Meet the Class of 2026

Wofford College’s 168th year is underway. The Class of 2026, which has 508 students, signed the college’s honor code earlier this week and participated in the campus tradition of signing its class banner.

Wofford College has welcomed its largest incoming class ever as the Class of 2026 arrived on campus.

The class has 508 students who were selected from a record 4,427 applications received by the college. The class is the college’s most selective one ever.

The college also added 31 transfer students.

Find more details about the Class of 2026.
Office of Advancement is rebranded

Over the years, staff at Wofford charged with raising support for students and faculty have been asked what “advancement” or “development” means as part of the Office of Advancement or Office of Development. Those conversations take away from the important work of engaging alumni, parents and friends of the college and sharing the college’s needs and vision.

Words matter, so it's time to refocus those conversations on what's important. As of Sept. 1, 2022, we’re rebranding as the Office of Philanthropy + Engagement. With the new name, there will be no doubt that we’re 100% about raising support for students needs and engaging the Wofford community in the college’s mission.

The name change is just in time for a fall filled with opportunities to reconnect with the college and learn more about how you can make an impact for current and future Wofford students. I hope you’ll take a look at the alumni calendar and join us on campus this fall. The college calendar also has lots of events that are open to the greater Wofford community.

As part of the rebrand, you will see a new and improved web presence, more active social media and a slate of volunteer-driven events designed to help you connect your interests to the needs of the college. We’re going to be focusing on additional ways to connect students
to alumni, parents and friends, and we’re working to make giving and engagement more convenient and rewarding.

Please reach out if you have questions or ideas for the Office of Philanthropy + Engagement. We appreciate you, and we look forward to continuing our important work together!

Sincerely,

Calhoun L. Kennedy, Jr. ’89, P’16, P’17, P’19
Vice President for Philanthropy + Engagement

Now serving: Gluten-free entrepreneurship

Ben Sale ’25 is a computer science major and mathematics minor with a concentration in data science from Fort Mill, South Carolina, who started Bear Baking. He’s received advice from Stephan Baity, director of culinary operations for Wofford’s culinary partner AVI Foodsystems.

By Brandi Wylie ’24, student intern

Ben Sale ’25 says baking is a science. This summer, the kitchen was his lab.

Sale is a computer science major and mathematics minor with a concentration in data science from Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Growing up, Sale always had a sweet tooth and would experiment with different recipes. After becoming vegan and adopting a gluten-free diet within the past year, this sweet tooth was a bit more difficult to cure, so he got creative with the recipes he used.
New faculty

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See the complete list of new faculty.

The Resilience Project

The fourth volume of the Resilience Project is available. The project involves student researchers collecting stories from students, faculty, staff and alumni that focus on how individuals have faced adversity and responded with resilience. Project coordinators for Vol. 4 were Abby Landfried ’23, Olivia Weller ’24, Sam English ’22 and John Jeffrey ’22.

The book has artwork by 14 Wofford students or recent graduates. View the book.

Learn more about the Resilience Project in this recording of National Public Radio’s The Academic Minute.
Panoff recognized

Dr. Robert Panoff, adjunct instructor of computer science, is being recognized for his work in computer science.

Dr. Robert Panoff, adjunct instructor of computer science, is the first recipient of the Educational Award for Outstanding Contribution to Computational Science Education by the ACM SIGHPC chapter. He was recognized for his work assisting faculty with the integration of computational science in the undergraduate curriculum. He is widely known for developing Interactivate, a set of modeling tools to assist in the teaching of pre-college science and math. He also has received numerous National Science Foundation grants to provide workshops for faculty, K-12 teachers and students.

Panoff will receive a $2,000 honorarium and recognition at the SC22 meeting in Dallas, Texas, in November.

Terrier Club online auction

The Terrier Club’s online auction goes live beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6. Every dollar raised impacts the college’s more than 400 student-athletes by providing scholarship support to all of Wofford’s 20 athletics teams. You must register to bid on items. Register now and start browsing items that will be up for bid.