

# WINTHROP MAGAZINE

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

As this *Winthrop Magazine* edition goes to press, I have just wrapped up my third State of the University Address to the campus community with updates on the Winthrop Plan, the university's strategic blueprint through 2025. In keeping with my promise to make our results and the process transparent, I encourage you to view my presentation by visiting [www.winthrop.edu/president](http://www.winthrop.edu/president).

One Winthrop Plan objective is to increase the use of technology in order to provide more programs and enhance access through alternative delivery methods while maintaining the quality of the Winthrop Experience. We are pleased to have made significant progress on this by introducing four 100 percent online graduate degree programs, which officially launched this fall with their first cohorts of students. We understand and recognize that today's students need flexibility as they juggle the many demands of work and family. Please read more about the programs on pages 2-3 of this *Winthrop Magazine* edition.

In the 2017 State of the University Address, I announced the largest estate gift — totaling \$3 million — in Winthrop history, made possible by the late Elizabeth Hope Reed '41, '51. Her generous gift established a service-focused student scholarship program that bears her name. The first class of Reed Fellows was recently selected, and I encourage you to read more about the program and its recipients on page 10 of the magazine.

Other compelling stories we have included here:

- The Eagle STEM program and its commitment to preparing underrepresented minority and first-generation students for biomedical science Ph.D. and healthcare professional programs;
- The fascinating ideal respiratory rate research of Assistant Professor Tyrone Ceaser '07 and his students; and
- The brutal but fulfilling schedule of Christopher Bennett '09, a third-year resident at Harvard Medical.

As you can see, there are so many exciting initiatives happening at this university, and our alumni are reaping the benefits.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support as we continue Winthrop's tradition of excellence. I hope to see you at our upcoming Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

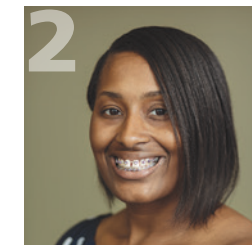
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*About the Cover*

Juliana Quay, a junior chemistry major and Eagle STEM Scholar, has fallen more in love with chemistry because of her time in the research lab. Read more about the Eagle STEM Scholars program and its emphasis on research on pages 4-5.

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# MAKING EDUCATION FLEXIBLE, ACCESSIBLE

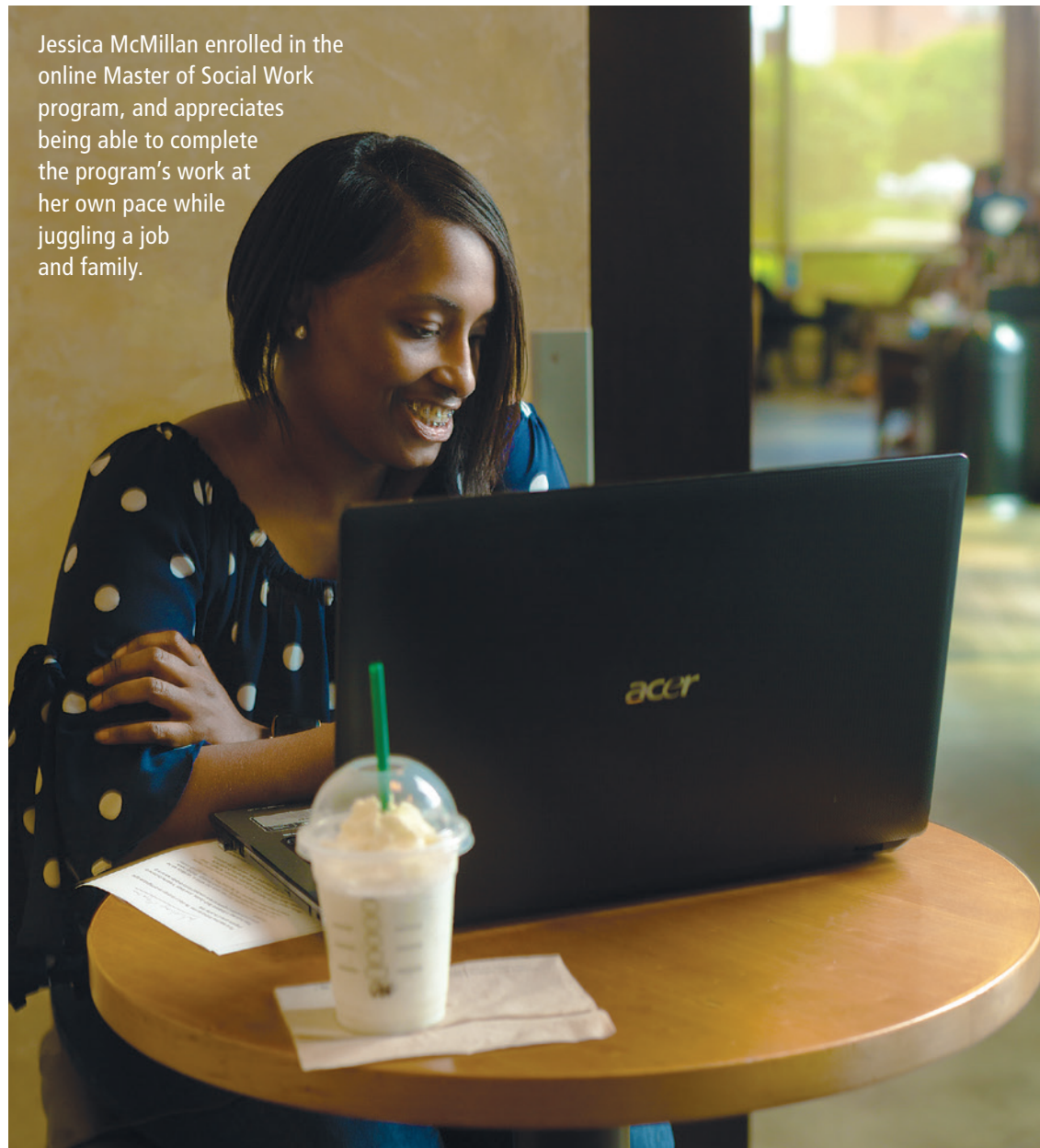
## ONLINE GRADUATE DEGREES HELP WORKING PROFESSIONALS FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

For at least three Winthrop alumnae, the rollout of Winthrop's new online graduate degree programs came at the perfect time.

Three hours away in Walterboro, Jennie Meetze '14 searched the Internet for art administration programs but never considered Winthrop because it was too far to commute.

