



2026 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award Mr. Tim Sease, Class of 1987

Each year, Winthrop University recognizes an alumnus for selfless dedication of time, energy and talent in service to this institution and others. The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award captures this high honor.

The 2026 recipient is Mr. Tim Sease, Class of 1987, whose career in financial services spans more than three decades and who has generously dedicated his time and talents to his alma mater and community.

Mr. Sease earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Business Administration from Winthrop College in 1987.

He currently serves as Executive Vice President and Managing Director of Investment Services at SouthState Bank in Charleston, where he also leads the company's Retirement Plan Services Group. He joined SouthState Bank in 1995 and has served as President and CEO of First Southeast Investor Services. Under his leadership, SouthState Investment Services was named the 2022 LPL Program of the Year. Prior to joining SouthState Bank, Mr. Sease served as President of Home Financial Services, Inc., and in several roles at Home Federal Savings Bank of SC, including Director of Retail Banking, Vice President of Deposit Services and Asset Liability Analyst.

He has earned the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Series 7, 24, 63, and 65 securities registrations held with LPL Financial, as well as the State of South Carolina Life, Accident, and Health Insurance License. He is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professional and a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC). He has been featured in several Bank Investment Services periodicals and as a conference speaker at national conventions, including the Bank Insurance & Securities Association (BISA) and the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). He also served on the UVEST Investment Services Bank Executive Advisory Council.

In 2019, he was elected as a board member for BISA. He is currently chair of the BISA Annual Conference Committee and chairs the Editorial Committee. In 2026, he received the BISA Circle of Excellence Award, BISA's most prestigious award given to senior-level executives with a minimum of 20 cumulative years of experience in the financial services industry and who have made meaningful contributions with a lasting impact to the association.

Mr. Sease has given back to Winthrop in many capacities. He has served on the Young Alumni Council, Annual Giving Advisory Council, Reunion Committee, Reunion Gift Chair and Capital Campaign Committee. He was a member of the Alumni Executive Board from 2000-2008, serving as president from 2005-2007. In 2007, he received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the Winthrop University Alumni Association. He served on the Winthrop University Foundation Board from 2003-2007.



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He served on the Winthrop University Board of Trustees from 2009-2026, where he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Board and past chair of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sease has also given back generously to his community. He recently served on the LPL Advisor Council and the Trident United Way Board of Directors. He was named in the Charleston Business Journal's 40 under 40 and is a former Deacon and Elder of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, serving as chair of the Endowment Committee. He has been involved in many charities and organizations, including serving as a board member for the South Carolina Make-A-Wish Foundation, Trident League Middle School Head Basketball Coach, and an I-Beam mentor reader in the Charleston County School District.

Mr. Sease and his wife, Tina, currently serve as pre-marital mentors at St. Andrews Anglican Church in the Charleston area. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, twin sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren, as well as traveling, boating and golfing.