



WINTHROP  
UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT

# *Commencement*

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May 3, 2018  
7 p.m.  
Winthrop Coliseum

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*"In celebration of our 132nd academic year"*

# A Message from the President

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on earning a Winthrop University degree! I commend you on this outstanding achievement.

You have mastered the challenges of academic rigor, civic engagement, global awareness, personal responsibility, and career development. You have met the demanding standards of your respective academic program. You have forged relationships with mentors in the classroom and in the community, and you have, undoubtedly, made friends for life. And I hope you have had a little fun along the way.

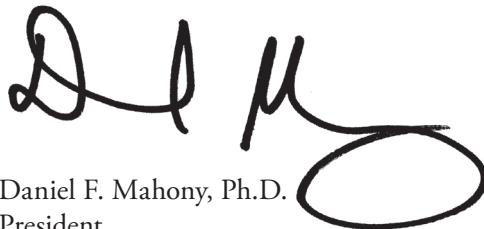
Through all of those experiences, you also have gained the confidence that comes with giving your best to achieve your dreams. That confidence will serve you well as you rise in your chosen career, pursue advanced studies, enter or re-enter the workforce, or simply explore a new direction for your life.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

Think of Winthrop as you set your future goals. Hold fast to your intellectual curiosity, your passion for achievement, and your sense of responsibility for self and for others. You honed those attributes as you worked and studied here; and, over time, you will continue to value this important association with your Alma Mater.

We are proud to call you one of our own and hope that you continue to rely on us throughout your life. We also hope you realize the ample opportunities to connect with your fellow alumni and to give back to Winthrop. Make the most of them. We need you as we plan for the university's future.

I am proud to celebrate this day of achievement with you. All who have had the good fortune to be a part of your experience here join me in wishing you the very best. We congratulate you for your determination and accomplishments.

With warm regards,



Daniel F. Mahony, Ph.D.  
President

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# Order of Exercise

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## Pre-Commencement Concert

### Procession\*

March Triomphale, *Hector Berlioz*

Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar*

Winthrop University Commencement Band, Dr. Douglas Presley, *Conductor*

### National Anthem\*

Audience, *Led by Mr. Tyler Young Lewis*

*Presentation of Colors, City of Rock Hill Fire Department Honor Guard*

### Spirit of Celebration\*

Dr. Shelley Hamill, *Faculty Marshal*

## Welcome from the University and Introductions

Dr. Daniel Mahony, *President*

### Presentation of Award

President Mahony

*LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award*

## Academic Degrees

*Presentation of Candidates and Conferring of Degrees*

Dr. Debra Boyd, *Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Hooding of Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas*

Dean P.N. Saksena and Dr. Keith Benson, *College of Business Administration*

Dean Jennie Rakestraw and Dr. Marshall Jones, *Richard W. Riley College of Education*

Dean Jeffrey Bellantoni and Dr. Wanda Ebright, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*

Interim Dean Takita Sumter and Dr. Greg Oakes, *College of Arts and Sciences*

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## Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

Dr. David McDonald '01, *President, Winthrop University Alumni Association*

### Charge to the Graduates

President Mahony

### Alma Mater\*

Audience, *Led by Mr. Lewis*

### Final Procession\*

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

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

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

#### University Marshals

Dr. Gary Stone (Chief), Dr. Shelley Hamill (Assistant Chief), Dr. Cliff Calloway,  
Dr. Kelly Costner, Dr. Steve Dannelly, Mr. Gerry Derksen, Dr. Chlotia Garrison, Mr. Shaun Cassidy,  
Dr. Linda Pickett, Dr. Tom Polaski, Ms. Anna Sartin, Dr. Virginia Williams, Dr. Brad Witzel

