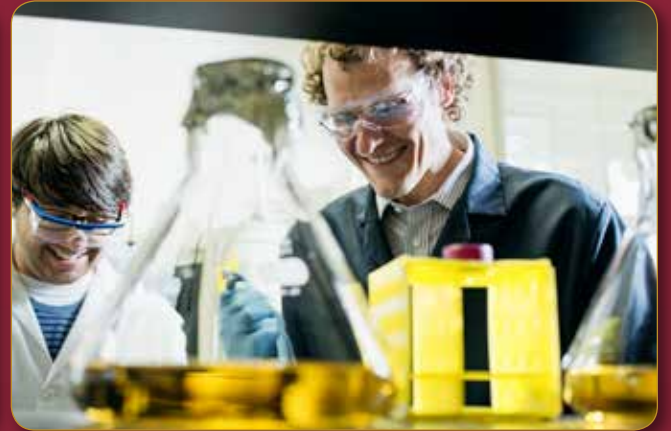


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Message from the Acting President

Dear Friends:

One of the responsibilities I enjoyed most as dean of Winthrop's College of Arts and Sciences came twice a year and lasted less than an hour. Symbolic more than anything, that task—a privilege actually—involved greeting each matriculating student of the college on stage, shaking his or her hand, and presenting the diploma to each student. I enjoyed those moments immensely, standing by those students as they transitioned to a new phase of life.

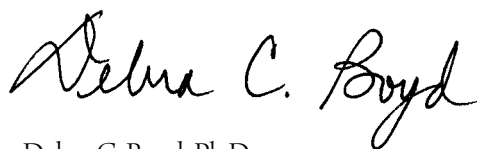
Now, as Acting President of Winthrop, I am in a new role of shepherding students through transitions. I am honored to take on this responsibility as the university begins its next presidential search. Likewise, I am privileged to stand united with our dedicated faculty and staff to ensure that students remain our highest priority at Winthrop and that they continue to receive an exemplary education—the signature Winthrop experience for which our university is known.

This commitment will keep our university focused on students while the search commences for a new president. Now, more than ever, we need all who love and believe in Winthrop to stand with us. This period of transition provides each of us with opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to the university. Testimonies to friends and college-bound students about the transformative power of the Winthrop experience and financial contributions to scholarship funds for students who could not otherwise access a Winthrop education are actions that will make a lasting impact on the future of this university, not to mention on our state, nation, and world.

As the *Winthrop University Alma Mater* states,
"May others see our loyalty,
Ever honored you will be,
Alma Mater, may your name be grand,
Winthrop ever stand."

Thank you for all that you do to keep students first at Winthrop.

Sincerely,



Debra C. Boyd, Ph.D.
Acting President

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On the Move

The 2013-14 academic year saw many accomplishments of a campus community whose dedication to students and to Winthrop's enduring values proved stronger than ever. This compilation of individual and collective successes is just the latest in a long-standing commitment to excellence that has put the university on the move. Take a look at what we accomplished together over the last year...



Senior forward Dequesha McClanahan shattered Winthrop and Big South Conference records in women's basketball on her way to being named the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year.



The campus observed Veterans Day and also celebrated the opening of the Student Veterans Center in Bancroft Hall.

Student achievements

- » Senior forward Dequesha McClanahan shattered Winthrop and Big South Conference records in women's basketball on her way to being named the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year.
- » Senior Kara Hardwick became the only undergraduate in the country to earn the Raymond W. Sarber Award from the American Society of Microbiology.
- » Family Trust commissioned work from five fine art students and recent graduates for its new downtown Rock Hill headquarters.
- » Junior Alexis Eaddy received the 2014 Newman Civic Fellow Award from Campus Compact.
- » Track and field senior Jeanne Stroud won the Big South Woman of the Year Award.

- » Track and field senior Hannah Hadaway earned both the Big South Conference Christenberry Award and the Tillman Award for academic excellence.

Faculty honors

- » The slave author research of Gregg Hecimovich made the New York Times' front page and was widely reported by various media outlets. The English department chair also received an appointment as a Sheila Biddle Ford Fellow at Harvard University's W. E. B. Du Bois Institute.
- » Economics Associate Professor Laura Ullrich spent spring semester as a Fulbright Scholar in Kosovo where she taught economics to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Pristina.

- » The national Council for Economic Education presented Gary Stone, economics professor and director of the Center for Economic Education, with the 2013 Albert Beekhuis Award.
- » The Mark Twain Circle of America organization named Professor of English John Bird its president.
- » The National Institutes of Health awarded a \$360,000 grant to biology faculty member Eric Birgbauer to continue his studies on how the optic nerve grows and can possibly be regenerated.

Academic excellence

- » The nutrition graduate program earned the 8th spot on a list of top nutrition programs compiled by Graduateprograms.com.
- » More than \$100,000 in grants awarded by the National Science Foundation went to various chemistry/biology research projects.

- » Six members of the men's and women's basketball teams spent four days in Haiti as part of a Fellowship of Christian Athletes' mission trip. The group taught basketball clinics and spread good will to the country's people.

Philanthropy

- » The university received its largest gift in history — \$2.2 million — from the late Dr. Ann Coleman Peyton to support theatre scholarships.
- » More than 260 donors gave \$1.4 million for access and quality initiatives.
- » Jessie '58 and Fred DuBard established a generous scholarship to support education majors who come from a single-parent home or a home with no parents.



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The women's tennis team won the Big South Conference championship and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.



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- » Nineteen TEA Fellows representing 16 countries visited campus to learn about math, science and English as a second language.

Service

- » The university was selected as one of 70 institutions nationally to participate in an initiative on civic learning and democratic engagement.
- » More than 300 students assisted 25 community agencies as part of the annual MLK Day of Service.
- » Alternative Spring Break featured more than 40 students and employees volunteering to better the communities of Harlan, Kentucky; Atlanta, Georgia; and Selma, Alabama.
- » Book-A-Rama shattered its goal by collecting nearly 9,300 books for local high-need elementary schools.

- » The inaugural Palmer Lecture featured History Professor Jason Silverman who presented on Abraham Lincoln and immigration. Alumni and friends endowed a scholarship on Silverman's behalf that will benefit history majors.

National recognition

- » Winthrop received widespread media attention from CNNMoney and various other national outlets for its innovative use of iris scanning technology.
- » Students and Professor of Chemistry Cliff Calloway conducted the scientific data to prove that the Carolina Reaper is Guinness World Record certified as the world's hottest chili pepper.
- » The men's basketball team held a poignant pregame ceremony to remember the victims from Sandy Hook Elementary School. The cere-

mony showcased the Chase Kowalski Memorial Fund.

- » The Winthrop Poll continued to serve as the go-to survey instrument to gauge the thoughts and opinions of South Carolina's voters.
- » Black Friday shopping research conducted by Professor of Marketing Jane Thomas and Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration Cara Peters remained a popular tool to explain consumers' shopping and spending habits.

Sustainability milestones

- » The Inn at Winthrop became a member of the South Carolina Green Hospitality Alliance, becoming the first lodging property in York County, and the first collegiate property in South Carolina, to do so.



The men's tennis team also won the Big South Conference championship and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.



The Global Ambassadors scholarship program was created to encourage students to explore leadership opportunities, engage with global issues and communities, and study abroad.



For the first time The Washington Monthly named the university one of America's "best bang for the buck" colleges.

- » The 2014 Universitas Indonesia's GreenMetric University Sustainability Rankings included Winthrop as the only South Carolina school on the list.
- » The Carolina Recycling Association honored Winthrop with the Outstanding College or University Program Award.

Athletic accomplishments

- » The women's basketball team captured its first Big South Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.
- » The men's and women's tennis teams won Big South Conference championships and earned bids to the NCAA Tournament.
- » More than half of the university's scholar-athletes earned a spot on the Big South Presidential Honor Roll.

