



Class of 2019

BONNER SCHOLARS PRESENTATIONS OF SERVICE AND LEARNING

Sunday, May 5, 2019

6 p.m.

Harley Room, Richardson Physical Activities Building

Wofford College



WELCOME AND REMARKS

Dr. Mike Sosulski

REMARKS ON THE CLASS OF 2019 BONNER SCHOLARS

Dr. Ramón Galiñanes Jr.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CLASS OF 2019 BONNER SCHOLARS

The Bonner Program: A Ride to the Top

Eduardo Castillo

Following the Right Path

Andrew Copeland

Giving the Gift of Gratitude

Hixon Copp

My Completely Changed Outlook

Ashley Cox

In It for the Long Haul

Helen Davidson

The Price of Admission

Alexis Eaton

A Place Where Everyone Knows Your Name

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EDUARDO CASTILLO

is a computer science and mathematics double major from Maracaibo, Venezuela. The Bonner Scholars Program and Wofford have served as platforms for Castillo to reach his full potential. During his time at Wofford, he has been invited to attend several conferences, including a National

Science Foundation-sponsored conference at Boston University, Twitter's #LikeABoss, Twitter's #TakeFlight, Special Interest Group of Computer Science Education 2017, Out 4 Undergrad 2017 and 2018, Brown University's 2019 Hackathon and Startup Fest 2017. Castillo also has participated in the selective Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) Undergraduate Student Research Competition, where he published his computer science research. At Wofford, Castillo completed an internship as a software engineer at Slack Technologies in San Francisco, Calif. He also has been active in the Wofford community by serving as a resident assistant for two consecutive years and as a member of the Campus Union Student Affairs Committee 2017-2018 and the International Student Committee 2017-2019. Castillo also has served as chair of the ACM Chapter at Wofford since 2017. He was the first speaker of the Humans of Wofford series and was part of the inaugural class of The Space in the Mungo Center's Certificate of Entrepreneurial Thinking program. As a Bonner Scholar, Castillo has served in several places, including the Urban League of the Upstate, Wofford's Math Academy, SaveFirst VITA tax preparation program, Camp Spearhead and the Hub City Farmers Market. After Wofford, Castillo will join Slack Technologies as an associate software engineer in San Francisco.



ANDREW (DREW) COPELAND

is a history major from Inman, S.C. He attended Chapman High School, where he served as student body president and played three sports. During his time at Wofford, he has participated in numerous organizations, including the Orientation Staff, Campus Union, TESS and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He will graduate with a

B.A. in history with a concentration in education. With his work through the Bonner Scholars Program, he has volunteered at a number of sites, including Meeting Street Academy, Arcadia Elementary School and the Adult Learning Center. He has focused the majority of his work on education to prepare himself for his future as an educator. Next year, Copeland will teach at Dorman High School in Spartanburg School District 6, where he also will coach volleyball.



HIXON COPP

is an international affairs major and history minor from Florence, S.C. He graduated from the IB Diploma Program at Wilson High School. He grew to enjoy making an impact in his home community through working with House of Hope of the Pee Dee, a nonprofit organization in Florence that addresses homelessness

recovery and capacity-building. One of Copp's favorite memories in the Bonner Scholars Program at Wofford is working with World Relief in Spartanburg and helping refugees find a new life in the United States. After graduation, Copp plans to return to Florence to build experience and plan for the future.



ASHLEY COX

is a chemistry major from Spartanburg, S.C. She has always been driven and dedicated to her work and passions. She pursued her enthusiasm for community development and science while she studied at Wofford. As a student, Cox traveled out of the country for the first time to study biodiversity and ecotourism in Costa Rica.

She began her Bonner Scholars work as a volunteer teacher assistant at Meeting Street Academy. She then became a dedicated volunteer at St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic for her remaining three years. After graduation, Cox will take a gap year to work as a medical assistant to further her experience with medicine and science.



HELEN DAVIDSON

is a French and intercultural studies double major from Tyrone, Ga. During her time as a Bonner Scholar, she volunteered as a tutor in the AVID Program at Carver Middle School. The Bonner Scholars Program also has allowed her to complete two international internships, one in Liberia with

Liberia Eco-Tours and another in Senegal with the Red Cross. After graduation, Davidson will pursue a career in nursing after continuing her education in an accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program at Emory University.



ALEXIS EATON

is a government major and sociology minor from Chattanooga, Tenn. As a Bonner Scholar, she has served on the Bonner Leadership Team, holding the position of co-mentorship coordinator and Bonner Congress representative. She has volunteered at AccessHealth Spartanburg,

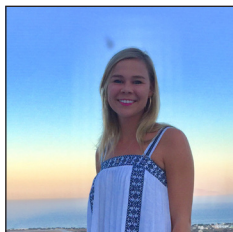
the Butterfly Foundation and Greater Spartanburg Ministries. Eaton is working on a senior research project assessing potential food insecurity on Wofford's campus as well as other colleges and universities across the country. After Wofford, Eaton plans to take a gap year to work and explore career opportunities, then apply for graduate school.



