

A banner image for Wofford College Parents and Families. The top half shows a group of people in a hallway, and the bottom half is a dark grey bar with white text. The text reads "WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES" in large white letters, and "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY" in smaller white letters below it.

WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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I hope your student is having a fun and safe Spring Break. There is a great message from campus the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson '78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, in is this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy it and the rest of the newsletter. Let me know if I can be of any help.

Thom Henson '96, P '25

Director of Family Philanthropy + Engagement

From the Office of Parent Engagement

Family Weekend will be Oct. 11-12, 2024. Look for more information this summer.

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**.

2024-25 Academic Calendar

This link includes all of the official dates for the 2024-25 academic year. Consider bookmarking it, so you have those dates handy.

2024-25 Academic Calendar

From the Office of the Registrar

Summer School registration and drop/add is open. Students should contact the Registrar's Office until April 23 to register for summer. After that date, students may register or drop/add for both terms of summer school through the registrations portal, and drop/add will remain open until June 4 for the first term and until July 9 for the second term. Please refer to <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/summer-school> for additional information pertaining to tuition, fees, meeting times, schedule, etc.

Mid-term grades are now available for viewing through myWofford.

Registration for the 2024 fall semester is upcoming, and students received an email from the Registrar's Office on March 18 with the following information:

1. Registration time tickets and advising holds for Fall 2024 are now active. You will likely get a Starfish message that you have a hold.
2. Remember time tickets are based on your graduation term.
3. Registration will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, April 16 and 18, respectively.
4. You can view your registration time, holds and overrides through the Registration link on myWofford and by then selecting Prepare for Registration.
5. Class schedule plans can also be created by accessing Registration and then the Plan Ahead feature.
6. The Fall 2024 Schedule is available on myWofford, both through the Interactive Schedule. The link to the PDF will be posted shortly.
7. Because of where Spring Break falls this year, you have the next two weeks and one week after Spring Break in order to meet with your advisor before registration opens.

Students with holds on their records will not be permitted to register, so it is important that all fines and/or fees be paid prior to registration.

The last day to withdraw from a course with a W grade is Friday, April 12. Any course dropped after that date will result in a failing (F) grade.

The Commencement website

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/commencement> is being updated weekly with information pertaining to Commencement weekend's activities.

From the Chaplain's Office

The Vital Role of Friendship in College — A Message to College Parents

As we navigate the challenges of the current world, the significance of friendship and social connection has never been more apparent. According to a recent Surgeon General's report on loneliness and social isolation, (<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>) these issues are increasingly recognized as critical concerns affecting individuals of all ages. These findings underline the importance of fostering meaningful relationships, especially for young adults in college. We have been discussing this report in a class I am teaching this semester: "Exploring Friendship."

As an educator deeply invested in the well-being of our students, I am reminded of the unique circumstances faced by this year's senior class. This cohort, unlike any other, missed out on traditional high school milestones such as graduation ceremonies and proms. Then, just a few months after missing those important transitional events usually shared with friends and family, their college journey began with masks and social distancing. This was a stark contrast to the typical college experience.

One member of the Class of 2024 poignantly expressed to me, "We were socially conditioned not to get to know each other." While this statement may be debated, it underscores the feeling of many, and it points to the crucial value of social connection.

Here at Wofford, we believe that a significant part of the college experience lies in fostering relationships - with peers, faculty, and staff alike. The bonds formed through social interaction

not only enhance academic success but also contribute to emotional well-being and personal growth.

As we guide these emerging adults through this pivotal stage of their lives, we are wise to encourage and support their efforts to build meaningful friendships. These connections not only enrich their college experience but also provide a vital support network as they navigate the complexities of young adulthood.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your students. Together, we can cultivate a community where friendship flourishes and students thrive.

Warm regards,

Rev. Ron

The Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson is in his 21st year as Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Wofford College.

From the Office of International Programs

Interim 2025 travel/study projects – The list of available travel/study programs from Interim 2025 will be announced mid-April. Program options will be advertised on our website, through Daily Announcements and on social media. Be sure to follow International Programs on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@wocostudyabroad) for updates.