#### Student Marshals

John Brotemarkle (Chief), Samantha McCall (Assistant Chief), Katelyn Arledge, Mia Champion,  
Hunter Forrester, Jayma L. Goodwin, Drew Griffin, Sara Griffith, Caroline Hammond, Casson Helms,  
Abby Hieber, Chelsei James, Lauren Jones, Thelonious (Theo) Kahler, Toni Lubbers, Sabrina Mateo-Lo,  
Caylie McGlade, Marissa T. McNeace, Ashley Milton, Karlison Moore, Darien Nguyen, Shelby Peek,  
Rhyna Simmers, Sydney A. Strother, Macy Trainor, Cheyenne Walsh, Martha Grace Whitman

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

#### Readers

Dr. Peter Judge, Dr. Lisa Johnson

#### Sign Language Interpreter

Ms. Emily Walker

# Winthrop University

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## 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.



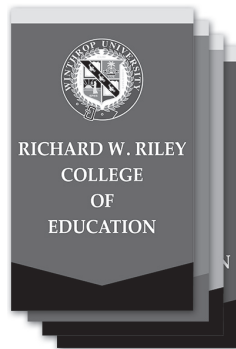
## Coat of Arms

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.

# Academic Regalia

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

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

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

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

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

# Awards

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## LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award



**Lisa Harris**

Dr. Lisa Harris, an associate professor of curriculum and pedagogy in the Richard W. Riley College of Education, is the 2018 Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award recipient.

This award, established in 2008 by Board of Trustees member Jane LaRoche '69 '70, recognizes outstanding teaching at the graduate level and significant contributions to graduate education at Winthrop.

Dr. Harris joined the Winthrop community in 1997 as a technology specialist. She soon became an assistant professor in the Center for Pedagogy and director of the Instructional Technology Center. She moved to the Department of Counseling, Leadership and Education Studies as an assistant professor in 2010 and was promoted to associate professor in 2014.

As the Master of Art in Teaching program director, Dr. Harris collaborates with faculty in 11 program areas across three colleges. She has taken leadership roles in the graduate program's redesign, recruitment of students to the MAT program, and works closely with academic advisors to ensure a smooth transition for those moving from undergraduate to graduate programs.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Harris has a steady record of scholarly accomplishments including refereed articles and presentations at national, regional, state and local conferences. She often engages graduate students in her research and presents with them at conferences.

Her colleagues said Dr. Harris invests an inordinate amount of her time, talent and creativity to her graduate students and the MAT program. She also has served on university committees and as president of the S.C. Educators for the Practice Use of Research.

Dr. Harris holds a bachelor's degree in English and Philosophy from Wofford College, an MLIS in library and information science and a Ph.D in educational psychology and research, both from the University of South Carolina.





# 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, marketing, and sustainable business; 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***

Saleh Ali Alitr  
*B.E. King Saud University*

David Bryant Barnes  
*B.S. Clemson University*

Kayla Diane Brown  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Jo-Marie Crews  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Jean Paul Dushime  
*B.A. Pan Africa Christian University*

Christian Lucas Eisenstein  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Yogini Rohitkumar Intwala  
*B.S. University of South Carolina*

Brittney Ashley Jones  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

LaJoyce Angelina Jones  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Tyler Young Lewis  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Alicia Da'Chelle Middleton  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Matthew Kyle O'Brien  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Diane Perney  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Anastasia Barkova Rankin  
*B.S. Catawba College*

Fan Yang  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

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

Germel Remon Chisholm  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Lenvil Allen Coltrane  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Alyssa Catherine Edwards  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Taniya Sachdeva  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

# 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, family and consumer sciences, 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, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership, middle level education, literacy, and special education are offered at the graduate level.

