

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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It's so good to see all the new and returning students campus. Classes are in full swing, as are campus activities. I hope your student is enjoying a great start to the fall semester. This newsletter has a lot of good information, including the link for Family Weekend registration. 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

Family Weekend registration

Family Weekend is Oct. 6-7, and registration is live at the link below. We do ask that parents register and select the events you plan to attend.

2023 Family Weekend Registration

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**.

A Day for Wofford

Mark your calendars for a Day for Wofford on Thursday, Oct. 12. In addition to making an impact through philanthropic giving, there will be events throughout the region to celebrate Wofford.

From the Office of the Registrar

- Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2023-24

academic year will be required to complete the Graduation Application found on myWofford. An email will be 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 is available now and will close Nov. 17, 2023.

- Drop/add for the fall will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

From the Office of International Programs

Advising for spring 2024 study abroad – Students interested in studying abroad during the spring 2024 semester can meet with international programs staff in person or virtually. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The spring 2024 application deadline for most programs is Oct. 1. See [here](#) for programs with earlier deadlines. All students who apply for spring 2024 study abroad will automatically be entered to win a flight voucher!

Interim 2024 travel/study projects (no deposit required) – The list of travel/study programs from interim 2024 is available [here](#). Applications will be reviewed/accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of Sept. 17. No deposit is required at the time of application.

Interim 2024 travel grants – All submitted Interim 2024 travel/study project applications will be reviewed for travel grant funding after the Sept. 17 deadline. Financial need is the primary consideration for awarding grants. There are two additional travel grants available during interim with specific eligibility requirements – the **Black Alumni Association Travel Grant** and the **21st Century Boarding Pass**. See below for more information.

The Wofford College Black Alumni Association awards a travel grant to one Black student annually for Interim study abroad. Historically, grants have ranged from \$3,000-4,000. Interested students should complete the application, and those who are selected as finalists will be interviewed by the Black Alumni Association soon thereafter. In addition to being chosen for the grant, the recipient will be formally recognized during the Black Alumni Summit on Homecoming Weekend.

The Wofford College 21st Century Boarding Pass program provides scholarships for intensive language study during the Interim term. Students who are enrolled full-time, are engaged in language study at the 200 level and who apply for JAN 440: Language & Culture Through Study Abroad are eligible. Recipients must plan to return to the 202 level of language study immediately following Interim. The funds are designated for students who have completed the 200 or 201 level before the start of the study abroad experience.

Withdrawal policy for Interim 2024 travel/study programs – Participants intending to withdraw from a **faculty-led travel/study program** (ARTS 280, HIST 280, or JAN 401-427) must submit a notice of their withdrawal via email to the Office of International Programs at internationalprograms@wofford.edu. The effective date of the withdrawal will be based on the office's acknowledged receipt of the email. In the case of a participant's voluntary withdrawal from a faculty-led program prior to departure, the **Withdrawal Policy Faculty-Led**

Travel/Study Interims applies to payments made by the withdrawn participant (cancellation fees may apply based on the participant's date of withdrawal). Note: All applicants are required to read and sign a copy of this policy to be considered for admission to their selected faculty-led travel/study program.

All travel/study programs **JAN 383 & JAN 440+** are sponsored by one of Wofford's off-campus study partners. Each of these providers has its own individual policies for withdrawal, and they provide this policy information to all participants. Providers also typically publish their withdrawal policies on their websites and, if needed, participants can find a link to their provider's homepage on their program's **online brochure**. In the case of a participant's voluntary withdrawal from a provider-sponsored program prior to departure, the participant should follow any procedures outlined in their provider's withdrawal policy, and they also must submit a notice of their withdrawal via email to the Office of International Programs at **internationalprograms@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.) 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.

Study abroad fair – All students interested in studying abroad while at Wofford are encouraged to attend the annual study abroad fair. This year's fair will be combined with the Mungo Exchange Block Party. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event, which will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 28. Representatives from Wofford's approved programs will be available to answer students' questions and distribute information and

resources. We'll be giving away free swag too!

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship – The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a scholarship opportunity available to students who receive a Federal Pell Grant. Eligible students may receive up to \$8,000 in funding for a study abroad or intern abroad experience during any term. The Office of International Programs will host an interest session for students in early September before the application deadline of Sept. 24. During the interest session, International Programs advisers will review the scholarship goals, eligibility requirements and application components with interested students. To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit <https://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=GilmanScholarship>.

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. RSVP to internationalprograms@wofford.edu by Monday, Oct. 2.

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 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.](#)**

From Campus Life and Student Development

The staff in Campus Life and Student Development are excited to welcome back our students for the fall semester. We have been busy this summer planning a robust and meaningful semester of activities and opportunities for our students.

Below are descriptions from some of our programs that we just completed and those coming up in the First 54 days of the semester. We look forward to seeing you at Family Weekend.

