



**July 2019**



## **Convocation to Kick Off Winthrop's 134th Academic Year**

Winthrop's 134th academic year will begin with the Aug. 19 Convocation ceremony. The ceremony serves as the official freshman class welcome into the Winthrop family of learners. Jay Karen '96, CEO of the National Golf Course Owners Association, will deliver the Convocation keynote speech. Due to Byrnes Auditorium construction, this year's Convocation will be held at the Winthrop Coliseum at 11 a.m. The community-wide picnic will follow immediately at noon.

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## Board of Trustees Takes Historic Action on Tuition

During the Winthrop University Board of Trustees' June 28 meeting, trustees took historic action on tuition, approving only a .5 percent increase for in-state, undergraduate tuition--the lowest increase in 30 years at \$38 per semester. The [2019-20 tuition increase](#) is among the lowest of the state's public, four-year colleges and universities. In other business, trustees approved [emeritus status](#) for 13 recently retired faculty members; Academic Affairs' [tenure and promotion nominations](#); and a [slate of officers](#) for 2019-20.

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## Alumni Association Welcomes First African-American President

Having served the Winthrop alumni community in various leadership roles for seven years, Byron Putman '94 is now marking a historic milestone as the first African-American president of the Winthrop Alumni Association's Executive Board.

Putman, a producer for the Carolina Panthers Radio Network, will fulfill a two-year term that began July 1. [Read More>>](#)

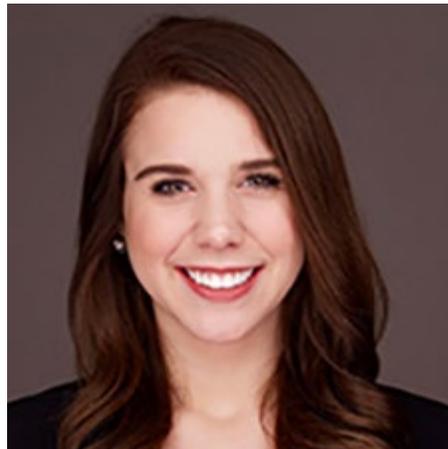
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## Check Out the Newly Launched Homecoming Website

The new [Homecoming website](#) is now live. The site includes the schedule of events for the Nov. 11-16 festivities. It also details the upcoming changes to the Nov. 16 tailgate and provides details for the Aug. 8 Homecoming tailgate town hall that will answer attendees' questions related to the tailgating changes.

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## Financial Planning Student Lands Prestigious Scholarship

TD Ameritrade awarded Mary Grace Pruitt one of its NextGen RIA Scholarships. Only 12 undergraduates in the United States received this \$5,000 scholarship. Pruitt, a financial planning major from Rock Hill, has spent the summer interning with the Bank of America's National Financial Advisor Development Summary Analyst program. [Read More>>](#)

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## Athletes Earn Honors for Work In and Out of Class

Student-athletes continue to garner a variety of honors and accolades. May graduates and volleyball standouts Lauren Proctor and Megan Kauffman earned [Big South Conference Female Athlete of the Year](#) and [Big South Woman of the Year](#) awards, respectively. In addition, the women's tennis team was named an [All-Academic team](#) by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, while four members of the team were named [2018-19 All-American Scholars](#) by the Women's Golf Coaches Association. In addition, the [men's golf team](#) earned Golf Coaches Association of America Outstanding Team Academic Award honors.

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### Alumni Director's Letter:

Isn't it hard to believe that summer is winding down? The Alumni Association has lots of events planned for the fall - a Myrtle Beach alumni chapter launch, Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, alumni chapter socials and much more! I encourage you to stay involved with your Alumni Association, and I hope to see you at one of these upcoming events. [Read More>>](#)

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## Alumni Spotlight: Kimaka Nichols-Graham '94

Kimaka Nichols-Graham '94 found her voice at Winthrop. Her upbringing in a small, rural community allowed her to become conscious of the challenges that were happening around her. She entered Winthrop as an eager freshman; ready to learn and ready to ask questions (and find the answers). [Read More>>](#)

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## Calendar of Events

**Aug. 8,** [Upstate Alumni Social at Topgolf](#)  
6:30-8:30 p.m., [Topgolf](#) (Greenville)

**Aug. 8,** [Homecoming Tailgate Town Hall](#)  
6-8 p.m., [Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center](#)

**Aug. 24,** [Winthrop Day at Carowinds](#)  
10 a.m.-10 p.m., [Carowinds](#)

**Sept. 26,** [Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter Launch](#)  
6-8 p.m., [Wild Wing Café at Barefoot Landing](#)

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## Save the Date: Winthrop Day at Carowinds

Join the Winthrop Alumni Association and fellow Winthrop alumni for the fifth annual Winthrop Day at Carowinds on Saturday, Aug. 24. The Alumni Association will be at the front gate to welcome alumni, students, faculty and staff from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wear your Winthrop gear and enjoy the Carowinds experience at a deeply discounted price of \$40, including parking, with \$1 from each ticket sale benefiting student scholarships.

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