



SEPTEMBER 2020 PARENT NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Wofford. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. We're off and running here on campus, and yes, it's different. It's different for everyone – from the first-year student who has been here 10 days to the seasoned employee that has been here for more than 20 years. There's no blueprint for how to do this, but please know everyone here wants the same thing: a safe place to learn and work. This semester will be a work in progress and we understand that we will need to work together to make it successful. Stay in touch and let me know how I can help you.

Thom Henson
Director of Parent Engagement

Latest on the Coronavirus can be found here: <https://www.wofford.edu/coronavirus>

FROM THE ADMISSION OFFICE

The admission office is pleased to share the following stats on the newest class of Terriers, the Class of 2024.

- Record number of applications: 4110 with an acceptance rate of 53%.
 - 498 first year students and 21 transfers
 - 52% female/ 48% male
 - 56% from South Carolina/ 44% from out of state
 - 25 states and 7 countries represented
 - 19% minority
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FROM THE REGISTRAR

Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2020-21 academic year will be required to complete the Graduation Application found on myWofford. 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 and will close Nov. 20, 2020.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Your favorite student can check out books from the library worry-free with our contactless book request and pick-up system. Terriers can request books using Wofford OneSearch on the library website. There's a virtual shelf browsing feature, too, which is found within each book record. We have to keep our stacks closed to the public, but this feature makes browsing

possible, and fun! Once books are requested, the library staff will retrieve the books and send your student an email informing them that their books are ready to be picked up. We are putting the books in bags labelled on the shelves just inside the library doors. Students can grab their bag and return their books in the book drops when they're finished with them. At that point, we quarantine books for five days before they can be requested again. If you would like to learn more about this process, you are welcome to contact us at askalibrarian@wofford.edu.

FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

2021 Interim Travel/Study Virtual Fair – Students interested in participating in a travel/study project during Interim should attend the Interim Travel/Study Virtual Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. – 12 noon. Faculty sponsoring Interim travel/study projects, program representatives and staff from the Office of International Programs will be available to answer questions about project locations, application processes, etc. during drop-in information sessions. Access all Zoom links here:

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/travel/study-projects-availability>.

Interim Travel/Study Project Applications – Applications for Interim 2020 travel/study projects must be completed by Sunday, Sept. 27. To view a list of open projects and to start an application, visit: <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/travel/study-projects-availability>.

Wofford Travel Grants – Students planning on participating in an Interim travel/study project are encouraged to apply for a Wofford Travel Grant. Completed applications are due Sunday, Sept. 20. Financial need and academic merit are the principle considerations in awarding these grants. To learn more and to apply, visit:

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/wofford-travel-grants>.

Budgeting for Study Abroad – During this session on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m., staff from the Office of International Programs will review available scholarship opportunities for study abroad as well as eligibility requirements, deadlines and application components with interested students. Program budgets and recommendations for managing money abroad will be discussed. Zoom information will be available through Daily Announcements.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship – The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a scholarship opportunity available to students who receive a Federal Pell grant. Eligible students may receive up to \$8,000 in funding for a study abroad or intern abroad experience. The Office of International Programs will host a virtual information session on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. During the session, International Programs advisers will review the scholarship goals, eligibility requirements, and application components with interested students. To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>. Zoom information will be available through Daily Announcements.

BIPOC & Abroad – At this informational event for students of color interested in study abroad and/or international travel, current Wofford students and community members that have traveled/studied abroad will be sharing their insights and advice on the BIPOC experience overseas. The event will be held virtually on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. Zoom information will be available through Daily Announcements.

Articulating the Study Abroad Experience – The Office of International Programs and the Career Center will be providing recent study abroad alumni with tips on how to translate the skills they gained abroad to graduate schools, future employers, etc. at this virtual event on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. Zoom information will be available through Daily Announcements. This event is a must for all study abroad alumni!

Spring 2020 Study Abroad Application deadline – Students who are interested in participating in a study abroad experience during the spring 2021 semester must submit their study abroad application by Thursday, Oct. 1. Students can set up an **advising appointment** with International Programs.

International Programs Coronavirus FAQ Page – View **frequently asked questions** on Wofford's response to the coronavirus.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Greetings from The Career Center! As we enter a new academic year, the Career Center is devoted to helping your student develop the necessary skills, mindset and confidence to create success for a lifetime. Even during these challenging times, please know we are here to assist students in their career development process. We believe in a student-development approach that galvanizes us to engage with students in a holistic manner. From choosing a major to pursuing their first professional internship or preparing for graduate school, we are here to provide tools and resources for every step of the way. Throughout the semester, we are releasing virtual Career Center Coaching webinars that focus on topics such as: resume writing, networking, interviewing, internship strategies and how to foster mentoring relationships utilizing the Wofford MyMentor platform. Students can make an appointment with us through our online career services platform, Handshake, and follow us on social media (IG: wococareercenter) to stay up-to-date about our events.

If you would like to volunteer your time and expertise or would like to partner with us; please feel free to reach out. Looking forward to assisting your student in his/her career development process and goals!

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