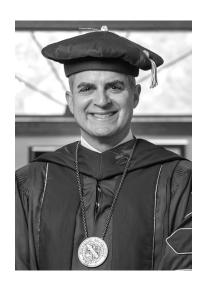
COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 16, 2023 11 A.M. WINTHROP COLISEUM

"In celebration of our 138th academic year"

A message from the PRESIDENT



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

Pre-Commencement Concert

Procession*

Marche Triomphale from Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale, *Hector Berlioz, arranged by Philip Gordon* Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar, arranged by Clare Grundman* Winthrop University Commencement Band, *Dr. Lorrie Crochet, Conductor*

National Anthem*

Audience, Led by Sarah Ochoa

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 Honorary Degree

Commencement Address

Dr. Jane Thomas, 2023 Distinguished Professor

Academic Degrees

Recognition of Completion of the Winthrop Think College Program

Dr. Serna

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

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

Dean Beth Costner and Dr. Lisa Harris, *Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences*

Interim Dean Karen Oremus and Mr. Robert Wildman, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean Takita Sumter and Dr. Greg Oakes, College of Arts and Sciences

Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates and Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Judge

Dean Saksena, College of Business Administration

Dean Costner, Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Interim Dean Oremus, College of Visual and Performing Arts

Dean Sumter, College of Arts and Sciences

Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

Mr. Scott Melton '04

Charge to the Graduates

President Serna

Alma Mater*

Audience, Led by Makenzie Hafer

Final Procession*

March for the Prince of Wales, Joseph Haydn, edited by James Riley 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 processionals. 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. Cara Peters, 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

Mackenzie Luschkowski (Chief), Lily Meisten (Assistant Chief), Mariana Beltran, Savannah Brown, Haley Marie Bryant, Emily Paige Camp, Jayla Elizabeth Council, Sera Crookes, Erin Dinlocker, Noah Emerson Goins, Alison Griffin, Kathryn Denver Kiser, Lauren Norton, Julianne Phu, Maria Price, Elizabeth Claire Ryerson, Alyssa Jade Scott, Jamal Singleton, Amani Townes, Arelia Tyson 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 Interpreters Ms. Elizabeth Platt, Ms. Eva Zdepski

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Speaker

Jane Thomas



Dr. Jane Thomas was named the 2023 Distinguished Professor at the Commencement ceremony in May. This is the highest honor given to Winthrop faculty members and is awarded to educators 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.

A marketing professor, Dr. Thomas is a highly productive scholar who is known for her student projects with businesses, and organizations, totaling more than 100 since 2003. She also is widely quoted on consumer behavior, particularly her research with a colleague on Black Friday shoppers, completed before and then updated after the pandemic.

Dr. Thomas joined the Winthrop faculty in 1986 as a one-year contract instructor and ended up staying to teach. She became an assistant professor of marketing in 1990 in the Department of Management and Marketing, was promoted to associate professor in 1995 and to professor in 2004.

Her department chair noted her willingness to embrace long distance and online learning, as well as her successful interaction with Winthrop's French partner school in Montpellier and with Chinese exchange students from Liuzhou.

Each semester, Dr. Thomas' graduate and undergraduate marketing classes partner with the business community and local organizations to help with student learning and to use new techniques to come up with marketing plans.

More recently, Thomas served as a board member for Sutisana, a freedom enterprise business in Bolivia that gives jobs to women fleeing sex trafficking. She has traveled to Bolivia to meet the women to gain a better understanding of their plight.

Her students have developed recommendations for new products, and she led a team to the South American country in May to conduct consumer research and to assist in hosting a retreat for artisans.

Dr. Thomas has received the Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award in 2013 and the Kinard Teaching Award in 2008, as well as the business college's William H. Grier Endowed Professorship in 2006.

She holds a Ph.D. in apparel marketing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a master's degree in clothing and textiles from the University of Georgia, and a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles from Meredith College.

Kinard Award



Health Professor Shelley Hamill is the 2023 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 based on dedication to teaching, reputation on campus for teaching, and reputation among students.

A professor in the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences, Hamill joined the Winthrop faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor in 2007 and to the professor rank in 2013. Over the years, she has taught more than a dozen different classes in health and health education at the graduate and undergraduate level in the Department of Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance. Her areas of specialty include pedagogy and human sexuality.

With more than 30 years of teaching experience, Hamill has worked at the elementary, middle and collegiate levels. She previously taught at Livingstone College, at North Rowan Middle and at seven elementary schools in the Rowan-Salisbury School District.

