



WINTHROP
UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

Commencement

May 6, 2021
7 p.m.
Winthrop Coliseum

"In celebration of our 135th academic year"

A Message from the President



Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on earning a Winthrop University degree! I commend you on this outstanding achievement in light of all that is currently going on in our world. Who could have imagined when you began your academic career at Winthrop that your experience would include adapting to a new normal during a global pandemic?

I am proud that, despite how different the last year looked, you accomplished the task at hand. You rose to the challenge and graduated! When you look back over your time at Winthrop, you will undoubtedly recall evidence that you mastered the challenges of academic rigor, civic engagement, global awareness, personal responsibility, and career development. You met the demanding standards of your respective academic program. You forged relationships with mentors in the classroom and in the community, and, as importantly, you made friends for life.

Through all of those experiences, you also gained the confidence that comes with giving your best to achieve your dreams. That confidence will serve you well as you rise in your chosen career, pursue advanced studies, enter or re-enter the workforce, or simply explore a new direction for your life. I strongly believe that you will stand out as a leader in your community and your profession as a result of your varied and dynamic experiences at this university.

I hope you will think of Winthrop as you set and pursue your future goals. Hold fast to your intellectual curiosity, your passion for achievement, and your sense of responsibility for self and for others that you honed here. Over time, I believe you will continue to value this important association with your Alma Mater. There are ample opportunities to connect with your fellow alumni and to give back to Winthrop. I hope you will make the most of them. We need you as we plan for the university's future.

Again, I am proud to celebrate this day of achievement with you and to call you one of Winthrop's own. All who have had the good fortune to be a part of your experience here join me in wishing you the very best.

With warm regards,

George W. Hynd
Interim President

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Order of Exercise

Procession*

Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar, arranged by Clare Grundman*
Performed by the Winthrop University Wind Symphony, Dr. Lorrie S. Crochet, *Conductor*

National Anthem*

Alex Jones

Spirit of Celebration*

Dr. Shelley Hamill, *Chief Faculty Marshal*

Welcome from the University and Introductions

Dr. George W. Hynd, *Interim President*

Presentation of Award

LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award
Interim President Hynd

Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Jack DeRochi

Academic Degrees

Presentation of Candidates and Conferring of Degrees
Dean Adrienne McCormick, *Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Dr. DeRochi, *Dean of the Graduate School*

Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

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

Charge to the Graduates

Interim President Hynd

Alma Mater*

Todd Newton Gillespie Jr.

Final Procession*

Symphonic Suite, Intrada and Chorale, Clifton Williams

Performed by the Winthrop University Wind Symphony, Dr. Lorrie S. Crochet, *Conductor*

**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, Mr. Shaun Cassidy, Dr. Kelly Costner, Dr. Will Kiblinger, Dr. Mark Lewis, Dr. Hemant Patwardhan, Dr. Tenisha Powell, Dr. Ginger Williams, 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

Atley E. Livingston (Chief), Jenna M. Brown (Assistant Chief), Madeline L. Andrews, Amanda L. Breakfield, Olivia R. Eubanks, William J. Harless, Sydney N. Hunter, Ashleigh G. Ingerslew, Caroline E. Knight, Mason A. Linker, Drew E. Meetze, Dallas K. Nivens, Carlee B. Norwood, Isabella M. Orrico, Anna R. Palmer, Annika R. Phillips, Kayla D. Thomas, Bautista Vivanco

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

Readers

Dr. Melissa Carsten, Dr. Peter Judge

Sign Language Interpreter

Ms. Emily Walker

Awards

LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award



Stephanie Lawson

Dr. Stephanie J. Lawson, an associate professor of marketing in the College of Business Administration, is the 2021 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.

She came to Winthrop in 2013 as an assistant professor and was promoted in 2019 to associate professor. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in marketing and data analytics, while her research interests include collaborative consumption, access-based services, sustainability and Native American issues in marketing.

