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 20-member 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Discover More About Your Alumni Association

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.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been another incredible year for our Alumni Association, and we are pleased to share with you these many accomplishments from 2018.

Our Alumni Association continues to grow successfully each year with help from our volunteers, advocates and supporters. We continue to work hard to provide new opportunities and paths for alumni to strengthen their bond with Winthrop and engage with fellow alumni and current students. Our driving force is to always provide exceptional experiences for alumni to celebrate their Winthrop experiences and connect with others. Our loyal alumni have given generously of their time, talent, energy and resources and for that, we are thankful and appreciative.

A few of our many highlights this year include:

• Launching five regional alumni chapters to connect fellow alumni who live or work within defined geographic areas
• Creating a Legacy Program to recognize Winthrop alumni and their family members who attend Winthrop
• Collaborating with campus partners to offer Winthrop College apparel during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
• Continued partnership with Winthrop Athletics to host events surrounding Winthrop sports and for athletic alumni

More than 60,000 alumni are connected by the incredible experiences of our Winthrop education. I call on all of us to continue to take collective action as we work to support the vision of Winthrop to educate and prepare for the future. Share your Winthrop experience often, encourage others to support our alma mater and think often of the many memories you cherish as part of your Winthrop story. We are Eagles bold and strong!

With sincere gratitude,

David D. McDonald Ph.D. ’01
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

**63,534** in all **50** states, U.S. territories and overseas populations and countries world wide

#### 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

### Classifications

- **64%** undergraduate
- **13%** graduate
- **16%** non-graduate
- **7%** lost/missing

### Living Alumni By Decade

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In 2018, the Alumni Association hosted more than 30 events that nearly 900 alumni attended. Events included alumni chapters, collaborations with Athletics, Winthrop Day at Carowinds, young alumni events, and Winthrop Night at the Charlotte Knights.

Regional Alumni Chapters
• Under the leadership of local alumni volunteers, the Alumni Association established five regional alumni chapters in 2018; Atlanta Alumni Chapter, Charleston Alumni Chapter, Columbia Alumni Chapter, Triangle Alumni Chapter and the Rock Hill Alumni Chapter. The Charlotte Alumni Chapter, DC Metro Alumni Chapter, and Upstate Alumni Chapters were established in 2017.

• 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 2018 alumni chapters hosted 12 events engaging more than 500 alumni. 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!

Coaches’ Night: Rock the Upstate
• The Alumni Association and Winthrop Athletics hosted Coaches’ Night: Rock the Upstate in Greenville in June. Five athletic coaches shared updates, insights on recruitment and what to expect for their upcoming seasons.

Fourth Annual Winthrop Day at Carowinds
• Winthrop Day at Carowinds is a fun day to end Welcome Week for new Winthrop students, to welcome back returning students and offer alumni a deeply discounted ticket to Carowinds.
The Winthrop Alumni Association established the Winthrop Legacy Program in 2018. A legacy student is a child, grandchild, or sibling of a Winthrop alumnus/a who is seeking an undergraduate degree at Winthrop. As a family member of a Winthrop graduate, these students are continuing the Winthrop legacy in their family. We are excited to see where Winthrop takes these students!

Throughout a legacy student’s time at Winthrop, the Winthrop Alumni Association offers special events for legacy students and their families. The fun begins at Orientation with a Winthrop Legacy photo booth to commemorate their first event as a Winthrop student.
The Winthrop College Vintage Collection was introduced during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. The Winthrop University Bookstore set up an awesome display of Winthrop College apparel and other goodies to celebrate Winthrop's past. Winthrop College alumni loved the apparel and even current students enjoyed wearing it!
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 24 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 of the university.

- COLLABORATIVE PHILANTHROPY: SAC expanded the scope of its signature student scholarship fundraiser, Ghost Tours, by collaborating with Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections, the Department of Theatre and Dance and talented students on campus to plan and execute a historically accurate haunted event. The event attracted more than 300 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 students 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 McByrde 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 2018!

**ALUMNI PHILANTHROPY**

The Impact of Your Generosity

100% of members of the Executive Board of the Winthrop Alumni Association made a charitable gift to Winthrop in 2018.

- 3,129 donors to the university
- $2,373,833 of support from 1,963 alumni for 2018
- $3,995,624 raised for Winthrop in 2018
- $714,212 in unrestricted giving for the Winthrop Fund
ALUMNI RECOGNITION
Awards Presented by the Winthrop Alumni Association

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.

2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
Doug Echols ‘77
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Alumni Distinguished Service Award
Maggie Gamble ‘67, ’71
Kershaw, South Carolina

Alumni Professional Achievement Award
Derrick Alridge ‘87, ’92
Charlottesville, Virginia

Mary Mildred Sullivan Award
Bert Bobb ’63
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
Alena James ’08, ’10
Alexandria, Virginia

Your 2018 Alumni Award Winners are, from left, President Dan Mahony (presented the awards); Doug Echols, Alena James, Derrick Alridge, Bert Bobb, Maggie Gamble and David McDonald ’01 (announced the winners).
Winthrop University alumni elected Isaiah “Reggie” Venning ’95, ’00 to serve as the alumni representative for the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. Mr. Venning’s six-year term began on July 1. The Winthrop University Alumni Association holds two elected seats on the Board of Trustees.
VOLUNTEER ALUMNI LEADERSHIP
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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.