

Diversity & Inclusion

AT WOFFORD

“Education includes encounters with people and experiences that push us beyond our levels of comfort and knowledge, and we must commit ourselves to embracing those differences, learning to respect all people and finding common ground.”

Dr. Nayef Samhat, president of Wofford College



Where
thought
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Wofford College celebrates
diversity of all kinds and is
following a strategic enrollment
plan that focuses on
improving academic quality,
diversity and retention.

We seek to recruit individuals
underrepresented in
higher education, and we
offer programs
and resources to help

**STUDENTS MAKE
THE MOST OF THEIR
COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.**



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COLLEGE PROFILE

1,773 students
from **37 STATES** and **18 COUNTRIES**
representing **24 FAITH PERSPECTIVES.**



15%
FIRST
GENERATION

17%
PELL
ELIGIBLE

21%
MULTICULTURAL



8%
BLACK

5%
HISPANIC

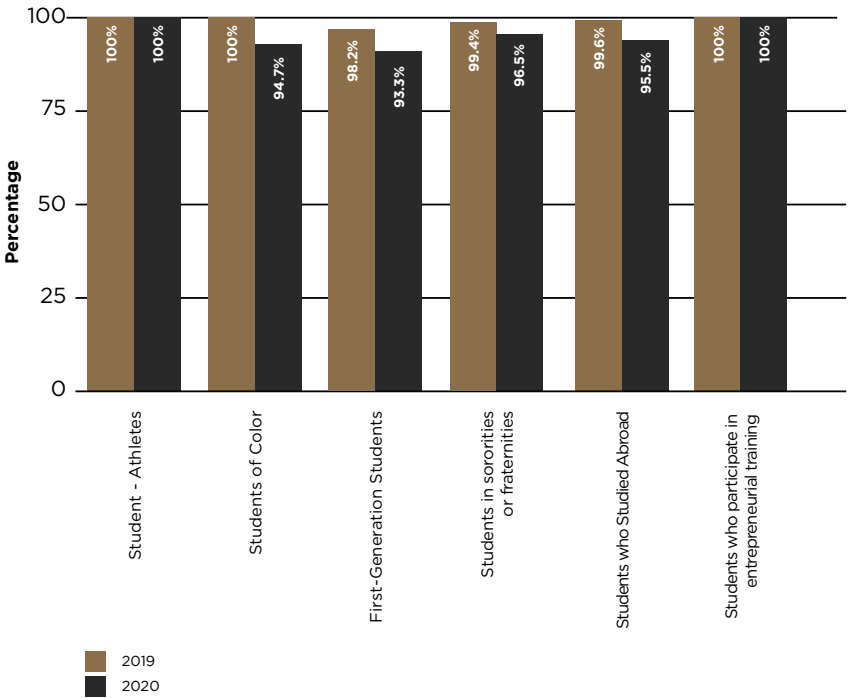
2%
ASIAN

6%
INTERNATIONAL/OTHER

Career Outcome RATES

Career outcome rates reflect the percentage of graduates who are working, in graduate school or are pursuing other career paths. For students of color at Wofford, this rate averaged more than 97% over the past two years.

There are more than 4,000 institutions of higher education in the United States, including about 500 liberal arts colleges. Wofford is nationally ranked in several categories and is No. 99 in U.S. News & World Report's social mobility ranking, which is based on how well institutions graduate students receiving Pell Grants. The grants are typically given to students from households with annual incomes of less than \$50,000.



Student ORGANIZATIONS

Wofford has more than 100 student organizations that focus on a wide range of academic, social, cultural, religious, honorary, professional and recreational interests. All students have access to these organizations as well as the ability to create their own if they feel they are not being represented. Here is a sample of student organizations at Wofford that focus on inclusion.

“For students to really thrive, they have to feel accepted, they have to feel secure, **THEY HAVE TO FEEL SOCIALLY CONNECTED TO WOFFORD,** and I think having different supportive programs is a great thing for Wofford in helping all students feel connected.”

*Matthew Hammett,
assistant dean
of students for
student involvement*

Association of Multicultural Students
Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Black Student Alliance
Buddhist Student Association
College Democrats
College Republicans
Hillel Jewish Student Organization
Interfaith Young Adults
Kappa Alpha Psi
Minorities in Action
Muslim Student Association
Newman Club (Catholic)
Omega Psi Phi
Organization of Latin American Students
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
LGBTerriers (LGBTQ and ally organization)
UKirk (Presbyterian)
Wofford Anti-Racism Coalition
Wofford Asian and Pacific Islanders
Wofford Men of Color
Wofford Wesley (Methodists)
Wofford Women of Color



SCHOLARSHIPS

WOFFORD OFFERS MANY MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS. A FEW EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

GOLD

[GOLD \(Growing Our Leadership through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion\) Scholarship](#) is valued at \$5,000 a year and stackable with additional aid.

