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Wofford friends (above, before social distancing) spread cheer to ER staff

The emergency room staff at Beaufort Memorial Hospital dined well recently: Caesar salad; chicken marsala; red wine braised pork shoulder; linguine with butter, herbs and parmesan; sautéed mixed vegetables; garlic bread and chocolate chip cookies. The meal was a gift from four Wofford friends that started when Kristi Link Keith '89 saw a Facebook post from a couple who was enjoying a take-out meal from Ribaut Social Club, the restaurant in Anchorage 1770, a bed and breakfast owned by Frank '89 and Amy Barwick Lesesne '89 in Beaufort, South Carolina. The inn has been closed for over a month because of stay-at-home orders, but the restaurant remains open for curbside take-out.

"The meals Chef Daniel makes are delicious. I mean really delicious! They are the kind of meals that not only feed the body, but they feed the soul as well. If ever we needed to feed body AND soul, it's right now," says Keith. She texted Juli-Ann Lee Morgan '89 and Amy Jones Brown '89 to see if they wanted to join her in sponsoring meals for COVID-19 front-line workers while also supporting their Wofford friends whose business has been hit by social-distancing mandates. "Without hesitation and in literally seconds, the two of them sent money to me via Venmo."

Keith sent the gift to Frank asking him to select the recipient and prepare a great meal for them. Once the Lesesnes became involved, Keith says their humble gift turned into a "loaves and fishes story" that fed 50 people.

"Frank and I along with our chef had been talking about serving dinner to the ER staff but hadn't yet," says Amy. The gift was the catalyst. When she and her daughter Cece Lesesne delivered the meals, they could see smiling eyes above the masks.

"Wofford friends are the BEST friends and know exactly what to do," says Amy. "Good cheer goes a long way, especially in these times!"

Register for the April 30 State of the College Virtual Town Hall event for alumni and friends

Wofford College will hold a virtual town hall for alumni and friends this Thursday at 4 p.m. to answer questions related to how the college is responding to COVID-19. Questions may be submitted prior to the event by emailing WoffordNews@wofford.edu. Questions posed during the event will be answered via chat, although questions not previously covered may be fielded live after pre-submitted questions have been answered.

To watch the live town hall event, please **register in advance**. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with an invitation to join. President Nayef Samhat and members of his cabinet will serve as panelists. The live town hall will last a minimum of 30 minutes. A recording and transcript of the event will be available at Wofford.edu/coronavirus.

Could your business use help from a Terrier?

The Career Center is partnering with Parker Dewey, which is considered the pioneer and leading provider of micro-internships. Through micro-internships, students can provide you with immediate support on professional tasks, while allowing them to demonstrate their skills, explore career paths and develop their professional networks. These paid opportunities typically require five to 40 hours of work by the student, and the projects are similar to those completed during a typical internship. These experiences give students an opportunity to gain experience while building a solid resume. If you or your employer would like to participate, email Rebecca Parker, parkerrm@wofford.edu.

Student resources

The semester is winding down. Finishing strong may mean knowing where to go if you need support. **Click here** for a list of resources that can help with everything from technology and mental and physical health to financial hardship.

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