Administrators said Dr. Lawson has dedicated her time to enhancing the university's M.B.A. curriculum through course innovations and service learning activities. With 10 years of professional experience in marketing management and research in the healthcare, transportation, and retail industries, she has involved graduate students in scholarship and chaired their independent research studies. As a teacher, she is known for being innovative, experiential and involves her classes in service learning by supporting the local community, including two businesses started by Winthrop alumni.

In an effort to build a national reputation as a scholar, Dr. Lawson has successfully submitted her research finding for publication in the *Journal of Business Research*, *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science* and *Marketing Letters*, among others.

Two years ago, Dr. Lawson was awarded the university's 2019 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. She also was a 2010 AMA Sheth Foundation Doctoral Consortium Fellow and was awarded the 2013 Suffolk University Outstanding School of Business Faculty Award, 2019 Winthrop CBA Service Award and 2015 Winthrop CBA Research Award.

Dr. Lawson earned her B.A. in communication, an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in business administration with an emphasis in marketing, all from Florida State 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 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 Science (M.S.) - Drab

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, 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.



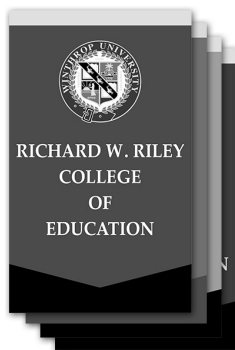
Coat of Arms

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.



Graduate Candidates for Degrees

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, general business, health care management, human resource management, international business, management, and marketing; Bachelor of Science in applied software development; Bachelor of Science in computer science; Bachelor of Arts in economics and Bachelor of Science in digital information design. 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. Accounting degree.

Master of Business Administration

DeAnn Marie Brame

Madeline Rose Bromley

Tony Chau

David Andrew Coker

Akiera Lashay Davis

Dawn Willis Durham

Veronica Rachel Griffin

Mark James Howard

Conor Joseph Maher

Demetrius Joshi Patrick

Diego Raul Quiroz Gomez

Endee Che'ree Tate

Suzanna Marie Therrell

Tiffany Dawn Walker

Marcia J. Willis

Master of Business Administration-Accounting

John Robert Patterson, II



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

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Jennie F. Rakestraw, 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, special education intervention, and teacher leadership; and an educational specialist in education leadership are offered at the graduate level.

Master of Science

Stephen Brettun Anthis, Jr.
Jenna Margaret Beer
Justine Alise Blue
Ananda Yashimi Cloud
Jessica K. Duthie
Alina Michelle McDonald
Kara Elizabeth McHouell
Taylor Alexandra Victoria Smith
James Twinem
Jermaine Onyekachi Ukaegbu
James William White, III
Taylor Christian Whitley

Master of Education

Cameron Mae Abrams
Winter Renee Albohaire
Ebony Nakeia Bankhead
Janice Lee Bennett
Annie Aaliyah Bond
Joni Marr Boyd
Kimberly Smith Brazzell
Dana Bruneau
Katlin DeAngelis Bryant
Kaela Rhian Buelo
Dana Huntley Burrell
Julia Turk Cascio
Mayna Reann Cason
Leeland Diane Clark

Jessica King Cooper
Mary Hannah Cooper
Patricia Marie Cortese
Jeremiah Eugene Dahl
Christa Louthian Dyer
Holley Jeannine Dymock
Taylor Falvo
Aiyana Chantel Flowers
Jasmine Simone Goode
Mary Margaret Guilbault
Amanda Nancy Gyemant
Alison Brooke Hall
Ashia Marshea Holmes
Janie Lena Howland
Kedra Simone Keith
Kayla Ann Keller

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Master of Education (continued)