### ***Master of Science***

Elizabeth Helena Kodie Daidone  
*B.S. Lynchburg College*

Sierra Shanté Lashawn Gist  
*B.S. Newberry College*

Dennis Michael Jensen  
*B.S. Guilford College*

Robin Michelle Thompson  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Kiera Elise Busching  
*B.A. Kenyon College*

Casey White Carnes  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Natalee Rose Carter  
*B.A. University of North Carolina  
Wilmington*

Audry Christine Counts-Davis  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Julia Elizabeth Dee  
*B.S. Minnesota State University,  
Mankato*

Mackenzie Siobhan Hadley-  
Theobald  
*B.S. Coastal Carolina University*

Kari Martin Hansen  
*B.S. North Greenville University*

Jessica Jenkins Hayes  
*B.A. The University of North  
Carolina at Charlotte*

Shevonna Angelique Jett  
*B.A. North Carolina Central  
University*

Rebecca Davenport Johnston  
*B.S. The University of North  
Carolina at Charlotte*

Akilah Jasmine Jones  
*B.S. South Carolina State  
University*

Heather Marie Klinger  
*B.S. Kutztown University of  
Pennsylvania*

Ashley McNeely Kuhn  
*B.S. College of Charleston*

Holly Annette Lambert  
*B.A. Wingate University*

### ***Master of Education***

Diana Jade Bernardi  
*B.A. University of South Carolina*

Alexis Lyn Berns  
*B.S. University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign*

Laura Anne Bouldin  
*M.S. University of Mary  
Washington  
B.S. University of Mary Washington*

Jason Alan Brown  
*M.A.T. Winthrop University  
B.A. Winthrop University*

Brittney Lashonda Drakeford  
*B.A. University of South Carolina  
Upstate*

April Younger Durham  
*M.A. National University  
B.A. Livingstone College*

Kijuana S. Ellam  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Alexis Marie Evans  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Lauren Jean Gabauer  
*B.A. Winthrop University*



# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## Richard W. Riley College of Education

### **Master of Education** (continued)

Adrienne Shaina Long  
*B.A. University of South Carolina  
Upstate*

Lawrence Craig Loughery  
*B.A. Belmont Abbey College*

Miranda Elizabeth Madigan  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Faye Dorthea McCully  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Melissa Overbay McFarlane  
*M.A. East Tennessee State  
University  
B.S. East Tennessee State University*

Kristen Michelle McGuirk  
*B.M. West Chester University*

Karen Renee Meadows  
*B.S. Johnson C. Smith University*

Alicia Victoria Gabrielle Morrison  
*B.A. The University of North  
Carolina at Greensboro*

Sonni Simone Parks  
*B.A. Coastal Carolina University*

Ashlie Elizabeth Pyatt  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Corey Leighton Riley  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Elizabeth Ruth Rowan  
*B.S. The University of Alabama*

Steven Christopher Rusk  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Kayla Imani Sadler  
*B.S. The University of North  
Carolina at Greensboro*

Lauren Nicole Seborowski  
*B.A. The University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Laura Vanessa Simpson  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Jodie Elizabeth Smith  
*M.A. The University of North  
Carolina at Charlotte  
B.A. The University of North  
Carolina at Charlotte*

Cara Elise Swisher  
*B.A. University of South Carolina*

Shanquel Patresse Young  
*B.A. Claflin University*

### **Master of Arts in Teaching**

Daniel James Bernard  
*B.A. Furman University*

Anna Lynn Brenner  
*B.F.A. Winthrop University*

Caitlyn Renae Bryant  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Della Kiser Clark  
*B.A. Coker College*

Jennifer Lee Fant  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Shambria Brenee Figueroa  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Katherine Louise Ford  
*B.A. Clemson University*

Chandlee Fae Freudenberger  
*B.F.A. Winthrop University*

Stephanie Kay Hotzelt  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Joshua Scott Knight  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Peter Avery Lewis  
*B.A. Hofstra University*

Alesha Marie Love  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Ryan David Loyst  
*B.A. University of South Carolina*

Amber Leigh Malchow  
*B.S. Lander University*

Madia Alene Medico  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Thomas J. Monza  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

