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Voting Now Open for Alumni Trustee Seat

Voting started Jan. 24 and runs through Feb. 25 for alumni to cast their vote for the next alumni trustee. The three candidates running for one of the two alumni-elected seats on Winthrop's [Board of Trustees](#) are Alison Hamilton '92, '95; David McDonald '01; and Endee Tate '21. The candidate who receives the most votes will serve a six-year term from 2022-28. All Winthrop alumni are able to vote for their candidate of choice by using their seven-digit alumni ID number, which was shared via the mailed fall Winthrop Magazine and postcard.

[Read more and cast your vote>>](#)



Presidential Search Process Reaches Next Stages

The search for Winthrop's 12th president is advancing. The university's search partner, Myers McRae, reports that more than 150 applications, including those of some sitting presidents, were received. The Presidential Search Committee recently met virtually to discuss applicants and chose a dozen or so candidates with whom the committee could interview over Zoom the last full week of the month. Off-campus interviews with candidates are tentatively scheduled for early February. Once the off-campus, in-person interviews are completed, the committee will invite announced finalists to campus.

[Read more about next steps>>](#)



Lutz Foundation's \$25,000 Grant Applied to Fountain Restoration Project

The Herbert and Anna Lutz Foundation recently [donated \\$25,000](#) to the university's Fountain Restoration Project. The fountain, a beloved campus landmark located in front of Tillman Hall, has been out of commission for a few years and needs replacement. A study commissioned by an anonymous donor in 2020 determined a design for a new fountain and the anticipated cost is \$500,000.

Winthrop applied for the Lutz Foundation grant, which was one of 21 grants awarded by the organization in 2021. [Learn more](#) about the Fountain Restoration Project or [make a gift](#) to the project.



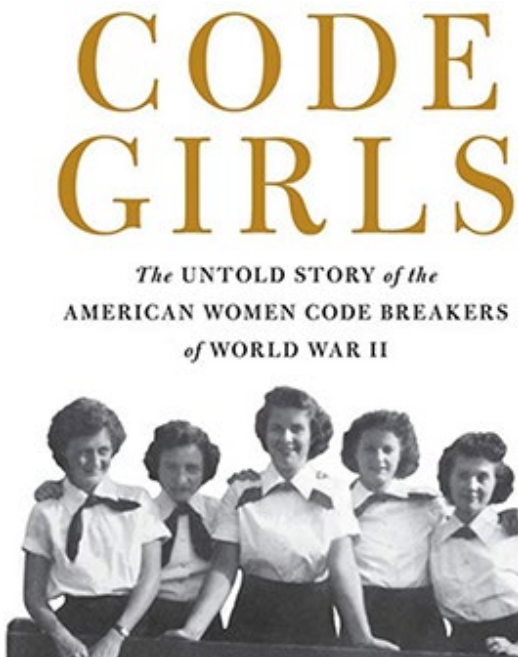
Adolphus Belk Jr. Named 2021-22 Thompson Scholar

Winthrop has appointed a new Thompson Scholar for 2021-22: Professor of Political Science Adolphus Belk Jr. The monetary award, generated through the Robert and Norma Thompson Endowment which was established during the university's first capital campaign, is given to support work on projects that strengthen the academic, intellectual and co-curricular life of the university. During his time as the Thompson Scholar, Belk plans to create a new course on hip-hop and politics that explores the issues raised in "For the Culture: Hip-Hop and the Fight for Social Justice," a book he co-edited with Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey '04. [Read More>>](#)



Crystal Glover Awarded Bank of America Professorship

Winthrop recently selected Crystal Glover '97, '99, for the Bank of America Professorship so the education faculty member can develop an early childhood curriculum that centers on the humanity and joy of children of color and their families. The Bank of America award, which was first given in 2006, is presented in the Richard W. Riley College of Education to a faculty member to enhance the scholarly explorations within the professor's research interests. Glover is an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy. [Read More>>](#)



