’98) won Wake Forest Debate’s first National Debate Tournament title in 1997.

Wake Forest hosted a “National Debate-In” on issues surrounding Sept. 11, 2001, and its aftermath.

In 2008 Seth Gannon (’09) and Alex Lamballe (’09) won Wake Forest’s second National Debate Tournament title.
From its trails, meadows and formal gardens to its woods, wetlands and wandering paths, Reynolda Gardens has been a place of magical memories through the years.
We are blessed to have the gift of Reynolda Gardens in our community. It is a rare and wonderful treasure to have an estate's garden, meadow and woodland at our back door, open for free, public use.

The 1961 deed of gift transferring Reynolda Gardens to Wake Forest College states: “(T)here is an ever growing need in Forsyth County for land areas to be set aside, preserved, and enhanced in the beauty of their natural state, which land areas can become a refuge for relaxation and contemplation and a haven for reflective outdoor leisure.”

Surely this was not an issue when the Reynoldses purchased over 1,000 acres with the idea of creating a self-sustainable farm and estate. R.J. Reynolds died shortly after the couple moved to the estate in 1918. His wife, Katharine, was left to direct operations and proceed with the vision, which included creating the formal gardens that many of us recognize today as Reynolda Gardens. Designed in 1917 by Katharine Reynolds and Thomas Sears, a Harvard-educated landscape architect from Philadelphia, the Gardens comprise almost four acres. They are roughly divided in half with the lower, or greenhouse gardens, a reconstruction of Sears’ original plan and the upper garden dedicated to the cultivation of modern roses, ornamentals and vegetables.

When I first set eyes on Reynolda Gardens I felt a surreal familiarity with the place. I grew up in a row house in suburban Baltimore. Behind my family home a woodland surrounded an estate much like Reynolda with formal gardens terraced and walled, a pond and a scattering of exotic ornamental trees ringing a house larger than anything I could have imagined. By that time the estate was a nursing home, private property that required my scaling a 10-foot-tall chain link fence to undertake stealthy exploration, something I was
called to do with magnetic regularity. The similarities between it and Reynolda are multiple, but I believe the attraction to them to be about the same thing: the pursuit of beauty.

Beauty may be as necessary to the nourishment of the human soul as food and water are to the sustenance of the body. I believe that all visitors to the Reynolda estate arrive to experience that beauty whether they are walking their dog, studying statistics, tossing a Frisbee on the lawn or strolling through the borders with the one they love.

Gardeners are in the business of facilitating beauty. We are not so much creators as we are enablers of beauty. We construct an arena where soil and plant combine with light and water and nature animates the scene. It is a relationship that requires a great deal of humility, for the Gardens are likely to go in several directions and a gardener’s skill is only one of the determining factors.

Sometimes as the gardener I find it hard to see the forest for the trees. What needs to be tended is always in my line of sight, and there is always much that needs tending. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the amount of work to do. But sometime in early September a change comes over Reynolda Gardens. The morning dew is thick and stays long into midmorning. A particular slant of light illuminates every bead of moisture on grasses laden with dew. Bees sleep in blossoms heavy with the weight of water. The Gardens are saturated in their own fecundity. It is a time when the Gardens are reaching for their zenith yet redolent of its decline, a period when the inevitable descent of autumn is as evident as the dew soaking through my shoes.

The seasons change, the cycles turn and Reynolda stands much as it has through most of our lifetimes. May it always be that way.

David Bare, garden columnist for the Winston-Salem Journal, has been Reynolda Gardens’ greenhouse manager for 11 years. His daughter, Mary Hollis Williams, is a 2009 Wake Forest graduate.
“The seasons change, the cycles turn and Reynolda stands much as it has through most of our lifetimes. May it always be that way.”

– David Bare
I find comfort in the familiarity of Reynolda Gardens and each winding turn on the path. I have known it since I came to Wake Forest as a student in 1982 and I have walked it in times of sadness and difficulty as well as in times of tremendous happiness and joy. So far from my old Kentucky home in those early days, I found solace by running in the Gardens.

Later, the Gardens afforded me inspiration for my best papers for Elizabeth Phillips’ Dickinson and Whitman seminar. Now on weekends my husband McLain ('85, JD '88) and I walk the same path we ran as students, and we attempt to resolve all the issues of the week, many pertaining to our own teenagers! It cheers me to see fellow-Wake Foresters along the way: Dr. Duke Weeks ('61, MD '65), attired in gold and black, greets me with his faithful Yorkie Emily, clad in a different colored sweater depending on the day of the week; devoted friends and faculty Herman Eure (Ph.D. '74) and Clay Hipp bridge the gap from biology to business on their jaunts as they debate the merits of barbecue and whether Eastern or Western reigns supreme; and later in the afternoon I might chance to meet Professor Jim Barefield as he makes his way swiftly to the gate just before tea time.

My sister Sandy ('89, MAEd '90), in our time together at Wake, set a series of Herculean tasks for any potential boyfriend: one such requirement was not to be outwalked in the Gardens by the Sutton sisters. “Can he keep up?” she asked dubiously, when I returned from the Wake Forest Worrell House, after having met McLain. As it turned out, he had us gasping for air by the time we reached the gate.

In the '80s when students were all so enamored with running (and our knees would permit it), we commonly scheduled our social time by running together through the Gardens: that is how Molly Jones Burns ('87) and I met and came to know
each other. Molly cemented our friendship by delivering warm Moravian sugar cake to my door in New Dorm. (At the time there was a charming little bakery in the Village.) I can remember Homecoming dates that included a run through Reynolda Gardens after the football game and before the evening’s formal parties.

After graduation, when McLain and I visited Wake Forest and Winston-Salem, we looked forward to runs or walks through the Gardens as further opportunities to reconnect with all that is Wake Forest. Finally, when our family moved back to Winston in 2005, we resumed our daily treks through the Gardens, feeling about them like a wonderful old sweater that hasn’t been worn in years but feels so comfortable upon rediscovery in the closet.

The change of seasons in Reynolda Gardens is what I find most beautiful: in spring, like Wordsworth, and like any good student of Ed Wilson’s (’43), my heart leaps up when I behold a host of golden daffodils on chilly green mornings. Summer brings out the turtles to sun on floating logs. Winter is quite majestic when the grounds are covered in snow and one crunches across the bridge, in awe of the exquisite icicles. But fall is my favorite season because it brings to mind Keats’ “Ode to Autumn” in its mellow fruitfulness. The burnished reds, yellows, oranges of fall are breathtakingly beautiful.

These joys I missed when I moved away, and I couldn’t wait to get back to Winston and to Wake to walk through the Gardens and experience that “certain slant of light” in the late afternoon. There is, in walking through the Gardens, for any Wake Forester, a sense of coming Home.

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“I find comfort in the familiarity of Reynolda Gardens and each winding turn on the path.”

– Marybeth Sutton Wallace
When I was a student, Reynolda Gardens was an escape when I most needed it. After a rough exam or staying up too late working on a paper, I liked to reward myself with a trip there for lunch. The walk alone would generally set me at ease. Returning to photograph the Gardens took me right back to those days.

A field of ultimate Frisbee players, runners trotting the pathways and picnics on the grass set the scene exactly as I remember it. Coming back with a camera offered an opportunity to explore little corners of the grounds that I hadn’t investigated before. They are spots I’ll be back to, next time with my running shoes and a load of stress I’m ready to part with.
“When I was a student, Reynolda Gardens was an escape when I most needed it.”

– Travis Dove
After the Mighty Storm
All night heaven roared, claps, flaming arrows, fell from the broken sky
the creek swelled and sent forth seasons of earth turning over and over
into the sediment of root, stalk, seed, and tip: lake’s fertile memory.

After the mighty storm
the waterfall exploded.
Water dripped from trees.
The walker in the woods.
The soft underfoot.

Scenes of a Day
What an Old Man Remembered:
A boy and his dog in the meadow, dancing.

What a Child Watched:
A turtle digging a hole, near the path, slow work.

What a College Boy Made:
A hut of sticks and straw, childhood regained.

What a Spider Felt:
A pathetic thing on two legs, two arms flailing,
walking into my shining web, not a small one, and me in the center.
Please!

What a Warbler Sang:
Birders call it Warblers Lane, our secret place
where they go to put their glasses on us.
Zee zee zoo zoo geeeeeze
Reading Poems on the Hill

“Lord: it is time. The summer was grand. Let your shadows lie long on the sundials. And unleash the winds onto the fields”

“There’s a certain Slant of light, Winter Afternoons — That oppresses, like the Heft Of Cathedral Tunes...”

“So insistent is this woodpecker, I’m sure he must be looking for something else — not simply the beetles and grubs inside, but some other gift the tree might hold.”

“Whose woods these are I think I know His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.”

“Loveliest of trees, the cherry now Is hung with bloom along the bough, And stands about the woodland ride Wearing white for Eastertide.”

“I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;”
"O, my luve is like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June.
O, my luve is like the melodie,
That's sweetly play'd in tune."vii

"The reeds give way to the wind and give the wind away."viii

"Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, 'Stay awhile.' "ix

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Leave Your Own Love Notes for Reynolda
Under a bench, a tree, a stone
Whatever the reason
Whenever the season
With a friend or come alone.

The Legacy of Nancy Susan Reynolds
"If I go through life and accomplish comparatively nothing, yet
Leave to the world one spot more beautiful because I have lived,
I think I will not have lived in vain."x

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Emily Herring Wilson (MA ’62) is a friend and neighbor of Reynolda.

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For a gallery of other images from Reynolda Gardens, please visit magazine.wfu.edu
AN ORIGINAL POWER
At the beginning of the 20th century, R.J. and Katharine Reynolds became one of the region’s most influential couples in business and society, creating an estate that would one day be sacred ground to the Wake Forest community. Kahle Family Professor of History Michele Gillespie shares the following excerpt from her new biography, “Katharine and R.J. Reynolds: Partners of Fortune in the Making of the New South.”
R.J.R. may have been deeply smitten but he was nobody’s fool. He had long skirted matrimony. His commitment to expanding his business through good times and bad had discouraged him from settling down. In Victorian fashion, his role as favorite son and bachelor caretaker for his extended family had also contributed to his postponement of a family of his own. But in 1903, Nancy Susan Reynolds, his widowed mother, died at the age of 77. Her death left him heartbroken, he explained in a letter to his young cousin Kate. “I have been so much absorbed in business that I feel much grieved from the fact of my … [not] spending more of my time with my dear beloved mother.” His eyes now opened to the passing of time, R.J.R. felt free to consider marriage. He immediately began pursuing Katharine, who did not mind his attentions. “Dear cousin,” she wrote R.J.R., whose company had turned the market town of Winston, North Carolina into a thriving New South city, “I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Nancy’s death.” Ten days later he invited his “Dear Cousin Kate” to join his nieces and himself on a trip to New York. “It will give me great pleasure to have you with us.”

Why was R.J.R. so drawn to Kate? The most reductionist of interpretations would focus on their kinship. Marrying Kate Smith, the eldest daughter of his first cousin, meant he could keep his great wealth in the family, an age-old strategy for protecting fortunes. But if this had been his only criterion for choosing a bride, other cousins would have filled the bill much earlier. Kate Smith was more than kin. She was an exceptional young woman. R.J.R. respected her force of personality, and ultimately loved her for it.

If R.J. Reynolds epitomized Henry Grady’s New South man, his wife-to-be embodied the next generation’s New South woman. Intelligent and determined, emboldened by familial affluence and the benefits of higher education, she used this set of attributes to secure considerable autonomy for herself, albeit through conventional means — first as an elite, single white woman in the early twentieth-century South, then as a married one.

Following their chaperoned trip to New York, R.J.R. invited Katharine to work for him as one of his personal secretaries, the only woman in that role. Her willingness to take on this position hints at her commitment to a more complex self-determination. Winston was a big city compared to Mt. Airy. But it was also a world in which young women of her race and class had been confined to narrowed feminine roles to justify the exclusion of black men from the body.
politically. On the national scene, women were just beginning to enter the professions, including teaching and nursing, but also as department store clerks and business secretaries. Though these new opportunities were increasingly available in the urbanizing South, they were not necessarily socially sanctioned ones for respectable young ladies. The prevailing racist ideology justified its public vilification of black men, and the removal of their civil rights as the best strategy for protecting vulnerable white womanhood. Young privileged white women's presence as paid workers in public places complicated that argument.

Still, as R.J.R.'s secretary, Katharine could experience the new freedoms that came with employment while under the protection of the most important man in Winston. She discovered a youthful city in the throes of rapid demographic and economic growth, much of it due to the burgeoning R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. By 1900, over 17,000 residents called Winston, and the Moravian enclave of Salem right next door, home. Nearly a third, mostly African American, were employed in the tobacco factories nine months out of the year. The city embraced the ambition generated by the industry. In one week alone, the local papers bragged, the city had shipped out 800,000 pounds of plug (chewing) tobacco on 29 rail cars, breaking all world records.

Katharine also found a cultural milieu in the twin cities of Winston and Salem. High and low culture in the form of plays, concerts, operas and operettas, musical comedies, vaudeville and minstrel shows were commonplace. Silent motion pictures played at Nissen Park on summer evenings. Salem Female Academy and College had long embraced the importance of education, and women's education at that. National black spokesman Booker T. Washington gave a public speech raising money for the R.J. Reynolds Slater Hospital for African Americans, with orchestra seats reserved for whites, the balcony for blacks.
Katharine found herself in a vibrant new community, full of innovation and contradiction. Despite the novelty inherent in Katharine’s new home, with the thrill of modern capitalism at full tilt and plentiful arts to entertain her, she still had to consider her social standing. Protecting her reputation as a single working girl living away from home mattered. As another educated young woman who also worked in Winston politely noted about this period, “[I]t was not so generally accepted then as it is now for a girl to go into an office.”

Intelligent, hard-working and meticulous, Katharine began her wage-earning career on April 16, 1903, and quickly distinguished herself. The twenty-two year old not only kept the company accounts, but balanced R.J.R.’s personal accounts too, including his stock portfolio. A quick study, she parlayed her monthly salary into well over $10,000 worth of stock profits in less than eighteen months at a time when less than five percent of American men and only a minuscule number of women owned stock.

Although only a handful of love letters from R.J.R. to Katharine have survived, they are remarkable in their sweetness and sincerity, and show a different man than the powerful public figure. After nearly two years in his employ, Katharine accepted R.J.R.’s marriage proposal, allegedly irritated that it had taken him so long to put forward. He replied by the next post,

My Dearest of All,

The 6th inst naming the 28th day of March as the day you will be my wife, gives me the greatest undescribable pleasure. ... I feel that no one on earth ... is blessed with a more noble, earnest, sincere, lovely & sweeter or better wife than I will have in you. I love and respect you so much more than I ever did any one else, that I really feel that I never before knew what real true love was. & it must be gods blessing in having me to wait for you & receive more happiness than earlier marriage would have given me.
The wedding was held at 8:00 a.m. on a Monday morning in late February 1905 in Katharine’s parents’ home in Mt. Airy. The bride and groom entered the parlor, overflowing with fresh flowers, to the piano strains of Mendelssohn’s Wedding March and the Reverend D. Clay Lilly, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, presided over their exchange of vows. The newlyweds caught the next train to Greensboro, made their connection to New York, and headed for the Grand Tour on an ocean liner bound for Liverpool the very next morning. The two would share a thirteen-year partnership before R.J.R.’s death in 1918. They would conduct a far-ranging social life and, under Katharine’s direction, build a breathtaking estate and a model farm under Katharine’s leadership. R.J.R. would be credited with launching two of the most successful brands in history, Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco and Camel cigarettes. The two would provide leadership to a series of progressive reform movements and business innovations, and they would help drive one of the South’s best examples of rapid urbanization and changing race relations in the city of Winston-Salem. Together they two would become one of the New South’s most influential couples.
DEACS IN LOVE
You would think that I would have met Bill McGibony ('06) on the Quad or at the WAKE Radio studio, where we each had our own shows. But we met a few years after graduating, through a mutual Wake Forest friend. I often think about how many times I probably walked by him on my way to Tribble, or how many times I likely stood in line behind him at the Pit — all the while never knowing that he’d someday be my husband. We’re getting married next September.

By Jane Bianchi ('05)

But Bill and I certainly aren’t the only two Deacs to fall in love with each other. It’s not uncommon to run into couples that share the same connection with Wake Forest. Though it took me a few years to find Bill, there are other Wake Forest couples who find romance decades after college.

Claudia Saunders Leinss ('64), a founding member of the Fideles (now the Chi Omega sorority), and Edward Leinss ('63, P '07) dated briefly at Wake but married other Deacs in 1964. In the 1970’s, their marriages ended, and each married a second time. Then, in 2004, Ed was driving through Dry Branch, Ga., and remembered that it was Claudia’s hometown. He Googled her and came across the obituary of her second husband, who had died of cancer — just as Edward’s second wife had. In fact, they had died within days of each other. After tracking down Claudia, he emailed her to express his condolences, and they began an email relationship that grew into more than just friendship. When they decided to meet in person — after more than four decades — Claudia said that Ed could spot her by the red rose she’d be carrying. They married in 2005.

