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Applications Being Accepted for Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees

The Alumni Association is accepting applications for a candidate to serve as an alumni representative to the Board of Trustees for one of the two alumni-elected seats. The six-year term will begin on July 1, 2024. All members of the Board of Trustees must be primary residents of South Carolina. If you would like to serve your alma mater in this capacity or wish to nominate a fellow alumnus, please complete and submit the [application form](#) no later than Friday, Sept. 8.

Candidates will be announced in late fall and voting will open in early 2024.

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Mark Cooke and Clayton Almeida Named to Big South 2024 Hall of Fame Class

Former men's tennis player Clayton Almeida '06, '09, and former Softball Head Coach Mark Cooke, who passed away in May, will be inducted May 30, 2024, into the Big South Hall of Fame. The Big South Hall of Fame, created in 2003 as part of the league's 20th anniversary celebration, now totals 81 former Big South Conference student-athletes, coaches, administrators and contributors with the addition of the 2024 class. [Read More>>](#)



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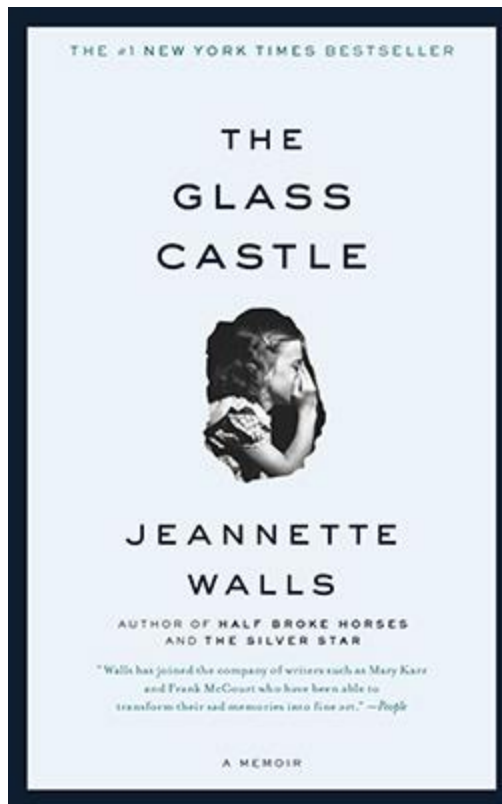
Convocation to Usher in Winthrop's 138th Academic Year

President Edward Serna '02 will preside over the Aug. 21 Convocation ceremony for new students, which will officially start the 138th academic year at Winthrop. The 11 a.m. ceremony will be held in the West Center. A Winthrop tradition, the ceremony is a way to welcome new and transfer students to the historic campus and into the Winthrop community of learners. The event will include welcome messages from university leaders. Following the ceremony, Serna and First Lady Lauren Serna will lead students out of the West Center and toward the campus front lawn in the traditional Blue Line procession. A picnic lunch, open to the community, will take place on the lawn in front of Margaret Nance Hall. Fall classes will begin at 5 p.m. on Aug. 21. [Read More>>](#)



Campus Improvements Underway This Summer

Summertime doesn't mean the work stops at Winthrop. The facilities management and IT crews and contractors are steadily working across campus to improve the university experience. Projects underway include residence hall refreshes, accessibility improvements, campus beautification enhancements and much more. [Learn more](#) about current and upcoming projects.



Virtual Alumni Book Club Picks its Next Selection

The fourth reading period for the [Virtual Alumni Book Club](#) begins on Friday, Aug. 4 and runs through Friday, Oct. 6. Virtual Alumni Book Club members selected to read “The Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls. Read a summary and reviews about the book [here](#). The memoir was selected as Winthrop's 2015-16 Common Book.

[Join the free Virtual Alumni Book Club.](#)



A Message from the Alumni Director

Did you know that as a Winthrop alumnus you have [free alumni benefits](#), including a Winthrop e-mail address, access to digital swag and much more!

We're excited to announce a new benefit available to all alumni - the Myers Briggs Strong Interest Inventory, a powerful assessment tool designed to provide valuable insights into your unique interests and personality preferences. This free tool helps uncover potential career paths that align with your passions and strengths. [Keep reading](#) for more information on this latest benefit and our upcoming fall events.



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