

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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Spring semester is off to a great start and the campus is alive with lots of activity. I hope your student is enjoying their classes. Please enjoy this edition of the newsletter and 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

Verify all of your degree requirements are complete or in progress today.

Log into DegreeWorks through myWofford and review your degree audit to ensure you are eligible to graduate. If you are graduating in May, all requirements should be noted as complete or in progress (highlighted in blue). If you have any requirements that are noted as "still needed," you will NOT graduate. If you have a deficiency, but believe that you fulfilled the requirement, see your department chair immediately.

Record your name with NameCoach by April 12.

Link to record name: <https://www.name-coach.com/record/WOFFORD2024>. If you have questions or problems, please contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@wofford.edu or 864-597-4030. Recording your name will help the provost know how to correctly pronounce it at Commencement.

Information about Commencement will be forthcoming.

Information about commencement will be added to the commencement website <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/commencement> as it becomes available. Although there is information available now on the site, plans are still being made for the events that will take place on May 17-19, 2024. Please check the website periodically for updates.

Midterm grades will be available for viewing through the student's page of myWofford on March 26.

Summer school schedule and registration.

Summer School registration and drop/add has opened. Students may register or drop/add for both terms of summer school and drop/add will remain open until June 4 for the first term and until July 9 for the second term. Wofford's 2024 summer schedule is available and can be found at <https://webs.wofford.edu/webdocs/courseSchedule202406.pdf>. Summer is a great time for students to get ahead in their studies, complete general education requirements or improve their GPA. More detailed information about the schedule, tuition/fees, housing, etc. can be found at <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/summer-school>.

For Senior Parents from Campus Union

Hopefully you have all received an invitation to the Senior Legacy Celebration. We want to explain the purpose of the event, answer any questions that you may have and encourage you to attend.

For years, Wofford's Campus Union leaders have tried to bring a ring ceremony to Wofford. This year's Campus Union assembly decided that a ring ceremony, like the ones held by many other colleges, would not be as meaningful to our students who have not purchased class rings or those who have already received their class rings in the mail. As such, we decided to expand this ceremony to be a celebration of the achievements and legacy of each Wofford graduate. Each graduating student will receive a lapel pin or jewelry pendant with a new Wofford Class of 2024 logo, as well as a keepsake box. Our hope is that this keepsake box will be used to hold all Wofford tokens, including class rings and the new pins and pendants, and that this ceremony will add a deeper level of significance to these tokens.

We hope that this ceremony can grow into a lasting tradition where students will receive all of the tokens mentioned above, including class rings. The only way to make this happen is

through your support and attendance at this inaugural Senior Legacy Celebration. If you are able to attend the ceremony in the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium on Friday, March 15, at 4 p.m., please RSVP [HERE](#) by March 8. Refreshments will be served following the event, and we hope to see all of you there.

From the Office of International Programs

Virtual town hall for parents of fall/summer 2024 study abroad applicants – The office of international programs is hosting a virtual town hall for parents of fall and summer 2024 study abroad applicants on Monday, March 18 at 6 pm. Parents can register [here](#) and submit questions beforehand via their registration or to internationalprograms@wofford.edu.

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.](#)

Join Prema Samhat on a trip to India!

Prema Samhat is organizing and leading her fourth trip to India in early February 2025, which is already full. Space is limited to 30. To join the 2025 waiting list or place your name on the 2026 list of adventurers, please contact Prema Samhat, samhatpr@wofford.edu.

Former travelers describe the trip as amazing and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Going with Prema, who was born and raised in India, brings a rare dimension to the trip. The five-city tour, including a visit to the Taj Mahal and to the nation's capital, is an exclusive opportunity for the Wofford community.

From 2024 participants:

"India was not at the top of our travel list, but we would have deeply regretted missing this trip! It was a first-class travel experience! The cohesive group, the pace, the quality of accommodations and sites visited made for a very memorable time." Wofford alum and former parent.

"There is so much to say about experiencing India that it is difficult to sum it up in a brief statement. The culture, the colors, the history, the sites, the flavors and the people provided a life changing experience. There truly are no words or pictures to accurately describe India. It's a place you must visit and one that will leave an indelible mark on your soul." Wofford parent.

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.

From the Office of Admission

There will be two events for admitted students (Main Event) on March 10-11 and 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.

Due to FAFSA delays, we anticipate being able to release full financial aid offers to students by mid to late March.

Applications for the 2024-25 first-year class are up 7% from last year.

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.

Key Details:

Application period:

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

- Stipend announcement dates:

- March 28, 2024
- April 29, 2024
- May 17, 2024

Eligibility criteria: Must have a confirmed internship, demonstrate financial need, meet internship duration requirements, submit internship contract or offer letter, file FAFSA (if applicable) and more. See full eligibility details on the application.

Application link: [Summer 2024 internship stipend program application](#)

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

Questions?

Feel free to reach out to Jenn Sainovski, internship and information manager, at sainovskijs@wofford.edu for assistance.

Sophomore Experience 2024

The Career Center will be offering the The Sophomore Experience in the upcoming academic

year for any interested rising sophomore students. Our goal is to help sophomores with a clear pathway to a successful year at Wofford and connect students with resources to assist in their career path. Designed through campus collaboration to help combat the “sophomore slump,” second-year students participating in the program will receive guidance on choosing a major, LinkedIn and networking strategies, internship preparation, informational and mock interviews. They also will hear from guest speakers, participate in employer visits and other career development programming specifically for them. On-campus housing will be provided for this career-building experience.

Any sophomore student can participate. These events will help your students gain direction for their future, make a connection to Wofford, fellow peers and the community, and gain awareness about their strengths and skills. The event will take place in August, the weekend before classes begin, and the move-in date will be announced in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly, Lee Smith:

smithla@wofford.edu

Terrier Startup Challenge

The Launch Program hosts the 8th Annual Terrier Startup Challenge on March 7 with more than 10 competitors vying for capital toward their business ventures. Business ideas include housekeeping and maintenance services, software and app development, senior care services and nonprofits for aspiring vets. Watch footage from our previous **competitions** and keep your eyes peeled for our next round of winners.

For more information, contact Sarah C. Butler: butlersc@wofford.edu.

From the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Recruitment 2024 recap

Panhellenic and IFC just completed their formal recruitment process for Wofford’s six IFC fraternities and four NPC sororities on campus. Bid Day took place on Sunday, Feb. 18, with 143 women joining sororities and 112 men joining fraternities. You can check out some great photos from the day [here](#) or catch the live stream recaps for both Panhellenic and IFC on the college’s YouTube channel. 58.7% of women and 48.1% of men on campus are now members of fraternities and sororities (53.7% of all students).

Greek Week 2024

Greek Week will take place April 8-11. Students will compete in various events like the lip-sync battle, burger cookoff and Greek Games. Organizations also will raise funds and participate in hands-on community service. The week will culminate in the Greek Awards, 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.

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:

- **Bunny Bundle:** Let your Terrier know someBUNNY loves them with our new Easter bundle. Our Bunny Bundle includes a variety of Easter snacks and goodies guaranteed to brighten their day. Each bundle is \$45 and will be delivered the week of March 25 before your Terrier leaves for spring break.
- **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:
woffordcollege.smugmug.com.

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