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## Come home, Terriers! Homecoming 2024



The Wofford College Alumni Association will recognize six Terriers for leadership and service during Homecoming. The weekend features events for everyone, so register [HERE](#) to join the fun.

By Daniel Brasington '25

Terriers prepare to return to campus for the Wofford community's largest celebration of the fall, Homecoming, Oct. 24-26. This year's focus is on alumni, community and excellence.

During the weekend, the college's Alumni Association will recognize six graduates for leadership, service and professional achievement. The Alumni Service Awards will be presented from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Pavilion (beside Wightman Hall).

In addition to the popular history Sip and Stroll (Friday, Oct. 25, at 2:30 p.m.), All-Alumni Band Party (Friday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m.), and football game and tailgate (Saturday, Oct. 26, kickoff at 2 p.m.), new events this year include an Alumni Book Signing and Alumni Art Exhibition (Friday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m.). Reunions will be held for classes ending in '4 and '9, as well as a reunion for Orientation staff alumni (Friday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.).

To view a complete schedule and read more about the Alumni Association award winners, visit [Wofford.edu/homecoming](http://Wofford.edu/homecoming).

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## Vox Luminis to perform Monday at Wofford



Wofford College will host the internationally acclaimed Belgian vocal ensemble Vox Luminis, Monday, Oct. 28. Admission to this concert is free, and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performance.

By Caroline Martz '25

Last year Wofford College revived the Benjamin B. Dunlap Chamber Music Series with a performance from The Tallis Scholars. The series continues this year with Vox Luminis, a Belgian vocal and instrumental ensemble that focuses on music from the Baroque period.

Vox Luminis will take the stage at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, in Main Building's Leonard Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Vox Luminis will perform the program *Ein Deutsches Barockrequiem* ("A German Baroque Requiem"), featuring a selection of 17th and 18th century works that use the same biblical texts Johannes Brahms used in his beloved Requiem. The concert will take the audience back in time through a traditional Baroque-style performance designed to treat listeners to an

experience much like composers originally intended their scores to be performed and enjoyed.

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## A taste of tradition



Dixon Dedman '03 and Garrett Steck Jr. '24 raise a glass to dear old Wofford with 1854 Reserve.

Growing up in a Wofford family served as the foundation. A trip to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail provided the inspiration. A long car ride settled the idea in place.

Now 1854 Reserve bourbon whiskey (Old Main edition) is bottled and ready, and Garrett Steck Jr. '24 says he has many in the Wofford community to thank.

“As a Wofford student, I had so much support. So many people were willing to listen to and aid another Terrier. I feel so fortunate,” says the biology major from Greenville, S.C. Steck is now studying business management at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. He plans to combine that with his biology degree to pursue a career in biotech. “I reached out to Calhoun Kennedy '89 to share the idea, and he immediately connected me with Dixon Dedman '03.”

Dedman, a whiskey blender, taster, speaker and consultant, grew up on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and ran his family’s James Beard award-winning Beaumont Inn. He resurrected his family’s Kentucky Owl bourbon after it was destroyed during Prohibition and most recently

established the 2XO bourbon brand. Dedman was intrigued by the project and agreed to collaborate with Steck to create a bourbon to celebrate Wofford.

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## “Sky Mall”



Eric Kocher published debut poetry chapbook.

