



April 2022



Close Family Honored for Contributions to Student Success

During the April 8 Board of Trustees meeting, trustees approved a [resolution](#) that acknowledges and celebrates the significant impact and contributions that the Close family has had on student success for more than two decades. The family's contributions have created the Close Scholars program, the Close Exploration Scholars and the Junior Year Study Abroad program.

[Read about other board action.](#)



Beth Costner Named College of Education Dean

Beth Greene Costner has been named dean of the Richard W. Riley College of Education following a national search. Costner has served as interim dean of the college since January. Costner earned tenure and was promoted to professor in Winthrop's Department of Mathematics where she also served as chair from 2008-13. In addition to her recent role as associate dean in education, Costner served as assistant and associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences from 2010-15. [Read More>>](#)



ADOLPHUS BELK JR.



CLAUDIA O'STEEN



DUSTIN HOFFMAN

Exceptional Faculty to Receive Awards at May Commencement

Three faculty members will be honored at May Commencement ceremonies for their creative teaching methods, outstanding research and dedication to university and community service. The three honored faculty members are: Professor of Political Science Adolphus Belk Jr., Distinguished Professor Award; Assistant Professor of Fine Arts Claudia O'Steen, Outstanding Junior Professor Award; and

Associate Professor of English Dustin Hoffman, Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Earns Tree Campus Higher Education Distinction

Winthrop recently was awarded a Tree Campus Higher Education distinction by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to promoting healthy trees and fostering conservation. The Tree Campus Higher Education program honors colleges and universities for effective urban forest management, and for engaging staff and students in its conservation goals. Winthrop achieved the recognition by meeting five standards: maintaining a tree advisory committee, carrying out a campus tree-care plan, setting aside dedicated funds for its tree program, holding an Arbor Day observance and sponsoring a student service-learning project.

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Bleed Garnet, Give Gold April 26-27

Bleed Garnet, Give Gold, Winthrop's second annual 24-hour giving event, will kick off at noon on April 26 and run through noon on April 27. This is your opportunity to show your Winthrop pride – to Bleed Garnet by celebrating everything you love about Winthrop and to Give Gold by supporting current and future students. Every gift makes a difference no matter the size! [Explore](#) this year's projects and causes to support. [Give Now>>](#)



Explore the Spring Winthrop Magazine Edition

The spring interactive Winthrop Magazine features compelling articles on President-Elect Edward Serna '02, twins Marian and Helen Chuan '49, M.S.W. student Meghan Bayer, Derion Reid '14, Sarah Lageman '97, three golf alumni and much more. [Read this edition>>](#)



A Message from the Alumni Director

Did you know that there are numerous ways to stay connected to Winthrop? We hope you take advantage of the opportunities the Alumni Association offers. While we love virtual and in-person alumni events, there are other ways to connect with your alma mater and fellow alumni. [Learn More>>](#)



**My Winthrop Experience:
Ashlea Sovetts '13 and Alexandria Nunweiler '14**

Can you remember the exact moment your life changed forever? Ashlea Sovetts '13 and Alexandria Nunweiler '14 can. The pair, who both majored in dance at Winthrop, had the chance to perform at the American College Dance Festival. The connections at that conference led to a summer abroad dancing and rooming together in Sorrento, Italy, at the Staibdance summer intensive. They have continued to partner on projects and recently received an Arts Project Support Grant from the S.C. Arts Commission. [Read More>>](#)



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