For other Wake Forest couples, love blossomed while they were on campus. Take Scotty Candler ('05) and Lauren Pressley Candler ('05), who met on the first day of “pre-school,” a Campus Ministry pre-orientation retreat for freshmen. When Lauren got on the bus to go to the retreat, the only seat available was the one behind Scotty’s. “She was, literally, the very first Deac I ever met,” said Scotty. When Scotty proposed on the steps of Reynolda Hall in 2009, Lauren said, “Yes.”
Allison Aden Simon ('94) and Clint Simon ('94) didn't realize that they were meant for each other as early on as Clint's mother did. "His mother apparently found the Freshman Lookbook, saw me (and saw that I was from Mississippi — very near the town where she grew up), and said, 'Clint, get to know that girl,' " said Allison. They ended up meeting through mutual friends, and before she knew it, Allison was camping out with Clint to get front-row basketball seats and rolling the Quad after big wins. Their friendship evolved into something deeper during late night walks through Reynolda Gardens. They're now married with three kids — and a cat named Deacon.

Dave Hanby ('83, P '11) might not have met Jan Sigmon Hanby ('82, P '11) if he had had a car. After a Pi Kappa Alpha homecoming dance, Jan's date was driving people home, so Dave jumped into the car with his date — and fell for Jan. They married in 1986.

Working on the Howler yearbook is what brought Al Rives ('76, P '08, '11) and Kathie Amato ('77, P '08, '11) together. Al was a photographer and Kathie was an editor. Wake Forest is extra meaningful to their relationship because they got married in Davis Chapel. Al, who now teaches chemistry at Wake Forest, and Kathie have football season tickets and tailgate before every home game.

The day Al and Kathie got married was peaceful, but the wedding day for Clyde Glosson ('62) and Janice Howell Glosson ('62) was quite busy. On June 4, 1962, they graduated at 9 a.m., Clyde was commissioned into the U.S. Army at noon, and they married at 4 p.m. They met while working in the campus cafeteria. "I asked her if she might be interested in going to the Student Union movie one night. She said, 'Yes!' " said Clyde.

Clyde and Janice have been married 50 years, but Major Harding ('57, JD '59) and Jane Lewis Harding ('58), who have been married 54 years, have them beat. Major, a Sigma Chi who was in Arnold Palmer's pledge class, and Jane both survived the transition from the Old Campus in Wake Forest to the new campus in Winston-Salem and went on dates to Staley's steakhouse, Gino's Italian restaurant in Raleigh and the Magnolia Room on campus. "In those days, boys weren't allowed on the girls' halls, so I always had to meet Major downstairs in the dorm parlors," said Jane. They were pinned (signifying exclusivity) during Jane's senior year, and they married in 1958.

Sometimes, when one Wake Forest couple gets together, it starts a trend. Just ask Andy John Dyksterhouse ('97) and his wife, Kelly LaChapelle Dyksterhouse ('97), who met through InterVarsity. "The day I first saw Andy he looked so young and scrawny that I thought he was a visiting high school student," said Kelly. But he won her over when they went to see pianist George Winston at Wait Chapel. They've been together ever since. Andy inspired both of his younger brothers to marry Wake women, too. Gary Dyksterhouse ('02) married Kathryn Sturdivant ('02), and Jimmy Dyksterhouse ('06) married Kate Profumo ('07).

The Jacksons can relate to the Dyksterhouses, because their whole immediate family is made up of Wake Forest couples. Parents William Craig Jackson ('75, MBA '87, P '02, '05) and Trina Hall Jackson ('74, P '02, '05) started it all when they met while working as resident advisers. Their oldest daughter, Kathryn Jackson ('02), a Pi Phi, followed suit by marrying Michael James Maltarich ('02), a Sigma Pi. Not to be left out, youngest daughter, Sarah Jackson ('05), also a Pi Phi, tied the knot with Dan McNeill ('04), also a Sigma Pi.

Wake Forest is a common bond that brings people together and can lay the groundwork for long-lasting romances. I count on that being the case for me and my Deac.

Jane Bianchi ('05) is the editor of Bottom Line's Daily Health News.

Want to share your “Deacs in Love” story? Send it to magazine@wfu.edu, and we will consider posting it online.
Top Row (left to right): Bill McGibony & Jane Bianchi, Claudia & Edward Leins, Kelly & Andy Dyksterhouse, Dave & Jan Hanby
Middle Row: Major & Jane Harding, Lauren & Scotty Candler, Gary & Kathryn Dyksterhouse, Jackson Family
Bottom Row: Allison & Clint Simon, Kathie Amato & Al Rives, Jimmy & Kate Dyksterhouse, Clyde & Janice Glosson
A WINNING
Golf’s most charming couple, Webb and Dowd Keith Simpson, began their partnership at Wake Forest, cheered on by friends and family.

BY LISA KLINE MOWRY ('82)
Anyone watching the final, suspenseful moments of the 2012 U.S. Open Championship saw that unmistakable bond. Television cameras in the clubhouse focused on Webb (’08) and Dowd (’07) Simpson, who waited as later scores came in to see if Webb’s two-under-par 68 that day would make him the winner. Yet the couple seemed as relaxed as if it were a date night — which was sort of the case.

“The U.S. Open was the last tournament I was allowed to fly to because I was in my third trimester of pregnancy,” says Dowd. “It was just me and Webb, so the tournament was a little ‘babymoon’ before (daughter) Willow arrived. Also, Webb says he always plays better when I’m there.”

They could hear the crowd’s roar on hole 18, just outside where they were sitting, Dowd recalls, but because of the television delay the Simpsons had to wait to see what happened on the screen. “It was so nerve-wracking,” she says. “To stay calm, we watched videos of our son, James, who was just learning how to walk.” Webb got the win, of course, his golf career soaring to a new high that day. His private life had taken off eight years before, when Webb was a freshman at Wake Forest and Dowd a sophomore.

Even before Webb set foot on campus, Dowd’s best friend, Maggie Simons (’07), heard that her Raleigh buddy — young golfer Webb Simpson — was headed to Wake Forest on a golf scholarship. “Your future husband is coming to Wake,” Simons teased Dowd. The love story unfolds like a screenplay for a Hollywood romantic comedy. “I was at a party in Raleigh for Maggie when Webb’s father, Sam, walked up to me and said, ‘I’ll pay you $100 if you’ll take my son out,’ ” Dowd recalls. The Wake Forest theatre major
quipped: “If he's half as cute as you, I'll do it for free.” Dowd and Webb never met that night, but a couple of months later Webb thought he had spotted this mystery girl at a party (based on descriptions from his father, he was on the lookout). Sure enough, it was Dowd. Their relationship started out as bantering in the dorm room with friends, then progressed to dating as a full-fledged couple. And yes, says Dowd, Webb’s father paid up the $100. The young couple used it for a steak dinner at Ryan’s, their favorite restaurant.

Finding time to date was challenging. They were both busy with academics and sports. Webb’s schedule included afternoon golf practice; Dowd’s passion for acting meant even evening theatre rehearsals or plays. “It was hard for us to carve out time together, but we tried to find time every day,” says Webb. “We hung out more on the weekends, going to Ryan’s and The Loop for dinner, and when we did have more time we would go to the movies. There was one thing we loved to do — we would sneak up to the golf complex at night, order a pizza and watch a movie. It was quiet and away from everyone.” (He adds, “Sorry, Coach Haas.”)

One of Dowd’s favorite memories occurred when she played Juliet her senior year in “Romeo and Juliet.” She recalls Webb always watching her plays from the back row, where she says he could smuggle in Diet Cokes. He brought her flowers afterward. The two also enjoyed functions with her Chi Omega sorority and casual study sessions in Tribble Hall.

While Webb was already distinguishing himself on the golf course (he was ACC Player of the Year in 2008), his studies in religion appealed to another side of him. “That
subject interested me most at the time,” says Webb. “I’m a Christian, so I thought learning about other religions could only help me firm up my beliefs in Jesus.” Webb took numerous classes with Charles Kimball (P ’04), his favorite professor.

After Dowd graduated, the two went separate ways for a year. Webb finished college, while Dowd pursued acting in Atlanta and Los Angeles. When they finally reconnected, it didn’t take them long to re-establish their comfortable rapport from college days. “The first date we had, I thought to myself, ’I’m falling right back in love with the man I fell in love with my sophomore year,’” says Dowd. He was still the same mix of “goofy and gentlemanly,” but older and more mature. “I knew that I had met the man I wanted to grow old with.” The two married in Charlotte — Dowd’s hometown — in 2010, with college friends among the wedding party. James was born the following year, giving them a family focus even as Webb started to travel more for professional golf. Their strong religion is another bond (and part of Webb’s wholesome image in the sports world);

Dowd says they study the Bible together on rare evenings at home.

Dowd’s role on the golf circuit is both emotional and practical. “I walk the course and cheer Webb on, of course, loving him unconditionally after every round,” says Dowd. “But I also make PB&Js for him to eat at the turn so he doesn’t get hungry.” Webb discloses a secret skill that Dowd brings to the tournaments. “She’s a professional clapper out on the courses,” he says. “Many greens are elevated and we (players) can’t see the green from the fairway, so Dowd will often let me know how close my ball is to the pin by her clapping.”

Continuing their habits from Wake Forest, they thrive when together but have their own identity, too. “I think what makes us a good team is that there’s a lot of balance,” says Dowd. “We’re very similar yet just enough different to make it interesting.”

Lisa Kline Mowry (’82) is a writer and editor in Atlanta.
Continuing the legacy

Wake Forest men’s golf Coach Jerry Haas (’85) recalls playing a head-to-head match with Webb Simpson (’08) during the young golfer’s junior year. “Webb was down five with seven holes to go, and as his coach I was sort of rubbing it in, saying I couldn’t recall beating anyone this badly,” he says. The good-natured teasing just made Webb that much more determined, Haas adds. “When he’s not winning, he gets very quiet.” Webb proceeded to convert that silent focus into birdies for five of the next seven holes, forcing the match into a playoff that resulted in a win for Simpson.

By Webb’s senior year, Haas felt even more certain his young player was destined for professional golf. “I told his father, Sam, that Webb’s going to make it,” says Haas. “I could just tell — his swing had evolved and he was hitting beautiful shots. Webb just had that look; he was carrying himself like someone who was going to be successful.”

Webb arrived at Wake Forest on an Arnold Palmer scholarship in 2004 after playing golf in high school in Raleigh. While representing the Deacons, he was named All-American player three times and was asked to play in the 2007 Walker Cup. When he went pro in 2008, Webb had two runner-up finishes while on the Nationwide Tour, then qualified for the PGA Tour in 2009. It was in 2011 that Webb won his first PGA Tour title, The Wyndham Championship (in nearby Greensboro), followed by the Deutsche Bank Championship. The victory at the 2012 U.S. Open Championship in San Francisco was even sweeter because it brought a win for Demon Deacons golf after Arnold Palmer lost the U.S. Open at the same golf course decades before.

Wake Forest golf history always begins with Arnold Palmer (’51, LL.D. ’70), whom Haas calls “the king of golf.” Yet every decade has had big names who honed their skills on campus: Lanny Wadkins (’72, P ’96, ’10), Curtis Strange (’77), Jay Haas (’76, P ’04, ’10) and son Bill Haas (’04), Billy Andrade (’87) and Darren Clarke (’88) — many of whom were also on an Arnold Palmer scholarship.

A common denominator is good character, says Haas. “They all carry themselves like gentlemen,” he says. “They are a credit to their sport and great ambassadors for Wake Forest.”

— Lisa Kline Mowry (’82)
Since dropping the SAT requirement, Wake Forest relies more on interviews and written materials to evaluate prospective students. Applicants submit an essay and answer seven short-answer questions ranging from “What outrages you?” to “Give us your Top 10 list.” We asked students who gained admission to Wake Forest to share excerpts from their answers and invited alumni to chime in.

By Kerry M. King ('85)

For more responses from alumni, see magazine.wfu.edu
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What should we know about you that we haven’t yet learned?

I read “Lord of the Rings” at least once a year. In my experience, organization is relative. Bagels are my favorite food; I have one almost every day. I am a “Star Wars” fan and a Trekkie. I start singing Christmas carols before Thanksgiving. When my friends come over, we make humorous physics videos. I have an 11.5-pound keychain collection. I was born in the Midwest, but I love living in the South. I started doing science experiments when I was 6. ... I tried to teach myself chemistry in middle school. I read Carl Sagan’s “Cosmos” in 7th grade. In my astronomy class I took during the summer in Cambridge, my teacher snuck us into the math building to find Stephen Hawking’s office. I have pictures.

Andrew M. Camp ('15)
Brown Summit, N.C.

Give us your “Top 10 list.”

1. The possibility of better
2. Learning the unexpected
3. Giving gifts, inspiration
4. New people and places
5. Lovely books on lazy days
6. Equally matched debates
7. An empty ballet studio
8. Success in all areas
9. Unplanned surprises
10. Chocolate with fruit

Kimberly R. Quick ('14)
Chesterfield, Va.
People who aren’t passionate about anything.

Olivia C. Campbell (’14)
Greensboro, N.C.

Throughout my childhood, my musician father and his band, Zaranda, held nightly rehearsals. I was lulled to sleep with the sounds of Venezuelan folklore music: the cuatro, the mandolin and the guitar weaving seamlessly with each other to produce euphonious melody. The Latino soul and rhythm from the music began to pulse through my veins like a call to my culture. Subconsciously, my view upon the cadence and music of life changed absolutely. The world now communicated with me through rhythm. The words ‘Latino, latino’ created a beat within me. My ties to my homeland became closer and stronger. I became me.

Carlos Daniel (Danny) Siso (’14)
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dr. Seuss once urged, “Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”

Kenneth (Ken) A. Meyer (’13)
Randolph, N.J.

How to Win Dinner-Table Arguments: The Use of Ethical Principles in Debate

Lee Larson (’16)
Falmouth, Maine

What question should we ask of next year’s applicants?

Write a short letter to your 17-year-old-self, as your 80-year-old-self.

Mankaprr R. Conteh (’16)
Bear, Del.
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Nancy Rodwell Tuohy ('92) / Director of Admissions, Summit School / Winston-Salem, N.C.

Describe the culture in which you grew up. What are its strengths and weaknesses?

I grew up in a very innocent time in a typical small mountain town in North Carolina. We were free to come and go without having to worry about crime. That was a strength of the times and also of a small community. We were community. Places have lost that innocence today because of the changes in society. Things developed slower in the ‘40s and ‘50s, and people had time to adjust to the changes. Now, things, especially technology, change almost at an exponential rate. People don’t have time to adjust to one thing before something else is developed.

Rebecca (Becky) Hoover Haney ('66) / Retired high school and community college teacher / Winston-Salem, N.C.

Think of things that fascinated you when you were 10 years old – What has endured?

When I was 10 years old I lived in a world that was varying degrees of reality and fantasy. This world was powered and seamlessly navigated by my imagination. I would be Mickey Mantle striding the base path of Yankee Stadium and in a moment’s notice be in the trenches in a Marine firefight — complete with a fully concocted enemy. To my memory, reality played, at best, the supporting role; chores, homework and other distractions such as sitting down to dinner being requisite. The balance of power between reality and fantasy has shifted over the years, reality assuming the leading role. However, my imagination has continued to serve as my compass and is largely responsible for my success as a businessperson.

Bradley Nix ('81) / Founder, Black Pearl Intelligence / Windermere, Fla.

When did the arts change the way you perceive the world?

I grew up in the theatre, with my father a designer and director and my mother an actress. We listened to opera; we were at plays or in plays; we built chainmail armor from pull-tops on cans. I was always reading or hearing stories. That creativity, drive and imagination made me curious and open to learning. I was an English major, but at Wake Forest I indulged my curiosity in archaeology and anthropology, biology, journalism, history, psychology and so much more because the arts opened me up to myriad possibilities.

Deirdre Parker Smith ('83) / Continuous news editor, Salisbury Post / Salisbury, N.C.

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When I was 10, I became fascinated with photography. In fifth grade, we made pinhole cameras made of Quaker Oats boxes. Last month, I bought a new digital SLR, although my iPhone tends to get the most use — Instagram, anyone? My favorite camera is my 25-year-old film Nikon 2002. The art of photography requires an ability to take what IS and “see” it differently. In my various work settings, I continue to look at what exists in a process, see it differently and redesign the process. I guess the real question is did photography teach me this? Or was I drawn to it naturally?

Nancy Rodwell Tuohy ('92) / Director of Admissions, Summit School / Winston-Salem, N.C.
Wake Forest has a new center to support projects combining performing arts with other academic disciplines. Cindy Gendrich, professor of theatre and director of the new Interdisciplinary Performance and the Liberal Arts Center, or IPLACe, says the Center was created “to inspire new ideas and new connections between the performing arts and other departments at the University through interdisciplinary collaborations.” While other arts centers exist around the country, Gendrich says IPLACe is unusual in its focus on interdisciplinary performance work within a traditional, liberal arts context. IPLACe sponsors guest artist visits, classroom projects and master classes, salons (small group conversations about interdisciplinary topics), post- and pre-performance talks, student initiatives, traditional scholarly work revolving around performance and an end of the year “think-tank.” Collaboration between the arts and other disciplines on campus is nothing new at Wake Forest, said Gendrich. “What is new is that IPLACe brings all these activities together — building on the already high quality work going on in different areas. The Center will draw students, scholars, artists and audience members together and provide the time, the place and the reason for people to talk about the things we care about through the intensity of live performance.”

