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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

We recently wrapped up a successful spring semester with one of my favorite events—Commencement. These joyful ceremonies give us an opportunity to recognize the achievements of our graduates in the presence of faculty, staff, family and friends. More than 900 students earned degrees during our three ceremonies, and we're proud to now welcome them into the Winthrop alumni family.

While full of celebration, Commencement also is bittersweet because we have to say goodbye to students we have come to know so well. However, we're confident that what they have learned and experienced during their time here will serve them well in their personal and professional lives.

We also said goodbye to Gary Stone, professor of economics, who has served as chief faculty marshal for 24 years. Stone, who is retiring this summer after 43 years at Winthrop, has led the procession and recession at each Commencement and Convocation for nearly three decades, and his leadership will be missed. I encourage you to read more about Stone and the numerous roles he filled at Winthrop on pages 6-7 of this edition.

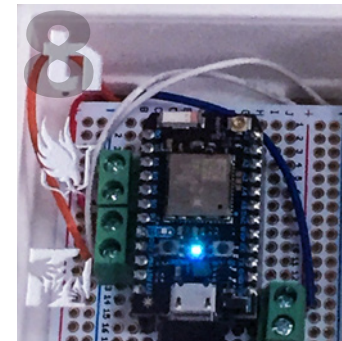
Other stories that I encourage you to read include:

- A fun conversation with two of Winthrop Athletics' biggest fans—Zeta Sistare '57 and rising junior Nick Wellons. These two are fixtures at sports events, and their enthusiasm for Winthrop is unrivaled;
- A recap of our women's tennis team's historic season, including the program's first NCAA Tournament victory and a remarkable run by All-American doubles team Lauren Proctor and Megan Kauffman;
- A collaborative project with the Technology Incubator in which students transformed the older building into a modern, tech-savvy work space; and
- A "Did You Know?" look into several new and ongoing university initiatives.

As our summer session now gets underway and the good work continues on campus, I want to thank you for your continued support of Winthrop. Wherever this summer takes you, I hope you have safe and adventurous travels with family and friends, and I hope to see you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Mahony
President



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Winthrop retiree Zeta Sistare '57 and Winthrop Athletics' intern Nick Wellons consider themselves to be Winthrop's Number 1 Fans. Read more about these two die-hard Eagles' fans on pages 2-4.

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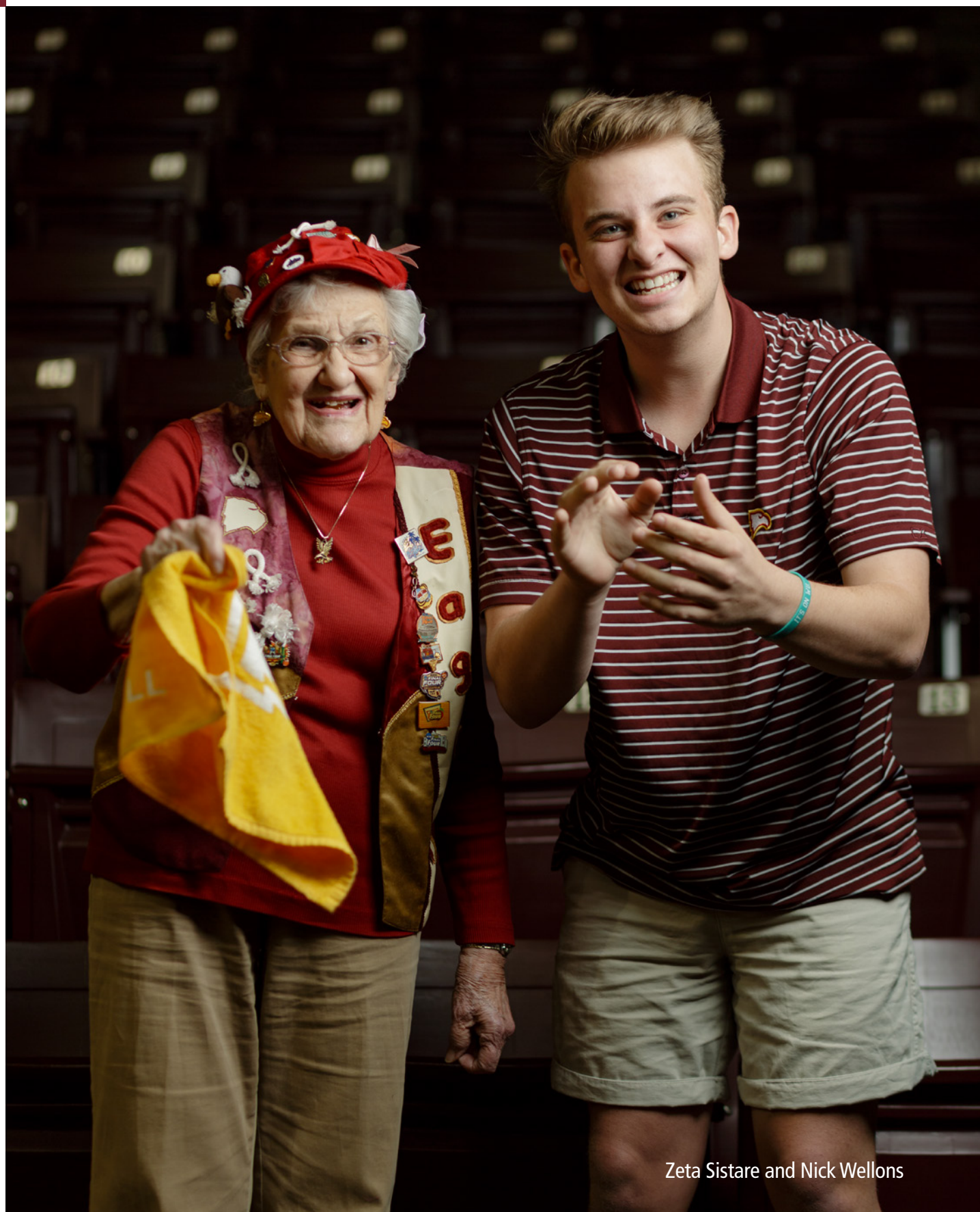
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MEET WINTHROP'S BIGGEST FANS

DUO A FIXTURE AT SPORTS EVENTS



Zeta Sistare and Nick Wellons

Go to any Winthrop basketball game, and you're likely to run into two people: Zeta Sistare '57, clad in her Eagles-themed vest adorned with tournament pins and pieces of basketball nets that were cut down after winning Big South Conference Championships; and Nick Wellons, a **Winthrop Athletics'** intern often found simultaneously cheering on the team while doing various work tasks.

