Helping Mamas

Jan Ruth Mayheu '99, director of individual and community support for Helping Mamas in Atlanta, Georgia, typically focuses on fundraising, applying for grants, strengthening relationships with donors and building relationships with potential supporters.

However, the COVID-19 crisis has altered those job duties. Helping Mamas is a nonprofit that serves as the baby supply bank for Georgia. It has a four-person staff, and they're working in shifts to remain open three days a week to get items to new and existing clients.

"We serve over 30,000 individuals living in poverty each year," says Mayheu. "We collect and distribute essential baby supplies and period products through partnerships with over 120 social service agencies, ministries, shelters and schools. Currently, I am unloading trucks, opening Amazon deliveries from our Amazon Baby Registry, monitoring inventory, and packaging up orders of diapers, wipes, hygiene items and other supplies during this
time."

Mayheu said the nonprofit's work is in even more demand right now. During a recent two-week period, it received more than 100,000 item donations and served more than 3,000 families.

Learn more about Helping Mamas at helpingmamas.org or @helpingmamas on social media.

**The Career Center is available to help with jobs, internships and postgraduate plans**
By Tasha Smith-Tyus, Ph.D., Director of Career Services

The Career Center understands that we are experiencing changes that few could have imagined. If students would like to work on career planning, we are open and willing to help.

Networking is one of the ways that we are encouraging students to continue their career development goals. Networking is the use of professional and personal contacts to advance career goals, and it is critical for setting yourself up to succeed. Moreover, building a strong network provides exposure to advice and information to improve your chances of successfully locating opportunities and experiences relevant to your major.

To aid in this process, the Career Center is hosting events to help students manage their connections through different networking-focused programming efforts. Students can register for all of these events in Handshake.

**Networking during crisis: Leveraging the Wofford community and other resources**
**Thursdays at 11 a.m.**
We will discuss the importance of exploring, networking and connecting virtually with professional and industry contacts across multiple online platforms.

**CliftonStrengths Virtual Workshop**
**Wednesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 29 at 2 p.m.**
Students can participate in this three-week workshop to learn their strengths, how to discuss them and how to incorporate them into future careers. Partnering with the Halligan Center for Religious & Spiritual Life Campus Ministry Center, the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson '78 and the Career Center staff will teach you how to effectively leverage your five CliftonStrengths as you communicate your skills. Meetings will take place over Zoom. This workshop is free for students.

**Navigating the job market during a crisis - Part 1**
**April 21 at 4 p.m.**
This three-part series is a partnership between the Career Center and the Alumni Office. The goal is to connect current Wofford juniors and seniors to Wofford alumni who graduated in 2008 and 2009. These sessions will offer wisdom they gained from the 2008 economic crisis. This session will feature Ashley Glasgow Langley '08 (PWC) and Zlatin Gamishev '08 (Grant Thornton).
Navigating the job market during a crisis - Part 2
April 28 at 11 a.m.
This session will feature Chesley Moore Hucker '09 (Foothills Alliance), Jonathan Spitz '09 (Todd and Johnson, LLP), Kinli Barre Abee '08 (South Carolina Assistant Attorney General).

Navigating the job market during a crisis - Part 3
April TBD
This session will feature Martha Albergotti Moore '09 (Entrepreneur), Elizabeth Sheets Leventis '09 (Arrow and Bow Wealth Advisors) and Adrienne Hamm Fink '09 (Prisma Health).

The Career Center remains focused on its mission to prepare students for life after Wofford. Additionally, students may initiate individual meetings with Career Center staff through Handshake to assist with the career development process. From choosing a major to pursuing their first professional internship, preparing for graduate school or assisting in job search strategies; we are here to provide tools and resources every step of the way.

Email us at careercenter@wofford.edu to get started.

Alum discusses post-graduate fellowships, law school
Donovan Hicks ’16, a first-year student at Stanford Law School, recently was the Wofford Pre-Law Society's guest speaker via a Zoom conference. Hicks discussed post-graduate fellowships and his law school experience. Hicks was Wofford's first George J. Mitchell Scholar and the college's first Harry S. Truman Scholar in 25 years.

Town hall recordings
If you missed last week's town hall events with information regarding campus operations and answers to questions from students, faculty and staff, click here to watch recordings or read the questions and answers.