DECEMBER 2019 PARENT NEWSLETTER

It’s hard to believe the fall semester is almost over. Enjoy having your student home soon. This newsletter contains some pertinent info about residence hall closings for winter break, the new myMentor program and much more, including a holiday cocktail recipe from the Samhats. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. As always, please let me know if I can do anything for you.

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FROM THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

- Interim 2020 drop/add is open until Dec. 6. That will be the final day to add/drop an Interim course through Banner. After that date, students must make changes in the Registrar’s Office and are responsible for the costs of both the added and dropped Interim.
- Spring 2020 drop/add is open and will remain open until Dec. 31.
- The last day of class is Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. Final exams will begin on Monday, Dec. 9 and end on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019.
- Final grades are due on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 and will be available for viewing through the student’s portal of myWofford on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at noon.

FROM THE WELLNESS CENTER

This fall, the college revised its tobacco/smoking products policy. The new policy will have the college going tobacco/vape free as of the fall of 2020. We will have designated tobacco areas on campus this fall and spring as a way to help students and visitors transition to a nonsmoking environment. Hopefully they will stop smoking. The Wellness Center is offering cessation assistance as well. AVI, Wofford’s culinary services partner, already has implemented a tobacco-free policy for their employees. Please see the attached new tobacco/smoking products policy for more details.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Rental books are due by Friday, Dec. 13. The Wofford Bookstore also buys back books for cash.

The Bookstore will observe normal store hours through Saturday, Dec. 21 for all of holiday shoppers. The bookstore will be closed for the holidays from Sunday, Dec. 22 through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
The application deadline for summer/fall 2020 study abroad programs is March 1, 2020. Students interested in studying or interning abroad next summer or fall should schedule a 30-minute advising appointment with an international programs advisor by visiting here.

**OFFICIAL 2019 HOLIDAY DRINK OF THE SAMHATS**

Nayef and Prema Samhat are offering a special toast this holiday season. Use cranberry juice, blueberries, a dash of sugar and vodka (optional) to make your own ice cubes. Place ice cube in a flute and pour a sparkling wine of your choice (champagne, cava, prosecco, etc.) Happy Holidays! Enjoy!

**FROM THE SPACE**

The Wofford College Alumni Association and The Space have launched myMentor, an online mentoring program for students. Students should email Curt McPhail at mcphailpc@wofford.edu for directions on how to create an account. It only takes about 30 minutes. Parents interested in signing up to mentor Wofford students should also contact McPhail.

**FROM RESIDENCE LIFE**

*Resident Assistant Job Opportunities*
Applications to join the 2020-21 RA staff will open in January. RAs receive a monthly stipend, regular professional development at no cost, guaranteed on-campus housing, early return and late stay privileges, and much more!

*Residence Hall Openings & Closings*
As we approach our holiday breaks and even look ahead to booking flights, trips and spring plans, the Office of Residence Life wants to remind everyone about our hall closing and opening schedule for the remainder of the academic year.

Winter Break - Residence halls will close at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. All students must check out of their residence halls by this time. Residence halls will reopen at noon on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

Spring Break – Halls will close for spring break at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 27 and will reopen at noon on Sunday, April 5.

End of the Year Closing – All students not graduating or participating in Commencement exercises must be checked out of their residence halls by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Closing at the end of the year requires that all rooms be emptied of furniture and personal belongings by the check-out date. Only students graduating and participating in Commencement are allowed to remain on campus after the check-out date.

Graduating students and those participating with formal roles in Commencement exercises must check-out by 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 17.

Requesting Exemptions – Students may submit requests for a late check-out or early return to the Office of Residence Life. The form for these requests is sent to all students via email.

Shuttle Service – Students requiring transportation to or from area airports can find information on a local shuttle service here.
For more information, please contact Seth Flanagan, residence life coordinator, at flanagans@wofford.edu.