



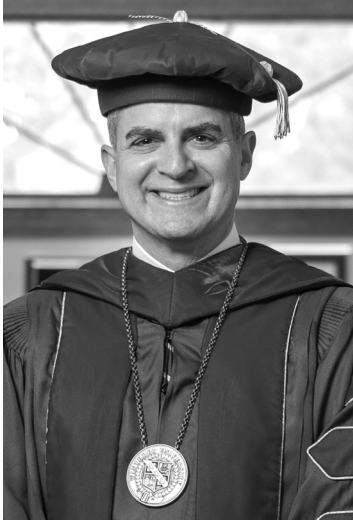
WINTHROP UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 20, 2025
11 A.M.
WINTHROP COLISEUM

“In celebration of our 140th academic year”

A message from the **PRESIDENT**



Dear Fellow Eagle,

Let me first wish you congratulations. This is your day! A day you earned. A day you'll always remember. This is a time to celebrate all that you have accomplished, surrounded by your family, friends and mentors. As a fellow Winthrop alumnus I know the hard work and perseverance you put into achieving this milestone. And now it's time to celebrate!

As you revel in this well-deserved moment and before you head off on your next adventure, I challenge you to hold fast to the values you've learned at Winthrop.

- Be a leader who's not afraid to fail. Positive change doesn't just happen. It comes from those willing to try, to risk failure, to fail at times but not give up, and to try again.
- Remember to serve. In the race to get ahead and make your mark, have a touchstone of serving others. It's less important who you serve but more important that you serve. Continuing this Winthrop tradition will keep you grounded...and happier, according to research.
- Be a part of a community. When you settle on where you're going, don't hesitate to put down roots. Go all in wherever you find yourself. Take chances and give back. When you're plugged in, you never know what opportunities might come your way.
- Keep a focus on excellence. Do your best in all that you undertake. Don't settle for what's easily possible. Reach higher. Push your limits. You will likely find that you accomplished more than you once thought possible. What a feeling!
- Respect others. Share a culture of belonging where all are valued. Stand up for justice, free expression and open, constructive dialog that is grounded in civility, compassion and trust.

As you think back over your time at Winthrop, you've undoubtedly lived these values. Your Winthrop family has helped you do so. We can't wait to see all that unfolds in your life moving forward. Keep in touch with the university, remember those who shared your journey, and give back to your alma mater. Once again, congratulations!

Edward A. Serna '02
President

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Order of Exercise

Pre-Commencement Concert

Procession*

Marche Triomphale from *Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale*, *Hector Berlioz*, arranged by *Philip Gordon*
Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar*, arranged by *Clare Grundman*
Winthrop University Commencement Band, *Dr. Lorrie Crochet*, Conductor

National Anthem*

Audience, Led by *Fallyn Cassell*

Spirit of Celebration*

Dr. Tom Polaski, *Chief Faculty Marshal*

Welcome from the University and Introductions

Dr. Edward Serna '02, *President*

Presentation of Awards

President's Award for Academic Excellence
Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree

Commencement Address

Mr. Watts Huckabee '89

Academic Degrees

Presentation of Graduate Candidates and Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Sebastian van Delden, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Hooding of Graduate Candidates and Presentation of Diplomas
Dean P.N. Saksena and Dr. Philip Gibson, *College of Business and Technology*
Dean Beth Costner and Dr. Lisa Harris, *Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences*
Dean Karen Oremus and Dr. Tracy Patterson, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*
Dean Takita Sumter and Dr. Greg Oakes, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Presentation of Undergraduate Candidates and Conferring of Degrees
Dr. van Delden
Dean Melissa McCartney, *School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education*
Dean Saksena, *College of Business and Technology*
Dean Costner, *Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences*
Dean Oremus, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*
Dean Sumter, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Welcome from Winthrop University Alumni Association

Ms. Casey Ferri '09

Charge to the Graduates

President Serna

Alma Mater*

Audience, *Led by Fallyn Cassell*

Final Procession*

March for the Prince of Wales, *Joseph Haydn, edited by James Riley*
Winthrop University Commencement Band

**Audience is requested to stand and remain at their places.*

The university commencement ceremony is a significant celebration recognizing years of study. As a reflection of the nature of the ceremony, please refrain from loud expressions of pleasure for individual graduates. Such expressions detract from the recognition due the next graduate in line. Photographs may be taken during the ceremony, but photographers are asked to remain in their seats to ensure that aisles and stairways are clear. The audience is requested to stand and remain at their places during both processions. As a courtesy to those around you and to our graduating students, please turn off all cellular devices during the ceremony.

University Marshals

Dr. Tom Polaski (Chief), Dr. Mark Lewis (Assistant Chief), Dr. Monique Constance-Huggins, Dr. Amanda Hiner, Dr. Sherry Hoyle, Dr. Willis Lewis, Dr. Cara Peters, Dr. Tenisha Powell, Mr. Seth Rouser, Dr. Bill Shulte, Ms. Sangwon Sohn, Dr. David Vawter

University Marshals are senior members of the faculty who are nominated by the academic deans based on their outstanding service to the institution, excellence in teaching, and respect by their faculty colleagues. They serve the institution as official ambassadors at university events including Commencement and Convocation.

Student Marshals

Brandon Barrientos (Chief), Kendall Crossley (Assistant Chief), Payten Baldwin, Madelyn Brooks, Hugo Buchanan, Tara Beth Carpenter, Ethan Monroe Carter, Anna Beth Cochran, Kit Aldrich Crosby, Trinity Angel Gibson, Jasmine Martin, Madelyn Elisabeth Mina, Ellie Mitchell, Hudson Phillips Mize, Sophia Moore, Maggie Petermann, Cadwyn Simril, Serena Eow, Makenna Caden Smalley, Ty Strickland, Olivia Jane Whitfield

Student Marshals are invited to serve at Winthrop Commencement and Convocation ceremonies based on their outstanding academic performance.

Readers

Dr. Jo Koster, Dr. Kristen Wunderlich

Sign Language Interpreters

Ms. Elizabeth Platt

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Speaker and Honorary Degree

Speaker



A. Watts Huckabee Sr. is a Rock Hill native and 1989 Winthrop College graduate with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. He founded A. Watts Huckabee & Company, Inc. (Carolinas Insurance & Investment Group—CIIG) in 1990 and has spent 35 years building businesses in the region, including partnerships and investments in local ventures.

