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Nearly 1,000 Students Earn Degrees During May Commencements

During spring Commencement exercises, President Dan Mahony conferred master's, specialist and bachelor's degrees upon nearly 1,000 graduates. Mahony also recognized five seniors as recipients of the [President's Award](#) for Academic Excellence for having the highest GPA. Three faculty members also were recognized for [teaching excellence](#) during the ceremonies. Moments from the Commencement ceremonies are captured in [video](#) and via the university's [Facebook page](#).



Adrienne McCormick Named Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Adrienne McCormick, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was recently announced as the new provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. McCormick will replace Provost Debra Boyd, who will take a year-long sabbatical before returning to the classroom. [Read More>>](#)



Takita Sumter Appointed Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

Takita Sumter, vice provost for faculty affairs and professor of chemistry, will serve as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, beginning July 1. Sumter, who served as interim dean of the college in 2017-18, will provide leadership to Winthrop's largest degree-granting college. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Launches New Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree

Winthrop's new Bachelor of Professional Studies degree program will provide a challenging curriculum for a range of adult learners, including military veterans, who have associate degrees or 60 transferrable credit hours and who desire to complete a bachelor's degree. [Read More>>](#)



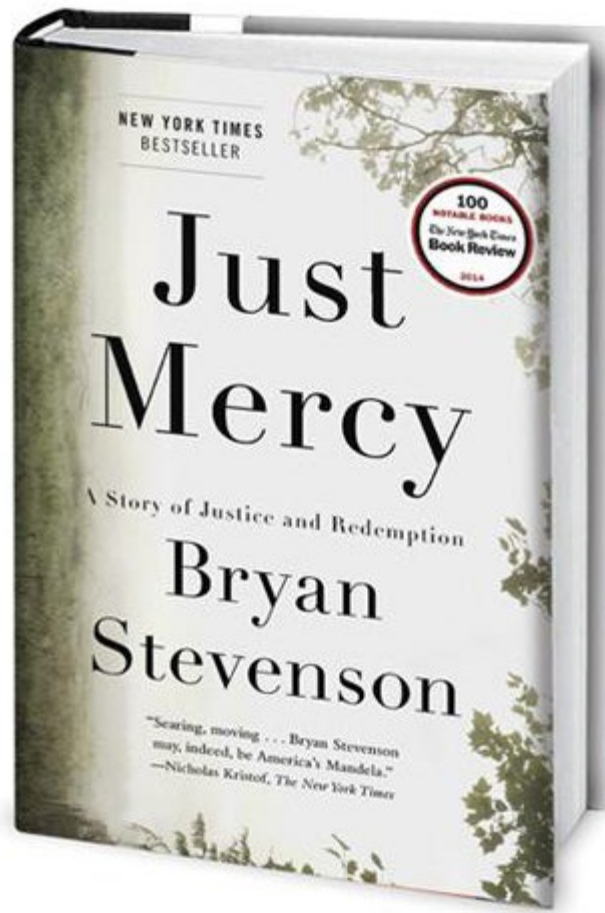
National Science Foundation Grants Joey Jennings Full Tuition for Ph.D.

The National Science Foundation awarded May graduate Joey Jennings one of its prestigious Graduate Research Fellowships, granting him a full ride to pursue his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland – College Park. Only three sociology undergraduates nationwide received the fellowship. [Read More>>](#)



Tennis Player Nabs NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship

Tennis player and May graduate Megan Kauffman will attend the University of Florida this fall with the help of an NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Graduate Scholarship. She is one of 26 women nationwide to receive the \$10,000 scholarship. [Read More>>](#)



“Just Mercy” Selected as 2019-20 Common Book

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will read the 2019-20 Common Book “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson this summer and then discuss the best-selling book throughout the year. The book is a true story of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age. [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Director's Letter: Year in Review and Upcoming Events

We are proud to share the 2018 Year In Review with you, which captures the accolades the Alumni Association had in 2018. We hope you were able to join us for an event and plan to attend events in 2019 to stay engaged with your alma mater. Thank you to all our alumni who made 2018 a success! [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Lisa Knox '10, '12

Lisa Knox '10, '12 met some of her first friends in the basement of Wofford Hall as a freshman. Her memories of Winthrop are plentiful: she found sisterhood in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated; experienced travel with the Winthrop Chorale, Chamber Singers and Winthrop Dance team; and even shared her love of music by singing the alma mater at Commencement.

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Calendar of Events

June 15, Soda City Market with the Columbia Alumni Chapter
10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1300-1600 Main St., Columbia

June 29, D.C. Metro Young Alumni Council Day of Service
10 a.m.-1:15 p.m., 71 O. Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

July 25, Welcome Reception for Incoming Alumni Association
President Byron Putman '94
6-8 p.m. Richardson Ballroom, [DiGiorgio Campus Center](#)



Save the Date: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2019

Make plans for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2019, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15–Saturday, Nov. 16. Check the [Homecoming page](#) for more information and updates on the schedule of events as we approach November!

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