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The season of light



The college's annual Candlelight Carols and Lighting of the Menorah was held Dec. 6 in Leonard Auditorium.

The holiday season is officially underway at Wofford College. The college's annual Candlelight Carols and Lighting of the Menorah was held Dec. 6. All student choirs performed.

The Office of Philanthropy and Engagement's Advent calendar has opportunities to enjoy Wofford's choral groups perform as well as other fun activities for the Advent season. Learn how to get a Wofford ornament and print gift tags with a Wofford theme. [View OPE's Advent calendar](#). Each Sunday, a video message about Advent is uploaded to the calendar and emailed to the college community as well.

Watson hired as head football coach



| Watch the announcement of Shawn Watson as the new head football coach for the Terrier football team.

Shawn Watson, who served as the college's interim head football coach since Oct. 6, was named Wofford's 24th head football coach on Dec. 1. [Read more about Watson.](#)

New bookstore



| The Wofford College Bookstore moved into its new location at 578 N. Church St. on Dec. 3.

The Wofford College Bookstore relocated across North Church Street to serve as the anchor of The Hub, a new 16,699-square-foot shopping plaza at 578 N. Church St. The new location will give the college additional space to host events.

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Shaping the future of coral reef research



Dr. Geoffrey Mitchell, associate professor of biology, Chandler Dickert '23 and Nathan Faulstich '23 will attend the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting in Austin, Texas, to share the results from their summer research with coral reefs.

By Brandi Wylie '24

Wofford College's Chandler Dickert '23, Nathan Faulstich '23 and Dr. Geoffrey Mitchell will present research that could impact future generations of coral reef research at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting in Austin, Texas, from Jan. 3-7.

Dickert and Faulstich are biology majors and Mitchell is associate professor of biology. They've spent the past two summers researching coral reef bleaching through a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

"We are looking at the cell cycle and the coral cells themselves," says Faulstich, who is on the biology department's pre-medicine track and is from Lake City, Florida. "We know that they divide at a certain rate over time, so we can manipulate factors, such as the availability of nutrients, and we can see how the cycle changes."

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‘Growing up Gold’



Jackie Carman '22, an international affairs and Spanish major from Twinsburg, Ohio, signs autographs for Spartanburg County schoolchildren attending the team's Growing up Gold: Education Day game.

By Brandi Wylie '24

The Wofford College women's basketball team was cheered to victory by more than 300 special guests when it played Davidson College.

After a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the team played its Growing up Gold: Education Day game, which tipped off at 11 a.m. on Nov. 30. Wofford won the game 72-51, but, more importantly, won the hearts of elementary and middle school children from Spartanburg County.

“Our student-athletes are role models for the local community,” says Addison Harvey, assistant athletics director for marketing and video.

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Remembering Robert E. Gregory Jr. '64



Robert E. Gregory Jr. '64, former chair of the Wofford College Board of Trustees, died on Nov. 22.

Robert E. Gregory Jr. '64 made a name for himself as a business leader with major national companies. Along the way, he always made time to serve his alma mater and community. Gregory died on Nov. 22.

Gregory is survived by his wife, Marie; his children, Scott '90 and Kelly; his grandchildren; and his brother.

“Throughout his hugely successful career as a leader in the business world and as a major contributor to institutions serving healthcare, education and the arts, Rob’s loyalty and generosity to his alma mater never wavered,” says Bernie Dunlap, Wofford College’s eighth president. “He didn’t simply give, he served â€” and Wofford is vastly better because of him. For everyone who’s also loved the college, his example should be an inspiration.”

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Town hall recording

President Nayef Samhat and members of his senior leadership team offered an update on the college’s operations and fielded questions on Dec. 5. [Watch a recording of the town hall.](#)

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