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In the wake of Hurricane Helene



Wofford's grounds crew continues to work to restore the campus.

Everyone remains safe!

Power has been restored.

Water and wind damage to buildings is still being evaluated; most damage seems minimal.

More than 120 trees are down or damaged beyond repair, some over 100 years old.

Wofford College looks different after the eyewall of Hurricane Helene tracked east lashing Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina with unprecedented wind and rain. Full recovery will take weeks, but classes have resumed, and administrative offices have reopened. Fall break is still scheduled for Oct. 17-18, and Thanksgiving and winter holidays will run as scheduled. The academic calendar remains unchanged.

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Quantitative ecology in the jungle



After spending the summer doing research in the Brazilian Pantanal with Dr. Jennifer Bradham, Katie Garner '25 and Katie Stewart '26 will be among the students sharing their research at the Student Research Presentations and Reception on Saturday, Oct. 12. The event is part of Family Weekend activities.

By Daniel Brasington '25

Katie Garner '25 and Katie Stewart '26 are ready to talk about jungle ecology. Find out what they discovered during their summer in the Brazilian Pantanal at the Student Research Presentations and Reception, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, Great Oaks Hall in the Roger Milliken Science Center.

The event is free and open to the public, with a special invitation to families on campus for Family Weekend (Oct. 11-12).

Garner, an environmental studies major with a concentration in data science from Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Stewart, an environmental studies and psychology double major from Hartsville, South Carolina, conducted research in the world's largest tropical wetland. They were given this opportunity and accompanied by Dr. Jennifer Bradham, an assistant professor of environmental studies and quantitative ecologist.

"The goal of this research is to quantify the impacts of large mammal herbivores on tropical forest structure and nutrient cycling in intact tropical forests," says Bradham, who believes the Pantanal is the ideal place to conduct this type of research because it "consists of a mosaic of different forest habitats."

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“The Future of American Democracy”



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SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Claire McCaskill, former Democratic U.S. senator from Missouri and current MSNBC/NBC political analyst, will speak on the Wofford College campus Monday, Oct. 21. She will address the topic “The Future of American Democracy” during a moderated discussion at 6 p.m. in Main Building’s Leonard Auditorium. McCaskill will take questions at the end of the event.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend. There is no ticketing or pre-registration process. Seating is general admission. For questions about accessible seating and entrance to the building, contact Dr. Dwain Pruitt, vice president for civil rights, compliance and community initiatives, at pruittdc@wofford.edu.

McCaskill will examine what’s broken in American politics and discuss essential steps for finding fixes. Known for working across the aisle, McCaskill was the top-ranking Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee and a senior member of the Armed Services Committee when she left the Senate in 2018. She was the state auditor of Missouri from 1999-2007.

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October and November campus events



By Caroline Martz '25

Highlights during the months of October and November include concerts, art exhibits and panels discussing current events. All events are open to the public and are free of charge unless otherwise noted. For information regarding athletics events, visit athletics.wofford.edu. Please check Wofford's campus calendar for additional events and the latest information: [Wofford.edu/calendar](https://wofford.edu/calendar).

To review the complete Family Weekend (Oct. 11-12) and Homecoming (Oct. 24-26) schedules, visit:

[Wofford.edu/familyweekend](https://wofford.edu/familyweekend)

[Wofford.edu/homecoming](https://wofford.edu/homecoming)

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Athletics updates

Ben Jordan, men's golf win at Carolina Cup

From the Athletics Director's Desk

Declan Mettee named SoCon Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week

David Powers named SoCon Football Defensive Player of the Week

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