



## **FEBRUARY 2021 PARENT NEWSLETTER**

As we continue to navigate these uncharted waters of a global pandemic and its impact on our community, please know that the Office of Parent Engagement is working to keep you informed. As always, please let me know how I can help you and your student.

**Thom Henson '96**  
Director of Parent Engagement

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## **LATEST COVID INFORMATION**

Parents should have gotten a copy of a message that went to students on Friday. In-person classes resume on Monday, Feb. 8 with information on additional opportunities for social engagement coming later this week. In the meantime, visit the following links for COVID-19 statistics, FAQs and wellness guidelines.

[Wofford.edu/coronavirus](https://www.wofford.edu/coronavirus)

[Wofford.edu/WoffordTogether](https://www.wofford.edu/WoffordTogether)

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## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

A quick link for the spring academic calendar, which was changed in the fall.

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/calendars-and-schedules/academic-calendar-cy>

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## **FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

- Interim registration will take place Feb. 9–12. Seniors will register on Tuesday, Feb. 9 and all students will register on Feb. 10–12. Interim registration will close at midnight on Friday, Feb. 12.
- The summer course schedule is being finalized and will be available soon.
- Fall registration will take place March 16-19.
- We are currently planning to hold graduation in front of Main – rain or shine,

but seating for family and friends will be limited due to social distancing protocols. The event will be streamed. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks.

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## FROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### **The Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship**

The Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship honors the legacy of the abolitionist and statesman with a fully funded summer study abroad program developed for students of color with special emphasis on leadership, social justice, agitation for positive change and cross-cultural understanding. Students interested in applying can learn more at [www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/scholarships/frederick-douglass-global-fellowship](http://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/scholarships/frederick-douglass-global-fellowship). Applications are due Feb. 14.

### **The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is an opportunity available to students who receive a Federal Pell grant. Eligible students may receive up to \$8,000 in funding for a study abroad or intern abroad experience. The internal application deadline for students planning to study abroad during summer 2021, fall 2021 or spring 2022 is Feb. 21 at 11:59 p.m. For more information and to access the application, visit [wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=GilmanScholarship](http://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=GilmanScholarship).

### **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 advisor: [tinyurl.com/oipschedule](http://tinyurl.com/oipschedule).

### **Wofford Travel Grants**

Students planning on participating in a summer or fall 2021 study abroad program are encouraged to apply for a Wofford Travel Grant. Completed applications are due March 14 at 11:59 p.m. Financial need and academic merit are the principle considerations in awarding these grants. To learn more and to apply, visit [wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=travelgrant](http://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=travelgrant).

### **International Programs Coronavirus FAQ Page**

View frequently asked questions on Wofford's response to the coronavirus [here](#).

### **Wofford Study Abroad in Germany**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of Wofford in Freiburg in fall 2021: the college's first faculty-led semester study abroad program! This program is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and no prior German study is required. Applications are currently being accepted; [please click here for program details](#) and share with your students! Please contact the **Office of International Programs** or **Dr. Mark Ferguson**, resident faculty, with any questions.

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## FROM THE BOOKSTORE

**Event:** Cap & Gown Ordering

**Dates:** Ongoing through 2/27/2021

**Location:** Virtual

**Website:** <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1042272/Wofford-College/>

**Details:** Seniors - reserve your cap and gown NOW for Commencement weekend! Using the link provided, order your cap and gown (sizes based off of height and weight measurements). There is no out-of-pocket cost to seniors for cap and gown. The deadline to order is Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021; students who have not placed their order by this date will not be guaranteed a gown in the correct size. Pick-up is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at the "Senior Salute" Graduation Event. More details about this event will be coming soon! For questions about cap and gown ordering, please contact Bookstore Manager Rebecca Liakos at [rliakos@follett.com](mailto:rliakos@follett.com) or by calling the store at 864-582-6514.

**Event:** Jostens Class Ring Sale

**Dates:** Wednesday, Feb. 10 and Thursday, Feb. 11

**Time:** 10 AM to 2 PM

**Location:** Virtual

**Website:** <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1042272/Wofford-College/>

**Details:** Juniors and Seniors - Chat with Jostens representatives via Zoom to select the best ring that celebrates your achievements! Don't know your ring size? Stop by the Campus Bookstore to get measured. Ring sizing is the only service available in-person at the Bookstore; all sales of class rings will be virtual, directly through Jostens. Not ready to get a ring quite yet? Mark your calendars, as the next virtual ring sale is scheduled for March 24th and 25th.

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## FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In an effort to better help students and expedite our services, when your student contacts the Help Center with issues have them give their cell phone number for contact. This will allow our group to contact them quicker and help them with their issue. The Help Center does not set up Proxy access. That should be done through this link: <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/registrar/faq/grant-proxy-access>

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## FROM THE CAREER CENTER

The Career Center remains open and available for one-on-one appointments with students. The easiest way for students to meet with us is through scheduling an appointment in **Handshake**. Once in the system, they will be able to choose an appointment type. Additionally, they can email the **Career Center** for further assistance or if they have any questions.

The Career Center will provide focused programming on internship/job search strategies and networking this spring. These will be interactive sessions that provide insights into leveraging the Wofford network on LinkedIn and MyMentor, as well as tips for peer-to-peer networking on Handshake.

During Interim the Career Center will offer a special program for seniors. Over the

past three months the Career Center has partnered with **Z1 CareerZone** to implement a pilot project with students. This pilot was generously funded by Trustee, Ronnie Andrews. Z1CareerZone provides a comprehensive career training program that teaches skills and strategies to not only separate students from the competition, but will also serve students throughout their career.

We are excited to offer this program during Interim to seniors at a drastically reduced price. Students will get full access to Z1's modules and will meet weekly with the Career Center staff. In addition, weekly sessions by alumni will also help students grow their networks. The cost to the students is \$150; again thanks to generous support from Trustee Andrews and other donors. Please know that full scholarships are available.

Please have interested seniors reach out to Curt McPhail ([mcphailpc@wofford.edu](mailto:mcphailpc@wofford.edu)) to reserve a spot or with questions.

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

The Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation (OEI) welcomes the opportunity to meet with any student who would like to discuss entrepreneurship and/or a venture that they would like to create.

OEI will be offering the Summer Accelerator again this year. This is a virtual 6-8 week program for student entrepreneurs which offers a stipend to participants. Each week provides structured coaching, workshops, meetings with experienced founders and business leaders, all with the focus of helping students launch or grow their ventures quickly.

Lastly, planning is underway for The Terrier StartUP Challenge - Wofford's annual student pitch competition. Top teams compete for their share of \$10k+ in prize money.

Interested students or parents should reach out to Tyler Senecal at [senecaltj@wofford.edu](mailto:senecaltj@wofford.edu).

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