



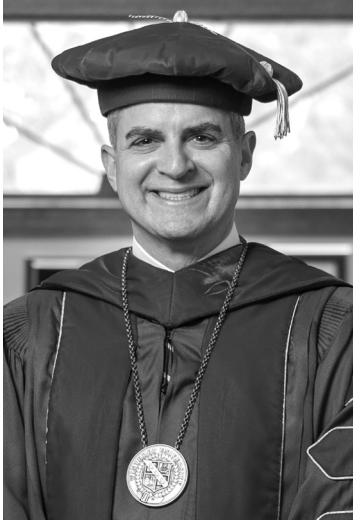
WINTHROP
UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 9, 2026
10 A.M. AND 3 P.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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Serna'.

Edward A. Serna '02
President

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Order of Exercise - May 9 - 10 a.m.

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. Kristin Jeri*, Conductor

National Anthem*

Audience, *Led by James Gragg*

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

Commencement Address

Mr. Michael Whitehead '87, '94

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 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 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 Kaylee Stanaland*

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.*

See page 17 for degree candidate names.

Order of Exercise - May 9 - 3 p.m.

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Audience, Led by Wade Britton

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University Marshals

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 Schulte, Ms. Sangwon Song, 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

William Hayden Roach (Chief), Amy Nguyen (Assistant Chief), Landon LeGrande Altman, Andrew David Barrier, Faith Blom, McKenna Bruce, Tara Carpenter, Miles Carrier, Simon Sir-Elliott Cherry, Taylor Milia Delva, Jessica Espinoza-Castro, Trevor Cole Faile, Gabriela Griggs, Ja-imoni Haygood, Dylan Morrison, Karis Julius Murphy, Colin Myers, Sang Pham, Claire Phillips, Summer Thomasson, Stacey K. Ushery-Wright, Marcia Watt, Brianna Woodard

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

Readers

10 a.m. - Dr. Jo Koster, Dr. Kristen Wunderlich
3 p.m. - Dr. Alice McLaine, Dr. R. Paul Wiegand

Sign Language Interpreters

10 a.m. - Carrie Love, Katrina Gustafson
3 p.m. - Carrie Love, Phoebe Mathews

Speaker



Mike Whitehead

Mike Whitehead '87, '94 is the founder and chief executive of the Center for Intentional Leadership, where he and his team guide leaders on a journey towards leading and living with purpose and possibility.

Mike has spent more than 30 years in rooms with chief executives, industry experts, and political leaders. He approaches expanding leadership and impact with direct experience, curiosity, and keen insight. His practical, yet challenging method has shifted thousands of lives, personally and professionally.

Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mike's firm advances the principles of Intentional Leadership in building remarkable organizations and meaningful lives. Mike also participates with boards and community partners devoted to expanding opportunity for all — with particular commitment to disadvantaged children, education, young entrepreneurs and supporting young adults toward positive futures.

Leaders seek Mike to sharpen their performance and expand their influence, yet many leave having also transformed their lives. His conversational craft opens new ways of seeing, thinking, and acting in the world. Often described as “an ordinary guy with an extraordinary commitment,” he works through inquiry and personal parable — meeting people in the universal desire to make one's life count.

Mike's commitment is rooted in his own story and carries an emphatic assertion: the circumstances of our beginnings do not determine the reach of our becoming. He speaks publicly and leads programs on Intentional Leadership as it applies to performance, change, innovation, creativity, collaboration, and purpose.

Mike received both his Bachelor of Science and master's degree from Winthrop University, where he met his wife, Elizabeth '87, a merchandising major. They enjoy spending time on their Rock Hill farm with their children and grandchildren who continue to provide inspiration and commitment to the future.

Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award



Dr. Charles Randle, an associate professor of accounting in the College of Business and Technology, is the 2026 Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award recipient. The award, which was established in 2008 by former Board of Trustees member Jane LaRoche '69, '70, recognizes outstanding teaching at the graduate level and significant contributions to graduate education at Winthrop.

Dr. Randle has been an exemplary graduate faculty member whose dedication to student success, scholarly pursuits, professional development and service activities have had a significant impact on his students and graduate education at Winthrop.

He first joined the Winthrop faculty in 2018 as an assistant professor of accounting, served as director of accounting mentorship and professional development in 2024-25 and was promoted to associate professor of accounting in 2024.

