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February 2020



George W. Hynd Selected as Winthrop's Interim President

The Winthrop University Board of Trustees recently voted on the selection of George W. Hynd as interim president of Winthrop. He begins the new role on March 1. Hynd has had a distinguished administrative career in higher education serving at several national and regional institutions and as a distinguished research professor. Most recently, Hynd was the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and interim provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He succeeds Dan Mahony, who accepted a position as president of the Southern Illinois University System.

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Record Broken for Number of Students Applying for Freshman Admission

For the second consecutive year, a record number of prospective students have applied for admission to the incoming freshman class. The current recruiting season has seen applications for the fall 2020 freshman class — which numbered 6,125 as of Feb. 5 — eclipse the previous mark of 6,101 from fall 2019. The strong application numbers yielded a freshman class that was Winthrop's largest in four years. [Read More>>](#)



24 Hours of Giving to be Held April 3-4

Show your Winthrop pride by joining alumni, donors, friends, parents, students, faculty and staff in raising the level of donor support to Winthrop during the 24 Hours of Giving that will be held April 3-4. [Read more](#) on how to be a part of this important initiative.



Angelo Geter '08 Named Rock Hill's Poet Laureate

The city of Rock Hill recently named Angelo Geter '08 as its official poet laureate. As one of his first actions with his new honor, Geter, Winthrop's director of campus programming, performed his spoken word piece "And Still" at Rock Hill's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Jan. 20. [Read More>>](#)



New Virtual Alumni Book Club Launches

The Alumni Association has launched a new virtual book club. In this online community, alumni can connect with each other and enjoy books related to lifelong learning, professional development, social issues and more. The first book will be the 2019-20 Winthrop Common Book, "Just Mercy." The book discussion will begin on Thursday, March 19. [Read More>>](#)



Design the 2020 Homecoming T-shirt

Think you've got the skills to design Winthrop's 2020 Homecoming T-shirt? Then put those skills on display with this new tradition! The Alumni Association is once again hosting a T-shirt design contest in celebration of Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2020. The contest, open only to alumni, runs from March 1-April 30.

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Alumni Director's Letter: Spring Events, Alumni Initiatives and Alumni Executive Board Nominations

We are springing forward into some exciting events this semester. The Alumni Association recently hosted our annual Volunteers' Conference and launched our new Alumni Virtual Book Club. We are also gearing up for nominations for board leadership and alumni awards. Also, be on the look out for upcoming events in your city! [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Ameca Carter Thomas '99

School administrator Ameca Carter Thomas '99 follows a simple motto: to become better than the day before. She has worked two decades in education and is now moving into a new role as superintendent of Laurens County School District 55. There is much work to be done in the days ahead, she said, but her dedication lies in improving education and helping all students achieve at their highest level.

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 29, Pre-Game Social Home Doubleheader
11 a.m., [Slow Play Brewing](#), Rock Hill

Feb. 29, Kershaw County Alumni Luncheon
11:30 a.m., [Springdale Hall](#), Camden

March 6, Triangle Alumni Gathering at the Morgan Street Food Hall & Market
6:30 p.m., [Morgan Street Food Hall & Market](#), Raleigh, North Carolina

March 18, Winthrop vs. The Citadel Baseball Game
with the Charleston Alumni Chapter
6 p.m., [Joseph P. Riley Park](#), Charleston

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Save the Date: Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2020

Please join us for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2020 that will be held Friday, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 14. More information will be announced soon, but please make plans now to be on campus for a fun-filled weekend. In the meantime, take a "by the numbers" look at this past November's Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. [Read More >>](#)

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