Nick Francis LaFave	Alexander Robert Salemme	Kelly Ann Cousins
Catherine Maria Landry	Amanda Leigh Shamblin	Kaitlyn Dakota Dillard
Jacqueline Suzanne Lee	Tanner Nicole Shirley	Elizabeth Earles Estes
Alexxis Elizabeth Longmore	Tisha T. Simmons	Shelby Ann Eaton
Meghan Elizabeth Love	Misty Rae Skiles	Madison McKenzie Ervin
Stevie Martin Barnes	Brooke LeAnn Smith	Victoria Jean Everest
Shane McClintock	Andrew James Soto	Ashley Marie Gilbertson
Marissa Taylor McNeace	Latriya Yvonne Spain	Annie Louise Hamiter
Jennifer Suzanne Melton	Emily Ann Steiner	Jamie Morgan Hayes
Emily Sawyer Michau	Maddison Brooke Teal	Lauren Ashley Hill
Kristen Nicole Miller	Tracy Hancock Terry	Megan Lindsay Jensen
Payton Lane Miller	Di'Aundrea Jardaye Thomas	Fantajza Tyannarenae Johnson
Davisha Covington Moore	Mary Margaret Webber	Taylor Marie Jordan
Lindsay Gail Mullikin	Claire Elizabeth Weikle	Stacey Ann Keller
Morgan Andrews Murphy	Hanna Lynn Wilkerson	David Nathaniel Knight
Elizabeth Renea Norcia	Kathryn Wilson	Emily Lynne Krull
Jasmine Pinckney	Anna Naomi Wolljung	Tiffany Tene Owens
Rachel Maria Morris	Zoe Katiera Zadoorian	John Paul Schmutge
Tracey Justus Player		Emma Jean Racine Townsend
Jessie Lynn Pongetti		Helene Alexander Tucker
Nicole Rose Pugliese		Alexandria Louise von Eberstein
Rebecca Mae Ramanand		Melissa Faith Wallace
Emily Morgan Sala		Dustin James Watts
		Joy Elaine Lathan White

Master of Arts in Teaching

Matthew Alan Bratton
Ariana Michelle Brown
Christine Adoara Buckley
Ann Nicole Carroll
Caleb Michael Clayton

