



2025 Alumni Distinguished Service Award

The Honorable Tiffany Spann-Wilder, Class of 1995

The Alumni Distinguished Service Award recognizes a Winthrop alumna/us who significantly contributes to the quality of life in their community, the development of overall values and morals within others and serves as an outstanding citizen. Distinguished service may have been rendered with one's community, church, charity, family and school on a national, state or local level. The recipient shall be a dedicated alumna/us who supports the growth and development of Winthrop through service to and/or support of established programs and objectives.

Mrs. Tiffany Spann-Wilder, Class of 1995, is the recipient of the 2025 Alumni Distinguished Service Award for her accomplishments in law and public service.

Mrs. Spann-Wilder earned her Bachelor of Arts in 1995 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Sociology, *cum laude*, with Honors Program distinction. In 1998 she earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she received the G.G. Dowling Student Award presented by the law school's faculty for being a student in the graduating class who possessed scholarship, integrity, commitment and concern for the general welfare of colleagues.

Mrs. Spann-Wilder began her career in law as a law clerk to the late Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr., Senior United States District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina. She then worked as an Honors Staff Attorney in the United States Justice Department, Federal Bureau of Prisons Division where she was trained as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and graduated with Honors from The Federal Law Enforcement Center.

In August 2000, she returned to the Lowcountry and entered private practice and also served our country as an Officer in the United States Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General's Corp., where she was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. From October 2001-October 2005, she served as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of North Charleston. In March 2006 she opened the doors of Spann Wilder Law, L.L.C. handling matters of personal injury, auto and trucking accidents, and workers' compensation.

Mrs. Spann-Wilder served Charleston County as a Magistrate Judge from 2019-2023. In April 2024 she won a Special Election to serve in the S.C. General Assembly as the Representative for House District 109. She was re-elected in November 2024 to serve a full term and currently serves on the S.C. House Judiciary and Operations and Management Committees. She is a lifetime member of the S.C. Women's Caucus and a member of the S.C. Black Caucus. She has participated in several leadership training programs, including the South Carolina Bar YLD Leadership Academy in 2009; Leadership South Carolina in 2010; Liberty Fellowship in 2013; and the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative in 2016.



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Mrs. Spann-Wilder's professional affiliations include past president of the South Carolina Young Lawyers Division from 2008-2009; South Carolina Bar Board of Governors from 2009-2010; Injured Workers Advocates; South Carolina Trial Lawyers; Charleston County Bar Association; South Carolina Women Lawyers Association; South Carolina Black Lawyers Association; and a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

She gives generously of her time to multiple civic organizations in the community, always with a focus on bettering the lives of children and families. She is a former Commissioner for the S.C. Governor's Commission on Women; a former board member of Ladies Enriching the Community, Inc. (LETC); a member of the Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Charleston, S.C. Chapter of The Links, Inc.; and Life Member of Girl Scouts of America.

Since 2010, she has been involved with Jack and Jill of America, Inc. a national organization of children ages 2-19 that seeks to strengthen children by developing leadership skills, encouraging volunteer service, promoting philanthropic giving and fostering civic duty. The organization provides programs and a "medium of contact" for children that stimulate growth and development across educational, cultural, civic, health, recreational and social areas. Mrs. Spann-Wilder served as a Trustee to the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Foundation Board from 2019-2021 and 2024-2025. She is immediate past Regional Director of the organization's Mid-Atlantic Region and a current member of the Charleston Chapter. Under her leadership as Regional Director from 2023-2025, she and her team had an approximately \$1.9 million impact on children and people in underserved communities in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and internationally through service hours, donations and financial contributions over eight regional events and many chapter-based projects. In Nassau, Bahamas, her team donated 340 books to a literacy program and made a financial contribution to support safe housing for homeless young ladies attending the University of the Bahamas. As a part of their two annual teen conferences, the youth in her leadership built 49 robotic hands for amputees around the world who could not afford prosthetic devices; packaged 60,048 meals, feeding children globally and logged over 38,000 volunteer hours, valued at over \$1.2 million. Her region raised \$7,941 for the March of Dimes; provided dolls and S.T.E.M. toys to children at Christmas; provided over 150 duffle bags of personal hygiene items to TAGGED (Va.), which impacts children in the foster care system; hosted a baby shower for Dazz Orangeburg (S.C.), contributing 194 books and \$3,460 in baby items; collected over 300 duffle bags for the *Duffles for the Deserving* initiative that were distributed to foster children in the Conway (S.C.) and Greenville (S.C.) areas; donated over 5,000 meals across the region for the Souper Bowl of Caring; partnered with NAMI to provide financial contributions; built 15 free Little Libraries and provided 600 books; donated 448 dental kits (\$3,584 value) and 250 books (\$2,000 value) to FORKIDS, supporting families facing homelessness in the Norfolk and Hampton (Va.) areas; and stuffed and dressed 405 stuffed animals that were donated to foster children in Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services (N.C.) as part of Project Teddy Bear to provide comfort items to youth in foster care.