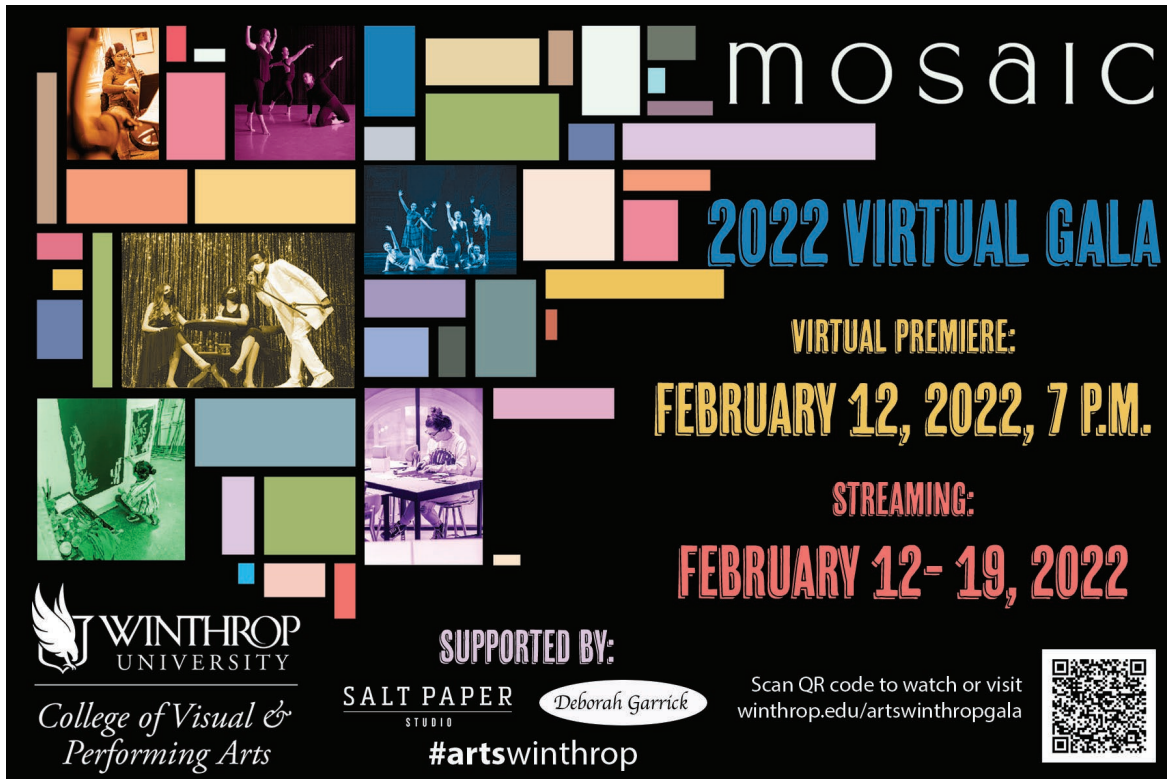
Newest Virtual Alumni Book Club Selection Includes Contributions by Jeuel Bannister Esmacher '44

Members of the Virtual Alumni Book Club are now reading "Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers Who Helped Win World War II," written by Lisa Mundy. The book tells the story of the thousands of women code breakers who helped the Allies win World War II and pioneered the cyber age. The contributions of Jeuel Bannister Esmacher '44, who worked as a code breaker for the Department of Defense, are included in the book. [Sign up](#) for the free Virtual Alumni Book Club and start reading!



A Message from the Alumni Director

It's a new year, and the Alumni Association is excited for what 2022 has in store! Did you know that as a Winthrop alumnus you have access to the Ida Jane Dacus Library? It's true! Learn more about this perk, and other happenings, and I look forward to seeing you virtually and in-person this year! [Read More>>](#)

A promotional poster for the 'Mosaic 2022 Virtual Gala'. The background is black with a collage of colorful rectangular blocks in various shades like blue, green, yellow, and purple. Several of these blocks contain small images: a person in a white dress, a group of dancers, a person in a white coat, a person at a desk, and a person in a green setting. The word 'mosaic' is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font at the top right. Below it, '2022 VIRTUAL GALA' is written in large, bold, blue, uppercase letters. Further down, 'VIRTUAL PREMIERE:' is in yellow, 'FEBRUARY 12, 2022, 7 P.M.' is in yellow, 'STREAMING:' is in red, and 'FEBRUARY 12-19, 2022' is in red. At the bottom left is the Winthrop University logo and 'College of Visual & Performing Arts'. At the bottom center is 'SUPPORTED BY: SALT PAPER STUDIO Deborah Garrick' and '#artswinthrop'. At the bottom right is a QR code and the text 'Scan QR code to watch or visit winthrop.edu/artswinthropgala'.

Featured Event: ArtsWinthrop's 2022 Virtual Scholarship Gala "Mosaic"

The ArtsWinthrop's 2022 Virtual Scholarship Gala, "Mosaic," supports students in the [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) who are pursuing a degree in the arts. The virtual premiere is Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Watch along with ArtsWinthrop to view a variety of dance, theatre, music, and musical theatre performances and hear testimonials from past scholarship recipients. The event will be streamed virtually via the [ArtsWinthrop Virtual Scholarship Gala website](#) from Feb. 12-19, 2022 to allow everyone an opportunity to view and show their support.



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