"I got the email about the program, and it was exactly what I want to do," said Meetze, who has a bachelor's degree in integrated marketing communication and a minor in psychology. "Winthrop is where I spread my wings as an undergrad and it felt like coming home, so I chose to go with Winthrop."

This fall, Winthrop began offering four online graduate degrees: Master of Business Administration, Master of Education in Special Education Intervention, Master of Social Work and Master of Art in Arts Administration. More degrees may be added in the future as the university, working with Wiley and Sons Educational Series, seeks to offer more options and flexibility to online learning.



Jessica McMillan enrolled in the online Master of Social Work program, and appreciates being able to complete the program's work at her own pace while juggling a job and family.

**4**

NUMBER OF NEW ONLINE GRADUATE DEGREES

**30-39**

NUMBER OF COURSE HOURS TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOUR DEGREES

**40**

NUMBER OF TOTAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFERED

**1912**

YEAR FIRST WINTHROP MASTER'S DEGREE AWARDED

Jack DeRochi, dean of Winthrop's Graduate School and associate vice president for academic outreach, said the university has been pleased with the reaction to the Winthrop brand and to see it translate to the online market. It is an enrollment area that is expected to grow quickly.

"The success of this project stems from a collaboration with our faculty and staff, and with Wiley," he said, adding that another benefit is that in building the online programs, the university has improved its services to all students.

Meanwhile in Darlington, Jessica McMillan '16 wanted to specialize in social work. A case manager with the S.C. Department of Social Services and mother of two young children, McMillan saw the need to beef up her skill set. She already has a degree in psychology and a minor in business administration.

"I know Winthrop is a school with a good reputation, and other schools' programs were not as good a fit," McMillan said. "I love the ability to be self-paced with this degree."

Once she finishes the three-year social work program, she hopes to become a licensed social worker.

### JUGGLING SCHOOL AND WORK BALANCE

Meetze works a full-time job at the Colleton Museum & Farmers Market. She expects to balance her school work, which is 100 percent online, with her programming coordinator duties.

"Online programs are great," Meetze said. "I have two dogs, a partner and lots of hobbies. If I had to go to night school I would not have time for anything or anyone. This online degree gives me the flexibility I need to get things done."



Jennie Meetze

Within two years, Meetze will finish her degree after taking two, seven-week courses a semester during the 36-hour program.

With the new degree, Meetze hopes to gain a new set of administration skills as well as build onto what she already knows coming from a museum background. "I most want to know how to engage demographics that do not frequent our facilities," she said. "We have so much to offer to everyone, and with this program I

am hoping to engage new people."

The master's degree also will help Meetze advance to achieve her goal as a park manager for the National Park Service.

### BECOMING A ROLE MODEL

Online degrees are particularly helpful for those who travel. Michelle Mendez '16 enrolled in the online M.B.A. program because of her hectic work schedule. As a continuous improvement manager for a manufacturer that provides product for the utility and automotive industries, she travels frequently to conduct continuous improvement classes and attend workshops. A Rock Hill and Columbia resident, she commutes to her job in Newberry.

The online degree will help her become the first person in her family to receive an M.B.A., and she'll show her children the importance of higher education. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Winthrop with an emphasis in management.

"I will also be able to better understand the business from a financial perspective and be able to increase my knowledge on how to help develop and mentor future leaders in our organization," Mendez said. "I like the fact that I can study and do the work when it is convenient for me."

For more information on Winthrop's four online graduate programs, please visit

<https://online.winthrop.edu/online-programs>.





# SCIENCE SCHOLARS SOAR

## EAGLE STEM PROGRAM INSPIRES STUDENTS FOR GREATNESS

Being a science major is hard.

Junior chemistry major Juliana Quay didn't shy away from stating the obvious. The Lancaster native knows her path to graduation would be much harder without the assistance of the Eagle STEM Scholars program.

Established in fall 2011 with funds from an IDEa Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence grant and Winthrop match funds, the program is geared specifically toward biology, chemistry, math, computer and environmental science, and other STEM majors. It offers up to 20 incoming freshmen from underrepresented minority, financial need, and first-generation college students the opportunity to receive financial support, mentoring, resources for academic success and an unmatched level of access to scientific research. The program's goal is to prepare the students to go into biomedical science Ph.D. and healthcare professional programs.

According to Quay, the program gave her a chance to conduct research in a place she had never experienced — a chemistry lab. "I had never been in a 'real' chemistry lab, and I was getting to interact with older students and learn about

**2011**

YEAR EAGLE STEM PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED

**141**

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM

**6**

NUMBER OF WEEKS IN THE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

**5**

NUMBER OF COHORTS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM

their research. I was able to shadow Dr. [Jason] Hurlbert's biochemistry lab, and I even got to attend a national conference my freshman year. Time in the lab has been my favorite part. The more time I spend there, the more I fall in love with chemistry," said Quay, who wants to earn a Ph.D. in neuroscience.

It's testimonials like Quay's that indicate the value of the program. Rachel Law, director of the Eagle STEM Scholars program, knows the 141 students who have participated in the program, and she's proud of their accomplishments. "Our main priority is giving these students the support they need to graduate in four years prepared to enter graduate programs and the workforce. We help them acclimate to college through the Summer Bridge program, during the summer between high school and college. We facilitate their meeting with professors for research experiences, get them involved in community and campus service, and encourage them to be a support system for one another," said Law. "This program wouldn't be possible without the support of our STEM faculty, and the vision of Drs. Pat Owens and Takita Sumter, whose support was instrumental in establishing the program."

### DISCOVERING A PASSION FOR RESEARCH

Douglas Johnson '18 of Greenville felt the perks of the program were critical to his success as a biology major. "The staff helped us continually throughout the school year with all of our needs, including scheduling classes, learning proper study habits, planning extracurricular activities, helping us network and so much more," said Johnson, who is currently in the biology accelerated master's program at Winthrop while he applies to medical school.

