



**August 2024**

## **FACILITIES UPDATE**

[Demolition Begins on Wofford and Richardson Residence Halls](#)



Demolition of Wofford Hall began on Aug. 12 as crews began tearing down the more than 50-year-old residence hall located at the corner of Cherry Road and Alumni Drive. Once Wofford is completed, crews will begin tearing down Richardson Hall. The two high-rises have been closed since 2021 due to their age and structural integrity. Learn more about the [demolition project](#) and keep up with the project on [Facebook](#). If you'd

like to purchase a commemorative "High-Rise Life" T-shirt, sales have reopened and you may buy one for \$20. [Get yours here](#) through Oct. 18.

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## **ALUMNI AWARDS**

[Nominations Are Now Open for Annual Alumni Awards](#)



Nominations are now open for the 2024 Alumni Awards. Each fall, the Alumni Association presents Alumni Awards to alumni who have demonstrated Winthrop's tradition of excellence. The Honors and Awards Committee of the [Alumni Executive Board](#) reviews nominations and selects winners annually for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Alumni Professional Achievement Award and Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Nominations for the 2024 Alumni Awards will be accepted through Friday, Sept. 6.

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## **FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**

[Donors Generously Give Nearly \\$4.6 Million for FY23-24](#)



Winthrop reported a successful year of giving during the 2023-24 fiscal year and saw increased participation by donors, according to the Division of University Advancement. Vice President Kevin Hughes said 2,971 donors gave \$4,596,362 to the institution. The Winthrop Fund, which offers immediate support to students and the university, saw a 15 percent increase in dollars raised during the 2024 fiscal year when compared to the 2023 fiscal year. The number of members in the President's Circle, which recognizes donors who give \$1,000 or more, also increased by 5 percent from 2023. [Read more](#) about the fundraising success, and thank you to each donor for making a gift that will have a lasting impact.

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## **WELCOME BACK EVENTS**

[Campus Celebrates Back to School Activities](#)

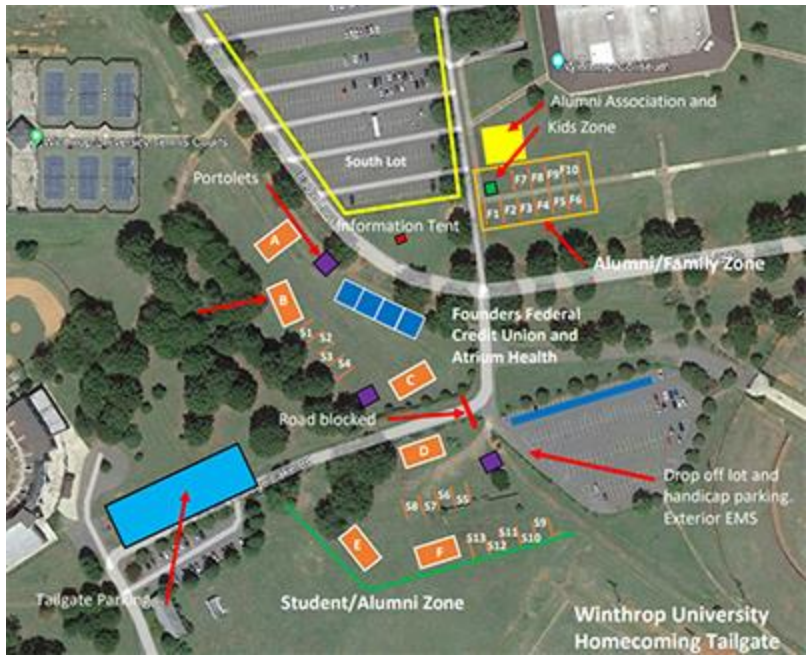


Winthrop welcomed new and returning students this month for the fall semester. From summer [Orientation](#), to [move-in](#) to Welcome Week events and more, students have been busy acclimating to campus life. Freshmen, non-traditional and transfer students were officially welcomed into the Winthrop community of learners during the Aug. 19 [Convocation](#) ceremony.

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## **HOMECOMING AND REUNION**

[Purchase Your Homecoming Tailgate Spot Beginning Sept. 5](#)



[Homecoming tailgate reservations](#) open on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m.! Tailgating will be available from 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, rain or shine. Parking will be cash only, \$20 per vehicle. Each tailgate spot purchased includes a single parking pass for one vehicle. The tailgate spot fee is nonrefundable and spots are non-transferrable. Purchase for all tailgating spots will be on a first come, first served basis. Tailgating spots will be available for purchase through Sunday, Nov. 3. Families or groups wishing to tailgate are encouraged to purchase their spot(s) in advance of Homecoming and Reunion Weekend to ensure availability. [Visit the Homecoming tailgate page](#) for all of the details.

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**HOMECOMING T-SHIRT**

[Order Your 2024 Homecoming T-shirt by Sept. 30](#)



Homecoming T-shirts will be [available for purchase](#) for \$25 through Nov. 12. T-shirts will be mailed to the address noted on the order form and shipping confirmations will be e-mailed from the T-shirt vendor. T-shirts purchased before Sept. 30 will be mailed in October. Please allow 2-3 weeks for production and shipping following the Sept. 30 deadline. T-shirts purchased after Sept. 30 will be mailed in December. The T-shirt design is above and will be printed on the front of a vintage gold T-shirt.

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### [A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Fall is a busy time for the Alumni Association, and we love it! We're gearing up to select Alumni Award winners based off of your nominations, kick off the second year of the *I'm Ready* Alumni to Student Mentor Program and put the final touches on a fun Homecoming and Reunion week. There's so

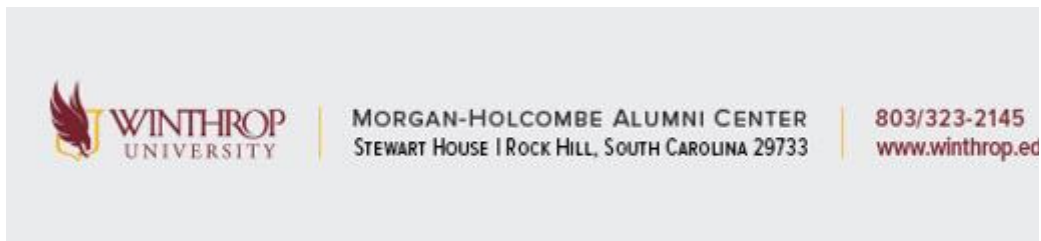
much happening, and it feels great to be connecting with so many of our alumni and friends. I hope to see you on campus for Homecoming if not sooner!

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*The mission of the Alumni Association is to honor the traditions and values of Winthrop University through the engagement of alumni worldwide.*

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