



# WINTHROP INSIDER

YOUR MONTHLY UNIVERSITY UPDATE

June 2021

## TRUSTEES TAKE ACTION AT JUNE MEETING



During their June 25 meeting, members of the Board of Trustees voted unanimously for [no tuition increase](#) for the 2021-22 academic year and to begin the [search for the 12th president](#).

Trustees also voted to [revise the board's by-laws](#), [re-elected board officers](#) and granted [tenure, promotion and emeritus status](#) to faculty members.

## NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING GRAD FOR AN ALUMNI AWARD

Nominations for the 2021 Alumni Awards are being accepted through July 31. Winthrop graduates may be nominated in three categories: Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Alumni Professional Achievement Award or the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

The 2020 and 2021 Alumni Award recipients will be recognized at the Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 9 in Richardson Ballroom. The awards ceremony will be live streamed via Facebook Live on the Alumni Association's Facebook page.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY BRIGGS '17

WACH FOX News Producer Ashley Briggs '17 creates multimedia news packages on a range of stories from house fires to homicides. As she navigates the communications industry as a young Black journalist, she is discovering why representation matters in media newsrooms as well as in journalism

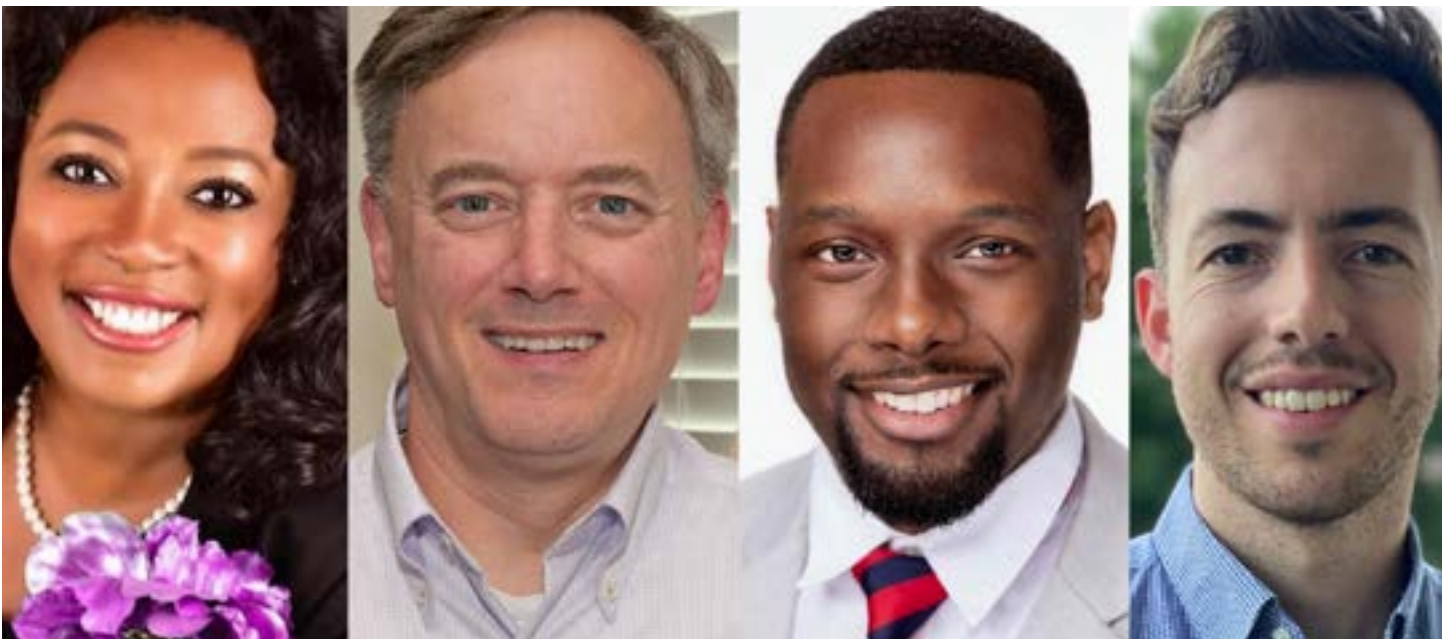


classrooms. Her interest in communication, media and news followed her throughout her childhood years but upon coming to Winthrop in 2013, she was not sure what degree she wanted to pursue.

Eventually she became a mass communication major and started to become more comfortable with developing skills in media. She began to see what a potential career in broadcast communication could look like.

