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MARCH 2021 PARENT NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Wofford campus. While things are still not normal on campus, it does appear that we are headed in a better direction. I know all of us are ready for more sunshine and warmer days. There is lots of good information in this month's newsletter. I hope you will find it informative. As always, feel free to send me your feedback and let me know how I can be of help.

Thom Henson '96

Director of Parent Engagement

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE TO LEVEL 2 GUIDELINES

We are excited to announce that effective at noon today (Monday, March 1), we are moving to **LEVEL 2** of the Community Wellness Guidelines. Prompted by low case counts and low positive rates in our surveillance testing, we now believe we can safely move to this new level. We congratulate all and thank those whose diligence makes this possible.

It is important to remember core safety protocols remain in effect at all levels of the guidelines. Wearing face masks, social distancing and proper hand washing are still our best defense against transmission of the virus. This becomes even more critical as gathering sizes get larger. Pick up KN95 masks at the post office to protect you and your friends even further.

We will continue to monitor case counts and test results from our campus surveillance testing. Your participation in the testing is necessary for us to measure positivity rates on campus. Please make sure you test when you are selected. We hope that we can remain at this level or lower, and we will continue to evaluate the levels on a weekly basis. Let's keep the momentum going and finish this spring in person and together.

What does **LEVEL 2** mean?

- 4-person maximum occupancy in traditional residence hall rooms.
- 8-person maximum occupancy in apartments.
- Only Wofford College residential students allowed in residence halls or apartments.
Guests are permitted on campus, but socialization with people from off campus is limited to outdoor or public spaces.
- The maximum number of people permitted on an apartment porch is 10.
Physical distancing and masks are required.
- Non-academic outdoor gatherings may not exceed 25 people without prior

approval from the Division of Campus Life and Student Development. Students or organizations wishing to host an event in-person must first receive approval. Submit event proposals [HERE](#).

- Participants from outside the college community are permitted at in-person events, given that they complete a symptom checker and provide current contact information to event organizers.
- Food and drinks should not be served at indoor events but may be permitted at outdoor events with prior approval from the appropriate college office(s).

Alcoholic beverages may be permitted to be possessed/consumed by students who are 21 years or older at student organizational events if organizers are granted permission from the Campus Life and Student Development staff.

LATEST COVID INFORMATION

Visit the following links for COVID-19 statistics, FAQs and wellness guidelines.

[Wofford.edu/coronavirus](https://www.wofford.edu/coronavirus)

[Wofford.edu/WoffordTogether](https://www.wofford.edu/WoffordTogether)

FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

If you haven't already done so, please read the release on the recent commitment to Wofford by Mr. Jerry Richardson.

<https://www.wofford.edu/about/news/news-archives/2021/richardson-gift>

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Verify that your degree requirements are complete or in-progress TODAY.

Log into DegreeWorks through myWofford and review your degree audit to ensure you are eligible to graduate. If you are graduating in May, all requirements should be noted as complete or in-progress (highlighted in blue). If you have any requirements that are noted as "still needed," you will NOT graduate. If you have a deficiency, but believe that you fulfilled the requirement, see your department chair immediately.

Record your name with NameCoach by April 15.

Link to record name: <https://www.name-coach.com/record/WOFFORD2021>. If you have questions or problems, please contact the Registrar's Office at registrar@wofford.edu or 864-597-4030. Recording your name will help the provost know how to correctly pronounce it at commencement.

Information about commencement will be forthcoming.

Information about commencement will be added to the commencement website, <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/commencement>, as it becomes available. Plans are still being made for the events that will take place on May 15 and 16, 2021.

Midterm grades are now available for viewing through the student's portal of myWofford.

Fall 2021 registration is March 16-19.

Registration for fall 2021 will be held March 16-19. Students should check their registration information found in myWofford, where they can see their registration day/time and whether they have any holds that will hinder their registering. All holds must be cleared by the office that placed the hold before a student will be allowed to register.

Interim and fall drop/add will open at 7:30 a.m. on March 23.

