



**May 2022**



## **Hynd Delivers State of the University Address**

[Interim President George W. Hynd](#) delivered a [State of the University address](#) which was shared via email with the campus community on May 3, 2022, exactly two years and two months since he joined the Winthrop community as interim president. Hynd reported on recent achievements of the university; shared highlights of the recent administrative review of the university's strategic plan, called the [Winthrop Plan](#); and discussed the status of other initiatives that he intended to complete during his time at Winthrop. [Read More>>](#)

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## Women's Athletics Pioneer Judy Rose Inducted into S.C. Athletic Hall of Fame

Judy Wilkins Rose '74, the long-time athletic director for the University of North Carolina Charlotte, was recently honored as a 2022 inductee into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. Known as a pioneer in women's athletics, Rose spent 28 years as the Charlotte 49ers' director of athletics and more than 40 years in its athletics department. She retired in 2018 and, three years later, was awarded the James J. Corbett Memorial Award, the highest honor given in collegiate athletics administration by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. [Read More>>](#)

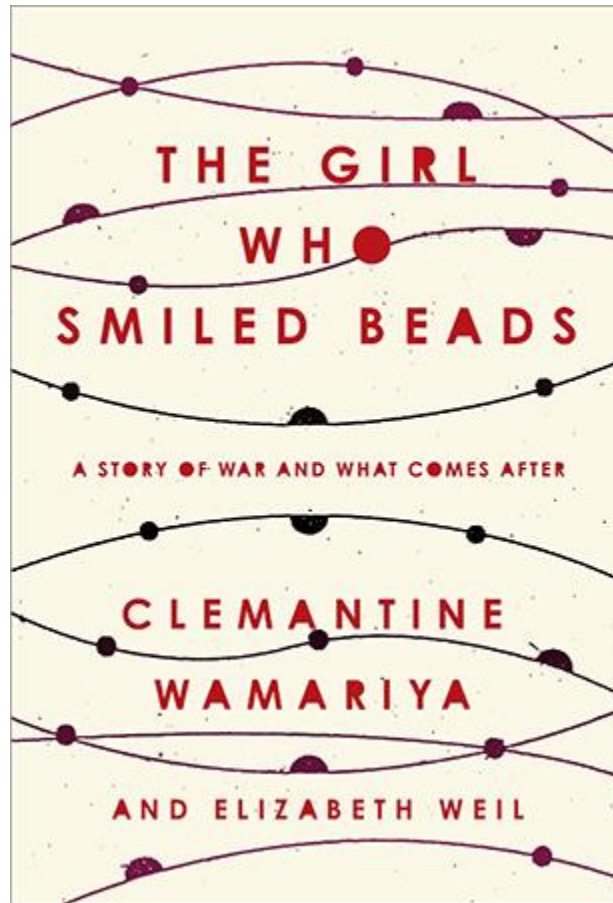


## Alumna Selected for Mentorship Award

The Richard W. Riley College of Education recently announced that a Spartanburg teacher is the 2022 Jessie Williams Little "Leading the Way" Award recipient.

Rhonda Demumbreum '99, a science teacher at Byrnes High School in Spartanburg County School District 5 and a Winthrop alumna, was presented the award last month. As this year's award winner, Demumbreum received a banner to display at her school and \$2,500. [Read More>>](#)

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## "The Girl Who Smiled Beads" Selected as Common Book

"The Girl Who Smiled Beads," by Clemantine Wamariya, has been selected as the [2022-23 Common Book](#). A New York Times bestseller, the book shares the story of two sisters who fled the Rwandan massacre in 1994. Incoming freshmen and transfer students will receive the book this summer and will have numerous opportunities throughout the 2022-23 academic year to attend cultural events and programming related to the common book. Alumni are encouraged to read along as well. [Read More>>](#)

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## **A Message from the Alumni Director**

Are you looking to get involved as an alumni volunteer? The Alumni Association has 10 [Alumni Chapters](#) that help us connect with alumni, and there is a need for Alumni Chapter volunteers. If you live in Atlanta, Columbia, DC Metro or Raleigh/Durham, please reach out to us if you'd like to volunteer! [Learn More>>](#)



## **Featured Event: Homecoming and Reunion 2022**

Please save the dates of Nov. 11-12 for Homecoming and Reunion 2022. If your class year ends in '2 or '7 you are celebrating a milestone reunion this year. Information about your class reunion will be sent to you this summer. Homecoming and Reunion will have something for everyone, including virtual events and in-

person activities. More information will be added to the [Homecoming website](#) in the coming months. In addition, the [Homecoming T-shirt design contest](#) is back by popular demand! Do you think you have the skills to design Winthrop's 2022 Homecoming T-shirt? Put those skills to the test by submitting your Homecoming T-shirt design by May 31. The Alumni Executive Board will vote on the design that will be this year's Homecoming T-shirt design. The contest is open to all alumni and runs through May 31.



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