Johnson, too, found his passion in the research lab as he analyzed bacteria along South Carolina beaches as well as meiofauna in marine ecosystems. "Not only were these important projects helpful in strengthening my student profile for graduate school,

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING:

*"The Eagle STEM Scholars program played a pivotal role influencing my career path by exposing me to various opportunities to involve myself in research and the Winthrop community. As a freshman, Eagle STEM connected me with upperclassmen and faculty, and this catalyzed my early participation in biochemistry research. The program is an invaluable resource that has in turn prompted my passion for science education outreach and mentorship. I am immensely grateful."*

**JESSLYN PARK '18**

Currently working on a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of California San Francisco

*"The program is a continuation of Winthrop's rich history by providing increased opportunities in science and math for students from low-income families, for those from underrepresented groups and for women in fields where they are traditionally underrepresented. Four cohorts have now graduated, and an impressive 58 percent have already started graduate studies—most in doctoral degree programs. The tireless efforts of Rachel Law, Cliff Harris and the entire Eagle STEM Scholars program staff have been truly exemplary and the underlying reason for the program's tremendous success."*

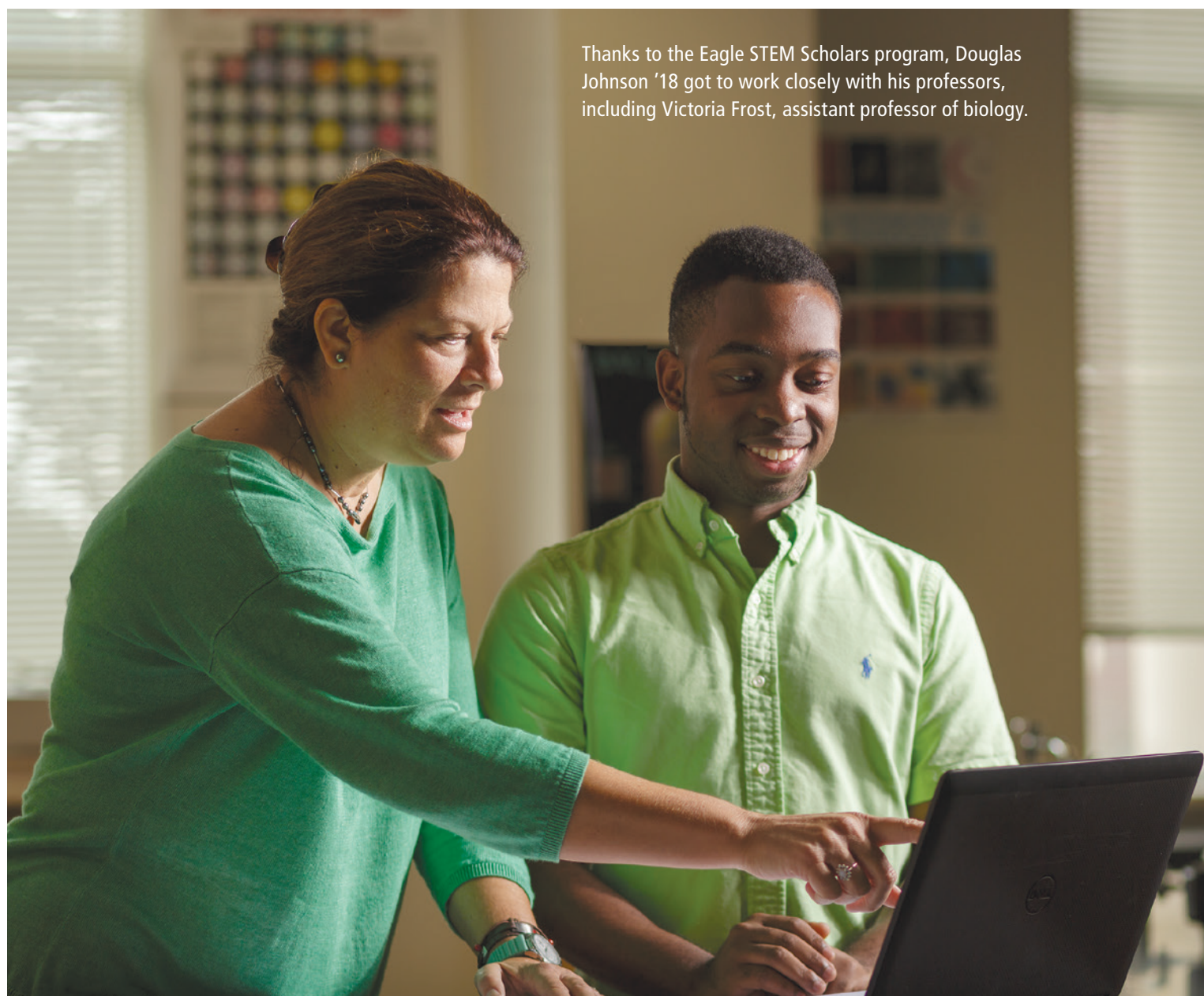
**PAT OWENS**

Chair, Department of Chemistry, Physics, and Geology

but it also helped establish my passion for research, which I plan to continue, and it gave me an opportunity to know my professors, and peers, on a different level."

Johnson's favorite aspect of the program was the guidance and compassion he received. "It really feels like a big support group attempting to help everyone on their journeys. Everyone was dedicated to my success and to helping me achieve my goals. Winthrop has really found a way to stand out through this program."

For more information on the program, please visit [www.winthrop.edu/eaglestem](http://www.winthrop.edu/eaglestem).



Thanks to the Eagle STEM Scholars program, Douglas Johnson '18 got to work closely with his professors, including Victoria Frost, assistant professor of biology.



# IMAGINING A FUN FITNESS FUTURE

## CEASER AND STUDENTS PIONEER NEW RESEARCH

Imagine wearing a fitness device that would automatically warn you of any medical issues and offer solutions.

That's what Assistant Professor Tyrone Ceaser '07 would like to see one day.

"This is going to sound very 2070-ish," he said. "But I want people to be able to come into a wellness institute and have a device that syncs every metabolic parameter that they have...so they can be wholly in charge of their wellness 24/7. They could see when a heart attack is coming, see when you might have your next ankle sprain based on the elasticity in your tendons."



Thanks to Ceaser's recent research on Zansors' Respa device, that kind of future may come much sooner than 2070.

Ceaser and his students spent this year working on a Respa pilot version.

"The device gauges your breathing and connects that with equations and data we've collected," he explained. "It fine-tunes breathing during your exercise."

Respa provides real-time alerts to help users stay in their optimal breathing zones and post-workout analyses. Developers hope the device could help people, particularly athletes, avoid overtraining and prevent muscle damage/injury.

"We called the students 'pioneers' during the research process," Ceaser said. "They were excited to be a part

## FUN FACTS

**Ceaser's wife, Tammara, an interventionist in Clover Schools, currently attends Winthrop.**

**They have a 3-year-old son, Atlas. Ceaser hosts a podcast, "Better Call Tyrone."**

of something becoming more prevalent in our field: developing wearable devices."

Respa marks an interesting turn in Ceaser's career path: growing up in Compton, California, he wanted to be in the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The James Bond, license to kill thing," he joked.

He moved to Marion so his mom could care for his ailing grandmother.

"My childhood was complicated because I grew up in foster care — myself, along with my brothers, so we were shuffled around the system," he said.