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Educational Specialist

Stephanie Barber

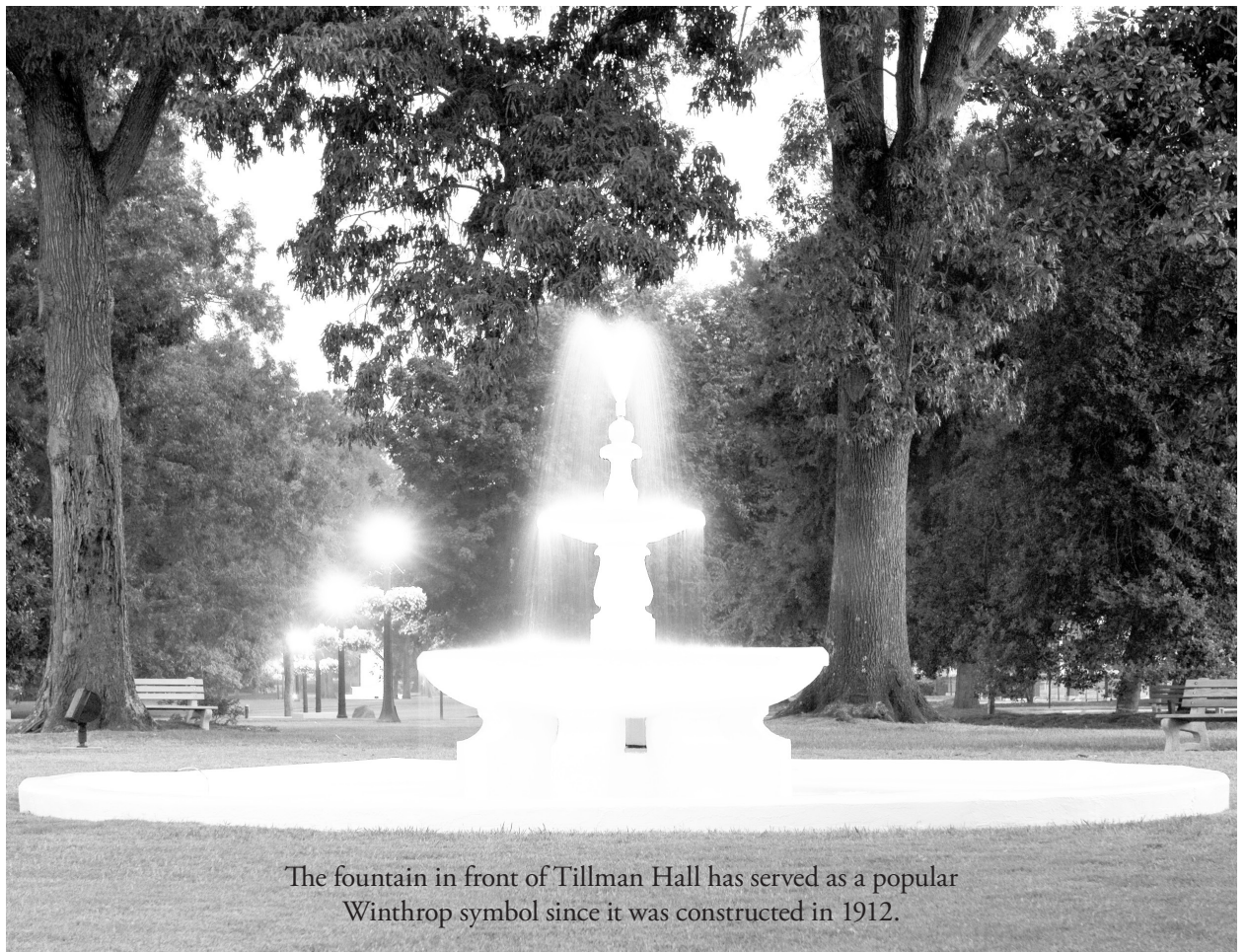
Joshua Thomas Beckham

Lavonia Nekita Johnson-Davis

Rodney Christian Ruth, Jr.

Tammy Evans Snipes

Deanna Moore White



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

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Jeffrey Bellantoni, 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 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

Elizabeth Jean Emory

Briana Simone Garcia

Elsie Chipso Mufuka

Theresa Ann Richardson

Teresa Maria Roccanova

Whitney Nicole Walls

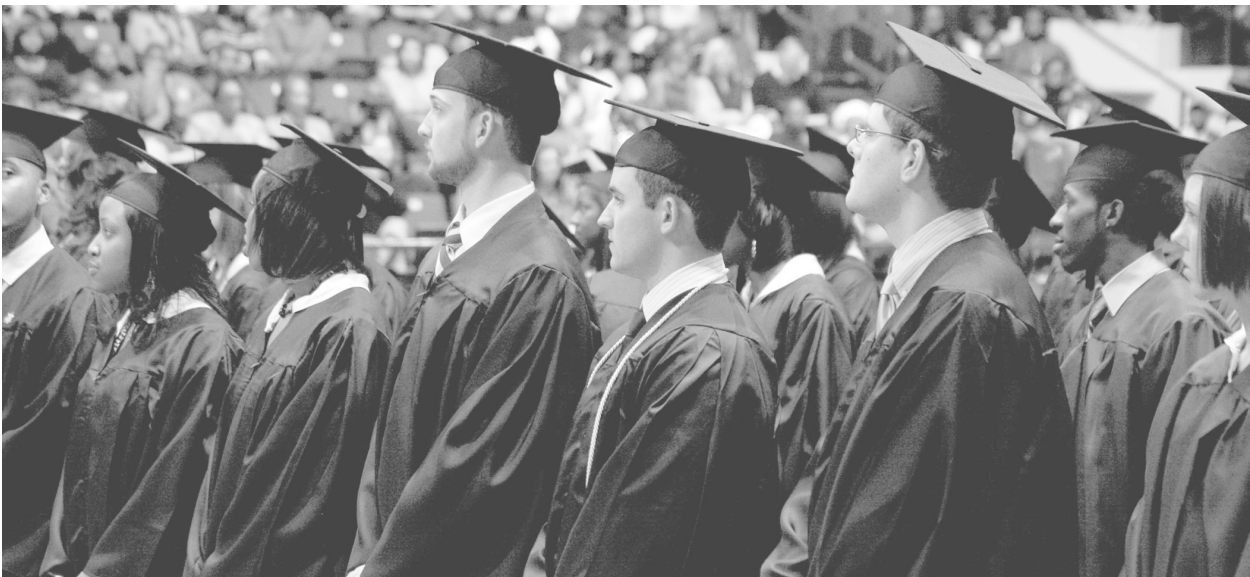
Master of Fine Arts

Renee Baker Holliday

Oscar Adolfo Soto

Master of Music

Gregory Edward Florio



Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Takita 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; 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.

