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message from the **PRESIDENT**



Dear Friends:

As this *Winthrop Magazine* edition was nearing completion, Winthrop, and the world, was faced with an unprecedented disruption to our normal business operations due to COVID-19.

We made the decision to move all of our classes for the remainder of the spring semester to a remote learning format, and we cancelled or postponed all university-sponsored on- and off-campus events through May 9, including spring Commencement ceremonies, in order to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff.

These were difficult, but the right, decisions to make. I never would have imagined us having to meet such challenges during my first month as interim president, but I have been more than impressed with the tenacious Winthrop spirit that has seen us through these difficult times. We will get through this together, and I look forward to the time when we can all be safely back on Winthrop's beautiful campus.

As we are all practicing social distancing and perhaps finding ourselves with more time on our hands, I encourage you to spend a few minutes reading about some of the compelling stories that fill this *Winthrop Magazine* edition, including:

- *A look at several pre-COVID-19 faculty- and staff-led international trips that gave our students life-changing experiences.*
- *The successful men's basketball and volleyball seasons that resulted in Big South Conference championships.*
- *Compelling profiles on former soccer players turned entrepreneurs Alex Isern '12 and Marc Segarra '13; former tennis player and now tax professional Ana Simanca Hayden '05; and artist and educator Karen Oremus of the fine arts faculty.*

It's been a challenging time, but as I have seen this community do before, Winthrop rises to the challenge. In the coming months, as we hopefully get back to normal ways of life, I will continue to listen and discover all that I can about Winthrop — from you and others who can provide valuable insight. My wife, Alison, and I look forward to seeing you around campus and in your communities when it is safe to do so. Thank you for your love of this university and for welcoming us into the Winthrop family.

Sincerely,

George W. Hynd
Interim President

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Winthrop students take a selfie while snorkeling in the Bahamas and collecting coral health data. They took the geology trip with Professor Diana Boyer.

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LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

A university commitment to global learning has led to more exciting and life-changing overseas trips — led by faculty and staff — for students.

The travel experiences showed the students new ways to view topics, cultures and traditions to broaden their horizons and to expand their world view.

Read more about the places students explored over the recent winter break.

Editor's Note: The following trips that you will read about occurred before the COVID-19 pandemic became a worldwide health crisis.

SWITZERLAND & FRANCE

English faculty member Ann Jordan took a group to Switzerland and France to explore the sites that American novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, visited as Zelda's health declined.



The group encountered challenges due to a transit strike and had to walk or negotiate unexpected means of transportation.

The group flew to Geneva and then traveled to Lausanne to visit the Hotel de la Paix where Fitzgerald lived while his wife was hospitalized. They then took the train to Paris to visit the sites and see where Fitzgerald lived.

“My classmates and I barely knew each other before the trip, but the excitement of Europe quickly brought us together,” said Aubrey Hamrick.

“We bonded over our traumatic experiences on the buses and metros, we fell in love with the great museums and monuments of Paris, and we explored the eerie depths of the catacombs together. This trip transformed 20 strangers into 20 life-long friends.”

ENGLAND & FRANCE

Also visiting Europe were the junior and senior Close Scholars who spent time in London and Paris to visit museums, art galleries and memorable landmarks. The travel, called Global Close Scholars, was a new component to the prestigious Close Scholars community service-focused program.

Maya Whaley '19 said the exploration signified a few changes in her life. “I was no longer going to be a stranger to overseas traveling and navigating land not a part of the U.S. I loved being immersed in the European culture of London and Paris,” she said.

“From tasting the food to meeting new people, the memories are unforgettable.”

“This trip signified a new turn in my life. I am grateful for this opportunity, and I cannot wait to see where life and hard work take me next!”

The Springs Close Foundation established the Close Scholars program 20 years ago to combine community volunteer service along with a Winthrop education. In 2019, the foundation decided to enhance the scholarship by adding a new component for scholarship recipients to travel internationally.



BAHAMAS

A third group traveled to the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas to conduct geology field research with Professor Diana Boyer. The students studied the variation in coastal environments, such as the changing shape of beaches, the size of individual grains of sand, and identification of fauna and sedimentary structures.

They learned about the island from many perspectives: they compared faunas of today's ocean with fossils from 125,000 years ago, when sea levels were higher; and they studied human impact, such as micro plastics, on the oceans.

They also visited one of the oldest operational mercury lighthouses in the Caribbean.

"We learned about indigenous people of the island and discussed the life history of Christopher Columbus and the evidence that supports his first

landfall in the Americas on San Salvador," Boyer said. "We hiked into the thick vegetation to explore the loyalist ruins and investigated why the geology and soil of this island are completely wrong for the type of plantation farming that was attempted in the late 18th and early 19th centuries."



COSTA RICA

A fourth group learned about coffee, chocolate and craft beer in Costa Rica. The students learned how small businesses operate, took a rafting trip and visited a cacao plantation and a hot springs in the Central American country.



Faculty members were Celeste Tiller and Stephanie Lawson of the College of Business Administration. "This international experience opened my eyes to how businesses work outside of the United States. Additionally, I was able to learn how other countries are practicing sustainable economic practices to better their and future-generations' lives," said senior Zach Heustess. "From this trip I now have an international perspective on how the world operates outside of Rock Hill."