He lost both his biological and foster mothers around the same time to cardio-related illnesses, which altered his career path.

"They were both great women," he said. "I was blessed with having two moms. The top five diseases in the United States are these cardiometabolic conditions, but when you narrow it down to people who look like me...a lot of the conditions we suffer from are preventable or modifiable. It's definitely personal. I wanted to understand how to make people well."

Ceaser attended Winthrop, where he ran track and studied athletic training. He credits much of his success to the Learning Excellent Academic Practices (LEAP) program and mentors like professors Alice McLaine, Charlie Bowers, Adolphus Belk Jr. and Janet Wojcik.



Ceaser and his students put the Respa device through numerous tests during their research.

After graduation, Ceaser earned a master's degree in clinical physiology from UNC-Charlotte and a Ph.D. in kinesiology from the University of Tennessee. He completed post-doctoral research with the Gramercy Research Group and taught at Wingate University.

Then, Bowers gave him a call.

"He says, 'Tyrone, you should be back at your alma mater,'" Ceaser said. "I said, 'I don't disagree with that.' Now I'm taking my mentor's place and trying to fill his shoes...wow."

"It's a holistic experience," he continued. "I've been where the student is, literally. It challenges me to be as good of an advisor and mentor and have those life-altering conversations."



# WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

## CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WANTS TO EXAMINE DIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE

For Christopher Bennett '09, the world of medicine goes beyond the emergency department.

He currently serves on the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Board of Directors and is a clinical fellow and physician at Harvard Medical School. He has transitioned from studying vascular biology to genetics to studying medical education policy and healthcare workplace diversity. It has become a passion with his research appearing in a number of medical journals.

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want to see a more diverse physician workforce," Bennett explained.

Now in his third year of residency at Harvard, Bennett, who was a first-generation college student, sees medicine changing as more doctors use social media as a vessel to become more vocal about healthcare issues. His experiences as an emergency medicine resident physician at Boston-area hospitals allow him to work on the frontlines and make human connections to patients and families.

"Some of my most meaningful interactions have just simply been sitting and talking to people from all walks of life ... in a time of sickness," he said.

Late nights are frequent, but Bennett is intentional about distinguishing work from his personal life. He has become a Boston foodie, exploring the diverse food scene and frequenting corner dives. He bikes to school, work and home throughout the suburbs of Cambridge. Self-care also looks like indulging in a chocolate chip cookie after a busy graveyard shift or spending time with his four-legged pal, Henry, who regardless of what time Bennett gets home — whether it's 3 p.m. or 3 a.m. — is always eager to go for a walk.

Even on non-work days, the former scientist and Johns Hopkins fellow, still has his duties as a SAEM board member. Although serving on the board is a significant time commitment, he enjoys being an advocate for his peers; it "invigorates" him and gives him "a sense of purpose."

Discovering that purpose stemmed from his undergraduate research at Winthrop with Dwight Dimaculangan. As a National Institutes of Health fellow, Bennett began studying molecular biology as a biology major and chemistry minor.

"[Faculty members] Dwight Dimaculangan and Kristi Westover were huge in my development as a scientist. Laura Glasscock and Bill Rogers were educators who encouraged me to do better and be better," he said. Bethany Marlowe, dean of students, witnessed Bennett, who was selected as the 2013 Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner, grow into a leader on campus.

"He has always been an amazing person and a person that demanded the best for himself. He pushed himself but he was also very generous in his relations with students and his time," Marlowe said.

Bennett recalled one of his first experiences on campus: Convocation. He still remembers the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ playing in Byrnes Auditorium and later walking out on the front lawn to meet and greet with faculty adorned in robes — and smiles.

"I had never seen anything like it in my life. It remains one of my fondest memories," he said.

Bennett shares more about his experiences as a scientist, physician and writer on his personal website at [www.cleebennett.com](http://www.cleebennett.com) and on [Twitter @cleebennett](https://twitter.com/cleebennett).



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# WORDS ON WINTHROP

SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Lindsey Burrell shared a video.  
August 13 · 🌐  
I love my school so much ❤️ can't wait to be back in my fav place tomorrow!!!!

La'Kimya Watson shared a post.  
September 17 at 8:04 PM · 🌐  
I love my Alma Mater!! ❤️ #WU ❤️



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#Winthrop  
junbugg\_jr95 I need those gloves  
nicholaswellons OKAY BIG STUFF 🦋  
ckinder\_24 That shoe game though  
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mcovil\_73 Big Stuff has more swag than any of us will ever have  
fairynox Does the cheer team have an insta?

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Be prepared to go #ToWinthropandBeyond next week when #Winthrop's Orientation sessions begin. See you soon, Class of 2022!  
toni\_leigh You better werk @ximenaperezvelazco  
ximenaperezvelazco @toni\_leigh I peaked in college. (But really, best experience of my life.)  
mar.jc Can't wait :)



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# PAYING IT FORWARD

INAUGURAL REED FELLOWS TO VOLUNTEER IN COMMUNITY



Elizabeth Hope Reed

The first scholars of the Elizabeth Hope Reed Fellows Program will combine studying for graduate-level courses while paying it forward to the community this academic year. The 16 fellows will volunteer eight hours weekly in one or more approved service areas.

The service-specific scholarship program was established last

year by late alumna and longtime educator Elizabeth Reed '41, '51, who was an advocate of learning through community service. Reed's charitable gift totaling \$3 million — the largest estate gift in Winthrop's history — provides scholarship funds to support both academic and experiential learning.

President Dan Mahony announced the gift at the 2017 State of the University Address because boosting student engagement locally and globally — one of the goals of

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the fellows program — is one of the hallmarks of the Winthrop Plan, the university's strategic plan through 2025.

Mahony said the Reed Fellows Program supports learning outside of the classroom and promotes immersing students into community-rich activities.

“Our vision is to inspire students to engage with neighborhoods nestled right here around this campus as well as global communities that expand their worldview,” Mahony said.

For instance, Virginia Lee Hildreth, who is obtaining a Master of Arts in Teaching for secondary English, plans to volunteer at a local Boys & Girls Club or literary association. Rachel Labrador hopes to give back to local schools, afterschool programs and tutoring agencies as she pursues a master's degree in school psychology. Jazmine Diamond,

who is part of the Master of Social Work program, wants to work with local agencies to bring awareness to mental health disparities among children.

“It is important to reach out to the community because the community of Rock Hill is what makes Winthrop. It's how we impact the community, how the community [views] us, and how we create networks for the campus that can eventually lead to our success,” said Diamond, who is a case manager for Health and Counseling Services on campus.