ERICA FULTON

is a biology major from Madison, Conn. She has spent her time serving St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic since her first semester at Wofford, helping low-income patients receive the medical care and medications they need. Fulton dedicated two of her summers in the Yale New Haven Health Systems, volunteering in the Adult

Emergency Department and in the Volunteer Services Department, where she tended to patients who needed assistance and helped coordinate volunteer programs. After graduation Fulton plans to take a gap year in Connecticut, where she will work in a clinical setting before applying to physician's assistants graduate programs.



MARY BURGESS HARRELSON

is a native of Spartanburg, S.C. After attending Oakbrook Preparatory School, she came to Wofford as a member of the cheer squad. In May, she will receive her B.A. in business economics and Spanish with a minor in accounting. Harrelson has spent two Interims abroad in Ecuador and Thailand and studied abroad for a semester in Alicante, Spain.

She has spent the majority of her past four years working with Christmas in Action, a nonprofit that repairs homes in Spartanburg County for those in need. She has worked in the office, led teams, helped prepare events and continued to direct Santahatchie Christmas Service. This senior project from Oakbrook just concluded its fifth year helping nine homeowners, with more than 80 volunteers netting more than 25 homeowners overall. She has been involved as a member and chief operating officer for Kappa Alpha Theta and a member of Delta Sigma Pi. Harrelson plans to work a year in Charleston before continuing her education, seeking a master's degree in international business.



CHRIS-MARIE MENSAH

originally from Ghana, West Africa, she immigrated to Greensboro, N.C., at a young age. A biology major, she has served as a tutor for the AVID Program at Carver Middle School since her first year at Wofford, assisting with peer-led discussion groups. She was the president of Wofford Women of Color her junior year and has been an active

member since her sophomore year. She spent a semester abroad in Accra, Ghana, in the fall semester of her senior year. After graduation, Mensah will pursue a master's degree in science in genetic counseling.



LONGINUS IKECHUKWU (I.K.) NNODIUM II

is a psychology major from Nigeria, West Africa. He was a defensive end on the Terriers' football team and is a thrower on the men's track and field team, receiving an All-Conference distinction and setting several school records. Nnodium also serves his local community at several volunteer sites, such as the VITA tax clinic, the Urban League of the Upstate, the AVID

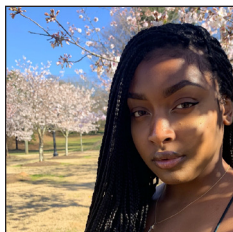
Program at Carver Middle School and Habitat for Humanity. He worked in Tanzania over the summer, researching at-risk health areas and training school teachers in the sports of rugby, basketball and soccer. Nnodium is active on campus as president of his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, and as a member to other organizations, including Wofford Men of Color, Black Student Union and the Association of Multicultural Students. He loves engaging with individuals from diverse backgrounds and plans to take his talents to the U.S. Air Force after graduation.



MATTHEW REEVES

a native of Saint George, S.C., will graduate in May with a B.S. in biology and a minor in accounting. Since January 2016, Reeves has volunteered at Meeting Street Academy as an assistant to the director of fine arts and event coordinator. Following graduation he plans to further his education through an accelerated nursing program at Emory University. Reeves believes

that his time as a Bonner Scholar can best be concluded with the following statement: "Life is like a coin; you can spend it however you want. But you can only spend it once." – L. Dickson.



YESHIRA ROSEBOROUGH

is an English major. One of her favorite quotes by Maya Angelou is, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you." Roseborough believes that healing lies in the stories we share, which is why she also believes that access to literature is essential. Roseborough's summer research internship allowed her to provide more access to African literature for young

adults and children around the globe. She also has worked directly with high school students as a counselor for the Urban League of the Upstate. Her time as the outreach coordinator for Fairfield Behavioral Health Services led to her strong passion for mental health. Roseborough plans to continue her education, hoping to continue her service for those in need of physical and mental help.



STEELE SMITH

is from Spartanburg, S.C., and is a French and English major with a concentration in film and digital media. In his time at Wofford, he has worked with local documentarians at White Elephant, a documentary film production company, as a video production intern and intern coordinator, producing work that tells the stories of the Spartanburg community. This

work inspired him to shoot a documentary in 2017 on Synergy in Action, a nonprofit organization that works with refugees and immigrants in low-income neighborhoods, operating in the Salt Lake region of Utah. Over the summer of 2018, he had the opportunity to work as a production intern for the “TODAY Show” on NBC and as an administrative intern at A New Take Studios in New York City. As a young black filmmaker, Smith wants his work to have the potential to illuminate ideas and understandings unique to that embodied knowledge and to allow audiences an opportunity to witness and learn. Smith is interested in using film as a medium for exploring his observations of his experiences within various communities as well as the impact that sociocultural perceptions have on the human experience.

NOTABLE BONNER ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN RECENT YEARS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Gates Millennium Scholar
Gilman Scholar
Mitchell Scholar
Truman Scholar

LAW, GRADUATE AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Clemson University
Columbia University
Emory University
Florida State University
Georgetown University
Georgia Tech
The Medical University of South Carolina
North Carolina State University
Stanford University
Trinity College (Ireland)
University of Colorado
University of Maryland
University of North Carolina
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University

