

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. The bottom half is a solid black bar with white text.

WOFFORD COLLEGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES

PARENTS | ALUMNI | MAKE A GIFT! WOFFORD TODAY

I hope your student enjoyed Interim and is ready for the always busy spring semester.

This is one of the biggest newsletters we've produced. I hope you will find it informative.

Thanks for trusting Wofford with the higher education of your child. Please reach out to me if I can be of any assistance.

Thom Henson '96, P '25
Director of Parent Engagement

From the Office of Parent Engagement

Family Weekend will be Oct. 6-8, 2023. More information will be available in the summer.

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

Email address for Wofford parents

Need to ask a quick question or need some guidance to help your student? You can now email parents@wofford.edu in addition to emailing **Thom**.

Matching gifts

Does your employer offer you the chance to have your gift matched? This can be a great way to make an even greater impact at Wofford. Please click the following link for more information: [Matching Gift Info](#).

From the Office of the Registrar

- The summer course schedule is being finalized and will be available soon.
 - Summer school registration will open Feb. 21, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.
 - Interim grades will be posted to students' accounts for viewing on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023.
 - All seniors should check their DegreeWorks record to make sure that they are on track to graduate in May.
 - Drop/add for the spring semester will close on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at 5 p.m.
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From the Office of International Programs

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 nine weeks.** We 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.**

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 **here**. Applications are due Feb. 14, 2023.

C. Yorke Lawson Cultural Immersion Scholarship: The 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 2023-24 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 24 at 11:59 p.m. For more information and to access the application, visit **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. Applications are due Sunday, Feb. 26. To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, go **here**.

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**.

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 schedule an advising meeting with the Office of International Programs complete all application materials before the internship program deadlines in February. For specific program information and deadlines, students can contact our office at **internationalprograms@wofford.edu**.

Mock trial help needed

Wofford's mock trial team is hosting the American Mock Trial Association's Regional Mock Trial Tournament on Feb. 25-26. There will be 24 teams

competing, including Georgia Tech, Furman, the University of Tennessee, William and Mary, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Florida.

Wofford students and faculty who are active in mock trial are looking for attorneys, judges and other legal professionals to serve as judges.

If you're willing to help, please contact Dr. David Alvis, professor of government and pre-law advisor, at alvisjd@wofford.edu.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days.

From the Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid loves the beginning of each semester, but we are always thinking and planning ahead of all things, involving financial aid and scholarships! Here are a few items for you and your student to think about, too.

1. The 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was available on Oct. 1, 2022. 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 are able to discuss financial aid with others.
5. From time to time, we announce outside scholarships via the Daily Announcements on campus. Ask your student to pay attention to those announcements.

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

Military Memorial on campus

Wofford will be honoring and memorializing alumni who died while in service to our country. Please see the attached link, or click on **Wofford Military Memorial** to learn more.

From the Office of Admission

We will host another explore date on Feb. 20. This is open to all high school students. This is a smaller preview date that runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It includes a tour, special interest sessions and lunch on campus. Below is the link to the registration.

Explore — Feb. 20

From the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Wofford College is a deferred recruitment campus, which means our formal recruitment process takes place in the spring semester for our first-year students and any upperclassmen who would like to join one of the college's six IFC fraternities and four Panhellenic sororities. Organizations are working hard to prepare for their recruitment events this spring. Formal recruitment events take place Feb. 16-18, with bid day taking place on Feb. 19, 2023. Registration for recruitment is currently open and closes on Feb. 9, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Students may register via [this link for IFC fraternity recruitment](#) or [this link for NPC sorority recruitment](#).

From the Career Center

As we enter the spring semester, 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.

Bradley Hamilton Merritt is our new director of external relations. He will oversee the building, fostering and maintaining of long-term relationships with alumni, employers, parents, other external constituents and friends of the college that result in the increased engagement. He has over 13 years' experience working in higher education, serving in a variety of different roles in both a law school setting and a university setting. His most recent role brought him to North Carolina as the director of the career center at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Bradley also has been an active member of his community, acting as the Potter Park Zoo board chair, a Run Disney volunteer, North Carolina Internship Council member, Southeastern Minority Job Fair chair and WMU Cooley Law School alumni board chair.

Bradley attended the University of Charleston and received a B.A. in history. Additionally, he holds an M.A. in city and regional planning from the University of Memphis and a J.D. from Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School.

Feel free to reach out to him directly at merrittbh@wofford.edu.

Internships: There will be four workshop opportunities for students this semester that can assist them in learning more about how to land an internship. Dates and descriptions are listed below.

The Wofford Career Center also would like to provide students an opportunity to apply to our Internship Stipend Program for summer 2023. Funding for summer 2023 internships will be on a rolling basis starting in February, with the last applications being accepted in May, funding permitting. The Career Center will partner with the Office of Financial Aid to define a financial need, primarily using information students provide on their FAFSA. Click [HERE](#) for our fact sheet and application link.

Internships 101 (Feb. 14)

Why intern?

- Myths about internships.
- Review search strategies.
- Prepare and market yourself competitively (resume, cover letter, LinkedIn).
- Be the intern everyone wants to hire, add experience to your resume.

Internship search strategies (March 14)

Active vs. passive internship searching

- Step back and target your search.
- What types of companies would you like to intern with?
- What do you want to learn in your internship?

Maximize your internship experience (April 11)

- 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 (May 2)

- 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/externship, virtual internships, free online courses, on-campus professional development, part-time or summer job, informational interview.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly at:

sainovskijs@wofford.edu

Care packages

Bundles in the 'Burg is a Spartanburg-based company that creates bundles of love and hand delivers to your favorite Wofford Terrier. Founded by Leslee Houck Page '91, Bundles in the 'Burg offers a variety of bundles throughout the academic year. They are currently offering three different bundles to purchase: The "Be Mine Bundle" for Valentine's Day, the "Bid Day Bundle" for sorority recruitment and the "Feel Better Bundle." You can view all of their products at Bundles in the 'Burg on Facebook, on Instagram @bundlesintheburg or on their [website](#).

A portion of all sales is donated back to Wofford.

To place an order or make inquiries, email bundlesintheburg@gmail.com.

Senior parents

Please see the attached opportunity to honor your student in the yearbook.

Wofford photos

Click here to view great pictures from the many happenings at Wofford:
woffordcollege.smugmug.com.

COVID-19 information

wofford.edu/coronavirus

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