John Arthur O'Kain  
*M. Div. Emory University  
B.A. Emory & Henry College*

Brianna Nicole Rae  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Elizabeth Leigh Simpson  
*B.A. Coastal Carolina University*

Emily Rhiannon Annette Thomas  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Casey Ryne Turner  
*B.S. University of South Carolina*

Katlyn Marie Walden  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Carolyn Elaine Wilkerson  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Morgan Chandler Willis  
*B.F.A. Winthrop University*

Jean Marie Wolfe  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Sara Workman Wyatt  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

# 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 art education and arts administration; Master of Fine Arts in art and design; Master of Music (conducting and performance); and Master of Music Education degrees are offered at the graduate level.

### *Master of Arts*

Harry Estes Culpepper, Jr  
*B.F.A. Shenandoah University*

Julieta Jones Cunningham  
*B.F.A. Winthrop University*

Marcus Graham McIntyre  
*B.A. North Carolina State University*

Kevin Michael Morrissey  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

### *Master of Fine Arts*

Mark Tyler Frasier  
*B.S. Lander University*

Anastasia Netrobine  
*B.A. Saimaa University of Applied Sciences*

### *Master of Music*

Nicholas John Gibson  
*B.M.E. Winthrop University*

Jerry Oliver Smalls  
*B.M.E. Winthrop University*

Stephen John Wasko  
*B.A. Temple University*



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

# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## 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, 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***

Gabrielle Alexandra Alsop  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Imani Chanel Archie  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Taylor Jo Bagwell  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Cali Rose Bowen-Bibb  
*B.S. University of South Carolina Upstate*

Kathy Hines Brock  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Brittany Tierra Brown  
*B.S. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Micah Caralyn Burris  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Staci Danielle Byrd  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Tori Elizabeth Carroll  
*B.A. University of South Carolina Aiken*

Aimee Campbell Culler  
*B.S. College of Charleston*

Cristina Margarita d'Erizans  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Ashley Eileen Eason  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Elena Erin Eckert  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Audrina Nichole Flowers  
*B.A. Winthrop University  
B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Ludie Kathleen Floyd-Moore  
*B.S.W. Limestone University*

Elaina Clark Fox  
*M.A. Fayetteville State University  
B.A. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Britney Shea Fulp  
*B.S. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

India Elise Generette  
*B.S.W. Benedict College*

Adrian Nicole George  
*B.S.W. Limestone University*

Kali Shrader Gilbert  
*B.A. Clemson University*

Michelle LaRue Greathree  
*B.S.W. Limestone University*

Marian Lee Griner  
*B.S. Presbyterian College*

Meredith Louise Hamilton  
*B.S. Wingate University*

Khaliah L. Harvey  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Anna Elizabeth Hiott  
*B.S.W. Winthrop University*

Ethan Lee Johnstone  
*B.S.W. Limestone University*

Christina Marie Kennedy  
*B.S.W. Stockton University*

Angelica Marlene Kielczewska  
*B.S.W. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

Katheryn Kiffmeyer  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*



# Graduate Candidates for Degrees

## College of Arts and Sciences

### ***Master of Social Work*** (continued)

Chrysanthe Bakalis Kolodny  
*B.A. Radford University*

Hailey Nichole Lathom  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Jakeem Awtrel McNeil  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Margaret Jean Mendenhall  
*B.A. Columbia College*

Nicole Adela Mielnicki  
*B.A. Stony Brook University*

Lauren Brianna Miller  
*B.S.W. University of South Carolina*

Evelyn S. Murrell  
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*B.S. University of South Carolina*

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*B.A. Appalachian State University*

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# Alumni Association

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## Dr. David D. McDonald '01



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David D. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. David D. McDonald '01  
*President, Winthrop University Alumni Association*

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

# Career Services for Alumni

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The Center for Career and Civic Engagement 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 and Civic Engagement for assistance.

