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## A Day for Wofford



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Alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the college are invited to participate in A Day for Wofford on Oct. 12. The 24-hour giving event celebrates the collective impact of Terriers around the country.

There will be challenges to unlock matching funds. Alumni clubs across the Carolinas, as well as those in Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C., are hosting special events.

Last year's A Day for Wofford raised \$691,634 thanks to the generosity of 1,235 donors. Some people gave more than once, depending on the priority, so gifts for the day totaled 1,354.

This year, anyone who makes a gift of \$60 or more will receive a Wofford College branded notepad for their refrigerator or desk. Find more information and A Day for Wofford social media kit, which includes official branded #ADayforWofford images, [HERE](#).

## Wofford set to celebrate Family Weekend



The band party is a favorite event for both parents and students during Family Weekend. This year's band party will be on Friday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m., and will feature The High Tides.

Parents, siblings and other relatives and friends will come to Wofford College Oct. 6-8 to spend time with their students and celebrate Family Weekend.

"Family Weekend is a chance for students to welcome their families to their home away from home," says Thom Henson '96, director of family philanthropy and engagement. "It's important for families to see the impact Wofford is having on their students and the collective impact students have on the college."

Events include opportunities to attend receptions, art exhibits, athletics contests, research presentations, a band party, a choral concert and family trivia night. For the full schedule, visit [Wofford.edu/familyweekend](https://www.wofford.edu/familyweekend).

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## Blessing of the Animals



Latte the goat got lots of attention during Wofford's annual Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday afternoon.

Olivia Turner '23 returned to campus on Oct. 4 to have the newest furry members of her family blessed. Turner recently adopted two dogs, Rosa and Striper, from the Spartanburg Humane Society. They received pets and cuddles during the celebration.

The Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson '78, Wofford's Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, blessed a total of 250 animals during the event. A handful of them, like Rosa and Striper, showed up with their owners. Most, however, were represented by photographs displayed in the lobby of Burwell Building.

"I worked for Ron Robinson as a student, so I'm happy to be able to come back and bring my pets for the blessing," Turner says.

The annual event began over a decade ago and is celebrated on Oct. 4 each year. The blessing coincides with the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals.

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## Vivek Ramaswamy to speak at Wofford on Oct. 9



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Vivek Ramaswamy, a candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, will give a talk and take questions at Wofford College at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, in Leonard Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public and a reception with Ramaswamy will follow. Registration is recommended.

Ramaswamy's visit is part of the college's Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security. The public can register for the event online; click [HERE](#) to register. Possession of a ticket does not guarantee entry to the lecture. Doors open at 5 p.m. Seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. The livestream can be viewed [HERE](#).

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## Wofford innocence organization has big plans for second year



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Wofford's Law, Justice and Innocence Initiative has been rebranded as the South Carolina Innocence Initiative to reflect the statewide interest the year-old organization has generated. The initiative aims to raise awareness about wrongful convictions through education, outreach and advocacy.

Dr. Dawn McQuiston, professor of psychology and director of the has an ambitious agenda for the initiative this academic year, culminating with its inaugural South Carolina Innocence and Justice Conference in May 2024.

On Oct. 16, the initiative will host a screening of "The Worst Crime," a documentary focusing on crime, punishment and mental competency, followed by a panel discussion. The panel includes the Rev. Hillary Taylor, executive director of South Carolina Alternatives for the Death Penalty; former death row inmate Jimmy MacPhee, now a writer, speaker and mentor to young prisoners and the founder of On the Rock Ministries; SueZann Bosler, daughter of a murder victim; and Chelsea McNeil, 8th judicial circuit public defender.

The event begins at 5:15 p.m. in McMillan Theater in the Mungo Student Center. Dinner will be provided.

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## October events



A showcase of recent undergraduate research and creative works will be on display during Family Weekend, Oct. 6-8.

Three exhibitions that opened in August will continue into October, with Rebecca Forstater's {Training\_camp} closing on Oct. 13 and the other two remaining into December. Information on Wofford's exhibitions can be found at [wofford.edu/student-experiences/arts-culture/museum-gallery/exhibitions](http://wofford.edu/student-experiences/arts-culture/museum-gallery/exhibitions).

All events listed are open to the public and are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Wofford welcomes you, so check [calendar.wofford.edu](http://calendar.wofford.edu) to see how a visit to Wofford could fit into your schedule. For athletics events, visit [athletics.wofford.edu](http://athletics.wofford.edu).

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