Both lay claim to the title of **'Winthrop's Biggest Fan,'** and with good reason. Sistare and her late husband, Joe, established two funds for the Coliseum's athletic training center and shared a passion for Winthrop sports.

Wellons, a business administration major from Roebuck, consistently shares his love for the university on social media, and has fully delved into his Winthrop experience, looking for any opportunity to make others just as excited about Winthrop.

The two sat down at one of their favorite places—the Coliseum—to talk sports, superstitions and seating.

Q: How did you hear about Winthrop?

Zeta: I heard it was a good place for me to go to school. I was out in the country. I'm from down below Lancaster, a community called Flat Creek. It was known as a teacher's school in the beginning. My aunt was a teacher and went to Winthrop. It was a good choice because I could get that two-year business degree and I could get the work-study scholarship. As a student I worked in what was called the bursar's office.

Nick: I've known about Winthrop for a while....My sister was going through college recruitment and looking into different schools, and she wanted to be a teacher. Winthrop is known as a teaching school.

I would come up on the weekend sometimes and I'd hang out with my sister and see the campus. From a young age, I just saw how beautiful the campus was. I fell in love with the small-town feel. I don't go anywhere where I feel like I'm a stranger.

Q: How did you return to Winthrop, Zeta?

Z: I put in a job application. As we were moving, I drove up here and found a house to buy. When I arrived that day, Joe's holding the phone saying Winthrop wanted me to come in for an interview. I opened the wardrobe box, grabbed clothes and ran to the interview.

(Sistare worked as an administrative assistant in various departments before spending the majority of her career in the Department of Mass Communication).

Q: Nick, do you want to tell her about your 'job' at Winthrop?

N: Last year, I was an ambassador, so I was giving tours of campus to prospective students. One day, I got an email asking me if I wanted to help with a promotion—the Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights [baseball] event. I said, 'I'd love to go.' I met (Women's Head Basketball) Coach Lynette Woodard and (Associate Athletic Director) Matt Martin.

Matt asked me what I was studying. At the time, I was a sport management major, but I knew that I was switching to business. But I still had that passion for sports. He asked if I wanted to come work for them in the fall. A while later, as I was cleaning out my wallet, I saw Matt's business card and I remembered him offering me the position. The next day, I was here (at the Coliseum). I get to do fun stuff. I get to help come up with different marketing campaigns and ideas, and I get to do a lot of game-day stuff, like press row and the game board. I get to work in all aspects of sports.

Z: So you can just do anything!

N: (laughter) Yeah, it's been a cool opportunity. You don't get this experience anywhere else....This is my office. How cool of an office is this?

Q: Zeta, what made you and Joe want to keep coming back to the Winthrop basketball games?

Z: When we first came, they (the men's basketball team) were just getting started. If it had a ball, Joe was there. Joe



helped dig the dugouts for the softball and maybe the baseball field. He knew all the coaches, and they all knew him.

Q: How many Winthrop games do you think you've attended?

Z: Oh, gracious. That's hard to say, because how long have they been playing? Since '85, something like that. We went to all the home games, and Joe went to away games more than I did.

N: Basketball or all sports? Because if it's all sports, this year it's probably every home game we've had. I would say close to 130. She's definitely got me beat.

Z: Well, I've been here longer. (laughter)

Q: Do you have any special game rituals? Or something you yell the most?

Z: In the last three minutes of the game, you've got to stand up and cheer. I've had people move from sitting behind me. I'm not moving. I'm a tree. I grew there. I tell them standing makes a difference!

N: Probably something I shouldn't say! (laughter)

Q: Where's the best place to sit in the Coliseum?

Z: Section 123, Row L. It's actually halfway up behind the railing; it's where Joe wanted to sit. There's a method to his madness!

N: One of two places. If we're winning, I'm going to be in the student section, about three rows up, close enough to heckle the other team, but far enough that the refs can't figure out who it is. If I feel we need some energy, some liveliness, I'm going to be near the bench.

Z: I feel like I've played the game after some of them are over!

Q: What has been your favorite game experience, a game that was so exciting you'll always remember it?

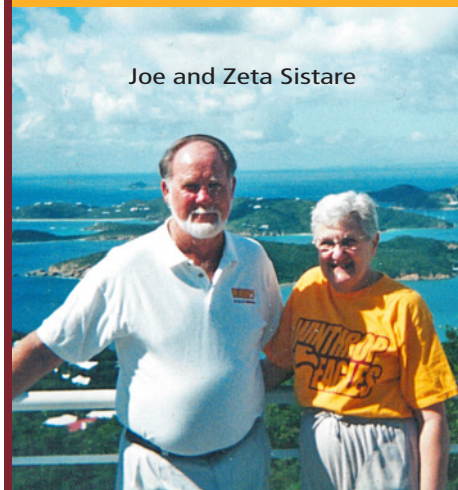
Z: One that's not a happy memory is from a (NCAA) tournament game against Tennessee. At the last second, Tennessee got the shot, and Winthrop lost the game. I never saw anybody do that—it was just seconds! And I love to beat Liberty any time.

Two of Athletics' Biggest Supporters Create Gifts for Athletic Training

Joe and Zeta '57 Sistare shared a passion for Winthrop sports. Because of that mutual love, the couple, who met on a blind date at Winthrop, established the Joe and Zeta Sistare Athletic Training Fund and the Joe and Zeta Sistare Athletic Training Endowment.

"We chose to establish the scholarships for the training of all the athletes involved in their individual sports. By making our gift to the athletic training center all student-athletes will benefit from it," said Zeta.

