

Commencement

May 4, 2023 7 p.m. Winthrop Coliseum

"In celebration of our 137th 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

Procession*

Marche Triomphale from Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale, *Hector Berlioz, arranged by Philip Gordon* Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar, arranged by Clare Grundman* Performed by the Winthrop 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 A. Serna, President

Presentation of Award

LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award President Serna

Academic Degrees

Presentation of Candidates and Conferring of Degrees Dr. Peter Judge, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Hooding of 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 Interim Dean Karen Oremus and Dr. Lorrie Crochet, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean Takita Sumter and Dr. Greg Oakes, College of Arts and Sciences

Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

Mr. Byron Putman, '94, President, Winthrop University Alumni Association

Charge to the Graduates

President Serna

Alma Mater*

Audience, Led by Josiah Johnson

Final Procession*

March for the Prince of Wales, *Joseph Haydn, edited by James Riley* Performed by the Winthrop 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. 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

Millie E. Bridwell (Chief), Mackenzie Luschkowski (Assistant Chief), Skyler Allen, Mariana Beltran, Savannah Brown, Haley Marie Bryant, Emily Paige Camp, Jayla Elizabeth Council, Sera Crookes, Adia Davis, Erin Dinlocker, Noah Emerson Goins, Alison Griffin, Sarai Etta-Ann Harden, Hannah Hastie, Madalyn Hodgson, Lily Meisten, Lauren Norton, Julianne Phu, Josh Poff, 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. Melissa Carsten, Dr. Kristen Wunderlich

Sign Language Interpreter Ms. Emily Walker

Awards

LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award



Tracy Griggs

Dr. Tracy Griggs is the 2023 Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award recipient. The award, which was established in 2008, recognizes outstanding teaching at the graduate level and significant contributions to graduate education at Winthrop.

An associate professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, Dr. Griggs possesses talents that are multi-faceted in teaching, scholarly activity, university and community service. She has devoted her time to enhancing the M.B.A. curriculum through course development, innovations and service learning activities.

She was a member of the Winthrop faculty from 2008-2011 as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology. She left and returned to the university in 2015 to the College of Business, receiving a promotion in 2020 to associate professor. Dr. Griggs also has taught at the University of North Carolina Asheville and has worked as an independent human resource management consultant.

At Winthrop, Dr. Griggs teaches courses in the areas of human resource management, organizational behavior and organizational change. Her research, which has appeared in highly visible journals, focuses on employee health and wellbeing, career development and leadership development. Some of her findings address issues that impact low-income workers, often regarding areas where there has been little research.

She is active on the university's Graduate Council, having served as its chair twice. She also has served on the team to develop Winthrop's Quality Enhancement Plan, a requirement for the university's accreditation reaffirmation by SACSCOC, chaired a task force on employee satisfaction, and helped develop recommendations with committees for faculty and staff recruitment and retention and strategic planning.

In this era of online learning, Dr. Griggs has been effective in teaching in-person, hybrid and online classes. Knowing that graduate students learn best through applying knowledge and hands-on experience, her classes are a mix of case studies, self-assessments, workplace projects and service learning. Over the years, her classes have helped nearly 35 businesses, local organizations and campus groups.

Dr. Griggs also has involved more than 30 students in her research or supervised their independent studies, resulting in presentations at regional or national conferences.

Dr. Griggs holds Ph.D. and master's degrees, both in industrial-organizational psychology, from the University of Georgia, and a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in statistics from James Madison University.

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. The fabric is made from renewable, managed forests and the zippers from 100% recycled polymer.

Hoods

Hood colors were assigned to academic disciplines and standarized 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

Winthrop University



History

Winthrop University has been an educational leader in South Carolina for more than 125 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, oneroom 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.

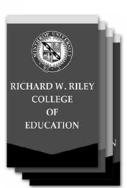


Coat of Arms

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.

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.