New initiatives

- » The Global Ambassadors scholarship program was created to encourage students to explore leadership opportunities, engage with global issues and communities, and study abroad.
- » In addition to observing Veterans Day with a special ceremony, the campus also celebrated the opening of the Student Veterans Center in Bancroft Hall. The center provides a common space for students who have served in the military to study and socialize in a friendly and hospitable atmosphere.
- » The campus community welcomed the first cohort of students for the Winthrop/York Tech Bridge program.

Institutional accolades

- » U.S. News ranked Winthrop among the top 10 Southern public comprehensive universities.
- » Washington Monthly named the university one of America's "best bang for the buck" colleges.
- » The Princeton Review recognized Winthrop as one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast.
- » AffordableCollegesOnline applauded Winthrop for its return on investment.
- » The College Database listed the university among the top S.C. schools for future service members and teacher education.

A New Chapter

Book-A-Rama Collects Nearly 9,300 Books

By Nicole Chisari

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” — Dr. Seuss

Winthrop and area partners are doing their part to make sure that local children have the chance to live up to the memorable Dr. Seuss quote: read more, know more, go more.

The university, Rock Hill Reads, Rock Hill Schools and the Early Learning Partnership teamed up in March for Book-A-Rama, a community book drive and reading celebration.

Book-A-Rama’s goal was to collect 5,000 new or gently loved children’s books through nearly 50 drop-off locations throughout the community, books that would then be distributed to high-need elementary schools within



Photo courtesy of The Herald

Keon Moore, a member of the men’s basketball team, got into character while reading a book to a child during the March 27 Book-A-Rama event.

By the Numbers

9,252

Books donated

\$235

Received to buy books

178

Volunteers who sorted and packed books

46

Book drop-off locations

38

Head Start children who attended on-campus event

33

Percentage of S.C. fourth graders who cannot read at the basic level

1

Age-appropriate book available per 300 children in low-income communities

Rock Hill and surrounding districts for current and summer reading initiatives.

However, Book-A-Rama nearly doubled that goal with 9,252 books received. Approximately 178 volunteers came together at the Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center on March 27 to sort and pack books according to reading level for distribution to children in need. Winthrop students also had story time for local children who attended the event.

Kim Keel, vice president for community engagement and impact, said distribution of the books is still ongoing.

“There is already discussion underway of a joint project next spring with the Early Learning Partnership,” she said. “We intend for the success this year to evolve to an annual celebration of reading and support for community-based reading programs for children.”

According to 2009 S.C. Kids Count Data, South Carolina ranked in the bottom 10 states on fourth-grade reading. In low-income communities, there is only one age-appropriate book per 300 children. Research shows that children without access to books are well on their way to becoming one of the 33 percent of fourth graders who cannot read at the basic level.

The Book-A-Rama event has resulted in greater access to print materials in children’s homes and provided supplemental reading material for upcoming programs to prevent reading loss during the summer months.

Build Bridges

Naomi Tutu Encourages Finding Common Ground

By Judy Longshaw

Naomi Tutu delivered a speech on apartheid in South Africa during her keynote address as part of the 38th annual Model United Nations conference.

Naomi Tutu grew up in South Africa hearing her country's favorite African proverb: "A person is a person through other people."

During her keynote address for the 38th annual Model United Nations conference she told attendees that her famous father, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, urged her to respect her siblings and others so she could respect herself.

Yet around her in South Africa where apartheid existed, the lesson didn't seem to be one that everyone followed.

White South Africans, who restricted the rights and movements of the majority of black Africans, seemed to have a wonderful life based on black oppression, said Tutu.

She realized later that the white South Africans also were oppressed because they feared loss of privilege. "They lived in constant fear that the system set up was fragile and could be overthrown," Tutu said. "In oppressing us, they oppressed themselves. They tried to build walls to divide our country by race and ethnicity."

That leads to another African proverb that Tutu heard a great deal. Her grandmother told her that in the time of flood, the wise build bridges and the foolish build walls.

Tutu said that because she was "a literal-minded African," it took her a few years to understand the proverb's

true message — that in crisis, the foolish look for scapegoats, while the wise look around to find allies.

As South Africa's apartheid came to an end, some predicted that it would end with a bloodbath. Yet the country had a peaceful transition for the most part because its people sought common ground, Tutu said.

Her advice for the high school and college students attending Winthrop's Model United Nations conference was to build bridges by recognizing our shared humanity. "With all the diversity in South Africa, we found there was one common feature... that we are all human," she said. "As apartheid ended, it was time to build bridges and to listen to one another's stories."

As an example, Tutu mentioned the late political activist Nelson Mandela who spent more than 20 years in prison labeled a terrorist by the South African government, and even the U.S. government. "Yet last year at his funeral, all we heard were accolades about the amazing humanitarian who saw the future of South Africa," she said.

Released from prison in 1990, Mandela negotiated the end of white minority rule, shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his efforts for a peaceful transition and was inaugurated in 1994 as South Africa's first democratically elected president.

South Africa found a way to peace, Tutu said, by letting each group tell its own story — their dreams and their perceived barriers. "It took us two years just to get an interim constitution," she said, and a final draft still had to be negotiated.

Today, Tutu attends seminary and resides in Nashville, Tennessee. She urged the Model United Nations participants to work toward racial and gender equality so that all children can live in peace, attain an education and not go to bed hungry.

"What is true for South Africa is true for our world," she said "You who are here today are tasked in finding those bridges."

Paying It Forward

Jessie DuBard '58 Establishes Scholarship for Education Majors

By Meredith Carter

Jessie Stanley DuBard can't remember a time when a Winthrop University degree wasn't part of her plans for the future.

"I was the last of four graduates in my family. There was never any question that I'd attend Winthrop — and I was very happy to go," said DuBard. "It was absolutely a family tradition."

Come enrollment time, the Florence native found herself on a welcome and well-trodden path: Three of DuBard's sisters — the late Mary Stanley Burroughs '47 and Rosanne Stanley McClary '50 and Kitty Stanley Tanner Mescher '55 — earned degrees at Winthrop. So crossing the Byrnes Auditorium stage, diploma in hand, became a rite of passage, a tradition that continued even in the face of tragedy.

DuBard lost both her parents — her father a teacher, her mother a nurse — before she became a teenager. She credits her sisters, especially Burroughs, who stepped in as caregiver for her five siblings, with providing the family support necessary to help her earn her own Winthrop degree. The retired teacher and her husband, Fred

DuBard, have established the Jessie DuBard Endowed Scholarship as a way to honor the Stanley sisters' legacy and aid education majors who come from families similar to her own.

The \$50,000 scholarship, established in spring 2014, offers financial assistance to education majors who come from a single-parent home or a home with no parents.

DuBard explained that she decided to create the scholarship to honor her sisters and four sisters-in-law — Betty Stackhouse Stanley '49, Nancy DuBard Nunn '56, Margaret Gettys Pyle '59 and Judith DuBard Howard '63 — and support Winthrop students who did not have the benefit of two parents in the home. "I know how hard it is to make your way with just one parent or no parents. When I was a student, I didn't know anybody else who was an orphan like I was," said DuBard. "I want to help students in this situation figure out how to be successful."

Indeed, DuBard notes that the support she received from her older sisters played a key role in the successful teaching career she enjoyed. She studied elementary education and sociology at Winthrop and taught in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she lived with her husband. Later, when her family relocated to Florence, she taught for eight more years before her children were born. After she left teaching, DuBard devoted her time to volunteer work. She served on the boards of the YMCA, United Way, Pee Dee Speech and Hearing, Daughters of the American Revolution, her church and the Winthrop Alumni Association. Volunteering offered DuBard a way to repay the kindness and support that made her degree possible.

The Jessie DuBard Endowed Scholarship, DuBard added, is simply another way to pay forward the positive aspects of the Winthrop experience — including "lifelong, wonderful friendships" — that shaped and changed her own life.

"I'm lucky that I can give back," said DuBard. "I believe that Winthrop did a lot for me, and I want to repay that in some small way."



Jessie and Fred DuBard



The women's basketball team celebrated winning the Big South Conference championship.