Even after Joe's 2012 death, the family continues to support Winthrop sports.



Joe and Zeta Sistare

Jeff Lahr, assistant athletic director for athletic training, said the gifts have been used to purchase rehabilitation equipment that will help the staff take care of the health needs of student-athletes.

N: I have two. The first was my freshman year, and that's because during a half-time promotion, they had me dressed in a sumo suit. We played Campbell for the championship, and I just remember we were up by a good amount. I remember storming out with all the students to celebrate in the middle of the court.... That's a big-time feeling.

The game that we played against Liberty here in conference play, it was intense the whole game. I remember at the last second they passed it to Bjorn (Broman) and it's perfect all down the line until it hits the rim. That was a heartbreaker. I feel like that shot took forever to fall. But that's how it is sometimes.

Q: Do you consider yourself Winthrop's No. 1 fan?

Z: Well, I kind of know that is a fact.

N: I definitely do. Sometimes when people ask me how much I love Winthrop, I say, 'If Winthrop was a girl, we would have been high-school sweethearts.' I love everything from the academics to the athletics to the opportunity that you get as a student here to experience leadership, service, and just being around the people here is so amazing.

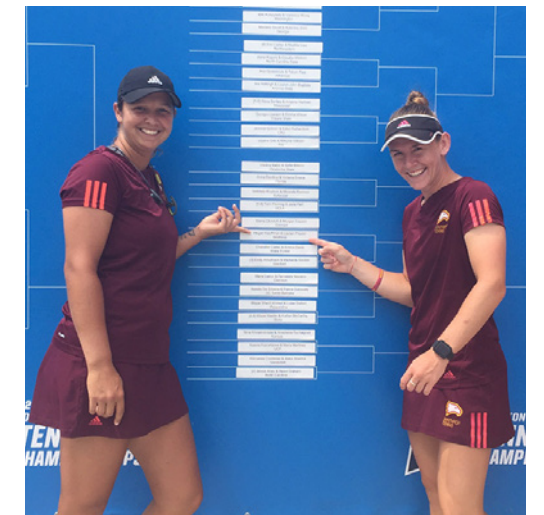
SERVING UP HISTORIC SEASON TENNIS TEAM ACHIEVES SEVERAL FIRSTS



The **women's tennis team** earned its first victory in the NCAA Tournament with a 4-3 win over No. 20 Auburn in the first round. The team lost in the next round to No. 4 ranked Georgia Tech and finished with a 20-6 record overall. The Eagles, who finished the regular season undefeated in Big South play with a perfect 8-0 league record, hosted and won the Big South championship with a hard fought victory over Liberty.

Megan Kauffman and Lauren Proctor, the doubles team that was ranked 23rd nationally, advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Doubles Championship where the juniors experienced their first loss of the season. The duo, which earned All-American status, finished the season with a remarkable 24-1 record.

Proctor also qualified for the singles competition but lost in the first round. The Bradenton, Florida, resident, who was ranked as high as 14th in the nation, was named the Big South Women's Player of the Year for the third-consecutive time, and Head Coach Cid Carvalho '81, '89, took Coach of the Year honors for the 10th time in his career.



From top, clockwise: The team celebrates the program's first NCAA Tournament win; doubles team Proctor, left, and Kauffman were happy to see their names on the Doubles Championship bracket; the team captured the program's 20th Big South Championship.

PASSING THE MACE

CHIEF FACULTY MARSHAL TAKES FINAL WALK



Chief Faculty Marshal Gary Stone carried the mace during the processional at a recent Commencement ceremony.

Chief Faculty Marshal Gary Stone has been front and center at Winthrop's most celebrated and time-honored ceremonies for more than two decades.

Stone, who carried the university's mace for the last time at the May Commencement exercises, typically led the procession at Convocation to start the academic year and then again at Commencement to celebrate student success.

He raved about the pomp and circumstance of the ceremonies.

"I love these ceremonies because they capture the excitement of freshmen and transfer students coming to Winthrop, and their excitement when they graduate with their baccalaureate or master's degrees. Both are wonderful," said Stone, who retires in June as an economics professor.

Stone's enthusiasm and passion never wavered during his 43 years of teaching. He was thrilled to join the Winthrop faculty in August 1975 as he finished his graduate studies in economics at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. He quickly learned that he loved teaching economics, and Winthrop was the perfect place for him.

Stone estimated that he taught more than 10,000 Winthrop graduate and undergraduate students. He also accompanied Winthrop student study tours to China, England, the Netherlands, Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Bolivia and Peru.

Besides teaching students about economics, he served as director of the Winthrop Center for Economic Education and taught teachers of all levels how to teach economics. He trained more than 5,000 K-12 teachers in South Carolina and other states, as well as some from Russia, Egypt, Ukraine, Croatia, Belarus, Slovakia, Latvia and Lithuania.

He received two national awards for his work in economic education.

Stone's third job at Winthrop started in 1994 when he took over chief marshal duties from the late Professor of Mathematics Ed Guettler. Always a numbers guy, Stone said he had the honor of carrying the Winthrop mace in about 90 Commencement and Convocation ceremonies.

Appointed to take Stone's place as Winthrop's Chief Marshal is Shelley Hamill, a professor in the Department of Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance. She said Stone has been a wonderful mentor and friend. "His patience, and attention to detail, is amazing, particularly when it comes to Convocation and Commencement ceremonies," Hamill said. "He truly loves celebrating our students and their accomplishments. I have learned a great deal from Gary and though it will be difficult to follow such a wonderful leader, I will work hard to make him proud."

Stone's work isn't quite finished. This June will be his 29th year serving as a grader of the Advanced Placement Economics Exam, the longest term of any grader of these exams.

Even with Stone in retirement, Winthrop won't be far from his family's thoughts because they are Winthrop through-and-through. "My wife, daughter and son earned their baccalaureate degrees here," Stone said. "My wife and daughter also earned their M.B.A. degrees at Winthrop."

