The Winthrop Alumni Association is a non-profit organization that serves more than 60,000 alumni, the university, community and students.

### MISSION
To honor the traditions and values of Winthrop University through the engagement of alumni worldwide.

### MEMBERSHIP
Graduates of Winthrop are lifetime members of the association. A student who enrolled at Winthrop for at least one year but did not graduate becomes a non-graduate alumna/us, while students who completed less than one year may request approval for non-graduate alumni status. There are no annual dues or special requirements to become a member of the Alumni Association. All it takes is your dedication to stay active and in touch with the university.

### GOVERNANCE
The Executive Board of the Winthrop Alumni Association serves as the governing body of all Winthrop alumni and oversees association business. All active alumni are eligible to serve on the board.

The Winthrop Alumni Association was organized in June 1889 in the Little Chapel on Marion Street in Columbia, South Carolina, by members of the classes of 1887-1889.

Since 1899, the Winthrop Alumni Association has presented more than 50 gifts, both monetary and physical, to the university in support of scholarships, facilities and grounds and preservation of university history.
YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments our university has experienced over this past year. Thanks to you, the Winthrop Alumni Association continues to grow. From the efforts from our alumni chapters and the chapter leaders to our impressive Alumni Award recipients, we have had a successful year of engaging alumni. Our growth will continue in the coming years as we develop new opportunities for more alumni to reconnect with Winthrop.

You can help advance our alma mater in a variety of ways. Financial contributions, volunteering, mentoring, hiring alumni and promoting the great things happening at Winthrop all make a difference in the lives of students and our beloved Winthrop. Please stay connected to Winthrop and participate in alumni activities that happen in your area. We look forward to seeing you at an alumni event soon.

With sincere gratitude,

Byron Putman '94
President, Winthrop Alumni Association
More than 60,000 Winthrop alumni span the globe! Our alumni enrich the university and contribute to its mission whether it is providing internship opportunities for students, business contacts, career guidance, or advice on adapting to a new city or country, our alumni are ready to connect with you. Winthrop alumni connect via regional alumni chapters, affinity groups and events.

TOTAL ALUMNI

64,283 in all 50 states, U.S. territories and overseas populations and countries worldwide

Top 10 States
1. South Carolina
2. North Carolina
3. Georgia
4. Florida
5. Virginia
6. Texas
7. Tennessee
8. Maryland
9. California
10. New York

Top 10 Countries
1. United States
2. China
3. France
4. Canada
5. Spain
6. Saudi Arabia
7. Brazil
8. Japan
9. Germany
10. United Kingdom

LIVING ALUMNI BY DECADE

1940s 1,258
1950s 2,050
1960s 5,349
1970s 9,252
1980s 10,860
1990s 9,674
2000s 5,349
2010s 4,202

CLASSIFICATIONS

64% UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE HOLDERS
16% GRADUATE DEGREE HOLDERS
13% NON-GRADUATE
7% LOST/MISSING
Under the leadership of local alumni volunteers, the alumni association established one regional alumni chapter and two young alumni councils in 2019: Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter, Charleston Young Alumni Council and the Rock Hill Young Alumni Council. There are nine alumni chapters: Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, DC Metro, Rock Hill, Triangle, Kershaw County and the Upstate. Young alumni are Graduates of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.). G.O.L.D. alumni make up approximately a quarter of our alumni constituency. There are five Young Alumni Councils: Charleston, Charlotte, D.C. Metro, Rock Hill and the Upstate.

Each regional alumni chapter hosts quarterly events throughout the year. These events range from after-work socials to supporting Winthrop athletics at sporting events in their region. In 2019 alumni chapters hosted 24 events engaging more than 250 alumni. Each Young Alumni Council hosts a networking event and community service project. The Young Alumni Councils engaged more than 100 G.O.L.D. alumni in 2019. Be sure to follow our alumni chapters on Facebook for upcoming event information. If you live in a region where there is an alumni chapter, get involved!

In 2019, the alumni association hosted more than 50 events that nearly 800 alumni attended.

The Alumni Association collaborated with Winthrop Athletics to host four pre-game basketball socials. Socials were held in Charleston, Spartanburg and Rock Hill engaging more than 100 alumni. The Alumni Association and Winthrop Athletics also hosted a watch party at Hartland’s Bar when the men’s basketball team played Radford. Forty-seven alumni and Eagle fans came to watch and support the Eagles.

The Alumni Association and the Office of Admissions worked together to host freshman send-offs for freshmen who started their Winthrop journey in fall 2019. Freshman Send-offs were held in Charleston and Columbia. The Charleston and Columbia Alumni Chapter leaders facilitated a question and answer session for parents with Residence Life and campus student leaders. While parents attended the question and answer session, students participated in icebreakers to get to know each other and shared what they were excited to experience and nervous about upon their arrival to campus. We engaged more than 60 alumni and students at the 2019 Freshman Send-off celebrations.
Alumni can support Winthrop wherever they drive with a special state-issued vanity plate from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. The redesigned plate incorporates Winthrop’s Eagle head logo in the university’s signature garnet and gold colors. Winthrop receives $40 of each registration fee for scholarships.