For more information on **how to support international studies for Winthrop students**, please contact the Division of University Advancement at 800/801-1083 or giving@winthrop.edu. Online giving is available at www.winthrop.edu/give.

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GEORGE W. HYND: INTERIM PRESIDENT, LIFELONG LEARNER



Dr. George W. Hynd became Winthrop’s interim president on March 1. He succeeds former President Daniel F. Mahony, who was named president of the Southern Illinois University System after nearly five years at Winthrop.

Hynd, a psychologist with special interest in child neuropsychology, has had a distinguished administrative career in higher education serving at several national and regional institutions and as a distinguished research professor, including a 24-year professorship at the University of Georgia.

Most recently, Hynd was the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and interim provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Hynd served as president of Michigan’s Oakland University from 2014-17. Prior to his presidency, from 2010-14, he was provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at the College of Charleston.

He came out of a brief retirement stint to lead Winthrop for 28 months while a national search begins for the university’s next president. “Because of my time at the College of Charleston, I was very familiar with Winthrop and have followed the university’s progress over the years. Our neighbors’ two daughters attended Winthrop so I was able to follow their journeys as well. When the interim presidency opportunity presented itself, it was just very appealing. I thought, ‘Being a president again would be a lot of fun,’”

“One of the great things about Winthrop is that we’re doing so many things right. That’s very encouraging as an interim president. And I’m looking forward to the next two years.”

said Hynd, who is married to Alison Hynd, a psychologist who has worked with autistic and language-delayed preschool children.

His goal, he said, is to establish a very firm foundation upon which the next president can continue building.

In his first month at Winthrop, he has been busy meeting and listening to students, faculty, staff and alumni, and he has been getting to know his way around Rock Hill. “Now we start digging into everything we want to accomplish,” he said.

That includes creating a campus facilities master plan. “We have the Winthrop Plan, the university’s strategic plan that addresses important areas such as enrollment and fundraising, but we need to address who Winthrop is going to be in five to 10 years, and a campus master plan will help us have those discussions,” said Hynd. The master plan, according to Hynd, also will provide a vehicle for the university to partner with the community in visioning what the needs are of today’s Winthrop students and new students five to 10 years from now.



Another objective is to work on a three- to five-year financial model for the university that will support enrollment and scholarship growth.

One aspect of Winthrop that has especially impressed Hynd is the university’s commitment to global learning and study abroad opportunities. Hynd grew up in a military family that was stationed in Italy, Hawaii and southern California. While at Pepperdine University, he studied abroad in Germany and later earned a Fulbright Fellowship to Finland, all experiences that he described as “life-changing opportunities that helped shape me and my view of the world. I would encourage any student to study abroad in order to learn more about yourself, learn more about different cultures and traditions, and to come back home changed for the better.”

MORE ABOUT DR. HYND

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Education degree in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado
- Master of Education in educational administration and supervision from the University of Guam
- Master and Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology from Pepperdine University