Dr. Randle's extensive industry experience and keen interest in the accounting profession, and his leadership in service roles, most recently as chair of the Winthrop Graduate Council, have distinguished his service across the campus. He is a sought-after resource by his colleagues in the ever-evolving field of accounting, which has experienced significant changes in recent years due to advances in technology and analytics, including a recent overhaul of the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) examination.

He has developed and taught several graduate level courses in various modalities. In one class, recognizing the challenges posed by artificial intelligence, he restructured his assessments by adding more problem-based testing that requires analysis, judgment and application rather than rote responses. He uses a flipped learning model, supported by recorded lectures and carefully designed Excel-based projects, to ensure class time is spent on in-depth analysis of complex accounting issues.

Drawing on his 14 years of industry experience and his status as an active CPA, Dr. Randle bridges the gap between theory and practice. By continuously updating his course content to align with current industry standards and CPA exam requirements, he makes sure that his students develop the practical data analytical skills demanded by the modern accounting profession. He integrates professional tools such as Microsoft Excel, Tableau and Power BI into his instruction so that students graduate with conceptual knowledge and marketable data analytical skills.

He has been on the vanguard of new graduate education initiatives, such as his creation of a fully online seven-week upper-level course. He was among the first to develop a course with respect to the Competency-based Education (CBE) modality, and because of its quality, it is now a model for future CBE courses to be developed within the college.

In addition, Dr. Randle is very active in professional organizations and has volunteered to serve the community in various capacities for several non-profit organizations.

Dr. Randle received his Ph.D. in accounting and his Master of Business Administration, both from Jackson State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University.

Awards

Outstanding Junior Professor



Dr. Amy Clausen, an assistant professor of special education in the Department of Counseling, Leadership and Educational Studies, is the university's 2026 Outstanding Junior Professor. This award recognizes excellence among assistant professors for inspired teaching, research or creative excellence, and for dedication to the welfare of students.

She joined the Winthrop faculty in 2022 in a temporary appointment but moved into tenure track in 2023. In a remarkably short period of time, she has established a reputation as an exceptional educator, a highly productive scholar and a faculty member whose commitment to students extends well beyond the classroom. Her trajectory reflects not only early promise, but sustained momentum and a level of impact that is uncommon at this stage of appointment.

Across undergraduate and graduate coursework in special education and the Education Core, she emphasizes mastery of content, critical thinking and application to professional practice. Beyond her inspired teaching, Dr. Clausen has cultivated space and practices that foster community, belonging and access for students. From creating collaborative workspaces and information study opportunities, to mentoring interns and supervising field experiences, she demonstrates a holistic understanding of student welfare.

Her scholarship is both prolific and impactful, appearing in peer-reviewed publications in highly regarded disciplinary journals, as authored book chapters or as technical reports that inform inclusive educational practice. Her scholarship has received national recognition, including the designation of a co-authored article as the *Journal of Special Education Technology's* Research Article of the Year.

Equally significant is Dr. Clausen's commitment to involving students in research. She has made undergraduate and graduate research mentorship a defining feature of her faculty role, guiding students through independent studies, honors projects, conference presentations and professional dissemination.

Early in her time at Winthrop, Dr. Clausen assumed responsibility as faculty director of WinthropLIFE, an inclusive postsecondary education program serving students with intellectual and developmental abilities. During a period of significant transition, Dr. Clausen maintained daily operations, supported students and families, coordinated personnel and ensured program continuity, all while simultaneously fulfilling her responsibilities as a full-time faculty member.

Dr. Clausen holds a Ph.D. in special education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a Master of Education in foundations of behavior analysis from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor of Science in special education from Morehead State University.

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.

Distinguished Professor



Dr. Andrew Besmer is the 2026 Distinguished Professor. This is the highest honor given to Winthrop faculty members and is awarded to educators who demonstrate exceptional teaching skills, undergo significant research or creative efforts, hold a high standing among professional colleagues, and provide general service to the university.

A computer science associate professor within the College of Business and Technology, Dr. Besmer is a transformative teacher who continually looks for ways to connect academic work to professional practice. For instance, he integrated an industry-recognized certification in his Cloud Computing course, enabling students to graduate with their first professional credential and giving them a competitive edge in the job market.

Dr. Besmer joined the Winthrop faculty in 2013 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2020.

His institutional impact has been substantial. He led Winthrop's transition to become a laptop campus and co-chaired the committee that was responsible for more than \$2.8 million in classroom technology upgrades. Because of these efforts faculty members are no longer confined to a podium; they and their students can roam freely throughout their classrooms with wireless casting from students' devices which improves student success and access.