Jason Gagliano’s dream has become a reality. The biology graduate student works in a Wake Forest lab with leading researchers using the latest technology to develop a scientific breakthrough. Gagliano is part of the physics department team developing Next-Gen Lab-on-Bead, a tool that uses next-generation genetic sequencing to make the drug development process thousands of times faster, much like a Google search. The National Institutes of Health awarded the Wake Forest team a $700,000 grant through its Small Business Innovation Research program, and the University will share the funds with partner NanoMedica, a Winston-Salem company. Next-Gen Lab-on-Bead uses a roughly one-inch-square chip, much like a computer chip. A football-shaped area in the middle of the chip is filled with millions of wells. Each well contains a bead, to which the researchers attach a potential drug molecule. “We have an application for this technology that, as far as we know, no one else has thought of, which makes it exciting to explore,” said Gagliano. The research team, led by physicists Keith Bonin, Jed Macosko and Martin Guthold, also received a two-year, $160,000 Collaborative Funding Grant from the North Carolina Biotech Center to refine Next-Gen Lab-on-Bead for commercial use.

Wake Forest golf icon Arnold Palmer (’51, LL.D ’70) received the Congressional Gold Medal at the U.S. Capitol last September. It is the highest civilian award in the United States, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which Palmer received in 2004. He is only the sixth athlete in history to receive the Congressional Gold Medal. “I’m particularly proud of anything that the House and Senate agree on,” Palmer joked. “I am very humbled.” Palmer’s career includes 62 PGA Tour wins and seven major championship titles. His commitment to children, philanthropy and fans helped him elevate the sport. Last year, Wake Forest named its newly renovated golf...
complex in honor of Palmer. He paved the way for future generations of Wake Forest golfers, including fellow U.S. Open winners Curtis Strange (’77) in the 1980s and Webb Simpson (’08) last year. “When it comes to golf, the Demon Deacons have one of the best traditions in all of college athletics, thanks largely to the legendary Arnold Palmer,” said President Nathan Hatch.

When Linda Tuttle was diagnosed with breast cancer, she never imagined her experience would inspire her colleagues in the Department of Chemistry to design new treatments to tackle the disease. A staff assistant, Tuttle was accustomed to talking to faculty and staff about meetings and course loads — not doctors’ appointments and treatment plans. But after her 2009 diagnosis, Tuttle’s use of tamoxifen, a drug commonly used to treat breast cancer, inspired medicinal chemist Uli Bierbach and research colleagues Song Ding and Xin Qiao to develop a targeted therapy that delivers a sneak attack to the disease — similar to a Trojan Horse. Building upon more than a decade’s work in platinum-based drug research, Bierbach’s team now designs synthetic hybrid molecules that more effectively tackle otherwise chemoresistant cancers, including breast cancer. Results of this work, funded by the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, appeared last fall in the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. Results also have led to tumor-seeking magic bullets that attach platinum to endoxifen, a close relative of tamoxifen, and quietly hitch a ride to the diseased cells, as if hidden in a Trojan Horse. In partnership with Greg Kucera (’87) of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, initial preclinical studies have proven Bierbach’s army of molecules to be effective. “Wake Forest’s motto is Pro Humanitate, which means ‘for humanity,’ and it motivates our research group daily,” Bierbach said. “Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer, and there’s a pressing need for more effective and less toxic chemotherapies. It’s a fulfilling job, but it’s even more rewarding to help someone you know.”

Professor of Law Michael D. Green was a co-winner of the 2012 John G. Fleming Memorial Prize for Torts Scholarship and co-delivered the Second Fleming Lecture at Berkeley Law last fall. He received the international award in part for his outstanding work as an American Law Institute co-reporter for two core portions of the new Restatement (Third) of Torts. Green holds the Bess and Walter Williams Distinguished Chair at Wake Forest and is a graduate of Penn Law School.

In April 1977, at New York’s Cordier & Ekstrom gallery, the American modernist and Charlotte native Romare Bearden (1911–1988) installed 20 vibrant, richly composed collages under the title “Odysseus.” The series was based on characters and episodes in Homer’s Greek epic “The Odyssey” — one of the foundational works of Western literature. A traveling Smithsonian exhibition reunites the 1977 series while expanding the scope of the original exhibition with watercolors and other relevant pieces from the artist’s work. “Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey,” kicked off its national tour at Reynolda House Museum of American Art last October and concluded in January.

To stress the universality of Homer’s epic, Bearden made all of the Homeric gods, mortals, heroes and villains black. This choice asserts that all viewers can relate to the central themes of the story — themes of longing, struggle and perseverance.

The exhibit inspired collaboration between Wake Forest, Winston-Salem and Reynolda House on programs including Faces of Courage, an event honoring the University’s 50th anniversary of integration. Several classes attended gallery lectures, and the Humanities Institute sponsored an interdisciplinary academic symposium focused on odyssey in the context of diaspora. The Office of Residence Life and Housing provided training to residence advisers on using works of art in the exhibition — and elsewhere on campus — to facilitate conversations with residents.

The Forsyth County Public Library selected “The Warmth of Other Suns” by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Isabel Wilkerson for the countywide On the Same Page book program. More than 250 guests filled the museum to hear Wilkerson for her speak.

“This fall was an ideal time for us to explore together, University and Museum, the themes that connect all of humanity — struggle, journey, longing for home — the same themes that Bearden depicts in his work,” said Allison Perkins, Reynolda House executive director.
“Mic Man” and Entrepreneur
BEN SUTTON JR.  
(’80, JD ’83)
Delivers the Remarkable 
Booster Shot for Wellness

by Maria Henson (’82)

Last September Ben Sutton Jr. (’80, JD ’83) and his family committed to one of the largest gifts from an alumnus in the University’s history: $12.5 million to initiate funding for the new Sutton Wellness and Recreation Center at historic Reynolds Gym. The centerpiece will be the gym’s renovation with a major addition, creating a facility with more than 250,000 square feet of space dedicated to the fitness and well-being of students, student-athletes, faculty and staff.

Sutton, who led cheers as the “Mic Man” when he was a student, worked at the University before he launched ISP Sports in Winston-Salem in 1992. It became a powerhouse collegiate-sports marketing firm. New York-based IMG Worldwide bought Sutton’s company in 2010, appointing Sutton president of IMG College, which operates out of ISP’s former office in Winston Salem. Sutton is a University trustee and a 2012 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. He spoke with Associate Vice President and Editor-at-Large Maria Henson (’82) about the decision to give the leadership gift. Following are edited excerpts from their conversation.
Henson: Describe your childhood and how you learned to dream big.

Sutton: I grew up on the edge of a little town called Murfreesboro, N.C. My dad was CFO at Chowan College, a little Southern Baptist junior college in eastern North Carolina. I was the oldest of five original children, and I have a half-sister that I count as the sixth. I don’t even like to use the word half-sister because she’s very much a part of our family. The five of us grew up there. My graduating high school class was 27 people. The town had probably 2,000 people and the college had probably a thousand students … I would tell you this, Maria, when I watch “The Andy Griffith Show,” I feel like I’m watching the story of my life, which I almost remember in black and white. …

Santa Claus, when I was about 8 years old, (brought me) a world-band radio. I would sit on the front porch of our house on winter nights — true story — and listen to Gene Overby calling play-by-play of Wake Forest games on what they call a skip signal on an AM station. I just loved Wake Forest. I became a Red Sox fan because I could get Red Sox games. It’s kind of funny that I ended up in the college sports radio and TV business all these years later …

In Hertford County there’s the college and farming. It seemed like I was in another universe. I came here with no car. When I went home I rode the Trailways bus. It took eight hours because you had to stop at every little town along the way. I fell in love (with Wake Forest) like I thought I would.

Henson: What inspired you to give such a generous gift?

Sutton: Wake Forest is part of the fabric of our family. My grandfather went to school here. He was the chairman of the Board (of Trustees), back when the Board was all Baptist ministers. My parents went to school here. I had an uncle who went to school here, and my first cousin was the Student Government president. … This didn’t require a lot of inspiration to make this decision. It’s a lifelong flame that’s burned inside of us, and my view is that it is a small token of the gratitude and appreciation that we have for how important this University and this University community are to us, to Winston-Salem, to the world at large …

I always felt like if I ever made it, I was going to do something great for Wake Forest. I repeated that to (the late President) Tom Hearn, who was a wonderful human being and friend, many times, and to (athletics director) Ron Wellman and to (former athletics director) Gene Hooks ('50) and more recently to (President) Nathan (Hatch). For me and our family, this is a privilege. But for the grace of God and the hard work of a lot of great people who believed in what we were doing at ISP — and who frankly continue to believe in what we’re building at IMG — this kind of a farm boy from eastern North Carolina is in a position to do something that we hope has a dramatic effect on student and campus life.
Henson: You could have had your name on a dorm. Why the Wellness Center?

Sutton: When you and I were growing up, physical education was a staple. Now it’s not. We live in an era where kids think these little devices we keep in our pockets — they think they are their oxygen. They would rather spend time on an Xbox or a computer than really be focused on health and wellness.

I’m the oldest of six. My next brother, Steve, an N.C. State boy, passed away 10 years ago from leukemia. I lost one of my best friends from college, Jim Fulton (’79, MBA ’83), to a brain tumor. If I didn’t understand before burying a brother and burying one of my best friends that life is precious and you only get one go at this, then those two events certainly honed that vision for me.

I really believe that habits that are formed in teenagers and people in their young 20s can be lifelong. I don’t want us to have a place that’s just a high-end fitness club. Having a place where Wake Forest people come and they’re together in fellowship and united in common purpose again speaks to the greatness and one of the unique characteristics of our University.

I was a gym rat when I was at Wake Forest. I would go over to the gym and play pickup basketball, and I wasn’t a very good basketball player but I would go because I just needed a release. That place was antiquated and outdated and not really functional when I was at school here in the late ’70s and early ’80s. Take it back down to the walls, open it up, take all of the bricks out of the windows and have glass all the way through the building and … have it programmed in a way where there’s something for everybody (for) what they seek in stress release and building healthy, fit bodies. If they get that part right, they’re going to be better students. I really believe they’ll sleep better and eat better.

Part of the allure for me — I have a huge interest in athletics at Wake Forest. There’s probably no more passionate college sports fan generally in America than I am. … We’ve got to give (athletics) the facilities to compete with the best, brightest and finest student-athletes who fit the Wake Forest profile. We’re going to go quite frankly, Maria, from worst in the ACC to first in the ACC with the strength and conditioning center. It’s for all the student-athletes. But I have a special interest in football. We can (enhance) our stature as a very unique BCS program in one of the top two or three conferences in America. That’s important to me. It’s important for football and for all of sports. What’s cool about all this is that it is all in one facility. I’ve never been a fan of segregating student-athletes from the student population.

Henson: What do you see as the Wake Forest secret ingredient?

Sutton: More than anything else it is a sense of community and belonging. It sounds a little trite, but people really care about each other and the world. Making a difference. Pro Humanitate is on full public display every single day.

You can walk across campus and engage almost any kid on our campus, and each one of them will have a different definition, but all of them will be about having this sense of “We have a responsibility to the world; we have a responsibility to each other; we have a responsibility to give back.” It’s refreshing to come on the Wake Forest campus and find people who think: “You ought to work for what you earn” and “To whom much is given, much is expected.”
For three weeks 50 years ago, four smart, clean-cut Wake Forest students captured the attention of the campus — and a large national following — on the popular CBS General Electric “College Bowl” quiz show.

Before an estimated national television audience of 22 million viewers on three Sunday afternoons in March 1963, the team — senior Diana Gilliland (’63), junior Frank Wood (’64, MA ’71) and sophomores Jim Shertzer (’65, MA ’71) and Florence Wisman (’65) — won two rounds on the show, broadcast live from New York City, before losing to Kenyon College in the third round.

They had to overcome an unlikely foe to even make it to New York: Bullwinkle the Moose. “One of the big problems is finding a TV set on campus for the College Bowlers to watch the competition,” psychology professor and College Bowl Coach David Hills told the Old Gold and Black during practice sessions in early 1963. “There simply aren’t many TVs available. The few that are available are tied up with Bullwinkle the Moose, which is telecast at the same time on another network.”

Before the trip to New York City for the first round, team members practiced feverishly. For the final practice session, they faced off against the alternate team of sophomore Charles Myers (’65) and seniors Doug McCorkindale (’63), Bill Wallace (’63) and Judy Wrinkle (’63) during the weekly chapel service. (The alternate team won.) Local television station WSJS taped the competition to make it as realistic as possible.

On March 3, 1963, in a live broadcast on CBS, the team came from behind in the final two minutes to defeat the University of Kansas City, 275-215. A week later — bolstered by a good-luck telegram from actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, whom they met at a Broadway play the night before — they cruised to a 315-80 victory over an Emory University team coached by alumnus Dan Fagg (’52).

Between trips to New York every weekend, team members tried to resume their lives as normal college students while continuing to practice and answering fan mail. Writers from around the country praised the team for their good humor, cooperation and sportsmanship. But some of the letters were downright strange. A writer from Michigan admonished Wood to “keep his hands off those gals.” A letter from a “Greenwich Village personality, beard and all,” asked Gilliland for a date, the OG&B reported. (She declined.) A Northern college student asked if Southern girls wore shoes.

The team’s run came to an end on March 17, 1963, in a 275-245 loss to Kenyon College. It was a “miracle,” a Kenyon team member said afterward. Along with good will from around the country, the team won $3,500 from General Electric for the Wake Forest scholarship fund and $200 from Winston-Salem radio station WTOB. North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford, the North Carolina Legislature and the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen sent their congratulations.

The team competed “with charm, with spirit and with a solid store of knowledge,” noted the Winston-Salem Journal. Gilliland told the OG&B afterward: “I wouldn’t change the experience for anything in the world, and I wouldn’t go through it again either. We showed what we could do and enjoyed it.”

Where they are today: Florence Wisman Mills of Washington, D.C., is a retired community planner with the Federal Highway Administration. Jim Shertzer of Winston-Salem is a retired art critic and reporter for the Palm Beach Post and the Winston-Salem Journal. Diana Gilliland Wright of Seattle, Wash., earned a Ph.D. in Byzantine history and has taught and written extensively. Frank Wood is Professor Emeritus of Clinical and Forensic Neuropsychology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine and has a private practice in Winston-Salem.

For an expanded version of this story, with comments from the College Bowl team members, see magazine.wfu.edu
Provost Rogan Kersh (’86) will be visiting alumni clubs in North Carolina this spring and summer. As you may know, Rogan spent some of his youth in western North Carolina. He is eager to connect with alumni, hear your Wake Forest stories, and share the good things happening on campus.

I was delighted to spend some time with him at the alumni meeting in Washington last fall. I am so impressed with his passion for Wake Forest’s heritage and his enthusiasm for its present and future. He brings a deep appreciation for the culture of Wake Forest and an understanding of the traits of the millennial generation. See the alumni website (alumni.wfu.edu) for details on where he will be speaking.

Bringing Provost Kersh to a number of cities is part of the Alumni Council’s commitment to bring Wake Forest to you — realizing that not everyone lives close enough to campus to return for Homecoming or a basketball game — and to provide relevant, engaging programs. Last October, two Wake Foresters I’m proud to call friends visited alumni in Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Professor of Political Science Katy Harriger and Wake Forest Trustee Alex Sink (’70, P ’11), the Democratic Party’s nominee for governor of Florida in 2010, engaged alumni with a discussion of national and Florida politics.

I’m grateful to Shannon Bothwell (’98), president of the Palm Beach Club and a member of the Alumni Council, for planning the program, and all the other club presidents who devote considerable time to planning events. You can read about another club president who has done an amazing job, Katie Hollerbach (’07), who lives in Chicago, on page 77.

The Florida program was made possible by the Alumni Council’s Innovation Fund. This fund was started several years ago to encourage alumni club leaders to “think outside the box” and provide financial support for programs that they might not otherwise be able to offer. Grants were also awarded for upcoming events in Atlanta and Tokyo. (Yes, Wake Forest has a very active club in Tokyo!) A new round of applications for funding future programs is now under way. If you have a great idea for a program for your alumni club, we want to hear from you.

In April, Wake Forest will present the Distinguished Alumni Awards, always one of the highlights of the year. This year, three outstanding alumni will be honored for their extraordinary service to Wake Forest, their community and the nation. We look forward to sharing their stories with you in the next issue of Wake Forest Magazine. We welcome nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award and hope you will let us know of classmates who demonstrate Pro Humanitate. For more information and to nominate someone, visit alumni.wfu.edu/programs-and-events/

Wake Forest has many alumni who passionately give of themselves. There are people like Susan Brinkley (’62, P ’93), who has done so much to preserve the history of the Old Campus; Amy White (’90), who founded a nonprofit, faith-based ministry to serve the neediest in her hometown; and Bobby Higdon (’85, JD ’89) and Frank Bradsher (’82), who are helping rebuild Kosovo’s judicial system. You can read their stories and others on the Wake Forest Magazine website (magazine.wfu.edu).

Finally, I would like to thank those alumni who have served on the Alumni Council the last four years. My deepest thanks to Tonya Crowe-Chinuntdet (’88, MD ’92), Charles Duckett (’54, MD ’57, P ’78, ’86), Donna Gaut (’78, P ’06), Kathleen Kelly (’95), John Matthews (’95), Jody Puckett (’70, P ’00), Wendell Taylor (’95) and Todd Turner (’95). And I’d like to express my gratitude to the 15 alumni who have joined the Alumni Council. Please look for their names in gold throughout the Class Notes section.
1930s

Willard A. Brown ('36) is a retired Baptist minister living in Selma, NC. He plans to celebrate his 100th birthday this year.

1950s

Frederick F. Hastings Jr. ('55, P '82) is serving his second term on the Alumni Council. He is retired from CIGNA Corporation. He and his wife, Betty, live in Orlando, FL. Their son, Victor ('82), is an alum.