Huckabee is a proud father to Olivia H. Stufflebean and Ansel W. Huckabee Jr., both commercial insurance underwriters. He is married to retired award-winning WBTW Channel 13 anchor Nicole “Nickie” Huckabee and is a devoted stepfather to her two children, Mac and Livie Boone, and a proud grandfather to Simms and Willow.

Deeply committed to service, Huckabee has held leadership roles on numerous civic, nonprofit, and professional boards, including eight years on the Winthrop University Board of Trustees, and past presidencies of state and regional insurance professional associations. His community impact has been recognized with honors such as Winthrop’s Distinguished Young Alumni Award and the Rock Hill Chamber’s Small Business awards.

Since January 17, 2023, he has served on York County Council representing District 6.

Honorary Degree



Rock Hill resident Glenn McCall joined the Winthrop community when he was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2011 as the education superintendent designee. He was then legislatively elected to an at-large seat in 2014 and was serving as its chairman when he passed away suddenly on July 11.

During McCall’s 14 years on the board, he was known as a natural leader, as a man of faith and as one of the university’s greatest cheerleaders. In October, the Board of Trustees voted to posthumously award McCall an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Before retirement, McCall built a distinguished career at Bank of America, where he was a senior vice president of Bank of America over the consumer customer behavior analysis group. He also served for 24 years in the Air Force, 10 years on active duty and 14 years in the Texas Air National Guard.

Active in politics, McCall had represented the South Carolina Republican Party as a National Committeeman since 2008, serving as the state’s first African-American national committeeman. He played a key role nationally when he was named one of two vice chairs for the 2016 Republican National Convention, then served as chairman of the RNC Budget Committee and co-chair of the 2020 Republican National Committee.

McCall was a graduate of Amberton University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in management information systems, and he held a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, and many other family members.

Kinard Award



Dr. Janet Wojcik, professor and program director for exercise science, is the 2025 recipient of the James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was established 41 years ago in honor of former president James Pinckney Kinard and his wife, Lee Wicker Kinard, by their family.

Dr. Wojcik joined the faculty in the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences in 2006. She was promoted to professor in 2020. Dr. Wojcik holds a Ph.D. in human nutrition, foods and exercise from Virginia Tech; an M.S. in physical education from Canisius College; and a B.S. in sport and exercise studies from State University of New York at Buffalo.

Since arriving at Winthrop she has taught 12 unique undergraduate courses and three graduate courses. In a typical year, she teaches seven unique course preparations ranging from Exercise Physiology I to Physical Activity for Special and Aging Populations to internship and portfolio for seniors. These courses run the gamut from lecture and lab to seminar and intensive writing courses. She also teaches in multiple modalities, including traditional lecture style courses, hybrid courses and courses that are fully online.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Wojcik serves as a mentor in the McNair Scholars program, as an honors thesis reader and encourages students to participate in the annual Showcase of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors conference and other regional conferences.

Dr. Wojcik also serves as the exercise science program director and is responsible for assuring that the program meets the accreditation standards set by the Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences, Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs.

A prolific scholar, Dr. Wojcik publishes in peer reviewed journals of the highest standing. She regularly presents at the national American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) conference and has earned the coveted status of Fellow in the organization.

This is not the first faculty award for Dr. Wojcik. She was named the College of Education's Bank of America Endowed Professor in 2015 and was chosen to serve as a Faculty Marshal from 2020-23.

President's Award for Academic Excellence

This award is the highest academic award Winthrop University presents to a student. It is awarded to the student(s) with the highest grade point average in the graduating class.



Veritas
cum
Libertate

History

Winthrop University has been an educational leader in South Carolina for more than 130 years. In 1886, David Bancroft Johnson, a dedicated and gifted superintendent of schools, successfully petitioned Boston philanthropist Robert C. Winthrop and the Peabody Fund for seed money to form a school whose mission would be the education of women as teachers. As the “Winthrop Training School,” Johnson’s fledgling institution opened its doors to 21 students in Columbia, S.C., using a borrowed, one-room building. Because of its important role, Winthrop soon received state assistance and moved to its permanent Rock Hill home in 1895.

Over time, Winthrop became one of the premier women’s colleges in the region and expanded its mission to become a comprehensive institution offering degrees in a growing variety of disciplines. Responding to students’ increasing pursuit of higher education, the college reached other important milestones by integrating in 1964 and becoming coeducational in 1974. Winthrop assumed university designation in 1992 and has achieved national recognition in pursuit of its goal to be one of the finest comprehensive universities in the country.

Motto

Winthrop’s motto, “Veritas cum Libertate,” or “Truth with Liberty,” was chosen by a faculty committee at the request of Winthrop President David Bancroft Johnson in 1899.

Seal and Chain of Office



The committee formed by President Johnson to suggest a school motto also designed the university seal. The illustration includes the motto as well as portions of the State of South Carolina seal. One image is dominated by a tall Palmetto tree, which represents the battle fought on June 28, 1776, between defenders of the unfinished fort on Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina, and the British Fleet. Banded together on the Palmetto with the motto “Quis separabit?” (“Who Will Separate [Us]?”), are 12 spears that represent the first 12 states of the Union. The other image of the seal depicts a woman walking along a shore littered with weapons. The woman, symbolizing Hope, grasps a branch of laurel as the sun rises behind her. Below her image is the word “SPES,” or “Hope.” On May 14, 1900, the faculty voted unanimously to accept the design still in use as the Winthrop seal.

The Chain of Office is symbolic of the authority vested in the office of president by the governing body of the university. Only the university president may wear it, and while wearing it, speaks for the whole body of the institution. Winthrop’s Chain of Office is made of bronze and features the university seal.



Coat of Arms

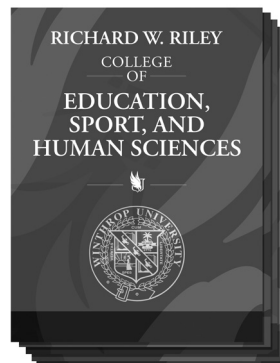
The Winthrop University Coat of Arms, adopted in 1980, incorporates a shield and helm, and the University motto, “Veritas cum Libertate,” which originally appeared on Winthrop’s seal. A diagonal blue line through the shield represents the blue uniforms that were worn at Winthrop until the 1950s. The garnet and gold represent traditional school colors.



