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ATHLETICS

[Cornhole Wins Back-to-Back Team, Doubles National Titles](#)



Competing for only the second year, Winthrop's cornhole players returned to Myrtle Beach earlier this month to reclaim coveted national titles. The Eagles captured the team title and the doubles competition during the American Cornhole League National Competition at the Myrtle Beach Sports Center. More than 10 college teams from around the country were at the event, which was streamed on ESPN2 and on the American Cornhole League website.

CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY PARTNERSHIP

[Charlotte Symphony Orchestra to Perform Feb. 17 in Byrnes](#)



For nearly 100 years, the [Charlotte Symphony Orchestra](#) has been one of the premier music organizations in the Southeastern United States as well as the oldest continuously operating orchestra in the Carolinas, presenting around 150 concerts each season. Winthrop's [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) and the Department of Music have partnered with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra for a special performance in Byrnes Auditorium, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission; children 0-18 years old are free with a ticketed adult. Winthrop students will receive free admission. [Purchase tickets and check out the new Byrnes Auditorium seating chart.](#)

WINTHROPLIFE PARTNERSHIP

[**New Hotel The Lantern to Employ WinthropLIFE Students**](#)



A new boutique hotel opening this fall in downtown Rock Hill will hire some [WinthropLIFE program](#) students among its employees. Called The Lantern, the hotel carries a distinct social mission: providing meaningful career pathways for individuals with disabilities. Winthrop is a natural fit because its LIFE program focuses on preparing such students for competitive employment and independent living. LIFE Director Ryan Morrison '13 said he is excited that students will have an option to work in the hotel industry and in food services.

CAMPUS PUBLIC ART

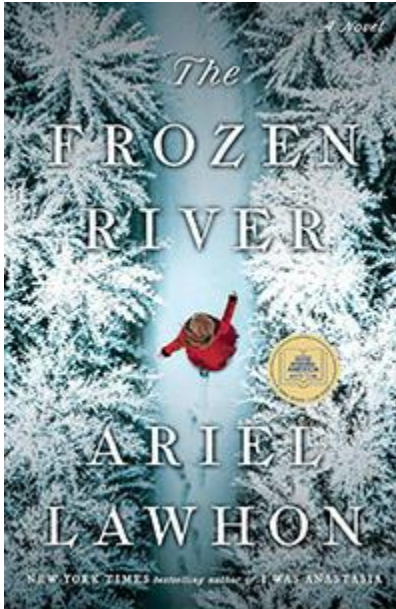
[Another Striking Public Art Piece Installed on Campus](#)



A new public art piece has joined Winthrop's impressive collection. *Inflorescence*, a piece by upcoming graduate Corrina Leverett, can now be viewed in front of Rutledge Building. Leverett, who recently exhibited her sculpture and ceramic work in the Arts Council of York County's 36th Annual Juried Exhibition, completed the sculpture last year in Fine Arts Professor Shaun Cassidy's course.

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB

["The Frozen River" is Latest Virtual Alumni Book Club Read](#)



The first book for the 2026 Virtual Alumni Book Club is "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. The book is inspired by the life of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into history. The reading period is through March 6. [Read a summary and reviews for it.](#) [Join the free Virtual Alumni Book Club.](#)

A Message from the Alumni Director



Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that your 2026 is off to a great start. There is already so much planned for 2026, and we can't wait to see you at events! Some big happenings this year include the 50th anniversary celebration of Greek life in April, Homecoming and Reunion in November, and so much more!

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