



NOVEMBER 2020 PARENT NEWSLETTER

November is the month of Thanksgiving and while 2020 has been a year unlike any other, there is much to be thankful for. I'm thankful that you and your student are a part of the Wofford family. I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving and hope you will enjoy being together over the holidays. In this newsletter, please see lots of important information, including an opportunity to hear directly from President Samhat and others later this month during a Town Hall event for families. Please let me know how I can help you.

Thom Henson
Director of Parent Engagement

TOWN HALL INFORMATION

All parents are invited to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. for an opportunity to get an update from Wofford leadership. To register in advance for this webinar, please visit https://wofford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6qaiXHnfS1yHWtD7wnLr7w. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. **Please submit questions in advance to WoffordNews@wofford.edu.**

FROM RESIDENCE LIFE

RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING INFORMATION

We are quickly approaching the end of the semester, and we want to notify you of the check-out guidelines for the end of the semester. Students have received more specific information, so please be sure to encourage them to consult their email.

When we leave campus for Thanksgiving break on Nov. 20, residence halls will close for the semester. This means students will need to prepare and pack understanding that they will not be able to return to your room until the new year. Residence halls and apartments will officially close at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020. All students must vacate the buildings by this time. The residence halls and the Village apartments will reopen at noon on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021.

Any student wishing to stay past the deadline at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 or return before noon on Jan. 3 should complete the late stay form sent to them with other closing information. Exceptions will only be granted for extenuating circumstances.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Registration for the 2021 spring semester will be held Nov. 10-13, 2020. Seniors (90 or more hours) will register on Tuesday, Nov. at 7:30 a.m. and Juniors (60-89 hours) will register on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. with registration for these two classes remaining open until midnight on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Sophomores (30-59 hours) will register on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 a.m. and First-Year students (less than 30 hours) will register on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. with registration for these two classes remaining open until midnight on Friday, Nov. 13. All holds on a student's record must be cleared before their registration day/time or they will not be permitted to register. The 2021 spring semester classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 4 and end on Apr. 9, 2021.

Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2020-2021 academic year are required to complete the Graduation Application found under the student section of MyWofford. An email was sent to all potential applicants reminding them to complete this process. This "Grad App" information is used to order diplomas and is needed for the Commencement program. The Grad App process will close Nov. 16, 2020.

FROM FINANCIAL AID

The 2021-22 FAFSA became available on Oct. 1, 2020. The priority deadline for returning students is Mar. 15, 2021. The holiday break is a great time to sit down with your child to get this important financial aid application completed. If you're unsure whether or not you need to file, feel free to contact our office. Generally speaking, a FAFSA must be filed each year to receive all types of need-based aid, including federal loans, federal and state grants, and the Wofford College grant.

Financial Aid is on BannerWeb. Have you checked it out? You can if your student has granted you proxy access and expanded your permissions to include Financial Aid. For instructions on how to create and manage a proxy account, visit the [proxy access webpage](#).

FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

2020 Study Abroad Photo Contest Submission deadline – Students who studied abroad during the 2019-2020 academic year (semester, year and summer participants only) will be given the opportunity to showcase their images through the International Programs Photo Contest! Images will be accepted through Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/international-programs/study-abroad/terriers-abroad/photo-contests>.

Interim Travel/Study Project Applications – Applications for Interim 2020 travel/study projects must be completed by Thursday, Nov. 12. Applications are currently open and can be accessed here: <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/travel/study-projects-availability>.

International Education Week – Every year, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education promote cultural exchange during **International Education Week** (IEW). This year, IEW will be held Nov. 16-20. The Office of International Programs, along with study abroad alumni and faculty, is designing a variety of virtual and in-person events to engage the campus community and highlight the value of study abroad and intercultural exchange. Students should stay tuned to Daily Announcements for more information on events.

BIPOC & Abroad – At this informational event for students of color interested in study abroad and/or international travel, current Wofford students and community members who have traveled/studied abroad will be sharing their insights and advice on the BIPOC experience overseas. The event will be held virtually on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. Zoom information will be available through Daily Announcements.

C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship – The generous C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship is designed to support ambitious students wishing to study

abroad for a full academic year with a focus on cultural integration. This competitive scholarship will fund one student per year. The application deadline is Feb. 23 at 11:59 p.m. For more information and to access the application, visit <https://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson>.

Application deadline for Summer/Fall 2021 study abroad programs – If your student is interested in studying or interning abroad next summer or fall, please encourage them to schedule a 30-minute advising appointment with an International Programs adviser: <https://tinyurl.com/oipschedule>.

International Programs Coronavirus FAQ Page – View [frequently asked questions](#) on Wofford's response to the coronavirus.

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