So what is Stone's legacy? "I worked hard trying to provide quality economic education to my college students and K-12 teachers, while providing valuable service to my university and college."

As a faculty member who was the recipient of Winthrop's Distinguished Professor Award, Kinard Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty Student Life Award and the College of Business Administration Teaching Award (three times), Stone can retire knowing it was a job well done.



Stone and students visited Amsterdam during one of their study tours.

THEY CAN HACK IT

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SEMESTER-LONG TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

What can 30 students from Winthrop and local high schools accomplish when given access to cutting-edge technology and caffeine-fueled brainstorming sessions? They can upfit a nearly 100-year-old building with tech innovations that transform it into a modern work space.

That is what happened when **Technology Incubator** Director David Warner and Winthrop Assistant Professor of Computer Science Andrew Besmer connected last year on a way to renovate the Incubator, located in the century-old Citizens Bank Building on Main Street in Rock Hill, by using custom built Internet of Things (IoT) technology.



One way to think of IoT technology in this case is that it connects computing devices with a customized identifier, thus giving it the ability to transfer data over the Internet without requiring human-to-human or human-to-computer interaction.

The project the two came up with was to offer students the chance to participate in a semester-long project, known as the Wired Hack 18.1-4, The Great IoT Hackathon. The event challenged the technical skills and creativity of participants to transform the Incubator space into what may be the world's first "connected" technology incubator using custom built IoT technology.

The action started in January with a 24-hour event where participants heard ideas about how they could use technology in the office. They came up with six projects that will be unveiled in June...

- * A digitally-lit floor map, completed by using wired sensors in rooms and open spaces, allows Warner to know what doors are open in the office and if people are in different areas.
- * Four Echo dots, which are hands-free, voice-controlled devices that operate by voice recognition, were placed in strategic locations around the Incubator to answer questions as needed.
- * Voice-activated televisions make switching channels a breeze, and best of all, no need to look for television remotes.
- * Installation of a Nest "smart" thermostat provides energy conservation since the system knows when people are not using the office space.
- * Decorative and functional signage, made with LED lights, adds a unique look and feel to the space.
- * An Internet-connected recycling bin has made recycling a fun and visual necessity. When a can is placed in the recycling bin, a sensor sends a signal to a set of programmable blue and green LED lights that light up. The more the office recycles, the more green lights flash.

Left: from top, clockwise: Joe Razum, global account manager at 3D Systems, taught students about additive manufacturing; group members learned how to solder in preparation for making their projects more permanent; Stephen Dannelly, computer science chair, lectured on basic electronics and how to operate a Particle Photon, which is a tiny Wi-Fi development kit. Right: Infrared break-beam sensors were installed in a recycling bin to detect when recycling occurred.

To understand how to wire up the Incubator, participants attended bi-weekly seminars. They learned soldering skills with a local tech group, KPCoders; about basic electronics from Winthrop Computer Science Department Chair Stephen Dannelly; about custom 3D printing with 3D Systems; and about Comporium Communications' smart home project.

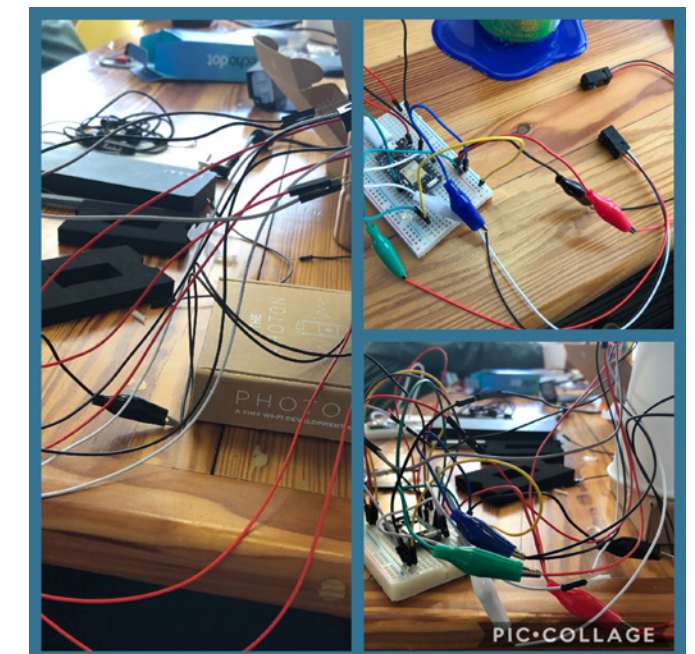
Comporium sponsored the hackathon and allowed the students to keep the IoT devices that they built, which included Echo dots, particle photons, sensors, motors, power supplies and LEDs.

Besmer said that "by giving participants IoT hardware, we hope they continue to be inspired to think of new ways technology can improve life for everyone."

Known as an expert on cybersecurity and for his creativity and scholarship, Besmer was selected as Winthrop's co-Outstanding Junior Professor for his work in such projects as the hackathon. He and other faculty members were happy to work with Comporium and the Incubator to offer this one-of-a kind experience.

"Students worked on cutting-edge hardware and software to build IoT devices similar to those being developed at research and development labs across the country," Besmer said.

Incubator officials look forward to future projects with Winthrop in the same vein. "Technology goes hand-in-hand with entrepreneurship and innovation," Warner said. "This is the future for us."



DID YOU KNOW?

CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING INITIATIVES

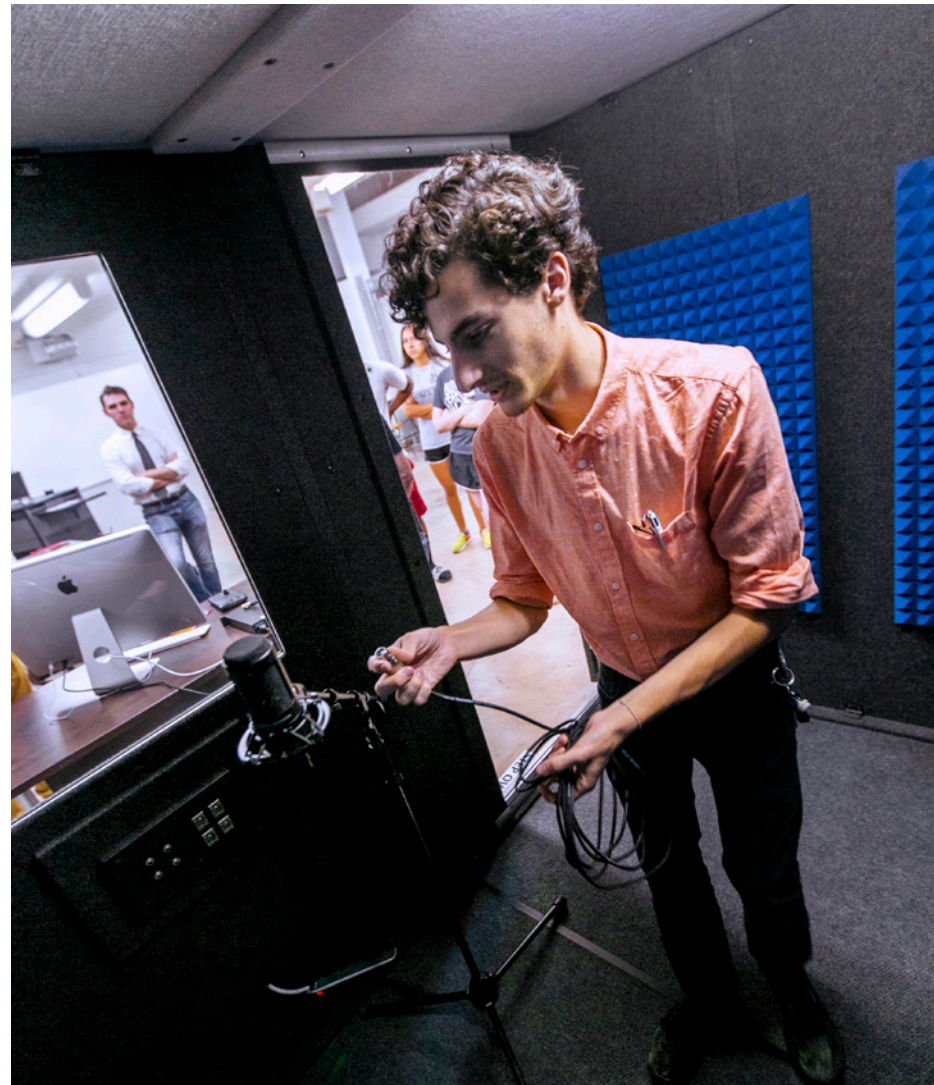
Exciting initiatives always are underway at Winthrop. Test your Winthrop knowledge to see how many of the following new and on-going initiatives and programs you may know about.

FOUR 100% ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST

Beginning in August, Winthrop will offer four 100% online graduate programs: Master of Business Administration, Master of Education in Special Education Intervention, Master of Social Work and Master of Art in Arts Administration. The online programs are a response to research showing that those seeking advanced degrees want more options and flexibility when it comes to online learning. **Learn more** about these new programs.

ON-CAMPUS GREENHOUSES PROVIDE FLOWERS AND PLANTS FOR EVENTS

For more than six decades, Winthrop has maintained several greenhouses, now located near the Winthrop Golf Course, that grow a variety of flowering plants and greenery. Nearly 800 poinsettias in various colors are grown for December Commencement; geraniums are used as parting gifts at November's Alumni Awards Luncheon and for decoration at the May Commencement ceremonies; ferns and other greenery are used throughout the year at events; and colorful hanging baskets filled with different flowering plants are placed on campus light poles each April. Kudos to the greenhouse employees for their efforts!



BIKE SHARE PROGRAM OFFERS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE

Winthrop is part of a new Bike Share program created to connect the downtown Rock Hill area. The project is funded by Comporium Communications and provides 25 bikes for people to use throughout the downtown area on a short-term basis. Winthrop has two hubs, for a total of 10 bikes, at the West Center and Richardson Hall. The program is designed to strengthen public wellness, increase traffic to downtown businesses and maximize a sense of community, all while reducing traffic and motor vehicle pollution. **Learn more** about this initiative.

CREATORSPACE SERVES AS A COLLABORATIVE HUB FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY

CreatorSpace, an arts technology lab in Rutledge Building, provides students and faculty with a central location to converge and create. The space offers a variety of different materials and equipment, including a state-of-the-art sound booth and lighting lab, as well as digital cameras, computer and software, keyboard, projector and a 3-D printer.

WINTHROP PARTNERS WITH SCOUTS ON SERVICE PROJECTS

Planting trees, creating a Shakespeare Garden and conducting a nighttime energy audit are just a few of the Winthrop projects that local Scouts have undertaken to receive their Eagle Award or Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. The Center for Civic Learning began the Scouts' projects initiative to provide a win-win partnership so that Winthrop can assist these students in completing their requirements while also benefiting from their hard work. **Learn more** about these projects.

Campus News

Two New Administrators Begin in July



Shelia Higgs Burkhalter



Adrienne McCormick

Winthrop recently hired two new administrators, both of whom will begin work in July.

Shelia Higgs Burkhalter, vice president for student affairs at the University of Baltimore, is the new vice president for student affairs at Winthrop. President Mahony noted that Burkhalter's success as a chief student affairs officer and the evidence of her commitment to communication, collaboration and fiscal stewardship made her the ideal candidate.

Adrienne McCormick has been named dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**. She previously served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of English at the State University of New York at Oswego.

Winthrop administrators noted that McCormick brings the broad range of academic and administrative experience required for the dean of Winthrop's largest and most academically diverse college.

May Commencement Celebrates Graduates, Faculty Award Winners

The campus' biggest celebration—graduation—took place May 3 and 5 as more than 900 students received their bachelor's or master's degrees. Commencement speaker Frank Ardaio, vice president for student life who will be retiring in June after 29 years at Winthrop, dispensed words of wisdom, while four faculty members were recognized for outstanding teaching, service and scholarship.

Check out the video to join in the celebration of our students and faculty members!