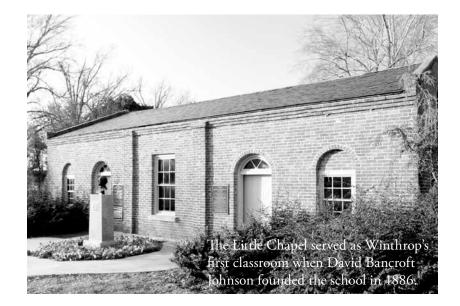
The college was created in 1968 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in business administration (accounting, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, financial planning, health care management, human resource management, management, and marketing); Bachelor of Science in applied software development, computer science, cybersecurity, digital information design and Bachelor of Arts in economics. The College of Business Administration offers two Master of Business Administration degrees. The first is a general program with a concentration in international business, finance, human resource management, marketing, or strategic leadership. The second is a M.B.A. in accounting and analytics.

Master of Business Administration

Aundrea Cherelle Boyland Keith D. Brann Samantha Neely Bridges Andrew Van Bui Corey Juwaun Clemons Aja Brevonne Cooke Molly Lynne Dankowski Brian Ruthven Davis Matthew Michael Dean Shamaya Malaiasia Felder Lauris Darryl Finney, Jr. Nicole V. Ford Chloe Lynn Gill Katherine Louise Hibberd Zachary Scott Koslow Jonathan Sergio McKinney Jacques Charl Meyer Aislinn Smith Nagy Da'Vette Latrice Peoples Taylor Ann Roberts Bella Nikole Roy Jade Marguerita Simmons

Master of Business Administration -Accounting and Analytics

Keaundra Ashana Benjamin



Richard W. Riley College of Education

Beth G. 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, learning technologies, educational leadership, literacy and special education intervention; and an educational specialist in education leadership are offered at the graduate level.

Master of Science

Denisha Hall Jarismary Elizabeth Polo Antonio Christopher Poma Candis Shavon Robinson Travis Crawford Sullivan

Master of Education

Marissa Angel Marie Atkins
Chenetra Latrease Brewington
Sierra Arianna Cables
Heather Hill Carter
Amanda Kathryn Chrismon
Danielle Crouse Cancro
Brianna Nakeya Davis
Karleen Elizabeth DelleFave

Rebecca Hope Evans	Hannah Ross McClain	
Alex Farley	Dedra Denise Oliver	
Nicole Sims Gates	Imani Denise Parr	
Emily Renée Green	Cameron Ryan Patterson	
Margaret Shuford Gribble	Madison McCall Patterson	
Susan Andrea Harper	Jordan Rose Piacente	
Amanda Clair Harrison	Cassidy Lea Pridemore	
Hayley Henson Dover	Alexis Moran Rainey	
Erle Lee Hill	Caroline Paige Riley	
Erle Lee Hill Jennifer W. Hudson	Caroline Paige Riley Melissa Marie Rowell	
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Jennifer W. Hudson	Melissa Marie Rowell	
Jennifer W. Hudson Sydney Anne Jarrell	Melissa Marie Rowell Alexis Diane Roy	
Jennifer W. Hudson Sydney Anne Jarrell Allegra Nicole Kogan	Melissa Marie Rowell Alexis Diane Roy Ashley Hundley Scott	
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Richard W. Riley College of Education

Master of Education (continued)

Master of Arts in Teaching

Leah Frances Simmonds Briana Danielle Simpson **Tiffany Diane Smathers** Mallory Delia Smith Rossy Asbeidi Solorzano Gabriel Lisa Anne Starnes Ashleigh Lauren Stenger Brandy Leigh Fair Suzanna Marie Therrell Justin Thiboult Yolonda Thomas Allison Snipes Welte Kathleen Allston West Lauren Taylor White Leroy James Rickey Woods, IV Selma Zein

Dayseanna Able Taylor Jordan Arma Michaela Gabrielle Bessinger Jeremiah Edward Boyd Savannah Grace Bragg Julia Anette Breitkreutz Katharine Marie Carpin Kalaylah Avalon Chisolm Lydia Danielle Coffey Jarrett McCoy Davis Jordan Camille DeLoach William David Douglas Jordan Lynn Hoover Shannon Grace Farley Tabitha Faye Geathers Joelle Margaret Glapinski Jonathan Hickman Sara-Kate MacDaniel Hollis Lyn Horton Anthony Eugene Humphries, Jr. Cassidy Ann Hunter Daniel Justin James Ereck Duane Lewis

Spencer Lee Lockard, II Paul Daniel Malina Kiersten Ann McCoy Ellery Sloan McNeill Jasmine Santasia Moyd Nathan Powell Pedersen Lillian Audra Peel Jacobe Raheem Reid Dan Reno Samantha Marie Ricci Melanie Bolin Roberts Baylie Nicole Rogers Tabitha M. Webb

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Karen Oremus, 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 in Design (interior design, graphic design, illustration 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.

