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# *Commencement*

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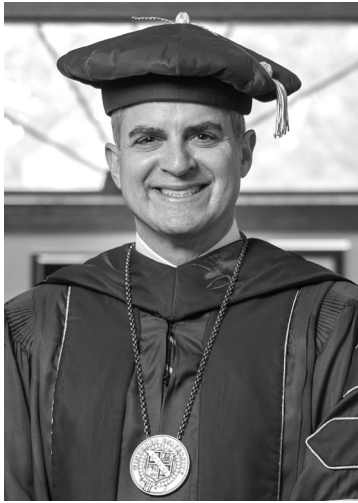
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Winthrop Coliseum

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*"In celebration of our 137th academic year"*

# A Message from the President

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Dear Graduate,

Let me first wish you congratulations. This is your day! A day you earned. A day you'll always remember. This is a time to celebrate all that you have accomplished, surrounded by your family, friends and mentors.

As you revel in this well-deserved moment and before you head off on your next adventure, I challenge you to hold fast to the values you've learned at Winthrop.

- Remember to serve. In the race to get ahead and make your mark, have a touchstone of serving others. It's less important who you serve but more important that you serve. Continuing this Winthrop tradition will keep you grounded...and happier, according to research.
- Keep a focus on excellence. Do your best in all that you undertake. Don't settle for what's easily possible. Reach higher. Push your limits. You will likely find that you accomplished more than you once thought possible. What a feeling!
- Have an open mind. I know at Winthrop you've learned to think critically, to evaluate opposing points of view, and to listen and thoughtfully consider what others have experienced. I encourage you to keep that openness of spirit, building connections and broadening your world view.
- Be a part of a community. When you settle on where you're going, don't hesitate to put down roots. Go all in wherever you find yourself. Take chances and give back. When you're plugged in, you never know what opportunities might come your way.
- Be a leader who's not afraid to fail. Positive change doesn't just happen. It comes from those willing to try, to risk failure, to fail at times but not give up, and to try again.

As you think back over your time at Winthrop, you've undoubtedly lived these values. Your Winthrop family has helped you do so. We can't wait to see all that unfolds in your life moving forward. Keep in touch with the university, remember those who shared your journey, and give back to your alma mater. Once again, congratulations!

Edward A. Serna '02  
President

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# Order of Exercise

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## Pre-Commencement Concert

### Procession\*

March Triomphale, *Hector Berlioz*  
Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar*  
Winthrop University Commencement Band, Dr. Douglas Presley, *Conductor*

### National Anthem\*

Audience, *Led by Emma Swire-Clark*

### Spirit of Celebration\*

Dr. Shelley Hamill, *Chief Faculty Marshal*

## Welcome from the University and Introductions

Dr. Edward Serna '02, *President*

## Presentation of Awards

*President's Award for Academic Excellence*  
*Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching*

## Commencement Address

Dr. Adolphus Belk, *2022 Distinguished Professor*

## Academic Degrees

### *Presentation of Graduate Candidates and Conferring of Degrees*

Dr. Peter Judge, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

### *Hooding of Graduate Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas*

Interim Dean Greg Oakes, *Graduate School*

Dean P.N. Saksena and Ms. Vanessa Valdez, *College of Business Administration*

Assistant Dean Erin Hamel and Dr. Lisa Harris, *Richard W. Riley College of Education*

Interim Dean Karen Oremus and Dr. Lorrie Crochet, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*

Dean Takita Sumter and Dr. Robert Prickett, *College of Arts and Sciences*

### *Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates and Conferring of Degrees*

Dr. Judge

Dean Saksena, *College of Business Administration*

Assistant Dean Hamel, *Richard W. Riley College of Education*

Interim Dean Oremus, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*

Dean Sumter, *College of Arts and Sciences*

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## Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

Mr. Byron Putman '94

## Charge to the Graduates

President Serna

## Alma Mater\*

Audience, *Led by Nicholas Setzer*

## Final Procession\*

March for the Prince of Wales, *Joseph Haydn*  
Winthrop University Commencement Band

*\*Audience is requested to stand and remain at their places.*

The university commencement ceremony is a significant celebration recognizing years of study. As a reflection of the nature of the ceremony, please refrain from loud expressions of pleasure for individual graduates. Such expressions detract from the recognition due the next graduate in line. Photographs may be taken during the ceremony, but photographers are asked to remain in their seats to ensure that aisles and stairways are clear. The audience is requested to stand and remain at their places during both processions. As a courtesy to those around you and to our graduating students, please turn off all cellular devices during the ceremony.

### University Marshals

Dr. Shelley Hamill (Chief), Dr. Tom Polaski (Assistant Chief), Dr. Cliff Calloway, Dr. Monique Constance-Huggins, Dr. Marshall Jones, Dr. Will Kiblinger, Dr. Mark Lewis, Dr. Willis Lewis, Dr. Hemant Patwardhan, Dr. Tenisha Powell, Mr. Seth Rouser, Dr. Janet Wojcik

*University Marshals are senior members of the faculty who are nominated by the academic deans based on their outstanding service to the institution, excellence in teaching, and respect by their faculty colleagues. They serve the institution as official ambassadors at university events including Commencement and Convocation.*

### Student Marshals

Sarah Barnett (Chief), Maryah Lance (Assistant Chief), Mary L. Abrahamson, Skyler Allen, Kaelen N. Bauer, Madison G. Bray, Jacqueline M. Carson, Cody A. Cook, Chloe D. Crookes, Sydney L. Duda, Joyden R. Glover, Garrett B. Jackson, Amelia G. Nichols, Anna R. Pennington, Mary E. Poston, Kennlynn A. Pressley, Caleb M. Sample, McKenzie F. Thompson, Kalie M. Todd, Trey D. Wineglass, Kylie T. Zangla

*Student Marshals are invited to serve at Winthrop Commencement and Convocation ceremonies based on their outstanding academic performance.*

### Readers

Dr. Jo Koster, Dr. Kristen Wunderlich

### Sign Language Interpreter

Ms. Emily Walker

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# Speaker

## Speaker



Adolphus Belk, Jr.

Dr. Adolphus Belk, Jr., professor in the Department of Political Science, was named the Distinguished Professor in May 2022. This is the highest honor given to Winthrop faculty members and is awarded to those who demonstrate exceptional teaching skills, undergo significant research or creative efforts, hold a high standing among professional colleagues and provide general service to the university.

Dr. Belk joined the Winthrop faculty in 2003 as an assistant professor. Promoted to associate professor in 2009, he became a full professor in 2014.

Known around the campus as an outstanding teacher and student mentor, Dr. Belk has taught courses on American government, Black politics, public policy, and race and ethnic politics in the United States. His research has concentrated on the politics of crime and punishment as well as white nationalism in American government and politics. His career at Winthrop, from his teaching, to his research and stewardship, center around the study of the important intersectional issues of race, class, gender, ethnicity, diversity, equity and the African American experience.

Earlier this year, Dr. Belk was named the 2021-22 Thompson Scholar so he can develop a course on hip-hop and politics that stems from a book he and Winthrop alumna Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey '04 recently authored. "For the Culture: Hip-

Hop and the Fight for Social Justice" analyzes the ways in which hip-hop music, artists and scholars have supported social justice challenges worldwide and explores topics such as Black Lives Matter, gender and sexuality, and mass incarceration.

