

*Upcoming events, updates from around campus, and more!*

# WOOSTER

## *Alumni & Family Engagement*

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### **Welcome to the Class of 2023!**

A warm welcome to the class of 2023, their families, and to those families returning for the 2019-20 academic year! We look forward to building a sense of community through events and communications to you throughout the academic year.

*Landre Kiser McCloud '05*

*Associate Director Family Engagement*



### **Quick Look at the Class of 2023**

The newest Fighting Scots come from 41 countries including the United States, which

has 34 states represented. It's a diverse group of students with vast interests. Nearly 300 students are interested in music and performing arts, and more than 350 are interested in participating in a varsity sport, intramurals, club, or the outdoors. It will be exciting to watch your students explore all that Wooster has to offer in and out of the classroom. A few facts about the class of 2023:

- US students of color: 26%
- International students: 17%
- Pell-eligible: 22%
- First-generation: 22%

The top five international countries represented are China, South Korea, Nepal, Vietnam and Ghana. Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Georgia and California have the largest population of new students from the US. View the [photos](#) and [video](#) from move-in and new student orientation.

### **Fun Facts About our 2,000 Student Population:**

Top Majors:

- Biology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- History
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Top International Countries Represented (in no order):

- China
- Vietnam
- India
- Ghana
- Ethiopia



### **Scots in Service**

Every year, Scots around the country gather to volunteer in their local communities. Each city that



### **Black & Gold Weekend**

We celebrate our Scot Spirit with alumni, families, and students together at Black & Gold Weekend! It's Homecoming & Family

participates chooses a local project or organization to help. Projects in the past have included painting non-profit buildings, landscaping at area parks, assisting at local food banks, raking leaves for senior citizens, and more! We invite parents and families to participate in a city near you.

**REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 19TH**

Weekend combined with many great events scheduled. It's the perfect time to visit your student on campus and experience the Wooster spirit.

Watch field hockey and football, enjoy cider and donuts, and so much more!

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 11TH**

## Ways to Get Involved

As a member of the Wooster community, there are many ways in which you can be involved no matter where you live. If you're interested in learning more, email us at [families@wooster.edu](mailto:families@wooster.edu).

Connect & Engage:

- Connect with prospective student families
- Host or attend an Admitted Student Reception
- Attend on campus and regional events

Share your Professional Path:

- Conduct mock interviews
- Provide career or field expertise
- Post jobs or internships
- Speak on campus

Philanthropic Support:

- Join the Leadership Circle with an annual gift of \$3,000 or more
- Make a gift of any size to The Wooster Fund

## Updates From Around Campus





## **APEX**

Your students are back on campus and a new academic year has begun. APEX is already buzzing with students and activity. The staff at APEX are at the core of your student's support network and they encourage you to talk with your student about the services and opportunities that are available in APEX. Students can access academic support services and get assistance with time management, study skills, organization, and four-year academic (and professional) planning. The development of professional goals and skills occurs across all four years of college. Students are encouraged to engage with APEX early and often.

## **Global Engagement Office (formerly Off Campus Study)**

Since many students know they wish to study away, they should visit the office to begin planning for an eventual off campus study experience.

## **Career Planning Office**

The career planning office hosts Resume Clinics during the first two weeks of classes in order to support students who are applying for on campus jobs. Students are advised to think about bringing their classroom learning into the world beyond the classroom.

## **Experiential Learning/Community Engagement and Entrepreneurship Office**

Students should visit this office to learn more about internships, break programming, leadership and service opportunities that will help them reach their academic, personal, and professional goals.

## **Dean of Students**

Encourage your student to get to know the staff in the Dean of Students Office, specifically their class dean.

Scott Brown, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Myrna Hernández, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Senior Associate Dean of Students

Shadra Smith, Interim Associate Dean of Students (*for students whose email address ends in 23*)

Ashley Benson, Associate Dean of Students (*for students whose email address ends in 21 or 22*)

Mitch Joseph, Interim Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities (*for students whose email address ends in 20*)

## **Dining Services**

Students with food allergies, or those who are having a hard time finding options in the dining halls, are encouraged to contact Marjorie Shamp, Director of Campus Dining, to set up a meeting. With the tremendous variety of non-allergen, vegan and gluten-free food choices, we are sure to steer your student in the right direction.

Students love care packages! Show them you are thinking about them with a Halloween or Fall Final Exam care package. Just go to [www.swaku.com/wooster](http://www.swaku.com/wooster) to see the selection and set up your account. The deadline for ordering the Halloween packages is October 18th. The deadline for the fall final exam packages is November 21st. Nut-free, gluten-free and vegetarian options are available.

Dining over Fall Break, October 5th-13th: Campus Dining meal plans will be active, and students will be able to use their swipes and flex dollars for meals. Locations will be limited, and a list of available locations and operating hours will be posted prior to fall break.

Thanksgiving Break Dining Information: All dining locations will be closed Wednesday, November 27th through Saturday, November 30th.

### **Registrar**

Last day to drop a full semester course is Tuesday, October 1.

Last day to change a course to the pass/fail or audit option is Tuesday, October 1.

Note: Students should first meet with their advisor to discuss either of these options.

### **Wellness Center**

The counseling staff at the Wellness Center will offer a service again this year called "Let's Talk." "Let's Talk" provides free, informal, and confidential consultations at locations around campus throughout the academic year. No appointment is necessary, students just drop by. Speaking with a counselor helps to provide insight, support and information about other resources. This is not a substitute for formal counseling or other mental health treatment. No topic is off limits. Common concerns include, but are not limited to:

- Stress
- Homesickness
- Worry
- Relationships
- Academic performance
- Family problems
- Financial struggles

Locations and times for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Tuesdays, 10:15-11:45 am, Babcock Formal Lounge

Wednesdays, 2:15-3:45 pm, Longbrake Room E, lower level of Andrews Library

Thursdays, 2:15-3:45 pm, Scot Center Recruiting Lounge, located behind the box office on the main floor

For a full list of services offered at the Wellness Center, click [here](#).



## Book Club

The Wooster Alumni, Family & Friends Book Club will be reading the College's summer reading book, *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. *The Best We Could Do* is a graphic memoir by Bui, who came to the United States with her **family** in the late 1970s as a refugee from Vietnam.

### JOIN THE CLUB

## Fall Semester Important Dates

SEP	Scots in Service
21	
OCT	Fall Break
5-13	
OCT	Black & Gold Weekend
18-20	
NOV	Thanksgiving Break
27-29	
DEC	Last Day of Fall Classes for Fall Semester
6	
DEC	Exams
9-12	

**DEC - JAN**

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## **Winter Break**

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