

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

November is a time of gratitude and Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for here on the Wofford campus ... a beautiful campus with students, faculty and staff that care about each other. Thank you for trusting Wofford with the higher education of your child. Go Terriers!

**Thom Henson '96, P '25**

Director of Family Philanthropy and Engagement

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## 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](http://wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council).

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## 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](mailto:parents@wofford.edu) in addition to emailing **Thom**.

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## From the Office of the Registrar

- Registration for the 2024 spring semester will be held Nov. 7-10, 2023. Students have been informed to view their registration time ticket for the date and time that they are to register. All holds on a student's record must be cleared before their registration day/time or they will not be permitted to register.
  - The drop/add period for the Interim and spring semesters will open on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.
  - Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2023-2024 academic year are required to complete the graduation application found under the student section of MyWofford. An email was sent to all potential applicants reminding them to complete this process. This grad app information is used to order diplomas and is needed for the commencement program. The grad app process will close Nov. 17, 2023.
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## From the Office of International Programs

**Wofford in Milan:** The deadline for **Wofford in Milan**, Wofford's cohort-based semester-long

program scheduled to launch spring 2024 is Nov. 8. Heavily subsidized by the college, this program offers courses in a wide range of disciplines, enabling students to maintain their academic progress while studying abroad at a significant discount!

**Interim 2024 travel/study program bills now available on myWofford:** Interim 2024 travel/study program payments are due in full on Nov. 15. See the [Interim calendar](#) for more important information and dates, including information on the Interim 2024 faculty-led travel/study withdrawal schedule. If you have questions about your bill, please email [sar@wofford.edu](mailto:sar@wofford.edu).

**Travel insurance for Interim 2024 travel/study programs:** Given the uncertainties and risks associated with travel, Wofford College highly recommends that all students participating in Interim travel/study programs consider purchasing travel insurance (also commonly referred to as “trip insurance”). Travel insurance is coverage designed to protect against risks and financial losses resulting from travel interruption (e.g., delayed travel) or travel cancellation. While Wofford recommends that participants consider travel insurance, it is not required, and individual participants are responsible for the decision to purchase such insurance. (Please note that travel insurance is separate from international health insurance, though some travel insurance plans may include some health/medical benefits. All Interim travel/study program participants will be enrolled in an international health insurance plan, the cost of which is included in the program fee.) Travel insurance providers often require individuals to enroll in a plan no later than 14-21 days after paying their program fees. See [this link](#) for more information on Wofford’s key dates for billing and payments. Wofford College has identified several possible plans that participants may be interested in considering, and these recommendations can be found on the “Insurance & Withdrawal Policy” tab of each program’s [online brochure](#). Those participating in programs sponsored by Wofford’s off-campus study partners (**JAN 383 & JAN 440+**) also should read their program’s terms and conditions and refer to any additional travel insurance recommendations made by their study abroad program, if applicable.

**Is your student interested in studying abroad next summer or fall?:** Students interested in studying abroad during the summer or fall 2024 terms are encouraged to meet with a member of the OIP team before the end of Interim 2024 and can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The summer and fall 2024 application deadline is March 1 for most programs, though some summer internship applications are due sooner. As a reminder, students who study abroad for a semester are able to transfer their financial aid to cover program costs. This allows students to study abroad for a semester at a cost comparable to what they would pay for a semester on campus. For any questions regarding semester study abroad, email [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu).

**Did you know your student can study abroad for a full academic year?:** The generous C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship is designed to support ambitious students wishing to study abroad for a full academic year with a focus on cultural integration. This competitive scholarship will fund one student for the 2024-25 academic year. The application deadline will be in late February. For more information, [click here](#).

**Passport Processing Times:** Students interested in studying abroad during a future term are strongly encouraged to apply for their passports as soon as possible. A student's passport must be valid for a minimum of six months (for most locations) beyond their program's end date. Due to COVID-19 and its impact on the U.S. Postal Service, **the U.S. State Department is currently experiencing delays in receiving passport applications with routine processing service estimated to take as long as 10-13 weeks.** We, therefore, recommend that students send their application using USPS' Priority Mail Express and consider requesting expedited service if possible. **Click here for more information on securing a passport.**

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## **From Campus Life and Student Development**

### **Office of Residence Life**

#### **Room change process**

If your student would like to request room reassignment, they can do so by completing a housing reassignment waitlist form on the housing portal. This form will be available until Nov. 15. Residence life staff will review the requests weekly to provide a new housing assignment, if there is an option available.

#### **Upcoming breaks**

Residence halls close for all major breaks. The only students 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. No unapproved student is permitted to remain past closing. Below are the dates of closing and opening for each of the upcoming breaks:

Thanksgiving break:

Closing: Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Opening: Nov. 26 at noon

Winter break:

Closing: Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

Opening: Jan. 7 at noon

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## **From the Office of Admission**

Here are our upcoming event dates with links to register:

**Nov. 18: Scholars Day with tailgate vs. Furman** (must be nominated to register). High school counselors can still nominate current seniors. Please reach out to **Brad Gilbert**, scholars coordinator, if you have any questions.

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## **From the Career Center**

## Charleston Career Trek

Greetings parents! It is not too late for your student to join the Career Center on our Charleston Career Trek. We will meet alumni and visit companies like Greystar, Brackish Bowties, Commonhouse AleWorks and more.

This is an overnight trip that will leave at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9 and return around 5-6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10.

Hotel and food accommodations are taken care of by the Career Center; however, if students register and don't show, they may be charged a fee. We will be staying together, and students will be in double occupancy rooms.

Space is limited and students can register on handshake [HERE](#) and follow the instructions in the description.

For more details, contact [Curt McPhail](#).

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### 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 once again 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, 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, 2024. If your student receives federal grants and loans, an SC Tuition Grant and/or non-merit-based Wofford aid, such as Wofford College Grant, you must submit the FAFSA every year by March 15.

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.

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### **From Athletics**

The Terrier Athletics Pledge Program (TAPP) allows fans and friends to make donations to sports excellence funds through pledges to our varsity teams. All pledges count for the current year, help provide program enhancements and serve as a great addition to your Terrier Club annual gift. Join today and make a pledge before the cross country, football, soccer and volleyball seasons come to an end! Click **HERE** for information. Go Terriers!

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### **Senior parents**

Each year the staff of the Bohemian, the Wofford yearbook, sells ads that families can purchase to highlight a senior. Please see the attachment in this newsletter for more information.

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### **Bundles in the Burg**

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

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.

Candy Bundle Box: Any time you want to send your student a little love.

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 their products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Facebook, on Instagram [@bundlesintheburg](#), or their website [bundlesintheburg.com](#).

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

To place an order, create a customized bundle or make inquiries, email [bundlesintheburg@gmail.com](#).

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### **Wofford photos**

Click here to view great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford: [woffordcollege.smugmug.com](#).

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