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Special Delivery



Drake Ives '22 made the most of her semester project for her ethnography class.

She used it as a fundraiser for Ruth's Gleanings, a Spartanburg nonprofit whose mission is to increase access to fresh, healthy foods.

She used it to support Big Leagues Ball Club, a one-on-one coaching business for young athletes, that she started with Rivers Clarke '21, an English and studio arts major from Columbia, South Carolina.

And on Wednesday, she used it to reward the people who kept the Wofford campus open and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I thought how great would it be if we all lived like we were on a team together," says Ives, a business economics major from Sumter, South Carolina. "That's what this project did. It brought together two different things to work together, and it was really beneficial."

Through Big Leagues Ball Club, Ives purchased 95 boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables from Ruth's Gleanings. The boxes contain about 15 pounds of food. She also got Campus Union involved and Ruth's Gleanings profits will be used toward its goal of purchasing a refrigerated food truck.

Ives laid the groundwork for the project while studying remotely during the spring semester.

"I like face-to-face interaction," she says. "This helped me learn how to communicate well over email."

On Wednesday, Ives and a handful of volunteers delivered the boxes – packed with lettuce, potatoes, corn, strawberries and other items – to Wofford's COVID heroes on behalf of the entire student body. The majority of boxes went to Facilities staff, with the remainder

going to Campus Safety and the Wellness Center.

"This is such a nice gesture," says Ricky Shehan, the office manager for Facilities. "That's the thing about Wofford overall, we get so much support from students and their families."

Campus Safety Director Randy Hall looked on as Ives and her crew stacked boxes in his department.

"This is absolutely a nice surprise," Hall says. "It's very much appreciated."

Commencement Weekend 2021

The schedule has been set for Commencement Weekend 2021, May 14-16. [Find the complete schedule and details](#). The college will continue following COVID-19 guidelines and will provide graduates with four tickets each. A livestream of the Commencement ceremony will be broadcast through the college's website.

Wofford makes Princeton Review's Best Value Colleges list

Wofford College is once again being recognized for its return-on-investment (ROI) rating by The Princeton Review.

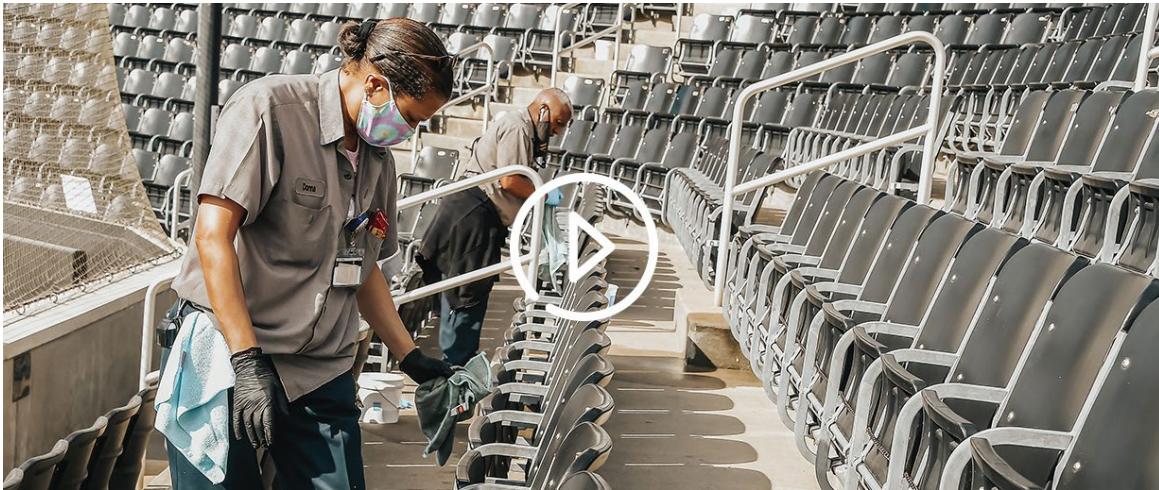
The college is among 200 institutions making The Princeton Review's Best Value Colleges for 2021. More than 650 colleges and universities were evaluated for the list.

"A ranking in a prestigious publication like The Princeton Review reinforces Wofford's commitment to providing an excellent education that is accessible and affordable," says Wofford President Nayef Samhat. "We continue to hold a place among some of the most highly regarded institutions in the country while focusing on issues that most concern families, including access, quality and graduation in four years."

Colleges are selected based on academics, affordability and career preparation.

[Read more.](#)

Appreciation for the Return to Campus Working Group



Wofford students, faculty and staff enjoyed most of the 2020-21 academic year on campus and an in-person Commencement Weekend is in sight with events scheduled May 14-16.

This is possible because of careful planning and adjustments over the past year by the college's 16-member Return to Campus Working Group. President Samhat and a few students expressed their appreciation for the group's work in the above video.

WOCO Film Festival

The WOCO Film Festival, which showcases student films, is scheduled for Thursday, April 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Students can submit films until Sunday, April 25. [Find details on submitting films and submission guidelines](#). All members of the campus community, alumni and friends of the college are invited to watch the virtual festival. [Register here to receive a link to watch](#). The event will include a discussion with a panel of judges (a producer, a screenwriter and a Wofford alum working in the industry) who will announce the following awards: Best Screenplay, Best Direction, Best Performance, Best Narrative Short and Best Documentary Short. The winners will receive cash prizes. Omar Elmore '21 is serving as the festiva's director.

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