



# WINTHROP INSIDER

YOUR MONTHLY UNIVERSITY UPDATE

April 2021

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT DURING BLEED GARNET, GIVE GOLD



Winthrop is championing supporters to show their pride (Bleed Garnet) and give back (Give Gold) to the university on May 4-5.

The 24-hour fundraising celebration will seek to draw in 500 donors in a single day to support

resources, programs and opportunities for students and educators. The fundraising celebration aims to strengthen Winthrop's donor community in making a collective impact in one day.

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## RECAP OF RECENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION

During an April 9 board meeting, trustees voted to extend the temporary suspension of standardized test results as a student admissions requirement for two additional academic years.

Board members also set the fees for three new online graduate courses which start this fall and charged Interim President George W. Hynd with submitting by June a robust strategic marketing plan.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: AUSTIN SMITH '13

Austin Smith '13 is resetting what church looks like. As pastor of the new Reveal Church, he wants to build relationships with people on their journey to becoming their authentic selves.



He and his wife, Brea, are entrepreneurs and pastors of Reveal, about 10 minutes away

from Winthrop's campus, where they both learned some of their biggest revelations about their faith, God and church.

“For us, we have an opportunity to reset that church doesn't have to look the normal way. Our church is for all people, whether it's a different race or different belief. We are here for people,” said Smith, a Columbia, South Carolina, native and son of a preacher.

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## DEVELOPERS REMODEL FORMER COCA-COLA BOTTLING PLANT



Winthrop marketing students helped create the name and branding for The Perch, a new two-story development at the corner of Cherry Road and Oakland Avenue. The new space is

near the former Coca-Cola bottling plant, built in the early 1940s. It will include restaurants, retail space, offices and an artificial turf area for outdoor games and live music. [Read More>>](#)



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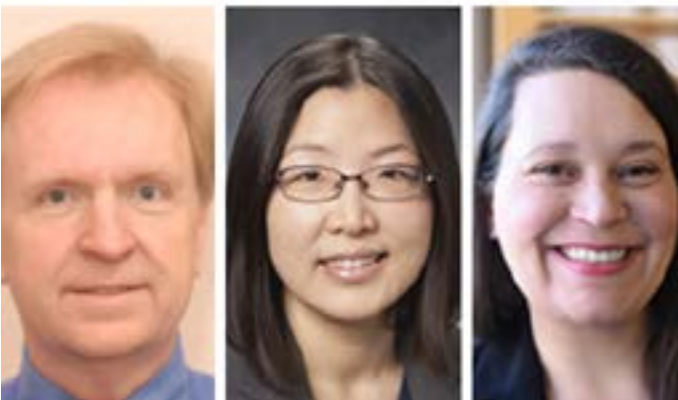
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## EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY TO RECEIVE AWARDS AT MAY COMMENCEMENT

Three faculty members will be honored at May Commencement ceremonies for their creative teaching methods, outstanding research and dedication to university and community service.

The three honored faculty members are: Professor of Chemistry Cliff Calloway, Distinguished Professor Award; Assistant Political Science Professor Hye-Sung Kim, Outstanding Junior Professor Award; and Associate Professor of Marketing Stephanie Lawson, Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award.

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## BASKETBALL PROGRAMS WELCOME HEAD COACHES



Winthrop Athletics recently announced new head coaches for the men's and women's basketball programs.

[Mark Prosser](#) was hired as the seventh head coach in men's basketball history. Prosser formerly served as an assistant coach and later associate head coach at Winthrop from 2012-18. After serving as the interim head coach for the 2020-21 season, [Semeka Randall Lay](#) was named the women's basketball head coach. Lay, who was a standout player at the University of Tennessee, brings to the position a wealth of coaching and playing experience.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

We are wrapping up a busy spring semester!

Winthrop faculty and staff have shown extraordinary resilience and commitment throughout the last year. Let's send them a note of thanks for all they have done! To share a note of gratitude, please click here. Submissions will be accepted through Sunday, May 2.



I also encourage you find out how you can continue to engage with other alumni via our book club, upcoming events and two oral history projects.

The Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections is seeking content for "Oral History Project: Being LGBTQIA+ at Winthrop" and "The September 11, 2001 Project." For more information, contact the Archives at [archives@winthrop.edu](mailto:archives@winthrop.edu) or 803/323-2334.

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## SPRING MAGAZINE FEATURES ALUMNI PROFILES

Although the last year has looked different for Winthrop, there is still so much good information to share in the spring edition of the newest Winthrop Magazine.

Look for features on the extraordinary women who have made a lasting impact on the university and compelling profiles on Ida Crawford Stewart '43, and the \$1 million gift recently given in her honor, and Brian Jones '96, who is playing a large role in the sports tourism trend happening in Rock Hill.

This edition also looks back at the work of the late Joel "Nick" Nichols, who served as the university's photographer for more than four decades.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 6-25, Virtual Class Reunions/Trivia Night**

7 p.m. via Zoom  
[RSVP](#)

**May 10, 5th Annual Winthrop Golf Classic**

9:30 a.m., Rock Hill Country Club  
[RSVP](#) by May 5

**May 13, Mental Health Forum with Columbia Young Alumni**

7 p.m. via Zoom  
[RSVP](#) by May 11

**May 20, Get Crafty with the Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter**

6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
[RSVP](#) by May 10 to receive supplies

**May 21-23, D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter Weekend of Community Service**

Times may vary, DMV area  
[RSVP](#) by April 30 for a free T-shirt

**May 22, Tea Tasting with Charleston Alumni**

4:30 p.m., Time Well Spent  
[RSVP](#) by May 19



## FEATURED EVENT: D.C. ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEKEND



Alumni from the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area are joining together for a weekend of community service, May 21-23. Volunteers can sign up to give back to any cause, non-profit or community group throughout the weekend. Register by April 30 to receive a free T-shirt to wear as part of the weekend festivities.

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