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FOUNTAIN
RESTORATION PROJECT

message from the **PRESIDENT**



Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that 2022 is around the corner! The fall semester seemed to fly by, and I am thrilled that we were able to offer our students a more traditional semester of learning amidst the ongoing pandemic. It was also wonderful to welcome many of you back to campus over Homecoming and Reunion weekend. I enjoyed talking to many of you and hearing about your Winthrop memories.

As always, there are lots of wonderful things happening on campus and in the lives of our alumni. Please allow me to share with you a few articles of interest that you'll find in this edition of the *Winthrop Magazine*.

I encourage you to read about:

- *The Fountain Restoration Project, which is underway to raise funds to replace the iconic front-campus fountain that holds many memories for our alumni and campus community;*
- *The unique Scout projects that provide beauty and functionality to on-campus spaces;*
- *Important initiatives from the Department of Human Nutrition to address food insecurity and the availability of fresh food in our local community;*
- *The recent passing of two notable women – Louise Pettus '43 and Anne Springs Close – who personified generosity through their gifts of time, service and resources to make Winthrop a better place; and*
- *The latest campus news, alumni news and university advancement updates.*

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the *Winthrop Magazine*. I look forward to soon meeting you at an event on campus or at one near you. Thank you for your continued support of Winthrop.

Sincerely,

George W. Hynd
Interim President

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About the cover: The Winthrop fountain has been a part of campus for more than a century. The current fountain is in disrepair, and the Fountain Restoration Project is underway to raise funds for a new fountain and seating areas. Read more about the project on pages 2-5.

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Monte Dunbar Remaley and Marian Dunbar Gillespie — both members of the Class of 1969 and affectionately known as “the Dunbar twins” — want to make something very clear: they were absolutely, positively, NOT the ones responsible whenever the Winthrop fountain’s water was dyed red over the years.

“From day one, we’ve always been blamed for it!” Marian said.

“I can’t even imagine why, although we are somewhat mischievous,” Monte added. “There were lots and lots of us who were involved and not just the Dunbar twins, by any stretch of the imagination.”

The Class of 1969 returns to campus every five years to celebrate its milestone reunions.

“Every time when we’re in Tillman Hall for reunion registration,” Monte explained, “at some point, one of the committee members would sidle up to someone from the Class of ‘69 and say in a whispered tone, ‘Nobody will be guarding the fountain tonight between 10 and 12, if that information is important.’ We would say ‘OK, whatever that means, sure appreciate it.’ We knew we had a good time range we could work in. I mean, rumor has it, of course.”

Coincidentally, the fountain’s water would be a strikingly red hue the next day. Also coincidental: red is one of the Class of 1969’s official colors.



The Dunbar twins were sorely disappointed during their most recent visit to campus when they realized they couldn’t continue their tradition. The current fountain’s basin will no longer hold water, and the plaster has severely cracked, meaning it needs to be completely replaced, an estimated \$500,000 endeavor for the 100-plus-year-old campus fixture.

Enter the Fountain Restoration Project.

The Fountain Restoration Project will be funded by the generosity of alumni, community members and friends. The Classes of 1970-74 have also taken it on as their 50th reunion fundraising projects.

A Winthrop Centerpiece

Built by skilled local contractors of the time, the current fountain was installed between 1912-1919 (historical records can’t pin down the exact date) and quickly became a feature of many student and university functions such as:

*Daisy Chain

Winthrop Founder and First President David Bancroft Johnson envisioned the Daisy Chain as an effort to promote Winthrop to state and local dignitaries and community members. Beginning in 1903, students gathered daisies and made them into a long chain with rope and ivy. They would march to the fountain, sing class songs, and then the senior class president would signify the passing of the senior rank to the junior class by giving her mortarboard to the junior class president.

*SGA President Dunking

From the 1940-70s, the Student Government Association (SGA) and students assembled at the fountain to observe the installation of SGA officers and other campus organizations’ leaders – which usually ended with dunking the incoming SGA president in the fountain. In 1960, then-President Charles Davis was surprised by the students with a quick dip as well!

*Annual Tree Lighting

Since 1935, the lighting of the large magnolia tree next to the fountain has signaled the start of the holiday season. Nowadays, the Winthrop Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Council host the event each December, when hundreds of attendees gather on the lawn, enjoy performances from the chorale and the Winthrop RockHettes, and join the countdown to the magnolia’s glow.

It’s also served as the backdrop for some funny stories.

Besides the Dunbar twins’ alleged colorful “crimes,” other classes have dyed the fountain waters pink, blue or green, according to local newspaper articles. In 1966, a duck briefly made a home in the fountain, with students stopping by with bread to feed it.

And in the 1930s, then-Registrar Robert Haynes Jones was stunned when a colleague told him to look outside – where Jones saw his toddler gleefully skinny dipping in the fountain. The daughter in question, Jean Jones Park ‘48, later wrote to the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections to recount her swimming expedition.

Springing Back to Life



This rendering depicts how the new fountain and its surrounding area will look.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the fountain will one day come to life again and continue to be a significant asset to the Winthrop campus.

