



**October 2020**



### **Join Us for Virtual Homecoming Week**

Although Homecoming activities have been paused this year, the Alumni Association is hosting a week full of events for Virtual Homecoming Week 2020, Nov. 9-14! Check out the schedule of events so far, get your Garnet and Gold gear ready and start planning your virtual celebrations!

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## Winthrop Receives \$920K as Part of SC INBRE Grant

Winthrop has received funding to support biomedical research and infrastructure in South Carolina. The university is part of the fourth consecutive grant of \$18.9 million to the South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC INBRE). Winthrop, which received \$920,000 from the grant, has been a part of the network from its 2005 inception and has provided more than 450 research experiences for Winthrop undergraduates and prepared more than 130 students to pursue doctoral degrees in biomedical sciences. [Read More>>](#)

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**Halloween Hauntings Week Serves Up Spooky Times**

Halloween Hauntings Week is wrapping up, and it has served up spooky fun all week. From ghost stories to Halloween trivia and make-up tutorials, this holiday was celebrated in a variety of creative ways on alumni social media outlets. If you dare, check out [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to look back at some of the scariest highlights.

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## **Lawmakers Name John Brazell to Board of Trustees**

South Carolina lawmakers voted on Sept. 23 for John Brazell '93 of Columbia, South Carolina, to join the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. Brazell will serve a six-year term. He ran unopposed and replaced Donna Glenn Holley who represented Congressional District 2 and opted not to run for re-election. Welcome back home, John! [Read More>>](#)

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## **Alumni Director's Letter: Homecoming and Other Virtual Offerings**

We are excited about what's in store for our first Virtual Homecoming Week! Follow our social media pages to experience the fun! The Alumni Association will continue to offer unique ways for alumni to connect throughout the year. [Read More>>](#)



### **Alumni Spotlight: DeAlva Wilson '92, '94**

DeAlva Wilson '92, '94 was recently named among Mecklenburg County's 50 Most Influential Women for 2020. With a demanding lifestyle, she understands the importance of balance and stability as she works with marginalized communities and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read More>>](#)



### **FEATURED EVENT: Virtual 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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