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Winthrop Retains Its Highest U.S. News Ranking

Winthrop retained its sixth place ranking among public universities in the South in U.S. News & World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Colleges," reflective of its commitment to personalized attention and overall academic quality for students.

Winthrop is 17th among regional universities in the South, according to the recently released rankings. The university also stood out for its value, veterans' services, undergraduate teaching and social mobility for its alumni. [Read More>>](#)



Washington Monthly Again Places Winthrop on the Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll

Winthrop, with its increased emphasis on civic engagement, was praised for a fourth year in a row by Washington Monthly for its success in getting students to vote and was included on its [2021 Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll](#). The university implemented numerous educational and outreach initiatives to encourage the campus community to register to vote. [Read More>>](#)



Jeuel Esmacher Awarded the Order of the Palmetto

Jeuel Bannister Esmacher '44 is the latest recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in South Carolina. After graduating from Winthrop, she became the first female high school band director in North Carolina before she was recruited during World War II to decode enemy messages. The work that Esmacher and others performed was not disclosed until the 2017 publication of the New York Times bestselling book, "Code Girls: The Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II" by Liza Mundy. [Read More>>](#)



First of Three Homecoming and Class Reunion Weekends Happening Oct. 8-9

Winthrop is spreading out Homecoming and Reunion Weekend over three upcoming weekends - Oct. 8-9, Nov. 5-6 and Nov. 12-13 - in order to safely welcome back to campus smaller groups of alumni. 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 each weekend will be class reunions. The weekend of Oct. 8-9 will celebrate the reunions of the classes of 2016, 2011, 2006, 1966 and 1965. Take a [look at the schedule](#) of on-campus and virtual events being offered to all alumni during these three weekends.



A Message from the Alumni Director

Happy fall! There are a lot of exciting opportunities happening over the next few months. I am excited to announce that the next Alumni Virtual Book Club selection is "[Libertie: A Novel](#)" by Kaitlyn Greenidge. The reading period is Oct. 14-Dec. 16, so be sure to get your hands on a copy - physical, digital or audio - before we begin. In addition, please save the dates for Homecoming and Reunion celebrations this fall! We cannot wait to see you at an on-campus or virtual event! [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Tony Chau '21

Tony Chau started playing video games as a child and parlayed those talents into esports scholarships to pay for his college education. He graduated in May with a Master of Business Administration degree and is using his expertise with League of Legends to coach other players online. [Read More>>](#)

Calendar of Events

Oct. 8-9: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Reunioning classes: 2016, 2011, 2006, 1966 and 1965
[Register](#) for events

Oct. 22-23: Ghost Tours
7 p.m., Tillman Hall
Tickets: \$10 and must be purchased [online](#)

Nov. 5-6: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Reunioning classes: 2001, 1996 and 1991
[Register](#) for events

Nov. 12-13: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Reunioning classes: 1986, 1981, 1976, 1961, 1960, 1956, 1955,
1951, 1950, 1946 and 1945
[Register](#) for events



Featured Event: Ghost Tours

This Halloween season, the Student Alumni Council will host two spine-tingling nights of Ghost Tours on Oct. 22-23 in Tillman Hall beginning at 7 p.m. Join students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni to seek out the ghosts roaming Winthrop's halls. Do not miss out on this frightening journey of twists and turns as some of Winthrop's most haunting stories are shared. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased [online](#). All proceeds will benefit the Winthrop Fund. Due to COVID-19, masks are required.



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