The last day to drop/add an Interim through myWofford will be Friday, March 26. If a student chooses to drop/add after that date, they must do so through the Registrar's Office. Drop/add for the fall will remain open until midnight on May 31.

Summer school schedule and registration.

Summer school registration and drop/add has opened. Students may register or drop/add for both terms of summer school, and drop/add will remain open until June 8 for the first term and until July 13 for the second term. Wofford's 2021 summer schedule is available and can be found at

<https://webs.wofford.edu/webdocs/courseSchedule202106.pdf>. Summer is a great time for students to get ahead in their studies, complete general education requirements or improve their GPA. More detailed information about the schedule, tuition and fees, housing, etc., can be found at

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/summer-school>.

FROM THE OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

2021-2022 reservation deposits.

As a reminder, students wishing to participate in the housing assignment process for the upcoming academic year should ensure their \$500 reservation deposit is paid by March 15.

Spring break hall closing information.

Residence halls and apartments will close for spring break at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 9. Students will not be permitted to return to residence halls until they reopen at noon on Sunday, April 18. Students with extenuating circumstances will be able to request a late check-out or early return. More information will be sent to students through email.

Summer hall closing.

Residence halls and apartments will close for the summer at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13. All students except graduating seniors must check-out by that time. Specific information about the check-out process will be sent directly to students through email in April.

FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Wofford travel grants.

Students planning on participating in a summer or fall 2021 study abroad program are encouraged to apply for a Wofford travel grant. Completed applications are due at 11:59 p.m. on March 14. Financial need and academic merit are the principle considerations in awarding these grants. To learn more and to apply, visit <https://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=travelgrant>.

Interim 2022 travel/study projects.

The list of available travel/study programs from interim 2022 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.

International Programs Coronavirus FAQ page.

View frequently asked questions on Wofford's response to the coronavirus at <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/international-programs/coronavirus-faqs> and stay tuned for more information on scheduled town halls during the spring semester about the developing impact of COVID-19 on study abroad.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Special program offered for seniors and juniors.

The Career Center has partnered with **Z1 CareerZone** to provide a month-long intensive career preparation program during Interim (April 17-May 14). This program will focus on five “zones” of career preparation: personal and professional assessments, the hiring process, resume and LinkedIn profile, personal and professional branding, and interview preparation. This program is planned to meet twice a week – one meeting to discuss the week's assignments from Z1 CareerZone and the second meeting with a member of the Wofford community. Students should be willing to commit to at least 2.5 hours of class time and 4-5 hours of prep per week.

This unique program has the generous support of Wofford alumni and the college and will be offered at a heavily discounted price of \$150 per student. Preference will be given to seniors and juniors. Full scholarships are available, and students are encouraged to reach out to **Curt McPhail** with questions or concerns.

Students can reserve a spot in the program **HERE**.

To learn more about Z1 CareerZone, watch **this video**.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA deadline approaching.

The FAFSA priority deadline for returning students is quickly approaching. If you haven't already, be sure to have the FAFSA submitted by March 15, 2021 to

ensure your child receives all of the financial aid that they are eligible for. If you're unsure whether or not you need to file, feel free to contact our office. Generally speaking, a FAFSA must be filed each year to receive all types of need based aid, including federal loans, federal and state grants, and the Wofford College grant.

Financial aid packages for 2021-2022.

As a reminder, financial aid packages for returning students will become available after spring and Interim grades have been posted. We aim to have these available in early June. Your student will receive an email when they can view their financial aid offers on BannerWeb.

Financial aid is on BannerWeb.

Have you checked it out? Make sure your child has granted you proxy access and expanded your permissions to include financial aid. For instructions on how to create and manage a proxy account, visit the [proxy access webpage](#).

FROM THE OFFICE OF DONOR RELATIONS

Parent giving is an indicator to foundations and other charitable groups of the health of an institution. Please find the 2020 honor roll of parent giving attached to this email. Thank you to all parents who made a gift last year. It makes an impact and is appreciated.

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