

A banner for Wofford College Parents and Families. The top half features a group of diverse people in professional attire standing in front of a building. The text "WOFFORD COLLEGE" is in a large, white, serif font, and "PARENTS AND FAMILIES" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The bottom half of the banner is a dark grey bar with the text "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY" in white, sans-serif font.

WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY

This semester has passed by swiftly, as it often does. I extend my best wishes to all of our students as they prepare for exams. I also hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Please reach out if there is anything I can do for you or your student.

The next parent newsletter will be sent on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Thom Henson '96, P '25

Director of Family Philanthropy and Engagement

From the Office of Parent Engagement

If you are interested in learning more about the Parent Leadership Council, visit wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council.

Email address for Wofford parents

Need to ask a quick question or need some guidance to help your student? You can now email parents@wofford.edu in addition to emailing **Thom**.

From the Office of the Registrar

- Spring 2024 drop/add is open and will remain open until Feb. 9.
 - Interim 2024 drop/add is open and will remain open until Dec. 8.
 - The last day of class is Friday, Dec. 8. Final exams will begin on Monday, Dec. 11 and end on Friday, Dec. 15.
 - Final grades are due on Monday, Dec. 18, and will be available for viewing through the student's portal of MyWofford at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 19.
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From Campus Life and Student Development

Our Campus Life and Student Development staff has been bustling with end-of-semester tasks. December is always packed as we gear up to close for the holiday break, revel in the semester's end with the organizations we collaborate with daily and prepare for Interim and the spring semester.

This semester held deep significance for our staff as we engaged in work, planning, support, celebrations and mentorship for your students. It has been a genuine privilege and joy!

We extend our heartfelt wishes to your family for a meaningful and rejuvenating holiday break.

Beth

Residence Life information

Spring and Interim housing

Students who have applied for Interim/spring housing will receive an update prior to Dec. 22 with an assignment to housing or the waitlist. Housing for spring is completed on a space-available basis. Residence Life staff will continue to work with students to optimize options for students who live on campus.

Winter break closing

Residence halls will close for winter break at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. All students who are not approved to stay late should check out for the semester at the Office of Residence Life, on the second floor of the Mungo Student Center, prior to closing. During finals week, the Office of Residence Life will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday for checkout. Students can coordinate with their RLC ahead of time if they need a checkout outside of those hours. The only students who will be permitted to remain in the residence halls are those who are required to be present for a college-approved group, international students and students with approved late-stay/early arrival forms for extenuating circumstances. The late stay request form can be found on the housing portal and all requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Interim opening

Residence halls will reopen at noon on Sunday, Jan. 7. All students who currently live on campus will be able to return directly to their residential space and will not need to check back in to the residence hall. All students who did not live on campus will check in at the Office of Residence Life in the Mungo Student Center for their designated check-in time, listed below:

- Interim check-in: Noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7.
- Spring check-in: Noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Questions

If your student has any questions, please encourage them to contact us at reslife@wofford.edu or (864) 597-5100.

Fraternity and sorority life

Registration for IFC fraternity and NPC sorority recruitment will be from Thursday, Dec. 7, through Tuesday, Feb. 6. IFC and NPC recruitment events will take place Feb. 15-18. Bid day

activities will be streamed live for families to watch. More information will be sent out in the February newsletter.

Student Involvement Team

Exam breaks, activities for stress relief and January events have been the buzz and work of the Student Involvement Team (see attached flyer). Creativity and fun are the name of the game when this group gets together to plan events for our students! Please see the attached exam break schedule spanning two weeks.

From the Bookstore

- Rental books for the Fall 2023 semester are due back by 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Please remind students not to leave campus before returning their books from this semester. If any rental book is needed past the due date, please contact the store to extend or buy-out the rental period.
 - The Bookstore will close for the Winter Holidays at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. The store will reopen (normal hours of operation) on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Happy Holidays from your friends at the Wofford Bookstore!
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From the Office of Admission

Here are our upcoming event dates with links to register:

Explore Wofford: These half-day events give you a more in-depth overview of everything you need to know about Wofford. You will tour the campus, attend information and special interest presentations and meet other families going through the college search process. End your time at Wofford with a meal on campus at the newly renovated Burwell Dining Facility!

Monday, January 15

Monday, February 19

From the Office of Financial Aid

1. Attention: Major FAFSA changes for 2024-25:

The 2024-25 FAFSA opens **December 2023**. This is a temporary change. In future years, the FAFSA will open on Oct. 1. Income information from 2022 will be used to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA.

The new FAFSA will feature fewer questions, fewer requirements and will retrieve tax information using a direct data exchange from the IRS instead of the previous IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will now be referred to as the Student Aid Index (SAI). The new formula removes the number of family members in college from the

calculation, allows a minimum SAI of -1,500 and implements a separate eligibility determination criterion for Federal Pell Grants.

The new FAFSA introduces the term **contributor**, which refers to anyone who is required to provide information on a student's FAFSA form, including the student, the student's spouse, a biological or adopted parent or the parent's spouse (step parent). Being a contributor does not imply responsibility for the student's college costs.

Federal Pell Grant eligibility is expanded to more students and will link eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level.

While the 2024-25 FAFSA won't be available until December, you and your student can still prepare by doing the following:

- Create an FSA ID on the **Federal Student Aid Website** for any contributor (parents, step parents, a student, etc.)
- An FSA ID is an account and password that gives you access to the Federal Student Aid's online system and serves as your electronic signature.
- With the FSA ID, you can fill out the FAFSA when it's available, sign student and parent loan documents, apply for repayment plans, complete loan counseling, etc.
- If you already have an FSA ID, there is no need to create a new one. Your existing FSA ID will continue to work.

Wofford's priority deadline for current students is March 15. If your student receives federal grants and loans, an SC Tuition Grant and/or non-merit-based Wofford aid, such as a Wofford College Grant, you must submit the FAFSA every year by this date.

2. Aid offers for returning students are released in early June for the next academic year.

3. Our **Financial Aid Handbook** contains helpful information regarding financial aid and scholarships, including scholarship renewal requirements.

4. We encourage students to grant **proxy** access so we are able to discuss financial aid with others.

5. From time to time, we announce outside scholarships via Daily Announcements here on campus. Ask your student to pay attention to those announcements.

As always, feel free to contact our office should you have questions or concerns.

Bundles in the Burg

Bundles in the 'Burg is a Spartanburg-based company that creates BUNDLES of love and hand delivers them to your favorite Terrier. Founded by Wofford alumna Leslee Houck Page '91, Bundles in the 'Burg offers a variety of items throughout the academic year. We are currently offering several bundles that include:

- Santa's Exam Survival Bundle — It won't be long until your Terrier is back home for the holidays. Encourage them to finish the semester strong with a care package for finals. Our SANTA'S EXAM SURVIVAL BUNDLE includes a variety of snacks and Christmas goodies guaranteed to brighten their day. Each bundle is \$45 and will be delivered Dec. 6 and 7.
- You're a BIG DEAL Bundle — Congratulate your student on their first big job, graduate school, internship or any major accomplishment.
- Birthday Bundle — Celebrate your student on their big day.
- Feel Better Bundle — You may not be able to be there when your student gets sick but you can still send them some MOM LOVE to help them feel better.

You can view all of our products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Facebook, on Instagram (@bundlesintheburg) or our website: bundlesintheburg.com.

A portion of all sales are donated to the Wofford Fund: Student Experiences.

To place an order, create a customized bundle or make inquiries, email bundlesintheburg@gmail.com.

Wofford photos

Click here to view great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford: woffordcollege.smugmug.com.

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