Winthrop colleagues said Hamill is known for her thoughtful leadership and exceptional teaching skills. She simultaneously supports and challenges her students to think critically about sensitive and controversial topics and encourages them to consider the ramifications of various health behaviors. In the last couple of post-COVID years, Hamill has made it her priority to care for the whole student as she saw some students struggling to reconnect or readapt to regular classroom learning. She is known for creating safe learning spaces where students are comfortable in sharing their concerns.

On the professional level, Hamill has published text books and articles, made numerous presentations at national, regional and state conferences, and serves as a reviewer for health journals and text publishers.

A recipient of Winthrop's 2004 Faculty/Student Life Award, Hamill was chosen in 2018 as the chief faculty marshal to lead the procession in and out of the Convocation and Commencement ceremonies. She was selected as the Health Education Professional of the Year by the S.C. Association for the Advancement of Health Education in 2000 and 2010. In addition, she was awarded the SCAHPERD Scholar Award and the Honor Award, which is the highest award given by the association.

Hamill received her B.A. in physical education from Pfeiffer University, her master's degree in health education at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and a Ph.D. in education (health specialist) from Walden University.

Honorary Degree



John Winthrop's family ties to this university date back to the institution's start. The university's founder and first president, D.B. Johnson, acquired a seed donation of \$50 from Robert Charles Winthrop, an ancestor who was able to provide more funds to the institution once he became chairman of the Peabody Foundation in Boston.

Johnson's mission in creating the institution was to establish a training school for women educators and to help heal the wounds after the American Civil War.

The Winthrop family not only has ties to the start of this university but also to the start of this country. Honorary degree recipient John Winthrop is the direct-line descendant of the first governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop.

Like many family members, John Winthrop was born in Boston,
Massachusetts. He studied English literature and received a B.A. in liberal arts at Harvard University.
After graduation, he joined the Navy and worked as a journalist.

He went on to earn his M.B.A. at Columbia University and continued his journalism career — first at The Atlantic Monthly in Washington, D.C., during the Kennedy administration, and later at The Boston Globe. He held a part-time position in President George H. Bush's administration and was a staff member involving trade and diplomacy in the John F. Kennedy administration.

Today he and his wife, Libby, live in Charleston, South Carolina, where he runs his own financial services firm, John Winthrop & Company, Inc., also located in Charleston. He has served on a number of for-profit and not-for-profit boards over the years, including a utility company, a Wall Street firm and a railroad, as well as the American Farmland Trust in Washington, the Fresh Air Fund in New York and the Board of Overseers at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston.

John Winthrop has established an endowed scholarship at this institution to honor his family's role in the university's founding and early success. The scholarship provides financial aid to full-time students majoring in history.

Known as a passionate environmentalist, John Winthrop was awarded South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent in August 2000. He received an honorary degree from the College of Charleston in spring 2022.

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(s) with the highest grade point average in the graduating class.

Winthrop University



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.



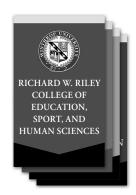
Coat of Arms

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, Sport, and Human Sciences, 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

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, Sport, and Human Sciences

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

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 2023 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.

Legacy Program

The Legacy program recognizes students who are the child, grandchild, or sibling of a Winthrop alumnus. As a family member of a Winthrop graduate, these students are continuing their family legacy by earning a Winthrop degree.

∞ This symbol designates graduates who are part of the Legacy Program.

Academic Colleges

College of Business Administration

P.N. Saksena, 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, 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, Sport, and Human Sciences

Beth Greene Costner, Dean

The Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences 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 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 athletic training and 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

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.



