

A banner for Wofford College Parents and Families. The top half features a group of people in a sepia-toned photograph. The text "WOFFORD COLLEGE" is in a large, white, serif font, and "PARENTS AND FAMILIES" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The bottom half of the banner is a dark grey bar with the text "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY" in a white, sans-serif font.

# WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY

The past few days have been unprecedented both on the Wofford campus and in our region. So many people have come together in the Wofford community. Thank you for your kindness and patience.

Family Weekend is happening and will be here soon. If you haven't done so, please register in advance using the link provided in the newsletter. The Wofford community looks forward to having all of you on campus. Things may look a little different, but the heart of the college remains.

Many of you have thanked President Samhat and the college for the messaging and communications in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Your encouragement made some really tough days manageable. Thank you! Thanks also to those who have asked how you could help. The college has established a **CAMPUS RECOVERY FUND** for anyone who would like to contribute. The funds will be used to support those in the Wofford community most affected by the devastation.

Please let me know how I can assist with any needs you have.

**Thom Henson '96, P '25**

Director of Family Philanthropy + Engagement

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## **From the Office of Parent Engagement**

Family Weekend is Oct. 11-12. Check out the **2024 Family Weekend schedule** and register here **2024 Family Weekend Registration**.

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 email [parents@wofford.edu](mailto:parents@wofford.edu) in addition to emailing **Thom**.

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## **From the Chaplain's Office**

Parenting a college student can present many challenges and stressors. The list below comes from from conversations I've had with parents:

- Emotional adjustment: Parents may struggle with the emotional challenges of their student leaving home and transitioning into a new phase of life, such as feelings of loss or worry about their student's well-being.
- Communication challenges: As college students become more independent, parents may find it difficult to navigate changes in their relationship and communication patterns.
- Academic concerns: Parents might worry about their student's academic performance, time management skills or ability to balance college with extracurricular activities and social life.
- Uncertainty about the future: As college students explore potential career paths and life choices, parents may face stress related to uncertainty about their student's future and whether they are making the right decisions.

The good news is there are ways to navigate this transformative time in your student's life.

- Maintain open lines of communication with your college student. This builds trust and fosters understanding.
- Embrace the changes that come with this new phase. Remember: this is an opportunity for both you and your student to grow.
- Share your concerns and discuss expectations together but also be willing to listen to their perspectives.
- When faced with academic concerns, encourage your student to take advantage of the numerous campus resources available, such as tutoring centers and academic advising. Wofford has many people who are ready and willing to be of assistance to your student.
- Every student's journey is unique, and trusting in your student's ability to make responsible decisions and grow from their experiences will ultimately strengthen your relationship and promote their success in college and beyond.
- Embrace this new chapter in both of your lives with positivity and enjoy witnessing your student flourish as they engage this exciting adventure.

Ron Robinson '78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion

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### **A Day for Wofford**

**A Day for Wofford**, the 24-hour collective giving event has been postponed. Keep an eye out for an announcement on the new date.

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**From the Office of International Programs**

**Travel grants for Interim 2025 travel/study programs** – Students who were awarded a travel grant for interim 2025 travel/study programs were notified individually via email on Sept. 20. Please contact our office with any questions related to these awards.

**Interim 2025 travel/study program billing** – The Wofford Business Office will post bills for all Interim 2025 Travel/Study program fees to student accounts on October 10. Payments are due in full on November 15. See the [Interim calendar](#) for more important information and dates, including information on the Interim 2025 faculty-led travel/study withdrawal schedule.

**Withdrawal policy for Interim 2025 travel/study programs** – Participants intending to withdraw from a **faculty-led travel/study program** must submit a notice of their withdrawal via email to the Office of International Programs at [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto: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 sponsored by one of Wofford's off-campus study partners have their 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 must also submit a notice of their withdrawal via email to the Office of International Programs at [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu).

**Travel insurance for Interim 2025 travel/study programs** – Given the uncertainties 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 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.

**Office of International Programs Family Weekend reception** – Please join the Office of International Programs for a reception and meet-and-greet on Friday, Oct. 11 from 3:30-5 pm 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 2025 study abroad program or plan to participate in a future semester study abroad program. RSVP to [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu) by Monday, Oct. 7.

**Advising for fall/summer 2025 study abroad** – Students interested in studying abroad during the fall or summer 2025 term can meet with international programs staff in person or virtually. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The fall/summer 2025 application deadline for most programs is March 1. See [here](#) for programs with earlier deadlines.

**C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship** – The generous C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship is designed to support ambitious students wishing to study abroad for a full academic year with a focus on cultural integration. This competitive scholarship will fund one student for the 2025-26 academic year. The application deadline will be in late February. For more information visit <https://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson>.

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#### **From the Registrar's Office**

- Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2024-2025 academic year will be required to complete the Graduation Application found on [my.wofford.edu](http://my.wofford.edu). 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 through Nov. 22.
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#### **From the Career Center**

Below is a list of events that will help your students enhance their resumes, search for internships and receive professional career advice.

#### **October:**

Learning Work Internship Search Help Hours

How Scary Is Your Resume? Workshop

**November:**

Ace Your Internship Search: Walk-In Help

**December:**

Internship Search Success: Walk-In Event

Encourage your students to take advantage of these valuable opportunities. We look forward to assisting them in achieving their career goals.

Please feel free to reach out to Jenn Sainovski, internship and information manager, at [sainovskijs@wofford.edu](mailto:sainovskijs@wofford.edu).

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**From the Office of Admission**

Fall Admission events

**Discover Days**

Enjoy an informative day as you tour the campus with Wofford students, attend special interest sessions and cheer on the Terriers. This event is open to all high school students considering Wofford. The tailgating lunch and Wofford football game tickets are provided to registrants and guests at no charge. To register, click on the date below for the event you plan to attend.

**REGISTER for the Oct. 12 event**

**Wofford Scholars**

Since 1949, outstanding high school seniors have been competing at Wofford for scholarships based on academic achievement, leadership and character. Scholarships over a four-year period range from \$60,000 to \$250,000. Nominees who meet requirements are invited to attend our Scholars Day on Nov. 16. An invitation to the event will be sent after a nomination is accepted. **Nominate yourself** .

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**From the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life**

We're excited to have your Terriers on campus and look forward to having you back 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 Stewart H. Johnson 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 exceptions.** No glass bottles are allowed in the Greek Village. Alcohol is BYOB and cannot exceed 6 12-ounce cans or plastic bottles of beverages 10% ABV or under. Beverages 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 & sorority life, at 864-597-4062 or [tatekm@wofford.edu](mailto:tatekm@wofford.edu).

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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 Wofford Terrier. Founded by Wofford grad Leslee Houck Page '91, Bundles in the 'Burg offers a variety of bundles throughout the academic year. Fall bundles include:

- Halloween BOO Bundle.
- Back to School Bundle.
- You're a BIG DEAL Bundle.
- Birthday Bundle.
- Candy Bundle Box.
- Feel Better Bundle.

Visit products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Instagram [@bundlesintheburg](#) or at [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](#).

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### Wofford photos

Click here to view stunning photos of the many happenings at Wofford: [woffordcollege.smugmug.com](#).

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