Mahony said creating and maintaining national caliber programs, like the Reed Fellows, further cultivates a vibrant, innovative campus.

“The university has long held a commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and building strong relationships among students, faculty and the community,” he said. “We are excited to work with our first class of Reed Fellows and continue that commitment. We are extremely appreciative of Mrs. Reed's generosity that made this program possible.”

The Reed Fellows are:

**Master of Education in Counseling & Development**

Ashlyn Bordelon, Demetria Perkins

**Master of Arts in Arts Administration**

Nicole Davenport, Elizabeth Watkins

**Master of Arts in Teaching**

Andrew Haudricourt, Virginia Hildreth, Margaret Walters

**Master of Social Work**

Jazmine Diamond, Kailey Ellis

**Master of Social Work (Online)**

Jade Tuttle

**Master of Science in Human Nutrition**

Katie Longaker, Meghan Molinari, Kate Parker

**Master of Science in School Psychology**

Rachel Grider, Rachel Labrador, Alyson Walters

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# Campus News

## U.S. News, Princeton Review and Money Magazine Recognize Winthrop



Winthrop continues its streak in the top 10 of the South's public regional universities that convey bachelor's and master's degrees in the 2018 U.S. News & World Report's edition of "America's Best Colleges." Ranking eighth among Southern public universities, Winthrop remained in the top 25 of public and private institutions in the region. U.S. News also included Winthrop in its "Best Colleges for Veterans" rankings.

The university also was recognized again by Princeton Review's "2019 Best Colleges: Region By Region" online edition which included Winthrop in its annual list of top regional universities, where Winthrop was praised for its diverse student body and beautiful campus.

In addition, the university was named to Money Magazine's "Best Colleges for Your Money 2018," an endorsement that reinforces Winthrop's goal of keeping the cost of college within reach for families.

## Board of Trustees Elects New Chair, Vice Chair; Welcomes Two New Members



Glenn McCall



Kathy Bigham



Robby Sisco



Reggie Venning

During a June meeting, Board of Trustees' members unanimously elected Glenn McCall and Kathy Bigham to serve as chair and vice chair, respectively.

McCall, a retired senior vice president of Bank of America, was first appointed to the Winthrop board in 2011 as the Education Superintendent designee. He was then legislatively elected to an at-large seat in 2014.

Bigham, who is retired as president of Thursdays Too restaurant in Rock Hill, is a 1973 Winthrop graduate. She has served on the board since 2003 in various capacities, including as chair, vice chair, committee chair and head of the

search committee when President Dan Mahony was selected.

In other board news, trustees welcomed two new members in July.

The South Carolina General Assembly appointed Robby Sisco '80, who was the senior vice president of human resources for the Cabot Corporation, to the Congressional District 7 seat that was filled by Karl Folkens '76, who did not seek reelection. In addition, Winthrop alumni voted for Isaiah "Reggie" Venning '95, '00, a self-employed stock trader, to fill one of the alumni representative seats on the board. Both will serve a six-year term.

## Debra Boyd to Step Down as Provost, Return to Classroom



Debra Boyd announced in August that she will step away as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, effective June 30, 2019. She has led academics at Winthrop since 2011.

Boyd, who first came to Winthrop in 1984 and has served in a wide range of administrative roles since 1987, will take a year-long sabbatical after which she will return as a professor in the English department.

While serving as provost, Boyd also led Winthrop for a year as its acting president from 2014 to 2015.

"During her service to Winthrop as provost, Debra Boyd has played a critical role in continuing to move Winthrop University forward in many ways, while always remaining focused on our students and developing them into engaged citizens and leaders in their professions," said President Dan Mahony. "Her wisdom and strong leadership have been incredibly valuable to me and all of those who have had the privilege to work with her."

A national search will be conducted for the next provost led by a committee including faculty, staff and student representatives.

## Campus of Champions

- Winthrop placed 65.40 percent of its 263 student-athletes on the Big South Conference's Presidential Honor Roll for the 2017-18 school year. To be named to the Presidential Honor Roll, student-athletes had to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better. In addition, 19 student-athletes earned the Commissioner's Award for having a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



- Lacrosse standout Katherine Judge '18, along with UNC Asheville's Kayli Nichols, was named the Big South Conference's Woman of the Year for 2017-18. Judge was a four-time All-Conference honoree – one of just six players in league history with this distinction. She helped the Eagles win two Big South titles.



- Tennis star Lauren Proctor was voted the Big South Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year for the 2017-18 season. Proctor is the first tennis player to win the conference's Female Student-Athlete of the Year award, as well as the second consecutive Winthrop student-athlete to receive the honor.
- The Big South Conference inducted the late softball player Janiva Willis '05 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.





# Campus News

## Manwarren Takes Top Honor from State Music Association

Matthew Manwarren, pianist and professor of music, was named the 2018 Teacher of the Year by the S.C. Music Teachers' Association (SCMTA). The SCMTA Teacher of the Year Award is presented annually to a member of SCMTA in recognition of sustained excellence and achievement in teaching, professional development, and service to colleagues and to the organization and profession. Award recipients also promote music education throughout the state.

Manwarren is in his 13th year as professor of music at Winthrop. He also serves as visiting artist professor of piano at the University of South Carolina.



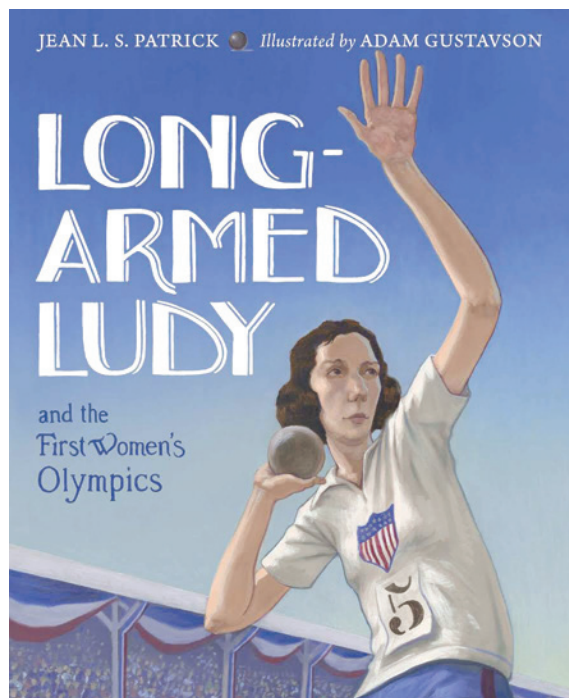
## Author Publishes Book on Olympian Ludy Godbold '22

Author Jean L.S. Patrick knew she had to tell the story of Lucile "Ludy" Godbold '22 when she came across Godbold's picture while researching the 1922 Women's Olympics.