College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

‡Wendy Michelle Amerson

‡Marvin Jammar Brooks

Steven Jude Cataldo

‡Harrison Scott Cochrane

Andrew Cumbo

‡Jack William Curry

‡Sarah Ann Eller

‡Layla Sara Evans

Karen Santiago Guevara

Nicholas Anthony Guido

Jade Dominique Caldwell

‡Max Bennett Kell

‡Bradie McKay Lambeck

Camryn Alexys Long

‡Caitlyn McCammon

‡Joshua Lincoln Moseley

‡Tracy L. Patterson

‡Todd M. Prendergast

Ryan Blake Rabon

‡Shannon Ramsey Gardner

Taylor Brooke Ramsey

Samuel Bernard Robinson, Jr

‡Kristopher Alexander Roper

‡Montgomery James Sanders

‡Katelyn Rae Snyder

‡Katherine Reece Dorosh

‡James Twinem

Leila Smith Vohs

‡Anthony Westpy

‡Kayla Elizabeth Williams

‡Candace Cranford Windell

Autumn Hayley Wood

Ja'Quicia Ali'anah Woods

Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Master of Science

‡Thomas Tyreke Glenn

‡William Jerome Maddox

La J'ai Ayanna Reed

‡Tiffany Dale Stegall

Danieyer Jo'Naye Taiste

‡Brenda E. Young

‡Aletea Shanell Joosten

‡Teshira Evay Newton

David Paul Schary

‡Kristine Spina Reid

‡Kathryn Marie Wendelken

‡Jazmine Samone Williams

Educational Specialist

Monica Michelle Eaddy

Master of Education

‡Radwa Ahmed

‡Ashley Best

‡Robert Lee Davis, II

‡Nikki Joneeá Finger

‡Monica Denise High

‡April Shenee Jackson

Master of Arts in

Teaching

Olivia Cantrell

Joshual Da'John Gray-Johnson

Cassidy Ann Hunter

Joy Ezenwanyi Onyenso

‡Shannon Kathleen Ratchford

Keri Sanchez Sandoval

College of Visual and Performing Arts Master of Arts Master of Music

Savanna N. Davis

Barbara Sarahann Therrell

‡Suzanne Andrea Gordon

‡Sandrina Marie

Preudhomme

‡Lana Lee Quint

Elizabeth Shirley Watkins



College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Social Work

Alexandra Heather Abbott

Olivia Hope Alexander

‡Tiha L. Allen

‡Taylor McKenzie Bivens

‡Dylan Blaschka

‡LaTonya Moniki Boulware

‡Jennifer Anne Boyce

Jordan Rae Branham

Charity Brogdon

Erica Lynn Brown

‡Michelle Marie Busiek

Gabrielle Alexis Byers

‡Kimeshya Lynette Campbell

‡Deborah Ann Capeles

‡Ashley Marie Chickering

Georgianna Cecile Connell

Karen Hoke Coston

Jonai Catilan Crawford

‡Nichole Crumel Atkinson

Shelbra Lynnette Cullum

‡Jennifer Nates Dalenburg

‡Crystal Harris Davis

‡LeShawn Wilson Dimery

‡Dayna Edmond

‡Shaneka TaQuan Ford

Kirsten Elizabeth Forinash

‡Judith Ashlyn Dickson

‡Donta' Christopher Fuller

Togor Amdo Gado

Kimberly Cheyenne Goldman

‡Skakirah Renee Grainger

‡Demetra Shonte' Grigley

‡Alexis Lynn Hall

‡Shaneisha Tykeira Hardee

Amanda Lynn Hipple

Joylin Huggins Davis

Lisa Sherrill Irving

‡Charisse Kline

Caroline Elizabeth Knight

‡Morgan Yolanda Lee

‡Alisa Renee Leonard

Paula Dion Marlin

‡Jasmine June Maxwell

‡Kayla Sharnay McClendon

‡Priscilla Freeman McConnell

‡Samantha Ann McDonough

Pratea Latish McGruder

‡Brandy Nicole Parker

‡Hunter Bailey McPherson

Angelique Angel Mentor

Paige Latrice Milligan

Kamren Courtney Moose

‡Amanda MiPhi Nguyen

‡Monique Peay

‡Jasmine R. Peebles

Arismel Perez

Samantha J. Perry

‡Christal Ransome Pharr

‡Jamir Alia Reed

‡Alexis Denise Rudnik

Lori Kay Saha

Julia B. Sewell

‡Michaela Elaine Shelley

Kim Shantell Simmons-Wallace

‡Debryon A. Smith

Dena Sharease Scott-Strother

Brittany A. Summers

Morgan Kayla Summers

Mary L Sutton

Toria Teamer-Dalton

Taylor Ann Torrez

‡Teresa L. Vigari

‡Cynthia Rey Wallace

Shelly Renee Walters

Taylor Brooke White

‡Alexis Mariah Ryan Williams

‡Lisa M. Wilsey

‡Rhynos L. Wilson, Jr

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Liberal Arts

‡Zachary Caleb Middleton

Master of Science

Taylor Akers

Amber Brittany Marie Allen

Megan Victoria Almond

