

A banner image showing a group of people, likely students and faculty, standing outdoors. The text "WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES" is overlaid in white, serif font. Below the banner is a dark grey bar with white text: "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY".

# WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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October is a beautiful time on the Wofford campus and I hope to see you here sometime this month. The college is gearing up for a fun-filled Family Weekend. You can see more about that below. This newsletter has lots of information that I hope you will find helpful. Please take some time to read through it. 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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## **Family Weekend**

Family Weekend is Oct. 6-8 and should be a great time. There's a band party on Friday night with The High Tides, a campus tailgate on Saturday and lots of time for parents and students to be together. We do ask that parents register and select the events you plan to attend.

### **2023 Family Weekend Schedule**

### **2023 Family Weekend Registration**

We look forward to seeing you on campus.

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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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## **Construction and porch reinforcement in the senior village**

The college is moving up its timeline on construction work in the senior village apartments. Several porches in the Phase I and Phase II areas of the senior village apartments will soon undergo reinforcement and repair.

The college's facilities staff noticed water damage and consulted with a structural engineer. The engineer has not recommended that we close the porches. College leaders, however, have decided — in an abundance of caution — to close second-floor porches except when entering and exiting rooms. The second-floor porches are closed for gatherings until repairs

are completed.

Construction was scheduled to begin on Monday, Oct. 2.

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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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### **A Day for Wofford**

On Thursday, Oct. 12, join alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends and show that you are #ForWofford on **A Day for Wofford**— a 24-hour giving event to celebrate the collective impact of Terriers like you. Please join Wofford in celebrating our giving day in an area near you!

**Register with the links below.**

**Atlanta**

**Charlotte**

**Columbia**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Lowcountry**

**Greenville**

**Spartanburg**

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### **From the Wellness Center**

We will offer flu shots to faculty, staff and students on these dates, times and places:

Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Olin 207A.

Friday, Oct. 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Tony White Theater in Mungo Student Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the lobby of Milliken Science Center.

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### **From the Office of the Registrar**

- Mid-term grades are due on Monday, Oct. 23, and will be available for viewing through the student's portal of MyWofford.
- Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2023-24 school year will be 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 also for the commencement program. If a student fails to complete the Grad App, a diploma will not be ordered for them. The Grad App will be open and available until Nov. 17.
- Registration for 2024 on-campus Interims will be held Oct. 10-13.

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## **From the Office of International Programs**

**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. **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 able. **Click here for more information on securing a passport.**

**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.) Applicants interested in purchasing travel insurance should investigate options as soon as possible, since benefits and eligibility may depend on either the date of enrollment into the program or the date that the student's bill for the program is paid. 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. The cost, coverage, eligibility requirements, and other terms and conditions of travel insurance vary; so as you consider your options, please refer to individual provider and plan details for more information. 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+**) should also read their program's terms and conditions and refer to any additional travel insurance recommendations made by their study abroad program, if applicable.

**Office of International Programs Family Weekend reception** – Please join the Office of International Programs for a reception and meet-and-greet on Friday, Oct. 6 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the lobby of the International Programs office, located in the Michael S. Brown Village Center, 113. This reception is for Wofford families who have students who will be participating in a spring 2024 study abroad program or plan to participate in a future semester study abroad program.

**Advising for summer/fall 2024 study abroad** – Students interested in studying abroad

during the summer or fall 2024 terms can meet with international programs staff virtually or in person. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The summer and fall 2024 application deadline is March 1. 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).

**C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship** – 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 2024-2025 academic year. The application deadline will be in late February. For more information visit [wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson](http://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson).

**Travel grants for Interim 2024 travel/study programs** – Students that were awarded a travel grant for interim 2024 travel/study programs were notified individually via email during the week of Sept. 22. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns related to these awards.

**Interim 2024 travel/study program billing** – The Wofford Business Office will post bills for all Interim 2024 travel/study program fees to student accounts on Oct. 10. 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.

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

### **Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life**

We look forward to having you on campus for Family Weekend. We would like to note some of our Greek Village policies for you now so you're aware before you arrive on campus. If you plan to attend events in the Greek Village during Family Weekend, please note that all visitors must be 18 years or older. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to enter the Greek Village. No liquor or glass bottles are allowed in the Greek Village. Alcohol is BYOB and cannot exceed six 12-ounce cans or plastic bottles of beer/wine coolers/malt beverages and should be transported in small, personal-sized cooling containers, if needed. If you have any questions about the Greek Village or its policies, please reach out to Karlee Tate, director of fraternity and sorority life, at 864-597-4062 or [tatekm@wofford.edu](mailto:tatekm@wofford.edu).

### **Office of Student Activities**

The Special Events Committee of Wofford Activities Council invites families to join us in Tony White Theater in the Mungo Student Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. for our fifth annual Family Weekend Trivia. Wofford Athletics and Recreation programming committee also will co-host a tailgate from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the football game vs. Samford on Saturday, Oct. 7. We look forward to seeing those who can make it to campus!

