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Alumni, Students Honor Martin Luther King Jr. with Service

Alumni and students honored the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by participating in a variety of service projects and events. Students spent a week volunteering with more than 10 service projects on campus and in the community. Chris Johnson '99, Winthrop's sustainability coordinator, organized campus beautification projects and tree plantings as one service project. Alumni, including those involved with the Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter, attended and walked in local parades to honor King. [See photos](#) of alumni and students honoring King.



New Graduate Proud of Grandmother's Winthrop Legacy

As graduate student Jaelyn-Alicia Fossett participated in the Dec. 17 Commencement ceremony, she thought about her grandmother's legacy. She talked in the days before earning her master's degree in social work about the impact on her life by the late Dorothy Perry Thompson, an English professor and poet who started the African American Studies program at Winthrop. The program will celebrate its 30th anniversary this spring. [Read More>>](#)



"The Reading List" is Newest Selection for the Virtual Alumni Book Club

Through March 10, the Virtual Alumni Book Club will be reading "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams. Newsweek called it "a quietly beautiful novel about the magic of books and the joy of human connection," and Booklist said, "this moving debut demonstrates the power of novels to provide comfort in the face of devastating loss and loneliness, with relatable characters and a heartwarming tone throughout." [Read more](#) about the book. It's free to join the book club, and all you have to do is secure a copy of the book and start reading! [Sign up](#) for the Virtual Alumni Book Club and join the Winthrop community in this shared reading experience.



A Message from the Alumni Director

Happy New Year! We are so excited for what 2023 has in store. The Alumni Association has lots of exciting events planned this spring, including opportunities to meet President Edward Serna '02 in March during Columbia and Charleston welcome receptions. There also is a Winthrop Black History Trivia Night via Zoom next month in honor of Black History Month, in addition to a celebratory event to recognize the 30th anniversary of Winthrop's African American Studies program.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event! [Read More>>](#)



Join an Alumni Chapter Near You!

Did you know that the Alumni Association has alumni chapters in Rock Hill, Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Columbia, Kershaw, the Upstate, Charlotte, the Triangle, Atlanta, D.C. Metro and Orlando? Locate a chapter nearest you and get involved with fun events and opportunities to serve your alma mater. For more information or to volunteer with your local alumni chapter, contact [Brittany Neely '14](#), alumni engagement coordinator, at 803/323-3050. [Learn More>>](#)



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