

A banner for Wofford College Parents and Families. The top half features a group of diverse people in professional attire standing in front of a building. The text "WOFFORD COLLEGE" and "PARENTS AND FAMILIES" is overlaid in white, serif font. The bottom half of the banner is a solid black bar with the text "PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT! WOFFORD TODAY" in white, sans-serif font.

# WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT! WOFFORD TODAY

I hope your student enjoyed fall break and got through mid-terms. All of us are looking forward to what lies ahead in November, including Thanksgiving break and the start of the seasons for the men's and women's basketball teams. Please reach out if there is anything I can do for you or your child.

**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, visit [wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council](http://wofford.edu/advancement/wofford-parents/parents-leadership-council).

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## A Day for Wofford

Thanks to all parents who participated in A Day for Wofford. Over \$680,000 was raised to benefit all Wofford students, with 446 parents making a gift. We would love to set a record for parent giving this calendar year. No gift is too small when it comes to helping the students at Wofford. For information on how to make a gift, contact **Thom Henson**.

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## From the Office of the Registrar

- Registration for the 2023 spring semester will be held Nov. 8-11. Students have been informed to view their Registration Time Ticket for the date and time that they are to register. All holds on a student's record must be cleared before their registration day/time or they will not be permitted to register.
  - The drop/add period for the Interim and spring semesters will open on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 a.m.
  - Students who have completed 80 hours and anticipate graduating during the 2022-23 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 on Nov. 18.
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## From the Office of International Programs

**Updated COVID-19 vaccine policy for Interim 2023 travel/study projects:** The COVID-19 vaccine policy has been updated for Interim 2023 travel/study projects. You can access the updated policy [here](#). Contact the Office of International Programs at [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

**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 currently experiencing delays in receiving passport applications, with routine processing service estimated to take as long as 10 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.**

**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, International Education Week will be held Nov. 14-18. The Office of International Programs, along with study abroad alumni and faculty, is designing a variety of events during IEW 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.

**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 for the 2022-23 academic year. The application deadline is Saturday, Feb. 25 at 11:59 p.m. For more information and to access the application, visit [wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson](http://wofford.studioabroad.com/?go=Lawson).

**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 next cycle of applications are due Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023. To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, visit [gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org).

**Advising for summer and fall 2023 study abroad:** Students interested in studying abroad during the summer or fall 2023 terms can meet with international programs staff virtually via Zoom or in-person. Students can sign up for an advising appointment [here](#). The summer and fall 2023 application deadline is March 1. Students who study abroad for a semester are able to transfer their financial aid to cover program costs. This allows students to study abroad for a semester at a cost comparable to what they would pay for a semester on campus. For any questions regarding semester study abroad, email [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu).

**Summer internships abroad: Applications due in February:** Students interested in participating in an international summer internship should be aware that most programs have earlier deadlines than our March 1 summer application

deadline. Students will need to meet with the Office of International Programs for an advising meeting and complete all application materials before the internship program deadlines in February. For specific program information and deadlines, students can contact [internationalprograms@wofford.edu](mailto:internationalprograms@wofford.edu).

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### **First-Generation College Student Celebration Week 2023 events**

First-Generation College Student Celebration Day is celebrated nationally each year on Nov. 8, and Wofford will be hosting a week of events to highlight these students for the fourth consecutive year. Wofford Firsts was started in 2018 by the Office of Student Success to celebrate the college's first-gen student population, which represents 15% of the student body while providing a sense of community and support. This year's theme is "I Am First-Gen" and will include keynote speaker Caitlynn Myer '18, giveaways, a first-gen student/faculty/staff mixer, karaoke and more! First-Gen Student Celebration Week on campus will run from Nov. 7-10. Registration and event information will be distributed via email, the Daily Announcements and Instagram. To learn more about Wofford Firsts, please follow us on Instagram [@woffordfirsts](https://www.instagram.com/woffordfirsts) and visit our website: [wofford.edu/academics/provost/student-success/wofford-firsts](http://wofford.edu/academics/provost/student-success/wofford-firsts).

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### **From the Post-Graduate Fellowship committee**

Is your student interested in learning more about Fulbright, Gates-Cambridge, Mitchell, Rhodes, Truman or another post-graduate scholarship opportunity? If so, please note that **the Post-Graduate Fellowship committee** would enjoy the opportunity to meet with your student to explore these academic awards. Please contact [PGS@wofford.edu](mailto:PGS@wofford.edu) or Dr. Ramón Galinanes at [Galinesr@wofford.edu](mailto:Galinesr@wofford.edu) to setup an appointment.

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### **From the Office of Financial Aid**

Here are a few items for you and your student to think about.

1. The 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid went live on Oct. 1. Wofford's priority deadline for current students is March 15, 2023. If your student receives federal grants and loans, an S.C. Tuition Grant and/or non-merit-based Wofford aid, you must submit the FAFSA every year.
2. Aid offers for returning students are released in early June for the next academic year.
3. Our **Financial Aid Handbook** contains helpful information regarding financial aid and scholarships, including scholarship renewal requirements.
4. We encourage students to grant **proxy** access so we can discuss financial aid with others.

As always, feel free to contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

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## **From the Career Center**

Greetings parents! We would like to inform you that there will be two more workshop opportunities for students this semester that can assist them in learning more about how to land an internship.

### **Maximize your internship experience Tuesday, Nov. 8**

- Review top skills employers look for.
- Increase your marketability.
- Internship etiquette.
- Convert your experience to marketable skills to add to your resume.
- Turn your internship into a full-time job offer.

### **Internships and more: Investigate experiential learning opportunities Tuesday, Nov. 29**

- Discover new opportunities, in addition to internships, that can boost your resume and marketability to employers and get you hired right out of college.
- Examples: Volunteer, job shadowing/micro-internships/externships, virtual internships, free online courses, on-campus professional development (safe zone training, green zone training), part-time or summer job, informational interview.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions. I look forward to working with your student!

**Jennifer Sainovski**, internship and information manager  
[sainovskijs@wofford.edu](mailto:sainovskijs@wofford.edu)

### **Got a business idea?**

The Launch Program in the Career Center has a mission to support and guide all students who are earnest to grow their entrepreneurial skills and their ventures. Open enrollment for the program will run from Nov. 1-Nov. 30, and interested students can experience a sneak peek of program details before they commit. Students are encouraged to attend any of the following events:

- Coffee with Launch informal chat: Thursday, Nov. 3.
- Lunch with Launch information session: Wednesday, Nov. 9.
- Launch workshop: "Pitch Perfect" with Toastmasters International, Monday, Nov. 14.
- 7th Annual Terrier Startup Challenge: Thursday, Nov. 17.

Those who would like to join should visit our website to learn more about the program and submit an interest form by Nov. 30:

[careercenter.wofford.edu/channels/launch-program](http://careercenter.wofford.edu/channels/launch-program)

I look forward to working with your student!

**Sarah Butler**, Launch Program manager  
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## **Wofford photos**

Click here to view lots of great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford:  
[woffordcollege.smugmug.com/](http://woffordcollege.smugmug.com/)

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## **COVID-19 information**

[wofford.edu/coronavirus](http://wofford.edu/coronavirus)

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