Rising to the Top

Basketball Team Posts Record-Breaking Season

By Monica Bennett

The 2013-14 women's basketball team made its mark on Winthrop history as the 14 players captured the program's first Big South Conference championship and earned its first trip to the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament. The team faced the Duke University Blue Devils on March 22. A photo from the tournament appearance was prominently featured in a late-March edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

The season produced several school records, including most wins in a season (24); back-to-back 20-win seasons; a ranking of No. 22 in the *Collegeinsider.com* Mid-major Top 25 poll; and more.

Coach Kevin Cook's team benefited all season from the stellar play of senior point guard Dequesha McClanahan, who set Winthrop and Big South Conference records for career points (2,277) and assists (744). McClanahan became only the second women's player in Big South history to receive three Player of the Year Awards. She earned numerous accolades and post-season honors such as being selected the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year; earning a spot on the *College Sports Madness* 2014 Mid-Major All-American First Team; advancing as a finalist for the 2014 Nancy Lieberman Award; being named a candidate for the 2013-14 Senior CLASS Award; and being selected as a top two finalist, along with Winthrop track and field standout Jeanne Stroud, for the Big South Woman of the Year Award.

Not only did the players exemplify athletic prowess and determination to succeed on the court, but they also demonstrated Eagle pride through their commitment to academics and to community service. This cohesive team posted a GPA of 3.08 with nine players achieving a GPA of 3.0 or better; out of those nine players, four were named to the All-Eagle team (3.4 GPA or better). McClanahan, an exercise science major, achieved a 3.33 GPA and was named to the Big South Conference All-Ac-

ademic Team and named among 20 players to the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Basketball Team.

In addition to giving their best on the court and in the classroom, the players gave their time to the community. The team volunteered and participated at several community events, and three players, junior guard Taylor Calvert, senior guard Tiffany Charles and sophomore center Schaquilla Nunn, participated in a mission trip to Haiti where they held basketball clinics and spent time at an orphanage. In addition, Calvert was nominated for the 2014 Allstate WBCA Good Works Team for her volunteerism and community service.

The city of Rock Hill recognized the team's impressive season when Mayor Doug Echols '77 proclaimed Saturday, April 12, as "Winthrop Women's Basketball Day." In addition, on April 24, Senator Wes Hayes (R-York County) presented the team with a resolution passed by the South Carolina State Senate that recognized the record-breaking year.

"I am proud of each player and all of my staff for the hard work they put in this year," said Coach Cook. "They made history and have established a solid foundation for this program."

Science Rocks

Nick Grossoehme Advocates for His Field

By Judy Longshaw

As an Omaha, Nebraska, high school senior, Nick Grossoehme would complete his light class schedule and then work the night shift as a lumber yard supervisor. He was content to work there upon graduation but ran into an unexpected obstacle.

The yard closed, forcing Grossoehme to think about a different career path.

"I was not a focused student," said Grossoehme, an assistant professor of chemistry who was honored as the university's Outstanding Junior Professor at May undergraduate Commencement. "I didn't try hard."

His next thought was college.

Grossoehme applied successfully to only one school and attended Midland Lutheran College, now Midland University, in Fremont, Nebraska. He started off pre-pharmacy but found his niche in biochemistry with a mentor who urged him to continue his studies.

"It's not where you go to school but what you take from it," Grossoehme concluded from his undergraduate years. "It's how you apply yourself and what kind of mentors you have."

On a whim, he applied and was accepted to Dartmouth College's Ph.D. program. His mentor there specialized in toxic metals, which Grossoehme found fascinating and has since made his specialized area of research.

His expertise deals with understanding how living organisms acquire and use metals to survive. "We try to understand the role that metals play in life and how living organisms can make sure that there is enough metal around, but not too much to be dangerous," he explained. "More specifically, we try to identify the energetic basis for metal ion homeostasis."

Grossoehme spent three years in post-doctoral research at Indiana University before landing at Winthrop in 2010. "I learned very quickly I didn't want to work at a big laboratory at a research university and have to worry about funding all the time," Grossoehme said. "I love the classroom."

During his four years at Winthrop, his colleagues have found him to be hard working, eager to work in the lab and to teach students at all levels.

Department Chair Pat Owens said Grossoehme has revamped the department's most advanced laboratory courses and several other courses. He also has mentored 19 students on various projects, a third of whom have gone on to graduate programs. Grossoehme values his opportunity to mentor students since his life and career were deeply impacted by the guidance and support of mentors along the way.

Three years ago Grossoehme earned one of the nation's 46 Cottrell College science awards for young science faculty.

He also won Winthrop's first American Chemical Society SEED grant to support three promising high school students from low-income backgrounds to visit campus for eight weeks. A second grant has been approved for 2014.

A self-described workaholic, Grossoehme mentors students in a summer Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators (WISE) experience, along with four to six students in the department's own summer undergraduate research program.

To hear Grossoehme tell it, he wants to make sure

Nick Grossoehme mentored student Lucas Boncorddo throughout his undergraduate research project.



his students understand how and why the world works around them.

"My goal as an educator is to develop and foster an appreciation of science in everyone that I interact with. Such an appreciation, which can come at so many levels, is something that everyone in our society needs," Grossoehme said. "If, in my career, I am able to be an advocate for science to every student that I meet, and perhaps be an inspiration to one or two along the way, then I will consider myself a success."

Beating the Odds

Christopher Aubrie Rises Above Expectations

By Nicole Chisari

Christopher Aubrie knows that people have certain assumptions about him based on his polished speech and sharp clothes: that he's rich; that he's spoiled; that he doesn't have to work hard.

But they all would be wrong.

"I wasn't handed everything in my life," Aubrie said. "I've been on the bottom of the ladder, and I'm climbing my way up. Life isn't easy. You have to work hard, not only in academics, but in life itself.

"But I don't want sympathy. I want to motivate people."

Born in Connecticut, Aubrie moved to the small town of Bennington with his mother, three sisters and twin brother. Though his grandparents were around to help, times were tough: sometimes Aubrie went without food or the house had no heat.

His life changed at 13 when his seventh-grade home economics teacher and her husband, Orlah and Ron King, became he and his brother's legal guardians. The new family soon moved to China for an expansion of Ron King's business.

They remained there for almost three years before returning state-side for Aubrie's senior year.

Suddenly, high school wasn't the end game anymore, and college was a real possibility. He excelled in high school: mastering his classes; leading in student government; and playing every sport he could.

"The belief I've always had is to go beyond the norm - to go above and beyond all expectations," he said. "That's what I've always tried to do."

Aubrie, a first-generation college student, enrolled at Winthrop to pursue a Bachelor of

Science with a concentration in international business.

The theme of his experience within the College of Business Administration? Preparation. Aubrie said the college gave him hands-on experience with networking, interviewing, ethical practices and professional development, including a valuable internship with Sam's Club.

Outside of the classroom, Aubrie has excelled as vice president and then president of the student body and chair of the Council of Student Leaders (CSL), the student government organization; as a member

of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; the Leadership Council; ENACTUS, an organization that teaches the principles of free enterprise; and TRiO, an academic support program. He also has worked part time while in school.

Aubrie said the moment he truly realized his leadership impact was when he addressed the incoming class at the Aug. 19, 2013, Convocation ceremony.

"I remember walking up there and taking a deep breath," he recalled. "You are about to lead not only this freshman group but all of the students... People have the faith in you to lead."

Aubrie has faith in the future. After graduating in May he began a full-time restaurant management training program, and he hopes to earn a master's degree, possibly in strategic leadership, and to one day be a motivational speaker.

Aubrie doesn't hesitate when asked to whom he can attribute his success: the Kings.

"My brother and I can never pay them back," he said. "I think about it every day. By graduating from Winthrop and having success in my life... maybe that's how I can do it."

Through an educational experience that blends liberal arts, professional programs, global awareness and civic engagement, Winthrop helped Christopher develop the knowledge, skills, and values that will enrich his life forever and prepare him for all the future holds.



