The Wooster Anthology
A brave attempt to pack a college into a book, help you realize that you simply have to come here, and introduce you to a terrific group of independent minds, working together.

The College of Wooster  Wooster, OH!
More than 1,800 bright, bold, unclassifiable students working with top-ranked, extremely friendly and supportive faculty, doing high-level, hands-on (and often life-changing) research around the world:

That sounds like independent minds, working together.

Which sounds like us.

Which makes us (and maybe you) say: **Woo!**
The Haug sisters: Melissa, Priscilla, and Rebecca (Rebecca is quoted above) are from Charlotte, North Carolina. They major in the sciences and are working on an organic “linker” that can be used with alternative energy sources. They also swim on Wooster’s swim team. Their philosophy (according to Melissa): “Swim your own race; effort matters; winning is a plus.”

“In the real world, you do research in groups. Guess what? This is the real world.”
Matthew: “Computer science was always my first love. At Wooster I started to see the bigger picture.”

Grant: “Matthew’s I.S. isn’t just a research project. It’s a business plan for the open source software movement in the Caribbean.”

Matthew: “Oddly enough, I’m creating a job for myself. People at universities are waiting for my research.”

MATTHEW MCNAUGHTON (in focus) is from Kingston, Jamaica. He’s double-majoring in philosophy and computer science.

GRANT CORNWELL (blurry yet strangely appealing) is Wooster’s 11th president and Matthew’s Independent Study (I.S.) advisor. Grant double-majored in philosophy and biology. “I couldn’t lead Wooster without being an advisor for I.S., because it’s so much a part of our teaching and learning culture. Plus it’s fun.”
“Are we visible on campus? Yeah, you tend to notice something like a super-fired-up squad of pipers and drummers leading the football team to the field on game day. Or performing a RAP—Random Act of Piping—in the dining hall. We’re unique. We’re quirky. We’ll get your attention. Kind of like Wooster.”

Three members of the College of Wooster Pipe Band: Max Gillespie, Kevin Shackleford, Zach Ault
Max (who’s quoted) is from Los Angeles, California; Kevin is from Boise, Idaho; Zach is from Orrville, Ohio. They all major in history; they’ve been on National Public Radio; they won first place in a North American piping competition; and they recently covered Coldplay.
Emily: “When he showed me the powder, I thought, ‘What are the applications? How is this going to work in the real world?’ And I started brainstorming.”

Paul: “When you go out into the world, nobody hands you an exam. People come together and try to solve really hard problems on the ground. That’s what we’re trying to emulate at Wooster.”

Emily: “I’ve done research since my first year here. It’s great for your résumé, for getting internships, applying to medical school. But that’s not the point. The point is to help people live better lives.”

Emily Barth is a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Houston, Texas. She used a grant from Wooster’s Copeland Fund to conduct research for her Independent Study in Kenya.

Paul Edmiston is a professor at Wooster and Emily’s I.S. advisor. He discovered Osorb, a substance that will a) revolutionize water purification and b) blow your mind. Emily discovered a way to bring it to communities in developing countries.
Environmental studies is an opportunity to break down barriers. Students, faculty, administrators, staff—they’re all working in our campus garden, on our campus sustainability committee, on our Green Fund that supports sustainability projects. The problems are too big to tackle alone. We have to come together.”
This is what they call a campus "beauty shot."

VISITING
Please do. Here’s how:
First, get to Ohio. If you’re driving, go to our website for directions or point your favorite mapping device to 847 College Avenue, Wooster, OH 44691. If you are flying, we are only 45 minutes from the Cleveland and Akron/Canton airports, and we can even provide a free shuttle if you are traveling alone (and take you back, if you really want to leave).

DRIVING DISTANCES
• Akron/Canton: 45 minutes
• Cincinnati: 3 1/2 hours
• Cleveland: 1 hour
• Columbus: 1 1/2 hours
• Chicago, IL: 6 hours
• Pittsburgh, PA: 2 1/2 hours
• Washington, D.C.: 6 1/2 hours
It starts with stellar teaching in small classes and a student to faculty ratio of 11 to 1. And then it gets bigger: real-world research, entrepreneurial opportunities, hands-on experience in internships, service, and global programs. This is a flexible, exciting, forward-looking, outward-reaching liberal arts education.

FACTS
U.S. News ranking for excellence in teaching: Top 10
Student mentoring: 1:1 senior year
Student/faculty summer research projects: More than 100
Number of student/faculty published articles in peer-reviewed journals in the last three years: 38
Recent clients partnering with student teams in our Applied Mathematics Research Experience: First Energy, Goodyear, Progressive Insurance
Recent study abroad programs sponsored by our Center for Diversity and Global Engagement: China, Kenya, India
Community service houses: 20
Study abroad destinations: 60 countries on 6 continents

What Colleges That Change Lives author Loren Pope wrote about the College of Wooster: “As I have gotten to know what it accomplishes, I can testify that there is no better college in the country.”

