Under construction

Wofford students put siding on a Habitat for Humanity house being built in Chesnee, S.C. The students worked on two Habitat houses in Spartanburg County over Interim.

By Robert W. Dalton

Isa Ortiz Calzada ’24 never had a doubt about the Interim experience she wanted this year.

Calzada, an international affairs and French double major from Greenville, South Carolina, selected “Build an Affordable House - Save the Environment - Transform a Community.” She spent January helping Habitat for Humanity build two houses in Spartanburg County.

“I grew up in government-assisted housing,” Calzada says. “Being able to help somebody who is in that position is an amazing experience. It helps you to really appreciate what you have.”
Habitat for Humanity partners with communities around the world to help people in sub-standard housing build or improve their homes. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. The Spartanburg affiliate has built 147 homes in 34 years.

Dr. William DeMars, professor of government and international affairs, says the Interim course comes at an opportune time for Habitat.

“This is of value to Spartanburg Habitat because it's tough to find volunteers to come out at 8:30 in the morning in January,” he says. “These students work on the houses seven hours a day for three days a week in January. Then two days a week we study problems of affordable housing in the classroom.”

Fall 2021 Dean’s List

The fall 2021 Dean’s List has been announced, and it includes 736 Terriers.

See the complete list.
Strides for Survivors

Lauren Scalise ’24 is focused on her academic coursework, managing the Wofford College women’s basketball team, editing the yearbook and organizing a walk benefitting breast cancer survivors for her family’s nonprofit.

By Brandi Wylie ’24, student intern

It’s a busy time of year for Lauren Scalise ’24. She’s juggling her academic work, serving as a team manager for the Wofford College women’s basketball team and editing the Bohemian, the college’s yearbook.

She also has the role of chief financial officer with her family’s nonprofit, Strides for Survivors: Steps to Breast Cancer Rehabilitation.

Scalise’s family first started talking about the idea for a nonprofit in 2016, when her mom and grandmother were diagnosed with breast cancer within a year of each other. She was the only person with her mother when she received the diagnosis, and the retelling of the story for a high school project is what sparked the family’s desire to do something.

“I couldn’t just sit back anymore,” says Scalise, an environmental studies major from Atlanta, Georgia.
Men’s and women’s cross country teams earn all-academic honors

The Wofford College men’s and women’s cross country teams earned 2021 Division I All-Academic Team honors from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

To qualify as a USTFCCCA All-Academic Cross Country Team, a team must have had a cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or better. Wofford, under the direction of head coach Johnny Bomar, recorded a cumulative GPA of 3.10 as a men's team and a 3.63 cumulative GPA for the women's team.

More athletics news
Mack named AFL Student-Athlete Leader of the Month
Upcoming Black History Month event

“Social Justice in the Christian Tradition,” a talk and discussion facilitated by Dr. Doug Clark, visiting professor of religion, and the Rev. Dr. Ron Robinson, Perkins Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Room 112 of the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts

Find more Black History Month events.