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Commencement Recap



Wofford College Trustee Shawan Gillians '04 was the featured speaker during Commencement for the Class of 2021.

The college held its 167th Commencement this past weekend and celebrated 350 graduates joining Wofford's alumni association. Throughout the weekend, President Nayef Samhat reflected on the campus community's ability to recognize graduates, faculty, staff and friends of the college in person during ceremonies and award presentations.

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Board Update



Earlier this week, President Nayef Samhat shared the update below with the campus community following the board's May meeting and Commencement.

Dear Wofford Community,

The weather was ideal for an enjoyable Commencement weekend. The Class of 2021 made us all proud with their resilience and commitment to our community during a difficult 15 months, and we know that they will continue to represent our college well as they make their way into the world beyond Wofford. I want to thank everyone who made the weekend a great success, from a beautiful campus to wonderful social events and all of the ceremonies celebrating academic success.

On May 6 and 7, the Board of Trustees met on campus for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and the meeting went very well. They approved a number of important replacement and renewal projects that will begin this summer including a new advanced chemistry lab, mechanical and roof repairs on several buildings, a resurface of the horseshoe area between Main Building and Evins Street, a resurface of the tennis courts, another phase of Marsh Hall and Mungo Student Center renovations, and the construction of a new softball field in preparation for recruitment and competition in that new sport.

The board also heard a report from the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee co-chairs. They now have the full report to review over the summer with plans for an August retreat to discuss the report and determine strategic initiatives moving forward.

We are looking forward to a fully in-person fall semester welcoming the Class of 2025. This highly selective and most diverse class (24% students of color) continues to strengthen the college's academic profile.

The board closed the \$300 million comprehensive For Wofford campaign with gifts over the past six years totaling more than \$470 million. Our endowment has grown to more than \$400

million, thanks to a recent \$150 million gift from Jerry Richardson '59, and we have five new buildings and 189 new scholarships to show for the effort. Many thanks to the staff, faculty, students, alumni, families and friends of the college who contributed.

Finally, we dedicated the state-of-the-art Chandler Center for Environmental Studies at the conclusion of the meeting.

Again, we will be fully in-person in the fall. Look for a message soon detailing additional expectations for the fall semester.

We made it through the year because of the effort by our students, faculty, staff and coaches to persevere, innovate and adapt to challenging circumstances. What a remarkable commitment to our college! Thanks to everyone for all you have done to make the 2020-2021 academic year a success!

Class of 2021



Wofford College awarded 364 Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees to 350 graduates during its 167th Commencement. See the complete list of graduates.

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Phi Beta Kappa



Forty Wofford College students and recent graduates were initiated as members-in-course during the college's Phi Beta Kappa ceremony on Friday, May 14.

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Wofford Soccer Day Camp

Wofford Soccer will be holding a Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 from June 10 to June 14. This summer camp is designed for players of all levels who want to learn and improve their fundamental soccer skills in a fun and encouraging environment. Players are given the opportunity to receive individual instruction from Wofford's Men's and Women's coaching staff and current players. Each day will be filled with a variety of activities to promote correct soccer technique including: small sided games, technical and ball mastery skill sessions, shooting drills etc. [Learn more and register.](#)

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