Master of Social Work

	Jessica Lynn Faulk	Coty Richelle Murphy
Denisha Rashell Barber	Ashley Blake Garris	Erin Heather Paradiso
Timeria Maniqua Barber	Keyana Chanel Gause	Seima Samuels
Kaitlin Elizabeth Bayliff	Hannah Marie Grady	Phyllis J. Sarter
Tanya Sherry Bradfield	Tyra Justine Heyward	Alexis Ann Sharpe
TyQuan Rashem Butler	DesiRee Andrea Johnson	Damieyah Juntegra Shaw
Samantha Marie Cacace	Kelley Marie Jordan	Krista Veronica Switzer
Kiara Leann Canty	Kailey Theresa Kelley	Tasha Renee' Thomas-Smith
Jayla Marie Carter	Alisa Denise Kennedy	Stacie Marie Towe
Austin Ty Christian	Heather Munn Lee	Erin Dell Tuten
Dominique Crawford	Lexus Cecilia Lewis	Brittney Nicole VanNorman
Candice LaShay Crouch	Myschel Aaliyah Littlejohn	Wendy Velazquez Acevedo
Alexis Quintona Dawkins	Jennifer Elizabeth Lowman	Victoria Helen Windham
Tawanda Monique Dent	Felecia Sherman Mackey	Shawna Symone Wright
Lauryn Sherrell Eaddy	Tyshanna Amore Major	Tou Vue Yang
Shawanda Latiere Erby	Beth Ann McJunkins	

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Liberal Arts

Tabytha Lynn Beu

Caroline Marie Soost

Hallie Virginia Smith

Lindsey Russell Sturgis

Nicole Weston

Maya Rae Vines

Stephanie Amanda Wilson

Master of Science

Blakely Anna Abercrombie

MaryScott Calicutt Bagwell

Mokeela April Brown

Hannah King Cantrell

Demetria Latrice Cox-Thomas

Luci Elizabeth Devore

Courtney Sharon Furlong

Alexia Renee Hall

Lauren Michelle Hurley

Toni Leigh Lubbers

Ali Danielle Maclay

Kaitlyn Jeanette Maine

Sarah Katherine Newell

Alexis Rae Nystrom

Jena Lee Peppercorn

Leah Grace Price

Samantha Marie Rudolph

Gary Jon Ruttan

Atlanta Marie Sassano

Ebone' Sha'Nese Simpson

Jordan Ann Simpson

Master of Arts

Dartanyan Dominique Ball

Kenya Lanae Lane

Carson Leigh Pender

Stacy Whitaker Steele

Jacob D. Stiling

Jessica Nicole Whitaker

Jesse Mariah Wilcox

Specialist in School Psychology

Rachel Marie Grider

Rachel Danielle Labrador

Jordan Laws

Joyden Iyana McKiver

Chelsea Whitney Powell

Victoria Wray Rhinehart

Sunny Leigh Ross

Geena Elizabeth Shelley

Allyson English Strahan

Kayla Elease Tucker



A bust of founding President David Bancroft Johnson is found in front of the Little Chapel, Winthrop's first classroom.

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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General Information

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.

Face Coverings

Face coverings or masks are required at all times for those inside the Coliseum.

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 at www.winthrop.edu.

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 Lifetouch Special Events Photography, www.events.lifetouch.com/winthrop. Questions can be addressed to specialevents@lifetouch.com or by calling 1-800-505-9496. 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.