Architectural renderings show the new fountain will look similar to the current one, but with some notable changes. A study generously commissioned through an anonymous donor determined the cost and practicality to redesign the existing fountain area and improve accessibility at the site. The redesigned area will include paved surfaces and provide seating. Accessibility at the site also will be improved by modifying the existing parking and replacing the existing sidewalk. An arrangement of brick and concrete pavement associated with the new fountain will surround it and connect the fountain to the sidewalk, as well as allowing seating to surround the fountain.

So...should people expect the new fountain's waters to change colors occasionally?

"It has been a wonderful tradition. I'm sure it's not over yet," Monte noted mischievously.

"Maybe they could add steps into the fountain, so we

don't get hurt – I mean, so people don't get hurt while they're dying it red," Marian suggested with a grin.

Learn more about the Fountain Restoration Project at www.winthrop.edu/fountainproject.



FOUNTAIN RESTORATION PROJECT

How You Can Help

1. Visit the crowdfunding site: www.winthrop.edu/fountain/give.
2. Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 803/323-2145 or e-mail alumni@winthrop.edu with questions on other ways to donate and/or contribute.
3. If you are from the Classes of 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 or 1974 make your gift and then visit www.winthrop.edu/fountain/give to see how much your class has raised toward your class goal.

Campus Master Plan

In addition to the Fountain Restoration Project, other changes are happening on campus in the near future. Prioritized by Interim President George W. Hynd, the 2021-22 Campus Master Plan process is engaging the campus and surrounding community in a highly interactive exercise to address a wide array of planning issues leading to the development of a prioritized, phased master facility plan for Winthrop's main campus and athletics, recreation and research complex.

In September, representatives from Quakenbush Architects and Ayers Saint Gross, the two consulting firms procured to oversee the Campus Master Plan process, conducted virtual focus groups and interviews with a diverse group of campus stakeholders. In addition, campus community members had the opportunity to stop by the Community Concourse to learn more about the process and share their thoughts about Winthrop's

campus today and in the future. Feedback gathered will be instrumental in setting the vision and direction for the campus over the next 10+ years.



Learn more about the Campus Master Plan at www.winthrop.edu/campusmasterplan.

The Campus Beautification Initiative: Revitalizing Winthrop



We frequently talk about Winthrop's beautiful campus and how Winthrop is viewed by prospective and current students, alumni, employees and the community. The Campus Beautification Initiative: Revitalizing Winthrop offers the opportunity to respect the institution's history by contributing energy, vision and engagement to this important endeavor that also was prioritized this year by Hynd.

Led by College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean Jeff Bellantoni, the initiative includes place making and improving the sense of place; capturing prospective students' attention; facilitating projects such as landscaping, wayfinding, lighting, clean-up, etc.; and more.

All of the projects are 100 percent donor-supported from the Campus Beautification Fund.

The initiative also includes a Year of Service component, in which volunteers pledge to tackle several projects throughout the year, such as planting and watering plants and spreading mulch. Approximately 65 people have pledged so far.

Learn more about the Campus Beautification Initiative at www.winthrop.edu/revitalizingwinthrop.

SCOUTING PROJECTS ADD TO CAMPUS BEAUTY, FUNCTION



When Raquel Ramirez-Harrison, of Charlotte, North Carolina, picked her Girl Scouts project, she chose the Winthrop campus as the setting for her herb garden creation.

“My project was for my Silver Award, which is a Girl Scout award you earn in middle school,” said Ramirez-Harrison, now a freshman elementary education major. “I’ve always had an interest in the environment. The idea of planting a garden sounded really appealing to me.”

She conducted research on herbal and medicinal plants that are native to the Carolinas. “With that research I purchased those plants, and they are what you see in the garden today near the Campus Green,” she added.

Her garden is one of more than 40 scouting projects completed on the Winthrop campus since 2016.

A Win-Win Partnership

The university is proud to partner with the Scouts to provide opportunities for students to fulfill their Scouts

BSA Eagle Awards or Girl Scouts Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

The students’ projects have been executed on the university’s main campus and at the Athletics, Recreation and Research Complex, commonly known as the Farm. It is located about a mile east of the main campus off Eden Terrace.

Both areas offer opportunities to carry out creative and functional ideas. The main campus is known for its beautiful spaces and trees, plus the Farm is used by biology students for teaching and learning about the wetlands, lake, woods and more.

Some of the scouting projects to date have included construction of bat and bird houses, installation of a flag retirement plaza and fire pit, creation of raised garden plots, building of a water sampling platform and formation of a bee colony and pollinator garden. A faculty or staff member is involved with every Scout initiative to offer guidance and give regular feedback.

Another student, Jesse Huggins of Fort Mill, took inspiration from the landscape work and paintings by his

grandfather to design beds in Hardin Garden near Scholars Walk. Huggins and his helpers worked for hours on Oct. 2 to install his vision.

Winthrop officials said the Scout projects are among the best-kept secrets across campus. “This is a win-win for everyone,” said Chris Johnson ’99, the sustainability coordinator with facilities management.

Another visible project on the main campus is a diversity and inclusion garden located by Rutledge Building. Emily Pilarczyk, the first female Eagle Scout in York County, spent 130 service hours on the project in 2020, and then oversaw volunteers who put in another 550 combined hours.