His expertise is sought after by national media and others. Dr. Belk was asked to give 23 lectures in the past year to regional and national groups, one of which led to a request that he develop a Scotiabank Black Indigenous People of Color American History Education Series. His chair noted that he completed what is his most productive scholarly year, even while working during a global pandemic and serving as the chair of the faculty conference and faculty representative to the Board of Trustees in 2019-21. Dr. Belk now is the university's faculty diversity and inclusion liaison.

Dr. Belk has won two other Winthrop faculty awards: the 2009 Outstanding Junior Professor Award and the 2015 Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Belk completed his graduate studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, earning a master's degree and a Ph.D. in government and politics. He also earned a bachelor's degree in African American Studies and Political Science from Syracuse University.



# Awards

## Kinard Award



Dr. Kelly Richardson '93, '95

Dr. Kelly Richardson '93, '95 is the 2022 recipient of the James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching.

This award was established in honor of former president James Pinckney Kinard and his wife, Lee Wicker Kinard, in 1984 by their family. It is given to a senior member of the faculty, based on dedication to teaching, reputation on campus for teaching, and reputation among students.

Dr. Richardson joined the Winthrop faculty in 2001 as an English instructor. She was hired as an assistant professor of English the following year. Promoted to an associate professor in 2007 and to professor in 2018, she is currently the director of composition, a role that she also held in 2005-2011. In this position, she oversees all sections of Writing 101, which is a vital part of the university's general education core.

Colleagues praise Dr. Richardson for the heroic efforts she has made over the past three years. She helped support faculty members who had to pivot suddenly to online instruction during the start of the pandemic, then in 2020-

21 she redesigned the Writing 101 courses so they could be taught in person and virtually. This eliminated the need to double the number of courses taught due to physical distancing. She also provided training and instructional support materials to all faculty and standardized the course in case a faculty member was sick and someone else had to step in. During the end of fall semester 2021, she took over an instructor's four courses after the instructor fell ill.

The many changes Dr. Richardson put in place are indicative of the high-touch, high-impact teaching practices that reflected the high priority she places on student success and support, administrators said.

Known as a consummate "teacher of teachers," Dr. Richardson handles a variety of writing and literature courses. Her research interests include 19th Century American literature, popular culture and pedagogy.

An excellent teacher-scholar and mentor to adjunct faculty, Dr. Richardson has updated her own upper-level and graduate courses and has been flexible to pick up new courses when needed. One example is the grammar course, which all English education majors must pass. Dr. Richardson has retooled this challenging course so that its content still seems relevant. She continues to adapt her approach to all her classes so her teaching does not become rigid or routine.

The epitome of a life-long learner, Dr. Richardson received both her B.A. and M.A. from Winthrop University before completing her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2001.

## President's Award for Academic Excellence

This award is the highest academic award Winthrop University presents to a student. It is awarded to the student with the highest grade point average in the graduating class.

# Winthrop University

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## History



Winthrop University has been an educational leader in South Carolina for more than 130 years. In 1886, David Bancroft Johnson, a dedicated and gifted superintendent of schools, successfully petitioned Boston philanthropist Robert C. Winthrop and the Peabody Fund for seed money to form a school whose mission would be the education of women as teachers. As the “Winthrop Training School,” Johnson’s fledgling institution opened its doors to 21 students in Columbia, S.C., using a borrowed, one-room building. Because of its important role, Winthrop soon received state assistance and moved to its permanent Rock Hill home in 1895.

Over time, Winthrop became one of the premier women’s colleges in the region and expanded its mission to become a comprehensive institution offering degrees in a growing variety of disciplines. Responding to students’ increasing pursuit of higher education, the college reached other important milestones by integrating in 1964 and becoming coeducational in 1974. Winthrop assumed university designation in 1992 and has achieved national recognition in pursuit of its goal to be one of the finest comprehensive universities in the country.

# Veritas cum Libertate

## Motto

Winthrop’s motto, “Veritas cum Libertate,” or “Truth with Liberty,” was chosen by a faculty committee at the request of Winthrop President David Bancroft Johnson in 1899.

## Seal and Chain of Office



The committee formed by President Johnson to suggest a school motto also designed the university seal. The illustration includes the motto as well as portions of the State of South Carolina seal. One image is dominated by a tall Palmetto tree, which represents the battle fought on June 28, 1776, between defenders of the unfinished fort on Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, and the British Fleet. Banded together on the Palmetto with the motto “Quis separabit?” (“Who Will Separate [Us]?”), are 12 spears that represent the first 12 states of the Union. The other image of the seal depicts a woman walking along a shore littered with weapons. The woman, symbolizing Hope, grasps a branch of laurel as the sun rises behind her. Below her image is the word “SPES,” or “Hope.” On May 14, 1900, the faculty voted unanimously to accept the design still in use as the Winthrop seal.

The Chain of Office is symbolic of the authority vested in the office of president by the governing body of the university. Only the university president may wear it, and while wearing it, speaks for the whole body of the institution. Winthrop’s Chain of Office is made of bronze and features the university seal.





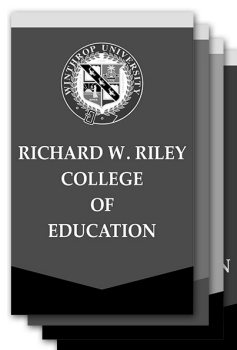
## Coat of Arms

The Winthrop University Coat of Arms, adopted in 1980, incorporates a shield and helm, and the University motto, "Veritas cum Libertate," which originally appeared on Winthrop's seal. A diagonal blue line through the shield represents the blue uniforms that were worn at Winthrop until the 1950s. The garnet and gold represent traditional school colors.



## The Mace

The first maces were weapon-like staffs used in ancient Rome to honor heroes and nobility. Maces were later used in the courts of England as symbols of authority. Today, maces are associated with the American judicial and legislative systems, as well as with colleges and universities. The Winthrop mace was designed, produced and engraved by Alfred Ward, art and design professor emeritus. It is made of silver with detailing of 22K gold overlay. The stem is crafted from an African hardwood.



## Gonfalon

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The four gonfalons displayed represent the four academic colleges of Winthrop University: the College of Business Administration, the Richard W. Riley College of Education, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The garnet, navy and gold are the university's colors. Purple, green and blue complement the school's colors.



## Ring

The official Winthrop University ring symbolizes pride and commitment and is a lasting memento of the wearer's Winthrop experience. The ring's design includes the crest portion of the university's seal and is framed at the top by the institution's name and its founding year at the bottom. Inside the ring, Winthrop's motto, "Veritas cum Libertate," is inscribed. It is customary for the ring to be turned with the crest facing outward at the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony.



# Academic Regalia

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The academic regalia worn in college and university ceremonies today have their origins in the Middle Ages. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied. From these practical beginnings, the traditional caps, gowns, and hoods have come to symbolize scholarly achievement.

Winthrop is authorized to grant the first two of the following three generally recognized degrees—the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral. The bachelor’s degree, the baccalaureate, takes its name directly from the medieval practice of “bachelors” wearing a garland of bayberries. Their gowns have a long pleated front, which may be worn either open or closed.