Economics Graduate Awarded Prestigious Research Grant

LaRaven Temoney, who graduated in May after only three years at Winthrop, was awarded a prestigious **National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program** grant and will pursue her Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Florida. The grant will provide Temoney with upwards of \$35,000 annually to pay for her graduate work.

She was one of only five students nationally selected in the public policy area and is the first from the **College of Business Administration** to be awarded this type of grant.

The economics major and **McNair Scholar** from Sumter worked with faculty mentor Laura Ullrich on research that focuses on the inadequacy and inequity of school funding across districts in South Carolina.



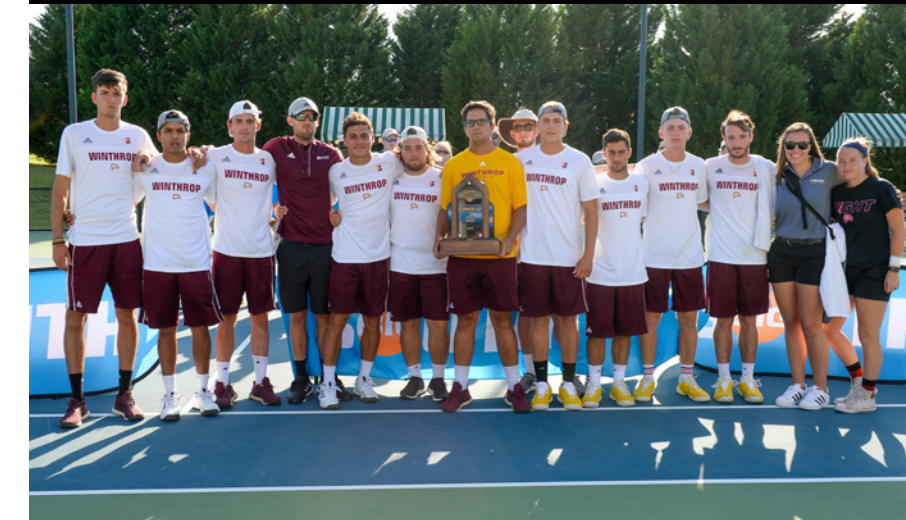
LaRaven Temoney

Driggers Appointed to Board of Trustees

The **Winthrop University Board of Trustees** welcomed Ed Driggers '92 to the board during its April quarterly meeting.

The South Carolina General Assembly appointed Driggers to the Congressional District 4 seat that was vacated by Shane Duncan '98.

Driggers, who will serve a four-year term, is the city administrator for Greer. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop and a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from the University of South Carolina.



Campus of Champions

- The men's tennis team took the Big South Conference regular-season title after an undefeated season in conference play. The team was a finalist in the conference championship.
- The women's golf team was first runner-up at the Big South Conference Championship. It was the team's best championship performance since 1999.
- The lacrosse team was first runner-up at the Big South Conference Championship. Nicole Beatson was named the Big South Offensive Player of the Year. She broke the Big South single-season goals and points records this season.
- Track and field standout Quemell Brave earned the Big South Conference's indoor and outdoor long jump titles, and finished 28th in the East Preliminary Championship. He is Winthrop's first male long jumper to qualify for a regional. Runner Olivia Paxton took the conference's 10K championship title, while Jalen Hodges claimed both the indoor and outdoor titles in the high jump.
- The Big South Conference inducted softball standout Janiva Willis '05, who tragically passed away in 2016, into its Hall of Fame. Willis became the 10th Winthrop student-athlete, and the second member of the softball program, inducted into the Big South Hall of Fame. The four-time All-Big South First Team selection is already a member of Winthrop's Hall of Fame, and she had the softball program's hitting facility named after her in March.

Photo credit: Nell Redmond

Advancement News

2017-18 Winthrop Scholarship Program

Student Scholarships Awarded
\$1,503,039



New Scholarships Awarded

49



Winthrop Fund Scholarships

\$291,000



Student Scholars

648



Active Named Scholarships

796



University & College Scholarships

Athletics
\$151,652

College of Arts & Sciences

\$151,930

College of Business Administration

\$99,566

College of Education

\$134,652

College of Visual & Performing Arts

\$88,027

University Wide
\$525,987

News of Note:

- The Cindy McDaniel Johnson Endowed Scholarship will provide an inaugural scholarship award



Cindy McDaniel Johnson

of \$2,000 this fall to a junior majoring in elementary education. Johnson '76, '78 was a loved and respected elementary school teacher for 30 years in Rock Hill. Knowing the value his late wife put on education, Johnson's husband, Ben '78, decided that her legacy would include a Winthrop endowed scholarship for aspiring teachers.

- Winthrop honored members of the D.B. Johnson Society in April at a special unveiling. The D.B. Johnson Society recognition wall, located in the DiGiorgio Campus Center lobby, contains the names of the society's current and eternal members. These supporters have made planned giving arrangements to benefit the university.

Thank you for your generous support of the Winthrop Scholarship Program and our students. For more information, please contact Evan Bohnen, vice president for university advancement, at 803/323-2275 or email bohnene@winthrop.edu.

Alumni News

Carvalho Earns Richardson Award



Cid Carvalho and Dan Mahony

Cid Carvalho '81, '89, who completed his 33rd year as Winthrop's tennis head coach, received the Mary Spann Richardson Award during the annual Faculty, Staff and Retirees Awards Ceremony.

The award, established by siblings Rowland Alston, Bill LeNoir and Vickie LeNoir Saunders '79 in memory of their mother, who was a member of the Class of 1943, is granted to a faculty or staff member who has provided Winthrop with positive visibility throughout South Carolina, the United States and the world.

Under Carvalho's guidance the women's tennis team won its 20th regular season and 20th conference championship and earned a trip to the NCAA Championship. Carvalho also was selected this season as Big South Conference Women's Tennis Coach of the Year, the 10th time he has been honored with that recognition.

Get Involved in Your Cities!

