



**August 2022**



## **President Serna to Meet with Alumni Chapters This Fall**

[President Edward Serna '02](#) looks forward to meeting alumni at three alumni chapter events this fall. On Sept. 29, Rock Hill alumni will have the opportunity to meet him during a drop-in welcome reception from 6-8 p.m. in the DiGiorgio Campus Center's Richardson Ballroom. Serna will briefly speak at 6:45 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served. [RSVP by Monday, Sept. 19](#), to attend the Rock Hill welcome reception. Additional welcome receptions are scheduled for the Charlotte Alumni Chapter on Oct. 4 at the Foundation of the Carolinas and for the Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter on Oct. 11 at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club. More information will be coming soon on those events.

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## Campus Kicks Off Back-to-School Activities

Winthrop welcomed new and returning students this month for the fall semester.

From summer [Orientation](#), to [move-in](#) to Welcome Week events and more, students have been busy acclimating to campus life. Freshmen, non-traditional and transfer students were officially welcomed into the Winthrop community of learners during the annual [Convocation](#) ceremony held Aug. 22.

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## **Make Plans for Homecoming! Visit Website for Info on Events, Tailgating and More**

With the Nov. 11-12 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend a little more than two months away, the [event website](#) is now updated with a robust schedule of virtual and in-person events, information on Nov. 12 tailgating and how to reserve a tailgating spot, frequently asked questions and more. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Sept. 8, when tailgating spots are released for purchase. Please visit the [Homecoming website](#) and make plans to come back home to Winthrop for a fun-filled weekend!

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## Exhibitions to Showcase Decades of Joel Nichols' Photographs

Photographic displays around campus and in Rock Hill this fall will recognize the decades of work by former long-time university photographer Joel "Nick" Nichols.

Nichols spent 46 years telling the Winthrop story through pictures as the university's full-time photographer until his retirement in 2008. The exhibit, called "Just One More...Celebrating the Life and Work of Joel Nichols," is a way to remember the many contributions of Nichols, who passed away in December 2020. The main exhibition will be featured on campus in the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections beginning Sept. 16 and remaining up through Homecoming and Reunion activities in mid-November. [Read More>>](#)

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## Ed Driggers Selected for Lifetime Achievement Award

Ed Driggers '92, a member of the [Board of Trustees](#), has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the [South Carolina City and County Management Association](#). The award, which is the association's highest award for

public service, recognizes Driggers' 30 years of local government and public management experience and his overall positive impact on the state.

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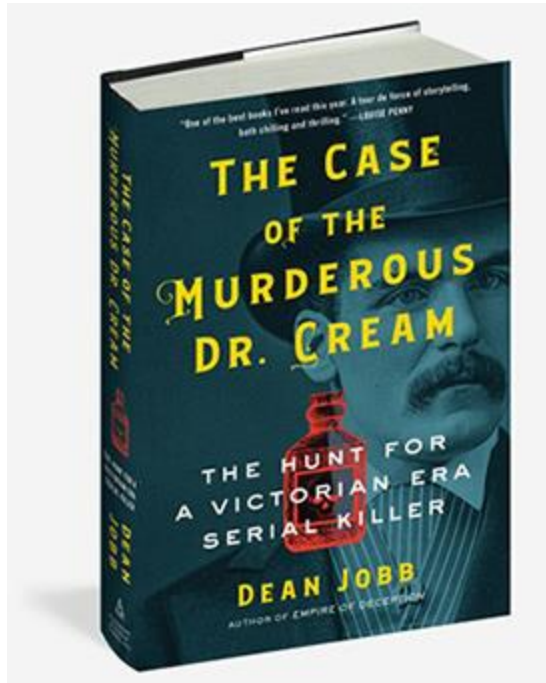


## Winthrop is Hiring!

Like many other employers around the area, Winthrop has positions to fill. You may know friends or family members who are looking for new opportunities.