Career and Civic Engagement and the Alumni Association invite you to join the Alumni Professional Network, which is a group of alumni who have graciously volunteered to share their expertise and insight about their careers with students and alumni. Involvement in the Alumni Professional Network can include providing career advice to individual students, participating on career panels, referring students to other contacts in your industry, and/or providing an opportunity for student employment.

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# General Information

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## 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.

## Ceremony Time

The academic procession into the arena begins at 6:55 p.m., and the ceremony will end at approximately 7:30 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 disabilities 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 lower lobby of the arena.

## Online Program and Ceremony Viewing

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

## People with Disabilities

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

## Phones

Please be considerate of others and 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](http://www.events.lifetouch.com/winthrop). Questions can be addressed to [specialevents@lifetouch.com](mailto: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.

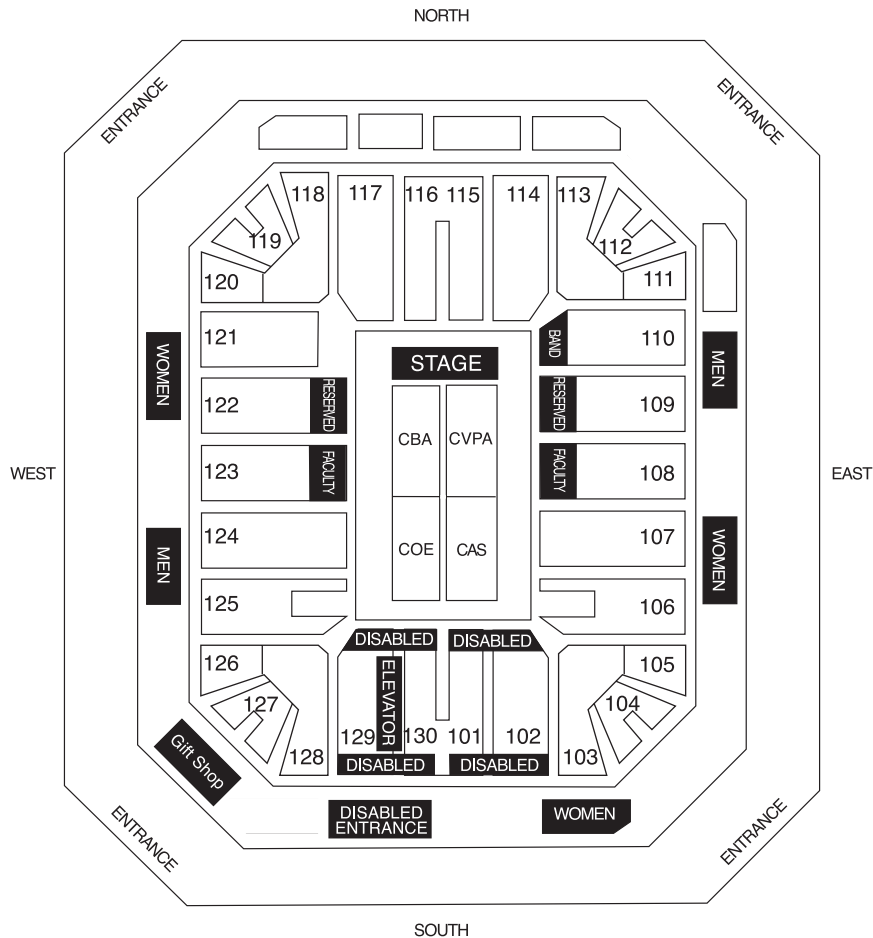
## Smoking Policy

The Winthrop Coliseum is a smoke-free facility.

## Water Fountains

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

# Coliseum Floor Plan



## Graduate Arena Seating

### CBA

College of Business Administration

### COE

Richard W. Riley College of Education

### CVPA

College of Visual and Performing Arts

### CAS

College of Arts and Sciences

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



# Winthrop University Alma Mater

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



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



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



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



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



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



Win - throp ev - er - stand.  
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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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