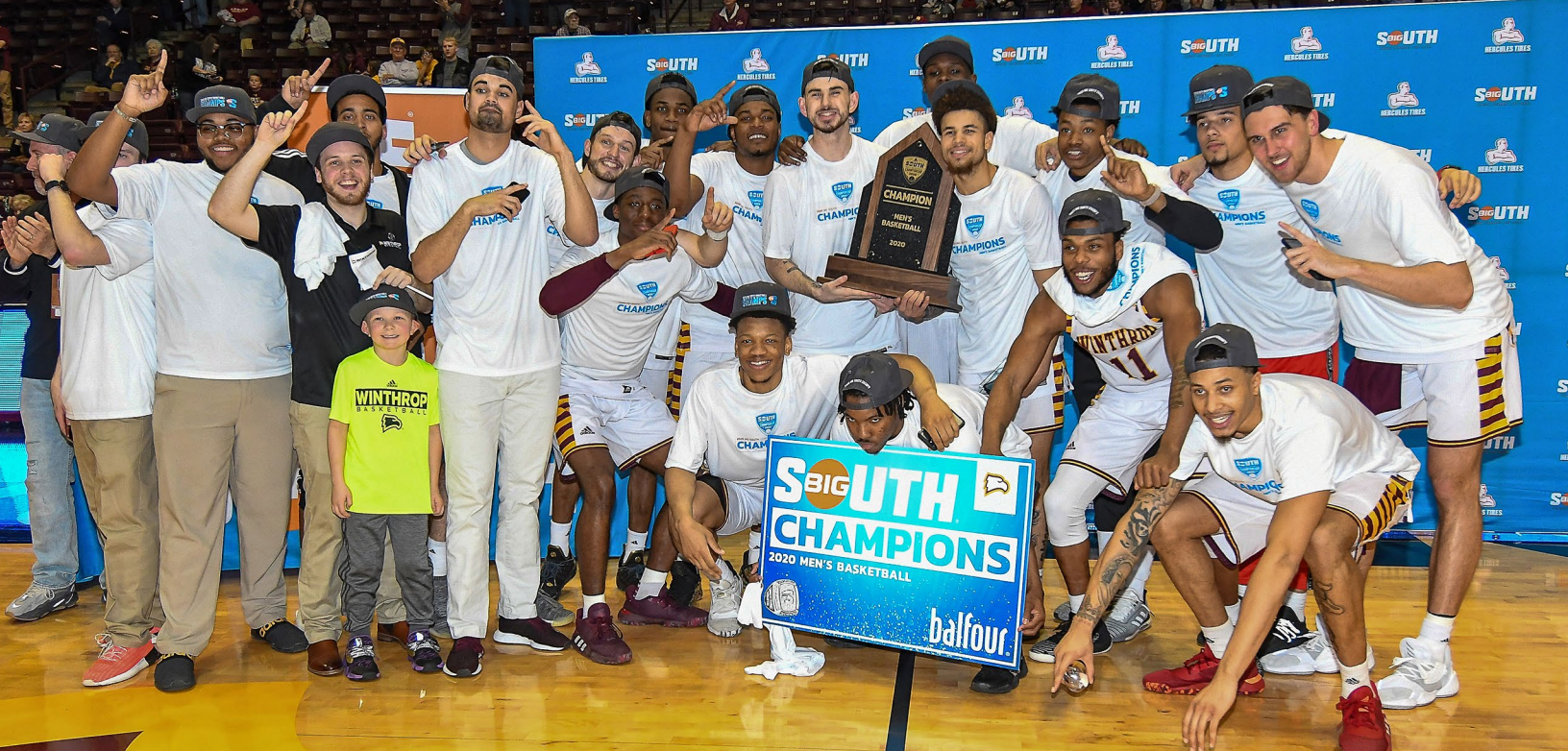
HOBBIES

Traveling, reading (usually history or a John Grisham book), coin collecting and the allure of golf.

FAMILY

Wife Alison; four adult children: Erin, Elise, April and Brian; 13-year-old golden retriever, Curry.

For more information on Hynd, please visit www.winthrop.edu/president



BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL EARN NCAA TOURNAMENT BIDS

What a time to be an Eagle! The men's basketball team and the volleyball team each secured the Big South Conference title and earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

During March Madness, the men's basketball team fought back from a 15-point deficit against Hampton in the Big South Conference championship, which Winthrop hosted as the top remaining seed, to clinch the program's 12th championship and the second championship under Head Coach Pat Kelsey's leadership.

Graduate student Hunter Hale was voted the Big South Conference Tournament MVP while senior Josh Ferguson joined Hale on the All-Tournament Team. Earlier in the season, DJ Burns Jr. was named the conference's Freshman of the Year and junior Kyle Zunic was voted to the conference's All-Academic Team.

However, the week following the Big South Conference championship, the season came to

an abrupt end when the NCAA cancelled the men's and women's basketball tournaments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team finished the season with a 24-10 record, marking the fourth time in program history that the program has compiled a 24-win season.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

This past fall, the volleyball team was crowned Big South Champions and secured the program's sixth championship in program history and the first Big South crown since 2006.

Winning the conference title gave the Eagles an automatic entry into the NCAA Tournament. The team faced the University of Washington in the first round of the NCAA Tournament that was held in Seattle, Washington. The team finished the season with a 24-5 record, the program's best finish since 2006.



The team went undefeated at 14-0 in Big South play.

The team's successful season also brought impressive individual honors. Siani Yamaguchi '19 was named Big South Player of the Year. It was the first Player of the Year award for the volleyball program since 2011. In addition, Head Coach Chuck Rey was named Big South Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.



SPREADING LOVE FOR THE SPORT

Friends since age 10, Alex Isern '12 and Marc Segarra '13 said their close friendship has been the foundation for their multi-million dollar sports business.

The Barcelona, Spain, natives united at Winthrop where they played soccer and observed the status of the sport in America. “Our whole purpose was to complement the interest, continuous growth and resources of soccer in North America with the experience, eagerness to expand and knowledge of the biggest football brands in Europe,” Segarra said.

They recognized the versatility of the sport, its accessibility to all children and its international

appeal. They resolved to bring the best of European football to America with the formation of their company, ISL.

They point to a Winthrop class for when their business idea took off. Isern said they worked on a project in business faculty member Barbara Fuller’s entrepreneurial class and were recognized for having the best business plan. They point to the values they bring – their friendship, humility,

network and motto – that are meaningful for their clients.

And they recognize the strengths that each brings to the company. Isern is organized, professional and amazing with numbers. Segarra is the people person with a sales and creative mind.

Isern remembered that their first event took place while they were still Winthrop students. They offered a winter camp in 2012 where Spanish football team members from UECornella worked with 80 players in Rock Hill. The two then set up their limited partnership in 2013 and opened a Charlotte, North Carolina, office.

They based their business model on organizing summer camps with Spanish coaches and trips to Barcelona. Two years later, ISL signed a partnership with FCBarcelona and grew the business to become its largest partner for youth programs. They run more than 40 camps a year, operating seven academies and bringing more than 4,000 people to Barcelona annually.

ISL has continued to evolve and expand into six new business lines to offer seasonal events, annual programs, travel management, talent management, tours and exhibition games along with sponsorship, and a foundation.



Alex Isern '12, left, and Marc Segarra '13

The headquarters is now in Miami, Florida, for its Americas business dealings and in Barcelona for its European dealings.

Looking to the future, the pair envisions becoming a relevant player in the sports management and marketing industry. Over the years, they have had the privilege to work with such outstanding sports professionals as Luis Suarez, Neymar da Silva Santos Jr., Rob Gronkowski, the Dos Santos brothers, Marc Barta and others.

