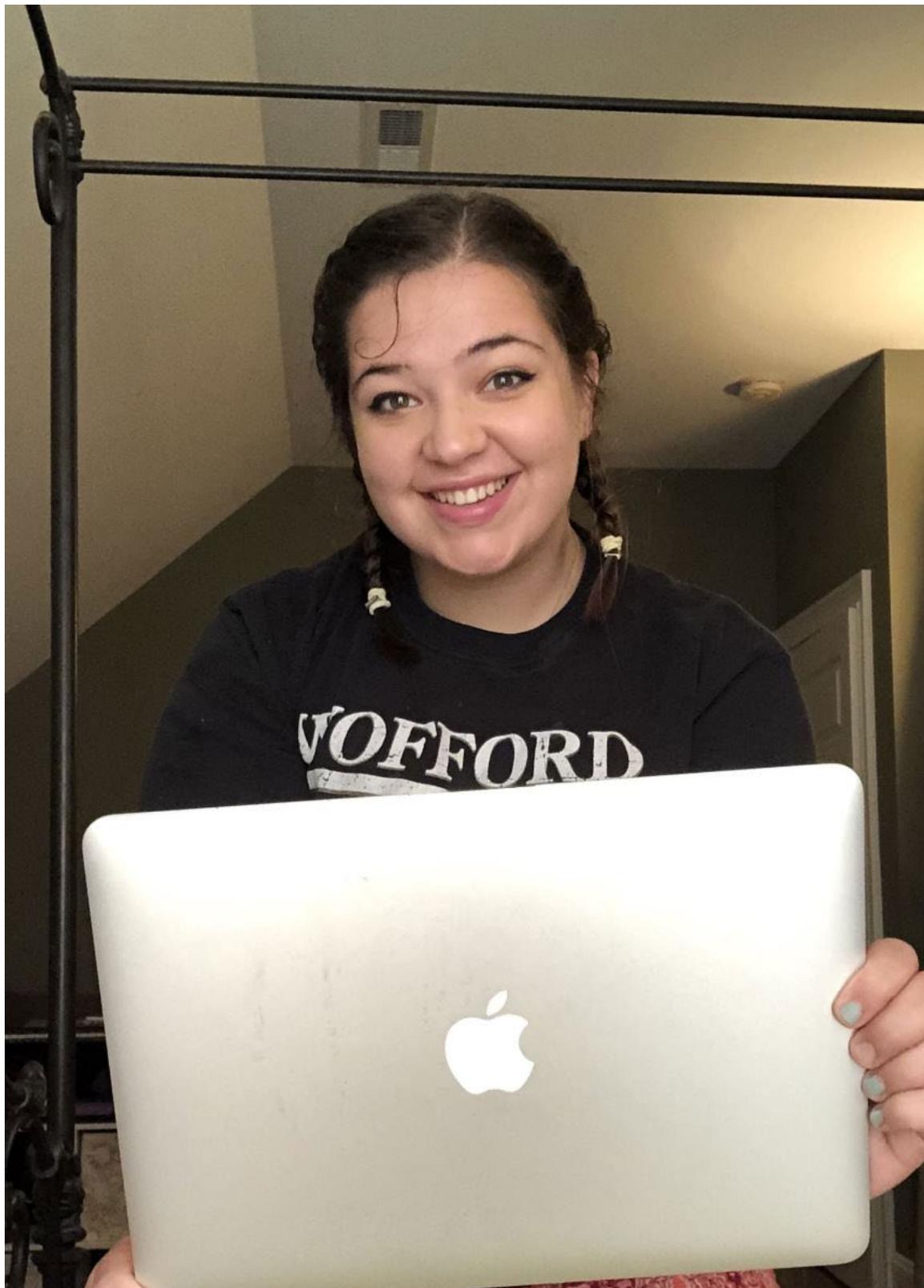


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## **Dedicated to student success**

Even though Laura Mitchell '21 is away from Wofford's campus, she still feels connected through remote learning. But a key instrument's failure placed that sense of connection in jeopardy.

Her laptop crashed.

"I had a little bit of a meltdown, and I wasn't sure how I would attend classes, or even take some of my tests, which are administered online," says Mitchell, a chemistry major from Inman, South Carolina. "It was a very stressful situation, and the thought of trying to finish the semester — attending lectures, taking tests, writing papers — was overwhelming."

Her next class after the crash was with Dr. Charlie Bass, Wofford's Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Chemistry. She made him aware of the situation and her plans to use an older tablet.

"Within minutes, Dr. Bass was telling me not to worry, we would figure it out, and he was contacting people in the Office of Student Success," says Mitchell.

She quickly was pulled into an email chain with Bass; Dr. Stacey Hettes, associate provost for faculty development; Kay Foster, IT Help Center director; Dr. Boyce Lawton, dean for student success; and James Stukes, coordinator for college access and student success.

Stukes had an extra laptop at home in anticipation of such an event. He, Lawton and the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson, the college's chaplain, have been meeting various student needs, including the mailing of laptops, chargers and WiFi hotspots.

Stukes, who lives in Belmont, North Carolina, was willing to make the 70-minute drive to Mitchell if she had an immediate need for the computer. However, Mitchell was fine with a FedEx delivery and received it by noon the next day.

"We're all in this together," says Stukes. "If one student is without and unable to connect, that is an issue."

Fortunately, there are people taking those issues on.

"Within 36 hours of sharing my problem, Wofford had sent a loaner laptop to finish the semester," says Mitchell. "I am extremely grateful, but beyond that, I am so thankful for the compassion and willingness to help by all of the faculty at this time. It has been very reassuring, and I am so glad to attend a college that cares so deeply about its students and their success!"

## **Celebrate your Class of 2020 graduate**

Yard signs are available to celebrate Wofford's Class of 2020. Three templates are available for download and can be printed by local vendors wherever you are. Templates can be customized by uploading photos of graduates and their names. [CLICK HERE](#) for yours.



### Instagram takeover

Mackenna Smith, a senior art history and chemistry major from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, took over The Johnson Collection's Instagram account this week for her senior capstone project. It's titled "Care Through Conservation: Behind the Scenes at the Johnson Collection." Smith, who curated the exhibition as an intern with TJC, is offering a behind-the-scenes perspective on the process of conserving and restoring paintings. She's hosting a virtual gallery talk and live question-and-answer session on Friday at 6 p.m. via TJC's Instagram account, [@thejohnsoncollection](#).



## Guided imagery

Do you miss the beauty of Wofford's campus, especially while it's in full bloom during spring? If so, Kellie Buckner '01, LMFT, a counselor in the Wofford College Wellness Center, and Lisa Lefebvre, director of employee wellness and medical services, created this guided imagery. It's a good way to carve out a few minutes of calm as the semester winds down.

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