



WINTHROP INSIDER

YOUR MONTHLY UNIVERSITY UPDATE

February 2021

TRUSTEES VOTE ON FACILITIES UPGRADES, SUMMER TUITION



Earlier this month, the Board of Trustees voted to authorize a \$21 million bond issue to support housing and dining projects. Board members also voted to leave in place the discounted fee structure for Summer Session 2021.

The housing portion of the bonds will be \$9 million while up to \$12 million will go toward dining. Summer enrollment in undergraduate and graduate courses grew to 1,903 in 2020.

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GRANT TO HELP IMPROVE TEACHER EDUCATION

A new grant will help the university establish a Center of Excellence to address teacher shortages in South Carolina. Called Addressing Shortages through Partnership Internship Residences in Education (ASPIRE), the center will seek to design, study and disseminate best practices for internship certification implementation specifically with undergraduate teacher candidates for the Rock Hill, Clover and York school districts. [Read More>>](#)





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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DELORES JOHNSON HURT '68

As Black History Month comes to a close, the Alumni Association has been highlighting the contributions of African-American alumni all month on [social media](#). Another special recognition goes to one of Winthrop's early trailblazers, Delores Johnson Hurt '68. Hurt – one of four women pioneers who integrated Winthrop in 1964



– continues to give back to the university. She recently provided a boost to the Roddey, Johnson, Gladden, Meriwether Scholarship. The scholarship honors the four women who became the first black students at Winthrop: Cynthia Plair Roddey '67, Delores Johnson Hurt '68, Arnetta Gladden '67 and Sue Frances Meriwether Steed '67. The scholarship has exceeded \$33,000 and provides an award of over \$1,200 annually to deserving Winthrop students. [Read More>>](#)

MEN'S BASKETBALL, ESPORTS CAPTURE TITLES



The men's basketball team claimed the [Big South Conference regular season title](#) after defeating High Point 76-70 on Feb. 18. The Big South Tournament tips off March 1. Additionally,

Winthrop's Esports team - just in its second year of existence - won the Big South Collegiate Esports Invitational and claimed its first [Big South Esports Championship](#).

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Alumni and Friends,

We love offering virtual events for our alumni to attend. You can check out some of the upcoming events [here](#). Did you know there are even more ways to stay connected and engaged with fellow alumni? From serving on the Alumni Association Executive



Board to helping recruit prospective students to Winthrop, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Have good news to share? A new job, marriage or baby? We want to know! [Submit](#) your good news and updated contact information to ensure you receive Winthrop news, which includes the [Winthrop Insider](#) monthly alumni e-newsletter and the [Winthrop Magazine](#), and receive event invitations to local alumni happenings in your area. [Read More>>](#)

BUSINESS DIRECTORY SUPPORTS ALUMNI-OWNED BUSINESSES



The Alumni Association is committed to helping alumni-owned businesses stay open and thrive during the global pandemic and beyond.

With the launch of Winthrop Connect, a free alumni business directory, the Alumni Association hopes to draw attention to your business,

whether large or small. The online platform also gives alumni a chance for networking and other engagement opportunities. Create a profile, connect with fellow alumni, search and post jobs, join affinity groups, offer mentoring services and more. Join today!

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FEATURED EVENT: HANGIN' WITH HYND



Come hang out virtually with Winthrop Interim President George W. Hynd! Feel free to submit questions in advance to alumni@winthrop.edu to really get to know the new Head Eagle. Hynd will also share highlights from the [State of the University address](#) and points of pride for Winthrop. Zoom information will be e-mailed to registrants. See dates and times below:

Rock Hill Alumni Chapter

Monday, March 1, 12 p.m., via Zoom
[Reserve](#) your spot by Feb. 25

D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter

Wednesday, March 10, 12 p.m., via Zoom
[Reserve](#) your spot by March 5

Upstate Alumni Chapter

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., via Zoom
[Reserve](#) your spot by March 8

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

In celebration of Black History Month, the #Winthrop Alumni Association hosted a Facebook Live panel discussion with current black alumni leaders at Winthrop, including Tim Hopkins '83, '85, '00, Board of Trustees; Valida Foster Walker '04, Alumni Executive Board; and DeAlva Wilson '92, '94, Black Alumni Council.

[Watch it now!](#)