Once a two-employee business in 2013, ISL has grown to more than 150 employees. “ISL has been growing organically from day one and has no debt,” Segarra said.

About a dozen of the company employees are Winthrop graduates.



Alex Isern, from left, retired Winthrop Head Soccer Coach Rich Posipanko, Marc Segarra and current Winthrop Head Soccer Coach Daniel Ridenhour at the Alumni Reunion & Awards luncheon.

“For us, one way to pay Winthrop back is to continue to employ Winthrop students. Especially because we know the kind of people they are.”

- Marc Segarra



CELEBRATING CLOSE TIES

One of the characteristics that makes the Winthrop experience unlike the offerings at other schools is the unique connection where students get to know faculty on a very personal level.

That was the case for **Ana Simanca Hayden '05**, who made meaningful, lifelong friendships while being encouraged and supported on and off the tennis court.

At the age of 15, Hayden, of Bogota, Colombia, and her tennis skills were on the radar of Cid Carvalho '81, '89, the now retired women's head

tennis coach. He would eventually recruit her to come play for Winthrop.

"I am forever grateful that Cid and Winthrop offered me the tennis scholarship because that is the reason I was able to fulfill my dream to study in the United States," she said.

Carvalho was instrumental, Hayden said, in offering her support. For many student-athletes, particularly international students like Hayden, the support from others often morphs into a familial relationship that grows and evolves over their lifetime.

Take for instance Harry Emerson, instructor of business, and his wife, Kathleen. Harry became one of Hayden's most influential supporters — in the classroom, on the courts and throughout her career. Hayden surprisingly enjoyed his personal income tax course, came to know him as a fixture at tennis matches and most importantly embraced his mentorship.

"He was an amazing mentor and he helped me prepare for the interview and job that opened so many doors in my career," said Hayden, now a senior tax manager for Bacardi.

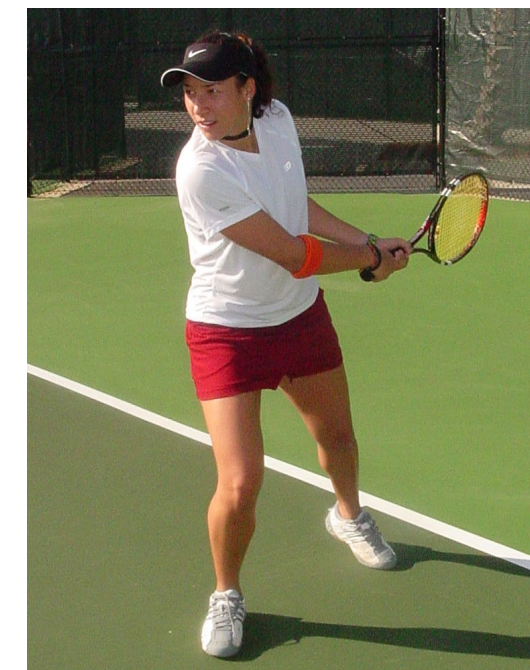
"Ana is a great example of opportunity meeting determination," said Emerson. "She was a determined young woman who made the best of her opportunities."

After graduation, Hayden completed a six-month internship at Deloitte Tax in Charlotte, North Carolina. She then obtained her master's degree — the Emersons attended her graduation — from the University of Miami. Hayden accepted a full-time position with Deloitte Tax in Miami, Florida, and worked there for nearly five years before becoming a senior tax consultant for Carnival Corporation.

Like others, the Emersons have been watching over her from afar every step of the way. When Hurricane Irma was expected to hit Miami in 2017, Hayden's family, like many Floridians at the time, knew they had to put an evacuation plan into place. The Emersons offered their home in the mountains as a place for the Haydens to seek shelter.

"That is one of many examples of how he and his family have been so important in my life," Hayden said. Equally important were Pat and the late Dale Courtney, known in the tennis community for forging familial bonds with student-athletes and taking them under their wings.

Hayden, who still plays tennis, has become a triathlete and runs half marathons, said she learned as a student-athlete some of her biggest life lessons like teamwork (both on and off the court) and time management. "Having those skills helped me establish a frame of mind for setting and achieving more goals for the future," she said.



One of those goals was having her own family with husband, Tim. After battling infertility, Hayden's main priority now is being the best mom to her daughters: 3-year-old Zoey Valentina and newborn Silvana Grace.



VISUALIZING THE INVISIBLE



Karen Oremus can trace back her passion for the arts to primary school. In the years since, the Department of Fine Arts Chair has turned that love into her profession, having showcased her work in more than 15 countries.

The Canada native has always loved the element of surprise, which is why she is drawn to both printmaking as a medium and why she studied and worked in archaeology. “Both processes are about opening up surfaces. The physical and tangible characteristics of making an etching plate, combined with chance and the element of surprise are exciting to me. Through the addition and subtraction of materials in printmaking, the components are transformed. Unearthing the strata in excavation results in a constant uncovering of history; each level unshrouds a new image,” said Oremus.

During excavations in Italy, where Oremus was the technical drawer, she came across human remains, a first-time experience. “That was a difficult moment for me. The situation was dealt with very clinically, but I was emotional. I thought how unpredictable life was. This was the moment that I decided to leave archaeology and work full time as an artist and educator.” Oremus’ work since this time centers around the theme of life’s fragility.