Patrick's book, "Long-Armed Ludy and the First Women's Olympics," tells the story of Godbold, a Winthrop physical education graduate who made history when she won a total of six medals at the Women's Olympics in Paris. Godbold didn't have the money to travel to the Olympics, but her fellow students and teachers pulled funds together to send her.

The book touches on this generous act and features Godbold's strong connection to Winthrop.

Since its publication, "Long-Armed Ludy" was chosen as a Junior Library Guild selection. Patrick attended the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., and is frequently invited into schools to talk about Godbold's story.



## Vitner Details Economic Trends and Predictions

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Winthrop's College of Business Administration hosted the annual Economic Forecast Breakfast featuring Senior Economist Mark Vitner. Vitner, managing director for Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, provided his yearly analysis and predictions on global, national, regional and local trends impacting the economy.

Winthrop's Laura Ullrich, professor of economics and associate dean for undergraduate programs, also offered insight on York County's growth.



Pictured from left: P.N. Saksena, dean of the College of Business Administration; Lain Reavis, market president, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Ullrich; Vitner; and Dan Mahony, president of Winthrop.

## Once-in-a-Lifetime Trip Lets Students Study Subarctic Canada

An all-female team of students traveled in August to Canada to view two disappearing species: the polar bear and the beluga whale.

Associate Professor Scott Werts led the group to what is known as the polar bear and beluga whale capital of the world as part of his Subarctic Landscape class. They met in the spring for lectures, then traveled to Churchill, Canada, at the height of the whale migration season.

During their stay, the students studied three distinctive subarctic environments, walked on some of the oldest rocks on the planet, explored previously glaciated terrain, dipped their feet into the Hudson Bay, watched the Northern Lights at night, spent a morning kayaking with beluga whales and observed polar bears from a distance.

The group also compared the amount of carbon taken up in trees per year locally in the Southeast versus what happens in the subarctic.



## Welcome, Class of 2022!

The freshman class gathered on the Coliseum lawn following the Aug. 20 Rock the Hill event to be part of the "WU" class photo. Fun fact: the class' collective grade point average is 3.96!





# Advancement News

## Winthrop Endowed Fund Critical to Student Success

Hurray for scholarships! A total of more than \$1.5 million in scholarships provided crucial funding for Winthrop students in the 2017-18 academic year.

Winthrop's endowment enriches the entire campus community and enables remarkable students to pursue their dreams. By contributing to the endowment, you strengthen the permanent capital of Winthrop. Your gift establishes an enduring legacy that will benefit students and faculty in perpetuity.

Winthrop's top endowment priorities include: increasing student scholarships, both need- and talent-based scholarships and endowed funds to support faculty and research experiences. Winthrop's doors are open to students from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, including first-generation college students.

Check out the story below of how giving in the 2017-18 academic year has influenced, empowered and enabled the student experience at Winthrop:



**Alexandra Hettig**

Alexandra Hettig, a junior mathematics major from Rock Hill, gives credit to her teachers for caring about her and encouraging her. And it's just this gift she wants to give to her own students when she becomes a middle school math teacher. As a first-generation student, though, college was not something Hettig found within her reach. She toured Winthrop when she was a high school student, seeing that it would be the best place to pursue her dreams of becoming a teacher, but she still had no way to make it happen. A scholarship offer changed that, and her goals finally felt like they might be within her reach. In her time at Winthrop, Hettig has been a star in the classroom, and during summer 2018, she participated in the Winthrop Initiative for STEM Education (WISE) program for aspiring teachers. With each step, she credits scholarship donors, noting that, "I wouldn't be able to achieve my dreams of becoming a teacher otherwise."

## Join the Winthrop Leadership Society

The Winthrop Leadership Society recognizes donors who make annual gifts to Winthrop in one, or multiple, areas for a five-year period. Since its inception, approximately 32 donors have made pledges at one of the following membership levels:

**Founders**  
**\$25,000+**

**Garnet & Gold**  
**\$10,000-\$24,999**

**Trustee**  
**\$5,000-\$9,999**

**President**  
**\$2,400-\$4,999**

**Blue Line**  
**\$1,000-\$2,399**

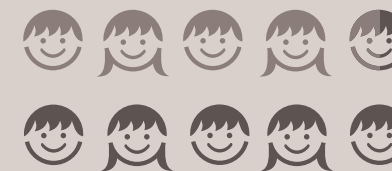
Vice President for University Advancement Evan Bohnen welcomes your call, email or letter of interest in joining the Winthrop Leadership Society today! Contact him at [bohne@winthrop.edu](mailto:bohne@winthrop.edu), 803/323-2275 or visit [www.winthrop.edu/give](http://www.winthrop.edu/give).

## Close Scholars Commemorate 20 Years of Service

The Close Scholars Program, established in 1998 by the Springs Close Foundation, is commemorating its 20th anniversary of giving to Winthrop and the surrounding community. One of the program's hallmarks is to prepare students that are "achievement-oriented, culturally diverse and socially responsible" through civic engagement and responsibility. Winthrop Close Scholars are provided financial assistance, participate in service and enrichment activities, and must meet volunteer and GPA requirements. The Close Scholars have greatly enriched Winthrop and the surrounding communities throughout the last two decades.



## Did You Know?



45% of students are eligible for the Pell Grant



70% of students are receiving scholarships

## Gifts of Note:

The family of the late Jo Ann Knox '48 recently earmarked additional funding for the J.A. Knox Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2000 by Knox, a former teacher and artist, in memory of her father, John Alexander Knox. The fund has provided renewable scholarships to students at Winthrop and will continue to help the university recruit and retain high-achieving undergraduate students.



A newly established scholarship will provide assistance to selected students who are nearing graduation but may not have the financial means to complete their degrees. The Commencement Bridge Scholarship, established by the Winthrop Women's Coalition, will provide support to undergraduate students who are in or entering their last year at Winthrop and who would be unable to finish their Winthrop degrees without financial assistance. The coalition established the scholarship and received additional support from a \$1,300 contribution from the Winthrop Retirees' Association.



To make a gift that would benefit student scholarships, please call the Division of University Advancement at 803/323-2275 or visit [www.winthrop.edu/give](http://www.winthrop.edu/give).