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR WINTHROP

GOAL OF \$50 MILLION

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Alumni Chapter Establishes Kappa Sigma Fraternity Endowed Scholarship



Andy Wilson

Nu-Upsilon, the Winthrop alumni chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., has established the Kappa Sigma Endowed Scholarship to support fraternity members in leadership positions.

The scholarship promotes both individual and chapter development, and emphasizes the cornerstones of Kappa Sigma Fraternity: fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. First preference will be given to members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity who are serving as Brothers at Arms. Second preference will be given to members of sororities or fraternities who are serving in leadership positions and exhibit financial need.

Andy Wilson '96, Winthrop's alumni representative for Kappa Sigma, explained that the new scholarship will "ensure that others have access to the Kappa Sigma experience at

Winthrop."

Visit www.winthropalumni.com/kappasigma to make a gift to the fund, or contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150 for more information.

Winthrop Stands Initiative Puts Students First

A recently announced fundraising initiative, *Winthrop Stands*, will raise scholarship dollars for students while completing *Distinction: The Campaign for Winthrop*. Gifts of all sizes and types have a place in *Winthrop Stands*, which provides an opportunity for all who love and believe in Winthrop to stand together for students.

Future enrollment depends on the availability of scholarship dollars. Need-based scholarships, in particular, are underfunded at Winthrop and often make the difference in recruiting and retaining students.

Gifts to the *Winthrop Stands* initiative will recruit high-achieving students to Winthrop as the university competes with other schools for top students. Contributions also will level the playing field for promising students from families of modest means who could not otherwise attend Winthrop. Some gifts could provide a "LIFELINE" to continuing students who are in danger of losing their state-funded scholarship, while others could fund high-impact experiences like study abroad, service-learning, internships, research and other creative activities.

For more information on *Winthrop Stands* or to discuss giving options, please contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150 or visit www.winthrop.edu/campaign.

Political Science Award Honoring Alumna Presented at Scholars Day



Jurée Capers

The quest for knowledge can engender its own legacy. The inaugural Jurée Capers Political Science Graduate School Award, which honors Jurée Capers '08, was awarded this spring to Anthony Jablonecki '14.

The award, established by Kenneth Meier, the Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University, provides financial support to a graduating senior who intends to pursue a graduate degree in political science. Meier presented the award to Jablonecki, a sociology major from Hilton Head, during the spring 2014 Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony held on campus.

Meier established the award to honor Capers, one of his former students who is now an assistant professor of public management and policy at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. A South Carolina native, Capers earned B.A. degrees in political science and psychology at Winthrop and a Ph.D. in political science at Texas A&M. She is a member of the American, Midwest and Southern Political Science Associations as well as the Public Management Research Association. In addition, Capers is a former American Political Science Association Minority Fellow (2009-10) and recipient of the Texas A&M University Diversity Fellowship.

Nearly 900 Graduates Earn Degrees at May Commencements

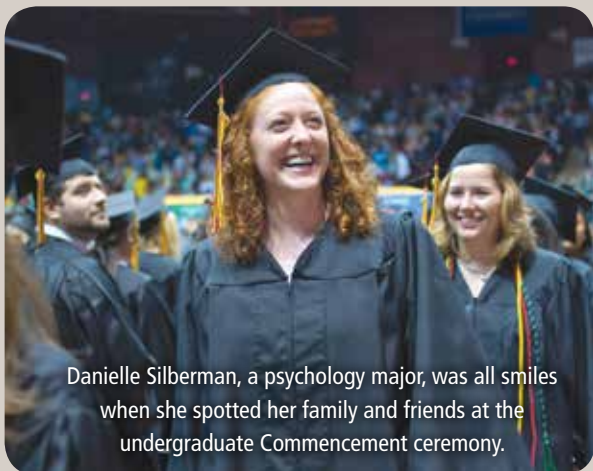
Jubilant new graduates and their proud family members enjoyed memorable Commencement ceremonies to celebrate the milestone achievement of receiving their hard-earned degrees.

More than 230 individuals earned their master's or specialist degrees during the May 8 graduate Commencement. In addition to honoring the graduates, Associate Professor of Social Work Sue Lyman, who retired in May, was recognized with the Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award.

During the May 10 undergraduate Commencement, about 660 students received bachelor's degrees after hearing a keynote speech from Cecelia "Cece" Stewart '93, who recently retired from Citigroup as one of the nation's top female bankers. With 35 years of experience in the banking field, Stewart



Happy graduate Ray Singleton Jr. received his Master of Education degree during the graduate Commencement ceremony.



Danielle Silberman, a psychology major, was all smiles when she spotted her family and friends at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony.

was president of U.S. consumer and commercial banking for Citigroup. Three faculty and student awards also were presented during the ceremony. Laura Dufresne, a professor in the Department of Fine Arts, earned the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award, the highest honor the Winthrop community can bestow upon a faculty member. Nick Grossoehme, an assistant professor of chemistry, accepted the Outstanding Junior Professor of the Year Award (read more on p. 9), and May biology graduate, and track and field runner, Hannah Hadaway of Rural Retreat, Virginia, received the Tillman Award for achieving the highest cumulative grade point average.

First Cohort Welcomed into Call Me MISTER Program

Winthrop implemented a new program this fall that offers tuition assistance and additional support to accepted male students from diverse backgrounds and under-served areas who are interested in public school teaching.

Call Me MISTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) has been a highly successful program since its beginning more than 10 years ago at other state institutions.

Call Me MISTER's ultimate mission is to recruit, train and certify groups of diverse men who plan to teach in South Carolina's public schools in order to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader, more diverse background particularly among the state's lowest performing elementary schools. The program candidates are often from communities identified as educationally at-risk, socioeconomically disadvantaged and under-served.

Program benefits include tuition assistance through Loan Forgiveness programs, an academic support system, a buddy system for social and cultural support, and assistance with job placement.



Fulfilling the Promise

Winthrop to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Integration

A week-long series of events Oct. 6-12 will commemorate the 50th anniversary of integration. A married graduate student in 1964, Cynthia Plair Roddey '67 became the first African-American Winthrop student, soon to be followed by a group of equally trailblazing undergraduate women. Their accomplishments were significant milestones that paved the way for Winthrop's commitment to access and diversity that continues today. With the theme "Fulfilling the Promise," the commemoration will feature a banquet, "Lunch & Learn" sessions, black Greek alumni party, Association of Ebonites reunion concert, movie screening and more.

Look for more information in coming weeks.

Students Give Back, Thank Donors

Every gift matters, and it's never too early to give back. The Student Alumni Council (SAC) and Go Gold for Life, a student organization that supports the Winthrop Fund, joined forces to promote these messages on Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day (SEPD) held earlier this year on campus.

SAC hosted a table to promote the senior giving campaign — where seniors were encouraged to give \$20.14 toward their senior class gift — as well as the Penny Wars, a giving competition among 11 student organizations to raise the most money on behalf of the Winthrop Fund. The table also offered a large “Thank You” banner that anyone could sign to thank donors.

SAC also partnered with the Office of Development during its Student Thank You Note Project, an annual project that encourages student scholarship recipients to write thank you notes to their donors. Scholarship recipients, along with materials and buildings across campus, were “tagged” with gold paper tags to denote their status as recipients of valuable donor dollars.

SAC Adviser Blair Ligon McCraney '11 explained that developing students into future donors is a key outcome of Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day.

“We want students to give if they choose to, but we think educating them now so that they can become knowledgeable, enthusiastic alumni donors in the future is the most important goal,” said McCraney. “Students don't always have much money to give, but they are eager to learn how they can support their alma mater.”

For more information about SAC or Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day, contact McCraney at 800/578-6545 or mccraneyb@winthrop.edu.



Blair
McCraney



Top: Students signed a “Thank You” banner to show their appreciation to donors. Bottom: Gold paper tags were placed on materials and buildings across campus to denote their status as recipients of valuable donor dollars. Here, the bust of D.B. Johnson, Winthrop's founder and first president, is tagged. The bust was a 1987 gift from the Winthrop Alumni Association.

Winthrop Included in International Sustainability Rankings

Winthrop has once again achieved national and international prominence, this time courtesy of the 2014 Universitas Indonesia's GreenMetric University Sustainability Rankings.