Top 10 college in the country for excellence in teaching
The hallmark of a Wooster education: a year-long, student-driven, faculty-mentored research project.

**FACTS**
- Full name of the I.S.: Independent Study
- Seniors who complete an I.S.: 100%
- Student to faculty ratio for I.S.: 1 to 1
- Dedicated resources for seniors: labs, art studios, rehearsal and performance spaces, study carrels
- Special bonus resources: Our Copeland Fund provides nearly $100,000 to students for I.S.-related research and travel
- What happens at the end: A parade! (Also known as I.S. Monday)

**A SAMPLING OF I.S. PROJECTS**
- From Bebop to Hip Hop Sample: The Evolution of a Tradition (African Studies)
- An Investigation Into the Role of Creatine in Muscle Toxicity Associated With Statin-Use (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)
- It Ain’t All About The Benjamins, Baby: Dismantling the Link Between Musical Taste and Social Class (Anthropology)
- Do You Need Anybody? I Just Need Someone To Love. I Get By With A Little Help From My (Facebook) Friends: A Content Analysis of Image Management of College Students’ Facebook Profiles (Communication)
- Motivations of Terrorism (Economics)
- The 6,670,903,752,021,072,936,960 Reasons Why Sudoku Is a Puzzle Worth Solving (Math)
- Exploring Media’s Impact on Pro-Environmental Behaviors (Psychology)
- The Effects of Automobile Exhaust on Foliage and Forest Floor Nitrogen Cycling on Cape Cod (Biology)
- A Rose from the Concrete: A Case Study of Incentivizing Private Development and Neighborhood Revitalization In Philadelphia (Urban Studies)
We’re irrepressible, entrepreneurial, and unabashedly smart. We dance, we debate, we throw huge festivals, we wear kilts. It works for us.

**F A C T S**

Student-run clubs and organizations: 120
Students performing in a musical ensemble: 30%
Students playing on an NCAA Division III team: 30%
Members of the Wooster Volunteer Network: 300
Amount of real money managed by the Student Investment Club: $2,300,000
NCAC championships in 2009-2010: 4 (field hockey, men’s basketball, baseball, women’s lacrosse)
Traditions: Filling Kauke Arch with snow, I.S. Monday, Lip Synch, Party on the Green, anything tartan, stealing a Wooster brick at graduation

Welcome to our hometown: a small city with good neighbors, a historic downtown, and easy access to Cleveland and Columbus.

**F A C T S**

Population of Wooster: 26,000
Where you’ll find us on birthdays: C Dubs
Where you’ll find us on Wednesdays: El Campesino
Where you’ll find student bands on Friday nights: Kenarden Lodge
Local mountain bike trail with national reputation: Vulture’s Knob
Obvious reason to visit Cleveland (60 miles): Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
Less obvious but just as compelling reason to visit Cleveland: Sushi Rock
Bonus reason: Cleveland Symphony Orchestra
Top 3 athletic-themed date-worthy activities: Indians games, Cavs games, Football Hall of Fame (Canton)
Top 3 date-worthy dining options in downtown Wooster: South Market Bistro, Broken Rocks Café, City Square Steakhouse

“There’s a voltage in the air here that charges people to want to do something for their community.”

Three of the brothers (not really) of Brochet, a Program House dedicated to making hats for local charities.

**W I L L S A N T I N O**

(in the middle) is a studio art major from Bowling Green, Ohio. Every year, groups of students committed to civic or cultural engagement apply to live in one of Wooster’s Program Houses.
The work you do and the connections you make at Wooster—through research and service, internships and study abroad—are a springboard to whatever comes next. (And it’s usually good.)

FACTS
Percentage of alumni who are employed or in graduate school six months after graduation: 93%
Amount of the National Science Foundation grant received by a recent physics major: $125,000
Number of other liberal arts students nationwide who received such a grant: 3
Top career fields for class of 2010: Education, Government, Research, Finance
One of the top feeder schools for Teach for America and the Peace Corps: Wooster
Number of graduates with doctorates: 4,333 and counting

93% employed or in graduate school 6 months after graduation
“Performing alone doesn’t make sense to me. When we’re rehearsing for a dance concert, everyone comes in ready to work. And if we’re not on the same page, we’ve got nothing. Working together—that’s how things happen.”

Jacquie Nar Nar is from Atlanta, Georgia, where she’s a member of the Youth Ensemble of Atlanta. She was so sure she would major in theatre that she had a little panic attack when she realized how much she loved anthropology (now her major). She looks forward to combining both interests by doing an anthro-study of the importance of ensemble theatre in different cultures. Jacquie is taking Russian and plans to spend a semester at the Moscow Art Theatre.
Amanda: “We’re dedicated to our sports, but we come here because athletics isn’t the only thing that’s important to us.”
Brenda: “I’ve got students who play the fiddle, do summer research, sing in the gospel choir, go pre-law, go pre-med. It’s just like on the field: There are so many ways to be successful. Everyone finds a way to shine.”
Amanda: “One person can’t carry a team. You need everyone on the field—and on the bench—to be your best.”
Three members of Wooster’s Global Social Entrepreneurship program.