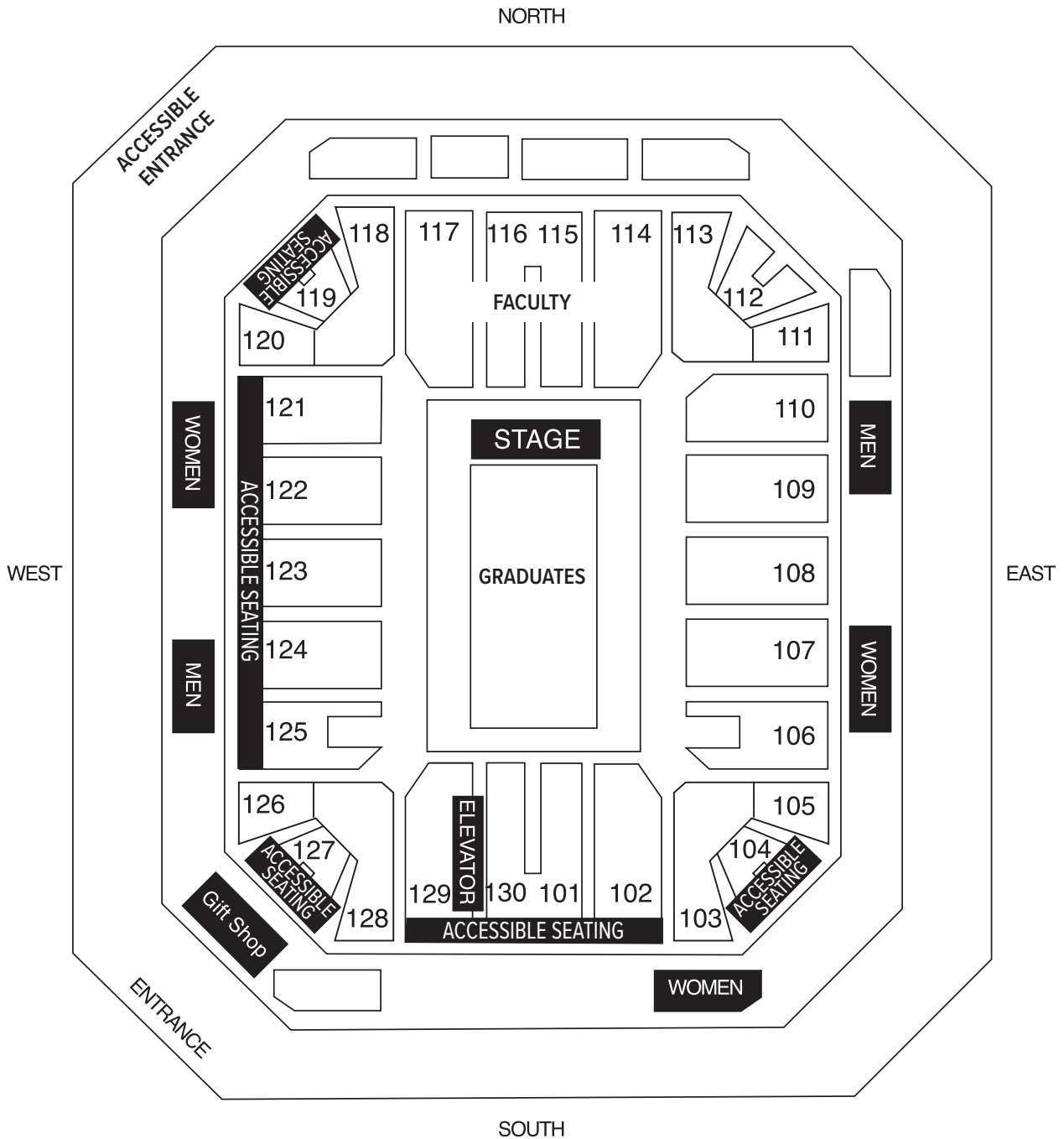
Smoking Policy

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.