The rankings, which help universities assess and compare campus sustainability efforts, placed Winthrop 203 out of 301 worldwide institutions and 42 out of 50 U.S. college and universities. Winthrop was the only South Carolina university included on the lists.

UI GreenMetric weighed six main categories within the rankings: setting and infrastructure; energy and climate change; waste management; water use; transportation; and education. These categories are meant to draw attention to global climate change, energy and water conservation, waste recycling and green transportation by acknowledging those universities and colleges that are leading the way through sustainable management practices.

For more information on Winthrop's sustainability practices visit www.winthrop.edu/sustainability.

A Campus of Champions!

- » The men's and women's tennis teams captured Big South Conference championships to cap off impressive winning seasons, both earning automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament. The women's program's Big South victory served as the 19th championship in the team's history and also marked its seventh consecutive NCAA appearance, with 14 total NCAA appearances. The women faced Auburn University in the NCAA Women's Regional on May 9. The men's team captured its 17th Big South championship to earn its fifth trip to the NCAA Tournament. The men faced Duke University in the NCAA Men's Regional on May 10.
- » Freshman golfer Zach Seabolt, who had a season to remember after being voted the Big South Conference Freshman of the Year and a member of the All-Big South First Team, was one of 10 athletes to compete in the May NCAA Regional.
- » Freshman Marthaline Cooper qualified for the May NCAA East Preliminary Round in the hammer throw.
- » Softball infielder Maddie Antone earned Big South Freshman of the Year honors for her outstanding play this season.



Three Alumni Join Board of Trustees

The Winthrop University Board of Trustees welcomed three new members this year.

The Alumni Association appointed health care administrator Scott Middleton '81 to fill a four-year term left by former board member James C. Williamson '80, '85, who resigned from the board when he was selected to lead South Carolina's technical college system.



Scott Middleton

The founding equity owner and president/CEO of Agape Senior Services, Inc., Middleton also serves as a member of the College of Business Administration's Health Care Management Program Advisory Board.

Middleton, of West Columbia, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Winthrop, a master's degree in health administration from the University of

South Carolina and a master of divinity from Emory University.

He is a past recipient of the Winthrop Alumni Professional Achievement Award. His daughter, Sara, graduated from Winthrop in May while son Greg is a 2012 alumnus.

South Carolina lawmakers confirmed Randy Imler '87, '00, to his seat to replace long-time board member Bob Thompson who rotated off the board in June after 19 years of service.

Imler, of Tega Cay, serves as the executive director of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments.



Randy Imler

He earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in music from Winthrop and received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

S.C. Superintendent of Education Mick Zais appointed Cindy Neile Van Buren '88, '90, as his designee for the board's Superintendent of Education seat. For the past year, Zais had personally served on the board rather than selecting an appointee.

Van Buren, of Prosperity, is the deputy superintendent for school effectiveness at the S.C. State Department of Education. She formerly worked at Winthrop as director of teacher education and at Rock Hill

High School as an assistant principal and teacher.

She earned a bachelor's degree in English/secondary education and a master's degree in secondary education from Winthrop, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policies from the University of South Carolina.



Cindy Van Buren



Economics major Lantz Weaver shared a laugh with Lee Dickson Delperdang '59 at the spring Kershaw County Alumni Luncheon held in Camden. Visit www.winthropalumni.com to view upcoming alumni happenings and events.

Big South Names Alumni to All-Decade Tennis, Golf Teams

The Big South Conference named a total of 24 former student-athletes to its first All-Decade Tennis and Golf Teams. The All-Decade Teams, created in honor of the Big South's 30th anniversary celebration, recognize student-athletes and coaches who excel in their respective sports.

Winthrop had 15 former Eagles named to the tennis teams, including: Clayton Almeida '06, '09; Jenny Andrade '05, '08; Zach Bogue '88; Sussy Boyanovich '96; Patricia Coimbra '09; Carolina de Freitas '95; Kelly Grant '87; Joao Leite '00, '02; Juliana Marques '00; Ana Paula Novaes '07; Su-Peng Ng '94; Roberto Olivero '89; Maria Rask '88; Ana Marie Rojas '02; and Rodrigo Santos '09. Head Women's Tennis Coach Cid Carvalho '82, '89, five-time Coach of the Year, also earned honors as the 1990s and 2000s All-Decade Coach. These nominations came on the heels of major wins for the men's and women's teams, with both clinching 2014 Big South Championship titles.

Representatives selected for the All-Decade Golf Teams include: Randy Adams '89; Margee Brennan '93; Jutta Degerman '08; Matt Johnson '98; Kevin Pendley '98; Joey Pinder '88; Catherine Rheiner '95; Janice Roberts '01, '03; and Paul Tomlinson '94.



Get Connected via New Online Alumni Community

The Winthrop Alumni Association has launched a new, redesigned version of its website, MyWinthrop. Key features of the site include a cleaner and more attractive design and a more personalized user experience with enhanced search and navigation. Users can now:

- Update their information online instantly
- Reunite and network with classmates using the alumni directory
- Manage e-mail preferences
- Share achievements by submitting class notes
- Check for personalized news and upcoming events on their MyWinthrop page
- View up to five years of personal giving history
- Save time by registering online for upcoming events

Check out the new design at www.winthropalumni.com and update your information today!

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact the Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center at wualumni@winthrop.edu or call 800/578-6545.



Save the Date for 2014 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Winthrop alumni, gather that Eagles attire and block off the calendar: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is set for Nov. 14-15, 2014.

This year's highlights include: alumni happy hour, the Homecoming party, the "Golden Girls" Class of 1964 50th reunion and the alumni awards luncheon followed by tailgating at Winthrop Coliseum and the men's basketball game.

For more information about 2014 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, contact Laura Little, alumni engagement coordinator for the Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center, at 800/578-6545 or littlel@winthrop.edu.

Alumni Show Their Pride on Worldwide Winthrop Day

Alumni around the globe proudly sported garnet and gold on April 5 in celebration of Worldwide Winthrop Day. This annual event, now a campus tradition, unites recently admitted students and their families with faculty, staff, alumni and friends in a celebration of all things Winthrop. The day also gives alumni an opportunity to welcome the newest incoming class through their show of support by wearing Winthrop's school colors. On campus, supporters enjoyed food and activities including a photo booth, caricatures, an inflatable obstacle course, photo opportunities with the famous Big Red Chair and more. Take a look at just a few of the submitted photos from alumni:



Shalaya Davis '13



Stein Nelson '89 with his daughter in Bahrain.



Tracy Caldwell Evans '94, right, and incoming freshman Brittney Blakeney on campus.



Kimberly Thompson '05, '07 at the Galveston, Texas, Half Iron Man.

Goodbye, Boyd!

Beloved Program Director Receives Honorary Alumni Status

By Meredith Carter

Those legendary high fives, the big, encouraging smiles, that boundless enthusiasm for top-notch campus entertainment – Boyd Jones, university program director, has become something of a Winthrop icon. Jones, who concluded his 22-year Winthrop career this summer, received honorary alumni status from the Winthrop Alumni Association.

“Boyd is a treasure to the alumni association. He has remained steadfast in his efforts to help us stay connected with our constituents all over the world,” said Debbie Garrick ’87, ’89, associate vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the alumni association. “He regarded the thousands of former students as part of his family and embraced our alma mater as though it was his own. Boyd’s infectious enthusiasm will truly be missed. Not only have we said goodbye to a wonderful Winthrop employee but we’ve said goodbye to an amazing friend as well,” Garrick added.

Jones, a graduate of Harding University and long-time director of the award-winning DiGiorgio Student Union (formerly the Dinkins Student Union), came to Winthrop in 1992. Under Jones’ leadership, DSU was consistently selected by Campus Activities Magazine readers as one of the nation’s best school program boards. The organization won Campus Program of the Year in 1995, 2002, 2004 and 2013. DSU won similar awards from the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) and the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA).

Jones noted that working with DSU members was one of the great perks of his position.

