

A banner image showing a group of people, likely students and faculty, standing in front of a building. The text "WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES" is overlaid in white on a dark background.

# WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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A warm welcome as we start a new school year with fingers crossed for a more normal fall. This is the first parent newsletter of the semester and I hope you will find it informative. It's also my first newsletter joining you on the parent side as my son, Michael, has begun his Wofford career. I look forward to meeting new parents and renewing friendships with returning parents. Please let me know how I can help you or your student as we all move forward together this fall.

**Thom Henson '96, P '25**

Director of Parent Engagement

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### **From the Office of Parent Engagement**

If you are interested in learning more about the Parent Leadership Council, please visit:  
<https://www.wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council>

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### **From Campus Safety**

The Wofford Office of Campus Safety invites the campus community to download the Rave Guardian Personal Safety App. It's FREE for anyone with a Wofford College email address and can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Please encourage your student to download the app. It has important phone numbers, emergency plans and a virtual escort device. **Find more information.**

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### **From the Registrar's Office**

Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2021-22 academic year will be required to complete the Graduation Application found on myWofford. An email will be 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 is available now and will close Nov. 19, 2021.

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### **From the Office of International Programs**

***Interim Travel/Study Project Applications*** – Applications for Interim 2022 travel/study projects must be completed by Sunday, Sept. 19. To view a list of open projects and to start an application, visit: <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/travel/study-projects>.

**Wofford Travel Grants** – Students planning on participating in an Interim travel/study project are encouraged to apply for a Wofford Travel Grant. Completed applications are due Sunday, Sept. 12. Financial need and academic merit are the principle considerations in awarding these grants. To learn more and to apply, visit:

<https://www.wofford.edu/academics/interim/wofford-travel-grants>.

**The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship** - The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a scholarship 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 Office of International Programs will host an interest session for students on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. in the Office of International Programs Lobby (Michael S. Brown Village Center, 113). During the interest session, International Programs advisers will review the scholarship goals, eligibility requirements, and application components with interested students. To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>.

**Spring 2022 Study Abroad Application deadline** – Students who are interested in participating in a study abroad experience during the spring 2022 semester must submit their study abroad application by Tuesday, Oct. 1. Students can set up an advising appointment with International Programs here: <https://tinyurl.com/oipschedule>.

**Office of International Programs Family Weekend Reception** – Please join the Office of International Programs for a reception and meet-and-greet on Friday, Oct. 8 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the International Programs office, located in the Michael S. Brown Village Center, 113. This reception is for Wofford families who have students who will be participating in a spring 2022 study abroad program or plan to participate in a future semester study abroad program.

**Study Abroad Fair** – All students interested in studying abroad while at Wofford are encouraged to attend the annual Study Abroad Fair on Thursday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in front of Burwell Dining Hall. Representatives from Wofford’s approved programs will be available to answer students’ questions and to distribute information and resources. Student attendees can win swag items and door prizes!

**Wofford Study Abroad in Germany** – We are thrilled to announce the launch of *Wofford in Freiburg* in spring 2022: the college’s first faculty-led semester study abroad program! This program is available to all students 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.

**International Programs Coronavirus FAQ Page** – View frequently asked questions on Wofford’s response to the coronavirus here: <https://www.wofford.edu/academics/international-programs/coronavirus-faqs> and stay tuned for more information about the developing impact of COVID-19 on study abroad.

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### **From The Career Center**

As we enter a new academic year, the Career Center is devoted to helping your student develop the necessary skills, mindset, and confidence to create success for a lifetime. We are excited that we will be offering in-person events (following college and CDC policies) this year. We believe in a student-development approach that galvanizes us to engage with students in a holistic manner. From choosing a major to pursuing their first professional internship or preparing for graduate school; we are here to provide tools and resources for every step of the way. Students can easily make an appointment with us through our online

career services platform, Handshake (found on MyWofford), and follow us on social media (IG: wococareercenter) to stay up-to-date about our events. We look forward to kicking off the year with a Block Party on Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. We hope to see your student there.

If you would like to volunteer your time and expertise or would like to partner with us; please feel free to reach out. Looking forward to assisting your student in his/her career development process and goals!

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### **From the Terrier Club**

#### **Football Parking:**

The Terrier Club bridges the scholarship funding gap that allows Wofford athletics to fund a successful and broad-based program. Our Wofford Terriers home football season begins on Saturday, Sept. 18 against the Kennesaw State Owls at 6 p.m. You can acquire a football season parking pass with a donation to the Terrier Club. This is a great way to support Wofford athletics and spend some time tailgating with Wofford friends and family before the game. For more information about different giving levels and parking access, please visit this [link](#) or contact Luke Feisal at [feisajl@wofford.edu](mailto:feisajl@wofford.edu).

#### **Terrier Club Online Auction:**

Sept. 17 – Oct. 7

The Terrier Club's annual auction has become known for its one-of-a-kind items, artwork and Wofford memorabilia. The auction represents a cornerstone of the Terrier Club's year-long campaign commemorating its 75th anniversary and is a great way to invest in Wofford College student-athletes and their sports programs.

Bidding opens at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 and closes at noon on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Click [here](#) to register.

If you would like to donate an item to this year's auction, please contact Stephanie Lancaster, athletics development coordinator, by [email](#) or by phone at 864-597-4085.

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### **Covid Info**

<https://www.wofford.edu/wofford-together>

<https://www.wofford.edu/coronavirus/faqs>

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