**HOMECOMING T-SHIRT CONTEST**

In 2019, the Alumni Association launched a Homecoming T-shirt design contest for the 2019 Homecoming T-shirt. The contest was open for all alumni to participate during the month of February. After alumni sent their submissions to the Alumni Association, the Alumni Executive Board voted on the design for the Homecoming T-shirt. Brandon McGinnis ‘12 was the winner of the contest. His design was printed on the back on the 2019 Homecoming T-shirt and given away at the Alumni Association Tailgate during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.
The Winthrop College Ring was introduced during the 2019 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Our Winthrop College alumni have enjoyed being able to show pride in their alma mater as we all continue the tradition of excellence.

Please share your Winthrop ring story by e-mailing us at alumni@winthrop.edu.
Visit www.jostens.com/winthrop for more information and pricing.
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT  SHAPING TOMORROW’S ALUMNI LEADERS

STUDENT ALUMNI COUNCIL (SAC)

• Established in 1984 by the alumni association, the Student Alumni Council educates and prepares current students for becoming active and engaged alumni, seeks to build loyalty to the university and strengthen relationships between alumni and current students. The group of 32 student members promotes the interest and participation of students in the advancement of the university and educates students and the campus community about the history and traditions that the university hold near and dear to its heart.

• COLLABORATIVE PHILANTHROPY: SAC was once again able to expand the scope of its signature student scholarship fundraiser, Ghost Tours, by collaborating with Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections, the Office of Admissions and talented students on campus to plan and execute a historically accurate haunted event. The event attracted more than 150 students, alumni, and community members to discover the campus legends and historical figures that have shaped Winthrop.

• UPHOLDING TRADITION: SAC continues to raise awareness among students and alumni about the university’s most beloved traditions. As the university’s resident tradition keepers, SAC members show incoming students what it means to be a Winthrop student and provide each student with a complimentary copy of The Garnet & Gold: Treasures and Traditions of Winthrop University, a keepsake publication that explains all things Winthrop.

RING CEREMONY

• Students who reach junior status and/or 54 credit hours are eligible to purchase their official Winthrop class ring. From September 2017 to March 2018, 229 students ordered their official class ring and were invited to participate in the 15th Annual Ring Ceremony, which was held on April 15, 2019 in McBryde Hall. David McDonald, president of the alumni executive board, presented 30 students with their official Winthrop class ring. Following the ceremony, students, family and friends were invited to a reception honoring the students.
Every gift to Winthrop from alumni makes a difference, no matter the size. Thank you to all our alumni donors who contributed to Winthrop in 2019!

- **5.02%** alumni participation for 2019 calendar year
- **100%** of members of the Executive Board of the Winthrop Alumni Association made a charitable gift to Winthrop in 2019
- **3,000** donors to the university
- **$2,165,345** of support from 1,894 alumni for 2019
- **$6,500,000** raised for Winthrop in 2019
- **$330,233** in unrestricted giving for the Winthrop Fund
A CELEBRATION OF ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Each year, the Winthrop Alumni Association presents awards during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend to honor alumni who have demonstrated the university’s tradition of excellence through civic and professional achievement, leadership and service.

2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
Ben Roach ’77
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Alumni Distinguished Service Award
David McDonald ’01
Greenville, South Carolina

Alumni Professional Achievement Award
Steven Dillingham ’73
Washington, D.C.

Mary Mildred Sullivan Award
Mary Elizabeth Hope Reed ’41, ’51
(Posthumous Award)
Jeuel Bannister Esmacher ’44
Anderson, South Carolina

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Alex Isern ’12
Barcelona, Spain; Miami, Florida
Marc Segarra ’13
Barcelona, Spain; Miami, Florida

Your 2019 Alumni Award Winners are, from left, Alex Isern ’12, Steven Dillingham ’73, Ben Roach ’77, former President Dan Mahony (presented the awards), David McDonald ’01, and Byron Putman ’94 (announced the winners). In front, Marc Segarra ’13 and Jeuel Bannister Esmacher ’44.

The Alumni Executive Board elected two new board members for the 2019-2022 term, Pat Plexico Boutwell, Class of 1984, and Casey Munn Ferri, Class of 2009. Kim Dickens Williamson ’82 and Scott Melton ’05 were re-appointed for a second term on the board.

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VOLUNTEER ALUMNI LEADERSHIP
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WINTHROP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Officers
Byron Putman ’94
President
Scott Melton ’05
President-Elect
Secretary
Linda Knox Warner ’80
Treasurer

At-Large Members
Jontai Blanding ’13, ’15
Pat Plexico Boutwell, ’84
Brenda Peyton Chase ’89
Deborah R. Dunlap ’99
Casey Munn Ferri, ’09
Derrick Gainey ’97
Connie M. Graham ’76, ’78, ’83
Marilyn A. Martin ’00, ’03
Peggy Price McDonald ’57
Gail McClurken O’Steen ’92, ’93
Kristen Erway Thoennes ’08
Kim Williamson ’82

Ex-Officio Members
Erica Beatson Smith ’02
Member, Eagle Club Board of Directors
Bob Breakfield
Member, Winthrop Foundation Board of Directors
Jane L. LaRoche ’70
Alumni Representative, Winthrop Board of Trustees
Isaiah “Reggie” Venning ’95, ’00
Alumni Representative, Winthrop Board of Trustees
Lori C. Tuttle
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

Do you receive Winthrop news? If not, please let the Alumni Association know so we can update your alumni profile. We enjoy connecting with our alumni and want to celebrate your good news. Send information about your new job, promotion, award recognition, etc. to alumni@winthrop.edu and your good news will be featured in the Class Notes section of an upcoming edition of the Winthrop Magazine.