Regional alumni chapters and young alumni councils connect fellow alumni who live or work within defined geographic areas, and offer alumni a way to gather informally without special requirements or membership fees. Alumni chapters are led by chapter leaders who plan events that allow alumni to network and socialize. Young alumni councils focus on Graduates of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) and coordinate special activities for young alumni. For more information or to volunteer with your local chapter or young alumni council, please contact Lori Tuttle at 803/323-3049.



Regional Alumni Chapters:

- Atlanta Alumni Chapter
- Charlotte Alumni Chapter
- D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter
- Kershaw Alumni Chapter
- Triangle Alumni Chapter (Raleigh, North Carolina, area)
- Upstate South Carolina Alumni Chapter

Regional Young Alumni Councils:

- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Upstate South Carolina
- Washington, D.C.



Save the Date!

Save the date for 2018 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Nov. 16-17. Come back to campus for Homecoming on the Green, Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon, tailgate for the men's and women's basketball games, the NPHC Step Show and so much more. The weekend begins with Homecoming on the Green, Friday, Nov. 16, from 5-8 p.m. on the Campus Green (formerly Peabody Field). Music, kid's activities, food trucks, corn hole and photo opportunities are just a few activities in which you can participate. This family friendly event is open to all students, alumni, faculty and staff. View more details about Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Class Notes

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 alumni@winthrop.edu, visit www.winthrop.edu/alumni or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

1967

Barbara Kunz Loots of Kansas City, Missouri, recently published her second collection of poetry entitled "Windshift," which is dedicated to former Winthrop Professor John S. Eells Jr.

1971

Charleston resident Shelia Frasier Anderson published two books, "Is That You, Bo'? A Modern Look at an Ancient Love Story" and "Night Songs and Musings: A Collection of Inspirational Poems and Essays."

1973

Rock Hill resident Martha Manning published a book entitled "My Angel and Me."

1974

"Penpoint Poems and Prose" contains work by Harlain Sligh Ruff of Little Rock, Arkansas.

1976

Patricia Bostic of Matthews, North Carolina, published part one of her memoir, "Chinaberries and Beyond: A Teacher's Childhood Journey."

1983

Charleston resident Barbara Jaicks Atkins joined the Dunes Properties Real Estate Company.

1985

Marie (Angie) Barrett Spohn was chosen as Teacher of the Year at Willow Drive Elementary School in Sumter.

1988

Marcia Wiggers Lewis of Columbia earned a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.

The city of Anderson promoted Margot Bettendorf Martin to finance director.

1989

Mary Lou Shuler Pundt of York was honored as a semifinalist for the Jessie Williams Little Leading the Way Award.

1991

Kimberly Belk Sebastian is a pre-kindergarten music teacher at Westminster Catawba Christian School in Rock Hill.

Clover School Board named Sheila Bridges Quinn the

superintendent for Clover School District.

1992

Rock Hill resident Carol Weaver was honored as a semifinalist for the Jessie Williams Little Leading the Way Award.

1993

Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, has named Nikkole Davis its director of academic advising.

Phillip (Phil) Hamby of Lexington has been named director of legislative affairs for the Office of the Adjutant General, South Carolina Military Department.

The Mathematical Association of America has recognized Berry College Professor Ronald Taylor of Rome, Georgia, with its Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics Award.

1995

The Van Every/Smith Galleries at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, featured the exhibit "Surrounded by Wolves," created by Jennifer (Jen) Ray Forrest of Long Island City, New York.

West Columbia resident Mark Rapp was chosen as the jazz ambassador of Columbia and South Carolina.

1996

Lexington resident Traysie Amick was awarded the Carl R. Blair Commitment to the Arts and Education Award from the Metropolitan Arts Council in Greenville.

1997

Jonesville resident Mary Little Genoble announced her candidacy for Union County Council's District 1 seat.

2001

Tracey Hyatt of Chester was named Teacher of the Year for Lockhart Elementary School.

2002

Kaaren Wells Hampton of Columbia was named to The State's Top 20 Under 40 list.

2003

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident Lula Johnson was named Teacher of the Year for Crown Point Elementary School.

2004

Stone Mountain, Georgia, resident Lakeyta Bonnette-Bailey received the Nasir Jones Hip Hop Fellowship at the W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute at the Hutchins Center.

The Florida State University Foundation has hired Lauren Matthews Graves of Tallahassee, Florida, as the executive secretary for the Office of Advancement Relations.

New York, New York, resident Justin Pauley published "Unlocking Financial Data: A Practical Guide to Technology for Equity and Fixed Income Analysts" with O'Reilly Media.

Saint Johns, Florida, resident Tashia Small was made a partner



Fine Arts Alumnus Captures Highest Children's Book Prize

How will a girl and a wolf lost in a snowstorm find their way home? You'll find the answer in Matthew Cordell '97's "Wolf in the Snow," which captured the American Library Association's prestigious Caldecott Award in February. Since 1937, the award has recognized the year's most distinguished American picture book for children.

Cordell said that the book's underlying message of trust and communication is something everyone can learn from in today's world.

Last year, Cordell, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, visited Winthrop as part of his Winthrop Galleries' exhibition, "pen & ink."

"When I was a student, one of the things that always made an impression on me was to see working professionals succeeding in what I wanted to do," he said. "I'm thankful that Winthrop invited me back and that I could be that for someone else and show the trajectory of my career."

Cordell's other books include "Wish," "Dream," "hello! hello!" and "Another Brother."

at Conroy Simberg Law Firm in Jacksonville, Florida.

2005

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident Leslie Giles was cast in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" production at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

Walker Marketing, Inc. in Concord, North Carolina, hired Matthew (Matt) Lochel as the director of account services.

Columbia resident Ashlye

Rumph-Geddis Wilkerson was named to The State's Top 20 Under 40 list.

2006

Rock Hill resident Joel Hamilton announced his candidacy for York County Council District 7 seat.

Jermaine Whirl has been promoted to vice president for learning and workforce development at Greenville Technical College.