The Mace

The first maces were weapon-like staffs used in ancient Rome to honor heroes and nobility. Maces were later used in the courts of England as symbols of authority. Today, maces are associated with the American judicial and legislative systems, as well as with colleges and universities. The Winthrop mace was designed, produced and engraved by the late Alfred Ward, art and design professor emeritus. It is made of silver with detailing of 22K gold overlay. The stem is crafted from an African hardwood.

Gonfalon



The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

The six gonfalons displayed represent the six academic colleges of Winthrop University: the College of Business and Technology, the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, the Honors College, and the School of Graduate, Continuing and Online Education.



Ring

The official Winthrop University ring symbolizes pride and commitment and is a lasting memento of the wearer’s Winthrop experience. The ring’s design includes the crest portion of the university’s seal and is framed at the top by the institution’s name and its founding year at the bottom. Inside the ring, Winthrop’s motto, “Veritas cum Libertate,” is inscribed. It is customary for the ring to be turned with the crest facing outward at the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony.

Academic Regalia

The academic regalia worn in college and university ceremonies today have their origins in the Middle Ages. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the medieval castles and halls in which they studied. From these practical beginnings, the traditional caps, gowns, and hoods have come to symbolize scholarly achievement.

Winthrop is authorized to grant the first two of the following three generally recognized degrees—the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral. The bachelor's degree, the baccalaureate, takes its name directly from the medieval practice of "bachelors" wearing a garland of bayberries. Their gowns have a long pleated front, which may be worn either open or closed.

The master's degree was equivalent to a license to teach and sometimes was followed by the phrase "Licentia Docendi." The gowns for master's degree candidates are similar to those of the bachelor's, but a hood is added, bearing the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor's degree was originally a title of respect and recognition of great learning. Today, the doctorate indicates advanced study and independent research in a specialized field of learning. The gowns feature a broad, velvet panel down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves.

Winthrop's Board of Trustees, president, chief faculty marshal and student marshals wear robes designed specifically for the university.

Mortarboards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion. The caps and gowns worn today by Winthrop students are environmentally friendly.

Hoods

Hood colors were assigned to academic disciplines and standardized for the first time in the United States in the late 19th century. The colors chosen had traditional meanings and were determined by discipline. Green was selected for medicine because it is the color of healing herbs. Red was the traditional color of the church and was assigned to theology. Golden yellow signifies the wealth of knowledge which research has produced and therefore was given to science. Revisions were made to the code several times in the 20th century by the American Council on Education.

All hoods specify the type of discipline studied and the awarding institution. The following list explains hoods worn by graduate degree candidates at Winthrop University.

College of Business and Technology

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) - Drab

Master of Science (M.S.) - Drab

Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Light Blue

Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Light Blue

Master of Science (M.S.) - Light Blue

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Master of Arts (M.A.) - White

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) - Brown

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts (M.A.) - White

Master of Liberal Arts (M.L.A.) - White

Master of Science (M.S.) - Gold

Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) - Citron

Key to Symbols

Latin Honors

* In today’s program, this symbol designates graduates who have achieved one of the following levels of academic performance. These students can be identified by their gold cord. The Latin phrases, once used at medieval universities, are still used to honor graduates today:

Summa Cum Laude	Cum Laude
<i>“with greatest praise,” is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.9 to 4.0.</i>	<i>“with praise,” is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.5 to 3.74.</i>
Magna Cum Laude	Honors Recognition
<i>“with great praise,” is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.75 to 3.89.</i>	<i>is awarded for a final average of 3.75 and a minimum of 48 quality hours at Winthrop University.</i>

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the unavailability of grades for the final semester during the time the Commencement program is printed, Latin Honors designations in this program are based on cumulative grade point average earned through the previous academic term (this cumulative GPA includes any undergraduate coursework completed at other colleges). Final academic Latin Honor designations are determined after grades for the final semester are posted. Official Latin Honors designations are announced the day of commencement, noted on the student’s diploma, and printed on the transcript.

Honors Program

+ This symbol in today’s program designates graduates of the Honors Program.

Honors Program Degree

is awarded upon completion of the honors program degree requirements, including a service-learning project, a minimum of 23 additional hours of honors coursework, and a capstone project evaluated and endorsed by a body of experts. These students can be identified by their garnet cord.

Honors Program Degree with International Experience

is awarded upon completion of the honors program degree requirements, including a service-learning project, a minimum of 23 additional hours of honors coursework, a capstone project evaluated and endorsed by a body of experts and an extended experience outside the United States in a learning environment. These students can be identified by their garnet cord.

Legacy Program

∞ This symbol designates graduates who are part of the Legacy Program, which recognizes students who are the child, grandchild, or sibling of a Winthrop alumnus. As a family member of a Winthrop graduate, these students are continuing their family legacy by earning a Winthrop degree.

August Graduates

‡ This symbol designates August 2025 graduates.

Accoutrements

Stoles, cords and pins worn by graduates indicate their membership in a variety of academic honor societies and student organizations.

Every effort has been made to list correctly the candidates for degrees. Please note, however, that the listings are prepared for program purposes and do not constitute official records.

School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education

Melissa McCartney, Dean

The School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education is a dynamic hub committed to innovation, accessibility and student success. Serving primarily adult learners in South Carolina and the surrounding region, the school provides flexible online offerings, continuing education and accredited graduate programs.

The school was created in 2024 and currently awards the Bachelor of Professional Studies for undergraduates.

College of Business and Technology

P.N. Saksena, Dean

The College of Business and Technology's mission is to prepare students in a learning-oriented environment, through effective teaching, scholarship and service, with the professional and leadership skills necessary for positions in the global marketplace, while fostering life-long learning and service to the external community.

The college was created in 1968 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in business administration with concentrations in accounting, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, financial planning, health care management, human resource management, management, and marketing; Bachelor of Science in applied software engineering, artificial intelligence, computer science, cybersecurity, financial technology and web development; the Master of Science in accounting and analytics and the Master of Business Administration.

Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Beth Greene Costner, Dean

The Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences is dedicated to the highest ideals of teaching, scholarship and service for the purpose of preparing professionals who are committed to the betterment of society through a lifelong quest for excellence through innovation, inclusion, intention and investment. Through the Jim and Sue Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships, the college maintains a strong school Partnership Network to support P-12 school renewal and a clinical approach to educator preparation.

