



## Interim 2022



The Science of Snagging Scoundrels: An Introduction to Forensic Science is one of 95 courses being offered during Interim 2022 at Wofford College. The course is focusing on the scientific evaluation of evidence in civil and criminal cases. Dr. Stefanie Baker, biology professor, is one of the course's instructors.

It's Interim at Wofford College, and that means Terriers are exploring, experimenting and trying new approaches. The college's original proposal for Interim recommended that it be a time to run risks "that cannot be run during the regular semester when the emphasis is different."

Wofford began offering an Interim in 1968. It's usually a four-week period between the fall and spring semesters that allows students and faculty to focus on a single topic. Students can participate in professional internships, including pre-law, pre-dentistry and time in clinical medical settings. There also are opportunities to intern on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Study abroad opportunities are popular during Interim. This year, 195 Wofford students registered for such programs. They're studying in Belize, the British Isles, the Arabian Peninsula, Bonaire, Germany, Spain, France, the Galapagos Islands, South Africa, Italy, the Czech Republic and Mexico.

"Interim allows our students to be challenged in environments that extend beyond the traditional classroom," says Dr. Tim Schmitz, Wofford's interim provost. "During Interim, our students problem-solve in the real world and have unique opportunities to develop both new skills and those typically associated with a college education."

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## MLK Day On at Wofford



The college's Martin Luther King Jr. Day On observances scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17 are being moved to Zoom or postponed because of an expectation of icy weather over the weekend. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 for "What's in a Name? History and Memory at Wofford College," moderated by Dr. Dwain Pruitt '95, chief equity officer, and featuring faculty from various departments and perspectives. Register for the Zoom webinar [HERE](#).

Then plan to attend The Beloved Community WoffordX Talks at 4 p.m., again on Monday, Jan. 17. Register for the Zoom webinar [HERE](#). Members of our community, including students, alumni and a professor emeritus, will give a series of talks based on the ideal of Dr. King's beloved community and how it applies to Wofford College.

These events are sponsored by Dr. George Tyson '72 and the Tyson Symposium on Race and Justice.

To view the schedule of complete observances in celebration of MLK Day On, visit [Wofford.edu/mlkdayon](http://Wofford.edu/mlkdayon).

## Beachams honored with Abernathy-White award



Internship fund established in honor of their service to the community

David M. and Cynthia C. Beacham are famous for saying yes. For more than 40 years, if the Spartanburg community asked, the Beachams answered in the affirmative — serving on boards, chairing committees, leading projects, volunteering, advocating and giving.

“They’re a power couple, and they’ve given 110% through service to more than 20 charitable organizations in our community,” said John White, attorney and managing partner of Harrison White PC, during the Abernathy-White Christmas Eve Annual Breakfast.

“Spartanburg is a better place because of their involvement, and it is our honor to recognize their contributions with the Abernathy-White Humanitarian Award.”

In addition to presenting the award, Harrison White contributed the lead gift toward the establishment of the David M. and Cynthia C. Beacham Endowed Internship Fund in the Beachams’ honor. The fund will give students with financial need the resources to say yes to career-enhancing and life-changing internship opportunities.

“Over the years, we have realized that internships are vitally important for college students,” said David Beacham. “They give students the opportunity to put their academic training to practical use, advancing their skills while discovering their professional passions and purpose. Cyndi and I have been fortunate to have found our passion and purpose in our work and in our engagement in the Spartanburg community. This fund will give future generations the same opportunity.”

David Beacham came to Spartanburg as a Wofford College student in the mid 1970s. He joined the college’s admission staff not long after graduation in 1977 and transitioned to advancement and senior leadership positions. He will retire from the college this summer as senior vice president for administration and secretary to the board of trustees after 45 years of service. His civic and nonprofit commitments have included First Presbyterian Church, the Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties, Partners for Active Living, the American Red Cross Piedmont Chapter, Habitat for Humanity, St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic and The Piedmont Club.

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