Herb Brown ('59, JD '62) participated in the Ironman World Championship at Kailua-Koa, HI, with a finishing time of 16:45:02. He competed in the 75 to 79 age group.

Martin N. Erwin ('59) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in management employment and labor law.

Murray C. Greason Jr. ('59, JD '62, P '82) was honored by the Central N.C. Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with the Norman Cohn Hope Award for his leadership in raising public awareness and funds for the fight against MS.

1960s

Richard Adrian King ('64) is serving his first term on the Alumni Council. He is a retired arts and education grants manager with Coca-Cola Company. He lives in Kinston, NC.

James T. Martin ('64, JD '67) is serving his first term on the Alumni Council. He is an attorney with Poyner Spruill LLP in Rocky Mount, NC.

Paul Lawrence Wingate ('65, P '92, '02) is serving his first term on the Alumni Council. He is senior vice president with McMillion Capital Management in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Sandra, have two sons, Paul ('92) and Don ('02).

Sidney S. Eagles Jr. ('61, JD '64, P '91, '95) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in appellate practice and arbitration.

Ruth Winchester Ware ('61) presented a paper, “Thomas Wolfe’s Sexual Landscape of Appalachia,” at the 2012 Thomas Wolfe Society meeting. She donated her black and white photo of the “Thomas Wolfe Angel” to the public library in Asheville, NC.

Susan Powell Brinkley ('62, P '93) has received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her work preserving and promoting Wake Forest’s history. Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43) presented the award to her at the annual meeting of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society. Brinkley has served as president of the Birthplace Society for nearly 20 years and as a board member for nearly 30 years. The Birthplace Society recognized her dedicated service by naming the library in the Wake Forest Historical Museum in her honor and the courtyard in honor of her and her husband, Sherrill. The town of Wake Forest recognized Brinkley’s work in preserving not only Wake Forest’s history, but also the town’s, and declared Oct. 28 “Susan Powell Brinkley Day.” Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/qqh).

Billy Packer ('62) entertained the Half Century Club at its Homecoming luncheon with tales about the late Coach Horace "Bones" McKinney ('56), assistant Jackie Murdock ('57) and the 1962 basketball team that reached the NCAA Final Four. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/tqm).

Dave Wiedeman ('62) has been inducted into the Wake Forest University Sports Hall of Fame. As a captain on the 1962 basketball team, he helped lead the Deacons to the 1962 Final Four. He retired after 33 years as a high school basketball coach in New Jersey. He is also a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association Hall of Fame and the South Jersey Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bill Faircloth ('64, P '89, '90, '93) is assistant director of athletics for football at Wake Forest and has worked with the football team since 1978. Deacon players have been calling him “Big Daddy” for years. He opened the gates for the Deacons at BB&T Field for the Wake Forest-Boston College game in November on the occasion of his 400th straight Wake Forest football game.

William Wortman Jr. (MD '64) is retired from his obstetrics and gynecology medical practice. Using individuals from his medical school experience and his career in medicine as inspiration, he wrote and self-published a fictional novel, “The Shimmering Bubble” (2010). He has also published food, wine and travel articles.

W. Louis Bissette Jr. ('65, P '94) is president of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in administrative/regulatory law, commercial litigation and land use and zoning law.

Wake Forest Magazine welcomes Class Notes submissions from alumni. There are three ways to submit information:
A. Doyle Early Jr. (‘65, JD ‘67, P ‘94, ‘96) is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in family law. He was also named the Greensboro Area Best Lawyers 2013 Family Lawyer of the Year.

Jerry Wayne Snider (‘65) taught school with his wife, Katherine Cain Snider (‘65), in Texas before joining the firm of Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis. He has retired after 41 years as an attorney and credits Wake Forest with providing the training to help him grasp his dream. He and his wife have four sons and four grandchildren. The book, “The Orchid Murder: Untangling a Web of Unsolved Murders and Legal Malpractice,” is about one of his cases (theorchidmuder.com).

Caroline S. Young (‘65, P ‘93, ‘98) had her painting, “Childhood Reflections Two,” accepted into the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club’s 116th annual exhibition at the National Arts Club in New York. She won the Medal of Honor in Watercolor, the top award in this media category (carolinesyoungart.com).

Rhoda Billings (JD ’66) received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award for demonstrating exemplary service to the legal profession. She also received the N.C. Bar Association’s highest award, the John J. Parker Award. She is retired from the School of Law.

Elizabeth “Beth” Pirkle Braxton (’66) is pastor emerita of Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, VA. She was part of Sandy’s aftermath chainsaw cleanup crew in New Jersey. She has published his eighth book, “Haints” (New Rivers Press).

John N. “Nick” Fountain (JD ’68) is with Young Moore and Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been appointed inaugural chair of the Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board, recently created by the Raleigh City Council.

G. Edgar Parker (‘68, JD ’72) is a senior partner with Crumppler Freedman Parker & Witt in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in family law and divorce, and also a N.C. Super Lawyer.

W. Brooks Stillwell (‘68) has been named city attorney by the Savannah, GA, City Council.

J. Boone Aiken III (’69) is a senior shareholder at Aiken Bridges Elliott Tyler & Saleeby PA in Florence, SC. He has been elected to the board of directors of the S.C. Bar Foundation.

James L. Carver (‘69) reports that his wife of 23 years, Theresa Irene “Tippy” Carver, passed away on Sept. 29, 2012. She is also survived by a son, a daughter and a granddaughter.

Richard A. Honeycutt (‘70, P ‘99) and his wife, Betty Jane, have published a book, “Hello Daddy: A Discussion of Christian Parenting” (Parson’s Porch & Co.).

Diane Mathis (‘71) is a professor of microbiology and immunobiology at Harvard Medical School. She has been inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Rich Guinter (‘72) is a retired president of Northside Bank in Calhoun, GA. His wife, Camille Wells Guinter (‘74), is a retired professor of architectural history at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary. They live in Brevard, NC.

Vince Nedimyer (‘72) has worked for the Altoona School District in Altoona, PA, for 36 years. He was inducted into the Central Pennsylvania Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Keri and Vince, and four grandchildren.

D. Clark Smith (‘72, JD ‘75) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation.

James P. Weaver (‘72, JD ‘75) is senior U.S. legal adviser for Grant International, a London-based group serving the designer clothing and fragrance industry.

Tom Alexander (‘73) is vice president, health, safety and environmental with the V+ Development Solutions Division of Southwestern Energy Company. He and his wife, Frances Farmer Alexander (‘72), live in Kingwood, TX.

John L. Pinnix (JD ’73) is a founding partner of Allen Pinnix & Nichols PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in immigration law.

Clint McCown (’74, MA ’78) is a professor of creative writing at Virginia Commonwealth University, and he also teaches in the MFA program at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. He has published his eighth book, “Haints” (New Rivers Press).

1970s

Cynthia Cloud Bedell (’78) is serving her first term on the Alumni Council. She is a law clerk with the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. She and her husband, George, live in Tampa, FL. Their son, Chester, is a sophomore at Wake Forest.

Beverly Christie Dean (’78, P ’06) is serving her second term on the Alumni Council. She is a patient advocate and volunteer. She and her husband, Dennis, live in West Chester, PA. Their son, Mitchell (’06, MAM ’07), is an alum.

Robert L. Bingham (’70) has retired after working 42 years in juvenile and adult probation and most recently as chief probation officer for the Marion Superior Court in Indianapolis. He continues to serve as adjunct faculty for the Criminal Justice Department at Indiana University Bloomington, training and consulting while completing his term as president of the National Association of Probation Executives.

Richard A. Honeycutt (‘70, P ‘99) and his wife, Betty Jane, have published a book, “Hello Daddy: A Discussion of Christian Parenting” (Parson’s Porch & Co.).
R. Michael Wells Sr. (JD ’74, P ’04) has been elected president of the N.C. Bar Association for 2012-13.

William S. Cherry Jr. (JD ’75) is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been elected a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization for those demonstrating outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession.

Diane L. Schneider (’75) works in prevention and treatment related to bone health at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. She has published a consumer health book, “The Complete Book of Bone Health” (bonehealthbook.com).

William E. Wheeler (JD ’75) is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He has been named a Law and Politics Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Thomas A. Cloud (’76, P ’05) is with Gray-Robinson PA in Orlando, FL. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in energy law.

Roper Osborne Halverson (’76) has been inducted into the Wake Forest University Sports Hall of Fame as a pioneer in women’s athletics who starred in three sports: golf, volleyball and basketball. She was an assistant volleyball and basketball coach and Wake Forest’s first female trainer in 1977. She is an analyst on the Wake Forest IMG women’s basketball network and was inducted into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

Walter L. Hardy Jr. (’76) has retired after 32 years as vice president in the mortgage division of JP Morgan Chase Bank. He has worked in High Point, NC; Oklahoma City; Columbia, SC; Cleveland and Seattle and has spent the last 18 years in Jacksonville, FL. He plans to spend more time with his wife, Susan, and two sons, Nathan and Mitch.

Jeff Dobbs (’77) is a dancer, choreographer and dance teacher in New York. Do you remember the dancing, head-spinning Deacon? Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go. wfu.edu/7zt).

Gaither Keener (JD ’77) is chief legal officer with Lowe’s Companies in Mooresville, NC. He received the 2012 Professional Achievement Award from Western Carolina University where he received his history degree in 1972.

M. Jackson Nichols (JD ’77) is a partner at Allen Pinnix & Nichols PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in administrative law.

Martin Province (’78) has been named founding conductor and music director of the Scottsdale (AZ) Philharmonic. The orchestra’s first concert was last October.

John W. Little III (’79) is a shareholder with Gunster in West Palm Beach, FL. He wrote the Florida chapter in the American Bar Association’s new publication, “The Law of Eminent Domain.”

Howard L. Borum (JD ’80, P ’08) is with Caruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in land use and zoning and real estate law.

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Robert L. Wilson Jr. (JD ’81) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in health care law.

Clifford Britt (’82, JD/MBA ’86) practices with Comerford & Britt LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a Best Lawyers 2013 Lawyer of the Year in personal injury litigation-plaintiffs. He is one of four attorneys selected in North Carolina.

Tim Kafer (’82) is vice president of cardiovascular services at Maine Medical Center of Portland.

Mike Sabiston (JD ’82) has retired as chief district court judge in North Carolina after more than 20 years on the bench. He plans to serve as an emergency judge and mediator, travel, and spend time with a Pro All Stars Series auto racing team and his wife and four grandchildren. He continues to live in Troy, NC.

Eric R. Spence (JD ’82) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate litigation and law.

J. Stanley Atwell (JD ’84) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in trusts and estates.

Scott Carpenter (’85) and Steve Bumgarner (’95, MBA ’02), co-owners of Capture Public Relations & Marketing based in Winston-Salem, have been recognized for their firm’s work. Capture received three Telly Awards for the “Holidays in Old Salem” campaign for Old Salem Museums & Gardens. The firm received a silver award for a television commercial, produced in conjunction with Big Wheel video production in Winston-Salem, and two bronze awards in the travel/tourism category and not-for-profit category. The Telly Awards recognize outstanding television commercials, programs and video/film productions.

Paul Garber (’85) is a freelance multimedia journalist. He and his wife, Desiree, and children, Sean and Delaney, live in Lewisville, NC. He has a blog for and about older parenting (fathersafter40.com). Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/y4k).

Jack Kalavritinos (’85) is director of global government affairs for Covidien, a global health care products company. He and his wife, Adrienne, have two sons, John and Mark. His son, John, attended the Jerry Haas junior golf camp.

Tim Bennett (’86) is a sales manager with CBS Television Stations. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Atlanta Broadcast Advertising Club for his efforts to make Atlanta a great place to do business.

Michael Landen (MD ’86) has been named the state epidemiologist with the New Mexico Department of Health. His son, Geran, is a sophomore at Wake Forest.

Jeannette Sorrell (’86) is founder and music director of Apollo’s Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, which is celebrating its 20th year.

John M. Flynn (’87, JD ’90) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in environmental law.

Terrill Johnson Harris (’87) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in commercial litigation and health care law.

Kent Lee Hipp (’87) is with GrayRobinson PA in Orlando, FL. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in eminent domain and condemnation law.

Robert Blake Shillinger Jr. (’87) is county attorney for Monroe County, FL. He lives in Key West with his wife and family.

W. Alexander Audilet (JD ’88) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in antitrust, banking, finance and corporate law.

Robert J. King III (JD ’88) practices litigation and environmental law with Brooks.
Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Edwin Williamson (JD/MBA ’89) completed a five-year assignment in Shanghai for Eastman Chemical Co. He is vice president and assistant general counsel at Eastman’s corporate headquarters in Kingsport, TN.

Jonathan Yarbrough (’89) is with Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Asheville, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in management and litigation and labor and employment law.

1990

Drew Matthew Dixon is CFO of Inmar Inc., a promotions, logistics and technology company based in Winston-Salem. He has been named Triad Business Journal’s CFO of the Year. He and his wife, Kelly, have five sons, including Brant, a sophomore at Wake Forest. Their two youngest sons were recently adopted from Monrovia, Liberia.

Derek Lance Furr has published a book of his short fiction, personal narratives and essays, “Suite for Three Voices” (fomitepress.com).

Chris Martin and Margaret Robinson Martin (’92) were honorary chairs for a fundraiser, Hope Flies – Catch the Cure, for the Foundation for Mitochondrial Medicine. The event was co-chaired by David (’88) and Heather Hamby (’92) Edmiston and Matt and Virginia Blake (’91) Maguire. The fundraiser benefited the Martin’s daughter, Grace, and others with the disease (hopeflies.org).

1991

Scott A. McLaren (JD) is in the real property and commercial litigation group with Hill Ward Henderson PA in Tampa, FL. He has received board certification in business litigation from The Florida Bar.

Anna Norville has been named vice president of development at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles, a history museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West.

1992

Gregory Bowman Hunter (MBA ’97) is serving his second term on the Alumni Council. He is managing director for investments with Oppenheimer & Co. in Winston-Salem.

Erika B. Grubbs (JD) practices construction, land use and development and real estate law with Winston & Cashatt in Coeur d’Alene, ID. She, her husband and two children live in the mountains of North Idaho and would love to hear from alumni in the area.

David Inabinett (JD ’96) is a managing member of Brinkley Walser in Lexington, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in elder law, trusts and estates.

David Styers is director of consulting services and senior board governance consultant with the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin in San Rafael, CA (cvnl.org).

1993

David A. Blackshear is serving his first term on the Alumni Council. He is IT site leader for Cummins, RMEP, in Whitakers, NC. He and his wife, Jacqueline M. Piasecki (’93), live in Nashville, NC.


Susan McNear Fradenburg (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in health care law.

Stephen E. Klee (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in corporate and real estate law.

1994

Nicole Weller is a head teaching professional at The Landings Club in Savannah, GA. She had a free golf clinic for 60 girls, and is a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, The First Tee and LPGA/USGA Girls Golf programs. She was named one of Golf Digest Woman’s America’s Best 50 Women Teachers in 2012. She received the LPGA T&C 2012 Southeast Junior Golf Achievement and the 2011 Teacher of the Year awards (nicoleweller.com).

1995

George Banks received a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. His dissertation was entitled “The Ephesians Project: A Curriculum for Healthy Marriage.” He has been assigned to the pastorate of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Winston-Salem.

Steve Bumgarner (MBA ’02) and Scott Carpenter (’85), co-owners of Capture Public Relations & Marketing based in Winston-Salem, have been recognized for their firm’s work. Capture received three Telly Awards
Kenji Kuramoto is founder and managing partner of Acuity CFO, a firm that provides financial expertise and guidance to companies. He is the board chair for Lifegate Counseling Center and a member of the Georgia Aquarium Next Wave Society. He has been named one of Atlanta Business Chronicle’s Atlanta 40 Under 40.

Jon Williams received Wake Forest’s 2012 Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award on the secondary level. He teaches social studies at McMichael High School in Mayodan, NC.

1996

Liz Briggs (MBA ’09) is the marketing competency leader for DuPont, Southeast Asia. She is based in Singapore with a territory that includes Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Japan, and Korea.

Margaret Feinberg has been named one of Christianity Today’s 50 Women to Watch. Her book and seven-week DVD Bible study, “Wonderstruck: Awaken to the Nearness of God,” was released in January 2013 (margaretfeinberg.com).

Robert Neely spent 10 years as a writer, editor, and conceptual designer for Wayfarer and 3DM. He is a content strategist with Worthwhile, a digital strategy firm in Greenville, SC, and Charlotte, NC. He and his wife, Lindsay, live in Greenville.

Katina Parker is a filmmaker, photographer, writer, graphic designer, cultural curator, social media expert and communications consultant. She teaches social media and film through the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University and is an instructor for the N.C. Community Folklife Documentation Institute. Her film, “Peace Process,” aired on The Documentary Channel and her traveling exhibition, “One Million Strong,” launched at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham, NC.

Elizabeth Edwards Turner (MS, MD ’00) is an intensivist in the division of pulmonary and critical care and the director of bedside ultrasound for the Department of Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles Medical Center.

1997

Melanie Marie Smith is serving her first term on the Alumni Council. She is an attorney with Selman Breitman LLP in San Diego.

She and her husband, Evan Daniel Gibbs (’97), live in Encinitas, CA.

Brett T. Hanna (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law.

Sam O. Kerlin (MSA ’99) is an audit partner in the Department of Professional Practice in the national office of KPMG LLP in New York City.

Norman F. Klick Jr. (JD ’97) is with Caruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in medical malpractice law.
London’s 2012 Olympic Games dazzled spectators and left Demon Deacons with memories to last a lifetime. A few months after the London games, Wake Forest Magazine caught up with two of our University’s eight alumni contenders to discuss their experiences.