Interim 2025 travel/study fair – The Interim 2025 travel/study fair will take place on Thursday, April 18, from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on the Seal of Main Building (rain location is Benjamin Johnson Arena). Faculty and program sponsors will be available to provide information and answer questions about upcoming Interim travel/study projects. More details will be announced via Daily Announcements and social media.

Passport processing times – Students interested in studying abroad during a future term are strongly encouraged to apply for their passport 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 11 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.**

From the Office of Admission

There will be an event for admitted students (Main Event) on April 14-15.

Starting on March 6, there will be 13 admitted student events in select areas. Most of these receptions are hosted by current parents.

We have a **Discover Wofford event on April 20 in the morning.** All students (Juniors,

Accepted Students, and younger) are invited to attend.

From the Career Center

The Summer 2024 Internship Stipend Program is now open for applications!

Students can embark on their summer internship journey with financial support from Wofford College! Our Summer 2024 Internship Stipend Program is now accepting applications on a rolling basis, offering stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Application period:

April 1-21, 2024 and April 24-May 10, 2024

Stipend announcement dates:

April 29, 2024 and May 17, 2024

Eligibility criteria:

Students must have a confirmed internship, demonstrate financial need, meet internship duration requirements, submit internship contract or offer letter, file FAFSA (if applicable), etc. See full eligibility details on the application. [Info and Link](#)

Deadline: Rolling basis until May 10, 2024 or until funds are exhausted.

Questions?

Contact Jenn Sainovski, internship and information manager, at sainovskijs@wofford.edu for assistance.

The Career Center Experience

The Career Center is excited to unveil "The Career Center Experience," a targeted program for rising sophomores and juniors at Wofford. Our goal is to outline a clear path for a successful academic year and link students with resources to bolster their career ambitions. This initiative aims to provide advice on choosing a major, mastering LinkedIn and networking, readying for internships and polishing interview skills.

This year, we're delighted to offer customized career and professional development to suit varied interests such as career paths in healthcare, networking strategies, business/real estate success, career pathways for the liberal arts, a panel with human resources professionals, alumni panels and much more. The charge is \$85, and students will **only be** charged if they are not present for the entirety of the program. Students can register for the event in [Handshake](#).

If you have questions, reach out to Lee Smith, smithla@wofford.edu.

Launch entrepreneurship enrollment

The Launch Program is excited to extend its reach to as many student entrepreneurs as

possible. Returning students can apply for admission to the Launch Program for Fall 2024. Returning students admitted to the program will be able to enjoy the benefits of workshops with knowledge experts, select networking opportunities, business plan development, one-on-one coaching, participation in pitch competitions, and shaping entrepreneurial competencies necessary for any field.

Visit careercenter.wofford.edu to apply or contact Sarah Butler at butlersc@wofford.edu.

From the Office of Financial Aid

ATTENTION: Major FAFSA changes for 2024-25:

The 2024-25 FAFSA is now available! Income information from 2022 will be used to complete the 2024-25 FAFSA.

FAFSA results have started coming, and we are loading them into our system as quickly as possible.

Streamlined application process

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

New terminology

The Expected Family Contribution will now be referred to as the Student Aid Index. The new formula removes the number of family members in college from the calculation, allows a minimum SAI of -1500 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.

Expanding Pell Grant eligibility

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

Prepare for the FAFSA

You and your student can still prepare by doing the following:

Create an FSA ID on the [Federal Student Aid Website](https://fsaid.ed.gov) 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.

Reminders:

Wofford's priority deadline for current students was March 15, 2024. If your student receives federal grants and loans, a South Carolina Tuition Grant and/or non merit-based Wofford aid, such as Wofford College Grant, you must submit the FAFSA every year by March 15.

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

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

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

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.