# Alumni News



## Winthrop College Swag Makes Comeback

Alumni, you asked and Winthrop listened! Proud graduates of Winthrop College, Winthrop's official name before attaining university status in 1992, have long expressed their wish for apparel bearing the Winthrop College name. Winthrop is pleased to offer a limited edition Winthrop College vintage collection that will be available for purchase this November in conjunction with Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. The throwback gear will be available for purchase at the Winthrop Bookstore for only a limited time as a way to pay homage to Winthrop's past. Be on the lookout in the weeks leading up to Homecoming for information on when the sale will begin and show your pride in Winthrop College style!

## New Legacy Program Launches



This summer, the Winthrop Alumni Association launched a Legacy program which recognizes Winthrop alumni and their family members who attended Winthrop. A Legacy student is a child, grandchild or sibling of a Winthrop graduate who is seeking an undergraduate degree at Winthrop. As a family member of a Winthrop graduate, these students are continuing the Winthrop legacy.

In this year's freshman class, there are 145 legacy students!

The Alumni Association will offer special events for Legacy students and families. Visit [www.winthrop.edu/alumni](http://www.winthrop.edu/alumni) to learn more.

Thank you for continuing the Winthrop legacy in your family!

## Christmas Tree Lighting Set for Friday, Nov. 30



Usher in the holiday spirit at Winthrop! The 83rd annual Christmas Tree Lighting — a popular campus tradition — will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. at the historic magnolia tree on the Winthrop front lawn. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided, and the Winthrop RockHettes dance troupe will perform. This event is part of ChristmasVille, a four-day festival with art, food, music, events and local crafts. The tree lighting is free and open to the public. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@winthrop.edu](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu) or 803/323-2145 for more information.



# 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](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu), visit [www.winthrop.edu/alumni](http://www.winthrop.edu/alumni) or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

## 1945

Mars Hill, North Carolina, resident **Virginia Hart** received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina.

## 1963

Orangeburg native **Barbara Thompson Creel** has been inducted into the William Plumer Jacobs Society at Presbyterian College.

## 1964

The Solti Foundation U.S. has named its opera residency program after **Elizabeth (Bettie) Bankhead Buccheri** of Evanston, Illinois.

## 1973

Washington, D.C., resident **Steven Dillingham** is the nominee for director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

## 1974

**Beth Collins Springer** of Lexington published a novel, "My Life with Jesus and Butterflies."

## 1977

**Joy Ayers Couch** of Spartanburg is the Spartanburg Day School athletic director.

## 1988

Castle Heights Middle School in Rock Hill named **Cynthia Robinson** as principal.

## 1991

**Thoyd Warren** is president and chief executive officer of the Babcock Center in Columbia.

## 1994

**Jeff Deason** of Rock Hill was named chief financial officer of York County Natural Gas Authority and chief financial officer for Patriots Energy Group.

## 1996

**Sharone Harris** is principal of Selwyn Elementary School in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Midlothian, Virginia, resident **Trevor Lampman** opened an Abrakadoodle art franchise in Henrico, Virginia.

## 1997

Experience Columbia named **Charlene Slaughter** of Saint Matthews its director of communications.

## 1998

**Rusty Fleming** of Cumming, Georgia, has been selected as a Fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

Greer resident **Detra German** earned a doctorate in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

Rock Hill School District named **John Kirell** of Rock Hill the principal of Ebenezer Elementary School.

## 1999

Edgemoor resident **Shannon Simpson** is the administrative coordinator for the executive vice president of academic and student services at York Technical College.

## 2000

Cramerton, North Carolina, resident **Julie Stortz Busha** has been elected to the Specialty Food Association's Board of Directors.

**Ned (Tyson) Waterman** of Newark, Delaware, was named Wichita State University's assistant basketball coach.

## 2001

Indianapolis, Indiana, resident **Paul Cook** has been inducted into the inaugural Indiana University Kokomo Student Success Academy at the Indiana University Kokomo.

**Jennifer Hinote** of Clarksville, Tennessee, was named interim head of school for Clarksville Academy.

## 2003

Charleston native **LeMetrios President-Street** joined the Carolina One Realty Agency in Summerville.

## 2004

The S.C. Association of School Librarians named **Ayanna Austin Mayes** of Irmo the 2018-19 School Librarian of the Year.

Charleston resident **Veronica Vereen** is the director of annual giving at the Medical University of South Carolina.

## 2006

The N.C. School Counseling Association selected **Ashley Powell Ligon** of Concord, North Carolina, as an emerging leader for the 2018-19 Board of Directors.

## 2007

The University of Mary Washington presented **Caitlin (Caitie) Cihak Finlayson** of Fredericksburg, Virginia, with the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award.

**Gabr'I Stackhouse** is the principal for Kannapolis Charter Academy in Kannapolis, North Carolina.



# Class Notes

## 2008

Kimberly Mack has been hired as the director of the Florence Career Center.

## 2010

Phillips Pet Food & Supplies named William Hooker of Fort Mill its senior vice president of sales.

Mantoris (Manny) Robinson has been hired as the director of men's basketball recruiting and player development for the College of Charleston.

Shanece Terrell of Beaufort was named District Teacher of the Year for Jasper County School District.

## 2011

Colleton County High School named Hanahan resident Matthew Mullins as the head men's varsity basketball coach.

## 2012

Gadsden resident Robert Harris is the director of middle school magnet programs for Richland County School District One.

Maxime Menant is the senior strategic analyst at J. Walter Thompson Worldwide in New York, New York.

Nayshondra Mercer of Columbia is a child welfare trainer for the University of South Carolina Center for Child and Family Studies.

## 2014

The S.C. Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators awarded Zachary (Zach) Christian of Columbia the association's Emerging Leader Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions.

## 2015

Temily Wardlaw opened Refined Grace, a bridal concierge boutique, in Charlotte, North Carolina.



## The Glow Up Alumna Boosts Beauty Brand Online

In the age of selfies, Elizabeth Parry '00 gets that healthy skin is one of the keys to the perfect close-up.

Parry, who also owns her own interior design firm, uses social media to showcase her own natural skincare brand, Parry Botanicals, and to teach her audience about the importance of skin and body care.

The beauty brand was birthed in 2015 after discovering her own allergies to toxic products. She was inspired to create a skincare line that was 100 percent natural and centered on organic ingredients that have unique capabilities. For instance, bilberry extract for sensitive inflamed skin, cold pressed avocado seed oil for its vitamins and minerals, and natural aloe as an acne fighter. Other products contain "skin foods" like mango seed butter and radish root extract.

"This means your skin is receiving its daily dose of healthy vitamins and minerals, Vitamins A, C, E and more. Just as our bodies need healthy food, our skin needs nourishment too," said Parry, who was recently named a trailblazer by Voyage Houston.

