WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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I hope all of your students had an enjoyable Interim and will have a great spring semester. This newsletter has the dates for Family Weekend 2024 and the academic calendar for 2024-25. Please let me know if I can be of any help.

Thom Henson '96, P '25

Director of Family Philanthropy and 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

Link is below. Feel free to bookmark this.

2024-25 Academic Calendar

From the Office of the Registrar

- The summer course schedule is being finalized and will be available soon.
- Summer school registration will open at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.
- Interim grades will be posted to students' accounts for viewing on Tuesday, Feb. 13.
- All seniors should check their DegreeWorks record to make sure they are on track for graduation in May.
- Drop/add for the spring semester will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9.
- Seniors should check their email regularly now and through the spring drop/add period in case issues arise that would affect their graduation and/or degree.

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 6 months (for most locations) beyond their program's end date. For those that applied on or after Dec. 18, 2023, current processing times are 6-8 weeks for a routine passport and 2-3 weeks for an expedited passport. Click **here** for more information on securing a passport.

The C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship – Deadline is Sunday, Feb. 25. Funding one student annually, this scholarship applies toward a **full academic year of study abroad** with a focus on cultural integration.

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 **\$9,000** in funding for a study abroad or intern abroad experience. The next cycle of applications are due Feb. 25. To learn more, visit https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/.

Interim 2025 travel/study projects – The list of available travel/study programs for 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.

Advising for summer and fall 2024 study abroad – Students interested in studying abroad during the summer or fall 2024 terms can meet with international programs staff virtually via Zoom 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.

Wofford in Milan – Wofford's cohort-based semester-long program, **Wofford in Milan**, will be offered again in fall 2024. This program offers courses in a wide range of disciplines as well as Wofford-specific activities throughout the semester. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. The deadline is March 1.

From the Office of Admission

Here is an upcoming event date with links to register:

Explore Wofford: These half-day events give you 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, Feb. 19

From the Office of Residence Life

Fall 2024 housing lottery

We aim to keep parents informed about fall housing assignment deadlines and related details. Find this information, along with a video guide, on the Wofford website **here**. Below is an overview of the student housing selection process. Note that students handle each step, except for deposit payment, which may be done by proxy:

Step 1: Pay the reservation deposit with the Business Office (due March 15)

For fall 2024, the reservation deposit (or reservation waiver, if applicable) is due by March 15. Students will not have access to the housing application until the deposit is paid or waiver is signed. Questions regarding reservation deposits should be directed to the Business Office at **sar@wofford.edu**.

Step 2: Complete a housing application (available March 1, due March 27)

The housing application can be accessed via MyWofford > Residence Life Housing Portal > Applications starting March 1, once the student's fall 2024 deposit is paid. Completing the application takes less than 10 minutes and automatically registers students for the next steps of the lottery process.

Step 3: Form a roommate group (due March 27)

Roommates play an important role in a student's success. Once your student has completed their housing agreement, they will be able to begin building a roommate and/or suitemate groups. Students must submit the housing application before they are able to select their group. Each member must accept the invitation to join the group. Students can verify completion of this step by the green checkmark next to their roommate's name. Roommate matching events will be offered. If your student needs assistance in finding someone for their group, please encourage them to attend these events to meet others looking for roommates.

Optional step: Housing accommodations (due March 15)

If your student has a diagnosed disability that impacts their housing needs, they may request housing accommodations through the myWofford "Student" menu. For details about this process, please visit the Wellness Center's accessibility hub. All requests for housing accommodations for returning students for fall 2024 are due to be submitted and finalized by March 15. Residence Life may not have the availability to meet requests finalized after this deadline. Please direct all questions to accessibilityservices@wofford.edu.

Step 4: Select a room

Students eligible for the lottery will be sent information regarding their selection time. Once their selection time opens, they are able to access any spaces remaining available and select a space for their roommate group. Housing lottery selection times are dependent on the academic cohort of each member of the group. **Seniors who would like housing in the** Village Houses or Michael S. Brown Village Center should be advised that only groups of all seniors who have met all deadlines for the lottery are guaranteed a space in the village.

Housing lottery reminders:

- Class status for housing is determined by the year a student began college, not by credit hours.
- Students who are studying abroad in spring 2024 and who will be living on campus during fall 2024 should participate in the housing process. Students planning to study abroad during the fall semester may not participate in the housing lottery, and may apply to live on campus during the mid-year application process if they desire. Spring housing is assigned on a space-available basis.
- Wofford College reserves the right of final approval of all room and residence hall assignments. The college reserves the right to reassign a student from one room or residence hall to another at any time and for any reason.
- Residence Life staff will continue to work with students to optimize options we can provide for students to live on campus on a space-available basis.

Spring break closing

Residence halls will close for spring break at 6 p.m. Friday, March 29. The only students that 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, March 22, to be considered.

Summer break closing

All non-graduating students please note that residence halls will close for summer break at 6 p.m. on the last day of finals. Graduating students will be able to remain on campus until 6 p.m. Sunday, May 19. Stay tuned for more information about summer break closing and summer on-campus housing.

Here to help!

If your student has any questions, please encourage them to contact us at **reslife@wofford.edu** or (864) 597-5100. Residence Life staff is available to meet with students wanting to learn more or having questions about the process.

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 bundles throughout the academic year. We are currently offering several bundles to purchase:

- **Be Mine Bundle:** Show your Terrier some love and order them a Valentine's surprise. Our Be Mine Bundle includes a variety of Valentine snacks and goodies guaranteed to let them know how much they are loved. Each bundle is \$45 and will be delivered on Valentine's Day.
- **Bid Day Bundle:** Celebrate sorority recruitment with our Bid Day Bundle. Whether it's to congratulate a new member on Bid Day or encourage a current member during recruitment week, our Bid Day Bundle will put a smile on their face. For those going through recruitment, you will want to pre-order your bundle and notify us on Bid Day as to which sorority your daughter joined.
- 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 love to help them feel better.

You can view all of our products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Instagram @bundlesintheburg or our website, **bundlesintheburg.com**. A portion of all sales is 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**.



