



APRIL 2020 PARENT NEWSLETTER

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and safe. This is certainly a unique time for all of us. This month's newsletter contains specific info about the changes around campus for spring semester. I hope you'll find this to be beneficial and informative. Please stay in touch and share your stories with me. Let me know how I can be of help to you and your student.

Thom Henson
Director of Parent Engagement

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NAYEF SAMHAT

This is not how any of us expected the semester to progress. Faculty and students, who would normally be together in classrooms, labs and offices, are now looking at each other on computer screens. Staff are finding ways to work from home or on flexible schedules so they can maintain social distancing while continuing the vital operations of the college. Student organizations are holding virtual meetings and online elections. Student-athletes are training on their own, and I understand that preparation for the MCAT, GRE and LSAT is becoming a popular pastime for those in our student body planning postgraduate study. I've also heard about Wofford students who are using their time back home to make their communities a better place. Solana Rostic '23, for example, is delivering Meals on Wheels in Tampa, Florida, from a distance, of course.

I'm proud of the resilience, the indomitable spirit and the hope that I see in the Wofford community, despite the many disappointments caused by COVID-19.

Please know that we are still working to ensure that your student gets the hallmark academic experience for which Wofford is nationally recognized. We are calculating individual refunds for room and board and beginning to make plans to hold a Commencement and special celebration for the Class of 2020. We are coordinating with families to help students move out of the college's residence halls and apartments. We are working, like everyone else, to find the good and the positive in all things, and we sincerely appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate the unknown.

Thank you!

Nayef

Medical Services

Medical Services at the Wellness Center is offering telemedicine appointments as of Monday, April 6. They are available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. To make an appointment, students should go to the Patient Portal on myWofford and select a Telemedicine appointment. At the time of the appointment, a link will be sent to doxy.me, the nurse/nurse practitioner will come online. Because of the nature of these visits, we can only take one appointment every 30 minutes.

In addition, screenings are available from 9 a.m.-noon or on-site visits at the Wellness Center will be by appointment only. The on-site visits will be for faculty, staff and local students. Schedules may be adjusted throughout the spring as we assess the changing needs of our community. Please check our Patient Portal for frequent updates. Our office does not do COVID-19 testing; this can be done at an urgent care, Minute Clinic or your local ER.

Follow us @woffordwellness on Instagram and Wofford College Wellness Center on Facebook. We are encouraging students to find positive ways to deal with stress, anxiety and fatigue. Meditation, gratitude and healthy living are some of the ideas we are promoting.

Counseling Services

To continue supporting Wofford students' mental health during this time, Counseling Services has begun offering teletherapy for students. Students may schedule appointments as usual through the Medcat Patient Portal. Students with appointments will then be sent a link to enter the secure "waiting room" for the therapist at their appointment time. This support is available to students who have attended counseling in the past or those who would like to initiate services at this time. In addition, Wofford's 24/7 mental health assistance line is available to anyone in the Wofford community who needs in-the-moment support from a professional mental health counselor. The number is 864-597-4393.

Accessibility Services

Accessibility Services staff are able to assist students with disabilities during this time of transition to a new learning platform. Students with concerns or questions about their approved accommodations should contact accessibilityservices@wofford.edu. Staff are available for regular consultations or situational support. The process for requesting new accommodations continues to be available on the Student page of myWofford.

FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Advising for Spring 2021 Study Abroad

Students interested in studying abroad during the spring 2021 semester can meet with international programs staff virtually via Zoom. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#).

Interim 2021 Travel/Study Projects

The list of available travel/study programs for Interim 2021 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.

[Zoom Information Session for Parents – Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

International programs will host a virtual information session via Zoom for parents whose students are interested in study abroad during future terms. General information will be shared and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Follow our social media for updates and Zoom link.

Thursday, April 23 – Interim 2021 Travel Grant Application Deadline

There are several travel grants available to students pursuing off-campus study during Interim. Learn more about available travel grants [here](#). The first round deadline for Interim 2021 travel grant applications is Thursday, April 23 at midnight.

Thursday, April 30 – Interim 2021 Application Deadline

Students interested in participating in a travel/study Interim during Interim 2021 must complete an application online. Learn more about the travel/study interim application process [here](#). The first round deadline for Interim 2021 applications is Thursday, April 30 at midnight.

PARENT GIVING

During this challenging time, we are even more grateful for the generosity of current parents. Each year, parents of Wofford College students generously contribute their philanthropic support to further enhance the lives of every student on campus. Please find the 2019 Honor Roll of Parent Giving attached to this email.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

The Career Center understands that we at Wofford College are experiencing changes that few could have imagined. We also want your students to understand that if they would like to work on career planning, we are open and willing to help. During this time of remote operations, the Career Center remains focused on our mission to prepare students for life after Wofford and are available to offer resources such as:

Virtual Individual Meetings

Students may initiate individual meetings with Career Center staff members through Handshake to assist in their 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 for every step of the way.

Document Review

Students can still upload their resumes and cover letters into Handshake for review

Connect with the Wofford Network

MyMentor is a partnership between the Career Center and the Wofford College Alumni Office that provides an online platform for students to connect with alumni.

We are looking forward to assisting your student in his/her career development process and goals! Questions for the Career Center? Contact Tasha Smith-Tyus at 864-597-4264 or smithtyusl@wofford.edu.

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