# Milestones

## Congratulations to the Newly Retired!

John (J.P.) McKee '76  
*Rock Hill*

Brenda Knox '77  
*Rock Hill*

Pamela Brannen Bernard '80, '84  
*Rock Hill*

Charlene Drummond '94  
*Rock Hill*

Lee Miller '99, '02  
*Rock Hill*

## BIRTHS

Michele Brock Brown '08,  
a son, Max Aayan Brown,  
March 12, 2018

Jodi Kemp Halpin '08,  
a son, Conner Kemp Halpin,  
March 14, 2018

Josyln Nicole Potts '10,  
a son, Walker Joseph Potts-Blakely,  
July 7, 2017, and  
a son, William Joshua Potts-Blakely,  
July 2, 2018

Jamie Edward Singleton II '10,  
a daughter, Sawyer Anne Singleton,  
July 16, 2018

## MARRIAGES

Scott Douglas Melton '04 to  
M. Margaret Glover

Courtney Tenille Callahan '05 to  
Haran A. Griffin

Maeghan Elizabeth Pawley '07 to  
Kevin Rowe Beahm '12

Destinee Kiara Johnson '14 to  
Aarin Donte Cooper '16

Logan Leigh Andrews '15 to  
Byron Hayden

Maddison McDaniel Paul '15 to  
Robert Tice

Dustin Charles Scott '15 to  
Sarah Morgan Riley

## IN MEMORIAM 1920s

Clara Hammond Buchanan '21

## 1930s

Virginia McCuen Lewis '37

## 1940s

Anne Brown Blackwell '40  
Grace Horton Holley '40  
Ida (Estelle) Howze Lee '40  
Amelia Farior Thompson '40  
Ethel Martin Allen '41  
Jean Felder Sandel '41  
Mary Garner Tindal '41  
Sara Hudson Turner '41  
Ann Wise Herlong '42  
Helen Mullikin '42  
Elizabeth Hicklin DePuy '43  
Betty Sligh Howard '44  
Virginia Suber Ferguson '45  
Marjorie Brown Haworth '45  
Virginia Weir Roper '45  
Mary Helen Ropp Schoel '45  
Blanche (Bee) White Dillon '46  
Caroline Stroup Funderburk '46  
Martha Mayer Hooper '46  
Mary Jo Coleman Hunt '46  
Harriet Brunson Ingram '46  
Betty Lynn Manly-Garrett '46  
Margaret Huiet Campbell '47  
Ruth Briggs Dobson '47  
Mary Blackman Jones '47  
Lily (Dale) Rowe Nunn '47  
Marjorie Byrd Todd '47  
Helen Young Bridgland '48  
Margaret Martin Czmieł '48  
Julia Cox Wilkerson '48  
Mary (Janet) Plowden Ague '49  
Dorothy (Dot) Fant Buice '49  
Clayton (Joan) Taylor Caughman '49  
Lillie McCoy Hucks '49  
Margaret Simril Peake '49  
Marion May Pressley '49  
Betty Kennington Smith '49

## 1950s

Marilyn Hicks Grant '50  
Willa Powell Hanna '50  
Francine Leffelman Manion '50  
Emily McCallum Arnold '51  
Caroline (Anne) Owens Clary '51  
Barbara Ford Dawsey '51  
Annie (Carolyn) Hicks Leslie '51  
Sara Graham Moore '51, '74  
Vivian Quinn Atwood '52  
Suzanne (Suzie) Reich Kratovil '52  
Flora Mickle Baker '53  
Jean Schmitt Garvey '53  
Patricia Bolen Johnson '53

Ann Bedell Steverson '53  
Veanna James Talbot '53  
Margaret Mills Tuten '53  
Della Adams Ward '54  
Lynn Rentz Eady '55  
Celia Tomberlin Featherstone '55  
Nell Barker Hardie '55  
Gertrude Small Hinson Robertson '55  
Margaret (Anne) Faris Glasscock '56  
Peggy Ann Campbell '57, '77, '80  
Mary Wall Kelly '57  
Mary Jo Ford Schindler '57  
Betty Rogers Stewart '57  
Patricia (Pat) Whittle Horton '58  
Willie (Wiggie) Lucas Jones '58  
Elizabeth Malphrus Nettles '58  
Kay Horne Gross '59  
Barbara Amick Thomason '59

## 1960s

Ethel Parker Miller '62  
Martha (Sue) Boyce Misenheimer '62  
Jo Ann Plyler Plexico '62  
Linda Kay Harrison '64  
Judith (Judy) Burnside Rood '64  
Sarah Isabel Macaulay Schell '64  
Nancy Lee Bell '66  
Betty Weeks Still '66  
Marilynn McClam Belk '68  
Marjorie Greer Marcello '68  
Barbara Morris Raetsch '68  
Gloria Elaine Bell '69  
Rhonda Huggins Meyer '69

## 1970s

Linda King Gosnell '71  
Donna Day Webb '72  
Sallie Wilkins Hambright '73  
Gladys (Eugenia) Browne Stanfield '74  
Opal Henderson Miller '75  
Oscar Sidney Porter '75  
Douglas (Doug) Benton Taylor '75  
Elisabeth LeGrand Tull '78  
Roger Lindsay Jones Sr. '79  
Timothy Quay Smith '79

## 1980s

Guy Hubert Shealy '80  
Peggy Carico Black '82  
Cynthia (Cindy) Wyndham Mejia '82

## 1990s

Pamela (Pam) Springer Lee '90  
Lisa Marie Fagala '95  
Valerie Angie Gandy '95

## 2000s

Jessica Dandeneu Jackson '07

## 2010s

Christopher (Chris) Joseph Aubrie '14  
Susan Bridge Carr '16



# Show Your Alumni Pride during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Come back home to Winthrop Nov. 16 -17 to take part in a fun and memorable Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Alumni from the classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013 will celebrate milestone reunions throughout the weekend, and alumni network gatherings are planned for Alpha Kappa Alpha, cheerleaders, dance team, former mascots, Delta Sigma Theta, PESH and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Highlights for Friday, Nov. 16, include trolley tours of campus, Homecoming on the Green and the annual NPHC Step Show. Saturday, Nov. 17, includes the popular Alumni Reunion and Awards luncheon, tailgating, and women's and men's basketball games.

There's something for everyone, so plan now to take part in the festivities.

To view the complete schedule and to register for events, please visit [www.winthrop.edu/homecoming](http://www.winthrop.edu/homecoming).



## Change of Date!

The NPHC Homecoming Step Show will now be held on **Friday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.** at the Winthrop Coliseum!