The master’s degree was equivalent to a license to teach and sometimes was followed by the phrase “Licentia Docendi.” The gowns for master’s degree candidates are similar to those of the bachelor’s, but a hood is added, bearing the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor’s degree was originally a title of respect and recognition of great learning. Today, the doctorate indicates advanced study and independent research in a specialized field of learning. The gowns feature a broad, velvet panel down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves.

Members of the governing body of a college or university are entitled to wear doctoral gowns under the rules of protocol. Winthrop’s Board of Trustees and chief marshal wear robes designed specifically for the university.

Mortarboards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master’s gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion. The caps and gowns worn today by Winthrop students are environmentally friendly.

## Hoods

Hood colors were assigned to academic disciplines and standardized for the first time in the United States in the late 19th century. The colors chosen had traditional meanings and were determined by discipline. Green was selected for medicine because it is the color of healing herbs. Red was the traditional color of the church and was assigned to theology. Golden yellow signifies the wealth of knowledge which research has produced and therefore was given to science. Revisions were made to the code several times in the 20th century by the American Council on Education.

All hoods specify the type of discipline studied and the awarding institution. The following list explains hoods worn by graduate degree candidates at Winthrop University.

### College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) - Drab

### Richard W. Riley College of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Light Blue

Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Light Blue

Master of Science (M.S.) - Light Blue

### College of Visual and Performing Arts

Master of Arts (M.A.) - White

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) - Brown

Master of Music (M.M.) - Pink

Master of Music Education (M.M.E.) - Pink

### College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts (M.A.) - White

Master of Liberal Arts (M.L.A.) - White

Master of Science (M.S.) - Gold

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) - Citron

Specialist in School Psychology (S.S.P.) - Gold

# Key to Symbols

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## Latin Honors

\* In today's program, this symbol designates graduates who have achieved one of the following levels of academic performance. These students can be identified by their gold cord. The Latin phrases, once used at medieval universities, are still used to honor graduates today:

### Summa Cum Laude

*"with greatest praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.9 to 4.0.*

### Magna Cum Laude

*"with great praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.75 to 3.89.*

### Cum Laude

*"with praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.5 to 3.74.*

### Honors Recognition

*is awarded for a final average of 3.75 and a minimum of 48 quality hours at Winthrop University.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the unavailability of grades for the final semester during the time the Commencement program is printed, Latin Honors designations in this program are based on cumulative grade point average earned through the previous academic term (this cumulative GPA includes any undergraduate coursework completed at other colleges). Final academic Latin Honor designations are determined after grades for the final semester are posted. Official Latin Honors designations are announced the day of commencement, noted on the student's diploma, and printed on the transcript.

## Honors Program

### Honors Program Degree

*is awarded for the completion of a service learning project and 23 hours of honors courses including an honors thesis and honors symposia with a cumulative average of at least a 3.30. These students can be identified by their garnet cord.*

### Honors Program Degree with International Experience

*is awarded for the completion of a service learning project, 23 hours of honors courses including an honors thesis and honors symposia with a cumulative average of at least a 3.30 and an extended experience outside the United States in a learning environment. These students can be identified by their garnet cord.*

*Other cords and pins worn by graduates indicate their membership in academic honor societies.*

+ This symbol in today's program designates graduates of the Honors Program.

‡ This symbol designates August 2022 graduates.

Every effort has been made to list correctly the candidates for degrees. Please note, however, that the listings are prepared for program purposes and do not constitute official records.

# *Academic Colleges*

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## **College of Business Administration**

P.N. Saxena, Dean

The College of Business Administration's mission is to prepare students in a learning-oriented environment, through effective teaching, scholarship and service, with the professional and leadership skills necessary for positions in the global marketplace, while fostering life-long learning and service to the external community.

The college was created in 1968 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in business administration with concentrations in accounting, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, financial planning, health care management, human resource management, international business, management, and marketing; Bachelor of Science in applied software development, computer science, cybersecurity, and digital information design; Bachelor of Arts in economics and the Master of Business Administration.

## **Richard W. Riley College of Education**

Beth Greene Costner, Dean

The Richard W. Riley College of Education is dedicated to the highest ideals of teaching, scholarship and service for the purpose of preparing professionals who are committed to the betterment of society through a lifelong quest for excellence in leadership, stewardship, collaboration and innovation. Through the Jim and Sue Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships, the College of Education maintains a strong school Partnership Network to support P-12 school renewal and a clinical approach to educator preparation.

Winthrop was founded in 1886 as a teacher preparatory school. The College of Education began in 1968 and was renamed the Richard W. Riley College of Education in 2000. The college offers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in athletic training, early childhood education, elementary education, exercise science, human development and family studies, middle level education, physical education, special education, and sport management. A Master of Arts in Teaching; Master of Science in sport and fitness administration; Master of Education in counseling and development, educational leadership, literacy, and special education intervention; and the Education Specialist in educational leadership are offered at the graduate level.

# *Academic Colleges*

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## **College of Visual and Performing Arts**

**Karen Oremus, Interim Dean**

The College of Visual and Performing Arts provides high quality arts instruction in a rich artistic environment that inspires students to achieve their academic and artistic goals. The college also provides the broader Winthrop community with a vast array of outstanding performances and art exhibitions annually.

The college was created in 1988 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts in art, art education, art history, dance, dance education, music, theatre (performance, design/technology, musical theatre), and theatre education; Bachelor of Design (graphic design, illustration, interior design and experience design); Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (ceramics, general studio, jewelry/metals, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture), visual communication design (graphic design and illustration), and interior design; Bachelor of Music (performance, composition), and Bachelor of Music Education (instrumental and choral). A Master of Arts in arts administration; Master of Fine Arts in studio art; Master of Music (conducting and performance); and Master of Music Education degrees are offered at the graduate level.

## **College of Arts and Sciences**

**Takita F. Sumter, Dean**

The College of Arts and Sciences provides educational opportunities for students to gain knowledge, insights, and skills in order to grow more sensitive to the significance of the human heritage, to participate and contribute knowledgeably and effectively as citizens, and to lead rewarding, productive, and enriched lives in the contemporary world. Providing the liberal arts foundation for all Winthrop University students, the College of Arts and Sciences offers a broad spectrum of general education courses so students may be afforded the central core of knowledge enjoyed by well-educated citizens.

The college was created in 1967 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts in data science, English, environmental studies, history, individualized studies, mass communication, mathematics, modern languages, philosophy and religion, political science, psychology, and sociology; Bachelor of Science in biology, chemistry, environmental sciences, human nutrition, integrated marketing communication and mathematics; Bachelor of Professional Studies; and Bachelor of Social Work degree. The College of Arts and Sciences also awards the following graduate degrees: Master of Liberal Arts; Master of Arts in English and history; Master of Social Work; Master of Science in biology, human nutrition, and school psychology; and Specialist degree in school psychology.



