Family Weekend

The Terrier Fun Run/Walk is one of the highlights of Family Weekend. The event takes place this Saturday at 8 a.m. outside of Main Building.

Parents, siblings and other relatives of Wofford College students are welcome this weekend as the college celebrates Family Weekend.

There will be opportunities for families to attend receptions, art exhibits, athletics contests, research presentations, open houses and meals with academic departments.

“This weekend allows families to experience campus life while learning more about the many opportunities that Wofford provides,” says Thom Henson ’96, director of parent engagement. “It’s also a special time to build relationships and friendships with other Wofford families.”
Some of the events planned for the weekend, including a reception hosted by President Nayef Samhat and Prema Samhat for the Class of 2024, are taking into consideration how the COVID-19 pandemic limited the way some students and their families began their Wofford experience.

“At colleges and universities across the country, the Class of 2024 experienced a first year of college unlike any class before them and unlike the class that we just welcomed to the college in August,” Nayef Samhat says. “While we managed the preservation and integrity of the academic program, the experience was far from typical, and that includes the college’s traditional Family Weekend. We are excited about welcoming families from the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2025 into our community.”

Find the complete 2021 Family Weekend schedule.

Detecting outbreaks

Dr. Deidra Coleman and five students are doing research to better detect future disease outbreaks.

While many across the globe continue to monitor COVID-19 and its variants, Dr. Deidra Coleman and five Wofford College students have spent time studying how statistical research can detect future outbreaks of diseases.

Their work is being supported as a part of a program of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) funded by a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant.
Coleman, assistant professor of mathematics at Wofford, and students used datasets compiled to enable testing of emerging methodologies based on breast cancer mortality in the northeastern United States to gauge how Bayesian false discovery control in large scale spatial analysis multiple testing could detect outbreaks sooner.

“We’re trying to capture if there's an occurrence of a disease that we're not aware of,” Coleman says.

New admission video

Have you seen the college’s new video to recruit students? It was done by Paul Vecchione ’10 and his production company, Starr Media. Watch the theatre cut above. Shorter videos, including student stories, will be shared through the college’s social media accounts. Read more about Vecchione.

#OldGoldandVaxxed

Nayef and Prema Samhat  Jay McAuley
Lynze Roos  Mark Olencki

Ninety percent of the college’s students, faculty and staff have received COVID-19 vaccines. A few campus influencers have participated in a video campaign promoting vaccines and the responsibility everyone has to do their part for the campus’ health and well-being.