Lauren Crandall (’07) of San Diego served as team captain for the U.S. Olympic Field Hockey squad, which also included Claire Laubach (’09) and Michelle Kasold (’09). The team didn’t come home with a medal, but Crandall returned with reminders of Wake Forest lessons and community spirit.

She knew what to expect in London because she competed in the Beijing Olympics in 2008. There was the Olympic Village, which “never sleeps,” she said, and the tempting selection of every food imaginable that makes proper nutrition a challenge for athletes.

“It’s like dessert in your face all the time,” she said. “I have a sweet tooth, so it’s like, ‘O.K., you’re not (going to) eat that croissant for breakfast!’” Managing the “little things” in everyday life affect performance, she said, “so the pressure is there to make good decisions.”

Crandall credits much of her ability to make good decisions, and to live a well-balanced life, to her coaches and supporters at Wake Forest. “(Coach Jennifer Averill) wants to win on the field, but more important to her is that you develop the foundation to succeed in life, and she develops good people. That’s something that I’m proud of coming out of Wake Forest,” Crandall said.

She stayed on the lookout for her old friend NBA All-Star Chris Paul (’07), who started as a freshman at Wake Forest the same year she did. “Of course, everybody loves every NBA athlete that’s super famous,” she said. After he arrived at Olympic Village, “he had a whole crowd of people around him from all different countries. I was just waiting, and he saw me and was like, ‘Hey, Crandall!’ We have a four-year catch-up once every four years.” (The U.S. men’s basketball team brought home gold.)

After the games and back in New York, Crandall and teammates ran into U.S. Olympic triathlete and Wake Forest Hall of Famer Hunter Kemper (’98) of Colorado Springs, Colo., when he was on the “Today” show. They were in the audience but ended up on the show as well (the more Olympians, the merrier!).

Kemper finished 14th at the London Olympics. It was his fourth time to compete. In an interview with Wake Forest Magazine, he emphasized the importance of appreciating each moment.

“Every experience is a different thing, (so) you appreciate your fourth games a little more,” he said. “In your first Olympics, you’re just there and you’re caught in the whole moment. The fourth time around you realize how special it is and that it may be your last.”

At Wake Forest Kemper began as a walk-on for the track and cross-country programs. He said his four years of Division I training helped him become the triathlete he is today. “I came into college as an 18-year-old kid who couldn’t run, and I came out a conference champion. That high level of running at a school like Wake Forest taught me a lot about competition and what it takes to win at a high level.”

He hasn’t forgotten his Deacon roots or what can now be dubbed the hot, pillowy snack of champions. Asked whether he will be back in Winston-Salem soon, he said, “I love coming back to the place Krispy Kreme calls home!”
Michael V. Lee (JD) is senior vice president for finance/CFO for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners in Chicago. He lives in Mount Prospect, IL.

Grant Montgomery is senior vice president with Delta Associates, a commercial real estate advisory firm in Alexandria, VA.

Joseph William Cruitt (MBA) is vice president for finance/CFO for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners in Chicago. He lives in Mount Prospect, IL.

Kristen Elizabeth Eppley is an artist and musician in Los Angeles.

Robert D. Kidwell (JD) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in corporate law.

James Landon practices commercial real estate law with Morris James LLP in Wilmington, DE. He has been named a 2012 Super Lawyers magazine Rising Star. He and his wife, Becky, have two children, James and Phoebe.

Craig Taylor (JD ’01) has been named in-house counsel for the Curruthers & Roth PA long-time firm client Kisco Senior Living based in Carlsbad, CA. He will remain in Greensboro, NC, and be a special counsel to the firm.

Jonathan Cort (MSA ’00) has been promoted in the tax practice of the economic and valuations services of KPMG LLP in Boston.

Shaida J. Horner (JD) has been named assistant vice president for gift planning and marketing in the Gift Planning Office of the Wake Forest Office of University Advancement. She previously worked at Wells Fargo as a trust and fiduciary specialist in wealth management.

Julie Hupp is associate professor of developmental psychology and psychology area coordinator at The Ohio State University at Newark. She won the campus wide Service Award and Research Award.

Perrin Jones (MD) is a member of the North Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He has been selected to participate in the N.C. Medical Society Foundation Leadership College.

Alisha T. DeTroye (PA ’04) is a member of the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants and the Piedmont Association of Physician Assistants. She has been selected to participate in the N.C. Medical Society Foundation Leadership College.

Zach Ellis was a criminal prosecutor in the Seventh and Tenth Judicial Circuits of South Carolina. He is a founding partner of Boyd & Ellis LLC in Greenville, SC.

Heather Lynn Harper (MBA ’12) completed the Charlotte Evening MBA Program. She has been with Bank of America for 12 years and lives in Charlotte, NC.


Karonnie Truzy (JD) is a deputy practice group leader in the employment and labor group of Miller Canfield in Detroit. He has been named one of Crain’s Detroit Business 40 Under 40.

Erik J. Bissonnette is serving his first term on the Alumni Council. He is a banker with Capital Source in Chevy Chase, MD. He and his wife, Natalie Litz Bissonnette (’02), live in Ruxton, MD.

Laura Hurd Bilton received Wake Forest’s 2012 Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award for the elementary level. She is a second-grade teacher at Old Town Elementary School in Winston-Salem.

Richard C. Cimino (MBA) is a partner with the U.S. firm of KPMG LLP in Greensboro, NC.

Elizabeth Lucas-Averett (MBA) is co-founder and managing partner of The Trivista Group LLC, based in North Carolina and doing business in North America and Europe. She is celebrating 10 years of practice. She competes in mid-distance and Half Ironman triathlons and would love to talk to alumni interested in joining her.

Brent McConkey is assistant general counsel at N.C. State University in Raleigh.

Karonnie Truzy (JD) is a personal injury attorney with Crumley Roberts LLP in Charlotte, NC. He has been named a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Ryan Estes completed a solo journey of the Appalachian Trail. He says Wake Forest prepared him to accomplish the monumental trek.

Janet Bergman Fleishman has been inducted into the Wake Forest University Sports Hall of Fame as the Deacons’ all-time leader in women’s tennis singles victories.
Benjamin C. Galea (MAEd ’03) received his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He is an associate in the business department of Ulmer & Berne LLP in Cleveland.

Sara Belsches Green is a pediatrician at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Genevieve Heckman received her PhD from University of California Los Angeles. She is a managing scientist in the human factors practice at Exponet Inc. in California.

Devin Patrick McCullough has a private anesthesiology practice in Shelby, NC.

Mary B. Ramsay is in the litigation practice group of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charleston, SC.

Brandon A. Van Balen (JD) has been elected to a three-year term on the Wake Forest School of Law Young Alumni Board. He is an associate focusing on commercial lending with Hunton & Williams LLP in Atlanta. He has also been elected to a four-year term on the alumni board of directors for Gettysburg College.

2003

Brett F. Bechtel (MD ’07) served as chief resident of emergency medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He is on active duty as an emergency medicine staff physician stationed at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA, and deployed with the Marines to Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He has been selected for promotion to lieutenant commander.

Kim Doyle (JD) is legal counsel for Investors Bank in Short Hills, NJ.

James J. Hefferan Jr. (JD) is an assistant professor of law at the Charlotte School of Law.

Katie Hollerbach (’07)
Chicago, Ill.

The Chicago Alumni Club is one of the most active alumni clubs, sponsoring a number of events during the year. Katie Hollerbach (’07) recently “retired” as president of the Chicago Club. A history and French major, she teaches history at Lindblom Math and Science Academy in Chicago.

What professors influenced you when you were a student?
Dr. Susan Rupp in the history department is one of the main reasons I decided to major in history and also teach it later on. She opened my eyes to how engaging studying history can be, and I strive to provide this same experience for my students.

The Chicago Club is known for sponsoring a lot of creative events. Tell us about some of them.
The alumni clubs are a great way to still feel connected to the school and maintain that sense of school spirit and community. We’ve definitely been growing the past few years. Lauren Milner (’07), the Young Alumni President before me, did a lot to revitalize the club. She was one of the main forces behind our receiving funds from the Alumni Office’s Innovation Fund in 2010, which enabled us to sponsor DeaconFest, a summer picnic at the Irish American Heritage Center and one of our biggest events yet. John McGowan (’09), one of our new co-presidents, was also a huge help in making the event so successful.

We also do a number of smaller events such as happy hours and game-watching parties. Our Supper Series Dinners have been a great way to explore Chicago’s fantastic restaurant scene while also getting to know other alumni. Will Gossin (’05), a member of our executive board, has done a wonderful job finding new places for us to try. In addition to our own events, it’s always fun to have events with other ACC clubs as well. We’ve done everything from going to Cubs games to sailing and bowling, to my favorite event, the annual toy drive and holiday party.

How else do you stay connected with Wake Forest besides club events?
On a number of occasions I have reached out to former professors or other alumni, and everyone is always so responsive. Recently, I emailed a professor in the history department to get advice on how to structure a class. Even though she had never even met me, she took the time to send an extremely thorough email filled with suggestions and advice. I was so grateful for that!
Edward Jackman (MBA) left the U.S. Army as a major after commanding a detachment of the Joint EID Defeat Task Force in Ramadi, Iraq, after he was accepted to medical school. He completed his clinical rotations at Nassau University Medical Center in New York, and in 2011 received his MD from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine on the island of Saint Maarten. He married Pamela Hauge in May 2011 and began a family medicine residency in 2012 with the University of Massachusetts Fitchburg Family Medicine Residency Program. He lives in Holden, MA.

Kate Lambert is a cast member for The Second City National Touring Company. She has written and acted in shorts featured on The Huffington Post, MoveOn.org, MTV, Cosmopolitan, Perez Hilton PoliticusUSA, Feministing and Italy's Vanity Fair.

Aaron Mayo is national sales manager with Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, TN. He was a contestant on the fourth season of Country Music Television’s “The Singing Bee.”

Claire Boyette McCullough completed her PhD in counseling at Kent State University.

Whitney Sedwick Meister (JD) practices employment litigation and is licensed in Arizona and Colorado. She has been named director of Fennemore Craig PC, a law firm with offices in the Southwest.

Katherine Collins Neal is executive director, news and communications, in the Wake Forest Office of University Advancement. She and her husband, Brian, live in Winston-Salem.

Will Norton is dean of the high school at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, TN.

Ginger Bailey Rolifes (JD) is a real estate finance attorney with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Ellen Ward is director of homelessness prevention programs for the State of Massachusetts. She received her master’s in city planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where her thesis research examined the impact of housing-first programs for homeless families.

Austin Harris is vice president of finance and operations with a natural food company, Health Warrior, in downtown Richmond, VA (healthwarrior.com).

Albert P. Sindall III, is a corporate credit analyst with Rockefeller Financial in New York. His wife, Alexis Swift Sindall, is a senior account executive at Hulu.com, selling online advertising.

Abdulrahman Alkanhal (LLM) received his SJD from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. He has returned to Saudi Arabia as a legal advisor at the Saudi Royal Court.

Gardner E. Barrier (MBA) has been named head of upper school at Summit School in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Livy and Maya.

Lena Marie Benson is manager of government affairs for Sony Pictures Entertainment in Los Angeles. Her new position combines her passions for film and politics.

Anthony M. Payne (PhD) has been appointed to the founding faculty of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, which is scheduled to open Fall 2013. He will teach physiology, histology and gross anatomy.

Mamie McKinney Sutphin (MBA) has been appointed vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Forsyth Tech Foundation by Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem. She was one of the Triad’s 40 Leaders Under 40, and is a graduate of Leadership Winston-Salem and a board member of The Children’s Center of Surry and Yadkin.

Hanne Nyheim McNutt (LLM) is with the Singapore branch of the Norwegian law firm Vogt & Wig. She and her husband, Tom (’03, JD ’08), and son, Alaric, have relocated to Singapore.

John C. “Chris” Wood has joined the Winston-Salem Dash baseball team as vice president of corporate partnerships.

Ryan Coons is an advertising copywriter in Atlanta. He has published his first murder-mystery novel, “Great Neck, Mass.”

James Francis Dorsey IV received his JD and is pursuing a LLM in taxation at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago.

Kim House (JD) is an associate in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP. She practices catastrophic personal injury and general casualty matters.

Lu Zhang (LLM) passed the N.Y. Bar. She is an associate in the banking and finance group of King & Wood Mallesons in Beijing.

McFall Pearce is a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Sarah Kropp Pearce is a doctor of pharmacy candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Paul Street and Ben Hodge (’81) are serving a year in the U.S. Army 113th Sustainment Brigade. Their alumni meeting in September in Kabul, Afghanistan, ended with “Next year, on the Quad!”

Tara Tedrow received her JD from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She is an attorney with Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL.
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Liubov Ebralidze (LLM) is head of the legal department with Ulyanovsk Nanocenter in Russia.

Olivett Ihama (LLM) completed the legal practice course at the College of Law in Bristol, England. She is an international legal trainee at AGCO Ltd. in Kenilworth, United Kingdom.

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Elizabeth H. Halsey (JD) practices commercial real estate and development and lender representation in the transactional group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

Katherine T. Heath (JD) practices renewable energy law and finance with the transactional group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

Donavan J. Hylarides (JD) practices family law with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC.

Jessica L. Kimble (JD) is an associate attorney with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem. She works in various areas including financial, corporate law and shale gas industry matters.

Yuan Li (PhD) was one of 25 scientists in the world to receive the Green Talents award from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The jury recognized his passion for his work, his groundbreaking contributions to 3D photovoltaics, his extensive list of publications and his leadership in forging international collaborative partnerships. Read more at magazine.wfu.edu (go.wfu.edu/32s).

Liam McClure (LLM) is an interviewer with the American Institute For Foreign Study, a company providing cultural exchange and educational opportunities for work and study in the United States.

Dan Murdock (JD/MBA) has joined the law firm of Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Janine Reder (LLM) completed a course in tax law and works at Allianz SE in Würzburg, Germany.

Stephanie Taylor (MA) has joined Capture Public Relations & Marketing in Winston-Salem. She is responsible for account management, media relations, marketing strategy and event management duties.

Marriages

Richard David Guinter (’72) and Ann Camille Wells (’74). 3/6/12. They live in Brevard, NC.

Dan Johnson (’72, JD ’75) and Laurie Hutchins (JD ’83). 8/3/12 at the Graylyn International Conference Center. They live in Winston-Salem.

Elizabeth Rief (’94) and Shawn Hooper. 7/7/12. They live in Winston-Salem. The bride’s father is Frank J. “Sandy” Rief III (’66). The wedding party included Katie Rief (’00).

Kristen Elizabeth Eppley (’98) and Court England. 11/29/12 in Santa Barbara, CA.

Anne Kasab (’00) and Joshua Sternfeld. 6/16/12 in Washington, D.C. They live in Rockville, MD. The wedding party included Laurel Parker Simmons (’00) and Kathy Biddick Smith (’98).

Sara Belsches (’02) and Justin Andrew Green. 9/2/12 in Dothan, AL. They live in Memphis, TN. The wedding party included Kathy Abernethy Davis (’02, MD ’08), Sheila Ann Dillon (’02), Jenn Zile Mock (’02), Kelly Fishburn Wendel (’02) and Meg Carriere Wright (’02).

Ryan Joseph Farley (’02, MS ’05) and Stephanie C. Vick (’04). 9/4/11 in Asheville, NC. They live in Durham, NC. The wedding party included Eric Dorsey (’01), Bryan Kotwicki (’06) and Marc Lucente (’01).

Jennifer Favel (’02) and Richard Binelli. 4/21/12 in Wooster, OH. They live in Boston.
DAVE JOHNSON (’90) reports to the New York City Probation Office in the Bronx, just down the street from Yankee Stadium, every Thursday. But unlike the hundreds of others who trudge through the office to check in with their probation officer, he’s there by choice. Call him a poet officer.

A poet, playwright and teacher, Johnson holds an unlikely appointment as Poet-in-Residence for the probation office. “My job is to go in there and stir these guys up in the waiting room to get them to create poems, stories, rap. That’s what engages me,” he says, “to see that poetry can happen anywhere.”

Johnson, 43, thrives in unconventional settings. As a young poet, he once set up shop in a Madison Avenue chocolate shop to pen quickie Valentine poems for New Yorkers needing more than a box of chocolate to take home. During his two decades-plus in the city, he’s taught kindergarteners, graduate students and senior citizens. He’s engaging a vastly different audience in the probation office, but the purpose is the same: to teach, while offering hope and inspiration to those who need some help turning their lives around.

He was appointed Poet-in-Residence by See Change NYC, an initiative of Mayor Michael Bloomberg to reimagine many of the city’s public facilities to better serve at-risk populations. Waiting rooms at probation offices have been redesigned by some of New York’s top architects to create inviting “resource hubs.” Education and community programs are offered to help probation clients — the old term “probationers” is passé — find jobs and become productive citizens.

“What’s a poem going to do for these guys?” he asks before answering his own question. “It’s a starting point to not only express themselves, but a point where they can begin to see opportunities for success.”

At the probation office, he’s a poetry Pied Piper, moving here and there, striking up conversations. In a place that’s all about waiting — clients may wait for hours to see their PO or probation officer — he poses an inviting question, “What are you waiting for?” He shares examples of poems about waiting — “And Don’t Think I Won’t Be Waiting” by Audre Lorde and “I Am Waiting” by Lawrence Ferlinghetti are favorites — and encourages them to share their stories. Clients have responded with poems and stories and even ideas for movie scripts and a reality show.

