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1972 Alumnae Raise Most Money Ever by Reuniting Class

The "Golden Girls" of the Class of 1972 celebrated their 50-year reunion this month during Homecoming and Reunion festivities. In addition to their milestone reunion, the class was recognized for raising the most money ever by a reuniting group. Class members raised \$101,319.72 for the [Fountain Restoration Project](#) and presented their check to President Edward Serna '02 during the Nov. 12 Alumni Reunion Brunch. Thank you to the Class of 1972 alumnae for their generous gift and for achieving a new fundraising milestone! See below for an update on the Fountain Restoration Project.



Fountain Restoration Project Enters Next Phase

Work on the Fountain Restoration Project continues, and the fundraising campaign is nearing its \$500,000 goal. Currently, the project's design documents are nearing completion and will be sent to the Office of State Engineer for review. After the office's review, the next step will be to advertise for bids on the project's construction. The tentative timeline to start work on the front lawn is slated for early March. Learn more about the [Fountain Restoration Project](#), and [make a gift today!](#)



Trustees Authorize Campus Enhancements

The [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#) authorized the university to spend \$21 million to address the aging main dining hall, Eagle Eatery, on campus and renovate portions of at least three residence halls. The vote came during the board's quarterly meeting on Oct. 21. Board members determined three ways to pay for the enhancements: issuing \$14.7 million in bonds, using \$3.8 million in reserves, and utilizing \$2.5 million in funding from state allocations. [Read More>>](#)



87th Annual Tree Lighting to Kick Off Holidays at Winthrop

Winthrop will ring in the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 87th Annual Tree Lighting on the front lawn. The event will feature performances by the Winthrop RockHettes and Winthrop Collegiate Choir. Luminaries will be available for purchase from 5-5:45 p.m. for \$3 to add to the holiday glow around Tillman. Proceeds from the luminaries will support the Winthrop Fund. If you can't attend this beloved tradition in person, please view the livestream from the [Alumni Association Facebook](#) page.



A Message from the Alumni Director

Thank you for a successful Homecoming and Reunion celebration! We loved welcoming alumni home and celebrating all week with events. Thank you to all of our campus partners for making the week and weekend a success. Check out all the fun on Winthrop's [Facebook](#), Instagram (@winthropu) and Twitter (@winthropu). I hope you'll be able to join us in person or virtually for the 87th Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 2. It's one of our most beloved traditions, and it kicks off the holiday season on the best feel-good note. Please make plans to join us! [Read More>>](#)



A Look Back: Charlotte Alumni Chapter Welcomed President Serna

The [Charlotte Alumni Chapter](#) held a welcome reception for President Edward Serna and First Lady Lauren Serna on Nov. 8 at the Foundation for the Carolinas. It was a great event held during Homecoming and Reunion week. Additional welcome receptions for President Serna are being planned for the spring in cities that have alumni chapters. Stay tuned for those dates and times as they are finalized.



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