Denee Harvey Butler

‡Angela Nicole Davis

Kayla Kierra Dixon

Kirsten Elizabeth Dugan

‡Chelsei Jonel Elenor James

Rebecca Ann Knockemus

Darrius Sherade Marable

‡Amy Kaye Matsumoto

‡Savannah Leigh-Hope McKee

‡Sofia Guadalupe Castro McManus

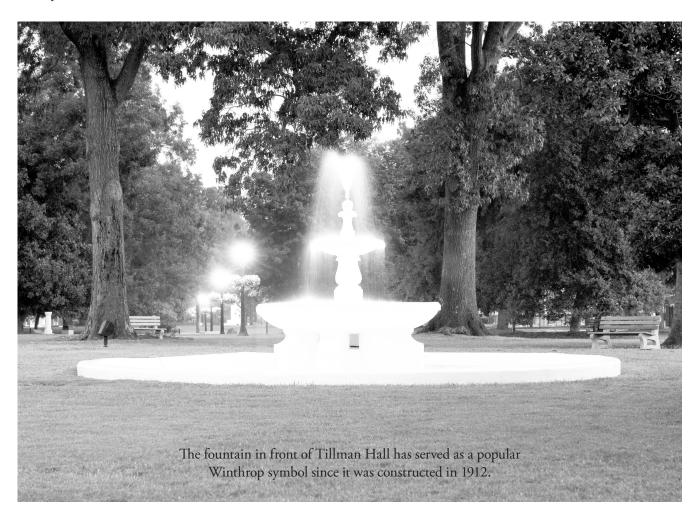
Mariah Monique Sanders

Anthony Wade Sauther

Master of Arts

‡Joshua Matthew Bowers

‡Sarah Mason Costner



College of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

*Chakita Devon Able

Abdulmohsen Abdullatif Alghazi

Jamison Anna Allen

*Grant Robert Beasley

Matthew Lawrence Bostic

*Millie Elizabeth Bridwell

Ryan Patrick Carr

Jacob Chan

*Kayla Lane Cooper

Haylee Elizabeth Dandridge

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Cingá Burris

*Ryan Carter

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Zori Yvette Edwards

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Bailey Elizabeth Griffin

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∞Charles Alex Stricklin

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College of Visual and Performing Arts

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Gabriel Patrick Crane

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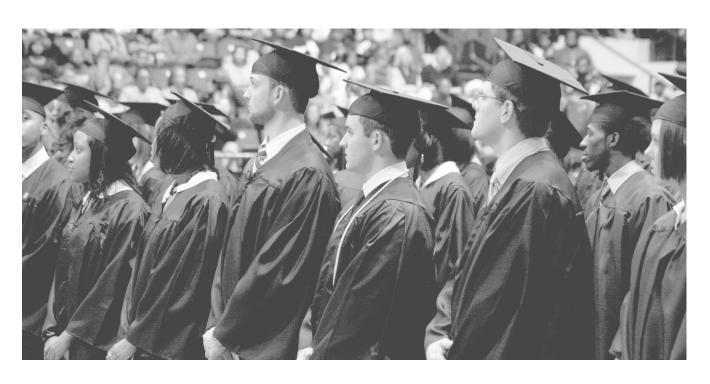
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Lashanna Stevette Camp

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Noah Christopher Wilkes

Haley Elizabeth Riddick Williams

‡Madison Nicole Wright

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*Ashanti LaZaria Aldridge

‡Lauren Elizabeth Alexander

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Cequoia Demya Durant

‡Logan Anthony Elrod

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Carson Elizabeth Gamble

Courtney Lynn Giles

*Madison Gorniak

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Erin Michelle Guilford

Zharia Mercedes Justine Harris

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Petra Faith Hurley

*Garrett Brooks Jackson

‡William Troy Jennings

Charandeep Kaur

Breyouncé R'Mier Rochena Lee

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Caroline Anne Sewell

*+∞Morgan Taylor Shadd

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Jada Symone Strong

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*Rebecca Colleen Walton

*Ebonie Tyler White

*Ki'Aunjanae Ashaunti' Whitmire

*Aniyah Elise Williams

*Hayley Paige Wilson

‡Trista Lynn Louisa Winfree

Caitlyn Charlotte Yeomans





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.



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.

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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,

Scott Melton '04

President, Winthrop University Alumni Association

For more information about the Alumni Association, call 803/323-2145 or visit www.winthrop.edu/alumni.

Career Services for Alumni

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.

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General Information

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. The ceremony will be available to view online next week from a link at 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. 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

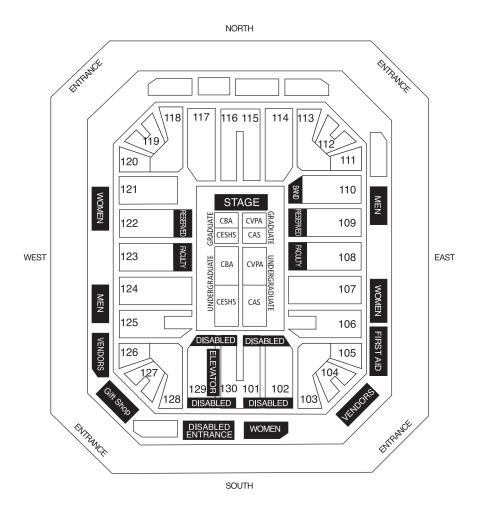
Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Reserving seats is not allowed.

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.



Graduate and Undergraduate Arena Seating

CBA

College of Business Administration

CESHS

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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

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