In recent years, her work focuses on conceptually visualizing the invisible with the assistance of various branches of science. “In recent work, I aim to map out unknown locations through imagined cartographies, which conceptually depict utopia, heaven or other realms that we know about through some description but cannot actually arrive to. I have been working with scientific pinpointing of locations that we cannot visit or experience fully, such as the stars. I also continue to explore mortality, ephemerality and the fragility of life through the examining of practical experimentation in microbiology, human microbiome, genetics, microscopy, neuroscience, brain tissue and memory from a fine art perspective,” said Oremus.

In addition to her impressive work, Oremus also has made a name for herself as a gifted educator. Nearly two decades ago, she was recruited by Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates to establish the first printmaking discipline in the nation’s capital. After being there for 15 years, she also contributed to the establishment of the College of Arts and Creative Enterprises in her previous tenure as assistant dean.

“When I first arrived to the UAE there was little understanding of the arts and art appreciation. The country was so young that art education didn’t exist in schools. No one took art seriously,” Oremus said.

She was an advocate to educate the institution and the community on the importance of art and art education.

She helped create art curriculum for not only Zayed University, but for the country’s K-12 schools. The goal, she said, was to graduate Emirati nationals who would then return to schools within the country to teach art. When she left the position, her program was successfully accredited and students were showing their work around the globe, instead of parking lots and malls, which were their previous options. Most rewarding to Oremus was the hire of her former student, the first full-time Emirati faculty member on the Abu Dhabi campus. “It came full circle. I felt complete. It was time for me to return to North America, and Winthrop was a perfect fit for me,” Oremus noted.

Since she joined Winthrop in 2018, Oremus has been impressed with the quality of work and drive that students and faculty have displayed. “It has been an amazing journey, and I’m really grateful to be amongst this community of incredible faculty and students,” said Oremus.



Karen Oremus
Animation Stills: *Obscure Locations: In Search of Paradise*



Karen Oremus
Obscure Locations: In Search of Paradise
Installation: A series of sequentially laser engraved/cut paper and card with etching, screen and pigment printing | Each Artefacts/work: 15x23 cm | 2017



Record Broken for Number of Students Applying for Freshman Admission

For the second consecutive year, a record number of prospective students have applied for admission to the incoming Class of 2024.

The current recruiting season has seen applications for the fall 2020 freshman class — which numbered 6,335 as of March 9 — eclipse the previous mark of 6,101 from fall 2019. The strong application numbers yielded a freshman class that was Winthrop’s largest in four years.

Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management Eduardo Prieto noted that applications to Winthrop are up across several South Carolina markets, including some major population centers.

“Our largest increases have been in York County, the greater Columbia metro area and Florence, in addition to extending our reach out to Aiken and Myrtle Beach. We have also remained consistent in Charleston and Greenville/Spartanburg and are up slightly in out-of-state markets like New York and Massachusetts,” said Prieto. “The value of a Winthrop degree and overall experience is very appealing for students and families looking for a combination of best fit and return on investment.”

Winthrop Retains State’s Top Spot for Minority, Female Hiring

For the second year in a row Winthrop is the top-ranked four-year state university in meeting its affirmative action goals for recruiting, retaining and promoting minorities and women, according to the

S.C. Human Affairs Commission. The commission ranked each of the 10 four-year universities in its latest report to the General Assembly.

Winthrop held the #2 spot in the state for two years before overtaking the top spot, which demonstrates the heightened understanding and appreciation of workplace diversity that the Winthrop community has consistently worked to nurture and cultivate across campus in recent years.

Students Give Back on MLK Day of Service

More than 250 students from Winthrop, York Technical and Clinton colleges, along with more than a dozen staff members, assisted with service projects for nine agencies around Rock Hill on Winthrop’s Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This was the 20th anniversary of the Day of Service.



Students served food to the homeless, packed snack bags, collected canned food items, participated in crafts and activities with older adults, built and cleaned garden plots, assembled disaster kits, played games with children and much more.

[View a photo album](#) of the day’s activities and [watch a recap video](#).

Athletics Celebrates Newest Hall of Fame Inductees



Winthrop Athletics inducted the Class of 2020 into the Hall of Fame on Jan. 31. The new members are: Tessa Thomas '09, from left, softball; Ashley Howard '10, women’s track & field; Cid Carvalho '81, '89, retired tennis coach; and Juliana Tonani Marques '00, women’s tennis.



[Read more about this latest class of inductees.](#)

2020 Alumni Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

Each November, the Winthrop Alumni Association presents awards at the Alumni Reunion & Awards luncheon, held during **Homecoming and Reunion Weekend**, to alumni who have demonstrated Winthrop's tradition of excellence. Nominations for the 2020 Alumni Awards will be accepted through Tuesday, June 30. The Honors and Awards Committee of the Alumni Executive Board reviews nominations and selects winners annually.

To nominate a Winthrop graduate for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Alumni Professional Achievement Award or the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, visit the **Alumni Awards webpage** and complete the appropriate Alumni Awards Nomination Form for that award and submit it to Lori Tuttle, executive director of alumni relations, at tuttlel@winthrop.edu.