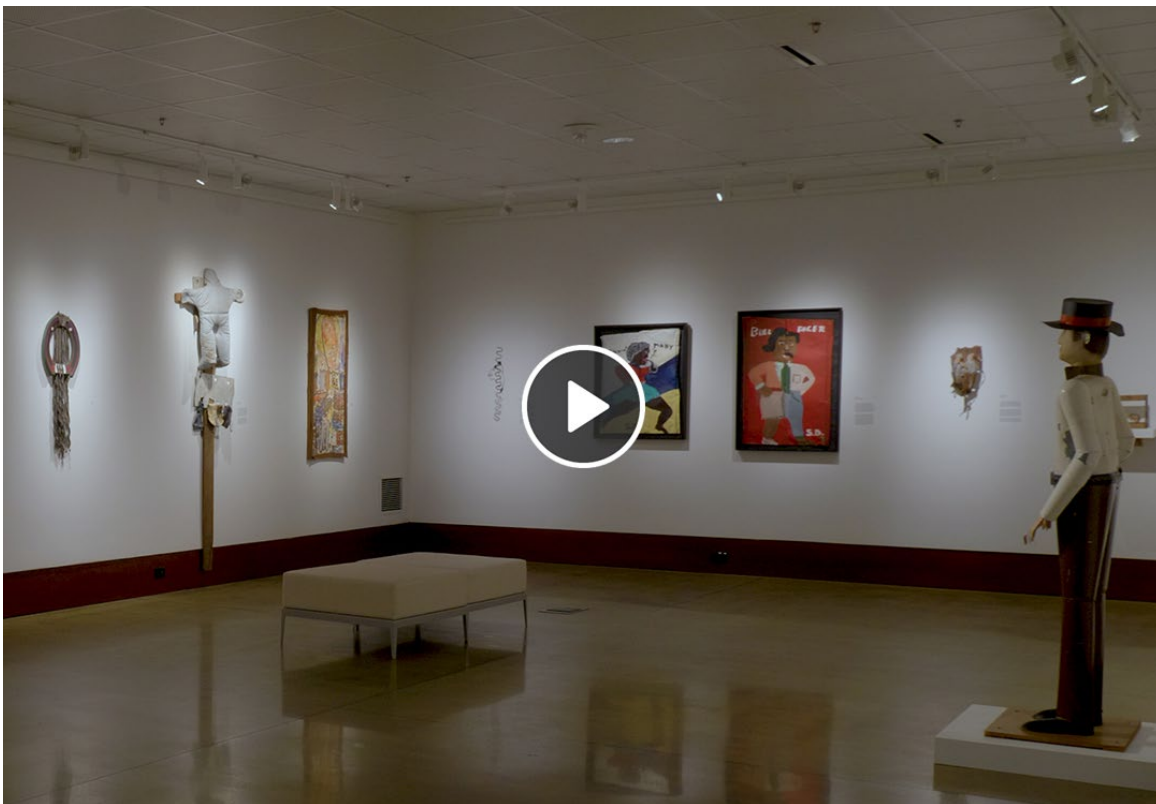
What started as a joke to be the first person to have a poem in “Sky Mall Magazine,” has turned into the first published book in Eric Kocher’s catalog.

Kocher, assistant professor of environmental studies at Wofford College, has been incorporating creative writing into his Wofford courses since 2013. His new release, “Sky Mall,” is a meditation on parenthood and togetherness that explores themes of capitalism, love and our relationship to the world around us.

“So much of my job is asking students to recognize environmental issues in their own lives, which is challenging when we are talking about something big like climate change or global warming,” says Kocher. “Some of the poems in this collection explore how we can train our attention to see these global issues in our tiny, everyday lives.”

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## Public enrichment opportunities! Join us!



Mark your calendars and plan to attend these free, public events sponsored by Wofford College. For more information about upcoming events, visit [Wofford.edu/calendar](http://Wofford.edu/calendar).

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m.

**Curator's talk by Riley Jones '24: Folk and Self-Taught Art in the American South**

Richardson Family Art Museum, Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts

Friday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m.

**The Presidency in Transformation: The Roots of Today's Struggles Over Executive Power**

Olin Teaching Theater, Franklin W. Olin Building

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m.

**Dr. Phillip Swagel: The Congressional Budget Office and America's Fiscal Outlook**

Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, Room 112

Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m.

**Curator's talk with Sarah Tignor: The Art Students League of New York and its Impact on Southern Art**

Richardson Family Art Museum, Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts

Nov. 7-9 and 11-16, 7 p.m.

**Wofford Theatre Presents: The Amateurs, a comedy by Jordan Harrison, directed by Abby Dillard**

For tickets, visit [Wofford.edu/boxoffice](http://Wofford.edu/boxoffice).

## **Athletics updates**

**C.J. Coombes named to Jerry Rice Award watch list.**

**SoCon Volleyball Championship moved to Wofford's campus.**

**Rifle scores win at MIT.**

**Tripp, Filewich named to preseason All-SoCon team.**

**Wofford men's soccer topples UNCG in 3-2 thriller.**

**Wofford women's basketball picked as SoCon preseason favorite.**

**Men's and women's basketball season tickets now on sale.**

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