Vivian Moore Carroll Hall



# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Business Administration

### ***Master of Business Administration***

Luis Ernesto Baron Rajo  
Morgan Alexis Bates  
Karleshia Ziairre Benn  
‡Jami Akoya Bennett, Sr.  
‡Julia Butler Fowler  
‡Shantel Denise Chaplin  
‡Donald Michael Charbonnet  
‡Bo Chen  
‡Peng Chen  
‡Zhihan Chen  
Tykeitha Lashun Cook  
‡Ni Cui  
Gabrielle Allyse Davis  
‡Zhu Du  
‡RunLin Fan  
‡Kasay Holbrook Gambrell  
‡Lillian Marie Garrecht  
‡Shakayla Grate  
‡Endia Monique Green  
‡Hunter Ray Hamilton  
‡Robert Brandon Hawkins  
‡Dalton James Hildreth  
Faith Vermell Holmes  
‡Dwight Ulysses House  
‡Karen Margaret Howard  
‡Jianglan Jiang  
‡Ni Jiang

‡Wenjie Jiang  
John Douglas Kroft  
‡Manishree Lal  
Marleide Alves Lea  
Thomas Carson Leaphart  
‡Meihua Li  
‡Xuetong Li  
‡Luoyang Liao  
‡Hans Mayo  
‡Heather Ann McCutcheon  
Terrence Jarod Nealy  
Mary McBeth Olinger  
‡Yi Ou  
Riyashi Nimesh Patel  
‡Leigh Anne Poole  
‡Amanda Timmons Proffitt  
Matthew Stanley Repec  
‡Krystal Key Said  
‡Sarah Yasmine Rucker  
‡Christina Salvi Sadak-Sellers  
Andrew Jason Siegel  
Tonyia Laroi Johnson Sinkler  
‡Shannon Mitsuhashi Smason  
‡Amanda Leigh Steiner  
‡Nicholas St. John Storm  
‡Haiqi Tang  
Jessica Nicole Van Cleave  
‡Fei Wang  
‡Bo Wen  
‡Tristan Michael Whitaker

‡Daniel Roma Willis  
‡Hui Xu  
‡Jiayi Xu  
‡Qing Yang  
‡Jing Ye  
‡Tyler Daniel Younts  
‡Yang Yu  
‡Fuyu Zeng  
‡Ruijun Zhang  
‡Jiaheng Zhou  
‡Yuan Zhou

### ***Master of Business Administration - Accounting***

Megan Lynn Harris  
‡Edward Joseph Laiewski  
‡Antrani Oteri Amore Mayfield  
‡Dominique Andre Sanders

### ***Master of Business Administration - Accounting and Analytics***

Kassaundra Addeline Abbate  
Arnisha Kierra Bonnett  
Harry Patterson Kannon



# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## Richard W. Riley College of Education

### *Master of Science*

‡Alexis Brianna Watts

### *Master of Education*

‡Tara Ann Blackwell

‡Sandra Allison Cash

‡Kathryn Taylor Claffin

‡Helen Nicole Collins-Hunter

Tamila Williams Crowder

Kevin Brooks Deeter

‡H. Charles Drakeford

‡Jena Hallman Dean

‡Vanessa Hefley

‡Christopher Edward Humphries

‡Shandra Renee' James

‡Susan Marie Kerr

‡Jeffrey Thomas Lewis

‡Kelly Daniels Lewis

‡Allison Bonasera Martin

‡Monica T. McMahon

‡Laura Ann Miller

‡Brandy Morrison

Heather Nalley

‡Nancy Ellen Noel

John Oliver Sanders

‡Emily Kaye Stover

‡Larissa Raychelle Thompson

‡Corrine Chalifour Turner

‡Bethany Elise Wherry

### *Educational Specialist*

‡Ellen Bright Borland

‡Ashley Cummings Bradley

‡William Timothy Dyer

‡Tonette Nichole Jones

‡Kevin J. Miller

‡Tasha Denise Pompey

‡Mark Andrew Rhoden

‡Andrea Acquaro Ribelin

‡Gales Webb Scroggs, IV

### *Master of Arts in Teaching*

Samuel Wayne Lovell

Nathalie Manrique

Raia Claire Meister

## College of Visual and Performing Arts

### *Master of Arts*

‡Naomi Anhorn

Elon Marie Caulder

‡Timothy Christopher DeLong

Keith Michael Dumais

Kendall Talbert Ferguson

‡Kelly Elizabeth Hall

‡Hunter Nicole Huggins

Julian Jant

‡Kellie D. Knight

‡Bradley Moore

‡Alexandrea Pizza

‡Katherine Michelle Sam

‡Taylor Camile Samuels

Garrett Robert Whiffen

### *Master of Fine Arts*

Grant Mahan

Christina Melchiorre

‡Patricia Joy Botts

# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Arts and Sciences

### *Master of Social Work*

Nakesia Byrd

‡Dorinell Christine Alcantara

Carmella Ann Aldridge

‡Kimberly Wynette Allen

Tatiana Dashae Allen

‡Jamie Butler Alt

Brittany Artis

Keyona Julia Shanell Avery

‡Tanya Brown Benton

Sarah Margaret Blake

‡Michael Boulware

Barbara A. Brown

Crista N. Brown

‡Sekinah Monique Woodard Clifton

Ariel Briana Collins

Alexandra Suzanne Cooper

Te'je Cousar

‡Kayla Nicole Crim

Tonya Lorraice Crump

‡Kelsey Lynn Cuomo

Maya Gabrielle Dandridge

Tabitha DeMaria Faith Dees

‡LaShonda Denise Demery

Sydney Elizabeth Derr

Kendall Jenee Dillard

‡Derrick Trevon Dingle, Jr

‡Mahogany Finesse DuBois

‡Hannah Elizabeth Ehmann

Jaelyn-Alicia Monae Fossett

Briana Godette

‡Kasey Marie Graham

‡Mildred D. Graves

Sheneek Lloyette Haggins-Jackson

‡Jordan Hemphill

Anna Taylor Henson

‡Chanel Latorrica Hewitt

‡Theresa Hill

Daleisha Lachelle Johnson

Dawn'Nika Wan'Ae Inesha  
Johnson

Jina Coleman Johnson

Tatyana Gevon Lance

Robi Howard Lawrence

‡Rhonda Rene Lindsay

Kimyetta Alfreda Lowe

‡Pamela Yvette Lucas

Belen Dejanira Lujano

Kaitlynn Rose Lynch-Laughter

Brittany Covington Mann

‡Stefanie Maxwell

‡Chasity Simone Mayfield

Pratea Latish McGruder

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Brown

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# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