From the Office of Student Success

The 4th annual Wofford Firsts Senior Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 18 in the Tony White Theater located in the Mungo Student Center. This drop-in event will be held from noon until 1:30 p.m. and will feature food, music and fellowship. Invitations will be sent to all class of 2024 first-generation college students. Please check with your senior as each student is allowed to bring guests. Additionally, during this time the inaugural members of Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society will receive their graduation chords. We hope that you can come celebrate your student's success and achievements!

Wofford Firsts was created in 2018 to highlight, celebrate and support the college's first-generation college student population through engagement opportunities and student success sessions.

From the Office of Campus Life and Student Development

The Campus Life Student Development staff is excited about the year and all that has been accomplished. Beginning with our student leadership training in August to the Spring Fest, which will be a day of fun, food and music for the entire campus in late April, student engagement has been at a very high level with activities and events led by our staff and student leaders.

Campus Union sponsored the inaugural **Senior Legacy Celebration** held on March 15. It

was a meaningful time for seniors and their families to begin celebrating their accomplishments during their time at Wofford. The Campus Union officers purchased tokens for the seniors that were distributed in handcrafted boxes with the Wofford logo on top. These tokens, a lapel pin or a pendant, can be picked up by seniors who were not able to attend. Please visit the Mungo Student Center, second floor, after spring break.

As the semester winds down, we are anticipating a celebratory weekend with our seniors and their families. See below for details on Commencement Weekend.

Senior class families

We're only a few weeks away from Commencement. An outline of the **Commencement Weekend** schedule has been loaded to the Wofford website. We are excited to hosting you and celebrating the wonderful members of the Class of 2024!

Greek Week 2024

Greek Week will take place April 8-11. Students will compete in various events like the lip-sync battle, family feud, burger cookoff and Greek Games. Organizations also will raise funds and participate in hands-on community service benefiting the Cleveland Academy of Leadership in the Northside neighborhood bordering campus. The week will culminate in the Greek Awards and a community celebration, which will recognize individuals and chapters that have made significant contributions to the Wofford community this past year in the areas of scholarship, philanthropy and educational programming.

Residence life

Fall 2024 housing process

The housing application for Fall 2024 is now closed. Anyone still wishing to request housing can fill out the housing waitlist application. Students from the waitlist will be placed based on space availability after students who participated in the housing lottery all receive housing assignments. Below is an overview of the housing selection process for students who participate in the lottery.

Housing selection

Wofford Residence Life uses a lottery style system to randomly assign each student a housing selection time, based on their roommate group's collective class status. The housing selection time will be assigned by class status (determined by college entry cohort). The housing lottery will be completed in two rounds:

April 10-12 **Senior lottery selection and placement:** Any roommate group consisting of all seniors or seniors and juniors will be eligible for the first round of the lottery. Groups consisting of only seniors are guaranteed a space in the senior village, which includes the village houses and MSBVC. Any group with one or more juniors is not guaranteed a space in the senior village. Groups of four will select their space and groups less than four will be placed by

residence life staff.

April 23-25 **Junior and sophomore selection:** Any juniors not eligible for round one and all sophomores will participate in the second round of the housing lottery. Students will choose from space available on campus at their time of selection.

More information about the housing lottery process can be found on the Wofford Residence Life page, linked [HERE](#).

Summer housing

Students living on campus this summer will be placed in Shipp and DuPr © halls for their designated Summer term. Applications will be available on the Housing Portal starting March 29 for both terms.

Below are important dates to remind your student of if they plan to live on campus this Summer:

March 29: Application opens for Summer Sessions I and II

May 3: Applications close

June 2: Summer I move-in, 1-4 p.m.

July 3: Summer I move-out, 1-6 p.m.

July 7: Summer II move-in, 1-4 p.m.

August 8: Summer II move-out, 1-6 p.m.

Summer break closing

Residence halls and apartments will close for summer break on Thursday, May 16 at 6 p.m. for all non-graduating students. Graduating students may remain on campus for graduation and must check out by 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 19. Students will be receiving additional information about the checkout process.

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

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 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 Terrier 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 Instagram [@bundlesintheburg](#) or our website at [bundlesintheburg.com](#).

Wofford photos

Click here to view great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford:
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