



**November 2019**



## **Alumni Honored During Homecoming and Reunion Weekend**

Seven outstanding alumni were honored for their service and professional achievements as Winthrop graduates on Nov. 16 during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend activities. [Read more](#) about the winners and relive the weekend through [Homecoming photos](#).

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## Cynthia Roddey Honored as Local Hero

The Rev. Cynthia Plair Roddey '67, Winthrop's first African-American student, was honored Nov. 19 as an inductee into Rock Hill's [Freedom Walkway](#) during the 2019 Local Heroes Celebration. The annual observance recognizes the past and present work of local champions who promote freedom for all and who vigorously address injustice in their communities. [Read More>>](#)

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Winthrop and Rock Hill Leaders

## Take Next Steps for Miracle Park

[President Dan Mahony](#), Rock Hill Mayor John Gettys, York County Disabilities Chair Kennedy Christopher and others signed an historic agreement on Oct. 25 that will allow for the construction of a 15-acre project designed for people of all ages and abilities to play and work. [Read More>>](#)

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## Tuition Set for Bachelor of Professional Studies Program

The Winthrop University Board of Trustees unanimously voted on Oct. 25 to set tuition for the new Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) program at a rate equal or lower than similar programs in the region. The BPS degree, which will launch in spring 2020, will provide a challenging curriculum for a range of adult learners, including military veterans, who have associate degrees or 60 transferrable credit hours and who desire to complete a bachelor's degree. [Read More>>](#)

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## Support Winthrop on Giving Tuesday

#GivingTuesday is a global initiative that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy. Winthrop is proud to be a part of this inspirational movement. Please save the date for the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 3, and join #GivingTuesday at Winthrop.

Go to [winthrop.edu/advancement](http://winthrop.edu/advancement) for more information.



## Annual Pottery Sale and Tree Lighting Kick Off Holiday Season

Two beloved holiday traditions will continue on Friday, Dec. 6. The [30th annual pottery sale](#) will feature the work of 24 professionals, alumni and students. This event, from noon-6 p.m. in G-10 Rutledge Building, serves as a fundraiser for the Department of Fine Arts. Later that night, at 6 p.m., the Winthrop Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 84th annual tree lighting on the front lawn. Enjoy free hot cocoa and cookies, and watch performances by the Winthrop RockHettes. Be ready for a night of fun as this event kicks off the [ChristmasVille parade](#) that will begin at 6:30 p.m.



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### Jostens Offers Alumni Discount for Holiday Season

Enjoy a special alumni discount being offered by the Winthrop Alumni Association and Jostens this holiday season. Alumni are encouraged to use promo code ALUMNI50 for \$50 off collegiate rings and tags when they order online. Rings are not guaranteed delivery by Christmas; however, the special discount lasts until June 30, 2020. Order your official Winthrop class ring today! [Learn More>>](#)



## **Alumni Director's Letter: Homecoming Recap and Fun Year-End Alumni Events**

Hello, Winthrop alumni! I returned from maternity leave just in time to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and we had a great turnout. We welcomed hundreds of alumni home throughout the weekend and more than 300 alumni attended the Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon. I hope you will make plans to close out 2019 with one last fun alumni event near you. [Read more](#) to find out what's coming up next month.



## **Alumni Spotlight: Carra Lyons '18**

More than a decade ago, Carra Lyons '18 had a life that looked very different than it does today. She faced barriers with her education early on, abruptly stopping school at the age of 12. Today, she is in her first year as a medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. [Read More>>](#)

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**Calendar of Events**

**Nov. 28-29**, Thanksgiving Holiday, Winthrop Offices Closed

**Dec. 8**, Triangle Alumni Chapter Holiday Social  
1-3 p.m., [Vita Vite Midtown](#) (Raleigh, N.C.)

**Dec. 11**, Ice Skate with Rock Hill Alumni Chapter  
6-8 p.m., [Founders Holiday Ice Rink](#) (located at Fountain Park)

**Dec. 14**, Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement  
11 a.m., [Winthrop Coliseum](#)

**Dec. 15**, Columbia Alumni Chapter Social  
5-7 p.m., [Top Golf Swing Suites](#)



### **Amazon Shopping on Black Friday or Cyber Monday?**

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases back to Winthrop throughout the year. Simply sign in at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and type in **Winthrop University Foundation** to select Winthrop as your charity.

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