



INVESTING *in* WINTHROP

JUNE 2024 UPDATE

Sustained investments in Winthrop's physical plant continue to impress stakeholders. In this edition of *Investing in Winthrop*, read about our plans for the summer months and beyond as we ensure one of the state's most picturesque universities remains a vital driver in the local economy and a major contributor to regional quality of life.

PROJECTS *to* ENHANCE *the* STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Courtyard

One of Winthrop's most popular residence halls, the Courtyard has seen a number of recent renovations over the last year. Sprinkler head replacement on three floors is complete. Renovation of select suites to improve accessibility in restrooms and kitchens (phase 1), as well as replacement of 23 suite HVAC units and water heaters, will wrap up this summer.



Byrnes Auditorium Renovation/ Remediation

The 2018 roof fire seems like a distant memory as much of the fire restoration work is now complete. Renovation of second floor restrooms and framing under the balcony for new restrooms and ADA seating are underway. The 3,788-pipe D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ will be removed for cleaning this month.

WiFi and Classroom Improvements

We continue to invest millions of dollars in technology and equipment to improve the student classroom, learning and connectivity experience on campus. WiFi upgrades this summer include Byrnes/Conservatory, Dacus, Johnson and McLaurin. Phase 1 renovation of 24 classrooms (tech and furniture) is complete with upfits to classrooms in Thurmond and Carroll up next as funding allows.

Virtual/Augmented Reality Teaching Lab

A multidisciplinary faculty group worked this spring to design this space in Owens. Work this summer will lead to student use in the fall.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Wofford and Richardson Demolition

The iconic twin high rises stand vacant awaiting demolition and utility relocation contracts to be awarded. Project completion is now scheduled for January 2025. On a related note, officials are in the process of studying the realignment of Alumni Drive to intersect Cherry Road at the existing Camden Avenue traffic light to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety in the area.

High-Voltage Electrical Substation & System Upgrade

Replacement of aging high-voltage electrical equipment at the Withers main power entry point to campus, plus upgrades to Culp Chiller Plant electrical equipment (already complete), will improve campus infrastructure resiliency well into the future. Project completion is expected this summer.

Stewart House Renovation

After abatement and other delays, roof replacement and stucco renovation will begin this summer to complete the donor-funded Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center in the historic Stewart House at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Eden Terrace. The center will be dedicated, along with the front campus fountain, on June 27, 2024.

Roof Replacements

The West Center roof is nearly complete as water testing continues. Lee Wicker roof replacement and Joynes Hall roof replacement and brickwork repairs are starting this summer and should wrap up this fall. McBryde Hall's roof is up next for replacement, beginning in the fall.



SPECIALTY PROJECTS

Architectural Detailing (Boxing) Repairs

Repair and replacement of exterior architectural detail on Bancroft, Johnson, Kinard and Sims is expected to wrap up this summer. Especially notable are the new columns for Kinard's façade.

Alumni Oil Tank Demolition

This project to remove the oil tanks by the boiler plant along Alumni Drive will improve the appearance of the Columbia Avenue entrance to campus. The environmental consultant is wrapping up design plans to demolish the tanks and piping.

Fire Safety

With other buildings complete, Bancroft's fire alarm system replacement will take place this summer.

Withers/Tillman Fan Coil Unit Replacement

This project replaced select aging fan coil HVAC units in both buildings. Withers is complete while electrical service to Tillman 3rd floor units is being finalized.



SUMMER PROJECTS

Barnes Recital Hall – flooring replacement

Courtyard – hallway flooring replacement and aesthetics

East Thomson – first floor hallway renovation (main lobby to Thurmond exit)

Johnson – replace flooring in three dance studios

Kinard – first floor hallway flooring replacement and painting three classrooms

Lee Wicker – hallway HVAC piping repairs

Margaret Nance – room furniture replacement (160 beds) and first floor hallways refurbishment

Thurmond – 4th floor hallway and classroom carpet replacement

West Center – renovation of several classroom and lab spaces for PESH lab return

Withers – plaster work in 4th floor meeting room



Exciting New Cafeteria News

Plans for Winthrop's first new building since 2010 are coming together! A site has been selected — the gravel parking lot at the intersection of Alumni Drive and Founders Lane — and the architect has been determined. Initial programming and schematic design has begun as well.

Watch for details on these upcoming projects:

Joynes Hall mechanical system (HVAC) replacement – *set for summer 2025*

Joynes Hall renovation & repurposing – *set for summer 2025*

Campus steam system replacement – *final design stage of first phase of steam line replacement*

Sims & Dalton renovation – *kick off meeting last month*

Southwest Gateway (with City of Rock Hill) – *resolving funding to move project forward*

Winthrop Lake dam repairs – *DHEC reviewing plans*



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