Dr. Besmer also builds, maintains and runs the campus Linux infrastructure that serves computing students across multiple disciplines and supports programs in data science and mathematics.

Dr. Besmer designed one of the university's fastest growing majors, the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. After consulting with his colleagues and industry partners, he designed the curriculum framework, led program approval efforts, hired its first faculty member and helped define the scope and responsibilities of that leadership role.

He also developed a curricular framework demonstrating that an artificial intelligence program was feasible and sustainable at Winthrop. In addition, his research has been supported by external funding, including grants from Amazon and the S.C. Department of Commerce.

Notably, Dr. Besmer has mentored more than 10 undergraduate research projects involving dozens of students, many of whom have presented their work as part of Winthrop's SOURCE symposium.

The recipient of two other Winthrop faculty awards, Dr. Besmer was selected as the 2018 Outstanding Junior Professor and the 2022-2023 Thompson Scholar. His Thompson project involved restarting the hackathon computing competitions that he coordinated before the COVID pandemic. He has since organized multiple events to date under the WiredHack banner and is currently organizing a hackathon designed to engage students beyond computer science.

Dr. Besmer holds a Ph.D. in information technology and a bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in mathematics, both from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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 all 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 Education (M.A.Ed.) - Light Blue
- 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
- Master of Music (M.M.) - Pink

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
- Specialist in School Psychology (S.S.P.) - Gold

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

"with greatest praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.9 to 4.0.

Magna Cum Laude

"with great praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.75 to 3.89.

Cum Laude

"with praise," is awarded for cumulative averages from 3.5 to 3.74.

Honors Recognition

is awarded for a final average of 3.75 and a minimum of 48 quality hours at Winthrop University.

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.

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.



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

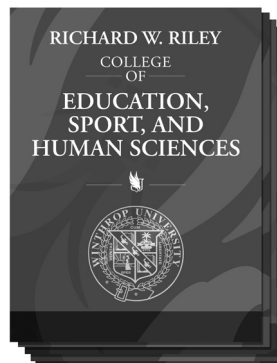
The Winthrop University Coat of Arms, adopted in 1980, incorporates a shield and helm, and the University motto, “Veritas cum Libertate,” which originally appeared on Winthrop’s seal. A diagonal blue line through the shield represents the blue uniforms that were worn at Winthrop until the 1950s. The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

Academic Colleges

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.

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Master of Arts

Maureen Binter
Chloe Elizabeth Crowther
Melissa Kuhn Dorsch
Jordan Christopher Medley
Tionna Li'zane' Wharton

Master of Music

Lauren Ashley Harris
Eric Robert Johnson
Jarvis Dijon Miller
Marley Ellen Owens



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

Andrea Danielle Bartoli
Ayanna Khadijah Blackmon
Phyllis Ann Bradley
Anna J. Brown
Abby McBrayer Burbulak
Alyssa Leigh Carey
Brittany Elaine Chennault
Cindy Denise Cisneros
Tiffany Sa'Mone Harris
Karime Cowan Quijada
Carlie Johanna Dingle
Madison R. Elm
Melda Loraine Gain
Zaria Janae Graham
Crystal Regina Hettinger
Shelby Eileen Howle
Kaitlyn Marie Hunter
Chasity La'Shauna Johnson
Mikaela Kate Kozlowski
Ny'Shayla Danielle Mathews
Elizabeth Ellen McCarthy
Shyasia Simone Mcilwain
Kendall Ashton Newsome
La-Quarius Shabray O'Neal
Hannah Parmenter
Jaclyn Petry
A'Mari Savannah Pipkins
Morgan Simone Prioleau
Malgorzata Ewa Radziszewska
Carilee McKenzie
Rogers-Johnson
Destiny Nicole Tavera
Kristin Elizabeth Taylor

Christine Ashley Thomas
Lauren Grace Ward
Jerry Wickerson
Annamarie Yates

Master of Liberal Arts

Gabriel Ivan Bradley Powell

Master of Science

Abigail F. Bizjak
Savannah Beth Brown
Kaitlin Lorraine Ferenc
Stephanie Noelle Gardner
Papa Gyandeh
Joshua T. Harkins
Layla Grace Maria Herndon
Erin Alexis Hooper
Mary Grace Johnson
Betelhem Abebe Legesse
Mo'Neque Evonne Luchey
Karleigh Faith Majeske
Emma Kaye McDermott
Makenna Kristine Penuel
Tanadje Jalay Price
Jordan Marguerite Rineer
Cheyenne Skye Sola
Noah Christopher Wilkes
Catherine Isabella Windham