Winthrop was founded in 1886 as a teacher preparatory school. The College of Education began in 1968 and was renamed the Richard W. Riley College of Education in 2000 and was renamed the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences in 2022. The college offers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in early childhood education, elementary education, exercise science, human development and family studies, middle level education, physical education, special education, and sport management. A Master of Arts in Education; Master of Arts in Teaching; Master of Science in athletic training and sport and fitness administration; Master of Education in counseling and development, educational leadership, and special education intervention; Education Specialist in educational leadership and the Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation are offered at the graduate level.

Academic Colleges

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Karen Oremus, Dean

The College of Visual and Performing Arts provides high quality arts instruction in a rich artistic environment that inspires students to achieve their academic and artistic goals. The college also provides the broader Winthrop community with a vast array of outstanding performances and art exhibitions annually.

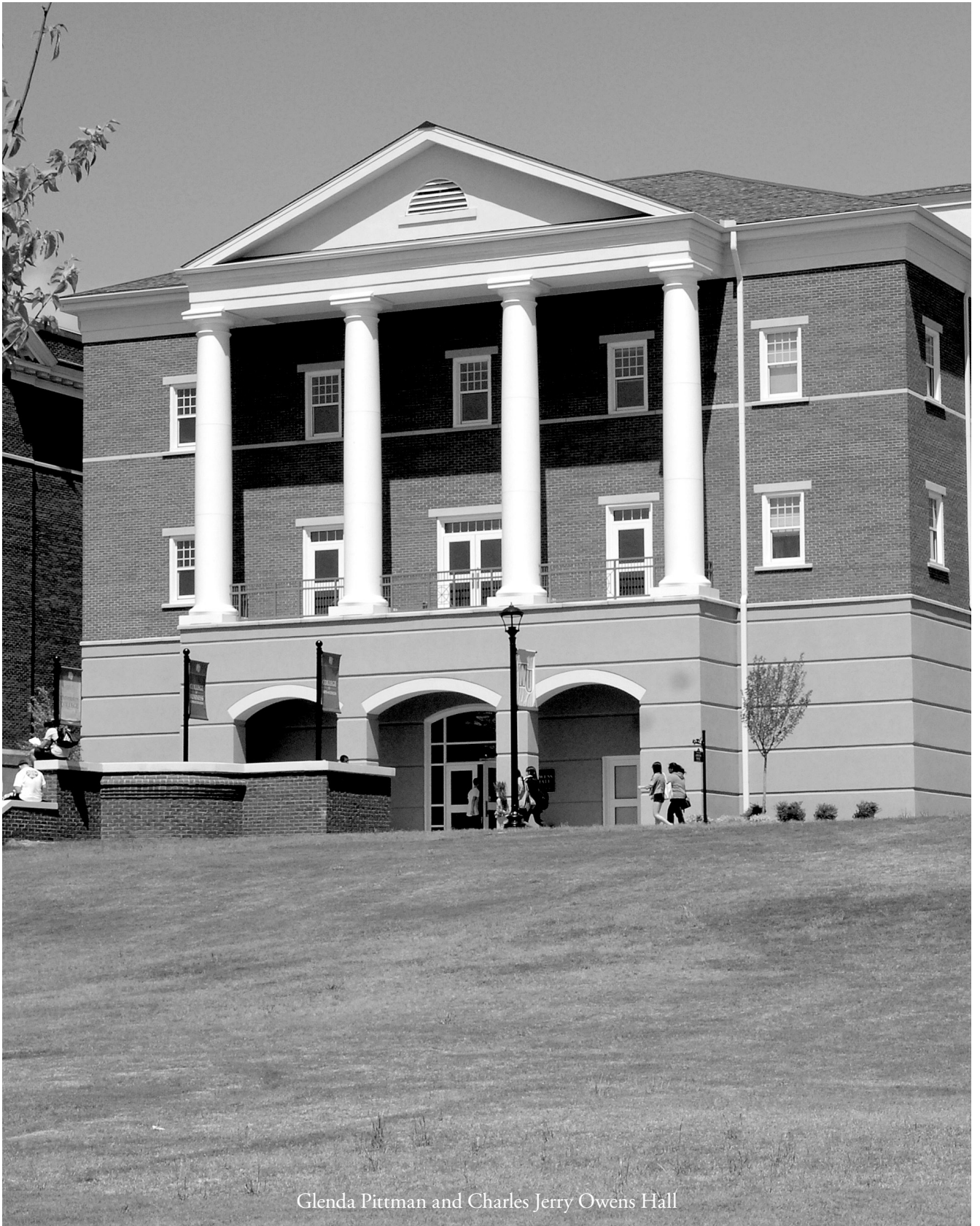
The college was created in 1988 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts in art, art education, art history, dance, dance education, music, theatre (performance, design/technology, musical theatre), and theatre education; Bachelor of Design (graphic design, illustration, interior design and game design); Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (ceramics, general studio, jewelry/metals, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture) and Art Education; Bachelor of Music (performance, composition), and Bachelor of Music Education (instrumental and choral). A Master of Arts in arts administration; Master of Fine Arts in studio art; Master of Music (conducting and performance); and Master of Music Education degrees are offered at the graduate level.

College of Arts and Sciences

Takita F. Sumter, Dean

The College of Arts and Sciences provides educational opportunities for students to gain knowledge, insights, and skills in order to grow more sensitive to the significance of the human heritage, to participate and contribute knowledgeably and effectively as citizens, and to lead rewarding, productive, and enriched lives in the contemporary world. Providing the liberal arts foundation for all Winthrop University students, the College of Arts and Sciences offers a broad spectrum of general education courses so students may be afforded the central core of knowledge enjoyed by well-educated citizens.

The college was created in 1967 and awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts in data science, English, environmental studies, history, individualized studies, integrated marketing communication mass communication, mathematics, modern languages, philosophy and religion, political science, psychology, and sociology; Bachelor of Science in biology, chemistry, environmental sciences, human nutrition, and mathematics; and Bachelor of Social Work degree. The College of Arts and Sciences also awards the following graduate degrees: Master of Liberal Arts; Master of Arts in English and history; Master of Social Work; Master of Science in biology, human nutrition, and school psychology; and the Specialist in school psychology degree.



Glenda Pittman and Charles Jerry Owens Hall

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

‡Ryan McKenzie Arioli

‡Bailey Day Crisp

Shira Simmons Culbreath

Matthew Pinkney Funderburk

Konnor Ida Gambrell

‡Sasha Kasrieon Gardner

‡Ashley Ra'Quelle Garrick

Randy Alan Gibson

Abigale Grace Godfrey

‡Cashara Myesha Green-Martin

Jake E. Gusler

Gabrielle Marks Jacobsen

Jason Jones

Jimmie Lawrence, Jr.

