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ACHIEVEMENTS

Winthrop Achieves Record-breaking Fundraising Total for 2025-26



Winthrop achieved a record-level year of giving during the 2025-26 fiscal year. Vice President for University Advancement Kevin Hughes said the university raised \$11,707,016, which represents a nearly 43 percent increase over last year's fundraising total of \$8.2 million. Hughes also noted that the institution has raised more than five times what it raised five years ago, and he thanked the generous donors who help ensure Winthrop's bright future.

LEADERSHIP

[Four New Members Join Alumni Association Executive Board](#)



Four alumni were selected to serve on the Alumni Association Executive Board. The newest members - Christina Alexander '05, Bob Bazemore '85, James Hammond '88 and Tadean Page '18 - are all serving their first term and will partner with the Alumni Association to connect with more than 66,000 alumni. They will attend their first board meeting next month.

CLUB SPORTS

[Women's Flag Football Added to Club Sports Roster](#)



Winthrop Club Sports will embrace one of the fastest-growing sports in the country by establishing a women's flag football team in the fall. Athletic Director Chuck Rey said the addition of women's flag football demonstrates Winthrop's commitment to providing innovative opportunities for students in terms of participation, leadership development and competitive excellence. Competition begins in spring 2027.

AWARDS

[Alumna Repeats as Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year](#)



Volleyball standout Avery Jolley '25 has been voted for the second year in a row as the Big South Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She is the Eagles' first back-to-back winner having also shared the honor in 2024-25 with another conference student-athlete. After wrapping up a historic 2025 season, Jolley graduated in December 2025 with a 4.0 in business administration with a concentration in healthcare management. She will attend the Northeastern University School of Law this fall. Get to know more about Jolley in her [My Winthrop Experience](#) feature.

VIRTUAL ALUMNI BOOK CLUB

[Latest Virtual Book Club Reading Selection Begins July 31](#)



The fourth book for the 2026 Virtual Alumni Book Club is "Didn't You Used to Be Queenie B?" by Terri-Lynne DeFino. The reading period is through Oct 2. [Read a summary and reviews for it.](#) Join the free [Virtual Alumni Book Club](#).

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Rock Hill and Charleston-area alumni, let's hang out! Flight Paths with the Provost events have been a huge success, so we've added more to the schedule! Come learn about exciting new academic updates from Provost Sebastian van Delden in August (Rock Hill) and September (Charleston). We love connecting with our alumni at these events. You also can expect to soon receive information on Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, which will be held Nov. 13-14. Emails and printed mailers will be arriving to your inboxes and mailboxes ASAP. We can't wait to see those registrations start coming in! As always, I encourage you to check out our [upcoming events calendar](#) to see what's coming up next!

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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