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## *Master of Liberal Arts*

Cassidy Johnson

Olivia Francesca Paxton

## *Master of Science*

‡Cody Walker Ellis

Jessica Lea Fersaci

Nicole Ann Kallenbach

‡Joshua Louis LeClerg

Jeffrey Emanuel Parham

Bryan Joel Patterson

Mason Foster Tomberlin

Anna Joy Wise

Audrey Grace Zerance

## *Master of Arts*

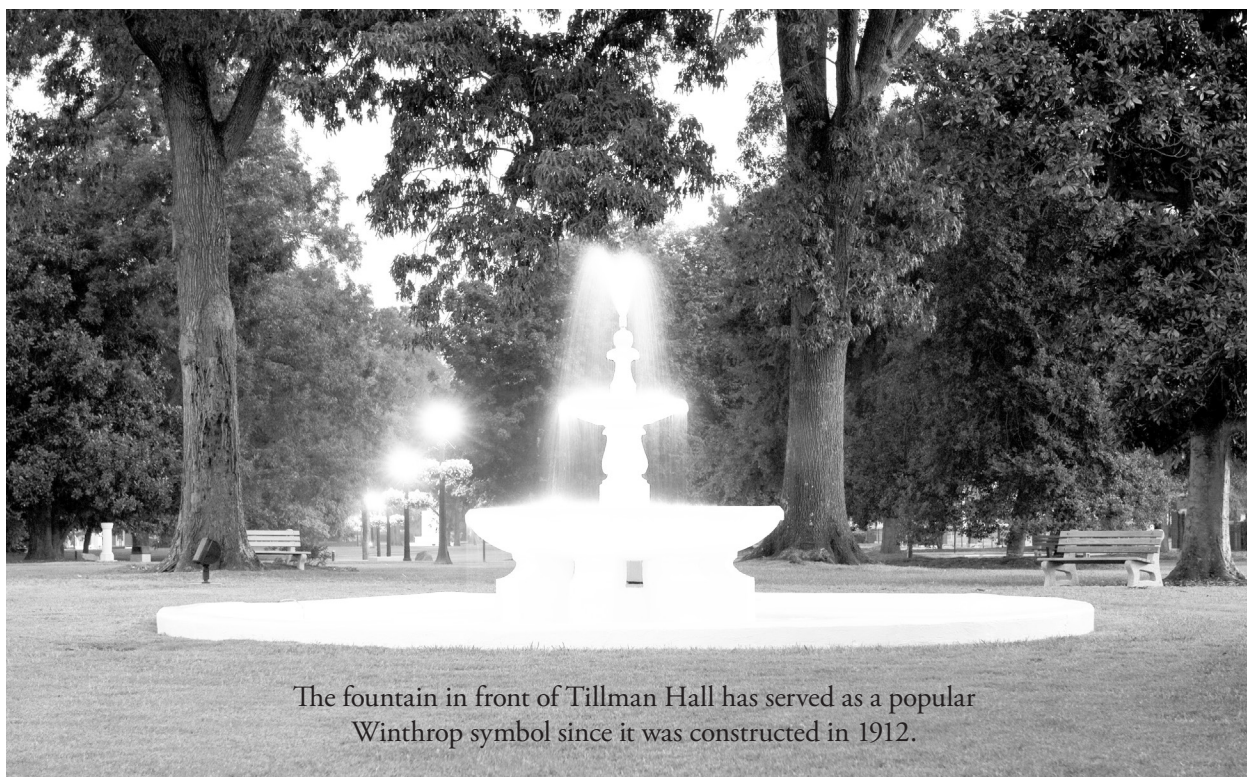
‡Jackson Branch

Erin Myrick Caffey

‡Jayson Nigel Gardner

Spencer Justice Harrison

Ian Matthew Mueller



The fountain in front of Tillman Hall has served as a popular Winthrop symbol since it was constructed in 1912.

# Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Business Administration

### *Bachelor of Science*

Nicholas Bryant Adelman

Susana Daniela Atuncar-Castillo

Sanford William Baker

Benjamin Kenneth Barrett

\*Tyler Andrew Belton

Kayla Zaire Bland

Shatoria Emaya Brantley

Lameer Rashaud Brothers

Zaniah Alexis Chimere Brown

Amber Danielle Bumgardner

\*Joshua Troy Burns

\*Anna Caroline Carter

Jun Hyeok Choi

‡Claude Hunter Christopher V

\*Amanda Rose Crenshaw

Kassidy Grace Duke

‡Molly Elizabeth Duncan

Sean Vincent Flannery

Cierra Alexis French

Benjamin Grey Grieser

Sarah Ramsey Grooms

Brianna Clarke Hamilton

\*R'Moni Cedaria Jarvis

Kaylee Michelle Jones

Onterio Desmond Jones

\*Samuel Robert Jones

Olivia Katherine Lee

‡Ciara Imari Miller

Aaliyah Mone' Mitchell

Elawna Moray Mitchell

Cindy Munoz-Reyes

Taeyoon Oh

D'Eric Davonte' Pauling

\*Emily LeeAnna Puryear

Kegan Michael Rettig

Alexander Donald Romano

‡Cole S. Seastrunk

JaKobe Manai Smith

Desmond Ramon Thomasson

Brianna Moneka Threatt

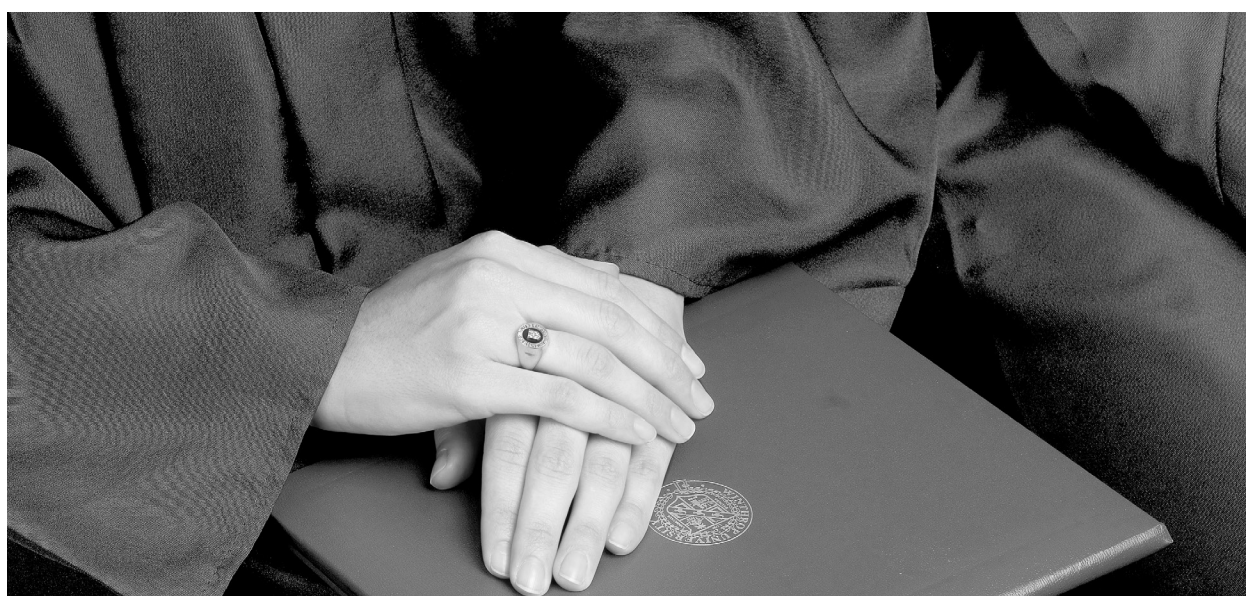
Matthew Brad Tinsley

Gerald Erwin Wheaton III

Taylor Denise White

‡Victoria Nicole Wilson

Morgan Hailey Winningham





# Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

## Richard W. Riley College of Education

### *Bachelor of Science*

\*David Wade Abney

Alexis Madison Baldwin-Eller

Andrew Carl Bierman

\*Alyssa Denae Brailsford

‡Alexis Michelle Bray

Autumn Micayla Bryant

Thomas Daniel Caldwell

James Dylan Cox

Caroline Grace Cravens

\*Heather Tiffany Darden

Kayla Gine Derr

\*Kendall Reese Dryman

‡Kailee Mae Erwin

‡Victoria Ann Francisco

Ziiana Sy'mone Garrett

‡Joshual Da'John Gray-Johnson

Casadee Amber Guntz

Alexis Venetia Jeffery

‡Tyler Morgan Jones

Bridgett A. Langford

\*Madison Leslie-Payton Lapham

\*Megan Renee Lee

‡Whitley Elizabeth Leviner

\*Atley Elizabeth Livingston

Mackenzie Lynn Machado

Sydnee Breanna Matthews

Kaley Elisa McMillan

‡Demetria Nikole Murray

Janae Michelle Myers

\*Benjamin Daniel Neiconi

Brycen Scott Newman

Tajaylah Lakaisha Odom

Hailey McDougald Paul

Chloe Sophia Pearson

\*Christian Joseph Peters

John Hampton Maxwell Ratcliffe

\*Lauren Phillips Risher

Mackenzie Elizabeth Scandrett

William Alexander Shaw

\*Brooke Danielle Stout

Christine Windom Stowe

\*+Logan Faith Tubbs

‡Meredith Tubiolo

\*Kelsie Lyn Wacaster

Shayaundra Mone't Walker

‡Jennifer Simone West

‡Jayla LaCora Williams

Eryn Williamson

Minubia Essence Wilson



The Little Chapel served as Winthrop's first classroom when David Bancroft Johnson founded the school in 1886.

