



November 2021



Three Alumni Running for Board of Trustees' Seat

Three alumni are running for one of the two alumni-elected seats on Winthrop's [Board of Trustees](#). The candidates are Alison Hamilton '92, '95; David McDonald '01; and Endee Tate '21. The candidate who receives the most votes will serve a six-year term from 2022-28. All Winthrop alumni are able to vote for their candidate of choice by using their seven-digit alumni ID number, which will be shared via the fall Winthrop Magazine, e-mail and mailed postcard. Voting begins on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, and ends on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022. [Read More>>](#)



ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge Gives Winthrop Gold Seal for Student Voter Turnout

Three-fourths of students cast ballots in the 2020 election, making the institution one of the top voting schools in the country. Winthrop received the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge 2021 Gold Seal award, which is given to institutions that achieve a student voter engagement rate of 70-80 percent. Winthrop is one of only two public S.C. higher education institutions to receive the Gold Seal award. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Recognized as a Best College for Veterans

Winthrop has taken several steps over the past decade to make its campus even more welcoming to veterans. The campus continues to appreciate and serve the brave men and women who have volunteered to put themselves in harm's way for our country. Third party groups, such as [U.S. News & World Report's 2022](#) edition of "Best Colleges," have recognized Winthrop's commitment to veterans. The university is ranked fifth among Regional Universities in the South among best colleges for veterans. [Read More>>](#)



Beth Costner Named College of Education Interim Dean

Associate Dean Beth Greene Costner has been named interim dean of the Richard W. Riley College of Education, beginning January 3. Current Dean Jennie Rakestraw will retire in December. [Read More>>](#)



New Head Coaches Tip Off Basketball Seasons

The Prosser and Randall Lay eras have officially started at Winthrop. Men's Basketball Coach Mark Prosser and Women's Basketball Coach Semeka Randall Lay have begun their first seasons as head coaches of the Winthrop basketball programs. Both teams' seasons tipped off earlier this month and will feature a 30+ game schedule. [Read More>>](#)



A Message from the Alumni Director

What a wonderful Homecoming and Reunion week we had! Thank you to all of the alumni who joined us virtually and in-person for the celebration. We hope you had as much fun as we did! Check out all of the festivities via the 2021 Homecoming and Reunion: Back With Friends photo album on the [Alumni Association's Facebook page](#). [Read More>>](#)



Featured Event: Annual Tree Lighting

Winthrop will ring in the holiday season on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 86th Annual Tree Lighting on the front lawn. The event will feature performances by the Winthrop RockHettes and Winthrop Collegiate Choir. If you can't attend this beloved tradition in person, please view the livestream from the [Alumni Association Facebook](#) page.



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