Please share with those you know that Winthrop is hiring with a variety of [job opportunities](#). Continue to check the [Human Resources website](#), and encourage those who you think would be a good fit to apply.

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## Virtual Alumni Book Club Selects Latest Read

["The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream"](#) is the latest page turner selected by the Virtual Alumni Book Club. Grab your notebook, magnifying glass and inquisitive mind for this chilling true crime read. The Virtual Alumni Book Club is a free online community where alumni can connect with each other and enjoy books related to lifelong learning, professional development, social issues and more. There is no cost to participate – just get a copy of the book to enjoy. [Sign up now!](#)

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Explore the Summer Winthrop Magazine Edition

The latest edition of the Winthrop Magazine features stories on the recent Close Scholars' trip to Costa Rica, a Carnegie Hall tribute concert for professor emeritus of music Bob Edgerton, profiles on alumnae Asiah Fulmore '18, Jessica Koumas '95 and this year's recipient of the Outstanding Junior Professor Award, Claudia O'Steen, and much more. [Read More>>](#)

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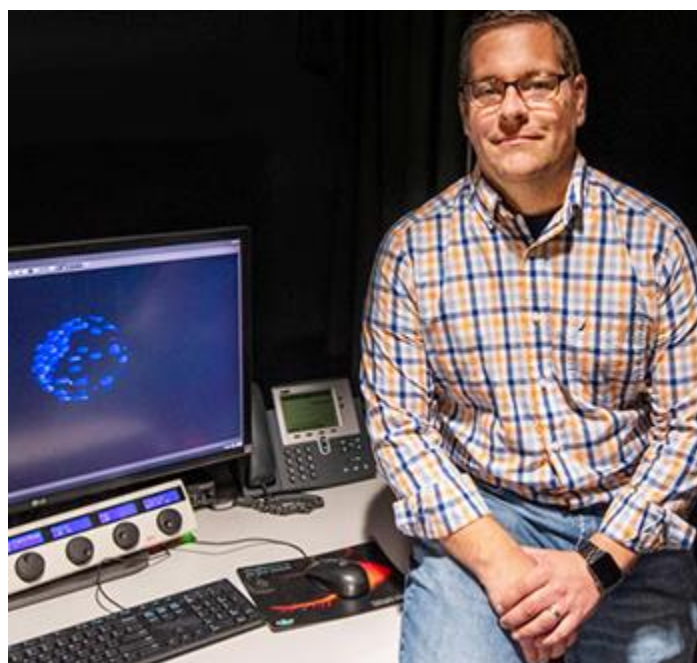


### **A Message from the Alumni Director**

You're invited to meet President Edward Serna at one of our upcoming alumni welcome receptions. Serna will be visiting cities that host alumni chapters so we hope you can join us! Stay tuned for more information. In addition to these receptions, there are lots of events coming up, including Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in November. I can't wait to see many of you soon!

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## My Winthrop Experience: Daniel Stanton '09, '15

More than a decade after studying circadian rhythms in worms at Winthrop, Daniel Stanton '09, '15, continues to learn about the complexities of circadian biology. While working as a microscopy lab manager and biological scientist at the University of Florida (UF) IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, Stanton is pursuing his Ph.D. in animal molecular and cellular biology in the Animal Science Department at UF. [Read More>>](#)



### Featured Event: Alumni Social at Topgolf Greenville

It's tee time! Join Greenville alumni, family and friends at [Topgolf Greenville](#) on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun outing. [Registration](#) is \$30 per person, which includes two hours of golf, dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. [Secure](#) your spot by Wednesday, Aug. 31. A group photo will be taken at 7 p.m., so be sure to wear your garnet and gold to show your Winthrop pride! Need some Winthrop gear? You may purchase swag online [here](#) and [here](#).

If you have any questions, please e-mail [upstatescalumni@winthrop.edu](mailto:upstatescalumni@winthrop.edu).



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