Pilarczyk, of Fort Mill, polled people connected to the university on what diversity and inclusion meant to them, and then incorporated responses into concrete stools in the garden.

Psychology Professor Cheryl Fortner-Wood, the faculty liaison who works with Johnson to support the Scouts, was thrilled with the results and added that the Scout projects exemplify and perpetuate what drew her to Winthrop more than 20 years ago.



Emily Pilarczyk, middle, oversaw the concrete pouring at the diversity and inclusion garden that she undertook for her Eagle Scout project that is located near Rutledge Building.

“It’s about the beauty of our campus and the helpfulness of our people,” she said. “I am honored to be a part of the team that helps each Scout earn his or her top rank through the design and implementation of a significant project that will enrich our campus for years to come.”

Visit www.winthrop.edu/civiclearning/ccl and click Scout Projects in the menu selection to learn more about the process, view the projects already completed and see suggestions for other projects.

For his Eagle Scout project, David Whitcomb built and installed a demonstration table, equipped with a sink and drop leaf top, at the outdoor classroom near the Winthrop Woods.



HUMAN NUTRITION LEADS BATTLE AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY



Jessie Hoffman, left, and Ashley Licata, assistant professors of human nutrition, showed off the offerings at the weekly farmer's market the Department of Human Nutrition hosts each week.

When First Lady Alison Hynd moved to New York for her first job, she had 12 cents in her bank account to cover her food needs for the next three weeks.

"While I was fortunate enough to have red beans and rice to eat – foods that would last over time and fill me up – I know what it means to be food insecure," she said. "I sold plasma in grad school because, believe it or not, that \$10 made a huge difference even though I had an assistantship.

"This is a reality for some of our students. As a parent and fellow human being, that obviously bothers me."

In fall 2019, Temple University's Hope Center for College, Community and Justice surveyed nearly 167,000 students nationwide asking if they had experienced food insecurity within the last 30 days.

Nearly 40 percent said yes.

Food insecurity – typically defined as the disruption of food intake or eating patterns due to lack of money and other resources – has not been a new issue for college students globally, but the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated it.

Winthrop's Department of Human Nutrition has creatively and bravely combated campus food insecurity in several different ways, most recently with its weekly farmer's market.

Farmer's Market

Human nutrition faculty and staff roll out the red carpet – or rather, the wooden cart! – almost every Wednesday around noon on Scholars Walk. The produce changes each week, depending on what bounty the community

garden has to offer: tomatoes ranging in color from a luscious red to a sunburst yellow; spicy jalapeños; bunches of sage and rosemary; butternut squash; and much more.

Perhaps the best part? It's all free.

The Food Box

In addition to the farmer's market, the garden's produce will also help supply The Food Box, the food pantry the department established in 2020. Located in 308 Dalton Hall, The Food Box collects donations of food items and some personal care items.

People can anonymously make appointments to select as many items as they need from The Food Box.

"Most food pantries aren't well-equipped to deliver nutrient-dense produce and refrigerated products that often support overall health, but also gut health," explained Jessie Hoffman, assistant professor of human nutrition. "By bridging our garden and our food pantry, we're able to offer fresh produce, fruits and vegetables

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-Jessie Hoffman, assistant professor of human nutrition

that serve as a source of prebiotics...We're really packing a one-two punch for gut health and overall health."

First Lady Alison Hynd and Interim President George Hynd helped purchase a refrigerator for The Food Box so that it could collect even more items earlier this year. The couple also has regularly donated to The Food Box.

Community Garden

Earlier this semester, the department was a finalist in the siggi's starters program, which aims to help nutrition professionals implement a community nutrition program.

The proposal, "Fueled to Flourish: A Community Garden Initiative to Promote Health and Success," promised to offer the Winthrop campus community more opportunities for nutrition and education. Ashley Licata, assistant professor of human nutrition, helped author the proposal and explained the goals: "We planned to establish a community nutrition education garden that would provide opportunities for students and community members to learn about gardening. It would also provide fresh produce for our newly established food pantry."

Unfortunately, Winthrop did not win the final prize, but there is still good news.

"We received some donations from the community and were able to start building our WU Student Nutrition Education Garden," Licata said. "We have six raised garden beds planted with fall crops."



Interim President George Hynd and First Lady Alison Hynd stopped by The Food Box to donate food items. From left: President Hynd; Alexa Allen, human nutrition instructor; Wanda Kosziewski, human nutrition chair; and Alison Hynd.

The garden is located just off of Constitution Boulevard, adjacent to the city of Rock Hill's Educational Community Garden.

Want to Help? Donate to The Food Box!

1. Drop off items outside of the department's main office at 302 Dalton Hall.
2. The Food Box can accept monetary donations via the Winthrop Foundation: www.winthrop.edu/give. Select 'Other' in the dropdown box and enter 'Fund 2032' for the gift designation. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.winthrop.edu/cas/nutrition.



Winthrop lost one of its beloved daughters on Aug. 15 with the passing of **Louise Pettus '46**.