Coliseum Floor Plan



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



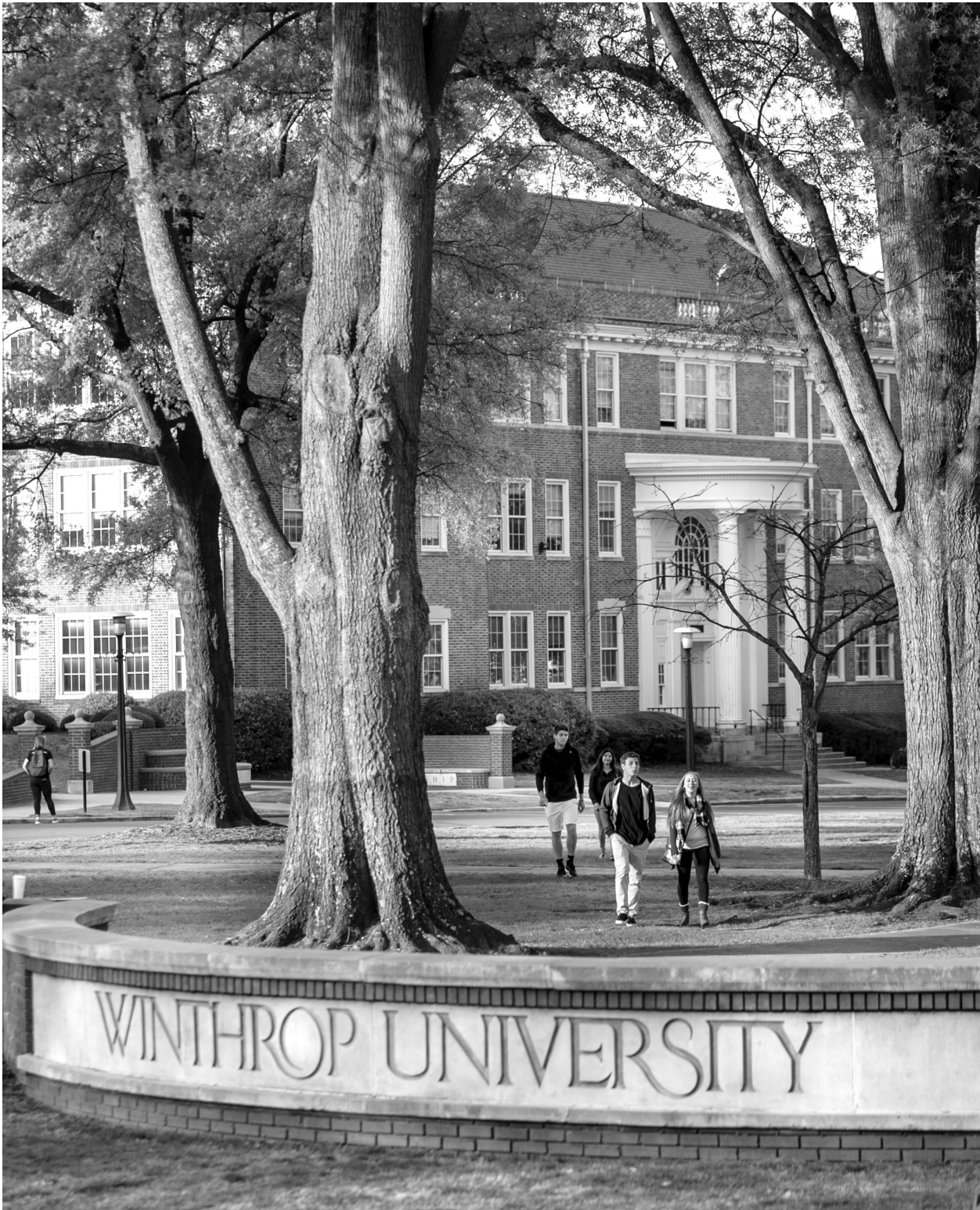
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claim, — Al - ma Ma - ter may - your name — be — grand,
be, — Al - ma Ma - ter may - your name — be — grand,



Win - throp ev - er — stand.
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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.



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