Andrea Fabiola Morales

Colin Matthew Muschik

‡Lance R. Peterson

‡Zachary Plaxco

Shan Qin

Shagun Sachdeva

María Belén Salazar Tijerino

Damon Christopher Terry, Jr.

Eric Bryce Thames

Taylor McGuire Thomas

‡Gabrielle Ann Thompson

‡Thomas Robertson Tsimbinos

Taylor Louise Weaver

Sheldon Williams

Master of Science

‡Yesmine A'rie Alston

‡Ryan Zachary Fischer

‡Shaniece Nicole Jones

‡Anthony Iverson Smith

‡James Austin Wilson

Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Master of Science

Sean Green

‡Ze'bias Tryvon Moye

Jasmine Evonne Tate

Master of Education

‡Allison R. Bigbee

‡Sarah Jean Clanton

‡Meghan Collins

‡Anita Durr

‡Lisa Reagan Hill

‡Nicole Jane Ledbetter

‡Clara Jane Leonard

‡Kelly Ann Reilly

‡Callie Marie Riggins

‡Bianca Stark

‡Alyssa Nichole Whittaker

‡Nicole Eileen Will

Master of Arts in Teaching

Paula Michele Nakamura

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Master of Arts

‡Leslie Claire Arnold

‡Rachel Elizabeth Fludd

‡Charlotte Elizabeth Hutson

‡Sarah Large

‡Destiny Faith Oliphant

‡Kathryn Bailey Wingler

Master of Fine Arts

Austin Garrick Reynolds



The Little Chapel served as Winthrop's first classroom when David Bancroft Johnson founded the school in 1886.

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Social Work

Takia Ervin Adams

Lynn Allen

‡Nikale Chandre Anderson

‡Norma Swinson Artis

‡Madeline Summer Bennett

LeTerria Leonna Bigbee

Harini Boppana

‡Isatu Kimberlyn Bropleh

Faith Joel Marie Brown

Karen Ann Burgess

Micheal Anne Cardaronella

Alyssa Leigh Carey

Brianna S. Carlos

‡Victoria Elizabeth Carsten

‡Jalen Antoinette Conyers

Sherrell Renee Cue

‡Renard Cuthbertson

‡Amaya Tamara David

‡Dori E. Deese

Tiana Monet Eaton

‡Tiavon Shyam Saldeen

Jasminn Foxworth

‡Ja'La Monae Gladden

Maydeliz Nicole Godwin

Lavonia Renee Graham

Jazmin Marie Gutierrez

‡Kaila Wellsley Hemphill

KeAundra Nysia Humphrey

‡Carrington H. Jackson

‡Ebony Angel James

‡Aurielle Hill

Ashley Wilson Johnson

‡Ileshia Johnson

‡Kara Elizabeth Johnson

‡Anitria Robinson Jones

Acadia Kant

‡Brittany Nicole Knight

Tomi Leitzsey LaChance

‡Jordyn Nykeria Monique
Latimer

Phyllis Harkless Law

Erica Cole Leaphart

‡Anna Salim Leheney

Bri'Ona Marie Lewis

‡Marvetta Andrenia Littlejohn

‡Felicia S. Matheney

Jamika S. Mitchell

Lindsey Meredith Morgan

‡Judith Leigh Myers

Alicia Lee Nelson

‡Katherine Ohnesorge

‡Jassarae Diamonique Pearson

Shevelle Porter

Jesse Joel Pritchard

Itzel Xiadani Puerto

Samaria Robinson

‡Mariah A. Vanterpool-Rucker

‡Catherine Ellen Sanders

Doratha Tara Schumpert

‡Victoria Allyson Morgan

Nicole L. Schoen

Tatiana Katrina Singletary

‡Kelly Lynn Staples

‡Cassie Rae Storey

‡Melanie Antoinette Suggs

Jordan R. Taylor

‡Frances Yvonne Thompson

Lorraine Michelle Tillman

∞Taylor Nycole Warren

‡Miranda Wertz

‡Jawanikia White

Rosalyn Wilkinson

‡Naaliyah Williams

Susan Whitney Williams

‡Kelly Young

Master of Liberal Arts

Kyle Steven Conrad

Master of Science

Torin Avery DeJames

‡Jacquelynn Ann Gardella

‡Esther Quintina Hibbert
Arroyavez

Anna Ward Juraschek

Samantha Palacios Carrera

Katherine Nicole Price

Vianna Emily Rodriguez

Nilofar Shaikh

Mikali Delan Smith

Ann Marie Sroka

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts

Margaret Rachel Bradley

Andrew Michael Daire

Cheyenne Helfrich

Jordan Nicole Kindig

Jzurnee Khie Myers



The front campus fountain has served as a popular Winthrop symbol since it was constructed in 1912. It was completely reconstructed in 2023.