Leadership Wofford Summit

The Office of Campus Life and Student Development hosted its first fall Leadership Wofford Summit on Aug. 22-23. We were thrilled that 63 student leaders representing the 50 largest student organizations on campus participated in the summit. The summit focused on identifying and utilizing their core strengths as a leader and healthy organizational transitions and operations. These student leaders will continue to gather monthly as "The Chamber" and continue their leadership development work throughout the year.

New Student Orientation

We hope your new students and families had a wonderful move-in experience and first few days on campus getting to know the campus and peers. Please know that we will continue to support your students as they get settled into Wofford. Their student success team made up of their academic advisor, FYI staff guide, orientation staff student leaders and librarian are also here to help students navigate to any resources they may need on campus.

First 54 Events

The First 54 highlights the first 54 days of the academic year and Wofford's founding in 1854. Research indicates that the first six weeks are crucial to a new college student's experience. Therefore, it is important to get the Class of 2027 engaged in our campus community. Engagement in the Wofford community will allow our first-year students to transition from high school to college, foster meaningful relationships and immerse themselves in new life experiences. Each year, the Office of Student Activities creates a calendar of events hosted by the college's academic departments, athletics teams, campus offices and student organizations and shares that with all students. This cross-campus collaboration will engage students with the campus community and give them the chance to preview a variety of events. To view the calendar for this year, please [click here](#).

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

We're excited to have your new Terriers on campus and 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 that weekend comes. 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.

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 Galinanesr@wofford.edu or the Office of Undergraduate Research at UR@wofford.edu

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From the Office of Admission

Here are our upcoming event dates with links to register:

Sept. 16 – Discover Day with tailgate vs. Presbyterian College

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.

From the Career Center

As we enter a new academic year, the Career Center in the Mungo Exchange is devoted to helping your student develop the necessary skills, mindset and confidence to create success for a lifetime. From choosing a major to pursuing their first professional internship, preparing for graduate school or fostering their entrepreneurial mindset, we are here to provide tools and resources for every step of the way. We have many events and activities planned throughout the semester, and please encourage your student to check out our website at www.careercenter.wofford.edu to stay connected.

Learning Work: Parents, it's not too early for your student to begin thinking about getting work experience through the Learning Work program during Interim. Learning Work allows students to build their professional network and develop their resume while learning first-hand about a field or job they are interested in. Students will spend 30-40 hours a week working in a professional setting, while also exploring with a cohort their own and other career paths.

Each student is responsible for securing an internship, but Wofford wants to help you with this if needed. Students may come to Learning Work with an internship in mind or can work with the Career Center to attempt to find one. **Oct. 7** is our early decision deadline, but students are encouraged to continue working with the Career Center to find a position up until the **Nov. 15** final deadline.

For more information, please reach out to Curt McPhail at McPhailPC@wofford.edu or Jennifer Sainovski at sainovskijs@wofford.edu.

Entrepreneurship: The Launch Program has unique opportunities for student entrepreneurs. With exclusive access to mentoring, business coaching, entrepreneurial stage

development, pitch competitions and networking – we are seeking to engage parents who are subject-matter-experts in areas of marketing/sales, law, business finance, accounting, nonprofits and small business development. If a parent owns a small to medium-sized business that has a management or marketing project that needs a bit more attention, they may be interested in becoming an Embark Project Partner. You can learn more about Embark Projects and how to get involved in the Launch Program at the Parent Leadership Council gathering on Oct. 6.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Sarah directly at butlersc@wofford.edu.

Internships: There will be plenty of workshops and learning opportunities for students this semester that can assist them in learning more about how to land an internship and increase professional development. A few highlights include:

- Internships 101 Workshop – Sept. 19
- Career Awareness Week (many workshops all week) – Oct. 9-13
- How Scary is Your Resume? Workshop – Oct. 31
- Various career treks and excursions
- Numerous employer recruitment and tabling events

To keep up to date with Career Center events, please click [HERE](#) to be directed to our Career Center website events page.

From Athletics

Annual online auction starts today! The auction runs from Sept. 5-8.

Your once-a-year opportunity to win exclusive Athletics' team gear and apparel, Wofford memorabilia and one-of-a-kind Terrier gifts and keepsakes. You don't have to be present to win, so don't miss your chance to get that special gift for your Terrier, Wofford graduate or family member! Everyone who registers will be entered in a drawing for a Wofford Athletics exclusive YETI package. Drawing will take place on Friday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. and the winner will be notified by email.

Step 1: Register securely **online**. Click ["Register"](#) and follow the easy steps to start browsing and bidding from your computer, phone or tablet.

Step 2: Browse, bid, and buy. **Bidding ends at 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8**, so set a reminder and don't miss out.

Funds raised through the auction support Wofford College student-athletes and their sports programs, so join the fun while making an impact.

Happy bidding!

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.

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:

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 coozie 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.

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.

Wofford photos

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