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December 2018



Fall Commencement Recognizes Graduates, Award Winners

Winthrop conferred degrees to more than 300 graduates during the Dec. 15 [Commencement ceremony](#). The ceremony also featured the presentation of two prestigious awards, including the [President's Award for Academic Excellence](#) given to business administration major Kassie Morgan Reiter and the [Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching](#) presented to Melissa Carsten, professor of human resource management, from the College of Business Administration. Cheryl Fortner-Wood, professor of psychology and the 2017 recipient of the Kinard Award, was the keynote speaker. View more graduation highlights on [Facebook](#).



President Mahony Recognized With Academic Achievement in Sport and Entertainment Award

Called a pioneer in the sport management discipline and the first university leader in the United States to hold a Ph.D. in sports management, President Dan Mahony was recognized with the Academic Achievement in Sport and Entertainment Award from Sport and Entertainment Venues Tomorrow (SEVT).

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Winthrop Recognized as a Green College

Winthrop appears in [The Princeton Review's "Guide to 399 Green Colleges: 2018 Edition"](#) for most environmentally responsible "green" colleges. The guide surveyed hundreds of schools and asked questions based on academic offerings, campus policies, initiatives, activities and career preparation for students. [Read more](#) about this latest accolade. View all of Winthrop's [recent achievements](#).



Ken Halpin Appointed to NCAA Division I Council

Ken Halpin, vice president for intercollegiate athletics and athletics director, has been appointed to the NCAA Division I Council. The Division I Council is a high-level group responsible for the day-to-day decision-making for Division I. The council is comprised of practitioners who work daily in Division I athletics.

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Physical Education Teacher Program Named Best in the State

The South Carolina Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (SCAHPERD) has recognized Winthrop's physical education teacher program (PETE) as the best in the state. SCAHPERD noted that the program "has provided a consistent tradition in preparing physical education teachers" and "provided innumerable quality teachers" in the field.

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Strengthening the Winthrop Network

Thanks to everyone who attended a Winthrop alumni social this fall. A record number of alumni attended these fun networking events that help welcome alumni to Winthrop's nine [regional chapters](#). Check out social highlights on [Facebook](#). View [upcoming events](#) and make plans to attend.



Alumni Director's Letter: Eagles Across the World, Pre-Game Socials and More

Did you know more than 60,000 Winthrop alumni span the globe? Visit the new [Tracking Eagles Across the World](#) page to see how many Eagles live in your state.

Also, plans are underway for 2019 alumni events and we hope to see you in the new year on campus or when we bring Winthrop to you. [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Jean Paul Dushime '18

When he left Rwanda five years ago, he sought additional educational learning opportunities. When he spent a week on Wall Street while studying for his MBA at Winthrop, he sought knowledge from the top financial experts. When he started working in data solutions with the London Stock Exchange Group, he sought ways to further his career. [Read More>>](#)

Calendar of Events

Jan. 7, Spring Classes Begin

Jan. 12, Pre-Game Social for Men's Basketball vs. High Point (HOME)
Noon, location TBD, RSVP to alumni@winthrop.edu

Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
University Closed



At the end of every semester, President Mahony shares some of Winthrop's accomplishments over the past few months.

[View](#) his recap of the fall semester highlights.

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