

A banner for Wofford College Parents and Families. The top half features a group of diverse people in a campus setting, with the text "WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES" overlaid in white. The bottom half is a solid black bar with the text "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT | WOFFORD TODAY" in white.

WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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In less than a month, the Wofford campus will be abuzz with all of our students back. A very special welcome to our new parents – we look forward to including you in the Wofford community. I hope you will find this monthly newsletter to be informative and beneficial. You will receive it on the first Tuesday of the month through the end of the spring semester in May. Never hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or need anything.

Thom Henson '96, P '25

Director of Parent Engagement

From the Office of Parent Engagement

If you are interested in learning more about the Parent Leadership Council, visit wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council.

2022 Family Weekend

Family Weekend is scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Registration will go live on Aug. 15. We do ask everyone who plans to attend to register so that we can get you a name badge for the weekend.

The schedule can be found at: wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/family-weekend

From the Office of the Registrar

1. A reminder about FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), an overview of which can be found here: wofford.edu/academics/registrar/policies-compliances/ferpa. Faculty and staff cannot speak to parents about specifics of a student's academic record. Students need to have and take responsibility for asking questions, following up with advisors, learning about procedures and policies.
2. Add/drop for continuing students opened on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 7:30 a.m. New first-year students will be able to make changes to their class schedule after move-in and meeting with their academic advisor. Add/drop will be available to them on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7:30 a.m. All students can make changes to their schedules until Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m.

3. Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will have “Freaky Friday” on Sept. 2. Monday classes will meet on Friday.
 4. Students graduating during the 2022-23 academic year will be invited to apply for graduation in September.
 5. Please consult the Registrar’s webpage (wofford.edu/academics/registrar) for calendars/schedules, transcript requests, the catalog, resources and policy information.
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From the Office of International Programs

Advising for spring 2023 study abroad: Students interested in studying abroad during the spring 2023 semester can meet with international programs staff virtually via Zoom or in person. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The spring 2023 application deadline is Oct. 1.

Interim 2023 travel/study projects – no deposit required: The list of travel/study programs from Interim 2023 is available [here](#). Applications will be reviewed/accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of Sept. 18. We have removed the deposit requirement for Interim 2023 in hopes that more students will have the opportunity to participate in a travel/study Interim. We have combined the Wofford Travel Grant application with the program application to streamline the process even more. Wofford Travel Grant recipients will be awarded in September after the final deadline.

Study abroad fair: All students interested in studying abroad while at Wofford are encouraged to attend the annual study abroad fair. This year’s fair will be combined with the Mungo Exchange Block Party. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event on Sept. 22. Representatives from Wofford’s approved programs will be available to answer students’ questions and distribute information and resources. We’ll be giving away free swag, too!

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 during any term. The Office of International Programs will host an interest session for students in early September before the application deadline of Sept. 25. During the interest session, Office of 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 wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=GilmanScholarship.

Office of International Programs Family Weekend Reception: Please join the Office of International Programs for a reception and meet-and-greet on Friday, Sept. 30 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the lobby of the Office of International Programs, 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 2023 study abroad program or plan to participate in a future semester study abroad program. RSVP to internationalprograms@wofford.edu by Monday, Sept. 26.

Passport processing times: Students interested in studying abroad during a future term are strongly encouraged to apply for their passports as soon as possible. A student's passport must be valid for a minimum of six months (for most locations) beyond their program's end date. Due to COVID-19 and its impact on the U.S. Postal Service, **the U.S. State Department is experiencing delays in receiving passport applications with routine processing service estimated to take as long as 11 weeks.** We, therefore, recommend that students send their application using USPS' Priority Mail Express and consider requesting expedited service if able. **Click here for more information on securing a passport.**

From Athletics

The Terrier Club is the fundraising arm for Wofford Athletics. There are plenty of opportunities to support student-athletes with a **donation to the Terrier Club.** This also is a great way to secure a parking and tailgate spot for football season and spend some time on campus with your student. For more information about Terrier Club giving and football parking, please reach out to Luke Feisal (864-597-4496; feisaljl@wofford.edu) or Amber Autry (864-597-4096; autryab@wofford.edu).