Known as a consummate scholar and researcher, she taught her students and others that understanding history was vital to understanding the present. The Archives at Winthrop bears her name and houses her papers and professional research, as well as many collections that Pettus gave or helped Winthrop acquire.

“Louise will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her and by those who have benefitted from her teaching and exhaustive, comprehensive research,” said Gina Price White '83, director of archives and special collections of the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections.

Pettus started teaching at Winthrop in 1967 and joined the faculty full time in 1968. She taught in both the College of Education and in the history department in the College of Arts and Sciences, until her retirement in 1989.

Colleagues praised her legacy at a Sept. 2 on-campus memorial service.

Bob Gorman, a retired professor who was head of reference at Dacus Library, called Pettus a pioneer who gained confidence after running her family’s cotton gin in the Indian Land area of Lancaster County after her father passed.

Pettus contributed more than \$550,000 to Winthrop in her lifetime, of which \$500,000 went to Archives. An estate gift will double that amount.

Winthrop named its Archives and Special Collections for Pettus in 2006, particularly because she performed a masterful job in chronicling the institution’s past and this region’s rich history.

A key part of Pettus’ work was relating the stories of the Piedmont where she grew up.

Fellow historian and History Professor Eddie Lee '83 said during Pettus’ memorial service that she understood the achievements, as well as the trials and tribulations, of the region where she was born, and the textile villages that dotted the region. “She was a daughter of the Catawba River,” he said.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Winthrop University Foundation for the Historical Preservation Fund (1613), 701 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, SC 29733.

Please contact University Advancement at **803/323-2275** or giving@winthrop.edu for assistance.

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Gina Price White '83
director of archives and
special collections



Current and former Close Scholars joined in grieving the Aug. 20 passing of **Anne Springs Close**.

For those living in York County, one of Close’s most visible contributions was the 2,100-acre greenway in Fort Mill, which bears her name. The space, which opened in 1995 near the North Carolina border, contains lakes, trails for hiking, biking, kayaking and horseback riding.

Close’s legacy at Winthrop is the founding of the Close Scholars program, which was created in the late 1990s. The initial gift was a leadership contribution during Winthrop’s first fundraising campaign. The first full group of Close Scholars graduated in 2003, and to date, 93 scholars have completed the program.

Senior Martin Jackson of Rock Hill found Close to be an amazing, down-to-earth woman. “She was a figure of greatness that improved this area in ways that just make me want to work just as hard,” he said. “Without Mrs. Close, my college career would have been so very different.”

As part of the program, Close Scholars volunteer 112 hours per semester and have contributed an estimated total of 83,328 service hours.

Close met all of the scholars and learned something special about each one. Winthrop officials said that because Close was diagnosed with macular degeneration, she could no longer read each scholar’s profile.

“However, before every dinner or get-together, she would memorize each scholar’s name, hometown, major and volunteer site – so that she could connect with

the scholars on a personal level,” said Ashley Isreal, the Close Scholars’ program manager.

In 2019, Winthrop received a new pledge for the program’s 20th anniversary: one from the Springs Close Foundation to increase the annual scholarship award from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per academic year.

In addition, the Springsteen Foundation, funded by Close’s son, Derek Springsteen Close, provided funds to start an international scholar experience. The first trip took place in 2019, and \$50,000 in additional funds were allocated for 2021-22.

Close learned her sense of community spirit from her father, who owned seven cotton mills in four towns. “She was a grand lady without being grand,” remembered Ann Evans '76, '78, who is the archivist and curator for the Springs/Close Family Archives. “She learned from her father to be a caring person and shared it with her children. They have that same giving spirit.”

To learn more about the Close Scholars program, please visit www.winthrop.edu/student-affairs/close-scholars.

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Martin Jackson
Senior, political science
major, Close Scholar



Winthrop Retains Highest U.S. News Ranking; Lauded by Washington Monthly for Voter Engagement

Winthrop continues to round up the accolades. The university was recognized for its strong commitment to student veterans, undergraduate teaching, the social mobility of its graduates and its value, according to the U.S. News & World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Colleges."

Accomplishments included:

- Retained its sixth-place ranking among public universities in the South. Winthrop held on to the spot, which is the university's highest ranking ever, for the second year in a row.
- Rose from 7th to 5th place among best colleges for veterans.



- Moved to 15th place for best undergraduate teaching as judged by peers.
- Rose from 23rd to 16th place for social mobility, a fairly new category that measures how well schools graduated students who received federal Pell Grants.
- Rated 43rd as a Best Value among regional universities in the South.

In addition, Winthrop, with its increased emphasis on civic engagement, was praised for a fourth year in a row by Washington Monthly for its success in getting students to vote and was included on the publication's 2021 Best Colleges for Student Voting Honor Roll.

Rock Hill's Miracle Park Opens



Miracle Park, located on Eden Terrace across from the Winthrop Coliseum, opened in September, and was a project undertaken by Winthrop, the city of Rock Hill and the York County Disabilities Foundation.

The 15-acre park is designed for people of all ages and abilities to play and work, and it features an inclusive

playground, sensory wall, Miracle Field and other activities.

Winthrop, along with the city, provided the land to build the park through a low-cost, long-term lease.

