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Greeks find ways to stay connected

You don't pledge to a sorority or fraternity for social distancing. But that's what Greeks have been forced to do during the COVID-19 pandemic and many are finding ways to stay connected.

Zoom calls, group chats and "paper chapters" are some of the ways Wofford College's sororities and fraternities are continuing philanthropic activity, professional development and social activities.

A few weeks ago, Erin Mancini '21, president of Wofford's chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, and other Greek campus leaders learned about the need to halt hosting social functions. It was the same day Kappa Alpha Theta had an event scheduled.

"People were frustrated at the beginning," says Mancini, who is home in Knoxville, Tennessee. "Events were canceled, and everyone was upset and angry, and no one really realized the severity of this."

Now, Kappa Alpha Theta sisters are sharing their daily schedules while encouraging each other to stay home to reduce the likelihood of getting sick or spreading illness. They also are staying on top of sorority obligations with virtual meetings.

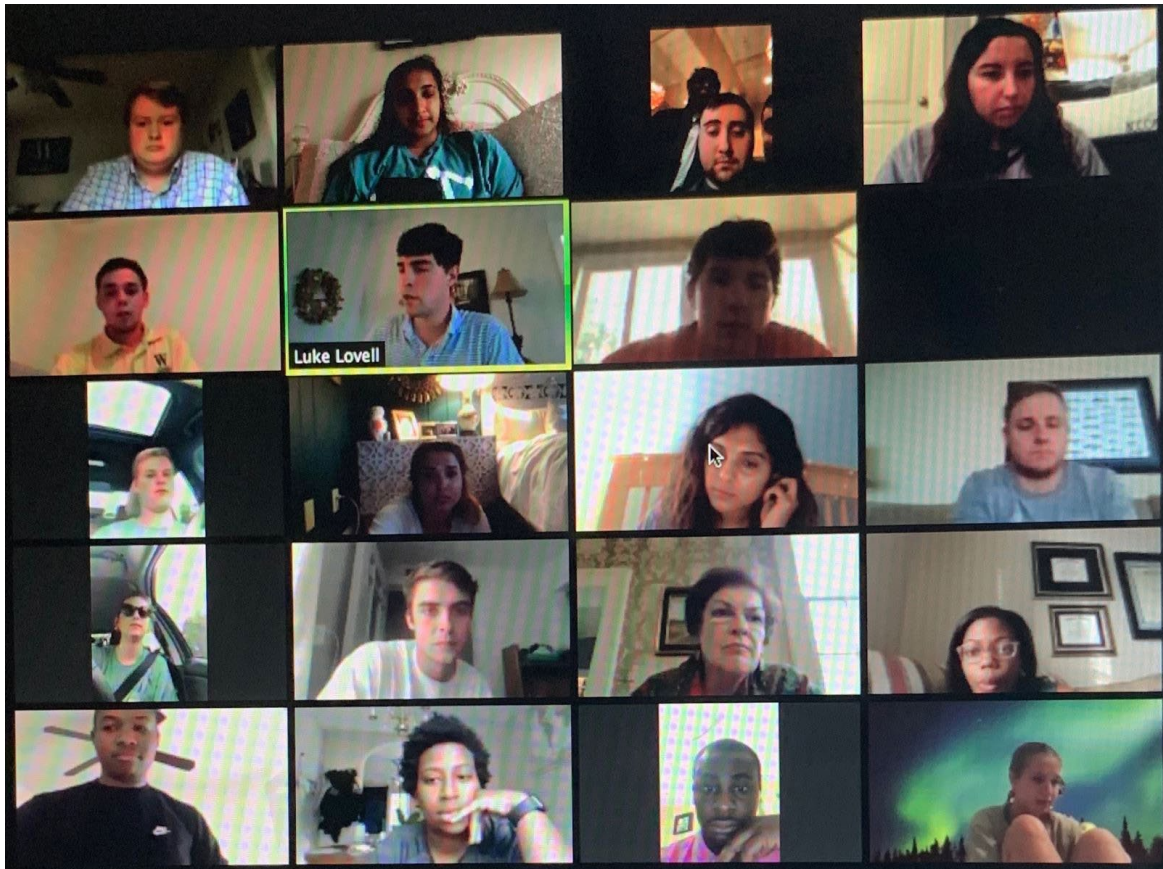
"It's given us an opportunity to talk about what's important to us that

we need to continue to do," says Mancini.

Kappa Alpha Theta still is planning educational events that involve inviting speakers to discuss information to help in careers and personal finance via Zoom or a recorded video. They're also considering yoga and baking sessions through a Zoom call.

However, there's no desire to make this the new normal.

"We'll probably try to plan some sort of reunion," Mancini says. It's fun to think about because it seems so far away right now."



Campus Union meets via Zoom

By Zainab Bhagat '20, Campus Union senior delegate

As we try to navigate these unprecedented times, we have found that staying connected despite being socially distanced is key! We, as a Campus Union, got together via Zoom to conduct business as normally as possible.

We passed a resolution during our Zoom chat and discussed the upcoming elections. Though this is not how we would have wanted to meet, it was nice to have a sense of normalcy on a Monday night.

As always, the Wofford College Campus Union is dedicated to representing and addressing student concerns, even if we have to come up with creative ways to do it!



Rostick volunteers to help

Solana Rostick '23 has joined the ranks of essential personnel back home in Tampa, Florida. The first-year student and Bonner Scholar is delivering Meals on Wheels (a week's worth of frozen meals at a time to limit contact with the nonprofit organization's high-risk clients).

How to help Wofford students right now

The Terrier family, like many across our nation, is experiencing an unprecedented moment in history as the situation involving COVID-19 evolves. As you can imagine, this can be a stressful time for students. Some incurred unexpected

travel expenses. Some are without a job that they depended on for income. Others are finding technology a barrier. Still others live with food insecurity when they're back home. The college has received an outpouring of offers to support students in this time of need. Wofford already has a fund — **OneWofford** — that is used for just such emergencies.

Making a **gift to OneWofford** is one way to help, but there are others as well:

- If you have a part-time job or paid internship experience through your company, especially something a student could do remotely, please contact the **Career Center** at Wofford College. The Class of 2020 also is looking for employment. Keep our bright Terriers in mind!
- Also, if you're willing to serve as a professional mentor for a Wofford student, visit **Wofford.firsthand.co** and select "Give Advice" to begin the registration process.

If you have other ideas for how you can contribute to student success, contact **alumni@wofford.edu**.

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