“I try to get them talking in this space where they’d do nothing besides texting or listening to their iPhone,” he says. “I’m asking them to be involved in something that normally there’s no way they would even consider it, and to share it with me and other people.”

Johnson has lived in New York since graduating from Wake Forest with degrees in English and theatre. “I am a poet and playwright thanks completely to those two departments,” he says. He earned a master’s degree in fine arts from Columbia University.

He is a published poet (“Marble Shoot”), editor (“Moving,” an anthology of poems) and playwright (“Baptized To The Bone” and “Sister, Cousin, Aunt”). He’s also written extensively for the theatre in New York and acted in off-Broadway plays. For the last 10 or so years, he’s taught poetry and playwriting part-time at Yale, The New School University, Cooper Union School of Art, New York Public Library and Poet’s House.

Because of the success he’s had working with probation clients, he’s added another role: unofficial PO. Some of the probation clients he works with can check in with him and skip their regular check-in with their PO. “Poetry in lieu of probation,” he calls it.

Johnson speaks like a proud teacher as he shares some of his clients’ poetry and success stories. “Especially in this population, it’s important to represent yourself. They want to tell the public that they’re more than a statistic and stereotype. I want them to feel the sense of language and how to use language in a more effective and provocative way and how it will empower you. Poetry has done that for me.”
The wedding party included Rehana Abbas (’02), Adrianna Giuliani (’02) and Sara Linderman (’02).

Genevieve Heckman (’02) and Ian Nauhaus. 9/2/12 in La Jolla, CA. The wedding party included Katie Biebl Duckworth (’02) and Sara Linderman (’02).

Christopher Arthur Peter Chase (’03) and Alison Pollarine. 10/13/12 in Washington, D.C. They live in Potomac, MD. The wedding party included Gregory Paul Falkowski (’03).

M. Alan English II (’03) and Gretchen Katherine Unfried. 8/11/12 in Hartford, CT, where they live.

Christopher Joseph Kehres (’03) and Carrie Elizabeth Hewitt. 8/11/12 in Newport, RI. They live in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Steve Andersen (’04) and Lauren K. Edwards (’04). 9/30/12 in Rose Haven, MD.

Jennifer Jones (’04) and Jeffrey Keeney. 5/12/12 in Corolla, NC. They live in New York. The wedding party included Caroline Elizabeth Igou (’04, JD ’12), Emily Hedgpeth Schauer (’05) and Kathryn Elizabeth Turnage (’04).

Rebecca Lowry (’05) and Drew Warchut. 6/30/12 in New York City. The wedding party included Ali Ayala (’02), Madeline Smith Dunsmore (’05), Stephanie Hill (’05), Cambra Overend (’04) and graduate student Chris Schaiach.

Albert Peter Sindall III (’05) and Alexis Lauren Swift (’05). 10/20/12 in Summit, NJ. The wedding party included Meredith Jolly (’05), Chris Rose (’06, MSA ’07), Jeff Schiller (’06) and William Volker (’05, MSA ’06).

John Chisholm (’06, MSA ’07) and Kathy Holman (’06, MSA ’07). 8/4/12 in Cincinnati. They live in Arlington, VA.

Graham Moseley (’07) and Emily Ranshaw (’07). 9/15/12 in Chicago. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Charlie Beavers (’07), Chris Czarnecki (’07), Chad Graham (’07), Maggie Hoak (’07), Laura Klement (’07), Amanda Brannan Lazo (’07), Annie McAdams (’07), Evan McMillan (’07), Lily Robinson (’07) and MBA student Scott Burgess.

Jason Reid Myers (’08, MSA ’09) and Blair Southerland. 6/16/12 in Wilson, NC. They live in Charlotte, NC.

Stephen Edward Turk (’08) and Amy Elizabeth Holbrook (’08). 4/28/12 in Johnson City, TN. They live in Richmond, VA. The wedding party included Zachary Compton (’08).

James McFall Pearce (’09) and Sarah Denison Kropp (’09). 6/16/12 in Richmond, VA. They met on the first day of freshman orientation while living in Luter Residence Hall. The wedding party included Katie Hufnagel (’09), Dan Juneau (’09), Zay Kittredge (’10), Colleen Maciag (’09), Lynne Sade (’08), Brianna Staudt (’09), Jonathan Summey (’10) and John Xenakis (’09).

Kirsten Alexandra Weeger (’10) and Troy Shane McCarty Jr. (’12). 9/22/12 in Bonita Springs, FL. They live in Tampa, FL. The wedding party included Bradley Michael Baker (’12), Benjamin Russell McKaig (’12), Ashley Jane Spangler (’09) and George Edward Story Jr. (’12).

Lori Hartman (’12) and Cody Pilon. 6/16/12 in Kansas City. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included Alexandra Davidson-Palmer (’12) and Kayla Trivette (’12).

Kary Ewald Gray (’93) and Thomas Gray, Greensboro, NC: an adopted daughter, Lucy. She joins her brother, Timothy.

Meg Hofmaster Connelly (’95) and James E. Connelly, Atlanta: a son, Thomas Bond. 7/19/12. He joins his brother, Jack (5), and sister, Emmy (3).

Robert M. Gilmartin Jr. (’95) and Nicole Gilmartin, River Edge, NJ: a son, Michael Robert. 9/24/12. He joins his sister, Leandra (6), and brother, Nicholas (3).

Jonessa Howald Alexander (’97) and Matt Alexander, Winder, GA: a son, Samuel Jay. 11/26/11

Renee Wheeler Davis Benton (’97) and Troy Benton, Chicago: a daughter, Hannah Penelope. 5/1/12

Grant Montgomery (’97) and Kevin Eckstrom, Washington, D.C.: twin sons, Alton Grant and Gustav Kenneth. 6/27/12

Bryan Thomas (’97) and Kristin Thomas, Malvern, PA: a son, Milo Hall. 3/6/12. He joins his brothers, Jackson (6), Redford (6) and Bodie (3).

Meredith Taylor Berard (JD ’98) and J. Michael Berard, Raleigh, NC: a son, Remy Linton. 10/3/12. He joins his brother, John Austin (21 months).

Jill Christine Van Pelt Isenberg (’98, MA ’00) and Joel Isenberg, St. Louis: a daughter, Natalie Christine. 8/29/12. She joins her brother, Daniel (3).

Christy Warrington Monolo (’98) and Rob Monolo, Richmond, VA: a son, James Patrick. 7/23/12

Clara Andrews Perry (’98) and David Perry, Durham, NC: a daughter, Emma Rose. 8/3/12

David Romhiilt (’98) and Elizabeth Kaleida (’98), New York: a daughter, Emily Grace. 5/3/12. She joins her brother, Wade Allen (3).

Jarrod Michael Sisk (’98) and Michelle Sisk, Washington, CT: a son, Brennan Michael. 12/16/11. He joins his sister, Emma Jean (2).

Rebecca Alden Frost Ulz (’98) and Michael Ulz, Atlanta: a daughter, Taylor Alden. 9/14/12

Allyson Yanni (’98) and Jason Yanni (’99), Charlotte, NC: a son, Aaron Bryant. 7/31/12. He joins his sisters, Caroline (5) and Carsyn (2).

Lori Miller Buckheister (MA ’99) and Davis Buckheister, Dacula, GA: a daughter, Lena Elise. 8/6/12. She joins her sister, Celia (2).

Eric Enwall (JD ’99) and Erica Enwall, Washington, D.C.: a son, Turner James. 9/16/12. He joins his brothers, Spencer Thomas (4) and Parker Harris (2).


Scott Loyek (’99) and Laura Murray Loyek (’99), Raleigh, NC: a son, Gregory Lukas. 8/24/12. He joins his brother, Will (3).

Julie Jenkin Malandro (’99) and Jason Malandro, Cranford, NJ: a daughter, Megan Grace. 9/3/12. She joins her brother, Mason Joseph.
Jeremy Robert Noel (‘99) and Mary Kate Noel, Fort Mill, SC: a son, Brennan John. 5/14/12. He joins his brother, Kieran (5).

Sarah Anne Noland Atai (‘00) and F. Micha Atai, Cary, NC: a daughter, Evelyn Anne. 7/10/12. She joins her brother, Declan (2).

Scott Bayze (‘00, JD ’05) and Laura O’Connor Bayze (‘01), Raleigh, NC: a son, Connor Elliot. 9/13/12

Beth Cockman-Wood (‘00) and Richard Wood, Sanford, NC: a daughter, Megan Jane. 9/24/12

William Ryan Griffin (‘00) and Meredith McLain Griffin, Charleston, SC: a daughter, Lucille Davis. 6/2/12

James B. Inso II (‘00) and Amy Inso, Pittsburgh: a daughter, Elizabeth Jane. 8/25/12

James Drury Lewis (JD ’00) and Paula Kesler Lewis, Wilmington, NC: a son, Jackson Drury. 10/20/12. He joins his brother, Max (3).

Emily Hudson Mitchell (‘00) and Scott Mitchell, Pensacola, FL: a daughter, Marian Blount. 9/19/11. She joins her brothers, Hudson (5) and Wilmer (3).

Brendan Christopher Reichs (‘00) and Emily Quimby Reichs (‘01), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Alice Taylor. 8/3/12. She joins her brother, Henry (2).

Laurel Ellis Parker Simmons (‘00) and Brandon Simmons, Chevy Chase, MD: a son, Matthew Brandon. 6/26/12

Elizabeth “Betsy” Woodruff Skelton (‘00) and Al Skelton, Decatur, GA: a son, James Crew. 10/22/12

Erin Richard White (‘00) and David White: Nutley, NJ: a son, Benjamin Richard Elisha. 8/11/12

Tiffany Kassab Williams (‘00) and Freddie Williams, Greenville, SC: a daughter, Lindlee Kristina. 9/21/12. She joins her brother, Kass (2).

Anna Lake Blitch (‘01) and Bird Blitch, Atlanta: a son, Bird Daniel Jr. 8/29/12. He joins his sister, Eleanor (3).

Kristen Shaffer Cahill (‘01) and Mark Cahill, Madison, AL: a daughter, Sydney Leigh. 9/26/12. She joins her brother, Cash Kayden (2).

Ellen Cornelius Ericson (‘01) and Daniel Ericson, Washington, D.C.: a son, Seth Robert. 8/7/12

Michele Gilmartin Gesualdo (‘01) and Gary Gesualdo, Wayne, NJ: a daughter, Gabriella Felicita. 8/12/12

Michael Mitchell (‘01) and Joan Ferran Mitchell (‘02, MAEd ’03), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Averi Caroline. 4/27/12. She joins her brother, Blake (2).

Melissa Wellman Norman (‘01, MAEd ’04) and Ben Norman (JD ’04), Greensboro, NC: a daughter, Emily Ruth. 2/27/12. She joins her sister, Miller (2).

Shannon Sumerell Spainhour (JD ’01) and John Spainhour, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Caroline Craven. 2/29/12. She joins her sister, Anna (3).

Susan Czaplicki Den Herder (‘02) and Nathan Den Herder, Falls Church, VA: a son, Isaac Pieter. 9/25/12. He joins his brother, William (5), and sister, Molly (3).

Mary Claire Hodges Hall (‘02) and David Hall, Fort Worth, TX: a son, Benjamin David. 5/5/12. He joins his brother, Samuel (2).

Greg Langsdale (‘02) and Libby Phelps Langsdale (‘02), Arlington, VA: a daughter, Beckett Ivan. 7/22/12. He joins his brothers, Griffin (4) and Asher (2).

Devin Patrick McCullough (‘02) and Claire Boyette McCullough (‘03), Shelby, NC: a daughter, Lillian Mae. 8/18/12

Nisrine Libbus Pinoe (‘02) and Caleb Pinoe, Durham, NC: a son, Fletcher Khalil. 9/26/12. He joins his brother, Zavier Elias (1 1/2).

Douglas Pulse (‘02) and Catherine Pulse, Rockville, MD: a daughter, Holly Margaret. 7/15/12

Heather Twiddy Raber (JD ’02) and Roger W. Raber Jr., Arlington, VA: a son, Elliot Sullivan. 7/9/12. He joins his brother, Jack (2).

Ty Webb (‘02) and Amy Rueth Webb (‘03), Franklin, TN: a son, Brogan Thomas. 9/12/12. He joins his brothers, Asher and Lincoln.

Evan Willett (‘02) and Katie Willett, Washington, D.C.: a son, Smith Jordan. 8/12/12

Beth Johnson Avery (MA ’03) and Robert Avery, Knoxville, TN: a son, Rollin Adams. 4/1/12. He joins his brother, Spence (3).

Kim Kukulski Doyle (JD ’03) and Patrick Doyle, Morrisstown, NJ: a daughter, Reagan Ann. 2/5/12. She joins her brother, Brendan (3).

Ryan Gibbons (‘03) and Rebecca Gibbons, Washington, D.C.: a daughter, Sydney Cecilia. 8/20/12

Aaron Mayo (‘03) and Betty Ashton Mayo, Nashville, TN: a son, Carrington Andrews. 6/6/12. He joins his brother, Harrison (18 months).

Christopher James Meister (JD ’03) and Whitney Sedwick Meister (JD ’03), Phoenix: a daughter, Sedwick Maeve. 5/13/12. She joins her brother, Henry (3).

Ginger Bailey Rolfs (JD ’03) and Bobby Rolfs, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Geneva Lee. 6/7/12

Tracy Herrmann Teel (‘03) and Ryan Teel, Marietta, GA: a son, Henry Nathaniel. 10/23/12. He joins his sister, Katie (20 months).

Will T. Wingfield III (‘03) and Sarah Jones Wingfield (‘03), Carmel, IN: a daughter, Julia Joy. 3/15/12. She joins her sister, Anna (3).

Constance Fleming Wright (‘03) and Andrew MacNaughton Wright, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Sloane MacNaughton. 9/7/12. She joins her sister, Sidney Fleming (2).

Andrew Robert Mullen (‘04) and Ana Lilia Mullen, Berlin, MA: a son, Jackson Andrew. 10/8/12

Erin Hershey Serrate (‘04) and Robert Serrate, Lexington, KY: a son, Landry Joseph. 7/30/12

Joseph McNeill Bumgarner (‘06) and Mary Kathryn Bumgarner (‘06, PA ’09), Durham, NC: a daughter, Winifred Smith. 7/31/12

Laura Lahti Sanders (‘07) and Chris Sanders (JD ’08), Minot, ND: a daughter, Katharine Lane. 9/26/12

Ivan Rudnitsky (‘08) and Julie Rudnitsky, Mint Hill, NC: a son, Nathaniel Isaac. 9/8/12
Deaths

Archibald Colin Walker ('34), Aug. 23, 2012, Winston-Salem. He practiced law in Lumberton, NC, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Walker served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 20 years and was a commanding officer of the Navy Reserve Training Division in Winston-Salem. He worked for Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. and was vice president of Wachovia Mortgage Co. Walker is survived by a daughter, Patricia W. Plaisted; a son, A. Colin Walker Jr. ('70); six grandchildren, including William Henry Nau Jr. ('89); and seven great-grandchildren.

Nolan Patrick Howington Sr. ('39, MA '40), Oct. 11, 2012, Louisville, KY. He received his PhD in 1948 from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Howington was a chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II and a pastor of churches in Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee before joining The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as a professor of Christian ethics and preaching. After leaving the seminary, he served as an editor with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, TN. Howington was preceded in death by his wife, Marietta; two sisters; and six brothers. He is survived by three sons, Richard (JD '66), Pat and John; three grandchildren; and four brothers.

John T. Tyler ('39), May 26, 2012, Keene, NH. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Tyler returned to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps, which later became the U.S. Air Force, and served in communications in Alaska, England, Germany, Boston and Omaha, NE. He is survived by two sons, John and Joseph (MBA '85), and five grandchildren.

Walter Samuel Lockhart Jr. ('41, MD ’44), Sept. 22, 2012, Matthews, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a medical officer, attaining the rank of captain. Lockhart practiced neurosurgery at Watts and Durham Regional hospitals for 23 years, had a private practice and was an associate professor of neurosurgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He served as associate medical director of the Whitaker Rehabilitation Center in Winston-Salem before resuming his neurosurgical practice in Durham. Lockhart received the Distinguished Service Award from the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in 1969. In 1986 he and his wife, Doreen, retired to Emerald Isle, NC, and in 1999 they moved to a retirement home in Matthews, NC.

Robert Reese Pegram ('41), Sept. 30, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Pegram retired after 40 years with Exxon.

WILLIAM C. “BILL” FRIDAY ('38, LL.D. ’57)

By Kerry M. King ('85)

Bill Friday was one of the most influential and admired North Carolinians of the 20th century. As the longtime president of the University of North Carolina and as perhaps the state’s leading citizen since retiring a quarter century ago, he championed higher education, social justice, public service and athletic reform.

While he was most closely associated with UNC, Friday, who died Oct. 12, 2012, in Chapel Hill, N.C., at the age of 92, had deep personal ties to Wake Forest.

A native of Virginia who grew up in Gaston County, N.C., Friday enrolled at Wake Forest in 1937 thanks to a $50 scholarship offered by Dean D.B. Bryan to cover half the cost of tuition.

“That’s how Bill Friday ever got any education beyond high school,” Friday said in a speech to the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society during a visit to the Old Campus in October 2011. “He and this institution that day began to change my life forever. So I’m here to say thank you. What I experienced, I’m sure hundreds of others did in those very dark and hard days that were so trying for everybody.”