Master of Arts

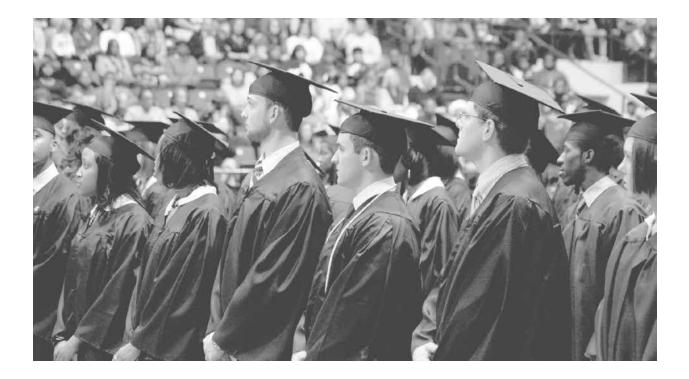
Micaela Shanyce Bundy Teilor Jasmine McManus Lisa Elizabeth Smalls

Master of Fine Arts

Morgan Chase Faucett

Bethany Claire Salisbury

Master of Music



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 English, data science, 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. 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.

Master of Social Work	Miranda Elizabeth Delehoy	Amanda Lynn Hipple
Megan Leigh Alderink	Nikki Elizabeth DeLissio	Ashley Elizabeth Holman
Carmella Ann Aldridge	Damien DiVincenzo	Avianna Jhane Hopkins
Renee A. Walker-Andrews	Taimikilale Cherrelle Fowler	Brittany Danielle Jeffers
Brittany Artis	Jennifer Alyssa Gainey	Camille Nichole Jones
Madison Paige Atienza	Melissa J'avet Gary	Claire Marguerite Scott
Cady Tegan Bartle	Briana Godette	Robi Howard Lawrence
Savannah Emily Bechtold	Bridgett Deandrea Graham	Jade Alexandria Lewis
Elana Sharay Blake	Jessica Lynn Grubb	Kimyetta Alfreda Lowe
Barbara A. Brown	Sheneek Lloyette Haggins-Jackson	Ashley Leeann Lucas
Crista N. Brown	Kaylee Lynn Hall	Ariah Jatara Massey
Patricia Elaine Buckson	Tamara Laneice Hardy	Molly Kathleen McCain
Rowan Natale Buscemi	Kayla Anne Harmon	Brandy Nicole Parker
Melissa Joyce Carlyle	Laura Elizabeth Hart	Unissha Brandii McNeil
Janira Liz Giraud Cho	Saber Markie Hartsell	Kathleen Michaela McSloy
Kendra Lashae Crawford	Aniya Janae Hickman Howard	Bryan Melton

Master of Science

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Social Work (continued)

William Taylor Montgomery, Jr. Diamante Santasia Myers Dallas Shanea Nicholson **Emily Catherine Pate** Judy Catherine Payne Travis Orlando Reid Kiana Danyelle Riley Amie Marie Rowland To'mas Raheem Stephens Amber Lynn Stillwell Armani Mar'chene Truesdale Jennifer Tucker Pamela Suzanne Wade Denise Mildred LaPearl Walker Shelly Renee Walters Kirby Weiland Haley Marie Drolshagen Tanji Sheri Williams Erica Shyeisha Wright

Master of Liberal Arts

Joshua Matthew Bookbinder Alexander John Bowers

Kelsey Laine Allen Isabella Leigh Andersen Ebony Sinclair Beasley Morgan Elizabeth Bostic Ronald William Bucher Alyssa Marie Coyazo Hazel Ilene Crago Chelsea Lynn Harris Lydia Marie Hedgepeth Andreas Lavale James Sarah Ashley Martin Grace Elisabeth McKellip Jaquellé Alexandria Memminger Annemarie Ibanez Morrell Toykeya Shanay Osborne Victoria Lynn Reynolds Sarah Kelly Rowe Corinne Rose Scannell Elizabeth Therese Valenti Jasmine Joyce Vaughan Anna Odessa Sexton Quanteshia Nicole Wilson

