



WINTHROP Insider

Your Monthly University Update

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Winthrop Achieves Highest U.S. News Ranking; Other Recognitions for Value and Voter Engagement

[U.S. News and World Report](#) recently recognized Winthrop with the university's highest ranking in the prestigious guidebook's 2021 "Best Colleges" edition. The university's 6-year graduation rate, commitment to undergraduate teaching, assistance to veterans and the social mobility of its graduates contributed to the university's climb from eighth to sixth place among public universities in the South. Additionally, the university was recently included in the [Princeton Review](#)'s "Best in the Southeast" online feature, [Money Magazine](#)'s "Best Colleges for Your Money" rankings and [Washington Monthly](#)'s Student Voting Category for efforts in encouraging students to vote.



Winthrop Coliseum Serves as Free COVID-19 Testing Site Through December

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is partnering with the university to offer free COVID-19 testing to the Winthrop, and surrounding, community at the North parking lot of the Winthrop Coliseum, 1162 Eden Terrace. Please note that no COVID-19 public testing is currently available on Winthrop's main campus located off of Oakland Avenue. Testing dates and times are available on [DHEC's website](#).

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Shaun Cassidy Named 2020-21 Thompson Scholar

Professor of Fine Arts Shaun Cassidy is the university's newest Thompson Scholar. The \$5,000 award, generated through the Robert and Norma Thompson

Endowment which was established during the university's first capital campaign, is given to support work on projects that strengthen the academic, intellectual and co-curricular life of the university. [Read More>>](#)



\$1.375 Million Grant to Continue Supporting Various Student Services

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced that Winthrop will receive a re-funded federal Student Support Services grant of \$1.375 million to help more low income, first-generation students and students with disabilities graduate from college. The TRiO Achievers Program was first funded at Winthrop in 2005, and program participants have achieved tremendous success thanks to the program's offerings and support. [Read More>>](#)



Three New Programs Established to Fit Needs of Job Market

Three new undergraduate degree programs (data science, applied software development and educational studies) were launched this fall. These three new offerings are timely and necessary to provide Winthrop students with degrees to fit the needs and demands of the current job market. [Read More>>](#)



Purchase a Bag of Winthrop-inspired Coffee

Sip on a Winthrop-inspired coffee blend from Knowledge Perk, Rock Hill's unique coffee immersion shop. Purchase a bag of our Garnet and Gold blend and enjoy in your home in celebration of Winthrop's [Virtual Homecoming Week](#), Nov. 9-14. The

Garnet and Gold blend is only available during the month of October. [Purchase your bag](#) beginning Oct. 1.



Alumni Director's Letter: Get Connected Through Our Virtual Offerings

We've got lots of surprises in store as we head into October. Although we miss in-person interactions with alumni, we have enjoyed connecting with everyone virtually over the last several months. The Alumni Association will continue to offer unique opportunities for alumni engagement throughout the fall season.

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Alumni Spotlight: Amy Rundio '09

Amy Rundio '09 wholeheartedly believes Winthrop lives up to its mission of being student-centered. As an undergraduate student, the small class sizes opened her up to opportunities to engage with the campus community. [Read More>>](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 6, D.C. Metro Alumni Coffee Chat with Admissions
8:30 a.m., via Zoom

Oct. 6, Virtual Career and Graduate School Fair
10 a.m.-3 p.m., via Zoom

Oct. 6, Legacy Family D.I.Y. Virtual Event
6 p.m., via Zoom

Oct. 8, Myrtle Beach D.I.Y. Virtual Social
6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Oct. 13, Upstate Alumni Chapter Pumpkin Decorating
1 p.m., via Zoom

Oct. 14, Shape Your Future: United States 2020 Census
7 p.m., Facebook Live

Oct. 15, Upstate Young Alumni Virtual Happy Hour with the Tippy Doc
6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Oct. 16, D.C. Metro Young Alumni Bring Your Own Brunch Picnic
11 a.m., [Yards Park](#)

**Oct. 22, Health Profession Connection Webinar:
Role of Epidemiology in a Pandemic and Public Health Safety**
7 p.m., via Zoom

*For more information and registration details on the events above, please visit
our [Upcoming Events](#) page.*

Oct. 24, ArtsWinthrop Virtual Scholarship Gala
7 p.m., Online Event

For more information, visit [ArtsWinthrop](#).



halloween hauntings

October 26-31, 2020

FEATURED EVENT: Halloween Hauntings Week

Got Ghost Stories? Since 2005, Winthrop's Student Alumni Council has hosted Ghost Tours on campus and shared spine-tingling tales of ghostly encounters. Ghost Tours will not be hosted this year due to COVID-19, but the scares will still come. The Alumni Association will host a week full of spooky events, including a Halloween trivia event, a virtual tour of the spooky fourth floor of Tillman Hall and opportunities to share your creepy stories on social media. We want to hear your personal ghostly encounters or brush with paranormal activities on Winthrop's campus. If you have a story to share, email [mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu?subject=Alumni Ghost Story](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu?subject=Alumni%20Ghost%20Story)

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