Opportunity knocks

Dr. Youmi Efurd, Wofford’s curator, and Emma Humphries ’22, seated together at the end of the table, work on an art project with clients of the Spartanburg Opportunity Center.

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Dr. Youmi Efurd and Emma Humphries ’22 are delivering hope and comfort to local individuals who are homeless.

Efurd, Wofford’s curator, has designed art activities and programming for clients of the Spartanburg Opportunity Center, which provides individuals in the community who are homeless with food, showers, clothing, laundry services and access to additional resources.

Each Friday, Efurd and Humphries, an art history and government double major from Gaffney, South Carolina, lead the center’s clients in a variety of activities, including painting, coloring, journal writing, meditation and gardening.

It started as a research project, but it has become personal for both Efurd and Humphries.
“It’s going to be difficult to break the cycle of chronic homelessness. We all know that,” Efurd says. “I was hoping to give them some stress relief and something they could focus on other than their situation.”

Humphries says she enjoys hanging out with the clients, hearing their stories and building relationships. She says the weekly art and mindfulness sessions are informal but important, serving as a self-care routine for the clients.

“That’s where my research comes in,” she says. “I’m looking at certain types of crafts and how they can aid with decision-making.”

Efurd began volunteering at the center in December. She wanted to learn about the staff, the volunteers, the services they provide and the clients. And she wanted them to learn about her.

“It’s important to have an acquaintance with them, a personal bond to some extent," she says. “They know me, and that’s very important.”

Annual scholarships

Did you know that Wofford College provided nearly $44 million in scholarships to students last year?
Scholarships make the college more appealing and competitive in attracting high-achieving students. Wofford is a viable option for many students because of the college’s academic and need-based scholarships.

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Wofford athletics, RJ Rockers launch co-branded beer

The Wofford College Department of Athletics has partnered with RJ Rockers Brewing Co. to launch “Golden Session Ale.” The beer commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Terrier Club.

The Terrier Club was organized in 1946 as the Eleven Club by alumni and friends of Wofford who wanted to support deserving student-athletes by raising money to fund scholarships. The Terrier Club maintains that same commitment today, and “Golden Session Ale” is another way for the college to benefit from alumni and community support.

John Bauknight ’89 is an owner of RJ Rockers and is a member of the Terrier Club Board of Directors. As a way of supporting the college and celebrating the impact of the Terrier Club for 75 years, the idea for “Golden Session Ale” was created.

“Golden Session Ale” became available on July 1 and is available only through the RJ Rockers Brewing Co., located in downtown Spartanburg. The limited-edition series (1,000 cans) is an unique way to commemorate the Terrier Club’s 75 years of service.
cases) also will be served at Wofford alumni and community events, including the Terrier Club Fall Kickoff on Sept. 17. Additional retail locations will be announced as they become available.

**Carolina Panthers return to Wofford for training camp**

The Carolina Panthers will hold their 26th training camp at Wofford beginning Wednesday, July 28.

The NFL’s Carolina Panthers are returning to Wofford College for training camp. It’s the Panthers’ 26th year practicing at the college.

The team will hold its first practice Wednesday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. In all, the Panthers will have 14 practices at Wofford, and all will be free and open to the public.