Master of Arts

Alan Patrick Blinzler
Cody Oneil Byrdic
Andrew Michael Daire
Adreanna Nicole LeMasters
Wren Miller

Specialist in School Psychology

Jenna Ryann Barino
Ella Ruth Hardigree
Kameron Bree Hinson
Rachell Abigail Lipscomb
Courtney Pauline Matthias
Ericha Destiny Miller
Erin O'Reilly
Megan Alexandra Parnami
Nicole Mary Pensabene
Chloe Jane Rice
Makenna Kay Watt

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Business and Technology

Master of Science

Brandi Marie Durham
Kyra Faith-Joy Floyd
Sarai Etta-Ann Harden
Kristen Ellen Townsend
Marshall Attison Young

Talicia Alexandria Cobbs
Stephanie Eva Curtis
Stephanie Rose Perkins
Steve Dewyea
Lauren Mary Finter
Amber Lynne Gould
Scott A. Hernandez
Devin Alexander Holder
Andy Le
Joshua Varnon McCrorey
Stephanie Rose Mullenax

Anna Rozalia Pagett
Avit Sarabhai Patel
Shannan Michelle Booth Purser
Shan Qin
Jada Ryce
Malik Tre'vell Smith
Zachary James Terry
Darrell Kojack Thompson, II
Valentyana Voloshyna

Master of Business Administration

Vidushi Mahendra Bajaj
Aeriel Martese Baque

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

Master of Arts in Education

Gabrielle Clare Bissonette
Adrian Casino Chandler, Jr.
Athena Monee Davis
Sean Spencer Pennington

Jason Lucas Krell
Megan Matsil
E'Mya De'Lantria Morant
Taylor Addison Plummer-Fox
Myron Kahlil Poindexter
JaNay Lashae Thompson
Sarah Elizabeth Walden
Arianna Kelé Whitmire

Olivia Walker Hallmark
Ashlynn Louise Hinson
Rosie Leticia Hopkins-Campbell
Cytara Hough
Cinthya Hungerford
Makala Chimise Irby
Natalie Maria Jacewicz
Anissa Renay Jackson
Jane Annaliese Johnson
Nishawn Monique Jones
Jailah Marie Layton
Alberto Leon Casellas
Molly Houston Myers
Sonya Tachovia Osborne
Hayley Abigail Owen
Jessica Lynn Ridgway
Hannah Katherine Sawyer
Reagan Elisabeth Schwartz
Hannah Wells Simmons
Trelacsha Janay Spillers

Master of Science

Celina Marie Burles
Taylor Beatrice Fields
Brandon Fierro
Robert Stephen Fisch
Jerry Clinton Fussell, Jr.
Charles James Grant
Devin Micah Hodges
Emily Ann Hoffman
Sydney Makayla Holmes
Caroline Elizabeth Holter

Master of Education

Mikayla Shyanne Barnhart
Deja Aliya Busbee
Angela Elizabeth Caston
Alexis Clowney-Fox
Stephanie Diane Cooke Simpson
D'Avion Nakia Deas
Morgan Ciara Deehan
Emily Wright Erwin
Jennifer Wink Fowler
Hannah Marie Gonzalez

Graduate Candidates for Degrees

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

Master of Education (continued)

Briaunna Aaliyah Sturdivant
Lauren Elizabeth Vitek
Lyn Ashley Ward
Jack Evert Weaverling
Terryn Alexis Whaley
Douglass Eli White
Elizabeth Spratt White
Silvia Wozniak

Master of Arts in Teaching

Leah Felicisa Anderson
Alexander Paul Bowers
Rachel Victoria Burroughs
Lyndsey Marie Cloninger
Jamie H. Conran
Ebonie Faith Hicklin
Michael Robert Kesler
Caitlin May Lonardo
Thomas Gage Lundquist
Roger Samuel McCrary
Sidney Denise Morfin

