

# A Diversifying College

**1,770**  
undergraduates



38 states



19 countries



23 faith traditions

**11:1** student-to-faculty ratio.

**79** majors, minors or programs.

**80%** four-year graduation rate.

**98%** positive career outcomes.

**96%** live on campus all four years.

**14%** first-generation students.

**16%** Pell-eligible.

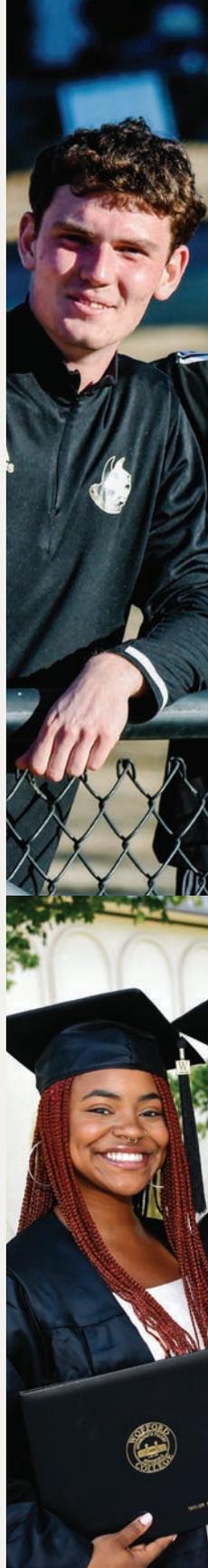
**52%**  
women

**48%**  
men

## Profile of degree-seeking students (Fall 2021)

American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.3%
Asian	2.0%
Black or African American	7.4%
Hispanic	5.6%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.1%
International	0.9%
Two or more races	3.6%
Unknown	0.1%
White	80.0%

Total 100.0%





## A Diversifying Community

Spartanburg's diversity often surprises first-time visitors.

- Wofford is proud to be located inside the City of Spartanburg, where 48% of residents are Black. The city is a leader in South Carolina and the region for racial equity, unanimously passing a 2020 resolution that acknowledged and apologized for past policy decisions that negatively and disproportionately impacted communities of color, and being the state's first municipality to join the national Government Alliance on Racial Equity.
- Spartanburg is South Carolina's fifth-most populous county, with about 330,000 residents. The county's fastest-growing populations are non-white Hispanics and Asians (up 66% and 44%, respectively, in 2020, from 2010).
- Spartanburg is home to more than 111 international companies, including BMW's only North American manufacturing plant.
- Spartanburg has more than 70 houses of worship, including Buddhist and Hindu temples, a masjid, a synagogue and a wide array of Christian churches and ministries.
- More than 10,000 college and university students matriculate through one of Spartanburg's seven institutions of higher education each year. If there is a college experience you can't find at Wofford, you can no doubt find it through relationships at Converse University, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Sherman College of Chiropractic, Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg Methodist College or the University of South Carolina Upstate.

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# Facing Forward:

DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY  
AT WOFFORD COLLEGE

“Not everything that is faced can be changed,  
but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

JAMES BALDWIN

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When Wofford College opened in 1854, its student body consisted of seven white, male South Carolinians.

Today, Wofford is the most diverse that it has ever been, thanks to the trailblazing students of the 1960s and 1970s, and to the increasingly diverse students who decide to pursue a Wofford education each year. From one Black student in 1964, the college is now home to nearly 1,800 students from all over the world — students representing various abilities, ethnic and racial backgrounds, genders and gender identities, faith traditions and regional and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Still, we realize there's more to do.

Increasing the number of students from traditionally underrepresented populations on campus is important, and the college is committed to guaranteeing that all Wofford students are able to take advantage of everything Wofford has to offer. Thanks to a transformational gift from Jerry Richardson (Wofford Class of 1959) and the generosity of other donors, the college has unprecedented need-based resources to support career exploration, internships, study abroad and undergraduate research. If you can dream it, Wofford College wants to help you achieve it.

This brochure offers a taste of what Wofford and Spartanburg have to offer. We invite you to visit us on campus!

## So, what can you expect from a Wofford education?



### Isaiah Franco

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Isaiah was one of 14 U.S. college students selected for a Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship. He's also been a student leader in equity, diversity and inclusion and an international programs global ambassador.

## Experiential Learning

Located in the Michael S. Brown Village Center, the Mungo Exchange is the hub of the college's high-impact, experiential learning opportunities for students.

- Intern or boost your professional skills through the **CAREER CENTER**.
- Combine learning and service through **COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING**.
- Study abroad with **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**.
- Conduct research alone or with a faculty mentor through **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**.

## Opportunities to Get Involved

Wofford offers nearly **100 student organizations** with opportunities to get involved and make friends. There are departmental clubs, music ensembles, interfaith and faith-based organizations and special interest groups. The college also offers a variety of Diversity Council organizations, including the Association of Multicultural Students, Amnesty International, the Black Student Alliance, LGBTerriers, Organization of Latin American Students, the Wofford Anti-Racism Coalition, Wofford Asian and Pacific Islanders, Wofford Men of Color and Wofford Women of Color.



## Outstanding Scholarship Opportunities

95% of Wofford students receive some type of financial aid with \$35,000 in average aid. Some examples include:

**Wofford Scholars:** The college's largest merit-based scholarship program. Wofford Scholars rank in the top 10% of their class and have an SAT/PSAT of 1300 or a 28 on the ACT/PLAN. Awards range from \$60,000 to \$250,000 over a four-year period.

**GOLD Scholarships:** Growing Our Leadership through Diversity (GOLD) scholarships are awarded to incoming first-year students from historically underrepresented populations who have exhibited strong academic achievement, leadership, civic engagement and the potential to contribute to the Wofford community and beyond. GOLD awards can be combined with other scholarships and are valued at \$5,000 per year.

**First-Generation Scholars:** Nearly 15% of Wofford students are the first in their families to attend college, so we place special emphasis on supporting first-generation college students. Each year, the college awards 20 first-generation scholarships valued at \$25,000 per year.

**Bonner Scholars:** The Bonner Scholar program was founded on the premise that young people care about others and, when given the opportunity, will become active and involved in the local community. The program welcomes a new group of 15 students each year. Bonners build community partnerships, create sustainable programming and impact some of Spartanburg's most pressing injustices. Along with receiving substantial scholarship assistance, being a Bonner at Wofford is an opportunity for self-exploration, community engagement and integrative learning.

**Gateway Scholars:** The Gateway Scholars Program was created to help ease the transition into academic life at Wofford for first-generation or DACA-protected students with demonstrated financial need. A small group of newly admitted first-year students is invited to participate each summer. Students completing the Gateway program are provided with a MacBook Air to use during their time at Wofford.

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## Support

The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion partners with various campus offices to create an accessible, equitable campus community. OEDI offers annual cultural and educational programming. The Title IX office, which is part of OEDI, investigates all allegations of discrimination and harassment. Title IX also provides supportive measures for those who have experienced discriminatory behavior and gender-based misconduct.

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The Office of Student Success supports Wofford students' academic and personal successes. In addition to offering advising resources, Student Success also supports a laptop loaner program and the Terrier Supply Closet, which offers essential items, ranging from non-perishable food to hygiene products, to students who feel they need assistance.

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