



October 2023

#### ALUMNI TRUSTEE VOTING

### [Three Candidates Set for Alumni Board of Trustees Election](#)



Three candidates will be vying for an alumni representative seat on Winthrop's Board of Trustees. The candidates are Mac McDougal '05, '06, Hardy Paschal, Jr. '90, and Isaiah Venning '95, '00. The Alumni Association will host a Facebook Live session with the candidates on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. via the [Alumni Association Facebook page](#). This will be an opportunity for alumni to learn more about each candidate. Submit questions for the candidates at [alumni@winthrop.edu](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu). Questions can also be submitted during the live feed on Nov. 8. If you cannot join the live feed, the Facebook Live session will be saved on the Alumni Association Facebook page. Voting runs Jan. 22-Feb. 23.

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#### ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

### [Five Alumni to Receive Awards for Service and Achievements](#)



Five outstanding alumni will be honored for their service and professional achievements at the Nov. 9 Alumni Awards Dinner. Recipients are: Virginia Hart '45, Mary Mildred Sullivan Award; David Vehaun '86, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Timothy Hopkins '83, Alumni Distinguished Service Award; Len Lawson '02, Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and Brandon Sanders '10, Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION**

**[Trustees Approve New Mission, Vision, Values Statements, Academic Name Changes, Facilities Projects, and More](#)**



Board of Trustees' members took historic action on the university's mission, vision and values at their Oct. 12 meeting as Winthrop prepares to roll out a new strategic plan early next year. Board members studied, discussed and adopted the [new statements](#) with input from President Edward A. Serna '02 and his cabinet, as well as the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The campus community and other stakeholders also had a chance to weigh in on the mission, vision and values. In addition, trustees approved the [renaming of two key academic areas](#) to better describe the evolving mission of their operations. The College of Business Administration will become the College of Business and Technology and the Graduate School will become the School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education. Both name changes will take effect on or before July 1, 2024.

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## **HOMECOMING AND REUNION**

**[It's Time for Homecoming and Reunion Celebration!](#)**

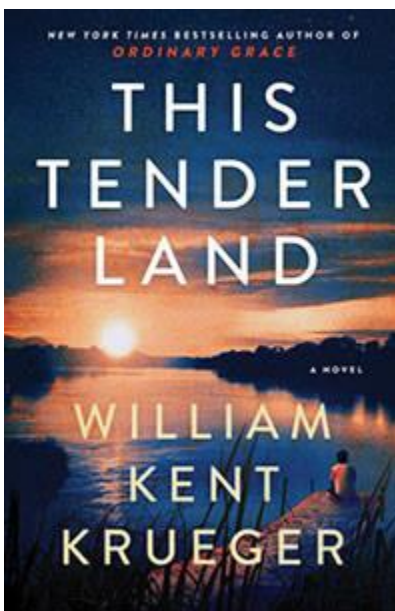


The Alumni Association is excited to offer a variety of events in which alumni may participate during Homecoming and Reunion celebration, Nov. 6-11. [Check out the schedule of events](#). In addition, if you're an alumnus and your class year ends with a '3 or '8 then you are celebrating a milestone reunion! Make plans to cheer on the Eagles over the weekend. On Saturday, Nov. 11, the volleyball team will take on Gardner-Webb University at 2 p.m. and the men's basketball team will host Drexel University at 5:30 p.m. [Game tickets](#) can be purchased beginning Nov. 1, and [tailgating spots](#) are available for purchase now.

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## **VIRTUAL ALUMNI BOOK CLUB**

### **[Virtual Alumni Book Club Now Reading "This Tender Land"](#)**





The fifth reading period for the Virtual Alumni Book Club began Oct. 13 and runs through Dec. 15. Virtual Alumni Book Club members selected to read “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger. Read a summary and reviews about the book [here](#). [Join](#) the free Virtual Alumni Book Club.

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### [A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Homecoming and Reunion is right around the corner! There are so many opportunities for alumni to connect and celebrate. Visit the [schedule of events page](#) for all event details, and we can't wait to see you on campus! Our Upstate and Myrtle Beach alumni chapters also have planned fun social events before/after upcoming basketball games. Check those out, get involved and support our Eagles!

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