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S.C. Supreme Court to Hold Public Sessions at Coliseum

The South Carolina Supreme Court will hear oral arguments at the Winthrop Coliseum Oct. 25-26 in an effort to provide local citizens with a glimpse of how the state's highest court works. On Oct. 25, the Supreme Court will hold proceedings starting at 10 a.m. and at 11 a.m. for two cases involving violent crimes. On Oct.

26 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. the court will hear two insurance cases. [Read more about the four cases](#). The event is free and open to the public. [SCETV will stream the event live. Read More>>](#)



Serna to Meet with Charlotte Alumni Chapter on Nov. 8

[President Edward Serna '02](#) will visit with Charlotte alumni on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the [Foundation for the Carolinas'](#) Kearney Solarium and Silverman Pavilion. The original event date on Oct. 4 was rescheduled for Nov. 8 as Serna was in Columbia advocating for Winthrop. [Register for the Charlotte event](#) by Nov. 4. Serna will give brief remarks at 6:45 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. Additional meet and greet events with Serna are being scheduled for Atlanta, Charleston, Columbia, D.C, the Triangle and Upstate next year.



Five Alumni to Receive Awards for Service and Achievements

Five outstanding alumni will be honored for their service and professional achievements at the Nov. 10 Alumni Awards Dinner. Recipients are: Jane LaRoche '70, Mary Mildred Sullivan Award; Gary Simrill '91, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Ashlye Rumph-Geddis Wilkerson '05, Alumni Distinguished Service Award; Cecily Truett Lancit '71, Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and Punam Patel '12, Outstanding Young Alumni Award. [Read more](#) about the recipients and their respective awards.



It's Time for Homecoming and Reunion Celebration!

The Alumni Association is excited to offer a variety of virtual and on-campus events in which alumni may participate during Homecoming and Reunion celebration, Nov. 7-12. Check out the [schedule of events](#), and be sure to [register for the events](#) you would like to attend. In addition, if you're an alumnus and your class year ends with a '2 or '7 then you are celebrating a milestone reunion! [Please register for your class reunion now](#). During Homecoming and Reunion celebration, the men's basketball team will host Middle Tennessee State University at the Winthrop Coliseum on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. [Game tickets](#) can be purchased beginning Nov. 1, and [tailgating spots](#) are available for purchase now. [Read more](#) about Homecoming and Reunion Celebration and game-related activities.



Gary Simrill Receives Order of the Palmetto

S.C. Governor Henry McMaster praised Gary Simrill '91 for his S.C. General Assembly work during an Oct. 4 presentation of the Order of the Palmetto. The award is the highest civilian honor given to a South Carolina resident. Colleagues, family and friends gathered outside at the Governor's Mansion to help honor Simrill for his 30 years of exceptional service to the Palmetto State. Simrill, who retired this year from his S.C. House 46 seat, said serving the citizens of York County and South Carolina has been one of the greatest honors of his life. After retiring, he joined Winthrop on July 1 as special assistant to the president for community engagement. [Read More>>](#)



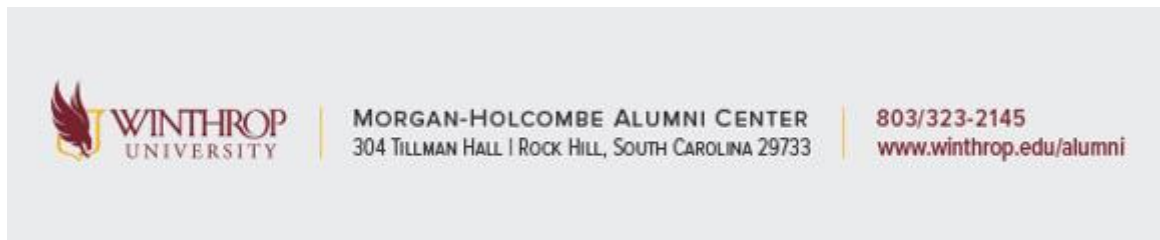
A Message from the Alumni Director

We are less than one month away from Homecoming and Reunion, Nov. 7-12! There will be something for everyone to celebrate, including virtual events during the week, in-person activities on campus and gatherings in the surrounding Rock Hill community over the weekend. Visit the [schedule of events page](#) for all the events! [Register for Homecoming](#) events by Friday, Oct. 28! There are lots of other exciting events happenings later this fall, and I hope to see you at one of them. [Read More>>](#)



My Winthrop Experience: LyKaisha Barr and LyAshia Barr

As the Barr sisters were growing up in Kingstree, South Carolina, if you saw LyKaisha Barr, chances are you'd find LyAshia Barr as well – and vice versa. The identical twins were extremely close as children. That bond has only strengthened over time because you can still find them together: the Winthrop University Class of 2015 graduates both work at Sullivan Middle School in Rock Hill. [Read More>>](#)



The mission of the Alumni Association is to honor the traditions and values of Winthrop University through the engagement of alumni worldwide.

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