



# WINTHROP INSIDER

YOUR MONTHLY UNIVERSITY UPDATE

March 2021

## BACK-TO-BACK BIG SOUTH CHAMPIONS!



The men's basketball team earned its second-straight Big South Conference championship and secured an automatic bid into the 2021 NCAA Tournament.

The 12th-seeded Eagles took on the 5th-seeded

Villanova Wildcats on March 19. Although the Eagles came up short in the opening round, the team compiled a historic season. The Eagles finished the season a record of 23-2.

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## AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRAILBLAZERS HONORED BY STATE

The S.C. House of Representatives passed a resolution on Feb. 18 praising the efforts of Cynthia Plair Roddey '67, Delores Johnson Hurt '68, the late Arnetta Gladden Mackey '67 and Sue Frances Meriwether Steed '67.

The four African-American women were trailblazers during school integration at Winthrop.

They were presented with a framed resolution during a short ceremony at Winthrop on March 1.

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## WINTHROP EXPECTS TO RETURN TO TRADITIONAL FALL SEMESTER

With the number of COVID-19 cases dropping in York County and vaccines becoming more available, Winthrop plans to return to a more traditional fall semester in August.

University leadership plans to start the fall semester with traditional in-person learning and extracurricular offerings.

On the residential side, the university will likely shift back to the campus residency requirement for first- and second-year students.

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## WINTHROP AGAIN NAMED VOTER FRIENDLY CAMPUS



Winthrop is one of four South Carolina colleges designated this spring as a “Voter Friendly Campus.”

The initiative holds participating institutions accountable for planning and implementing practices that encourage their students to register and vote.

Winthrop previously earned the Voter Friendly Campus designation in 2019 and 2017.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MELISSA KINYON-JUMPER '08

Melissa Kinyon-Jumper '08 is using virtual therapy to reach clients that were previously shut out of mental health services.

She is hopeful that more and more global communities will begin to acknowledge that mental health issues are real and deserve as much attention and support as



physical health.

“It can be a very emotional process to help people unlearn misconceptions,” Kinyon-Jumper said. “If they’re willing to take a risk and be vulnerable about something as traditionally stigmatized as their mental health, it’s my job to fully support them in their time of need.”

Kinyon-Jumper, who graduated in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a minor in women’s studies.

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## GRANT EXPANDS WINTHROP OUTREACH PROGRAM



The A Place for Hope (APFH) Eagles Program will be able to expand its outreach to the Blackmon Road Community thanks to a new grant. Family Trust Federal Credit Union recently

contributed \$1,000 to expanding the program, which provides Winthrop student support and resources, such as afterschool programming, homework support and more. [Read More>>](#)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

We are taking a look back at 2020 and planning ahead for 2021.

Last year, we were able to continue engagement opportunities with alumni near and far despite challenges from the pandemic.

We encourage alumni to take advantage of several upcoming opportunities to get involved



with their alma mater. For instance, applications are now being accepted for the 2021-24 Alumni Executive Board term.

And you can join the Virtual Alumni Book Club is reading “The Midnight Library by Matt Haig,” a New York Times bestseller and winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction.

Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections also has two opportunities for alumni participation.

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



Despite many challenges in 2020, the Alumni Association carried on its mission “to honor the traditions and values of Winthrop University through the engagement of alumni worldwide.”

Check out the [2020 Year In Review video](#) for a recap of what the association accomplished in 2020!

## FEATURED EVENT



Join fellow Columbia alumni for a fun and exhilarating night of Zumba from the comfort of your own home on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

The event will be led by Winthrop alumna and

Zumba instructor, Kendra Pennington '15 via Zoom.

Space is limited. [Reserve](#) your spot by Tuesday, April 6.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### Hangin' with President Hynd Virtual Socials

Wednesday, April 14  
Charleston Alumni  
Noon, via Zoom

Tuesday, April 20  
Orlando Alumni  
7 p.m., via Zoom

Wednesday, April 21  
Myrtle Beach Alumni  
Noon, via Zoom

Registration required! [Please RSVP.](#)  
Zoom information will be e-mailed to registrants.

*\*All times are Eastern unless otherwise noted.*