



October 2025

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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



[Five outstanding alumni will be honored](#) for their service and professional achievements at the Nov. 13 Alumni Awards Celebration. Recipients are: Betty Morgan Holcombe '56, Mary Mildred Sullivan Award; Bob Hambright '74, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Tiffany Spann-Wilder '95, Alumni Distinguished Service Award; Julie Robinson Adams '78, Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and Roman Vitanza '17, Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

HOMECOMING AND REUNION

[It's Time for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend](#)



The Alumni Association is excited to offer a variety of events in which alumni may participate during Homecoming and Reunion celebration, Nov. 14-15. Check out the [schedule of events](#). In addition, if you're an alumnus and your class year ends with a '5 or '0 then you are celebrating a milestone reunion! Make plans to cheer on the Eagles over the weekend. On Saturday, Nov. 15, the men's basketball team will host Mercer at 2 p.m. followed by the women's basketball team taking on Queens at 4:30 p.m. [Game tickets can be purchased beginning Nov. 1](#), and [tailgating spots are available for purchase](#) through Nov. 2.

ACADEMICS

[Winthrop Launches Several New Degrees This Fall](#)



Winthrop has introduced several new degrees this fall to help students prepare for the next generation of jobs in the workforce. Administrators said by expanding academic offerings it will help a broader range of students and align its majors with current and future job market needs. One degree will offer South Carolina's first stand-alone artificial intelligence program; another establishes the institution's first engineering degree (applied software engineering); a third brings in South Carolina's first stand-alone game design program; and the fourth combines finances and technology – another first in South Carolina.

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

[Enrollment Reaches Highest Numbers Since 2019](#)



Winthrop brought in its highest enrollment this fall since before the pandemic with a total count of nearly 5,300 students. The university's entering class is one of the largest in school history with 1,014 students. There was a 13 percent increase in new freshmen from fall 2024 to this fall, from 901 to 1,014; an 11 percent increase in new transfers in the past year from 315 to 350; and a 12 percent increase in total enrollment over the last three years, from fall 2022 to fall 2025, from 4,712 to 5,287 students.

ATHLETICS

[Men's Basketball Takes National Stage in Opening Day Field of 68](#)



Set your alarms and grab your coffee because the men's basketball team is kicking off the season with a one-of-a-kind opener on Nov. 3. The team is participating in the Field of 68 Opening Day Marathon and will play Queens University at 8 a.m. (yes, you read that right!) at the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center (it's a neutral site game). The match up will be the first college basketball game of the 2025-26 season and the only one broadcast nationally at that time on the [Field of 68's YouTube Channel](#) and [X feed](#). Two other games will follow that day at the venue: St. Bonaventure vs. Bradley at 11 a.m. and High Point vs. Furman at 6:30 p.m. [Buy tickets now](#).

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Although class reunion registration has closed, there is still time to register for many events being hosted during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Nov. 14-15. [Visit the schedule of events page](#) to view all of the events planned and [register](#)!

We can't wait to see you on campus. And please save the date of Dec. 5 for our 90th Annual Tree Lighting! We will kick off the holiday season with a festive program that culminates in the lighting of our tree. I hope you can attend, but if you can't, you can always tune into the livestream on the [Alumni Association Facebook page](#). As always, please check out our [upcoming events calendar](#) for other opportunities to connect and get involved.

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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