



## Family tradition



Chardonnay Durrah '23 is attending her dad's alma mater, and they will soon share U.S. Army experiences.

Chardonnay Durrah's days often consist of 5 a.m. physical fitness tests with the Wofford College Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), classwork and service with a couple of campus organizations.

Whenever she needs some words of encouragement or help keeping things in perspective while honing her leadership skills, her dad is just a phone call away.

Durrah '23 is a government major from Roebuck, South Carolina. Her father, Leroy Durrah '92, served 30 years in the U.S. Army before retiring in 2018 at the rank of master sergeant.

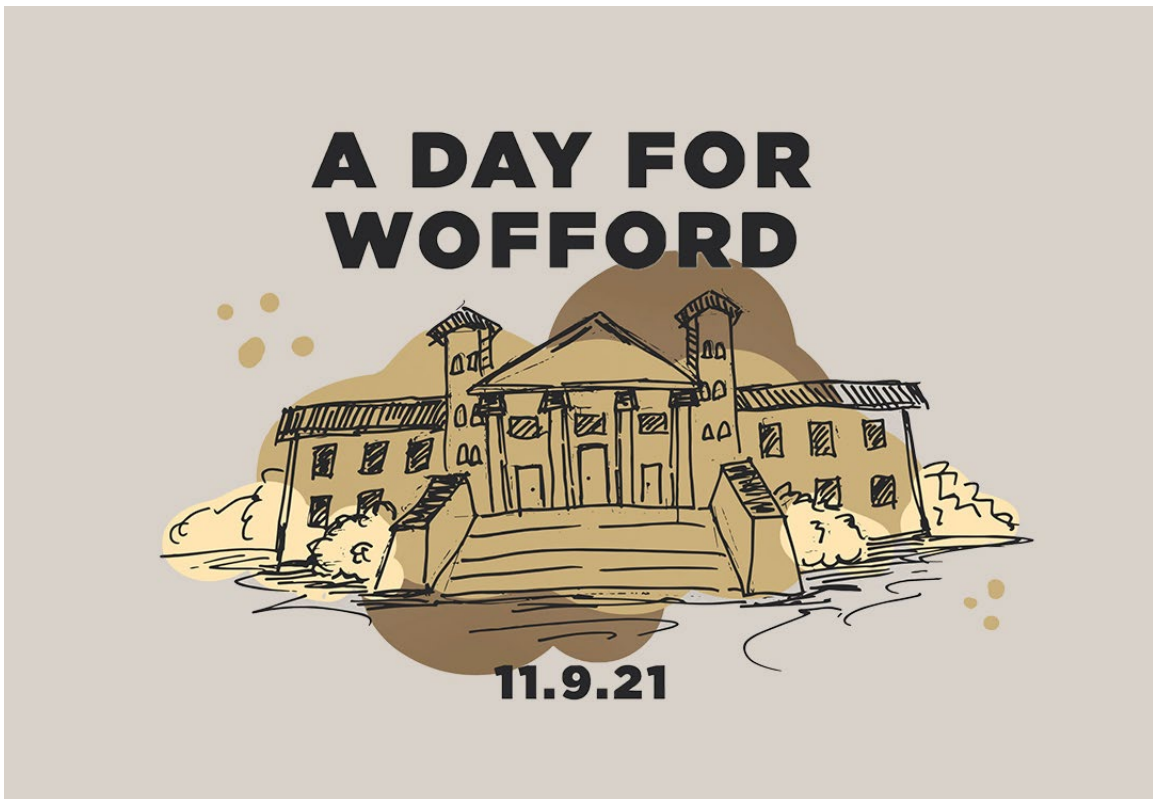
“He says all the time that he’s lived seven lifetimes, and he has the stories to back it up,” Durrah says.

Durrah took the U.S. Army oath at halftime of the college’s annual Salute to Service football game on Nov. 6. Leroy Durrah was in the stands thinking, “She’s one step closer to making the magic happen.”

Durrah would like to pursue a career as an Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG) officer.

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## A Day for Wofford



Terriers from everywhere came together for A Day for Wofford earlier this week. Here’s a breakdown of the day’s success:

- 941 people made a gift to the college.
- \$572,978 was the total contributed.
- 447 alumni made gifts.
- 310 parents gave.
- 69 faculty and staff contributed.

There’s still time to give. Visit [Wofford.edu/give](https://www.wofford.edu/give) to support student success at Wofford College.

Find more information about A Day for Wofford and how you can continue to contribute.

## Wofford recognized for high voter participation



Woods Wooten '23, Sadie Fink '21 and Jurnee Jones '21 shared doughnuts with voters standing in long lines in 2020 to encourage them to stay the course.

Wofford College's students have been recognized for having high voter participation through the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. The college received the nonprofit's gold seal, its highest recognition earned by a member of the Southern Conference.

According to the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE), 66% of college students voted in the 2020 elections, a 14% increase from 2016.

Wofford's campus voting rate was 75.5%, which was an increase of 25.4% from the 2016 election. Wofford's percentage of students registered to vote was 93% in 2020, which was more than 10 points higher than in 2016. The college also had 80.8% of its eligible students vote in 2020, which was 20 points higher than 2016.

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## Ground broken for new plaza that will include Wofford College Bookstore



Interim Provost Dr. Tim Schmitz delivered remarks on behalf of the college at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new plaza that will be home for the Wofford College Bookstore.

The Wofford College Bookstore will soon have a new home in The Hub, a shopping plaza that will include restaurants, retail and gathering spaces.

The college participated in a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 10, for the 16,699-square-foot shopping center that will be located at 578 N. Church St.

“The Hub is an exciting development that will complement revitalization efforts for the city’s Northside and Wofford’s continued integration across Church Street into the Northside community,” said Dr. Tim Schmitz, Wofford’s interim provost, who has overseen a 2015 grant from the Romill Foundation for the Milliken Sustainability Initiative to support the college’s involvement in the neighborhood.

The Hub is expected to be complete by summer 2022.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Terrier StartUP Challenge



Students competing in the 2019 Terrier StartUP Challenge pitch their business concepts to the competition's judges. The sixth annual event takes place 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The Terrier StartUP Challenge will be live and in person for the first time in three years. It will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 in the McMillian Theatre. Nineteen student ventures will compete for their share of \$10,000 in start-up funding. Each venture will receive two minutes, 30 seconds to pitch their business before fielding a minute and 30 seconds of questions from judges.

This year's judges are John Bauknight '80, an entrepreneur and real estate developer; Marcos Gomez, founder and owner of Delfrio; Paul Clark, managing director with VentureSouth; and Lakesa Whitner, supportive services manager with the Northside Development Group.

A recording of the event will be uploaded to the college's YouTube channel.

## Southeastern Medieval Association Conference

Wofford is hosting the 2021 Southeastern Medieval Association Conference, which will be held today through Saturday, and it's going to be well represented with four presenters: Dr. Timothy Schmitz, professor of history and interim provost; Dr. Laine Doggett '88, professor of French and co-chair of the Department of International Languages and Cultures at St. Mary's

College of Maryland; Dr. Daniel Bennett '14, adjunct instructor of history and humanities at Wofford; and Sam English '22, an English major from Charleston, South Carolina.

Wofford is hosting the conference for the first time since 2007.

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