

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 UPDATE

With summer facilities work complete, the fall semester brings with it new projects that will change the Winthrop landscape and level up the campus for prospective students, families, alumni and visitors. Read on for details of our latest investments in Winthrop's future.

PROJECTS to ENHANCE the STUDENT EXPERIENCE

WiFi

Funded by the state, the total campus WiFi refresh is \$2mil and an investment related to Winthrop's move to a laptop campus. This fall institutional funds also will be employed, and Roddey will be added to the list of residence halls seeing upgrades. Work will continue on Kinard, Margaret Nance and Thomson.



Classroom Improvements

Winthrop is investing close to \$3mil to add technology and AV equipment so classrooms across campus fully support the academic enterprise. Work continues this fall.

McLaurin Restroom Renovation

Currently underway, the restroom stack renovation will improve accessibility and modernize dated facilities on all floors of McLaurin, home to the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Estimated completion is by year's end.

Courtyard ADA Suites (phase 1)

Renovation of select suites to improve accessibility in bathrooms and kitchens is slated for this fall.

Esports Leased Space

Interior up-fit on this space to house the esports program has begun after delays over the summer. Move-in is expected in early fall.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Oakland Avenue Columns Removal

Both sides of this major thoroughfare will soon convey a more consistent and welcoming look as the brick fence columns on one side will be removed. See the photo above for the eventual look along the Oakland corridor.

Byrnes Auditorium Renovation/ Remediation

Initial phase of work has begun with estimated completion by August 2024. Work includes completing the bathroom expansion and other accessibility improvements, plus addressing the damage from the 2018 fire. The D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ, a large four-manual instrument with 3,788 pipes, also will be cleaned as part of the project.

High-Voltage Electrical Substation & System Upgrade

This is to replace the aging high-voltage electrical equipment at the Withers main power entry point to campus as well as upgrade the electrical equipment at the Culp Chiller Plant. The electrical equipment is being delivered, and the physical work to install is ongoing. Project will be complete in late 2023/early 2024.

Stewart House Renovation

Interior renovation of the Stewart House is complete, and staff of the Alumni Association and Foundation are in place. Exterior renovation to include the roof and stucco will begin soon. Funded by alumna Betty Morgan Holcombe '56 and her husband, Milton, the renovation will be complete to welcome alumni for an open house in late fall.

Winthrop Fountain

Work has begun on the replacement of the main fountain in front of Tillman and the surrounding brick plaza. The foundation slab is poured, and the precast fountain parts are being



assembled. Brickwork is next. Estimated completion is early December 2023. For more on the history of the fountain and project fundraising, scan the code.

Wofford & Richardson Demolition

The abatement phase was delayed over the summer due to issues with the initial bidder. Now having moved on to the second bidder, abatement should start this month. The demolition and utility relocation are in the design phase.

SPECIALTY PROJECTS

Architectural Detailing (Boxing) Repairs

The contract for repair and replacement of exterior architectural detail on Bancroft, Johnson, Kinard and Sims will get underway this month with expected completion next summer.



Roof Replacements

Contracts have been awarded for West Center and Dacus Library with work starting this month on West and continuing with Dacus, both through January 2024. Joynes Hall roof replacement and brickwork repairs are in final review prior to bidding.

McLaurin Flood Repairs

Funding is currently being resolved between the insurance company and the State as bids opened last month.

Fire Safety

Work is nearing completion on McBryde and Thurmond fire alarm system replacement. Bids are in and soon to be awarded for Bancroft with an expected timeline of October 2023 through February 2024. Sprinker repairs for three floors of the Courtyard (phase 1) are in plan review stage prior to bidding.

Coliseum Lights & Sound System

The sound system is repaired, and new LED lights for the seating are installed, but remaining lights for the court are delayed in shipping. They will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Alumni Drive Oil Tank Demolition

This project will remove the oil tanks by the boiler plant along Alumni Drive. Surplus oil is being removed, and an environmental consultant will be hired for the cleanup/ demolition.

Withers/Tillman Fan Coil Unit Replacement

This project will replace select aging fan coil HVAC units in both buildings. Equipment is on order; expected start date is this fall with expected completion early 2024.



PROJECTS in the QUEUE



Southwest Gateway

A priority project of the recently completed Campus Gate, Entry and Fence Study, the Southwest Gateway will connect the campus with University Center of the Knowledge Park corridor. With Winthrop investing in leased space in the Rock Hill Sports and Events Center, as well as off-campus housing at the intersection, the Southwest Gateway will create a formal entry point to campus to help guide students and visitors alike. This project is currently in design. See the rendering below for how the gateway might look.



In coming months, look for details on these projects, which are currently in design:

- Joynes Hall mechanical system (HVAC) replacement
- Campus steam system replacement
- Courtyard HVAC unit replacement
- Sims & Dalton renovation
- Lee Wicker roof replacement
- Phelps roof replacement

In 2024 and beyond, more will be known about these projects, which are currently in the planning stage:

- New cafeteria
- Campus fiber study
- Dacus & Dinkins renovation
- Margaret Nance restroom renovation
- Joynes Hall renovation & re-purposing



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