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



The Alumni Association Executive Board is welcoming four new members. John K. DeLoache '92, Sherille Godbolt Barber '87, '99, Steven K. Howell '12, '14 and Bryan Mobley Jr. '17 are all

servicing their first term on the Alumni Association Executive Board. Members fulfill a three-year term and help provide input on university initiatives. [Read More>>](#)

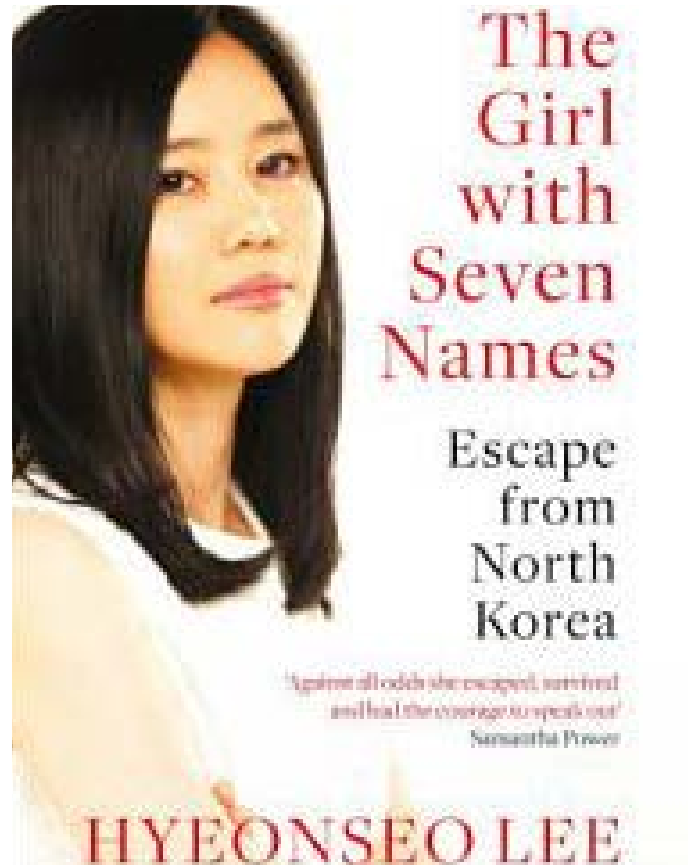
## ALUMNI COUPLE TAKES JOURNEY FROM THEATRE STAGE TO COLISEUM STAGE

Deonte Streeter and Samra Streeter shared the stage as theatre students in a production of “The Wiz” earlier this year and recently walked across the Coliseum stage as alumni and now husband and wife. The Streeters are currently working and saving money for a future move to either Atlanta or California, where they will pursue opportunities in their fields.

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## “THE GIRL WITH SEVEN NAMES” SELECTED AGAIN AS COMMON BOOK



For the second year in a row, Winthrop has chosen “The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector’s Story” by Hyeonseo Lee as its Common Book selection.

The book details a 17-year-old girl’s harrowing escape during the height of North Korea’s famine in the 1990s. Incoming freshmen and transfer students will receive the book during the summer.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

We are already starting to gear up for some fall events.

Our traditional Homecoming and Reunion will again look differently this year but we do plan to celebrate milestone reunions over three weekends in October and November. Details are forthcoming.



In the meantime, check out our upcoming alumni events for July, like our Crafty Summer Cocktails with Charlotte Young Alumni on Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m. via Zoom. The weekend of July 23-25, the Upstate Alumni Chapter will follow in the footsteps of the D.C./Metro Alumni Chapter to host a Community Service Weekend! Register by July 2 to receive a free T-shirt to wear and show your Winthrop pride while completing your act of service.

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## WINTHROP'S CONNECTION TO THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND

Did you know that Winthrop's Coat of Arms is more than 40 years old? Less than 10 universities in the nation have a Coat of Arms, and the United Kingdom's Queen Elizabeth II approved Winthrop's request in 1980. The Winthrop Coat of Arms includes a shield and helm (helmet) as the centerpiece. The university motto is displayed on the shield reading "Veritas Cum Libertate" (Truth With Liberty). The blue diagonal line across the shield represents the blue uniforms that were worn by students until the 1950s. A palmetto tree, South Carolina's state tree, is included at the top of the helm. Both the two flaming torches and two open books included are symbolic of learning.

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## NOT ON SOCIAL MEDIA? YOU CAN STILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI VIA OUR NEW PLATFORM

Join Winthrop Connect, a new networking platform for the Winthrop Alumni Association. Winthrop Connect enables you to find alumni via the alumni directory, join an alumni affinity group, view alumni events, promote your business in the business directory, search for new career opportunities on the jobs board and more.

Winthrop's mentoring program will launch this fall with the Center for Career Development and Internships. Our mentoring program will allow alumni to introduce, employ and become mentors to our current students as well as other alumni.

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## FEATURED EVENT: UPSTATE ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEKEND



The Upstate Alumni Chapter is hosting a weekend of community service, July 23-25; following the success of the D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter's event in May. Volunteers can sign up to give back to any cause, non-profit or community group throughout the weekend. Register by July 2 to receive a free T-shirt to wear as part of the weekend festivities.

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