**Amyaz Moledina**
Professor of economics and director of Social Entrepreneurship enjoys a humorous moment with students Constance Ferber and Marianne Sierocinski. They are working as consultants to two non-profits in Bangalore, India.

**Constance:** “I’ve volunteered with non-profits, and I’ve lived and studied in India. This is the next step. A very big next step.”

**Amyaz:** “It’s an internship, a research project, and a business venture all at once. Everything we do in the classroom—we want to be able to use it in the field.”

**Marianne:** “Wooster’s the kind of place where it’s really easy to step outside your comfort zone. I’ve helped to build this experience from the ground up. I feel like a very different person.”

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**Constance Ferber**
is a sociology major from Baltimore, Maryland.

**Marianne Sierocinski**
is an urban studies major from Davie, Florida.
“College is the best opportunity of your life to define what the world is like. I designed my own major around the idea of sustainable, long-term development. This summer I got a grant to interview migrant workers in North Carolina and make a documentary about them. Wooster is the kind of place where people believe in you and your ability to find your passion.”

LAURA VALENZIA
(smiling and hugging her friend Brigitta Mills) is a self-designed major in global development studies from Northville, Michigan. Her most admired quality is the ability to give a good high-five.
Jake: “When it gets warm, we go to Kauke Arch and sing as loud as we can. You can hear it for half a mile.”

Derick: “Music is about playing and singing, but it’s also about listening. If you can hear—really hear—what people are playing, you become a better player. Collaboration is everything.”

Derick Evans is from Clinton, New York. He’s leaning toward majoring in music. His idea is that you do what you love and see where it takes you.

Jake Briggs is a senior from Overton, Ohio. He’s already leaned all the way into music theory and composition. For his I.S., he’s composing a bluegrass opera about a coal-mining family. He plays in a bluegrass jam at the college on Monday nights. He and Derick play together in the jazz ensemble and in a jazz combo and at random pianos around campus. Jake has shaggy hair; Derick, not so much.
We’re looking for people who want to think for themselves, join a one-of-a-kind community, and put their education to work.

FACTS
States represented in our 2010 entering class: 38
Countries represented in our 2010 entering class: 26
In-state/Out-of-State: 32%/68%
SAT M/CR/W (middle 50%) of 2010 entering class: 1660-1950
ACT (middle 50%) of 2010 entering class: 24-29

A Wooster education has immediate practical benefits and lasting value. It’s an accessible, transformative investment. We’re committed to making it affordable and sustainable for our students.

FACTS
Students receiving financial aid: 95%
Average aid package: $24,820
Admitted students who were recognized with a Dean’s Award: 81%
Amount of aid Wooster offers to students in the form of grants and scholarships: $32,000,000
Percentage of that aid that must be paid back: 0%
Students who are Pell Grant recipients: 20%
Wooster’s Comprehensive Fee, 2010-2011: $45,668
Actual amount that most families pay: Nowhere near that

“I feel so fulfilled by my education. I pushed myself, expanded my mind. That’s an experience that I’ll pay me back for the rest of my life.”

JULIAN MANGANO is a psychology major from Painesville, Ohio. He runs track, writes poetry, is in the dance company, and works as a manager for a hip-hop artist named Miss Skittles.

SELECTIONS SCHOLARSHIPS
Dean’s Awards $14,000 to $20,500
Awards are based on academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, leadership, and personal merit. All applicants to the College are eligible.

Byron Morris Scholarships $2,000 to $14,000
Awards are based on commitment to community and leadership. All applicants to the College are eligible.

College Scholar Awards $21,500 to $24,000
Awards are based on academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement and leadership, personal merit and scholarship essay competition. Separate application required; deadline January 1.

Music, Theatre and Dance, and Scottish Arts Scholarships $2,000 to $8,000
Awards are based on accomplishment and promise in the field. Audition and separate application required; deadline January 15.

National Merit Scholarships
Wooster offers $2,000 to eligible National Merit Scholars.

SELECTIONS GRANTS
Wooster Need-Based Grants
Grants from the College to students demonstrating financial need. FAFSA serves as an application, grants do not need to be repaid.

Pell Grants
Federal awards given to undergraduate students who demonstrate high financial need according to a federal eligibility formula. FAFSA serves as an application, grants do not need to be repaid.

Ohio College Opportunity Grant
Awarded to low-income Ohio students. FAFSA serves as an application; grants do not need to be repaid.

Special Note
Some of our scholarships require an application deadline.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES
Early Decision
Application: November 15
Notification: December 15
Deposit: January 1

Early Action
Application: December 15
Notification: January 15
Deposit: May 1

Regular Decision
Application: February 15
Notification: March 15
Deposit: May 1

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