Class Notes

2007

John Kaneklides of New York, New York, landed the lead role in "The Tales of Hoffmann" being performed at Skylight's Cabot Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2008

Antjuan Seawright of Columbia received the 2018 TRIO Achievers Award at the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) conference. He also earned the 2018 Boy Scouts of America Indian Waters Council Whitney M. Young Service Award

2009

Cambridge, Massachusetts, resident Christopher Bennett has been elected to the 2018-19 Board of Directors for the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Pendleton resident Candace Porter Carroll joined Americans for Prosperity South Carolina as its grassroots director.

2010

Aileen Alon received the Go Getter Award from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Central resident Ashley Isreal spoke to students at the Winthrop College of Business Administration Student Professional Development Conference.

2011

Central Carolina Technical College selected Lisa Justice of Manning to serve as the director of the F.E. DuBose Career Center.

2012

Columbia resident Robert Harris was recognized as one of the finalists for S.C. Teacher of the Year.

2013

Duncan resident Samantha Smigel's article, "A Disciplinary Lens on Elementary Literacy and Learning," was published in the winter edition of Reading Matters: The Journal of the South Carolina Council of the International Reading Association.

2014

Orangeburg resident Keri Fersner was honored as one of Orangeburg County's Outstanding Educators of the Year.

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident Justin Hudson accepted an at-large board member position with the S.C. Burned Children's Fund, which is sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina.

2016

Dorchester District Two named Summerville resident Hannah Williams its Rookie Teacher of the Year.

2017

Sheri Perez-Segura is the program director for ANSWER, a nonprofit organization that awards college scholarships to mothers in several North Carolina counties.

Summerville native Camerun Washington is the first African-American man to enroll in Virginia Commonwealth University's genetic counseling program.

Milestones

BIRTHS

Justin Ross Pauley '04 and Emily Stevenson Pauley '07, a daughter, Lilyan Elizabeth Pauley, March 21, 2018

Anna (Sophie) Hodaly Gorrin '07, a son, Christopher Tawfiq Gorrin, Dec. 29, 2017

Andy William Reid '07 and Shanon Sitzmann Reid '09, a son, Jack Conrad Reid, Jan. 6, 2018

Tara Toepke Ballard '08, a daughter, Nora June Ballard, Jan. 28, 2018

Sarah Valerie Magee '08, a son, Benjamin Wilson Roach, Feb. 22, 2018

Ashley Wheeler Rogers '08 and John David Rogers '09, a son, Matthew Levi Rogers, March 15, 2018

Renee Amadi Cave '10, a son, Riley Joseph Patton, March 22, 2018

MARRIAGES

Julia Way Passos '07 to Phillip Kirkpatrick

Samantha Nicole Stech '13, '16 to Jared Scott Williams '13

IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Evelyn Farmer Bell '40
Sara Shine Symmes '40
Martha (Jean) Jenkins Boyd '42
Mary Frances MacDonald Crenshaw '42
Elizabeth Weedon Howell '43
Mary (Louise) Gantt Hydrick '43
Anita Mayes Lippitt '43
Jessie Stoney Mueller '43
Sarah Sanders Williams '43

Margaret Estridge Hughey '44
Betty Horton McIlwain '45
Emily Dixon Patterson '45
Edna Jordan Will '45
Joanne Thornton Baldwin '46
Anita Kiser Hamm '46
Jane Peterkin McNeil '46
Julia Simon Spadoni '46
Dorothy Smart Sturgis '46
Annie (Anne) Taylor Allison '47
Ina Lever Frame '47
Estelle DeHay Haselton '47
Olivette Garr Smith '47
Martha (Frances) Ayres Waddell '47
Frances (Lenore) Orr Branham '48
Miriam Ballentine Leaphart '48
Mary Jo Garris Strickland '48
Emily Wright Whitten '48
Anne (Annie) Looper Allen '49
Nellie Dorn Barton '49
Agnes (Caroline) Moss Emanuel '49
Addie Dunlap Jackson '49
Betty Franks Price '49

1950s

Gaenell (Nell) Cooke Quarles '50
Arla Stenseth Holroyd '51, '57
Alice Applewhite Boykin '52
Frances (Chris) Allen Grady '52
Rose Ann Simpson Brown '53
Sara Scott Kauffman '53
Barbara Galbraith Nunnery '53
Hilda Tennyson Cope '54
Lenora Cooner Cross '54
Patricia (Pat) Shackelford Snyder '54
Jane Atkinson Craig '55
Sallie (Kitty) Stanley Tanner Mescher '55
Gertrude (Fowler) Rogan Rogers '56
Patricia (Ann) Langston Addison '57
Olivia (Jane) Wilkerson Covington '59
Mary Blackwell McCuen '59

1960s

Imogene Bell Horne '61
Elizabeth Donaldson Williams '61
Barbara Scaggs Bynum '62
Carol Wilson Aull '64

Dorothy (Dot) Platt Hutchinson Kelly '64, '72, '86
Anne Ruth Nims '64, '79
Pamela (Pam) Maddex Hendrix '65
Rita Shaw Knight '65
Margaret Houston Burnette '67, '72
Luora Harper Franklin '67, '73
Brenda McDaniel Sullivan '68
Mary (Jean) Cowan Dynarski '69
Joan Catoe Sherrill '69, '84
Phyllis Hayes Thompson '69
Carol Johnson Webb '69

1970s

Kathy Chappell Howell '70
Patricia (Tricia) Ann Rabun '70
Sarah Wilson Rigby '70
Carolyn Neel Tutwiler '70
Mary (Cathy) Walker Dinkins '71
Dean Baltzigar Anderson '75, '76
Sophia DuBose Babridge '76
John Lawrence Bartle '79

1980s

Catherine (Kitte) Lee Cloninger '80
James Arledge Nichols Jr. '82
Margaret (Evie) Moss Smith '82
Sarah Clesson Siner '85
Diane Mathews Hutchinson '86
April Riley Bolejack '87
Frank Leon Brigman IV '87

1990s

Dorsey Alston Leese '99

2000s

Marion Steadman Pilcher '00
Andrew (Andy) Lee Sayrs '06

2010s

Ray Edward Marshall '10, '13
Muhiyidin El-Amin ibn Moye '11
Michael Thomas Stoddard '14

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