“I’ve enjoyed my relationships with so many great students on DSU, and the best part of my job is keeping up with them after they leave,” said Jones. “I love having so many of these students as Facebook friends, and I enjoy getting holiday letters, cards, family photos and more. Most of all,

I love hearing that I taught them some valuable life lessons in addition to working with them on DSU.”

A native of Columbia, Tennessee, Jones accumulated a number of awards during his career in campus activities, including the Founders Award from NACA and the Lifetime Achievement Award from APCA. In addition, Jones is the only student activities professional ever inducted into the Campus Entertainment Hall of Fame. In April, Jones was presented the Mary Spann Richardson Award for providing Winthrop with

positive visibility throughout the U.S. at the annual Faculty, Staff and Retirees Awards Ceremony. In March, Jones was featured on the popular CN2 News segment “Hometown Hero.” He’s also been named an official friend of the Nu-Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., an “honorary ambassador” for the Office of Admissions and recipient of the Maria Cristina Grabel Award.

Throughout his time on campus, Jones emerged as one of Winthrop’s most vocal and loyal ambassadors. A fixture at athletics events, Jones was honored at a May 16 baseball game when

the alumni association hosted “Boyd Jones Night at the Ballpark.” At the game, Jones threw out the ceremonial first pitch and was presented with a citation and his honorary alumni status. The special evening also featured commemorative Boyd Jones baseball cards, a rousing rendition of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” led by Jones, and some of his favorite Dolly Parton tunes.

Jones said he cherishes the relationships that he’s built and he looks forward to the next chapter of his life and career.

“I gave my all to Winthrop, and I’ve had the time of my life here,” said Jones. “It’s time for new people, new ideas, new ways of doing things, new performers and new structures.”



Let Us Hear from You!

Do you have a new job, marriage, baby or other life-changing event that you would like to share with the Winthrop family? If so, please send in your information to be included in a future *Winthrop Magazine* issue. Please e-mail wualumni@winthrop.edu, visit www.winthropalumni.com or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

1942

Jewell Carmichael of Florence concluded her post-retirement career as writer of "Potpourri," a column which ran for 13 years in The Dillon Herald.

1967

"Road Trip," a collection of poetry, was published by Barbara Kunz Loots of Kansas City, Missouri.

1974

CNA Financial Corporation recognized Beverly McGee Salmon of Ocoee, Florida, with the Chairman's Award for her achievements in developing business for aging services. Congratulations also are in order for Salmon's recent retirement.

1981

Sara Johnson Borton of Hilton Head Island was named president and publisher of The State newspaper.

1984

Rosalyn Gist Porter of Orlando, Florida, founded Better Speaking Skills, a public speaking training company.

1989

The York County Regional Chamber of Commerce presented A. Watts Huckabee Sr. of Rock Hill with the Small Business Person of the Year and Small Business Achiever Awards.

1992

Bay Saint Louis, Missouri, resident Lincoln Sigwald earned a doctorate of education with a specialization in ministry leadership from Graduate Theological Foundation.

1993

Lees McRae College promoted Craig McPhail of Banner Elk, North Carolina, to vice president of athletics and club sports.

Leigha Pace of Spartanburg is a member of The Blonde, the Brunette and the Redhead, a soprano trio which performs throughout the Southeast.

1996

Select Registry named Jay Karen of Daniel Island as its chief executive officer.

Rock Hill-based Westminster Towers promoted Mandy Stamper of Fort Mill to vice president of operations.

1998

The S.C. State Department of Education recognized Christy Cobb Wilson of Clover with the Charles Dickerson Community Service Award, which honors a district Teacher of the Year who exemplifies a true spirit of community service.

1999

Pat Apone of Myrtle Beach is director of airports for Horry County.

The keynote speaker for the fourth annual York County Green Business Conference was Paige Goff of Fort Mill.

Cumberland County Health Director Buck Wilson of Fayetteville, North Carolina, received the Public Health Director of the Year Award.

2000

The S.C. General Assembly named Mary Mappus Finklea of Effingham to Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees.

2002

Rock Hill resident Sonja Rawlinson Burris, communications manager for the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, earned certification as a Travel Marketing Professional after completing the three-year program of the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College.

"Love Like Weeds," a collection of poetry, was published by Julie Ledgerwood Cook of Rock Hill.

Jason Farr of Greenville competed and took second place in Carolina's Funniest Comic, a competition presented by the N.C. Comedy Arts Festival. He also was named South Carolina's Funniest Comic.

Black Expo South selected Andrea Grant Smith, Ashlye Rumph-Geddis Wilkerson '05 and Antjuan Seawright '08 for its "Top 40 Under 40."

International Business Machines promoted Nikki Read Zimmerman of Greenville to sales support program manager for Application Management Services North America.

2003

Huntersville, North Carolina, resident Dan Evans earned a doctor of management degree with a concentration in homeland security from Colorado Technical University.

2004

Family Trust Federal Credit Union promoted Erica Abney Jackson of Rock Hill to assistant vice president of branch administration.

The Charleston Regional Business Journal named Courtney O'Neill of Roper St. Francis Healthcare as a "Forty Under 40" honoree.

Rock Hill resident Katie Phifer Stacks, assistant vice president of marketing at Family Trust Federal Credit Union, earned the Credit Union Marketing Executive designation from the Credit Union National Association.

The American Advertising Federation (AAF) Charlotte recognized Todd Turner, Kimberly Diedrich '09, Griffin Glaze '13 and Savannah Holder '13 with awards for excellence in advertising design.

2005

New York, New York, resident Raynard Gadson delivered the keynote address during Winthrop's 25th annual Mass Communication Week.

John Naas, chair of the Department of Business and Computer Science at Fox Creek High School in North Augusta, won the Golden Apple Award from news station WJBF. The award honors teachers for making classrooms a fun and safe place of learning.

2006

Renee James of Columbia received her Master of Science

degree in psychology with a specialization in industrial/organizational psychology from Capella University.

Gwinnett Technical College named Charleston native **Jermaine Whirl** dean of business and art & design.

2007

Austin Turner Lange of Graham, North Carolina, is director of pro-

grams for the Children's Museum of Alamance County.

2008

Graham, North Carolina, resident **Christopher Lange** is program director for the Alamance County Arts Council.

2009

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident

India Therese Richardson published her first book, "G.I.R.L.L. Who: Inspiration to Unlock the Gifted, Intelligent, Radiant Little Lady Inside of You."

The College of William and Mary and the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists named **Tatiana Sosa** of Mount Pleasant as Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year.