Along with providing the joy of recreation to residents, the park will allow for Winthrop students in several academic disciplines to participate in internship and service opportunities. In addition to the Richard W. Riley College of Education's degree programs and Department of Physical Education, Sport and Human Performance offerings, another program to be impacted is Winthrop Think College, which offers postsecondary education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities.

Also, Winthrop's Macfeat Laboratory School, which serves preschool and kindergarten students, has gained a fully inclusive park within a few blocks of its location on the Winthrop campus.

\$5.38 Million Secured in Two Recent Grants

This fall, Winthrop secured two large grants related to multilingual learners and arts education.

The Richard W. Riley College of Education received close to \$2.8 million through a U.S. Department of Education grant entitled SC PALMETTO (SC Partners Advocating for Learners who are Multi-Lingual through Education That Targets Opportunity) to provide professional development to four school districts to help those districts meet the needs of their diverse population of English-learning students and families. The grant will also provide family education programs that promote college and career success; and family access to, and preparation in, promoting early literacy.

The Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Project, which is housed at Winthrop, secured a \$2.58 million Assistance in Arts Education grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The ABC Project will use the grant to conduct an intensive five-year case study with the Allendale County School District to discover solutions in how to improve rural communities' arts education offerings. The initiative, entitled the Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Project, will provide direct arts education programs and professional development for arts educators, teachers and principals in practices that support arts-rich learning.

Joseph Miller Leading Enrollment Initiatives

Joseph Miller joined Winthrop as the vice president for enrollment management and marketing.



Miller, who came to Winthrop from Georgia's LaGrange College, brought with him more than 18 years of knowledge in strategic enrollment management, admissions, recruitment and marketing, and financial aid awarding and leveraging strategies in regional higher education.

At LaGrange, he led enrollment and marketing plans that grew undergraduate enrollment by over 15 percent and graduate programs by more than 80 percent.

Miller now leads Winthrop's offices of admissions and financial aid, as well as works closely with the academic colleges, communications and marketing, the Graduate School and University College's retention efforts, among other areas of the university.

Beth Costner to Serve as Interim COE Dean

Associate Dean Beth Greene Costner has been named interim dean for the Richard W. Riley College of Education, beginning Jan. 3.



Current Dean Jennie Rakestraw will retire in December.

Costner earned tenure and was promoted to professor in the Department of Mathematics where she also served as chair from 2008-13. In addition to her current role as associate dean in education, Costner served as assistant and associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences from 2010-15.

While at Winthrop, Costner has secured more than \$3 million in grants. In addition, Costner has led a number of initiatives related to teacher development, student services, assessment and accreditation.

Family Honors Krech's Memory by Establishing Two Scholarships



Earlier this year, two funds were established in memory of William Matthew Krech '99, '00, by his family. The William M. Krech Scholarship in School Psychology provides funds to support a student majoring in

school psychology. The family wanted to honor Krech's passion and success as a school psychologist and his dedication to counseling and advocacy for the children and youth he served.

The family also generously established The William M. Krech Endowment for Professional Development, which supports professional development opportunities for school psychology students. Throughout his career in public schools, Krech was dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children and youth.

Milestone Generosity

Thank you to the following donors who recently created new endowed funds

Ronnie L. McKnight established the Ron L. McKnight Endowed Scholarship. This award will support students pursuing a major in business administration with a focus on technology or entrepreneurship.

Eleanor L. Ardrey '54 established the Louise Lucas Ardrey Music Scholarship. This provides one scholarship award annually and goes to a South Carolina music major with an emphasis in piano.

Alice and Kevin Davis established the Dreams Float in Education Endowed Scholarship that supports students majoring in education who graduated high school from Rock Hill Schools.

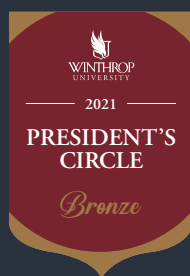
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Congratulations to the 2020 and 2021 Alumni Award Winners!

Each year, the Alumni Association presents Alumni Awards to those who have demonstrated Winthrop's tradition of excellence. The 2020 and 2021 Alumni Award recipients were recognized at the Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 9. The 2020 and 2021 Alumni Award recipients are:



Mary Mildred Sullivan Award
Sheila McMillan '73, Lynn Mann Hornsby '70

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
Dick McCoy '04, Larry Williams '81, '84

Alumni Distinguished Service Award
Isaiah Venning '95, '00, Pat Rambow Robertson '67

Alumni Professional Achievement Award
Gregg Davis '92, Kevin James '01

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Chelsea Brown '14, Kambrell Garvin '13

Read more about each recipient at www.winthrop.edu/alumni/alumni-awards.aspx

Three Alumni Running for Board Seat

The Alumni Association holds two alumni-elected seats on Winthrop's Board of Trustees.

There are three nominees – Alison Hamilton '92, '95, David McDonald '01 and Endee Tate '21 – for the 2022-28 Winthrop Alumni Association seat. Voting will open on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, and end on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022. All alumni may vote online for their candidate of choice at www.winthrop.edu/alumni/alumni-vote.aspx. If you prefer a paper ballot, you can request one by calling the Alumni Association at 803/323-2145. Alumni must provide their seven-digit alumni ID number to vote, located above your address on the back of this magazine. Alumni will also receive their alumni ID via a postcard in January and via e-mail.