Friday stayed at Wake Forest for only a year before transferring to N.C. State to study textiles. After graduating from N.C. State, he served in the U.S. Navy and earned his law degree from UNC.

During his three decades as president of the UNC system, he transformed UNC into one of the top universities in the country, led the expansion of the UNC system from three to 16 campuses, and helped form the ACC, the Research Triangle Park and North Carolina Public Television. After retiring in 1986 as the longest serving university president in the 20th century, he co-founded the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

He began hosting his popular UNC-TV show, “North Carolina People with Bill Friday,” in 1981. In one of his last shows, he reminisced about the Old Campus with Susan P. Brinkley (’62, P ’93), president of the Wake Forest Birthplace Society.

Friday’s three younger brothers — Rutherford (’43), David (’48) and John (’48) — graduated from Wake Forest. “The Friday family is a Wake Forest family,” Bill Friday once said. “Whenever I would go home at Christmas, Rudd, Dave and John would line up at the front door, and I had to sing the first verse of the Wake Forest alma mater or I didn’t get in the house.”
Obituaries

Weston D. Hatfield (’41, L.L.D. ’96)
Oct. 19, 2012

When Wes Hatfield received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, in 1991, he was praised as a “true exemplar of heritage and promise.” A son of the Old Campus and a Southern gentleman of grace and charm with a Harvard-educated lawyer’s skill and style, he was one of Wake Forest’s most influential trustee leaders. A longtime Winston-Salem attorney, he served three terms on the Board of Trustees between 1977 and 1990. During his two terms as chair, he presided over some of the most significant changes in Wake Forest’s history including the start of the University’s separation from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, a major building program on the Reynolda Campus and the beginning of the University’s largest capital campaign at the time. He is survived by four children: Anne Weir (MBA ’76), Heidi Karelis, Andrea O’Leary and Weston W. Hatfield; and 11 grandchildren including Howard Weir IV (’07), Lisa Weston Weir Mangiapani (’08) and Howard O’Leary III (’09). Hatfield’s wife, Lisa, died in 2008.

O B I T U A R I E S

Michael A.J. Farrell (P ’10)
Oct. 21, 2012

Mike Farrell came to love Wake Forest when his son, Michael (’10), was an undergraduate. In 2010, Farrell and his wife, Mary Flynn, made Wake Forest history by pledging $10 million — the largest gift ever to the business schools — toward construction for a new home for the Schools of Business. The building, named Farrell Hall in honor of Mike Farrell’s father, Michael John Farrell, is scheduled to open this summer. Although he never graduated from college, Mike Farrell became a respected leader on Wall Street and a generous donor to educational institutions. He was the co-founder, chairman and co-CEO of Annaly Capital Management, the world’s largest mortgage real estate investment trust. He also served on the University’s Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors for the Schools of Business and the Calloway School. He is survived by his wife, Mary Flynn; children Michael, Caitlin, Taylor and Kelly; and two grandchildren.
President Nathan O. Hatch offered tributes to the late Weston Hatfield and Mike Farrell at the Board of Trustees’ fall meeting. Excerpts from his remarks follow:

Wes Hatfield was a lion of Wake Forest and legendary leader of this board. He lived a full life, 92 years. I heard him give two formal speeches, both saluting Tom Hearn, and I thought I could have been in the presence of Henry Clay or William Jennings Bryan. His was oratory of the first order. His was a life of great substance and real savoir faire. Someone told me yesterday that in his 80s he went out and bought a new Porsche.

Mike Farrell’s death comes as even a greater shock, because his life really was cut short. He had just achieved his greatest professional accomplishment. He understood the crisis of mortgage financing that plunged this nation into recession and avoided the subprime area that was so broadly devastating in the financial world. And from that position of strength he was becoming a major philanthropist, Wake Forest being the most noticeable recipient. Yesterday, after the funeral, Mike’s brother, Tom, said to us that, today, in a fairer land, Mike is probably selling some heavenly backed mortgage security.

The lives of Wes and Mike both speak profoundly to the identity of Wake Forest: one to its history and its forging as an independent private University in the 1980s; the other to its future, a place fully in tune with the modern world — and even its most complex markets — but a place that took people seriously and was deeply grounded in character formation.

When I think of Wes Hatfield, I am left with the following question: What is important to do? In 1947 Wes chaired a subcommittee that helped plan the groundbreaking for Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, and much later, in the 1980s, he presided over the historic meeting when Wake Forest declared itself a free and independent University with a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. We stand deeply in his debt for thinking big, for charting new paths, for building the modern Wake Forest.

What are the most important things we need to do in our day? Let’s not go through the motions. Let’s not play on the surface. Let’s not just enjoy the ride and tinker with the deck furniture. What can I do, what can we all do, to fulfill the promise of this place for the next generation? That is the legacy of Wes Hatfield.

When I think of Mike Farrell, I am left with the following question: What is the right thing to do? Mike’s story has Horatio Alger proportions. The expectation of his immigrant parents was that he would be a New York cop or fireman. From this start, what he built was truly remarkable. Yet Mike never forgot who he was or from where he came. He was just as much at ease talking to Ben Bernanke or to a kid off the street at a ballgame at Oratory Prep. In Mike’s generous spirit, there were no “little” people.

I remember a two-hour meeting in Mike’s office when he was learning more about Wake Forest. Here was a self-made man, who had built the most successful firm on Wall Street that handled mortgage-backed securities. He had enormous power and enormous respect.

Yet what intrigued him about Wake Forest and drew him to it was not intellectual horsepower, per se, or the power of our brand, or even the raw success and prestige of our graduates. What attracted him was the issue of character. Somehow he sensed more in our actions and commitment that this place still existed as a community that taught young people how to live, not just what to think. He was a man of principle, not of expedience. He was a man deeply committed to doing things right. At his firm, Annaly Capital, Mike took a personal interest in everyone. We learned yesterday that at one point he took every last person in the firm to breakfast — just the two of them. His comment afterward: he loved the meetings but could not stand one more omelet.

You always knew that Mike was about doing the right thing and about treating people right.

What a privilege and a gift to know these two giants, Wes Hatfield and Mike Farrell, men of enormous spirits and enormous accomplishment. I am deeply grateful for their magnificent examples and for all that they have done for Wake Forest. I trust that the themes that their respective lives so clearly display will be engraved deeply in my own mind and heart: What is important to do? And what is the right thing to do? May those legacies endure.
THOMAS M. ELMORE (’56, P ’83, ’94)
Professor Emeritus of Education
By Kerry M. King (’85)

You can measure Tom Elmore’s legacy in the number of lives he changed. Start with the hundreds of students that he taught in the master’s in counseling program for 30 years, then multiply that by the lives that those graduates have changed through their work as school or mental-health counselors.

“That’s a lot of lives to touch,” said Chair and Professor of Counseling Samuel T. Gladding (’67, MAEd ’71, P ’09). “A lot of those individuals went on to make marks of their own in the (counseling) profession and in the communities in which they live.”

Elmore (’56, P ’83, ’94), the founder of Wake Forest’s counseling program and a national leader in the field, died on Oct. 29, 2012, in Winston-Salem. He was 85.

Elmore joined the faculty in 1962 as assistant to the dean and assistant professor of educational and counseling psychology. He founded the graduate-level program in counseling in 1968 — housed at the time in the education department — and directed the program until retiring in 1996. He was also dean of students from 1963 to 1971.

The counseling program was recognized as the top program in the country in 1999, three years after Elmore retired. That’s a tribute to the foundation Elmore laid, Gladding said. “He worked long and hard to make the counseling program rigorous and respected.”

A native of Wilson, N.C., Elmore served in the U.S. Navy near the end of World War II and then enrolled in Wake Forest with his younger brother Joe (’56). He earned a master’s degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from The Ohio State University before returning to Wake Forest to teach.

“Wake Forest opened up a new future for him and later became his home,” said his daughter Angela Atkins (’83). “He was tirelessly devoted to teaching and mentoring generations of counselors and human services professionals who now compassionately serve others throughout the country and the world, perpetuating the spirit of Pro Humanitate.”

Elmore is survived by his wife, Ruby (’55); four children, Angela Atkins (’83), Glenda Inabinet, Gail Simpson and Michelle Akamine (’94); a brother, Joseph E. Elmore (’56); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Thomas M. Elmore Fund in the counseling department at Wake Forest or to the Celebration Mission Fund at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.
churches, was the author of “The People's New Testament” and was owner/operator of Allen & Brown Barber Shop in Fredericksburg.


Jesse F. “Jack” Hasty Jr. ('48), Nov. 11, 2012, Aiken, SC. He received his MDiv from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Hasty was a minister of education at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, at First Baptist in Wilmington, NC, at Bull Street Baptist in Savannah, GA, and at First Baptist in Aiken, SC, where he retired in 1991 and served as pastoral care consultant until 2010.

Thomas James Fletcher Jr. ('49), Aug. 20, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Fletcher was a magistrate in Mecklenburg County for 14 years and was retired from First Union Bank.

Paul Alexander Mabe Jr. ('49), Oct. 7, 2012, Reidsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and received his MD from Duke University School of Medicine. Mabe practiced family medicine in Reidsville from 1959 until his retirement in 1996. He served on various medical staffs, was a medical examiner and after retirement served on several boards. Mabe was a clinical instructor and clinical preceptor for several schools, including Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He received awards for his community service, including the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Community Award, the N.C. Governor's Award and WFMY-TV’s “2 Those Who Care” Award. Mabe is survived by his wife of 67 years, Grace Anderson Mabe ('47); a son, Paul A. Mabe III ('72); a daughter, Carol M. Grantham; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Harold Sanderson Neal ('49), Aug. 26, 2012, Greensboro, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a pension consultant for Pilot Life Insurance Co.

Nelson Monroe Tart ('49), Nov. 4, 2012, McLean, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Tart received his MD from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and joined its faculty in 1959. He was a founding physician of Fairfax Hospital and had an obstetrics and gynecology practice for 36 years in Falls Church, VA. In 1997 Tart was named clinical professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology of the GWU Medical Center.


George Olney Perkins Jr. ('50), Sept. 7, 2012, Asheville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Essex aircraft carrier. Perkins taught accounting at Blanton’s Business College in Asheville, was an accountant for J.D. Robinson, served as controller for Hicks & Lynn Corp., and was secretary and treasurer.
for Twentieth Century Heating. He later managed his own heating and air conditioning business and worked as chief engineer for Sheraton Motor Inns before completing his career with 17 years of service as an engineer with Hampton Inns of Asheville. Perkins was the 1992 National Hampton Inns Employee of the Year.

Carolyn VonCannon Farmer (*51), Sept. 26, 2012, Forest, VA. She worked with Western Electric in Burlington, NC, before starting a family. Farmer returned to work for 25 years as a math teacher with Campbell County and Lynchburg City schools and retired in 1993.

Sylvia McManus Johnston (*51), Aug. 2, 2012, Point Harbor, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clement B. “Johnny” Johnston Jr. (*47). Johnston is survived by one son; five daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

Anne Harper Thompson (*51), Nov. 7, 2012, Raleigh, NC. She was a retired teacher at Hephzibah High School in Hephzibah, GA.

Phyllis Tate Benson (*52), Sept. 11, 2012, Glastonbury, CT. She worked in New York City for Good Housekeeping magazine and for the N.Y. University Law School before moving to Connecticut, where she worked for Travelers Insurance Co. Benson is survived by her husband, Bradford; three children, Bradford, Brenda B. Connolly and Barbara B. Ready (*55); four grandchildren; and three siblings, including Martha Tate Cackowski (*64).

James Myron Flick (*52), Nov. 5, 2012, Carlisle, CA. He was a member of the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame and one of the top golf instructors in the country. Flick was director of instruction at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, AZ, for 20 years. He wrote five books, including “Jack Nicklaus, Simply the Best.” He ran golf schools for Golf Digest and ESPN and co-founded with Nicklaus the Nicklaus-Flick Golf Schools, which operated from 1991 to 2003. In 1999, Golf World magazine named him one of the top 10 teachers of the 20th century. Flick was PGA Teacher of the Year in 1988 and was inducted into the World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame and the Southern Ohio PGA Hall of Fame in 2002. He played on the Wake Forest basketball and golf teams and briefly roomed with Arnold Palmer (*51). He is survived by his wife, Geri, and five children.

David Lebo Taylor (*52, MD ’55), Sept. 12, 2012, Oldsmar, FL. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and practiced cardiology and internal medicine in Miami from 1961 to 1981 and in the Clearwater/Dunedin area from 1981 to 2005. Taylor was chief of staff and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Clearwater Community Hospital and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Baptist Hospital in Miami. He served on the board of directors of the Pinellas County Medical Society and The Florida Society of Internal Medicine.

Harold Weis Wells (*52), Aug. 20, 2012, Greensboro, NC. He served as a cryptologist during World War II, worked for the National Security Agency in Ft. Mead, MD, and was in the U.S. Army Reserves. Wells is survived by his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Alyson Little; four sons, Doug (*80), Byron, Brandon and Dwight; and 12 grandchildren.

Barbara Walker Brandon (*53), April 6, 2012, Scottsdale, AZ.

Luther Vance High Jr. (*53), Oct. 28, 2012, Richlands, NC. He was a retired Baptist minister who served churches in North Carolina and Virginia. High is survived by his wife, Velma; two sons, Newton Daniel (*80) and Vance David; two grandsons; and a sister.

Richard Moss Perry (*55), Sept. 18, 2012, Richmond, VA. He served in the U.S. Army and was in the real estate business.

Zenith Ann Gibson Purcell (*55), Aug. 23, 2012, Orangeburg, SC. She was retired from the Department of Social Services after more than 30 years of service.

Ernest Joseph Daniels (*56), Sept. 22, 2012, Winston-Salem. He retired in 2004 after serving as a doctor of podiatric medicine for 37 years. Daniels worked for the N.C. Foot and Ankle Society, served nine years on the N.C. Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners and served more than 12 years on the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners.

H. Dean Propst (*56), Nov. 12, 2012, Atlanta. He was chancellor emeritus of the University System of Georgia. A native of Catawba County, NC, and a U.S. Navy veteran, he earned his doctorate from Peabody College in Nashville, TN. He taught for one year (1960-61) at Wake Forest on a temporary appointment and at Radford College in Radford, VA, for seven years. Propst moved to Georgia in 1969 as dean of faculty, and later vice president, at Armstrong State College in Savannah. In 1979, he was named vice chancellor for academic development and then executive vice chancellor with the University System of Georgia. He served as chancellor from 1985 until retiring in 1993. He was once named one of Georgia Trend magazine’s 100 most influential leaders in Georgia. Propst was a former member of the School of Divinity Board of Visitors, and he received Wake Forest’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Thomas Gay Whims (*56), Oct. 3, 2012, Mays Landing, NJ. He played football at Wake Forest, and in 1955 he returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown, a school record which held until 2007. Whims’ interception remains the second-longest in school history. He served in the U.S. Army, was a teacher and assistant principal at Atlantic City High and an assistant principal at Ocean City High School. Whims was president and superintendent of Florida Air Academy in Melbourne for 17 years, where he also coached football. He returned to the classroom at Holy Trinity School in 1989 and retired in 1997.

Edward Whitman Davis (*57), May 21, 2012, Bedford, VA.

Joseph Byron Johnson (*57), Oct. 6, 2012, Waco, TX. He was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC. Johnson was a sales executive for Lenox China, Milliken and West Point Pepperell before moving to Florida in the 1960s where he was a stockbroker and commercial insurance agent.

David Caldwell Barefoot (*58, JD ’65), Sept. 8, 2012, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy. Barefoot practiced law in Wilmington, NC, for 46 years, finishing his legal career with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP. He was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers, including Graham Ballard Barefoot Jr. (*50) and Napoleon Bonaparte Barefoot (*55, JD ’58, P ’78). He is survived by his wife, Becky; four children, including David Caldwell Barefoot Jr. (*89); eight grandchildren; and a sister.

Wade Martin Hobson Sr. (JD ’58), Oct. 10, 2012, Boonville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a tax preparer for many years. Hobson was also a breeder of show cattle.
William Hollis Norman ('59), July 5, 2012, Tampa, FL. He taught at Brooklyn Park, was an assistant principal and principal at Northeast High School and was the founding principal of Chesapeake High School. Norman retired in 1989 as the director of physical services for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The Chesapeake High School auditorium, originally named in his honor in 1983, was upgraded and rededicated in his honor. An endowment fund has been established for eligible CHS students to pursue college.

James Allen Sanders Sr. ('59, MD '63), Aug. 9, 2012, Gastonia, NC. His internship and orthopedic residency were at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, the E.I. DuPont Institute for Crippled Children and the VA Hospital in Wilmington, DE. Sanders was a fellow in The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and practiced orthopedic surgery in Gastonia until his retirement in 2000. He and his brother formed Sanders Brothers, a utility installation company.

Charles Durham Wallace ('59), June 30, 2012, High Point, NC. He was retired from Golding Upholstery Fabric. Wallace is survived by his wife, Carol; a son, Chuck; two brothers, Hugh ('56, MD '60) and George; a sister; and two grandchildren.

William Howard Admirand (MD '60), Oct. 5, 2012, Reno, NV. He served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and had fellowships at Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School. Admirand was appointed assistant professor and later associate professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and served as chief of gastroenterology at San Francisco General Hospital. He and his family moved to Reno in 1976 where he had a private practice for 30 years. He received the Nevada State Medical Association’s 1993 Distinguished Physician Award. Admirand is survived by his wife of 49 years, Janice; his daughters, Leigh and Leslie and Joan (MD ’98); and three grandchildren.