### **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.

### **Spring and Interim housing**

Students who are not currently living on campus but would like to during the Interim and spring semesters must complete a mid-year housing application on the housing portal. The application will be open until Oct. 31. Housing for spring is completed on a space-available basis.

### **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 Undergraduate Research**

Over 60 students and over 25 faculty members participated in collaborative and mentored summer undergraduate research. The projects and creative works – which can be found [here](#) – were conducted in several languages and across various academic disciplines. Many of these creative works and research projects will be shared during Family Weekend (October 6 – 8) and during the SoCon Undergraduate Research Forum (SURF) (October 13 – 14). This year's SURF conference will also include for the first time a graduate school fair organized by Dr. Tasha Smith-Tyus from the Career Center. Interested in learning more about SURF or other academic conference opportunities for students? Email Dr. Ramon Galinanes at [Galinasr@wofford.edu](mailto:Galinasr@wofford.edu) or the Office of Undergraduate Research at [UR@wofford.edu](mailto:UR@wofford.edu)

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### **From the Office of Admission**

Here are our upcoming event dates with links to register:

**Oct. 7 – Discover Day with tailgate vs. Samford**

**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**

Things are rocking and rolling at the Career Center in the Mungo Exchange. We had a successful start to the academic year, and thank you for encouraging your child to engage with us early and often. From a graduate school fair, Career Awareness Week, an entrepreneurship conversation with alumni Sami Bernstein, to professional headshots, we intend to keep the excitement going in the Career Center as we have many events and activities planned throughout the semester. Please encourage your student to check out our website at [www.careercenter.wofford.edu](http://www.careercenter.wofford.edu) to stay connected.

### **SURF Graduate School Fair**

This year the Career Center will hold the first Graduate School Fair in conjunction with the Southern Conference Undergraduate Research Conference on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Graduate school representatives from Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, University of Georgia, Auburn University, Medical University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina and other institutions will be on hand sharing information about their respective graduate programs and the admission process. This event is open to all students.

For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Tasha Smith-Tyus directly at [smithtyusl@wofford.edu](mailto:smithtyusl@wofford.edu).

### **Entrepreneurship**

The semester is packed with workshops with a host of relevant entrepreneurial topics such as the importance of separating personal and business finances, social entrepreneurship, market research and more. We are most excited to host alumnae Sami Bernstein Spalter '17 in October for a campus visit and presentation of how your lifestyle can impact your business concepts. At 25 years old, Sami was honored as one of Forbes' 30 Under 30 for her role as an influencer marketing mastermind in her previous position as CMO and Co-Founder of Markett. She embarked on a deep wellness journey, fueled by her passions and the pursuit of her next venture. Sami co-founded and launched FORM alongside her business partner and renowned fitness influencer, Sami Clarke. Joining us for the visit will be Sami's husband,

Andrew Spalter, CEO and founder of East Goes Global, an industry leader in building Western businesses in China.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Sarah Butler directly at [butlersc@wofford.edu](mailto:butlersc@wofford.edu).

## Internships

Is your son or daughter eager to jumpstart their career? Look no further than our career development help offerings during **Career Awareness Week**, Oct. 9-13. Join us for walk-in opportunities to fine-tune your resume and receive expert guidance on crafting compelling cover letters. We'll also provide valuable insights into the world of internships and job searches, along with tips for mastering the art of cold calling and cold emailing. Plus, get ready to ace your interviews with our tailored strategies.

In addition to these essential resources, mark your calendar for the **Bard Globalization & International Affairs (BGIA) Program info session and tabling event** on Monday, Oct. 9. Discover exciting opportunities to broaden your horizons and gain semester-long internship experience in NYC.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Jennifer Sainovski directly at [sainovskijs@wofford.edu](mailto:sainovskijs@wofford.edu).

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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 2024-2025 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 the Office of Alumni Engagement**

Wofford Homecoming is set for Nov. 2-4, 2023.

We are looking forward to another great Wofford Homecoming! We have many events planned, including the Sip & Stroll, Women's Career Luncheon, All Alumni Tailgate and All Alumni Band Party (featuring the band KingDaddy and Tom Berger, class of 1982). Our reunion class parties will celebrate classes ending in '3 and '8, with a special show choir reunion to celebrate the retirement of Gary McCraw. â€‹Find all the details at **[Wofford.edu/homecoming](http://Wofford.edu/homecoming)**.

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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:

Halloween BOO Bundle - Our Halloween BOO Bundle is no trick and all treats! Packed full of fun Halloween treats and goodies, including a "decorate your own" pumpkin sugar cookie. All BOO Bundles come in a Halloween jack-o-lantern and will be delivered on Halloween unless you would like for us to deliver earlier

Back to School Bundle - Welcome your favorite Terrier back to campus and let them know you are thinking about them with a care package of all their favorite childhood snacks. Each bundle also includes a Wofford aluminum sports bottle, Wofford storage bin, insulated koozie and Wofford College bookstore gift card.

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 our products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Facebook, on Instagram [@bundlesintheburg](#), or our website [bundlesintheburg.com](http://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](mailto:bundlesintheburg@gmail.com).

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## Wofford photos

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

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