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Josephine Bernson

Cara Renee Manning

Joseph Antoine Martin

*Matthew Vaughn Pittman

*∞Collin Mark Weis

College of Business and Technology

Bachelor of Science

*Stephen William Adair

Brendan Christopher Adams

Jamison Anna Allen

∞Kofi Agyeman Atiase

∞Devin Colfax Bailie

∞Nautica Ayriana Barber

*Abigail Robbins Bedford

∞Chase Robinson Benjamin

*Dylan Lee Bolton

Kyle Neil Brown

Niya QuNay Brown

Dayvant Anthony Busby

Jayden Xavier Calhoun

Dazani Tyvrión Campbell

*Diego Sebastian Candia Guajardo

Owen Charles Cherney

‡Kathryne Elizabeth Cole

∞Fallyn Maci Faile

Tevis Pearl Fairley

Aniya J'non Fisher

Joshua Vincent Gilstorf

Kaylei Iyanna Goff

‡James Ryan Hawkins

*Franklyn Clay Howard III

∞Jordan T. Howze

Hannah Rose Jackson

Gabrielle Elizabeth Jensen

∞Victoria Anne Johnson

*∞Mary Elissa Johnston

*+Avery Catherine Jolley

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Jaden Cobi Mathieu

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Bailee Jamall Moore

∞John Tadiwanashe Mugabe

Melissa Dawn Pellettrino

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∞Trey Michael Prince

Areli Goretti Rubio Diaz

Agustin Sabana

Taylor Nicole Sanders

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*Emma Catherine Smith

Monaye' Lashon Smith

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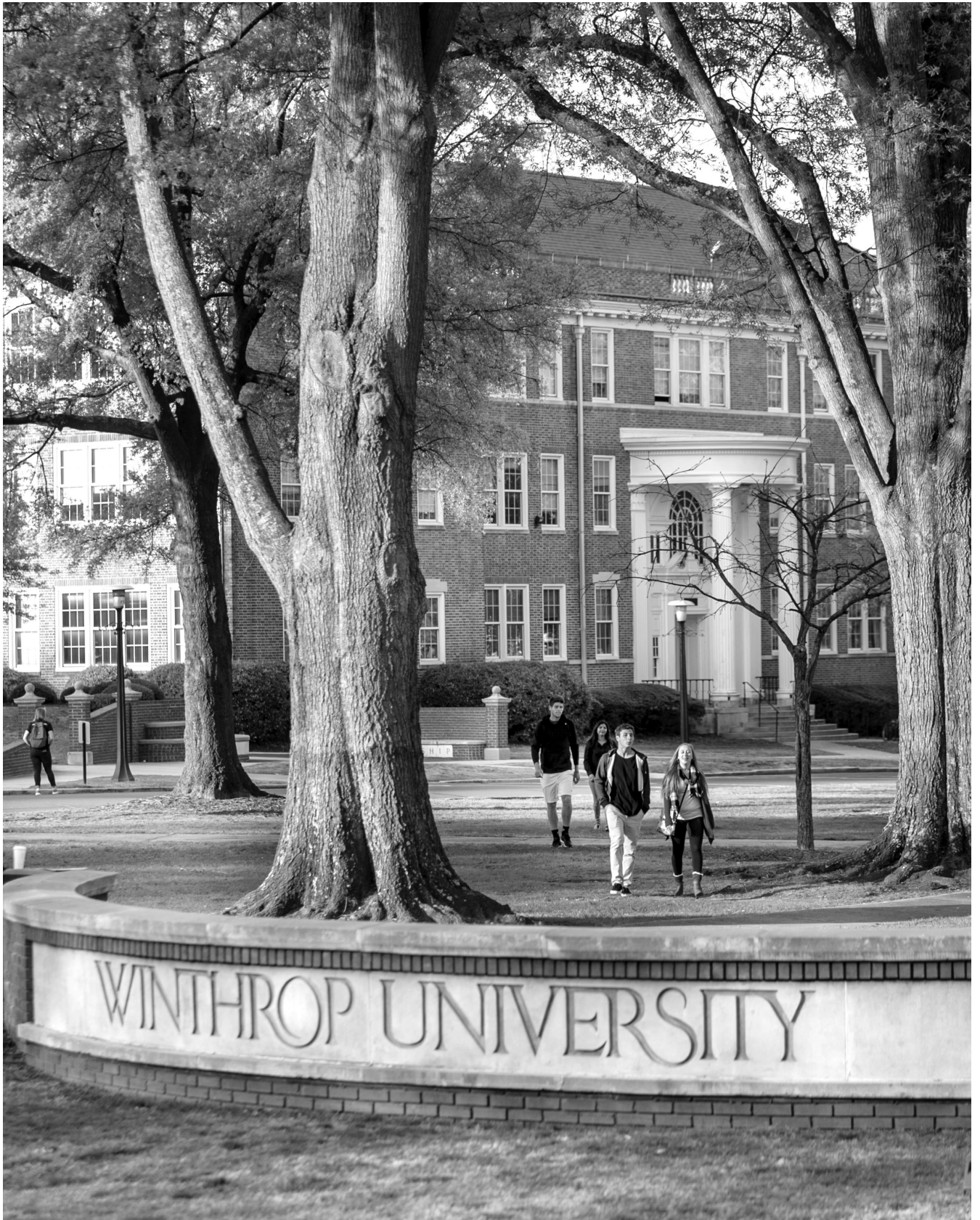
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Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science

‡Kellen Rashad Arnold
‡Tyrell Philemon Baker
*William Blackwell Bruner
Donovon Devanate Bush
*Carolina Ivy Collins
Diana Nicole Cooper
Ava McKenzie Davenport
*Claire Bellamy Davis
Imani Loretta Edwards
*Skyler Nicole Frasier
Haley Michelle Glines
Kamren Alexander Gunn
*∞Quinton James Hall
*Shelby Allison Hensley
Daniel Josiah Hinton

*∞William Patrick Kent
*Miriam Scarleth Leiva Enriquez
Jada Aliayh Lewis
William T. Lusby
Marisol Machuca
*Caralyn Elizabeth Malarkey
‡A'mya Janae McElrath
‡Makaela Christina Alexzundria McElrath
*Camdyn Ashland Melin
*Jalayah Larnesse Mickel
Alice Ellen Morrow
‡Tianna Celine Mukendi
Sage Sierrah Ortiz-Ballard
*Nicholas Ryan Parker
‡Julian Francis Parson
‡Savanna Shay Pennington

*Damien Ryan Poston
‡Carlie Nicole Pundt
*‡Haley Marie Rayfield
*Tyler William Reese
Trista Fay Reid
Savannah Elizabeth Rennell
Samantha Ashlynn Ryckele
Khamiyah Inkeria Smalls
Trent Keyshawn Smith
Lakyn Ashanti Stevenson
*+Christian Tennariello
Erica Denise Tobin
*Melissa Trejo-Villa
*Sofia Jane Van Zandt
‡Michael Marshall Walkup, Jr.
*‡Kiley Elizabeth Waterbury
Anitra Monquie Worthy

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Bachelor of Design

LaVeta D. Evans

Bachelor of Fine Arts

∞Michael Alexander Lindsay
Getha Sunda Mpilu
Jazmyn Dianna Quattlebaum

Bachelor of Music Education

Faith Marie Nyberg

Bachelor of Arts

Antonio JaMarquis Brown
Dazani Tyvriion Campbell
Fallyn R. Cassell
Miracle Alexis Etheridge
*Katherine Isabel Evans
McKenzy Reese Harrison
*∞Abigail Caroline Holman
Cassandra Jaramillo
Josiah Davion Johnson
Grace Hi'ileikahikilaulani
Lee Kaniho

‡Noah Mitchell Nappier
Yorasia Ahinsa Randall
Izzy Jade Reed
‡Ashlynn Brooke McGee
Mirrel Castles Sharpe
Thomas F. Suber III
Herbert White II
*∞Kayelyn Anne Wilburn
Sydney Alexandria Wright