FIRST-GENERATION SCHOLARS

Nearly 15% of Wofford students are the first in their family to attend college. Each incoming class is guaranteed 20 first-generation scholarships valued at \$25,000 each year of attendance.

BONNER SCHOLARS

Wofford Bonner Scholars take a strong leadership role in the Spartanburg and college communities: tutoring children, teaching those with physical disabilities to swim, running after-school programs and much more. The scholars participate in community service in exchange for their scholarships. More about [Bonner Scholars](#).

STUDY ABROAD

Wofford and many of its study abroad partners offer merit-based, need-based and diversity-related scholarships.

For more information: www.wofford.edu/academics/international-programs/scholarship-opportunities

International PROGRAMS

Wofford is #9 in the nation for the percentage of students who study abroad for academic credit. Students have studied abroad in more than 70 countries on all seven continents. Wofford's generous financial aid transfer policy permits merit and need-based aid to transfer from the college to a Wofford-approved study abroad program for one semester. A number of scholarship and grant programs are available for study abroad opportunities.



THE OFFICE OF Diversity & Inclusion

Events and Programming

Wofford offers diversity awareness programming to the campus community. These programs come in a variety of forms and open a dialogue about different cultures, ideas, people and experiences.

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DIVERSITY TRAINING

Through diversity training, participants engage in self-exploration and reflection of personal attitudes, beliefs and assumptions regarding diversity and equality. Students are led to recognize their identities and to explore what it means to be racially proficient as well as to understand the importance of cultural competencies and racial proficiency as a leader and member of the Wofford community. Training sessions are offered to students periodically and may be requested for student organizations.

MEADORS MULTICULTURAL HOUSE

The Stewart H. Johnson Greek Village is home to a variety of fraternities and sororities as well as Wofford's multicultural house. Twenty percent of Wofford students identify as multicultural, and this house serves as a home base for students and graduates of color. The house includes offices for the National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities and fraternities.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

During September and October, Wofford celebrates the contributions and presence of Hispanic and Latino/a Americans in the United States as well as Hispanic heritage and culture.

HOMECOMING COOKOUT TAILGATE

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, along with the Association of Multicultural Students and the Black Alumni Association, sponsors a tailgate to celebrate Wofford's Homecoming and to promote unity among the student body. This is an opportunity for students to network with alumni and make new friends. Attendees enjoy great food and music.

CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Each January we commemorate the great civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The college sponsors a number of events that include service learning, social justice education and gatherings with the goal of creating unity within the Wofford and greater Spartanburg communities.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

During February we celebrate Black History Month with a series of events planned by students, faculty and staff. Past events have included a film series, literary salon and Black History trivia night.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

March is dedicated to educating the campus community about the contributions of women throughout history. A planning committee composed of students, faculty and staff leads the planning of events and programming surrounding Women's history Month.



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Through a collaborative partnership of students, faculty and the Office of Campus Life and Student Development, the college sponsors programming throughout April to raise awareness of the issue of sexual assault.

MULTICULTURAL SENIOR BANQUET

Multicultural seniors are recognized for their academic achievements, community service and leadership during their time at Wofford.

ASIAN, ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed at the college in April, a month before the federally recognized national Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Wofford and greater Spartanburg communities celebrate culture while investigating issues that have and continue to impact the Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

LGBT HISTORY MONTH

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion celebrates and observes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history and the history of the gay rights and civil rights movements in October. The college's celebration also includes National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 to celebrate people who have "come out" as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or an ally.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HERITAGE MONTH

Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month is observed each November by recognizing the rich, diverse cultures, traditions and histories of indigenous peoples while also examining contemporary issues impacting the community. Students, faculty and staff who identify as first peoples, indigenous, native and/or first citizens are invited to lead and coordinate events of interest during the month.

ANTIRACISM CHALLENGE

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion launched its ODI Antiracism 101 Challenge during the 2020-2021 academic year to support student organizations and athletics teams' in their commitment to becoming more equity-minded and antiracist. Participants followed a year-long curriculum that included a mentoring component.

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