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## WOFFORD COLLEGE



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## Wofford climbs in U.S. News, WSJ rankings



Wofford college climbed to No. 59 on the U.S. News & World Report's 2024 list of national liberal arts colleges and is No. 1 on the Wall Street Journal's list of private liberal arts colleges in South Carolina.

Wofford College climbed 11 spots on the U.S. News & World Report's 2024 list of national liberal arts colleges. Now at No. 59, Wofford also gained seven spots to No. 51 on the list of best value schools and is No. 71 as a top performer in social mobility among national liberal arts colleges.

In addition, the college topped the Wall Street Journal's list of private liberal arts colleges in South Carolina and ranked in the top 25 among national liberal arts colleges. The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse 2024 ranking focused on student outcomes versus similar colleges (salary impact, resolution of debt and graduation rate), learning environment (opportunities, facilities, career preparation and student recommendations) and diversity (opportunities to interact with students from different backgrounds, including ethnic, socioeconomic, geographic and differences in abilities).

“Rankings are a measure of success. They validate what we know: The work of faculty and staff and the support of the Wofford alumni community are changing lives through our commitment to academic rigor, faculty-student mentoring and experiential learning,” says Wofford President Nayef Samhat.

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## Hipp Center to host former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland



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Former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland Ed McMullen will speak at Wofford College at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the Papadopoulos Room of the Papadopoulos Building. A reception will follow.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

McMullen will discuss “21st Century Diplomacy: An Ambassador’s Perspective.” He will take questions following the speech.

McMullen’s visit is part of the college’s Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security, established and funded by Van Hipp ’82, chairman of American Defense International Inc.

“Ambassador McMullen was one of our nation’s most effective ambassadors,” says Hipp. “He did much to strengthen economic ties between the United States and Switzerland, which resulted in increased Swiss investment in America and increased opportunities for American companies overseas.”

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## Alumni Association diversity forum



Nathan Madigan '08, Wofford's Alumni Association president, moderated the “Focus on Wofford: Diversity and Diversity Initiatives” forum on Sept. 13.

The Wofford College Alumni Association, in partnership with the Office for Civil Rights, Compliance and Community Initiatives, held a “Focus on Wofford: Diversity and Diversity Initiatives” forum on Sept. 13. Nathan Madigan '08, Wofford's Alumni Association president, moderated. The event included reports and a question-and-answer session with Enrollment, Marketing and Communications, the Office of the Provost and the Office for Civil Rights, Compliance and Community Initiatives. The forum was part of the Alumni Association's commitment to increasing communication between the college and alumni.

Watch the full video [HERE](#).

## Quattlebaum delivers Constitution Day lecture



Judge Marvin Quattlebaum Jr. delivered this year's Linton R. Dunson Constitution Day Lecture.

Judge Marvin Quattlebaum Jr., who sits on the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, delivered this year's Linton R. Dunson Constitution Day Lecture on Sept. 14.

"He is an exemplary speaker given his fidelity to the Constitution in his decision making on the bench," says Dr. David Alvis, associate professor of government and international affairs. "His extensive knowledge of the law and meticulous attention to the details of cases serve as a model of the type of legal mind we hope to cultivate among our students."

Watch the full video [HERE](#).

## Richard Johnson retiring after nearly 40 years of service



Richard Johnson will retire as director of athletics at the conclusion of a search for his successor.

After nearly 40 years of service to Wofford College, the past 23 as director of athletics, Richard Johnson has announced his retirement. He will step down at the end of a successful search for his replacement. The national search for Johnson's replacement will begin this month and will be conducted by Daniel Parker, vice president and managing director of Parker Executive Search based in Atlanta ([parkersearch.com](http://parkersearch.com)).

"Richard Johnson has made an incredible impact on our college by influencing the growth and development of decades of student-athletes and coaches. Most recently he has helped the college navigate a complicated and changing NCAA Division I landscape, and through it all, he has always understood Wofford's commitment to the student-athlete model," says Wofford President Nayef Samhat. "I am grateful for his commitment to our college. Just as he has been for the past four decades, I know he will always be a source of support and encouragement."

Johnson had planned to retire at the end of the 2022-23 academic year, but several head coaching transitions kept him at the helm of the college's athletics program with a plan to retire Dec. 31, 2023. He, however, feels that the timing is right now.

"I am confident that our coaches, student-athletes and programs are poised for continued success, and with a new capital campaign in the planning phase, I believe it is best for new athletics leadership to be part of that process," says Johnson.

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## Two ROTC cadets advance critical language skills



ROTC Cadets Simon Holland '25 and Katie Sullivan '25 studied critical languages through an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office.

Simon Holland '25 and Katie Sullivan '25 spent their summers with ROTC cadets from across the United States fine-tuning their understanding of languages critical to the United States military.

Holland, an international affairs major from Columbia, South Carolina, studied Arabic in Jordan. Sullivan, a Chinese and international affairs double major from Norfolk, Virginia, studied Chinese in Taiwan. Both participated in Project Global Officer (Project GO), an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office.

According to Maj. Nicole Dallochio, professor of military science and head of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Wofford, Project GO promotes critical language education, study abroad and intercultural dialogue with the goal of improving national security. The project provides fully funded opportunities for ROTC cadets.

“The major obstacle facing ROTC students working toward a critical language degree is the heavy semester course loads in addition to military requirements. Roughly a dozen of our

cadets participate in athletics, which places additional strain on their schedules,” says Dallocchio. “Army ROTC incentivizes cadets who study Arabic and Chinese at Wofford. The Project GO scholarship is another incentive that Army ROTC can offer students, and it also aligns with Wofford’s mission and core values.”

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## Students immersed in business, politics and history at Aspen



An internship at the Aspen Institute led Izzy Smith '24 to pursue her dream of attending graduate school in Europe.

Izzy Smith '24 left her internship at the Aspen Institute with a new outlook and a yearning to learn more “about everything.”

Smith’s exposure to business, politics and history lessons inspired her to fulfill her dream of moving to Europe. The finance major from Washington, N.C., plans to apply to graduate schools this fall in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Aspen Institute is a nonprofit organization with a mission to realize a free, just and equitable society. It seeks to drive change through dialogue, leadership and action to help solve the most important challenges facing the United States and the world. Smith decided to intern at Aspen after hearing from former Aspen interns about their experiences.

Smith's internship was with the Conference Services department. The goal of this team was organizing and managing events spanning from 150 to 3,000 attendees.

Garrett Vernon '24, a finance major from Elkin, N.C., interned in the institute's Society of Fellows Department, which handles donations and grants.

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## Athletics updates

**Abbey Richman Named SoCon Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 18)**

**Sarah Barham Named SoCon Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 11)**

**Wofford Announces 2023-24 Rifle Schedule**

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