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Social Work

‡Hannah Elizabeth Bailey
Sarah Leanne Bischoff
Ali Bree Blackwell
Ashari Nyteriah Bookman
Chrisharia Mikell Brown
Shirley Brunett Brown
∞Ineatha Monique Chisholm
Taylor Elisse Crowe
Keily Jean Davis
Jennifer Deliazard
*Samantha Parker Dickson
Kimesha Iesha Grant
Betty Dolores Hopkins-Speight
Danielle Monique Jefferson
Kennedy Alexandria Judge-Fogle
‡Felicia Antionette Linder
Tyaunna Mo'nay Matthews
Emma Morgan McCoy
Julie Kristin McDowell
Ashley Junea McKenzie
Karen Rena Poinsette
Makeela Sharrae Puckett
*Destiny Jahsunah Reid
Kelli Jennelle Rollings
∞Kaye Marie Stenhouse
Ashley Still
John Thomas Vernon, Jr.
Tameka Webb
Shamaar Maurice Williams

Bachelor of Science

*∞Alexis Renae Atkinson
*Iuma Alexis Marie Becht
Brandon Uzell Burris
Kimberlyn Patrice Campbell
Jeanelle Marie Carmona
∞Maya Elizabeth Cartie
*Thamia Rhyann Davis
*+Lily Flynn Doyle
Chidindu Victoria Ekechukwu
Michael Ekonomakos
Kamari Tanajah Ellis
‡James Cartwright Ferebee, IV
‡Emily Grace Hansford
Megan Nicole Henke
*Jada Nichelle Howze
*Emma Leigh Ann Jackson
Skyler Nicole Koucky
Sophie Annice Martin
*+Rachel Ann McCollum
*Kate Elise Monaghan
Dehyanna Tynisha Burrison Murray
*Kerrington Leigh Norman
*Seth Chambers Petty
Kenya Danielle Session
Kaitlyn Nicole Singleton
Alicia Charlette Vernon
Edward Norman Warren III
Natalya Ciree Weaver
Abigail Maria Weber

Madison Kirby Williams

‡Christine Natalie Williamson

*+Samantha Renee Williamson

Constance Annelise Wilson

*∞Timothy Jason Wise

Bachelor of Arts

‡Sara Emily Alford
Molly Rose Bandinelli
Kennedi Ariel Bates
*William Oconee Boggs
Zoraida Rose Bottaro
Jada Ann Brailsford-Frey
Larry Dean Burwell
Dominic Caruso
Alexiona Monifah Carwise
*‡Lynzi Elizabeth Cooke
*∞Emily Antonia Cutrone
*Daniel Allen Dollarhyde
Daniel Alberto Escobar
Emma Delaney Flanagan
*Maya Celeste Garcia
‡Marissa Avita Gasaway
*‡Lillian Dolores Hayes
*Connor Jace Jackson
*Zoe Kathleen Jenkins
‡Xavier Michael Johnson
Ashley Marie Kilroy
∞Aryn Brooke King
*Danya Lee Lester
∞Blair Cameron Lybrand

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (continued)

Addison Elizabeth McCraw

Veronica Adriana Mendez
Mairena

Ariel Nicole Miller

Leila Moore

LaTisha Shinel Morley

Cassandra Yvette Murray

Christopher Parkin

*Anna Grace Pope

Denetric Armon Robinson

Jayda Faith Scheper

John Ethan Seay

*∞Matthew Connor Simmons

Ariana Synia Sistrunk-Gary

Asad Michael Sykes

Charles Alden Thornburgh

*Melissa Trejo-Villa

Clark Logan Vilardebo

‡David Lance Wade

Brooke Anna Werts

Nadine Zighan



Honor Societies



Phi Kappa Phi

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. In order to be a member, juniors must have completed at least 72 credit hours and rank scholastically in the top 7.5 percent and seniors must rank in the top 10 percent. Since its founding, 1 million plus scholars have been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi's more than 300 chapters in North America and the Philippines.



Beta Gamma Sigma

Founded in 1907 at the University of Wisconsin, Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class or upper 10 percent of the senior class.



Omicron Delta Kappa

The Omicron Delta Kappa society is the national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character. Founded December 3, 1914, at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, by 15 student and faculty leaders, Omicron Delta Kappa has more than 300,000 members.



Alpha Lambda Delta

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society that honors academic excellence during a student's first year at college. Founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta has more than 400 chapters across the United States and has initiated more than 1.3 million students. Students must have been registered for a full course of study leading to a bachelor's degree and must have received a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their first semester of college.



Book and Key

Membership in the Book and Key Society is open to seniors majoring in a liberal arts discipline. The Winthrop chapter was founded in 1936 and has admission criteria similar to those of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, including a grade point ratio at least 3.5 and satisfactory course work in mathematics and foreign language.

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Alpha Lambda Delta

Scholarship

Alexis R. Atkinson
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Jordan N. Kindig
Jada A. Lewis
Hunter D. Morgan
Samantha A. Ryckele

Book and Key

Scholarship

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Casey N. Ferri '09



As President of the Winthrop Alumni Association, it is my honor to be among the first to congratulate you as both a Winthrop graduate and a new member of our Alumni Association. I know that you take great pride in the accomplishment you have earned today—a Winthrop University degree.

I know that you have worked hard to achieve this incredible goal and with the degree you have earned, you will go far. Use the knowledge, skills, and experiences at Winthrop to have an impact on your lifelong learning opportunities. Continue to dedicate yourself to acquiring knowledge and opportunity.

As you leave Winthrop as a student, your role changes as you become a representative of our university in your professional life, in the communities you serve, and in all that you achieve. Your dedication, achievement, and concern for our world are excellent measures of the knowledge you have obtained during your time here. Please dedicate yourself to continuing the mission of our university into the world and continue to bring honor and distinction to yourselves and to our beloved Winthrop University.

I am thrilled to welcome you as a new member of our Alumni Association. Ours is an organization that is diverse, supportive, and interested in the success of all alumni. I encourage you to be an active member, support Winthrop, and help continue the Winthrop experience for others.

As you transition to a new part of your life, I encourage you to continue to share your Winthrop experience through all of the events your life will bring, encourage others to support Winthrop, and continue to enjoy success. Continue to be a proud Eagle bold and strong!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Casey', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Casey N. Ferri '09
President, Winthrop University Alumni Association

For more information about the Alumni Association, call 803/323-2145 or visit www.winthrop.edu/alumni.

