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ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS

[Nominations Are Open for the 2026 Alumni Awards](#)



Nominations are now open for the 2026 Alumni Awards. Each fall, the Alumni Association presents awards to those 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 will be accepted through Tuesday, March 31. [Nominate](#)

[a deserving graduate today!](#) Pictured are four of the five 2025 Alumni Awards recipients.

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP ROLES

[Apply Now to Serve on the Alumni Executive Board](#)



Do you want to serve your alma mater? Consider submitting an application to be part of the Alumni Executive Board. There are up to six seats available for the 2026-29 Alumni Executive Board term. Applications for at-large members are currently being accepted through Tuesday, March 31. The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Executive Board will review all applications and select candidates. The slate of new board members will be voted on during the Alumni Executive Board meeting on Friday, May 8. [Learn more about service requirements and submit an application!](#)

MILESTONES

[Greek Life Celebrates 50 Years with April Weekend of Events](#)



Calling all Greek alumni! Get ready to show off your letters April 17-18 during a full weekend of events as the university celebrates 50 years of Greek life at Winthrop. Events include a Friday Greeks Give Back community service opportunity; a Friday evening Greek Alumni Celebration with greetings from Board of Trustees Chairman Joel Hamilton '06, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha; a Saturday Legacy in Letters Greek alumni luncheon with photos of each Greek organization; a Greek open house; and a Greek After Dark celebration at Hoppin' in Rock Hill. [Buy your 50th anniversary Greek Life T-shirt](#) for \$25 by March 30 and [register here for the weekend by April 8!](#)

MILESTONES

[Macfeat Early Childhood Laboratory School Celebrates 130 Years](#)



The Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences invites former students to the celebration of [Macfeat Early Childhood Laboratory School's 130th Anniversary](#). A special celebration is planned for Saturday, April 25, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Withers/W.T.S. Building. For 130 years, Macfeat, the longest continuously operating laboratory school in the country, has been a place of learning, growth and community, shaping generations of preschool and kindergarten students and leaving a lasting impact far beyond Winthrop's campus. The celebration will feature archival pieces and memorabilia from throughout Macfeat's history, and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and tour classrooms. Please [RSVP by April 10](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Amanda James Named VP for Enrollment and Marketing



President Edward Serna '02 appointed Amanda James as the university's vice president for enrollment management and marketing, effective Feb. 1. James served as associate vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions before her promotion. She now leads the offices of admissions, financial aid, and communications and marketing, as well as works closely with the academic colleges, the School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education, and the Office of Student Success' retention efforts.

A Message from the Alumni Director



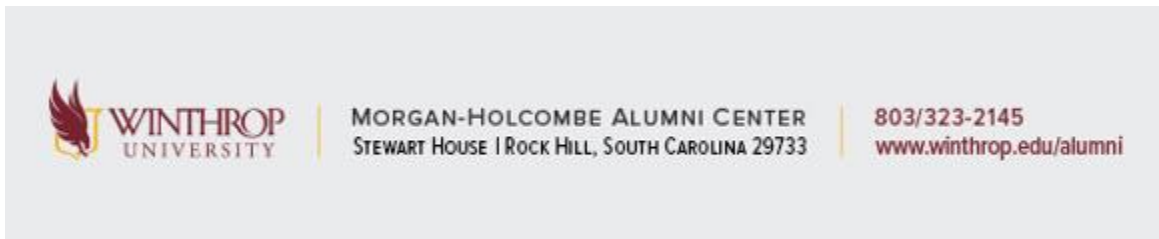
We have lots of great opportunities coming up for our alumni, starting with two social gatherings - in Charleston and Greenville - to support our hard-working student-athletes. Then we'll welcome Kershaw County alumni at their annual luncheon

before gearing up for a special on-campus weekend, April 17-18, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Greek life at Winthrop. Please read more of my letter for additional details on these upcoming events, and I hope you'll make plans to attend those that fit your schedule.

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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