From the Bookstore

- Reserve your fall books now to be ready on the first day of the semester.
 - Order your fall textbooks online for easy in-store pick-up. Visit woffordshop.com to place your order. Enter your W# and our handy tool will consult your course schedule to show only the materials that are required for your classes. Please allow two business days for the processing of online orders. We recommend ordering at least one week before the date that you plan to pick up. You also can shop in-person at the store, just make sure to have your W# handy so that we can easily compile a custom book list for you. Call the store at 864-582-6514 or email the bookstore manager at liakosrm@wofford.edu with any questions.
 - Extended hours of operation for move-in weekend
 - Visit the Wofford College bookstore from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, and Sunday, Aug. 28. We will have regular hours of operation starting Monday, Aug. 29. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays (typically closed Sundays). For special events, such as home football games, Family Weekend, Homecoming, etc. the bookstore will have extended hours of operation as well. Stay tuned for future announcements about these exciting shopping opportunities.
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From the Career Center in the Mungo Exchange

As we enter a new academic year, the Career Center in the Mungo exchange is devoted to helping your student develop the necessary skills, mindset and confidence to create success for a lifetime. From choosing a major to pursuing their first professional internship, preparing for graduate school or fostering their entrepreneurial mindset, we are here to provide tools and resources for every step of the way.

Sarah Butler recently joined the team and is hard at work offering a unique advantage for students who want to pioneer a new venture. The Launch Program will soon be extending admission opportunities to any student who desires to participate in the program, and they will have exclusive access to mentoring, business coaching, entrepreneurial stage development, pitch competitions, certifications, networking and more. Open enrollment for the Launch Program will begin in November. Interested students can experience a sneak peek of program details before they commit.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Sarah directly at butlersc@wofford.edu.

Jennifer Sainovski is our new internship and information manager helping students develop successful internship strategies and advising students early on about professional development opportunities relevant to their career goals. Through one-on-one consultations and targeted programming such as Internships 101, Internships and More, Maximize Your Internship Experience and more, your students will learn about the importance of securing an internship and building their professional brand. Moreover, your student will become marketable candidates in the workforce and in life after graduation. For more information about upcoming events, Jenn can be reached at sainovskijs@wofford.edu.

The Career Center will offer "The Sophomore Experience" Aug. 28-29 for any rising sophomore student. It is not too late to **register**. Our goal is to help sophomores with a clear pathway to begin a successful year at Wofford and connect students with resources to assist in their career path. Second-year students participating in the program will receive guidance on choosing a major, LinkedIn and networking strategies, internship preparation, dining etiquette, and informational and mock interviews. They'll also hear from guest speakers, and participate in employer visits and other career development programming specifically for them. For more information, contact Lee Smith at smithla@wofford.edu.

Lastly, the Career Center has worked all summer to create a new web presence that will allow students 24/7 access to resources such as mentors, jobs, resume templates and the latest articles on important career development. The site allows students and parents to follow "communities" that are industry, geographically and identity specific.

To stay informed about Career Center events and industry information, please follow along at careercenter.wofford.edu. The website will officially launch on the first day of the fall semester.

We look forward to working with your student and helping him/her prepare for life after Wofford.

Office of Student Success

Wofford Firsts lunch: A lunch for first-year, first-generation college students and their loved ones will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 at noon in the lobby of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts. Details and registration information will be sent to your student's Wofford email address.

First-generation college students are defined as being a student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have not earned a bachelor's degree. Wofford Firsts was created in 2018 to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Wofford's first-gen student population, which represents nearly 15% of the student body. Welcome to Wofford, and we look forward to engaging with you and your student!

Wofford photos

Click here for a chance to look through lots of great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford: woffordcollege.smugmug.com/.

COVID-19 information and statistics

wofford.edu/coronavirus

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