Alumni Recently Named Teacher of the Year

Brenda Westmoreland Lee '73

Griggs Elementary School
Clover

Connie Lowry '76, '79

Jefferson Elementary School
York

Kandy Lee Hamilton '78, '81

Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School
Rock Hill

Robbin Smith '81, '94

Cherokee County School District
Gaffney

Terry Boyd Foster '83

York One Academy
Rock Hill

Debbie Burton Faulkner '84

Larne Elementary School
Clover

Crystie Brown Walters '86

Northwestern High School
York

Susan Terry Womack '86, '88, '89

District Department of Exceptional Student Education
Rock Hill

Mary Reid Hall '87

Evans High School
North Augusta

Audrey Skews Culp '88

Springfield Middle School
Rock Hill

Jeri McGuffin '92

Dutchman Creek Middle School
Rock Hill

Cathy Smith Poole '92

Lesslie Elementary School
Buffalo

Glen Gumphrey '94

Rock Hill High School
Rock Hill

Jennifer Gregory Wilson '94, '00

Ebinport Elementary School
Rock Hill

Alyson Ramsey Grubaugh '95

Mount Gallant Elementary School
Clover

Ann Pridmore Love '96

Clover High School
Clover

Melanie Jaehnen '98

Belleview Elementary School
Charlotte, North Carolina

James Wesley Tarlton '98

Castle Heights Middle School
Rock Hill

Emily Robbins Harper '99

Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary School
York

Jennifer Noviello Pittman '00

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle
Rock Hill

Erin Coesens Martinez '01

Orchard Park Elementary School
Fort Mill

Julie Zschau McGee '01, '03

York Intermediate School
York

Wendy Douglas '02

Rosewood Elementary School
Fort Mill

Suzanne Brown Williams '02

Mount Holly Elementary School
York

Amber Maddox Faulkenberry '05

Hunter Street Elementary School
Rock Hill

Erin Balcombe LeCroy '06

Sunset Park Center for Accelerated Studies
Fountain Inn

Anne Witte '06

York Middle School
York

Jessica Wiggins '07

Fort Mill Elementary School
Rock Hill

Mary Gover '08

Gold Hill Elementary School
Charlotte, North Carolina

Ashley Huskey Yon '08, '11

Harold C. Johnson Elementary School
Hickory Grove

Stacie Brown Harris '09

Bethany Elementary School
Clover

Lindsay Dillon '10

Pleasant Knoll Elementary School
Fort Mill

Alex Bromell '11

Clover Middle School
Clover

Rachel Webster '12

Banks Trail Middle School
Rock Hill

Jeannie Lee Durham '13

Rawlinson Road Middle School
York

2010

Fort Mill resident **Tony Forte** established Rhino Wrestling Club of South Carolina, which offers wrestling instruction and training for all ages.

Charlotte, North Carolina, native **Mantoris Robinson**, a former Winthrop men's basketball player, was hired as an assistant men's basketball coach at Appalachian State University.

2012

The Fort Mill School District recognized **Sarah Doran** of Fort Mill as Support Staff Employee of the Year for Riverview Elementary School.

Lexington native **Deja Frederick** won the Miss Florence title and will compete in the Miss South Carolina Pageant.

Sally Harvey of Fort Mill was recognized by the Fort Mill School District as Support Staff Employee of the Year for Fort Mill High School.

The Summerville Journal Scene announced the addition of **Monica Kreber** of Mount Pleasant to its reporting staff.

Chapin native **Rachel Wilkes** is executive director of the Cabarrus County Education Foundation in Concord, North Carolina.

2013

The Knowles Science Teaching Foundation announced **Matthew Neal** of Liberty as a recipient of a teaching fellowship which offers financial support and professional development for early career science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers.

Chairman Ricky Wolfe of the Troup County Board of Commissioners in LaGrange, Georgia, presented Emily Baird Sheffield '48 with a proclamation establishing Dec. 2 as Emily Baird Sheffield Day in the county.



Award-Winning Alumna Says Winthrop Gave Her a Home, Life-Long Friends

By Nicole Chisari

When Emily Baird Sheffield '48 walks down the streets of LaGrange, Georgia, it isn't uncommon for people to stop and say, "Hey, Miss Emily."

That's because whether it's talent shows, pageants, bowling, running, swimming... Sheffield has won awards for just about everything, done just about everything and gotten to know lots of people. At 86 years old, she still swims at least three times a week to stay active.

Originally from Clover, Sheffield frequently moved around the country with her traveling salesman father. She was always the new kid in school, she said, but Winthrop gave her a home and life-long friends.

Sheffield earned a degree in physical education from Winthrop, married husband Benjamin and raised three children. Her career included stints as a faculty member at Blackstone and Limestone colleges, a sales person with a lumber company in Virginia and a tour guide for the historic town of Abingdon, Virginia.

However, it's Sheffield's extracurriculars that showcase her various interests and talents. She organized Prime Time 5-0 in LaGrange to offer free exercise programs to senior women, efforts that were acknowledged in 2003 when she was inducted into the Troup County Parks and Recreation Department's Hall of Fame. Sheffield also has won numerous gold, silver and bronze medals in 5K runs, swimming, and bowling, in addition to first place in many talent shows. Other accolades include being named Ms. Senior Georgia, a Gracious Lady of Georgia, a senior ambassador for LaGrange and Ms. National Senior Citizen.

"Winthrop made me what I am," she said. "I can say that with all of my heart and in all truth. I want everyone to know what an asset it will be to do well at Winthrop."

Photo courtesy of Troup County Board of Commissioners in LaGrange, Georgia

Births

Richard Clifton Newsom '94, '96 and

Jennifer Harrington Newsom '96, '98,
a daughter, Hilton Grace Newsom,
March 27, 2014

Kevin Scott Yates '97 and

Susan Fulmer Yates '99,
a daughter, Larke Cothran Yates,
Aug. 18, 2013

Jill Askins Young '97,

a son, Connor Thomas Young,
Jan. 18, 2013

Carolyne Vogt Zavarino '98,

a son, Christian Michael Zavarino,
April 29, 2013

Julie Cavanaugh Bowling '99,

a daughter, Marianne Rose Bowling,
March 6, 2014

Whitney Scoggins Butler '99 and

Neil James Butler '99,
a son, Bratton Toll Butler,
Dec. 3, 2013

Michelle Murdock Simpson '99,

a son, Kobie Lee Murdock,
Feb. 7, 2014

John David Rouda '01 and

Valerie Chantry Rouda '04,
a son, Elliott David Rouda,
Feb. 21, 2014

Julie Ward Moxley '02,

a son, Lofton Bowers Moxley,
June 7, 2013

Nicole (Nikki) Read Zimmerman '02,

a daughter, Frances Isabel Zimmerman,
Dec. 3, 2013

Joshua Brian Mitchell '03 and

Kelly Nelson Mitchell '04, '12,
a daughter, Taylor Camilla Mitchell,
March 30, 2013

