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YOUR MONTHLY UNIVERSITY UPDATE

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WINTHROP LAUNCHES PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH



The search for the university's 12th president is underway. A new presidential search website was recently unveiled that includes a timeline of the search process, the names of those who comprise the 20-member Presidential Search

Advisory Group and more. Julie Fowler '85, '88, the superintendent of education's designee on the board, is serving as chair of the search committee. View the [presidential search website](#) to learn more about the process.

CAMPUS KICKS OFF BACK-TO-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Winthrop welcomed new and returning students to campus this month as face-to-face classes resume for the fall semester. From summer [Orientation](#), to move-in days to [Welcome Week events](#), 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 136th [Convocation ceremony](#) held Aug. 23. S.C. Representative Kambrell Garvin '13 delivered the keynote address.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: PAUL LEONARD '06

Ecologist Paul Leonard '06 was recently recognized for his efforts toward the conservation of natural and cultural resources.

His love of the outdoors has taken him on many adventures from western Australia to Fairbanks, Alaska, where he now



resides and manages the biology program for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He studies the ecology of tundra and alpine ecosystems and monitors the habitats of birds and bears, to name a few.

Leonard has received a number of recognitions for his work and most recently was awarded Clemson's Dwight A. Holder Award.

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HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS EXTEND OVER THREE WEEKENDS



All alumni are invited to come back to Winthrop during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, which will be spread out over three weekends this fall! The Office of Alumni Relations is planning events for alumni and friends to enjoy on campus and across the Rock Hill community.

One of the main focal points of Homecoming will be class reunions (class years ending in '1 or '6) celebrating in smaller groups during these special weekends, which include welcome receptions, reunion brunches, campus tours, etc.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Back-to-school season is kicking into high gear. Best wishes to our teacher alumni returning to classrooms this fall.



Send us a photo of how you show your Winthrop pride in the classroom and we'll select a winner for the best decor!

I am excited to share that we have some fall in-person socials taking place and we are starting to roll out details about how we plan to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion this year. Mark your calendar for upcoming events to socialize safely with fellow alumni. Winthrop continues to follow current CDC and DHEC guidance and the City of Rock Hill's mandates.

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GET INTO THE HOMECOMING SPIRIT WITH A SPECIALTY T-SHIRT

**PURCHASE
YOUR 2021
HOMECOMING
T-SHIRT!**



SPIRIT CHECK! The Alumni Association is offering, for a limited time, a 2021 Homecoming T-shirt! The T-shirt features some of the most iconic places on campus. Purchase your T-shirt for \$15 by Friday, Sept. 27 to wear at any Homecoming and Reunion Weekend activity of your choice.

T-shirts will be shipped to the mailing address you provide by the end of September. Please note T-shirts can only be mailed inside the United States. [Order](#) your T-shirt today! You can find more information regarding Homecoming at www.winthrop.edu/homecoming

TRACK & FIELD STANDOUT EARNS PRESTIGIOUS NCAA POSTGRAD SCHOLARSHIP

Karina Grant '20, a former track & field student-athlete, was recently awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Grant, who has completed her first year of law school at Georgetown University, is one of 21 women nationwide to receive a \$10,000 scholarship. [Read More>>](#)



JOSEPH MILLER NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

Joseph Miller has been announced as the new vice president for the enrollment management and marketing division, joining the university on Sept. 1. Miller brings to Winthrop more than 18 years of knowledge in strategic enrollment management, admissions, recruitment and marketing and financial aid awarding and leveraging strategies in regional higher education. He has led enrollment and marketing plans that have grown undergraduate enrollment by over 15 percent at LaGrange College with growth in graduate programs exceeding 80 percent.



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FEATURED EVENT: MBA SOCIAL



Celebrate your Winthrop MBA pride at a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Social on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Slow Play Brewing! The social is open to current MBA students, alumni, faculty and staff. The first two beverages are complimentary and Cibi Cibi food truck will be on site from 4-9 p.m. [Register by Wednesday, Sept. 15.](#) Slow Play Brewing opened in 2015 and is owned by Ben Lee '05, Matt Poston '11 and Ron Fasick '02.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 9, Myrtle Beach Social with President Hynd
6-8 p.m. at [Dunes Golf and Beach Club](#)
[RSVP](#) by Sept. 7

Sept. 16, Columbia Social with President Hynd
6-8 p.m. at [Capital City Club](#)
[RSVP](#) by Sept. 14



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