# *Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees*

## **College of Visual and Performing Arts**

### ***Bachelor of Fine Arts***

Brandon Michael Allen

‡Donya Joy Babcock

\*Abigail Grace Catoe

‡Crystal Maria Gonzalez Reyes

Kayla Lynn James

‡My'Asia Jabbria McCollum

‡Asia Okalani Piskorski

Lena Roze Pregonzer

Emily Pardo Reyes

Lydia Louise Reynolds

‡Makayla Alesse Strozier

Ann Kennedy Taylor

Rebecca Elizabeth Teuber

Briann Marie Tierney

\*+India Henderson Walker

### ***Bachelor of Music***

Zaria Talaya Thomas-Hood

### ***Bachelor of Music Education***

Brittany Michelle Martin

### ***Bachelor of Arts***

Kenneth Jamar Adams

‡David Granville Barstow II

Kyle Brien Binnall

Elijah Damond Breeden

Anna Lee Catoe

\*Ryan Neil Certo

Barrett Rainer Drolshagen

\*Margaret Elyse Ellinger

\*Madison Leslie-Payton Lapham

Skyler Grace Jordan Leary

David Kurt Lindsey

Amber Danielle Owen

\*Amanda Rose Robinson

\*Jala Tyler Smith

Madison Elise Syswerda

\*Ryan Steven Tant

Brooke Nicole Vernier

\*Carrington Janiah Wigfall

\*Raven Elizabeth Woodard





# Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Arts and Sciences

### *Bachelor of Professional Studies*

‡Clare Bernadette Crabb  
‡Kristen Bell Faris  
‡Wanda Hinton Miller  
‡Johnny J. Risk II  
\*Cynthia Jean Wyatt

### *Bachelor of Social Work*

\*Daisy Jocelyn Castro  
\*Caroline Elizabeth Chassereau  
Anna Margaret Conlon  
Jaiya Armani Evans  
\*Janie Elizabeth Fortner  
Anna Lea Hutcheson  
Jeanette Marie Joe  
\*Dominick Natron McCrea  
Maranda Nicole McKenzie  
\*+Kayla Delcia Thomas  
\*Anne Watts Tuckwiller  
\*Niya La Shae Womack

### *Bachelor of Science*

Mariah Quiona Armstrong  
‡Kelsey Maddison Barnes  
Kailye Breann Nicole Birchfield  
Kimberly Grace Bollmann  
\*Bernardica Lavinia Brown  
Bramley Rebecca Carter

Micah MaGarren Childress  
Kennedy Chanel Davis

Zandria Octavis Drakeford

Kiaja Albria Feaster

‡Emma Alexis Finch

Sabrina Rose Forney

Miguelite Francois

Demetra Frazier Young

Olivia Rheagene Gadson

Kalieghe Elizabeth Hall

Jailynn Dyashia-Elizabeth  
Hamilton

‡Tianna Janea Harrell

\*Jacob Emerson Hilgemann

‡Alex Burton Lee

+Carol Shea Linton

Janae Micaiah Massey

Te'Andria Emaya McCree

Jordan Elizabeth Meek

Mario Bosah Ndieli

‡Yinka Zoe' Alisha Renee' Abosedo  
Bolanle Anike Pelumi

Zaria Monique-Alexis Pope

Errol Francis Radford III

Austin Ford Read

Luke FanFan Reed

‡Victoria Leigh Rowland

Elizabeth Cyr Stenard

Morgan Paige Turner

‡Crystal Ci Vue

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Ronald Grey Atkins

Susana Daniela Atuncar-Castillo

John Bowen Austin

H. Gray Balentine

\*Victoria Elizabeth Belk

Donovan Malik Belton

Carl Lee Benjamin, Jr.

Brooke Ashley Bordner

‡Devyn Jeanne Pearline Brown

Madison Nicole Bruff

‡Dwight Keith Burns, Jr.

Tyra Monique Carraway

Aleyah Kaylin Carter

\*Michelle Faye Carter

Na'Ceshia Eimani Rose Cook

JaKayla Marie Cornish

Ashna Vithal Divekar

‡Carlisle Graham Patrick Dunn

Kymani JaKayla Ellison

Samantha Ann Faires

Ny'Tasia Breo'n Gaddist

Elizabeth Jean Gibson

Ashley Rojah Grimball

\*+Nastajia Khyree Hamilton

Jadon Alexander Heil

\*Khamaya Janae Hilton

Aaron Tytan Hodges

Spencer Kennedy Horton

# Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Arts and Sciences

### *Bachelor of Arts* (continued)

William Geoffrey Hudson

\*Chelsey Lee Ingram

‡Taylor Madison James

Kourtney Monay Jefferson

‡Jillian Alyssa Johnson

\*La'Royalty Jamiah Jones

Shatara Natajia Jones

\*Amanda Catherine Light

Jeylinn Jessenia Lopez Mejia

Jayden Nicholas Mace

John Thomas Mathis

Taylor Nicole McCarthy

Christy Sha'gail McCullough

Diamond La'Na McKelvey

\*Drew Elizabeth Meetze

Madison Leigh Mendes

‡Gavin Tracy Miller

\*+Tanna Brea Morrison

\*Saleana Cheyenne Pence

‡Veronica Chamberlain Planos

Sydney Danielle Raven

John Harrison Revels

Christopher Bailey Rider

Shayla Nicole Rivers

Jadaka Allison Ross

Trinity Fanniel Rucker

Mykhaela Aunzoni Seawright

\*Kelsey Morgan Shealy

\*Kyra Elizabeth Sikorski

‡Shiasia Alexis Sims

‡Zachary DeWayne Sims

Kayla Brianna Steele

\*Josiah Edward Strauss

Joshua Demetrius Streeter

‡Nicholas Kenneth Garrett Taplett

\*+Kayla Delcia Thomas

Emily Anne Timmerman

+Alexander Wade Turner

Tate Dwayne Walden

\*+Allayna Rose Weber

‡McKenna Grace Whatley

‡Jemia Jaslyn Wiggins

Nathaniel Robert Willey

Daniel Rasheed Williams

‡Milo Wolverton

Kaleb Harmon Worley



# Honor Societies

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## Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. In order to be a member, juniors must have completed at least 72 credit hours and rank scholastically in the top 7.5 percent and seniors must rank in the top 10 percent. Since its founding, more than 1,000,000 scholars have been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi's 285 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.



## Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class or upper 10 percent of the senior class. Founded in 1907 at the University of Wisconsin, there are more than 495,000 initiates from 389 chapters.



## Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education, which is dedicated to scholarship and excellence in the field. Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi has more than 60,000 members in 550 chapters throughout the world. In order to become a member, a student must be in final-term sophomore standing with a grade point ratio of 3.25 and at least 12 semester hours in education courses.



## Omicron Delta Kappa

The Omicron Delta Kappa society is the national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character. Founded December 3, 1914, at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, by 15 student and faculty leaders, Omicron Delta Kappa has more than 218,000 members.



## Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year at college. Founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta has more than 230 chapters across the United States and has initiated more than 650,000 students. Students must have been registered for a full course of study leading to a bachelor's degree and must have received a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their first semester of college.



## Book and Key

Membership in the Book and Key Society is open to seniors majoring in a liberal arts discipline. The Winthrop chapter was founded in 1936 and has admission criteria similar to those of the Phi Beta Society, including a grade point ratio at least 3.5 and satisfactory course work in mathematics and foreign language.



# Graduating Members of Honor Societies

## Phi Kappa Phi

### *Scholarship*

Sarah Margaret Blake  
‡Kasey M. Graham  
‡Shakayla Grate  
‡Endia M. Green  
John D. Kroft  
Brittany Covington Mann  
Tanna Brea Morrison  
‡Nancy E. Noel  
Andrew Jason Siegel  
‡Jessica M. Ware  
Cynthia Jean Wyatt

## Beta Gamma Sigma

### *Business Administration*

‡Endia M. Green  
‡Robert B. Hawkins  
Samuel R. Jones  
‡Hans Mayo  
‡Leigh A. Poole  
‡Amanda T. Proffitt  
Emily L. Puryear

## Kappa Delta Pi

### *Education*

Brittany M. Martin  
Raia C. Meister  
Kyra E. Sikorski

## Omicron Delta Kappa

### *Scholarship and Leadership*

John D. Kroft

## Alpha Lambda Delta

### *Scholarship*

‡Gales W. Scroggs  
Allayna R. Weber

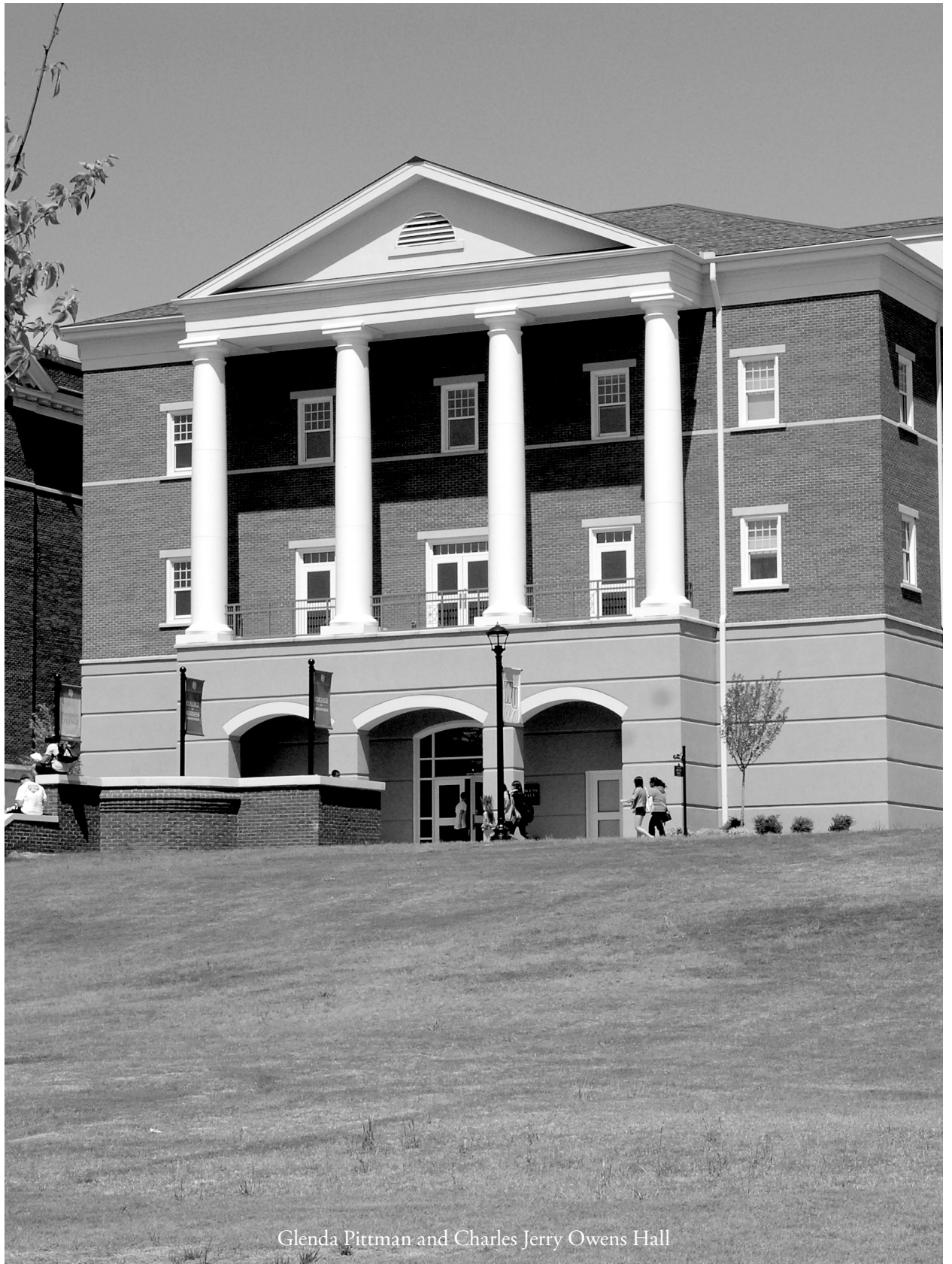
## Book and Key

### *Scholarship*

Bernardica L. Brown  
Erin M. Caffey  
Michelle F. Carter  
Micah Childress  
Jacob Hilgemann  
John D. Kroft  
Amanda C. Light  
Drew E. Meetze  
Tanna B. Morrison  
Saleana C. Pence  
Kayla D. Thomas  
Allayna R. Weber  
‡Milo Wolverton







Glenda Pittman and Charles Jerry Owens Hall

# Alumni Services

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## Byron D. Putman '94



As President of the Winthrop Alumni Association, it is my honor to be among the first to congratulate you as both a Winthrop graduate and a new member of our Alumni Association. I know that you take great pride in the accomplishment you have earned today—a Winthrop University degree.

I know that you have worked hard to achieve this incredible goal and with the degree you have earned, you will go far. Use the knowledge, skills, and experiences at Winthrop to have an impact on your lifelong learning opportunities. Continue to dedicate yourself to acquiring knowledge and opportunity.

As you leave Winthrop as a student, your role changes as you become a representative of our university in your professional life, in the communities you serve, and in all that you achieve. Your dedication, achievement, and concern for our world are excellent measures of the knowledge you have obtained during your time here. Please dedicate yourself to continuing the mission of our university into the world and continue to bring honor and distinction to yourselves and to our beloved Winthrop University.