Visit www.winthrop.edu/alumni/alumni-vote.aspx to learn more about the candidates and to vote.



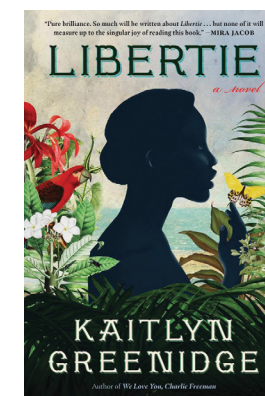
Alison Hamilton



David McDonald



Endee Tate



Join the Virtual Alumni Book Club

In this online book club community, alumni can connect with each other and enjoy books related to lifelong learning, professional development, social issues and more. There is no cost to participate – just get a copy of the book to enjoy!

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Join the virtual alumni book club at www.pbc.guru/winthrop.

1971

Caroline Mayo Roueche of Rock Hill was recognized by Rock Hill Schools upon her retirement after 50 years as an educator. She received a South Carolina Senate resolution in her honor.

1980

Dorman High School Volleyball Coach **Paula Kirkland** of Moore received her 1,000-career win, making her the second coach in South Carolina history to reach the milestone.

1987

Gwendolyn Gordon Lindsey of Rock Hill was named Assistant Principal of the Year at Sullivan Middle School and honored by Rock Hill Schools for the 2020-21 school year.

Mark Rodman of Lansing, Michigan, was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer as the state historic preservation officer.

1988

Gail Wilson Awan of Columbia was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of the Upstate.

1990

Rock Hill resident **Patrick Robinson** will serve as administrator-on-call for Rock Hill Schools.

1991

Dana Cartrette Bruneau of Rock Hill joined Charter Communications in Charlotte, North Carolina, as an instructional designer.

1993

Toastmasters International presented **Allegra Manigault** of Conyers, Georgia, with the Award of Excellence in Program Quality for her exceptional work in District 14.

Anson County School Superintendent **Howard McLean** of Wadesboro, North Carolina, was named the 2021 North Carolina Healthy Schools Superintendent of the Year.

1995

S.C. Governor Henry McMaster presented **Jennifer Jenkins Butler** of Columbia with the Order of the Silver Crescent, South Carolina's highest service award, for her longtime work with suicide prevention.

Kevin Hood of Rock Hill was named Rock Hill Schools' Virtual Academy middle school administrator.

Rock Hill resident **Brian Vaughan** was named Rock Hill Schools' chief of operations.

1997

Charlene Slaughter of Matthews, North Carolina, earned the Accreditation in Public Relations credential.

1998

Laurens County School District 55 announced **Kathy McMillan-Bennon** as director of academic interventions.

1999

Abel Jackson III of Taylors was one of four artists that participated in the "Path of Portraits" at the Charlotte Museum of History in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Chip Newton of Rock Hill was named assistant principal of Saluda Trail Middle School.

2002

Leroy Springs & Co. announced **John Gordon** of Fort Mill as president and chief executive officer of Anne Springs Close Greenway.

Jacob Moree of Rock Hill was named principal of Oakdale Elementary School.

2003

Author, speaker and poet **Rian Jenkins** of Columbia has published a collection of poetry entitled "A Queen's Heart."

Sheleea Simon Leonard of Charlotte, North Carolina, was named principal of Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School.

Bradley Moore of Nashville, Tennessee, joined the Piedmont Players Theatre in Salisbury, North Carolina, as its managing director.

Sharonview Federal Credit Union in Indian Land promoted **Casey Munn** of Rock Hill to vice president of risk management.

Sylvester Owens of District Heights, Maryland, was promoted to director of estate planning at @humanrightscampaign in Washington, D.C.

2004

Bodybuilder and Personal Trainer **Emmett Ballard** of Waxhaw, North Carolina, competed for the Mr. Health and Fitness title, the largest and most prestigious online fitness competition sponsored by Muscle & Fitness.

Keller Williams Real Estate recognized **Seniqua Breazeale Griffin** of Lexington as the top-selling agent and she received the Most Prominent Agent Award for the first half of 2021.

WRHI Broadcaster and Rock Hill resident **Chris Miller** was elected by his peers for inclusion on the Our Three Sons Sports Wall of Fame.

Nakia Isreal Navarro of Lynn, Massachusetts, founded the Jean Charles Academy, a private school for students in pre-kindergarten through seventh grade.

2005

Victoria Carter of Laurel, Maryland, was appointed firm-wide leave administration manager at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius Law Firm in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rock Hill resident **April Raysor Garvin** earned a Master of Jurisprudence degree from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.

Ryan Milling of Florence was named principal of H.E. McCracken Middle School in Bluffton.

Adrian Anderson Rhodes of Hartsville was awarded the annual prize for contemporary art for her printmaking piece entitled "Pressing Voices."

Stacy Siders Yancey of Asheboro, North Carolina, was selected as the 2021-22 president of the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

2006

Knoxville, Tennessee, resident **Florence Brown Ndiaye** has been appointed ombudsman for Knox County Schools.

