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Coronavirus Impact on Winthrop in the Millions; \$3.7 Million in Fee Reimbursements Returned to Students

Winthrop could experience a [\\$7 million impact on the university budget](#) because of coronavirus disruptions, Interim President George W. Hynd told members of the Board of Trustees at an April 3 meeting. During the week of April 13, [\\$3.7 million in fee adjustments were returned](#) to 2,960 currently enrolled students for portions of their housing, dining and parking fees after the campus closed and the university moved to remote learning last month. Winthrop also is awaiting nearly \$2.7 million in federal funds from the CARES Act to distribute additional monies to students.



Winthrop Joins Folding@home Project

Winthrop has donated remote use of some of its technology to a global effort to combat COVID-19. The university will allow its academic computer labs, as well as ones from its esports program, to be accessed remotely as part of the Folding@home (FAH) project. The Washington University project is currently using computers throughout the world to find drug pathways to kill the virus that causes the disease. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Receives National First-gen Forward Designation

The Center for First-generation Student Success, an initiative of NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education – and The Suder Foundation, has designated Winthrop as one of its 2021-22 First-gen Forward Institutions.

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Winthrop Comes Together for Virtual Winthrop Day, Spirit Week

Winthrop hosted its annual Winthrop Day on April 25 for newly admitted students.

The event, held virtually this year due to the campus' closure, included a live welcome from the Winthrop community and then participants were allowed to explore different aspects of the university at their own pace. Some [600 students participated](#) in the virtual event. The Winthrop Council of Student Leaders also hosted a virtual Spirit Week leading up to the special day. Thanks to all alumni who wore their Winthrop gear and submitted photos in support of Winthrop Day. View [photos](#) and visit the [Facebook page](#) to see other highlights from the event.



Winthrop Launches Alumni Business Directory

The Winthrop Alumni Association is proud to launch a free online alumni business directory that will allow alumni to promote their businesses and services to fellow alumni. Alumni can help and support one another during these difficult economic times. Create a free business profile now! [Get Started>>](#)



Check Out the Bold, New Spring Interactive Magazine

Explore the new look of the latest Winthrop Magazine. Inside you will find compelling features on former soccer players turned entrepreneurs Alex Isern '12 and Marc Segarra '13; former tennis player and now tax professional Ana Simanca Hayden '05; and artist and educator Karen Oremus of the fine arts faculty.

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Winthrop Joins Giving Tuesday Now Effort

Tuesday, May 5, has been deemed Giving Tuesday Now as a day of global action for giving and unity in response to COVID-19. Winthrop is joining the effort to support its Student Emergency and Assistance Fund that was created to help Winthrop students who are faced with difficulties during the campus closure and move to remote instruction. The Office of the Dean of Students, which is managing requests from students and student referrals from faculty members, has received nearly 30 requests from students since the fund was announced by Interim President George W. Hynd earlier this month.

If you are willing and able, [please give](#) to this important effort.



Alumni Director's Letter: Virtual Initiatives Keep Alumni Connected

This is a difficult time for our nation, our state and our Winthrop community. While social distancing guidelines and closures due to COVID-19 make connections among our alumni family challenging, we want you to know that your alma mater is here for you. [Read More>>](#)



SAVE THE DATE: Nov. 13-14, 2020

We hope to see you on campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend on Nov. 13-14, 2020. Make plans for a full weekend highlighted by Homecoming on the Green, the Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon, tailgating and, of course, cheering on the Eagles basketball team! [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Bob Bazemore

Bob Bazemore '85 has been in the interior design business for 35 years and gladly pays homage to his colleagues for his success. He is the founder of design firm J. Robert Bazemore Inc., which provides planning, consulting and design services to clients throughout the U.S. [Read More>>](#)

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