



November 2020



**Hynd Updates Campus Community on Accomplishments,
Upcoming Initiatives**

Interim President George Hynd delivered the fifth annual State of the University presentation virtually on Nov. 18. He provided updates on the Winthrop Plan and also shared initiatives that he has been charged by the Board of Trustees to complete during his time at Winthrop. [View](#) the State of the University presentation.



Your Gift Matters as Giving Tuesday Approaches

#GivingTuesday is a global initiative that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Winthrop is proud to be a part of this inspirational movement. Please save the date for the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 1, and join #GivingTuesday at Winthrop. We understand that many people have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able, please make a gift of any size to Winthrop to support students and vital university initiatives. Go to www.winthrop.edu/advancement for more information.



In-Person Diploma Pick Up Will Be Followed By Virtual Commencement Ceremony

As the university continues to navigate the current pandemic and monitor CDC and SCDHEC guidelines regarding large indoor events, it has become clear that Winthrop will not be able to hold a traditional, in-person December Commencement ceremony. Winthrop will invite December graduates to campus on Dec. 19 to pick up their diplomas. Following the diploma distribution, a virtual, pre-recorded Commencement ceremony will be held later that afternoon for December, August and May graduates.



Alumni Award Nominations Extended Through January

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, nominations for the 2020 Alumni Awards have been extended through Friday, Jan. 29. The 2020 Alumni Award recipients will be honored in the spring. Typically, the Alumni Association presents awards each November during the Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon, held during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. Winthrop has rescheduled class reunion activities and events from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021 to help ensure we can safely gather and celebrate. [Complete a nomination form](#) for a deserving alumnus.



Watch for the Upcoming Fall Winthrop Magazine

The fall Winthrop Magazine will soon be hitting mailboxes and inboxes. Please be on the lookout in the next two weeks for this edition that features compelling articles on the latest science grants, a new service-learning program, fascinating profiles on two alumni and the latest news from campus.



Alumni Director's Letter:

Thank you to all the alumni who helped make Virtual Homecoming a success! From the alumni Instagram takeovers, live virtual events and all the fun shared on social media, it was great to see our alumni virtually engage with Winthrop for Homecoming. We've created more ways for alumni to continue engaging with one another. [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Instagram Takeovers

Three alumni friends helped celebrate Virtual Homecoming Week by taking over the Alumni Association's Instagram account. View some of the fun [highlights](#) as Byron Putman '94, Mat Fretschel '03 and Zainab Ghadiyali '09 shared a glimpse into their personal lives, their time at Winthrop and involvement in their communities. If you are interested in participating in future social media takeovers, please contact the Alumni Association at [mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu?subject=Alumni Takeover](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu?subject=Alumni%20Takeover).



Featured Event: Annual Tree Lighting

Winthrop will ring in the holiday season in a new way this year. On Dec. 4 at 6 p.m., the Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 85th annual tree lighting, virtually, on the front lawn, featuring performances by the Winthrop RockHettes. Follow the [Alumni Association Facebook](#) page to

tune into this annual event!



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