“Education includes encounters with people and experiences that push us beyond our levels of comfort and knowledge, and we must commit ourselves to embracing those differences, learning to respect all people and finding common ground.”

Dr. Nayef Samhat, president of Wofford College
Wofford College celebrates diversity of all kinds and takes great pride in being recognized by the New York Times as the #1 most economically diverse college in South Carolina, #70 in the nation among all colleges and universities graduating 75% or more students in 4 years.

We seek to recruit individuals underrepresented in higher education and offer programs and resources to help ALL STUDENTS MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

452 students from 30 STATES and 6 COUNTRIES representing 11 RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS

- 55% FEMALE
- 45% MALE
- 54% IN-STATE
- 46% OUT-OF-STATE
- 15% FIRST GENERATION
- 17% MINORITY
- 16% PELL ELIGIBLE

66 SIGNED NCAA D-I STUDENT ATHLETES

as of spring 2018
“For students to really thrive, they have to feel accepted, they have to feel secure, THEY HAVE TO FEEL SOCIALLY CONNECTED TO WOFFORD, and I think having different supportive programs is a great thing for Wofford in helping all students feel connected.”

Matthew Hammett, assistant dean of students for student involvement

Student ORGANIZATIONS

Wofford has more than 100 student organizations that focus on a wide range of academic, social, cultural, religious, honorary, professional and recreational interests. All students have access to these organizations, as well as the ability to create their own if they feel they are not being represented. Here is a small sample of student organizations at Wofford:

- Association of Multicultural Students
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- Black Student Alliance
- College Republicans
- Hillel Jewish Student Organization
- Interfaith Youth Core
- Jambo Afrika
- Kappa Alpha Psi Inc.
- Muslim Student Association
- Newman Club (Catholic)
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
- SCATE (Students Creating Art Through Expression)
- Spectrum (LGBTQ and Ally organization)
- Souljahs for Christ
- Terrier Dynasty (Chinese Club)
- Transitions
- UKirk (Presbyterian)
- Wesley Fellowship (Methodist)
- Wofford Women of Color

Wofford is ranked #4 in the nation for students who study abroad for credit (Open Doors 2017). Since 2007, Wofford students have studied in more than 70 countries on all seven continents. Study abroad is a major component of our commitment to shaping globally connected citizens.

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Wofford offers diversity awareness programming to support underrepresented students on campus. These programs come in a variety of forms and open a dialogue about different cultures, ideas and people.

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DIVERSITY TRAINING
Through diversity training, participants engage in self-exploration and reflection of personal attitudes, beliefs and assumptions regarding diversity and equality. Students are led to recognize their identities and explore what it means to be racially proficient, as well as understand the importance of cultural competencies and racial proficiency as a leader and member of the Wofford community. Training sessions are offered to students periodically and may be requested for student organizations.

MEADORS MULTICULTURAL HOUSE
The Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village is home to a variety of Greek organizations as well as Wofford’s multicultural house. Twenty percent of Wofford students identify as minorities, and this house serves as a home base for students and graduates of color. The house includes offices for National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities and fraternities and maintains a black alumni hall of fame.

LEGACY BLACK STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The Legacy Black Student Leadership Conference is designed to help students claim the legacy of leadership and service passed down from the many African-American leaders on whose shoulders they now stand. The conference exposes students to practical leadership skills that empower them to reach their personal, professional and spiritual goals. The conference also provides a forum for discussing issues common to students of color at private colleges and universities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION
During the months of September and October, Wofford celebrates the contributions and presence of Hispanic and Latino/a Americans in the United States, as well as Hispanic heritage and culture.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
Each year on Oct. 11, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Spectrum coordinate an event to celebrate people who have “come out” as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or an ally.

HOMECOMING COOKOUT TAILGATE
The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, along with the Association of Multicultural Students and Omega Psi Phi alumni, sponsors a tailgate to celebrate Wofford's Homecoming and promote unity among the student body. This is an opportunity for students to network with alumni and make new friends. Students enjoy great food and music.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNITY WEEK
Each January we commemorate the great civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The college sponsors a number of events that include service learning, social justice education and gatherings with the goal of creating unity within the Wofford and greater Spartanburg communities.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
During the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month with a series of events planned by students, faculty and staff. Past events have included a film series, literary salon and Black History trivia night.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
March is dedicated to educating the campus community about the contributions of women throughout history. A planning committee composed of students, faculty and staff leads the planning of events and programming surrounding Women's History Month.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
Through a collaborative partnership with students, faculty and Student Affairs, the college sponsors programming throughout the month of April to raise awareness for the issue of sexual assault.

MULTICULTURAL SENIOR BANQUET
Multicultural seniors are recognized for their academic achievements, community service and leadership during their time at Wofford.

Diversity Funding: Any student may apply for event funding from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The event must be held on campus and must foster inclusion and cross-cultural understanding.
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