Your 2019 Alumni Award Recipients

The 2019 Alumni Award recipients were recognized during the Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon on Nov. 16. Winners are, from left, Alex Isern '12, Outstanding Young Alumni Award; Steven Dillingham '73, Alumni Professional Achievement Award; Ben Roach '77, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; former President Dan Mahony, who presented the awards; David McDonald '01, Alumni

Distinguished Service Award; and Byron Putman '94, Alumni Executive Board president, who announced the winners. In front are Marc Segarra '13, Outstanding Young Alumni Award and Jeuel Bannister Esmacher '44, Mary Mildred Sullivan Award. Mary Elizabeth Hope Reed '41, '51, posthumously received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award. [Read more about the winners.](#)



Join the New Virtual Alumni Book Club

The Alumni Association is excited to announce the launch of the Winthrop Alumni Virtual Book Club. In this online 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! The first book that will be read and discussed is “Just Mercy,” the university’s 2019-20 Common Book. The Common Book is distributed to incoming freshmen each summer, and the campus is also encouraged to read and discuss it throughout the academic year. [Learn more and join today!](#)

Visit www.winthrop.edu/alumniupdate to update your contact information.

Alumni Executive Board Applications Now Available

Applications are now being accepted through Friday, April 24, for the 2020-23 **Alumni Executive Board** term. There are up to six available seats for the 2020-23 term. Please complete the **Alumni Executive Board application** and submit to Lori Tuttle, executive director of alumni relations, at tuttlel@winthrop.edu by Friday, April 24. The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Executive Board will review all applications and make selections this spring.

Save the Date!

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2020 will be Nov. 13-14. We hope to see you on campus. If your class year ends in a “0” or “5,” you are celebrating a reunion year and will hear more from the Alumni Association.



Submit Your Design to the Second Annual Homecoming T-Shirt Contest

The Alumni Association hosted its inaugural Homecoming T-shirt contest in celebration of Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2019. Brandon McGinnis '12 designed the winning T-shirt, which was given to alumni at the Alumni Association tailgate tent on Nov. 16. The Alumni Association is accepting submissions for the 2020 Homecoming T-shirt design through April 30.

[Read more for official rules and contest details.](#)



Winthrop Experiences Milestone Philanthropy

Donors gave \$6.5 million to Winthrop in 2019, marking the second-highest amount ever raised in fundraising history. The total includes contributions made primarily to support the Winthrop Endowment, which will provide necessary investment capital and funding to move forward on key Winthrop Plan initiatives. Since the plan's inception, Winthrop has observed growth in the Foundation's endowment program surpassing \$60 million in endowed assets. During 2019, there was a 22.34 percent gross investment return on the foundation's investment pool, which has the potential to meet a \$100 million stretch target in five years.

Other fundraising highlights include 16 new individuals and families welcomed into the D.B. Johnson Society and a gain of \$400,777 in unrestricted gifts to the Winthrop Fund.



Thank You for These Gifts and Pledges of \$25,000 or More:

- **E. Neal Powell and Betty G. Powell '78** established the *Agnes Boyce Powell Music Award* to honor Neal's mother, a 1948 alumna.
- **The Ish Smith Family Foundation** contributed funds to perform facility enhancement for men's basketball at the *Winthrop Coliseum*.
- **Dorothy Kirkpatrick '59** expanded her giving to include bequest intention that will also benefit the *Winthrop Endowment*.
- **Casey Ferri '09 and Eric Ferri '07** included the *Winthrop Endowment* into their giving. They also support the *Eagle Club* and the *Winthrop Fund*.
- **Judith Fincher '67** will honor a former professor of philosophy and religion with a gift to establish the *Nolan P. Jacobson Endowed Lecture Series*.
- **Tonya and Michael Thompson** chose to honor Tonya's sister, the late **Betty Weeks Still '66**, by establishing a scholarship in Betty's name that benefits students from Lancaster County studying education.
- **Karen Kedrowski**, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, created the *Kedrowski-Fitzgerald Family Scholarship* to benefit students majoring in political science or chemistry.

Winthrop Creates Fund to Assist Students Affected By COVID-19 Crisis

With the needs of Winthrop students changing rapidly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the university has created the Student Emergency & Assistance Fund to help students who are faced with difficulties during this unique time.

Many students are dealing with unexpected financial hardships and have been adversely affected by the campus closure and the transition to remote learning. Now there is an even greater need for students juggling issues with housing and moving expenses, food insecurities, transportation, resources required for remote learning, and other related basic needs.

Many members of the Winthrop community had expressed interest in how they can provide support to students. This newly created fund will quickly provide the financial resources to students in crisis.

Please consider giving, if you have the desire and are able, any monetary level of support to the fund.

For questions about the Student Emergency & Assistance Fund or to give to the fund, call 803/323-2275 or visit [justgiving.com/campaign/winthropstrong](https://www.winthrop.edu/justgiving.com/campaign/winthropstrong).



Faculty Endowments Back Student Scholarships

The bond between faculty and students has long been recognized as one of the hallmarks of the Winthrop experience. Several recent endowments created by faculty or by alumni in their honor demonstrates the strong commitment faculty have for Winthrop students. Recent endowments include:

The Tom and Kathe Rice Stanley Scholarship will be awarded to a senior fine arts student from South Carolina. The Dr. Danne Kasperek and Dr. Gene Kasperek Scholarship will be awarded to a student demonstrating financial need. The Donald M. Rogers Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a full-time graduate student studying music. The Thacker Computer Sciences Scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in computer science.