I am thrilled to welcome you as a new member of our Alumni Association. Ours is an organization that is diverse, supportive, and interested in the success of all alumni. I encourage you to be an active member, support Winthrop, and help continue the Winthrop experience for others.

As you transition to a new part of your life, I encourage you to continue to share your Winthrop experience through all of the events your life will bring, encourage others to support Winthrop, and continue to enjoy success. Continue to be a proud Eagle bold and strong!

Sincerely,

*Byron D. Putman*

Byron D. Putman '94  
*President, Winthrop University Alumni Association*

For more information about the Alumni Association, call 803/323-2145 or visit [www.winthrop.edu/alumni](http://www.winthrop.edu/alumni).

# Career Services for Alumni

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The Center for Career Development and Internships offers continuing support to alumni. Making career decisions is a life-long process. The staff offers professional assistance with the entire job search process including resume preparation, interviewing skills, networking techniques and coaching. Alumni considering a career change, or interested in post graduate experience, should contact Career Development and Internships for assistance.

For more information about alumni career services, networking and mentoring, please call 803/323-2145 or visit [www.winthrop.edu/alumni](http://www.winthrop.edu/alumni).



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# General Information

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## Animals

Pets are not allowed in the Coliseum, with the exception of service animals as defined by ADA as a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

## Ceremony Time

The academic procession into the arena begins at 11 a.m., and the ceremony will end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

## Elevator

It is located at section 130 of the upper concourse and in the lobby of the lower concourse. The elevator is reserved for guests with accessibility needs on Commencement day.

## Emergency Evacuation

Please identify the nearest exit. In an emergency, you will be instructed on exiting to ensure an orderly evacuation.

## First Aid

EMS personnel are located in the upper concourse at section 106.

## Online Program and Ceremony Viewing

A PDF version of this program may be found at [www.winthrop.edu/commencement](http://www.winthrop.edu/commencement). The ceremony will be available to view online next week from a link at [www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu).

## People with Disabilities

The elevator is located at section 130 of the upper concourse and in the lobby of the lower concourse. Accessible seating is available on the upper concourse and on the floor of the arena. Seating for wheelchair users is also located around the upper concourse. A sign language interpreter will be on stage for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Guests needing assistive listening devices may pick them up at the Coliseum immediately prior to the ceremony. Devices should be returned at the end of the ceremony.

## Phones

Please be considerate of others and silence cell phones and other electronic devices during the ceremony.

## Photographs and Videos

Individual graduate photographs are coordinated by The Grad Team, [www.thegradteam.com](http://www.thegradteam.com). The company will contact students after graduation regarding the sale of the photos. Guests may take their own photos and videos of the ceremony but must not block the aisles or the view of other guests. Only authorized photographers/videographers will be permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony.

## Restrooms

Restrooms are located on the upper concourse at the following sections.

Men: 109 and 124

Women: 101, 106 and 121

## Safety Regulations

In compliance with safety regulations, procession routes and aisles must be kept clear at all times. Please do not place strollers, camera tripods, electronic chargers, umbrellas or any other personal items in the aisles as they pose an evacuation egress hazard. Guests are asked to cooperate with university marshals and campus police officers in keeping these designated areas open.

## Seating

Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Reserving seats is not allowed.

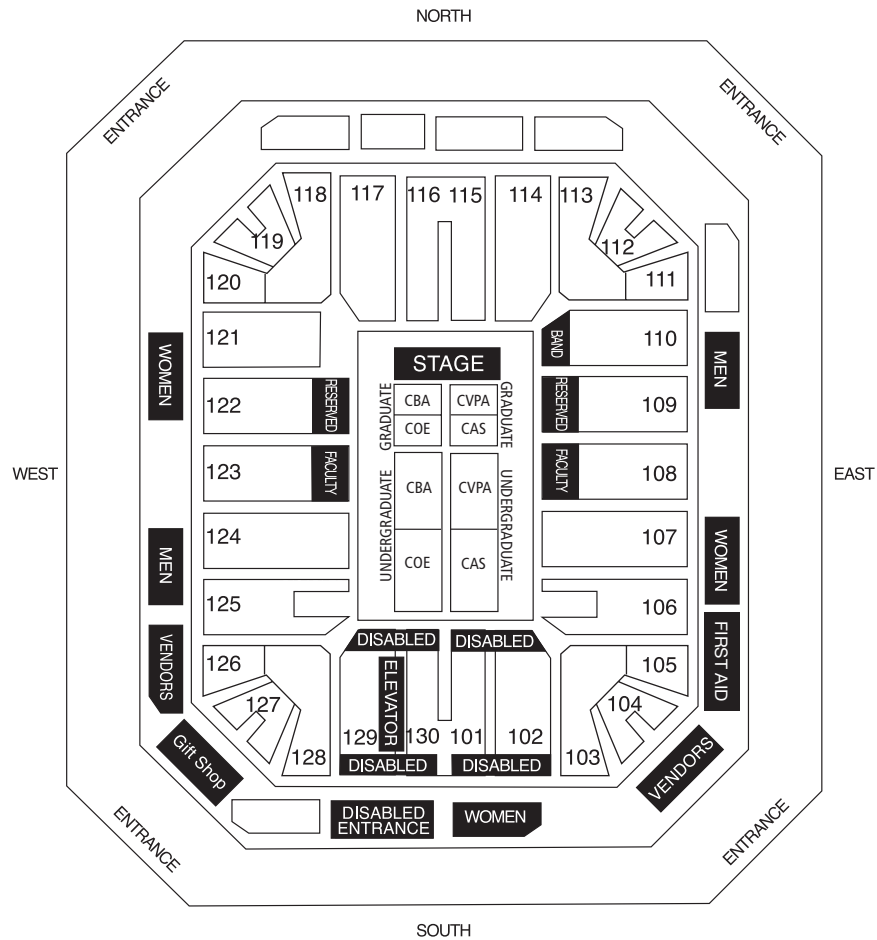
## Smoking Policy

The Winthrop Coliseum is a smoke-free facility.

## Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on the upper concourse at Sections 104, 111, 119 and 126.

# Coliseum Floor Plan



## Graduate and Undergraduate Arena Seating

### CBA

College of Business Administration

### COE

Richard W. Riley College of Education

### CVPA

College of Visual and Performing Arts

### CAS

College of Arts and Sciences

*Student seating is dependent upon the number of graduates in attendance and the distribution across the four colleges. Exact seating is not known until the morning of the ceremony.*

# Winthrop University Alma Mater

Words: Donna Durst '83 & Lisa Breland Spangler '87 Music: Donna Durst



1.The cha - pel holds our - his - to - ry, each  
2.The friends we've made, the - mem - o - ries will



new - day Till - man rings, - your - halls are rich - with  
last - a life - time long, - we - soar to reach - the



mem - o - ries to which we'll al - ways - cling. A  
goals we've set as Ea - gles bold and - strong. May



part of each one here re - mains as a part of you we  
oth - ers see our loy - al - ty, ev - er hon - ored you will



claim, - Al - ma Ma - ter may - your name - be - grand,  
be, - Al - ma Ma - ter may - your name - be - grand,



Win - throp ev - er - stand.  
Win - throp ev - er - stand.







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