



August 2023

FEATURED EVENT

[Share Your Thoughts at Strategic Planning Virtual Town Hall](#)



Excitement is building as the strategic planning process crosses the halfway point! There has been fantastic response to the many opportunities to be involved, and now there is another event just for you! Please join President Edward Serna '02, Gary Simrill '91, chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and the Berkeley Research Group (BRG) team for an alumni-focused virtual town hall on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. This town hall is designed especially for alumni to update you on all the great work that's been accomplished to date, share findings from the data collection phase, present the direction of our strategic plan, and solicit your feedback. If you have a question for the BRG team, please submit it by noon on Friday, Sept. 15, to strategy@winthrop.edu. The questions will go directly to BRG so they may be addressed during the presentation, or if time, asked/answered toward the end of the town hall session. The town hall will be hosted on the [Alumni Association Facebook page](#).

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

[Applications Close Soon for Alumni Representative to the Board](#)



The Alumni Association is accepting applications for a candidate to serve as a representative to the Board of Trustees for one of the two alumni-elected seats. The six-year term will begin on July 1. If you would like to serve your alma mater in this capacity or wish to nominate a fellow alumnus, please complete and submit the [application form](#) no later than Friday, Sept. 8. Candidates will be announced in late fall and voting will open in early 2024.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

[Serna Shares Positive News to Open 138th Academic Year](#)



During an Aug. 14 Welcome Back event to faculty and staff, President Edward Serna '02 shared positive news on enrollment, two new upcoming degree offerings, strategic planning next steps, campus infrastructure enhancements, a new Competency-based Education initiative in the works, upcoming Campus Master Plan sessions and more.

ACADEMIC YEAR KICK OFF

[Campus Celebrates Back-to-School Activities](#)



Winthrop welcomed new and returning students this month for the fall semester. From summer [Orientation](#), to [move-in](#) to Welcome Week events and more, students have been busy acclimating to campus life. Freshmen, non-traditional and transfer students were officially welcomed into the Winthrop community of learners during the 138th [Convocation](#) ceremony held Aug. 21.

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

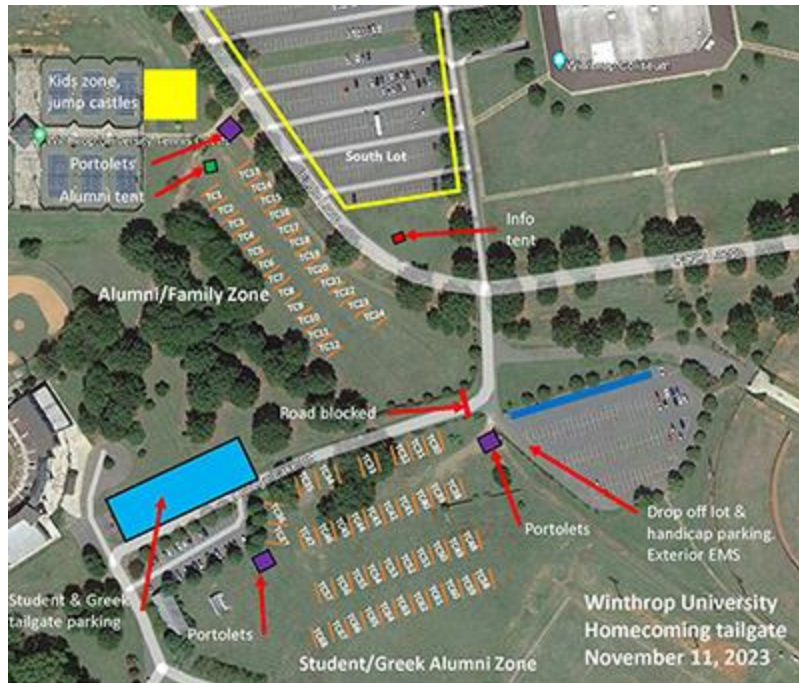
[Leadership Changes Announced for 2023-24 Academic Year](#)



Interim Provost Peter Judge will lead Winthrop's faculty again this year while the search for a new provost continues. Judge, a professor emeritus of religious studies, came out of retirement last year to serve in the role. In addition to Judge's extended stay, there are other leadership changes in administrative roles at the dean and department chair levels.

HOMECOMING AND REUNION

[Purchase Your Homecoming Tailgate Spot Starting Sept. 7](#)



Homecoming tailgate reservations will be available for purchase starting Sept. 7 at winthropeagles.com. If you would like to tailgate using tents ahead of the Nov. 11 men's basketball game at 6 p.m., you will need to purchase a 30'x40' tailgate spot for a \$100 nonrefundable fee. This fee includes one parking pass (a \$20 value). Tailgating will be available from 11 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 11. Purchase for the tailgating spots will be on a first come, first served basis. Each tailgating purchase is limited to two spots. [View the map of tailgating areas](#) and [purchase your spot](#) starting Sept. 7. For more information on Homecoming, including answers to FAQs, please visit the [Homecoming website](#).

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[**Order Your Homecoming T-Shirt Now!**](#)



The 2023 Homecoming T-shirt is available for \$20. If you submit your order by Oct. 9 you will receive a T-shirt via mail to the mailing address on the order form submitted. The T-shirt should arrive to you in time for Homecoming and Reunion, which is Nov. 6-11. If you purchase your Homecoming T-shirt after Oct. 9 your Homecoming T-shirt will arrive via mail after Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

[**A Message from the Alumni Director**](#)



Campus is bustling with activity now that the academic year is underway. With the new school year comes lots of exciting alumni activities, events and initiatives as well. We're particularly excited about the fall launch of *I'm Ready*, our alumni mentoring program. If you're interested in serving as an alumni mentor then please reach out! I also hope you're making plans to join us for Homecoming and Reunion. Rest assured that your Alumni Association has plans in the works to get you involved with your alma mater this year. We can't wait to see you soon!



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