Kannapolis City Schools named **Christopher Triolo** of Charlotte, North Carolina, as assistant superintendent.

Jermaine Whirl of Augusta, Georgia, has accepted a three-year appointment to the Human Capital Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, Georgia.

2007

Winthrop Associate Professor of Exercise Science **Joni Marr Boyd** of Rock Hill collaborated with Winthrop learning design and technology graduate students to create an online hub that hosts performance support tools for exercise science students.

2008

David Arraya of Austin, Texas, was appointed general manager at Etéreo, Auberge Resorts Collection, a luxury retreat in Riviera Maya at Kanai.

Interior designer **Kelly McFerran Chiaradonna** of Salem, Massachusetts, was promoted to principal at Wilson Butler Architects in Boston, Massachusetts.

2010

Marietta, Georgia, resident **Garner Corbett** was promoted to sales and marketing coordinator at Euro Vision Printing in Atlanta, Georgia.

Charleston County School District appointed **Chris Haynes** of Hanahan as the interim principal at Jerry Zucker Middle School in North Charleston.

Brittany Cornwell Lavis of Birmingham, Michigan, was named interim chief executive officer of Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan.

2011

United Community Bank welcomed **Mel Wilson** of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, as its branch manager in Waynesville, North Carolina.

2012

Brandon McGinnis of Indian Land was promoted to director of public relations of the Big South Conference.

Claire Weikle of Rock Hill and **Megg Webber '21** of Fort Mill worked with Winthrop's Office of Academic Affairs to create performance support

materials related to the university's tenure and promotion process.

2013

S.C. Rep. **Kambrell Garvin** of Blythe-wood delivered the 2021 Winthrop Convocation keynote address.

ShaQuenna McLaughlin of Charlotte, North Carolina, was named director of exceptional student education for Rock Hill Schools.

Reporter **Billie Jean Shaw** rejoined WIS-TV in Columbia as an anchor/reporter.

2014

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools named **Sarah Lang** of Charlotte, North Carolina, principal at Charlotte East Language Academy.

Emily Raymonda of Beaufort was selected as the swim coach for Battery Creek High School.

2016

Sports Psychologist **Fabian Broich** of Rommerskirchen, Germany, is the founder of Achieveminds, a performance consultancy agency emphasizing players' mental and physical well-being.

2018

Taylor Kirby of Rock Hill joined Intracoastal Realty and will work from the Barclay Pointe Real Estate office in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Tadean Page of Rock Hill was selected as one of 50 participants in the 2021 Inaugural Social Justice Fellows Program sponsored by The Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C.

2020

Karina Grant of Bristow, Virginia, who was a member of Winthrop's track and field team, was awarded the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to attend law school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Softball standout **Madyson Watson** of Plain City, Ohio, was Winthrop's nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

2021

Rock Hill resident **Jeremiah Dahl** joined Palm Beach Atlantic University as an eLearning assistant and instructional designer.

Holley Dymock of Rock Hill joined York Preparatory Academy as an elementary teacher.

The Greenville Center for Creative Arts announced **Kim Le** of Greenville as a recipient of the 2021-22 Brandon Fellows for her artistic endeavors.

Fort Mill resident **Emily Sala** joined Facebook in Redmond, Washington, as a learning experience designer.

Bianca Tedesco of Coral Springs, Florida, was named the women's lacrosse assistant coach at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Chandler Vaudrin of Uniontown, Ohio, signed an Exhibit 10 contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers and played for the CAVS NBA Summer League in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Let Us Hear from You!

Do you have a new job, were recently married, welcomed a baby or experienced another life-changing event that you would like to share with the Winthrop family?

If so, please let us know by submitting the alumni update form which can be found at www.winthrop.edu/alumniupdate.

Congratulations to These Teachers of the Year!

Carroll Hester III '78
 Marcy Sullivan Adams '91
 Michael Pearson '95
 Gina Terpstra Jordan '96
 Jennifer Yeara Miller '97
 Kim McRae Perry '97
 Heather Henderson Robinson '97
 Casey Snipes Burgess '98
 Meredith Hammond Broome '00
 Allison Gainey '00
 Leigh Jordan '00
 Amy Russell White '02
 Krystal Berry James '04
 Kerry Toggweiler Sanders '04
 Demeka Simpson '05
 Loren McNeal '08
 Lashara Gordon '09
 Amy Medina '09
 A'lyse Boone '16
 Madison Grant '18
 Kate Burnett '19
 Lindsey Everhart '20
 Emily Locklear '20
 Emily Michau '21

**The Winthrop Magazine makes every effort to include all Teachers of the Year. If you were recently named a Teacher of the Year, please submit your accolade to alumni@winthrop.edu to be included in a future magazine edition.*