Master of Arts

Erin Myrick Caffey Jason Heckert Samantha Brooke Hyatt Joseph Patrick Kurtz Stephanie Louise Martin Zachary Michael Saddow Jordan Alexis Terry

Specialist in School Psychology

Emily Griffin Bridges Rebecca Davis Conner Dondre Ja'Von Crosby Danielle Margaret Drossart Audrey Marie Elmore Taylor Brooke Farmer Andrea Margaret Haddad Shannon Nicole Hawley Mariah Joy Landrum Richard Anthony Petrucci Makeda Tiye Thomas Rheannan Wyandt

Honor Societies













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 Stephanie M. Bohland Heather H. Carter Saber M. Hartsell Jennifer Hudson Emily C. Pate Melanie B. Roberts Alexis B. Roy Corinne R. Scannell Leah F. Simmonds Tiffany D. Smathers Suzanna M. Therrell Allison S. Welte Kathleen A. West

Beta Gamma Sigma

Business Administration Molly L. Dankowski Nicole Ford

Kappa Delta Pi Education

Marissa A. Atkins Aja B. Cooke Emily R. Green Daniel J. James Ereck D. Lewis Baylie Rogers Ashley H. Shaw Ashleigh L. Stenger Pamela S. Wade

Alpha Lambda Delta

Scholarship

Kalaylah A. Chisolm Chloe L. Gill Emily R. Green Jasmine S. Moyd Bella N. Roy Quanteshia N. Wilson

Book and Key *Scholarship*

Kelsey L. Allen Julia A. Breitkreutz Erin M. Caffey Jordan C. DeLoach William D. Douglas Chelsea L. Harris Lyn Horton Allison S. Welte



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

Alumni Association

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.*

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.

For more information about alumni career services, networking and mentoring, please call 803/323-2145 or visit *www.winthrop.edu/alumni*.

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Accessibility Information

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. Seating for wheelchair users is 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.

Animals

Pets, 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, are not allowed in the Coliseum.

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 on 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 on that same page.

Phones

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

Photographs and Videos

Individual graduate photographs are coordinated by The Grad Team. 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. Guests should sit in designated seats to maintain social distancing.

Smoking Policy

The Winthrop Coliseum is a smoke-free facility.

Water Fountains

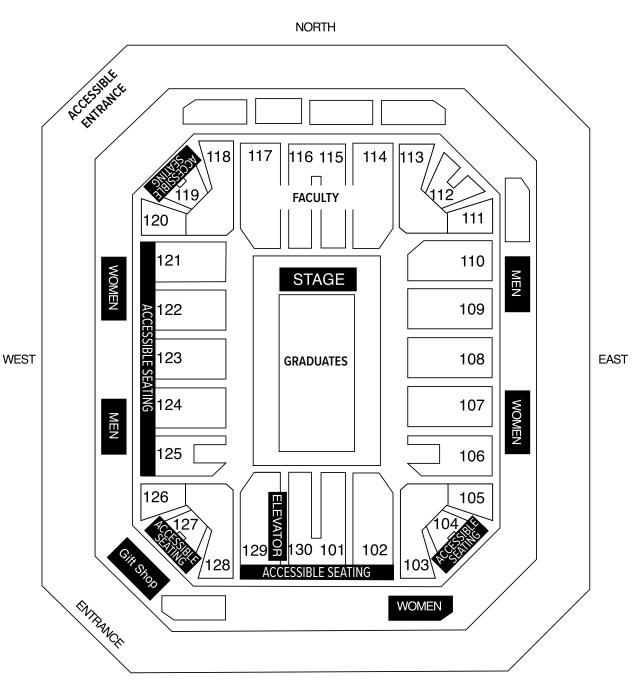
Water fountains are located on the upper concourse at Sections 104, 111, 119 and 126.

Economic Impact Survey

As part of the strategic planning process, Winthrop is conducting an economic impact study to analyze the role our university plays in the local community. We would really appreciate it if you, or someone in your party, could scan this QR code and take the survey, which asks some questions about where you're visiting from and what, if any, local businesses you are supporting during your visit. All information will remain confidential, and it should only take about



five minutes. Regardless of whether you're from Rock Hill or Rhode Island, having your participation in the survey helps us out a lot, so we encourage every group in attendance today to participate. Thanks!



SOUTH

Winthrop University Alma Mater

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