Hannah Pfenninger
Maria Gretchen Price
Madison Elizabeth Quinn
Aubree Layne Rape
Mariana Razo
Jacob Lee Rinehart
Julisse Marie Rodriguez Ayala
Kyra Elizabeth Sikorski
Laura L. Smith
Natalie Mae Spriggs
Chloe Evelyn Faith Thomas
Isabella Pressley Thomas
Nyombi D'Shaun Walthour-Corley
Clara Evelyn Whitehead



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

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Bachelor of Design

Kiara Angeliz Abreu Arroyo
*Jessalyn Marie Alessandri
Emily Lynn Baker
*Melissa Grace Gill Briatico
*Madelyn Makenzie Clifton
*Nicole Raye Curtis
Emma Margaret Deller
*Lauren Lashae Dula
Alberto Flores Martinez
Kylie Mae Forrest
∞Naziah Elizabeth Foster
Tiah Elaine Galloway Sherrill
*Sofia Gomez
*Elvira Gutierrez-Larios
*Eliana Marie Hall
Aundrea Anne Hernandez
*Rafael Hernandez-Rangel
*∞Marianne Kathleen Jenkins
*Malik Roy Johnson
Breana Alissa Jones
*Mary Jane Karas
*Olivia Rose Kemp
*Ayden Quin McClellan
∞Rawan Nimer
Veronica Emily Norton
*∞Calvin Alexander Rascoe II
*Aubrie Gaylyn Riley
*+Yazmin Avalon Rivers
Keller Grant Rogers
Claudia Andrea Sandoval
*Chelsea Michelle Sawyer
Sylvia Anne Shealy
Daria Alexandra Sosebee

Luna Steedley
Avery Rayne Throckmorton
Ibeth Stephanie Vasquez Miranda
Rachel Kathryn Wagner
Asaru A. Watson
*+∞Molly Isabelle Wilson

Bachelor of Fine Arts

*Syriah Decharisa-amor Alcide
Lee Everett Blessing
*∞Angellina Marie Bosch
Sydney Ka'von Bowens
Justin Michael Alexander Branch
*Emily Paige Congdon
*+∞Katharine Aldrich Crosby
*Jenasis Danielle Daniels
Alia Jade Kemp Davis
Kierra Monique Jenkins
Sarah Anne Lanaghan
*Corrina Spratlin Leverett
*Tayler Mason
Micayla Briana Massey
*∞Caroline Marie McCrackin
*Isabelle Miranda Sutton
*+Brooke Nicole Trigg

Bachelor of Music

*Camille Suzanne Bailey
Deven Tre'von Bailey
*Olivia Jaden Clifton
James Martin Gragg
*A. Saye Mayernik
*Hunter Douglas Morgan
Lura Magdalene Zimmerman

Bachelor of Music Education

∞Ian Hunter Garland
*Hunter Lee Garrison
*Kobe Stephan Moses
Kaylee Elisabeth Stanaland
*Jada Danielle Turner

Bachelor of Arts

Roishanna Dorothile Anderson
*Brandon Barrientos Barrera
Morgan Kyla Belton
*Mark Lee Blankenship-Brown
Antonio JaMarquis Brown
*∞Jessica Rae Caltagirone
Dazani Tyvrion Campbell
*Cara Loren Cole
Patricia Marie Cook
*∞Rachel Morgan Fuller
*Christopher Mason Hall
*∞Karis Elizabeth Hall
Kalyn Be'Trice Hallinquest
Layne-Ashley Harder
Kiernan Scott Hedlund
Hunter Gavin Hyatt
Piper Madelyn Jones
Robert Isaac Keen
Valerie Marie Kempton
*Audrey Carolina King
Anaya Leahma Kpan
∞Nyle Samuel Lottihall
*Kristin Marijn Lowery
*+∞Anthony Michael Lupinaccio
*A. Saye Mayernik

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts (continued)

Holly Fitch McHenry
Taylor Rowe Morgan
Evan Joe Overton

Emily Pace
*Elaina Rose Poli
∞Maya Iman Schlueter
Miyah Symone Stackhouse
*Melonda Meshell Sullivan

*Aidan Michael Tibbitt
*Meghan Amanda Townsend

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Social Work

*Alexandria Sabrina Ancik
Katherine Elizabeth Banks
Kaiyana Waynese Boyd
*Alyssa Marie Cardona
*Ja'Shanti Tatayana Davis
*∞Emily Brooke Estes
∞Caitlin Danielle Golson
*Madelyn Rae Grant
Shaniya Elvoria Jeffcoat
Colleen Kalele Kerr
Grace Erin Marty
Nakia Brianna McAdams
Danyelle Mo'Nikue Pinckney
*Isabelle Ann Roddy
Gabrieshka Serrano Vazquez
Kaylynn Marie Sexton
Johné Kiara Sowell
April Lyn Taylor
*Cre'Asia Sequoia Taylor
∞Madison Brooke Taylor
Tameka Webb
Shamaar Maurice Williams
*Devin Lorna Zerr