BIRTHS

Nathaniel Phillip Harris '02, a boy,
David Harris

Courtney Hawkins Taylor-El '13, a
girl, Serena Taylor-El

Shanice La'Shell Keitt '19, a girl,
Logan Noelle Sanders

Ashley Stull Sousa '12, a girl,
Emersyn Leigh Sousa

Hannah McMillan Dutton '16, a boy,
Micah Brice Dutton

IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Grace Munro Roy '40

Eliza Spiers Couturier '42

Edna Claire Poston '42

Dorothy Tallon Arnts '43

Elinore Richman Aronovitz '43

Mary O'Cain Felkel '43

Mary Stroud Loder '44

Frances Craig Magruder '44

Sarah Burn Moore '44

Sara James Stringfellow '44

Mary Locke Freeman '45

Joann Woods McMaster '45

Kathryn Willingham Robinson '45

Ellen Goode Scoggins '45

Jane Walden Smith '45

Jacqueline Byrd Trawick '45

Mildred Louise Pettus '46

Ethel (Monkey) Weinberg Flynt '47

Avie Whitmire Garber '47

Betty Bostick Haigh '47

Telitha Pettit Rogers '47

Frances Brown Cochran '48

Mary (Jewell) Skinner Tindall '48

Vivian Wood Woodward '48

Betty Jenkins Aiken '49

Adele Bates Bailey '49

Mary Ella Fudge Jordan '49

Alma Lee O'Shields '49

Carrie Weekley Walker '49

1950s

Patsy Oneil Beamguard '50

Margaret (Peggy) Cunningham
Clark '50

Annie Wood Early '50

Dorothy (Dot) Ducworth Garrison
'50

Virginia Shuler Greene '50

Lois Dickson Henry '50

Mattie Harris Mullis '50

Colleen Ackles Paisley '50

Elizabeth (Betty) Brown Young '50

Mary Counts Zobel '50

Phyllis Turner Curtis '51

Sarah Wright Simpson '52

Kathleen (Kitty) Bell Townsend '52

Ernestine Wyndham Conrad '53

Joyce Bass Haizlip '53

Barbara Wood Stilley '53

Nancy Gibson Timmerman '53

Margaret Quinn Ferguson '54

Stella Weeks Goodson '55

Betty Hauser Hammond '55

Iris Kornegay Pritchard '56

Madlean Velma Rogers '56

Peggy Moody Knowles '57

Stella Emma Hurst '58

1960s

Barbara Robinson Bynum '60

Sue Mullins Mathis '60

Anne Davis Hood '61

Marilyn Ann Smith '61

Locketta Boswell Stephenson '61

Betty Anderson Buford '62

Mary Conner Gibson '62

Vivian Bailey Williams '62

Frances Welborn Ferrene '63

Linda Daniel Meetze '63

Dorris Young Folwell '64

Faye Miller Page '64

MARRIAGES

Stefanie Logan '04 to
Cory Shaffer

Billie Jean Shaw '13 to
Michael Perry

Britton Michelle Middleton '16 to
Paul Bideau

Alisha Marie Hughes '08 to
William Lewis

Sara Evelyn Middleton '14 to
Jordan Styles

Alyssa Marie Gore '19 to
Ben Thomas Etheredge '19

Emily Marie Darstein '10 to
William Bennett

Heather Elaine Lemon '15 to
Ryan Wiggins

Austin Thomas Mauritz '19
to Bethany Hope Foss '21

Ann Jeffords Wright '64

Dorothy Robinson Graham '65

Elizabeth (Kay) Grant Martin '65

Lillie Alford Van Riper '65

Tamara Crolley Cansler '66

Caroline (Christine) Laurie
Goehring '66

Jacqueline Darby Thompson '66

Rebecca Robinson Blackmon '67

Carole Cope Bonnette '67

Betty French Meadows '68

Harriette Revels Perkins '68

Larene Martin Ray '68

Evelyn (Faye) Bennett Hightower
'69

1970s

Patricia Jane Bradley '70

Rebecca Hackett Mills '70

Lynette Jean Crepeau '71

Joseph Dale Greene '71

Johnna Meadors Laird '72

Mary Trussell Swift '72

Dorothy Harper Marshall '73

Barbara Boice Wiker '73

Thomas Carrouth '74

Ronald Dixon Plyler '74

Jerry Floyd Peake '75

Trina Renee Davis '76

Katherine Darling Fennell '76

John Grier McFadden '76

John Patrick Butler '77

Alfred Martin McGaha '79

1980s

Timothy (Tim) Peay '81

Jan Lowman Smith '81

Mary Jenkins Wood '81

Elizabeth Miller Young '81

John Charles Garrard '83

Frances (Millie) Camilla
McDonald '83

Jean Feemster Sturgis '83

Shirley Haase Green '84

Porter Kennington Jr. '85

Celita Thomas Strickland '85

Michael Brandon Wilhelm '85

Beth McGirt Adams '88

Pamela Ann Ramsey '88

Deloris Caldwell Dial '89

Angela Hemingway Murdaugh '89

1990s

Beth Henderson McKinney '90

Lawrence (Larry) Starr Vaughan '90

Shane Lindo Boyd '95

Jena Roland Abney '97

David Lee Watson '97

2000s

Robert Sewell Householder '02

2010s

Jeremy Dontrell Sowell '11

John Curtis Bramblett '16

Stephanie Michelle Brewer '16

Lily Marisa Carter '18



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Our free resources can help with your planning. Contact the Division of University Advancement at **800/801-1083** or **giving@winthrop.edu**.
