

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 centered in a large, white, serif font, with "PARENTS AND FAMILIES" centered below it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. 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

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. I hope your student will have an enjoyable Interim. Please let me know if I can be of any help.

**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**

Interim drop/add will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Students must come to the Registrar's Office to make adjustments to their Interim schedule.

Spring drop/add is open through Banner and will remain open until 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9.

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

- **Deadline for summer/fall study abroad applications:** March 1 (most programs, some are earlier; [click here for details](#))
- **Deadline for the C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship:** 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 about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit: [gilmanscholarship.org/](http://gilmanscholarship.org/).
- Follow us at [@wocostudyabroad](#) on **Instagram** or **Facebook** to stay up-to-date on

those studying abroad during Interim 2024!

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

Here are our upcoming event dates with links to register:

Explore Wofford: These half-day events give you a more in-depth overview of 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, Jan. 15**

**Monday, Feb. 19**

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### **From the Office of Financial Aid**

#### **ATTENTION: Major FAFSA changes for 2024-25:**

The 2024-25 FAFSA opened **December 2023**. This was 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. We will not be able to access the FAFSA results until late-January.

#### **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 (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.

#### **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** 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, and more.
- 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 is March 15. If your student receives federal grants and loans, an SC Tuition Grant and/or non merit-based Wofford aid, such as a 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.

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**From the Career Center**

Greetings parents and Happy New Year from the Career Center in the Mungo Exchange. We hope your holiday season was restful, and you were able to enjoy time with loved ones. As we prepare for the beginning of a new academic semester, we hope you continue to encourage your student to engage with us early and often. From entrepreneurship to internship planning 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 visit our website at [careercenter.wofford.edu](http://careercenter.wofford.edu) to stay connected.

**Entrepreneurship planning**

- Interim 2024 introduces "The Entrepreneurial Mindset," where students will delve into the mysteries of experience and powerful moments, closely observe local small-owned businesses and startups and have direct access to gain insightful expertise from a Wofford alumni entrepreneur in residence.
- The eighth annual Terrier Startup Challenge is on the horizon. Applications are open

until Feb. 8 for any Wofford student interested in earning capital for their business venture idea.

- Contact Sarah Butler at [butlersc@wofford.edu](mailto:butlersc@wofford.edu) to learn more.

## Internship planning

A few updates from the Career Center's internship and information manager:

- Internship funding for summer 2024 will be on a rolling basis starting in February 2024, with the last applications being accepted in May 2024, funding permitting.
  - **Fast facts:**
    - Rolling applications from February to May 2024 (funding permitting).
    - Stipends range: \$1,000-\$2,500 (subject to change in 2024).
    - Criteria to apply: confirmed internship, demonstrate financial need, internship is eight weeks minimum, FAFSA filed with Office of Financial Aid (except international students).
    - Maintain Wofford enrollment during the internship.
  - Contact Jenn Sainovski at [sainovskijs@wofford.edu](mailto:sainovskijs@wofford.edu) to learn more.
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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 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](https://www.instagram.com/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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