Career Services for Alumni

The Center for Career Development and Internships offers continuing support to alumni. Making career decisions is a life-long process. The staff offers professional assistance with the entire job search process including resume preparation, interviewing skills, networking techniques and coaching. Alumni considering a career change, or interested in post graduate experience, should contact Career Development and Internships for assistance.

For more information about alumni career services, networking and mentoring, please call 803/323-2145 or visit www.winthrop.edu/alumni.

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General Information

Animals

Pets are not allowed in the Coliseum, with the exception of service animals as defined by ADA as a guide dog, signal dog, or other animal trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

Ceremony Time

The academic procession into the arena begins at 11 a.m., and the ceremony will end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Elevator

It is located at section 130 of the upper concourse and in the lobby of the lower concourse. The elevator is reserved for guests with accessibility needs on Commencement day.

Emergency Evacuation

Please identify the nearest exit. In an emergency, you will be instructed on exiting to ensure an orderly evacuation.

First Aid

EMS personnel are located in the upper concourse at section 106.

Online Program and Ceremony Viewing

A PDF version of this program may be found at www.winthrop.edu/commencement. The ceremony will be available to view online next week from a link at www.winthrop.edu.

People with Disabilities

The elevator is located at section 130 of the upper concourse and in the lobby of the lower concourse. Accessible seating is available on the upper concourse and on the floor of the arena. Seating for wheelchair users is also located around the upper concourse. A sign language interpreter will be on stage for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Guests needing assistive listening devices may pick them up at the Coliseum immediately prior to the ceremony. Devices should be returned at the end of the ceremony.

Phones

Please be considerate of others and silence cell phones and other electronic devices during the ceremony.

Photographs and Videos

Individual graduate photographs are coordinated by The Grad Team, www.thegradteam.com. The company will contact students after graduation regarding the sale of the photos. Guests may take their own photos and videos of the ceremony but must not block the aisles or the view of other guests. Only authorized photographers/videographers will be permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located on the upper concourse at the following sections.

Men: 109 and 124

Women: 101, 106 and 121

Safety Regulations

In compliance with safety regulations, procession routes and aisles must be kept clear at all times. Please do not place strollers, camera tripods, electronic chargers, umbrellas or any other personal items in the aisles as they pose an evacuation egress hazard. Guests are asked to cooperate with university marshals and campus police officers in keeping these designated areas open.

Seating

Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Reserving seats is not allowed.

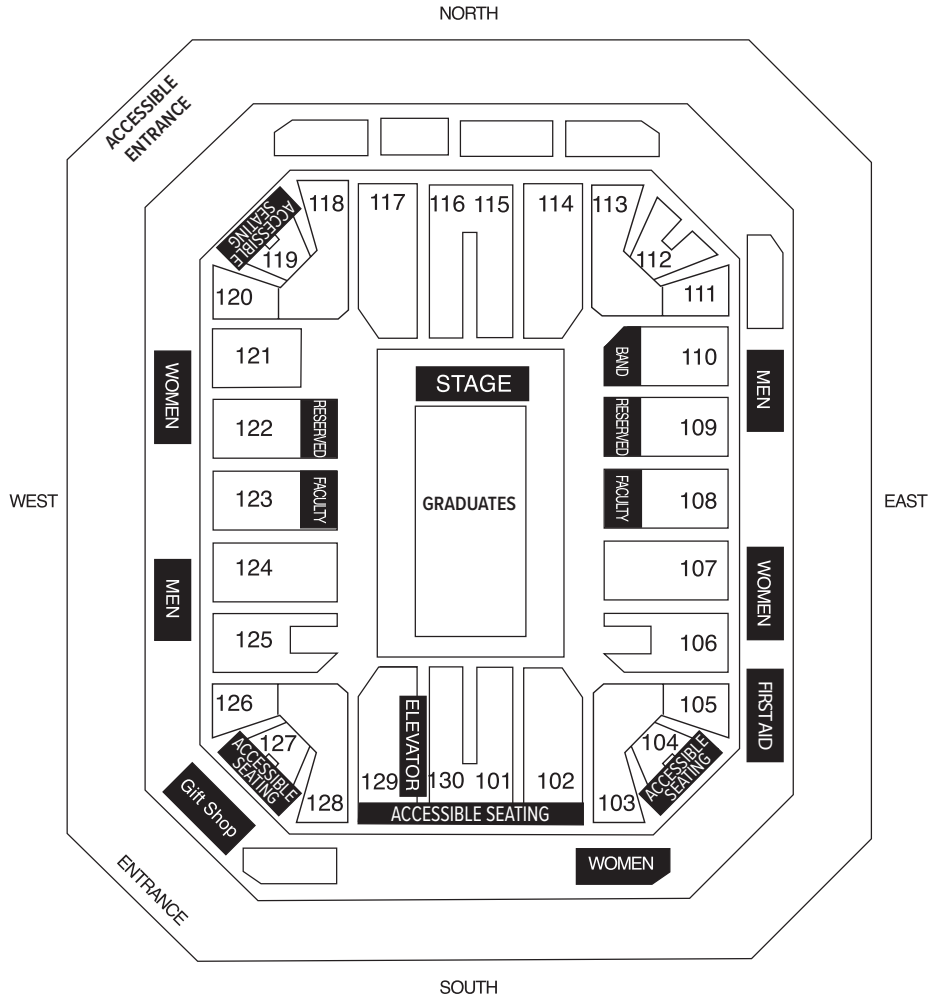
Smoking Policy

The Winthrop Coliseum is a smoke-free facility.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on the upper concourse at Sections 104, 111, 119 and 126.

Coliseum Floor Plan



Graduate and Undergraduate Arena Seating

College of Business and Technology
Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences
College of Visual and Performing Arts
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education

Student seating is dependent upon the number of graduates in attendance and the distribution across the four colleges. Exact seating is not known until the morning of the ceremony.



Vivian Moore Carroll Hall

Winthrop University Alma Mater

Words: Donna Durst '83 & Lisa Breland Spangler '87 Music: Donna Durst



1. The cha - pel holds our — his - to - ry, each
2. The friends we've made, the — mem - o - ries will



new - day Till - man rings, — your — halls are rich — with
last — a life - time long, — we — soar to reach — the



mem - o - ries to which we'll al - ways — cling. A
goals we've set as Ea - gles bold and — strong. May



part of each one here re - mains as a part of you we
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