For more information on giving, or to make a gift, please call the Division of University Advancement at 803/323-2275, toll-free at 800/801-1083 or visit www.winthrop.edu/give.

1967

The city of Rock Hill honored Catawba resident **Cynthia Plair Roddey** during the 2019 Freedom Walkway Local Heroes for Justice and Equality event. Roddey was recognized for her trailblazing and pioneering spirit as Winthrop's first African-American student.



1972

"Voices Still Heard, Dreams Still Believed, Scenes Still Viewed" is a creative nonfiction short story published by Rock Hill resident **Doris Ezell-Schmitz**.

1973

Betty Creamer of Desert Hot Springs, California, is the first recipient of the Dorothy Anne Honeychurch Award for Women's Leadership.

1974

Conway resident **Priscilla Wyman Fuller** retired as the chief compliance officer for Services for the UnderServed.

1987

The Walt Schrader Environmental Educator of the Year Award, given by York County, was presented to **Susan "Missy" Stringfellow** of Rock Hill. Stringfellow is a fifth-grade teacher at York Road Elementary School.

1990

Columbia resident **Lisa Graham Brooks** is the magnet lead teacher at Nursery Road Elementary School-Arts Magnet.

1997

George Austin of Alpharetta, Georgia, completed his doctorate in public administration. "The Golden Rules of Social Media Marketing" is a book authored by **Heather Heuman** of Columbia.

1998

Michael Patrick of Hanahan is the director of business intelligence and analytics at Allen Lund Company. Woodstock, Georgia, resident **Robert Tidwell**, an attorney, was selected by the city council to be the new lead municipal judge.

2003

The Summerville Journal Scene featured Mount Pleasant resident **Marie Connelly** for her work with STEAM initiatives as the instruction technology specialist at Joseph Pye Elementary School.

2005

Phoenix City, Alabama, resident **Jamie Spanner**, a fifth grade social studies and math teacher at Key Elementary, received the Kinetic Credit Union Golden Apple Award.

2006

Julie Pigg of Jefferson was nominated by her peers as the 2019-20 Reading Teacher of the Year at Bethune Elementary School.

2008

Dana Stachowiak of Greensboro, North Carolina, is director of the Women's Studies and Resource Center at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

2009

The New American Paintings publication featured Baton Rouge, Louisiana, artist **Luke Atkinson**.

2017

Bryan Mobley of Charlotte, North Carolina, received his Master of Science in higher education administration from Capella University. **Roman Vitanza** of Arlington, Texas, received the Major Howell Balsem Public Affairs Exceptional Achievement Award in digital media.

BIRTHS

Elizabeth Dimond Cornine '04, a daughter, Evie Cornine, Oct. 2019

Stacey Singleton Whitfield '04, '05, twin son and daughter, Keith (KJ) Whitfield Jr. and Kamille Whitfield, Aug. 1, 2019

Courtney Callahan-Griffin '05, a son, Gage Callahan-Griffin, Sept. 19, 2019

Patrick (Ollie) Jefferson '07 and **Jemia Keels Jefferson '08**, a daughter, Sage Olivia Jefferson, Nov. 2018

Kelly Danielle Johnson '08, a son, Braxton Alphonso Taylor, Nov. 30, 2019

Justin Curtis Meade '08, a son, Bo Meade, April 2019

Lauren Westfall Edmonds '09 and **Michael (Mike) David Edmonds '08**, a daughter, Margaret Edmonds, April 2019

Emily Burton Studebaker '10 and **Brandon Lee Studebaker '08**, a daughter, Presley Elizabeth Studebaker, Oct. 16, 2019

Muri Mata Howle '11, a daughter, Madelynn Howle, Sept. 2018

Blair Ligon McCraney '11, a daughter, Grace Auten McCraney, Sept. 11, 2019

Lindsay Johnson Miller '11, '13, a son, Landon Miller, Feb. 2019

Andrea McMaster Walters '11 and **Mitchell (Cam) Walters '12**, a son, Harper Mac Walters, Dec. 6, 2019

Kristen Harris Cochran '12, a son, Hudson Louis Cochran, Sept. 9, 2019

Taylor Hicks Davis '15, a daughter, Oliva June Davis, Sept. 25, 2019

Allison Lawrence Roesler '15 and **Thomas Roesler '16**, a daughter, Elaina Roesler, 2019

LaPorche (Porche') Stevenson '15, a son, Mason Allen, Aug. 2019

MARRIAGES

Frances (JoAn) Smith-Floyd '60 to Charles Floyd

Bridget Baucom Latimer '69 to Larry Geddie

Thomas McCullough III '92 to Cindy K. McCullough

Jennifer Nance Austin '98 to David Kempka

Pamela Clair Britt '02 to Steve Roberts

Amanda Renee Mings '04 to Randy Gardner

Santana Lashanda Davis '07 to Marisse Kennedy

Trent Stuart Erving '09 and **Brooke Nicole Alberson '13**

Deonna Nicole McNeill '10 to Gregory Okotie

Kathryn (Katie) Amy Boseman '12 to David Johnson

Victoria (Tori) Louise McLean '12 to Michael Good

Mary Katherine Stevens '12 to Wally Bright

Rachel Elizabeth Stokes '14 to Mark Alan Starnes

Mark Randall Walker '14 to **Julianne Betsill '15**

Samantha White Basciano '16 to Frankie Basciano

Caroline Nicole Cody '16 to Andrew Blackwood

Kaylin Genna Gragg '16 to Ryan Staub

Emma Laurent Stanton '17 to **Nolan Thaddeus Gregory '18**

Morgan Brent Anderson '18 to Alan Parker

Katelyn Elaine Arledge '19 to **Luke Christopher Johnson '19**

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.