Robert Franklin Watson ('60), Oct. 21, 2012, Naples, FL. He served on the Wake Forest Alumni Council and the Calloway Board of Visitors. Watson was a partner with the international accounting firm of Price Waterhouse and retired in 1990 as regional tax partner.


Jerry Lee Goodman ('61), Oct. 31, 2012, Rockingham, NC. He taught and coached at Greensboro Page, Rockingham and Richmond high schools before starting a business, Jerry’s Shoe Corner. Goodman received his master’s in school administration, was assistant principal of Hamlet Junior High, and retired in 2003 as assistant principal and athletic director at Richmond Senior High.

Basil Dula Howard ('61), Aug. 18, 2012, Acrworth, GA.

Carolyn McBee Morphy ('61), July 4, 2012, Bakersville, NC. She taught high school in California before teaching at Mars Hill College in North Carolina. Morphy taught physical education and reading at Nebo and North Cove and developed an elementary physical education program that was adopted by various schools in the United States. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ivy and Paul Thomas McBee ('28). Morphy is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Ivy; two grandchildren; and three sisters, Virginia M. Cross ('56), Marie M. Gouge and Helen M. Shimp ('67).


Ned Tracy Faires ('62), Oct. 4, 2012, Calabash, SC. He had a management career with Roadway Express and was the owner of several businesses in Atlanta, including Tracy’s Limousine Service. When he retired, he and his wife, Rae, moved to the coast.

James Irving Murphy ('62), Aug. 5, 2012, Yadkinville, NC. He received his PhD from Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Murphy was president of the general board of the N.C. Baptist Convention in 1985 and served in the ministry for 52 years. He is survived by his wife, Nell; a son, Jimmy; a daughter, Nancy M. Tyler ('79); and two grandchildren.

Cedric Dixon Pierce Jr. ('62), Oct. 23, 2012, Greenville, NC. He served in the ministry for 53 years as a pastor, a preacher and also a professor of theology at Carolina Bible Institute and Seminary.

Richard Cephus Newsome Jr. ('63), Aug. 17, 2012, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army and was a retired vice president of Southern Plan Services, a division of Dun and Bradstreet.

Virginia “Ginger” Greene Secrest ('63), Aug. 22, 2012, Shelby, NC. She received her nursing degree from Baptist Hospital. Secrest is survived by her husband of 52 years, Alvin Jackson Secrest Jr. (MD ‘63); three sons, Alvin Jackson III ('87, MD '92), Edward Blair and David Alexander; and four grandchildren.

Jennings Bryan Ruffin Jr. ('64), Sept. 13, 2012, Ahoskie, NC. He was owner and operator of Ruffin Associates Inc.

James David Baird ('65), Nov. 12, 2012, Nashville, TN. He completed his ROTC commitment and served in the U.S. Army, ending his tour as a captain. Baird spent most of his career in the bond department of Third National Bank in Nashville and left as a vice president. He was an investment adviser for Wiley Brothers. Baird enjoyed organizing social events for new Wake Forest students in the Nashville area. He is survived by a son, David; a brother, Thomas; several cousins; his former wife, Susie; and his three lifelong college friends, Larry Ammons ('65, P '99, ‘04), Steve Martin ('65) and Ron Schneider ('65).

Memorials may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville or to Wake Forest University, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7227.

Lloyd Dan Montgomery ('65, MD '69), Nov. 7, 2012, Charleston, IL. He served in the U.S. Army and joined the staff at Halstead Hospital in Kansas. Montgomery practiced psychiatry for 25 years and was on the faculty at the University of Kansas before moving to Garden City as medical director of Area Mental Health. He was qualified in geriatric psychiatry and addiction medicine and served on the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. In 2005, Montgomery relocated to Charleston, IL, and joined the staff at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Starck Montgomery ('69); two daughters, Cathy and Elizabeth; three grandchildren; and a sister.

James David Long Jr. ('67), Aug. 27, 2012, Houston, TX. He was retired from Aramco Services.

John Carlton Livesay (MA '69), Aug. 13, 2012, Rocky Mount, NC. He received his PhD in psychology from Memphis State University. Livesay taught psychology at Radford...
College in Virginia for two years and was a psychologist for the State of North Carolina for six years. He also served as a minister of music and as an organist.

Thomas B. Preston ('69), Aug. 12, 2012, Houston, TX. He received his JD from South Texas College of Law and practiced law for more than 37 years in the Cypress area.

Priscilla Ann Blevins ('71) disappeared in 1975 while living in Charlotte, NC. She studied French, Spanish, German, Greek and Latin at Wake Forest and hoped to become a translator at the United Nations. After graduating, she taught English in Bogota, Colombia, before returning to the U.S. In 1985, a woman's body was found in Haywood County, NC, but was not identified as Blevins until last October using DNA testing. A memorial homecoming was held for Blevins in November in Wait Chapel. She is survived by a sister, Cathy Blevins Howe, and a brother, David Holden Blevins.


Joseph Arthur Smith (MD '71), Aug. 17, 2012, Framingham, MA. He served as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Smith was a senior director of clinical research in the field of asthma and allergy.

Relma D. Hargrove (PA '72), Nov. 4, 2012, Calypso, NC. He was a physician assistant in the medical practices of Drs. Kornegay and Shackelford and later in the office of Dr. Lambert.

Michael Joseph Phelan ('72), Sept. 10, 2012, Stuart, FL. He received his master's from George Washington University and served four years in the Peace Corps. Phelan was a retired forensic laboratory director with the U.S. Department of Justice.


William Samuel Smoak ('72), Aug. 9, 2012, Winston-Salem. He was a CPA with Ernst & Young, the CFO and treasurer of Brad Ragan and eventually president of the Pleasant organization, where he retired in 2003. After retirement, Smoak was a nonprofit volunteer and president and CFO of Cook & Boardman, a commercial door and hardware supplier. He was named CFO of the Year by the Charlotte Business Journal in 2009. Smoak is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; a daughter; his mother; a sister; and two brothers, James and Robert Jr. ('78). Memorials may be made to Parkway Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem or to the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, PO Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Robert Spurgeon Jones Jr. ('74), Aug. 26, 2012, Shelby, NC. He practiced medicine with his father, Robert S. Jones Sr. ('48), at Jones Family Practice in Shelby and in 1988 opened Cleveland Family Practice which later became CaroMont Health. Jones loved acoustic music and the mandolin and performed with several bands. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, including Joseph Henry Jones ('17). He is survived by his parents; his wife of 37 years, Martha McBrayer Jones ('75); two children; a grandson; and two brothers.

Nancy Ruth Burnett ('77), Oct. 15, 2012, Travelers Rest, SC. She was a retired computer programmer for the Department of the Navy for 20 years.


James Franklin Walden (MBA '83), Nov. 11, 2012, Greensboro, NC. He received a mechanical engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and served in the U.S. Army. Walden worked for Air Conditioning Corporation for 36 years.

Joseph Allie Hayes III ('84), Sept. 29, 2012, Charlotte, NC. He received his JD from UNC School of Law. Hayes was assistant general counsel and assistant secretary for Family Dollar Stores.

Jack Brown Hobson Jr. (MBA '84), Aug. 13, 2012, Asheville, NC. He spent the last 11 years in New York. Hobson is survived by his wife, Nancy, and five children.

David Craig Apple (MD '86), Aug. 30, 2012, Mount Pleasant, SC. He practiced internal medicine in Charleston, SC, and served as project manager for the office renovation.

Apple moved his practice to Mt. Pleasant and established a medical health spa. He is survived by three children; two sisters; and a brother, William B. Apple III ('74).

Edward Louis Bowser (MBA '86), Oct. 22, 2012, Durham, NC. He was a certified data processor, certified computing professional and a fellow of Life Management Institute. Bowser is survived by his wife, Lillian, and two daughters, Alicia Moore and Julie Bowser ('93).

Phillip Austin Bennett Leonard ('92), Sept. 25, 2012, High Point, NC. He was co-owner of Leonard Block Co. Leonard is survived by his wife, Vicky Tsitseras Leonard ('94); three children; a sister; and his parents, Charles Hobert Leonard ('63) and Barbara Bennett Leonard ('65).

Brian Michael Scott ('96), Aug. 9, 2012, Pafftown, NC. He worked in the field of actuarial consulting, most recently at his own company, Triad Analytic Solutions. Scott is survived by his wife, Carrie Cook Scott ('96); three young sons, Alex, Mason and Zach; his sister, Wendy S. Cruess; and his parents, Wade and Brenda Scott. His mother, Brenda, is a retired Deacon Club staff member.

Emily Lauren McQueen-Borden ('99), Aug. 21, 2012, New Orleans. She received her doctor of physical therapy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and was a lead physical therapist at the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine. She is survived by her partner, Kara Kinser McQueen-Borden ('99), and a daughter, Greta (3).

Patrick Michael Kelly (JD '04), Aug. 20, 2012, Scarborough, ME. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Defense Artillery, served four years of active duty and achieved the rank of captain. Kelly worked in New York City for a year before coming to Wake Forest. He practiced workers' compensation and veterans' disability law with McTague Higbee Case Cohen Whitney & Toker PA in Topsham, ME, for more than six years. Kelly is survived by his wife, Julie Bassett Kelly (JD '04), and two daughters, Sophie and Evie.

Jake Kenneth Gusler ('10), Nov. 9, 2012, Stoneville, NC. He graduated from McMichael High School in 2006 and had a sociology degree from Wake Forest. He played tenor sax in the marching band. Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
Matthew Wesley Peck (MBA ‘12), Sept. 17, 2012, Greenville, SC. He was a retired lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was recently employed by Resurgent Capital.

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students

James C. Cammack, Sept. 14, 2012, Fayetteville, NC. He served two terms on the Board of Trustees (1957-1961 and 1972-1975) and was pastor of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church from 1957 to 1987. Cammack also pastored Baptist churches in Smithfield, NC, and Rock Hill, SC. He was a trustee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, president of the executive committee of the general board of the Baptist State Convention of N.C., president of the N.C. Baptist Pastors’ Conference and chairman of the board of directors of the Biblical Recorder. Cammack graduated from Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Judy; a son, Chris; and a grandson, Todd Cammack (JD ‘01).

Stanley B. Davis, Aug. 25, 2012, Hixson, TN. He was a former assistant professor with the Babcock Graduate School of Management. He also worked for the State of Tennessee, Dow Chemical Co., Mead Paper, Eastman Chemical Co. and The University of Tennessee and was a principal partner with Performance Delta LLC.

David W. Fyten, Nov. 21, 2012, Winston-Salem. He was a former editor of Wake Forest Magazine. He joined the University staff in 1991 as assistant vice president for public affairs and University editor. After retiring in 2002, he continued to write for the magazine for a number of years. He also volunteered with Human Service Alliance in Winston-Salem. He worked in facilities management at Wake Forest. He is survived by his wife, Susan Baggett; children Ben and Abby; and two grandchildren.

Annette LeSiege, Aug. 26, 2012, Marina, CA. She was an assistant professor in the music department from 1975 to 1982 and chair of the department much of that time. LeSiege was an accomplished classical composer who wrote more than 70 pieces that have been performed throughout the U.S. and around the world. One of her compositions, “Confusion Breaths … ,” premiered at the dedication of the music wing of the Scales Fine Arts Center in 1982. After leaving Wake Forest, she was an assistant dean and associate professor at New Jersey City University. LeSiege retired in 2009 and moved to Maine, where she taught composition and liberal arts music courses at the University of Maine at Augusta. A native of Oakland, CA., she earned a MA in composition from San Jose State and a PhD from Eastman School of Music.

John Y. Moossey, June 12, 2012, Sheppardstown, WV. He was a professor of pathology and an associate in neurology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Moossey held faculty positions at Tulane School of Medicine, Louisiana State University and the University of Pittsburgh. He retired in 1993. Moossey is survived by his children, Joan and John (’74); a grandson; and two sisters.

Lenore Yvonne Parks, Aug. 17, 2012, Winston-Salem. She was an assistant professor of pediatrics at Wake Forest School of Medicine, a member of the Department of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine and a clinical chief of pediatrics with the Downtown Health Plaza. Parks was instrumental in continuing the Reach Out & Read Program at the Downtown Health Plaza. Memorials may be made to Salem Baptist Christian School in Winston-Salem or the Reach Out and Read Program, Baptist Hospital Volunteer Service, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Janet Marie “Jane” Lovas Rachlin, Sept. 21, 2012, Lewisville, NC. She was an administrative assistant in the Wake Forest development office from 1979 to 1983 and staff assistant to the assistant director of Graylyn International Conference Center until retiring in 1993. She worked on Wall Street, was an executive assistant to the chairman of the board for Republic Steel and was an executive with Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

Kelly Jackson Reinhart, Sept. 23, 2012, Yadkinville, NC. He was a lead groundskeeper in facilities management at Wake Forest. Reinhart is survived by his wife, Vicki; four children; and four grandchildren.

B. Elmo Scoggins, Oct. 1, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He served on the Wake Forest Board of Trustees from 1965 to 1967 and was a retired professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Scoggins graduated from Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Although a Baptist, he established strong interfaith relationships with the Jewish community and helped establish the N.C. Council on the Holocaust. He is survived by his wife, Hannah, and a daughter, Scarlett.

Anne Kesler Shields, Oct. 6, 2012, Winston-Salem. She was a prominent artist and the wife of retired physicist professor Howard Shields. Her large body of work over 60 years includes portraiture, abstract landscapes, collages, and geometric paintings and prints. Shields’ portraits include ones of former Wake Forest President James Ralph Scales, former Dean of the College Tom Mul len, and former Dean of Women and Associate Vice President Lu Leake. Her works were featured in solo and group exhibitions across the Southeast. A retrospective of her career—planned before her death—was showcased at Wake Forest, Salem College and SECCA last fall. Shields was also active in the local arts community and helped found Associated Artists of Winston-Salem and the Winston-Salem Gallery of Fine Arts, which became the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA). She is survived by her husband, three children and seven grandchildren.

Melrose Gray Larimore Smith, Oct. 22, 2012, Walkertown, NC. She retired as a Wake Forest librarian after 25 years of service. Smith was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra Kay Smith Ellis (’67). She is survived by two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

The Greatest Family Value: Vision Is More Essential Than Sight

By Barbee Myers Oakes ('80, MA '81)

Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will.
- George Bernard Shaw

Though neither of my parents attended college, their belief in this principle fashioned both my infinite thirst for knowledge and the confidence that I could overcome formidable odds to succeed. You see, I grew up on a small, country farm during the height of the Civil Rights era. Though only 30 minutes from Winston-Salem, East Bend often seemed like another country.

The village way of life — an intensely family-oriented culture of collective community accountability for the success of everyone’s children — permeated every aspect of my childhood. The question I was most frequently asked by myriad voices was: “What are you going to be when you grow up?” Their certainty that I would thrive engendered a spirit of success within me. This pivotal message shifted my focus from the present and enabled me to envision a brighter future, ultimately allowing me to construct the pathway to become the first in my family to attend college.

Unbeknownst to me for years, my family ties with Wake Forest began before I was born. As we sat on my paternal grandfather’s porch one summer afternoon in 1985, after my studies at Wake Forest, I told him about my first faculty appointment at Penn State. After rocking silently in his chair a few minutes, Grandpa said, “Girl, when they moved Wake Forest here in the 1950s, I helped clear the trees from that land. Back then, the way things were, you never coulda told me my granddaughter would be allowed to go to that white school one day.” Grandpa could not envision I would have an academic journey that would take me from student and professor to administrator and now a senior leader at our premier collegiate University. But, like my parents, he did teach me to work hard and remain tenacious in the face of adversity.

I wasn’t cognizant of the countless ways my Wake Forest family mirrored my biological family’s tenets until I reached adulthood. Bill Starling ('57), the late director of admissions and financial aid, taught me the significance of granting admission to underrepresented students. As a first-generation college student, I knew nothing about navigating administration to find and obtain resources until then-Dean of Women Lula M. “Lu” Leake bought me eyeglasses when my family could not. The late Dolly McPherson, the first black woman on the faculty and a professor of English, fostered the belief “If no one else has ever done it … you can be the first.” By encouraging me to become the first black student in the health and exercise science graduate program, Professor Paul Ribisl (P '89, '91) taught me the transformational impact of faculty mentorship. And my life today revolves around the saying of my beloved mentor Professor Maya Angelou: “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.” Wake Forest is my alma mater today because such individuals not only cleared a path to open doors of opportunity for generations of people from diverse backgrounds but opened my eyes to a vision of myself in extraordinary places. Emulating my remarkable role models, I have been motivated to pay back by helping others maximize their individual potential.

Finally, the symbolism of David Lee Myers, a black man living in a segregated South, laboring to “clear the path” to build a university he did not believe his offspring could ever attend, should not escape us. I’d like to believe Grandpa is blessed to see I am now positioned to affect institutional equity because his legacy strengthened my resolve to drive our commitment to foster a diverse and inclusive Wake Forest. We are concluding our yearlong celebration of the many faces of courage who dared to make a difference since the Board of Trustees voted in 1962 to end racial segregation. Going forward, it is my greatest hope that every member of the Wake Forest family will internalize Jacques Pierre Ribault’s call to action: “To the world you might just be one person; but to one person, you might just be the world.” How we respond, both individually and collectively, to prepare our students to work and lead in a global society will speak to our vision for future generations about our core values.

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Harold W. Tribble (LH.D. ’48)
10th President, 1950-1967

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