

Victoria Biggers Wofford College

Victoria Biggers, a senior at Wofford College, has been named the 2016 McLean-Smith SCICU Student of the Year. This award includes a \$3,000 scholarship.

Biggers was selected for SCICU Student of the Year honors from among nominees submitted by SCICU's member colleges and universities. The Greenville-based Center for Scholarship Administration independently conducted the nomination process and submitted the name of the award winner to SCICU.

Biggers hails from Clover, SC, and is the daughter of Gary Biggers and Gretchen McCarter. She is pursuing majors in finance and economics.

Applying her academics to real world experiences is important to Biggers. With experience and assistance through The Space, Wofford's full-service center for professional development and entrepreneurship, Biggers started Wee Celebrations, a children's party service. Through the Impact and Launch Competition, the business was awarded a \$5,000 prize for business materials and co-working space at the Iron Yard entrepreneurship incubator.

Biggers' other campus involvement includes working in the Admissions Office since her freshman year. She says that "the best part of the experience, above gaining incredible networking and public speaking skills, has been being able to interact with future students. The most valuable thing I've learned was that my job was not to 'sell' Wofford, but to share my experiences and give the prospective students the information they needed to see whether Wofford was the right place for them."

Compassion for others is evident in Biggers' involvement in Kappa Alpha Theta. Biggers spearheaded the fundraising for Martha's Garden, a campus green space, designed to honor a deceased Wofford/Theta alumna's love of the environment. Although Biggers never met the garden's namesake, she felt compelled to honor Martha after learning more about her love of people and the environment.

After graduation in 2017, Biggers plans to work in the financial services industry.

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About the McLean-Smith SCICU Student of the Year Award

In 2016, the SCICU Board of Trustees elected to combine the J. Lacy McLean and the Sterling L. Smith Scholarships into the McLean-Smith SCICU Student of the Year Award. J. Lacy McLean advocated for independent higher education in South Carolina for over 34 years. Sterling L. Smith was instrumental in the development of the SC Tuition Grants Program. The award seeks to recognize students who perform well academically and who demonstrate commitments to public affairs, community service, and leadership.

Full-time rising seniors attending SCICU member colleges and universities are eligible to be nominated for the combined scholarship award. The recipient must be a South Carolina resident and a SC Tuition Grant recipient. Rising sophomores at SCICU two-year institutions are also eligible for the award.