Kendra Pate Day '04,

a daughter, Halcyon Day,
Dec. 23, 2013

Adam Todd Kendall '05 and

Ashley Shoemaker Kendall '07,
a son, Logan Adam Kendall,
Feb. 19, 2013

Ashlye Rumph-Geddis Wilkerson '05,

a daughter, Alana Victoria Wilkerson,
April 9, 2014

Laura Rader Stiffler '06 and

Walter Gaylord Stiffler IV '06,
a daughter, Sophia Snow Stiffler,
Dec. 7, 2013

Erin Wood Larson '07,

a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Larson,
Jan. 5, 2014

Peter Gregory Moroni II '07,

a daughter, Francesca Lucia Moroni,
Dec. 27, 2013

Kimberly Kelly Mounts '07,

a daughter, Zoey Addison Mounts,
Jan. 17, 2014

Sarah Martin Gibson '08,

a son, Charles Holden Gibson,
April 23, 2013

Joseph Patrick McNamee '08 and

Ashley Crouch McNamee '10,
a son, Connor Jaden McNamee,
Dec. 11, 2013

Ashley Wheeler Rogers '08 and

John David Rogers '09,
a daughter, Carolina Grace Rogers,
April 8, 2014

Kristen Ley Schweig '08,

a daughter, Brynn Aleka Schweig,
Jan. 6, 2014

Tasha Brannan Gilstrap '11,

a daughter, Julianne Marie Gilstrap,
March 20, 2014

Jonathon Cardell Whiteside '11,

a daughter, Taylor Klæe Whiteside,
Feb. 16, 2013

Lindsay Michele Schultz '13,

a daughter, Ruby Schultz,
May 23, 2013

Marriages

Celicia (CeeCee) Palmore '92 to
Darnell Pixley

Stephanie Lynn Wallace '95 to
Jeffrey Scott Davis

Jack Neal Kinley '99 to
Cain Williamson

Dorothy Michelle Gambill '03 to
Matthew (Chip) Oglesby

Tara Charie Price '04 to
Thomas Lee Read III

Kendall May Kretschmar '06 to
Benjamin Michael Schoenecker

Stephanie Denise O'Neal '06 to
Leshawn (Shaun) Walter Mathis

Megan Elizabeth Carr '07 to
John Joseph Ramsey

Rachel Walker Williams '07 to
Matthew Bremer Stanley '07

Celia Erin Harbold '08 to
Michael David Broome

Jessica Danielle McGee '09 to
Andrew Nicholas Buergler '09

Candace Marie Porter '09 to
Robert (Bobby) Carroll

Nicole Elizabeth Smith '09 to
Jason Chisari

Rodney Tyrone Foster Jr. '10 to
Ari Simone Williams '11

Angela Cathleatha Greene '10 to
Quentin Bember

Michele Elise Ripley '10 to
Jeremy Rodefer

Meredith Rose Edlin '11 to
James Carli

Catherine (Katie) Elizabeth Panning '11 to
Ryan Alexander Graczyk '12

Joshua Stewart Potts '11 to
Allison Marie Price '12

Stacey Melissa Taylor '11 to
Justin Barry Hopper '12

Erika Nicole Jones '12 to
Nathan Wilburn

Emily Michell Christopher '13 to
Evan Charles Sizemore '13

Elizabeth Nicole James '13 to
Justin Kimbell

Meghan Elizabeth Mayhew '13 to
Jason Ruona

Emily Diane Poston '13 to
Martin Thomas Patrick '13

Deaths

1930s

Elizabeth Mayfield Bruce '32

Helen Crosland Hendricks '35

Virginia Scott Ellis '36

Virginia LaBoon Kimbrough '36

Jennie Dobson Littlejohn '36

Mary Smith Rogerson '36

Lillian Wertz Tolleson '36

Marshall Tillman Williams '36

Regina Allston Legare '37

Grace Funderburk Cowan '39

Marjorie Fleming Lee '39

Dorothy Blake McCain '39

1940s

Lois McComb Evatt '40

Kathryn Sosnowski Breidenthal '41

June Toy Hayes '41

Broy Shealy Moyer '41

Evelyn Bradberry Roosmann '41

Margaret Wessinger Woeber '41

Theresa Babb Gamble '42

Margaret Lavinia Stephenson Lynch '42

Dorothy Godley Roberts '42

Mary (Lib) Cunningham Roberts '42

Annie (Jack) Bonnoitt Boatwright '43

Carmen Hammond Ford '43

Lucille Estes Jennings '43

Lois Rhame West '43

Mary Frances Gardner Willingham '43

Mary Bryan Gayden '44

Mary Massey League '44

Carol Burch Moody '44, '65

Chloe Martin Pinckney '44

Elizabeth Tollison Terry '44

Audrey Hembree Davis '45

Jo Anne Smith Jackson '45

Wilhelmina Epps Overby '45

Catherine Parks '45

Ruth Myers Stewart '45

Emma Pulaski Adams '46

Frances King Davis '46

Gabrielle Gaillard Gregorie '46

Annie Sue Gullede Hurst '46

Sybil Wilson Hutton '46

Marilyn Setzer Ivey '46

Harriet Smith McKinna '46

Jacquelyne Matthews Millar '46

Betty Keller Owens '46

Frances Ragsdale Sayre '46

Ertelle Williams Coleman '47

Enid Grimsley Derrick '47

Faye Nix Jay '47

Leta Tanner Poston '47

Barbara (Bobbie) Hunt Carr '48

Ellen Swails Evans '48

Elizabeth Byrd Fant '48

Dorothy Proctor Foxworth '48

Anna Cox Fulmer '48

Beulah Starnes Friberg '49

Bobbie Case Morris '49

Sara (Coy) Ayer Patrick '49

Mildred Gillespie Watson '49

1950s

Evelyn Ayers Bell '50

Lois Rhame West '43 Leaves a Remarkable Legacy for Winthrop, State and Nation



Lois Rhame West, a trailblazer who inspired Winthrop, South Carolina and the nation to higher standards in wellness, physical fitness and health care policy, passed away on May 6 at the age of 92.

The widow of late South Carolina Gov. John C. West, Lois became the first married student to graduate from Winthrop. She obtained her undergraduate degree in physical education.

Lois became an authoritative voice for physical education during the couple's tenure as Governor and First Lady from 1971-75. Subsequently, she served as a true partner in diplomacy with her husband abroad when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia where Lois made strides in promoting the acceptance of women in leadership roles.

Lois and her family were among the very first major donors to Winthrop, starting the Lois Rhame West Scholars program in the mid-1980s to provide full scholarships to South Carolina residents. She also co-chaired Winthrop's first capital campaign, "A Lasting Achievement," an effort that generated gifts exceeding \$32 million. In 2000, Lois was honored as a Distinguished Alumni in Physical Education by her alma mater. The university also bestowed upon her an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree.

Today, the university houses the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy that promotes civic engagement. In addition, Winthrop's first LEED-certified green building, the Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center, honors her many contributions.

Memorials may be made to the West Foundation, P.O. Box 643, Camden, SC 29021, or The Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Mary (Edie) Boyette Davis '50
Lucy Holland McBride '50
Elizabeth (Betty) Harrell Putnam '50
Elinor Poston Baxley '51
Betty Revan Cook '51
Nell Powell Cook '51
Mary Clement Lowe '51
Nora Norman '51
Mary Louise Myers Mann '52
Evelyn Guerry Orvin '52
Frances Edwards Witherspoon '53
Frances Cook Bothwell '54
Elaine Helen Graff '54
Joan Calhoun Wilder '54
Nancy Hill Williams '54
Martha Ann Chalmers Cowan '55
Peggy Ann Edge '56
Annie Rowell Morrow '56
Gail Singleton Reynolds '56
Emma Jo Truluck Tomlinson '56
Phyllis Morris Wheless '56
Ann Cook Rogers '57

Sarah Frick Brandt '58
Sandra Kirkpatrick Howe '58
Judith Reesor Hutchinson '58
Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick '58
Eva Lynda Johnson '59
Shirley Laughridge Archer Salisbury '59

1960s

Joan Steed Carter '60
Diane Giles Lang '60, '72
Sonya Stuckey Morton '60
June Roberts Shealy '60
Miriam Page Tucker '60
Eugenia Davis Allen '61
Lois Paul Carson '63
Mary Crocker Harvey '63
Marsha Bowling Moon Hunt '63
Gladys Wheeler Jordan '63
Anna Beth Lynn Smith '63
Eula Gaddy Bivens '64
Jimmie Ann Young Davis '66

Joyce Ann Ambrose '68
Gloria Jordan Borgen '68
Eleanor Cunningham McCrackin '68
Polly McAbee McGee '69
Loretta Young Schultz '69

1970s

Linda Barker Cothren '70
Virginia Hayes Culbertson '70
Carolyn Hatfield Hamrick '70
Gail Conn Windell '72
Marilyn Brown Cauble '74
Sadie Louise Gist '74
Dolores Cason Grimes '76
Amy Elizabeth Hobbs '76
Thomas Larry Wright '78
Evans McLure (Buck) George Jr. '79

1980s

Samuel (Sam) Crain Jr. '80
Ronald (Ronnie) Scott Abrams Sr. '82

James William Gibson Jr. '82
Margaret (Fay) Robinson-White '82
Rita Russell Fletcher '86
Matthew John Burke '87
Ernestine (Tina) Bedenbaugh Holmes '87
Henry Sanford (Sam) Howie III '88
Patricia Albers Rumpfelt '88
Tracey Lynn Barfield '89

1990s

Jimmie (Bo) McCollum Jr. '90
Harry Thomas (Tom) Powell Jr. '90
Shawn Holly Myers '91
Shannon Postelle Smith '91, '93
Shelia Crump Lott '92
Dana Southerlin Mack '92
Janelle Nelson Spigel '93
Phyllis Watkins Thomas '93
Gary Alan Mims '95

2000s

Christopher Michael Milcendeau '00



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Aaron Fountain

Columbia, South Carolina

May 2014 Honor Graduate

History Major

Class of 1951 Scholarship Recipient

McNair Scholar

TRiO Participant

Because of available scholarship dollars, Aaron was able to concentrate solely on academics and put away money worries. His hard work and perseverance paid off; this fall he began a fully funded Ph.D. program in history at Indiana University. The program will help Aaron reach his goal of becoming a university professor where he can pursue his two passions: teaching and research.

To make life-changing opportunities possible for other deserving Winthrop students, please consider a gift to the *Winthrop Stands* initiative. Visit www.winthrop.edu/campaign or call 803/323-2150 to make a gift.