IN MEMORIAM

1910s

Mildred Hyatt Ervin '17

1940s

Jewell McRae Carmichael '42

Margaret (Peggy) Howell Heath '42

Edith Earle Hellams '42

Nancy Howard McIver '42

Eleanor (Caroline) Johnston Stokes '42

Marian Warner Eskew '43

Sara Baker Jernigan '43

Joan Atkinson Suhr '43

Zena Crawford Tholstrup '43

Jean Dunlap Caldwell '44

Frances Whitmire Craig '44

Jane Coker Dunlap '44

Amy Moore Hyatt '44

Margaret Stroup Mauney '44

Lois Curry Morton '44

Claire Haigler Gardner '45

Shirley Page Harris '46

Densmore (Denny) Faris Jones '46

Lalla (Marjorie) Ford Manning '46

Annie (Rae) Connor Maurer '46

Emma Edens Christie '47

Averill Boatwright Courtney '47

Gladys Means Hilley '47

Rosemary Kirby Laur '47

Mary Leila Carwile Andrews '48

Virginia DeLaine Anthony '48

Sybil (Izetta) Agew Camp '48

Dorothy Bowers Evans '48

Mary Ouzts Rogers '48

Felicia Lawrence Souza '48

Barbara Spain Stratton '48

Inez Hyatt Brown '49

Sara Mitchell Gantt '49

Tattie Harden Kleckley '49

Annie May Breeden Miller '49

Ethel Lachicotte Boyle Ripley '49

Margaret Vardell Ritter '49

1950s

Mary Nicholson Allen '50

Helen Pike Bradley '50

Elizabeth (Lib) Sandifer Inman '50

Lillian Barry Neal '50

Harriet Oliver Plowden '50

Virginia Walker Poston '50

Rubye (Ruby) Sloan Barnett '51

Nelle Barnhill Bradley '51

Betty Hammond Keefe '51

Betty (Ruth) Blanchard Smith '51

Joyce Baker Thorsten '51

Elva (Fran) Vanadore Smith '52

Wilda (Frances) McClain Armstrong '53

Clara Mixon Lewis '53

Ann Allen Mullis '53

Alma Davis Cauthen '54

Bonnie Whitlock Fleming '54

Mollie Anne Matthews '54

Reba Breland McFadden '54

June Robertson VanPatton '54

Blanche Weston Howe '55

Joy Mungo Richardson '55

Ruth Senn Bell '56

Shirley Taylor Harris '56

Jacqueline (Jackie) Huggins McLellan '56

Bernie Gilmer Skelton '56

Martha (Marty) Anne Washington '56

Janice Young Jernigan '57

Violet Elias Skeirik '57

Edna (Etah) Thompson Kirkpatrick '58

Daisy Miller Parker '58

Carolyn Hart Breland '59

1960s

Frances Campbell Baker '61

Sally Manning Culp '62

Wiley Davis Forte '62

Sarah McLeod Goforth '62

Kathryn (Regina) Duncan Ratterree '62, '68

Sondra Thompson Welles '64

Patricia Bankhead Beer '65

Marta Riddle Brown '65

Lorela Nichols Wilkins '65

Mattie Naomi Matthews '66

Doris Nichols Austell '67

Sharon Painter Williams '67

Gloria Rogers Sumner '68

Juanita Riddle Marette '69

Sue Franklin Pearce '69

1970s

Nancy Smith Lineberry '70

Susan Jessee Belk '73

Judy Ann McCoy '73

Barbara Harris Hilderbrand '74

Joyce Reep McDaniel '74

Betty Heath Woolard '74

Olive Turner Holland '75

Mary Mobley Johnson '75

Rebecca (Lynn) Thompson Carroll '76, '78

Priscilla Porter Deaton '76

Ronald Melvin Becknell '77

Colin Wayne Odom '77

Michael (Mike) Wright '78

Gratia Clancy Wiley '79

1980s

William (Bill) Fennell Craig III '80

Billie Hinson Steele '81

Deborah (Debbie) Allen Pruitt '83, '88

Gregory F. Fulmer '84

Deborah Soles '86

Dalton Wyatt Givens '89

Kim Wood Reed '89

1990s

Dwain David Skinner '91

Scott Snaden '92

Lynn (J.L.) McDaniel-Milliken '96

Kimball (Kim) Dallas Laughlin '98

Kenneth (Ken) J. Drakeford '99

2000s

Laura Leigh Peebles '04

Ashley LaPoint Blackwell '08

2010s

Terrance Jamal Taylor '17





THANK YOU TO THE **WINTHROP** COMMUNITY

for the resiliency, adaptability
and perseverance that you
have shown during this
unprecedented time.

The Winthrop community is better together,
and although we are physically separated right now,
we will emerge from this **stronger** than ever.

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