Bachelor of Science

*+Israel Amir Bellinger
Allison Lane Bender
Abby Grace Bowers
*∞Anna Beth Cochran
∞Jake A. Crenshaw
*+Lila Page Dailey
Julius Guy DeMunn
*Zachary Thomas Dowlen
*+Morgan Christian Dukes
∞Nicholas J. Fatigante
Ariyana Patrice Felder-Grooms
*∞Marisa Danielle Fijewski
Jaylon Tyjuan Fox
+H. Ashley Francisco Lara
*Kylie Elizabeth Full
∞Reginald Ali Idris Grant
William Bradley Grayson
*Claire Crockett Gurrieri
*+Austin Alan Hale
+∞Kayla Anne Hall
∞Kendall Paige Hall
Kennedy Chemar Henry
Mitchell MacDonald Hill
Charla Renee Hunt
∞Jewel Sharee' James
*Evonna Gloria Kinloch

*Be Valles Kuehn
*Rachel Abigail Leek
*Amari Maggie Ruth Massey
Samantha Marie Mohler
Peyton Nicole Moore
Irlanda Mora
Madison Alyssa Morton
*+Ciaran Leigh Murphy
Justin Michael Murphy
+Shakinah Maleah Murphy
*Abigail Christine Nation
∞Elinor Maren Owenby
*Caroline Elizabeth Phillips
∞Katelyn Christina Philson
*+Julianne Vania Phu
*+Cierra Ari Randolph
*Jacob Adam Rodriguez
*Elizabeth Claire Ryerson
Sydney Rene Santos
Julia Ann Schirra
*∞Ethan Scott Seidl
Mallika Singh
*Bryson Everette Vaughan
Raven Cierra Verner
∞Olivia Catherine Watson
+Victoria Kelsey Williams
*Eileen Ann Zeoli

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

John-Michael Alexander	Jessica Garcia	Ariana Cristina McCann
Brooklyn Eleanor Armstrong	*Olivia Rachel Garvey	*Claire Marie McLewee
Nevaeh Annmarie Babb	*Trimelle Nēcole Shanique Gladden	*Jillian Rosemary Melander
*∞Mekayla Tre'Shay Bailey	*+Noah Emerson Goins	Hailey Nicole Melton
Elizabeth Grace Barnes	Maddesyn Dereja Graham	Terry Millett
*+Morgan Charelize Baxter	∞Matthew Keaton Greene	Payton Lydia Moore
∞Anne Marie Bell	*Anita Grace Gridley	Taylor Rowe Morgan
*Zachary Edward Bell	Nicole Elizabeth Guernsey	Caitlyn Brielle Murray
∞Naseam Daquan Benjamin	*Nicholas Kolby Gage Guinyard	+Helen Catherine Murray
Daylen Berry	Kameron T. Gwin	*Alexis Somone Nesbitt
*Austin Michael Blackmon	Charles De'Sean Hall	Darrah Brooke Nickens
*Sierra Marie Blakely	*Madison Lynn Harley	*+Taylor Isabel Noble
*Rachael Isabella Keala Bogner	Maxime Haudiquet	*AnnaGrace Theresa O'Brien
Emma Brianne Bonasia	∞Victoria Jonae Hawkins	*+Davyn Christine Osborne
Zoraida Rose Bottaro	*Megan Rose Hewes	Jade Marie Pealer
Donae Myamee-Tyla Bowens	+Janiya Marie Heyward	Brianna Alexia Peay
Robert Caleb Briley	Mya Elizabeth Hill	*∞Jack Finley Pelletier
Kaytlyn Marie Brunson-Furtick	*Kohl Alexander Huggins	Mikaylah Nicole Quattlebaum
Zaria Chantelle Bryant	∞Mary-Lee Elizabeth Hyatt	*Jeffrey Scott Quinters
*+Emma Elizabeth Calhoun	Maurion Shamar Jamison	*Jazmine Marie Richardson
*+Makayla Abriana Campbell	Cara Evonne Jones	Jha-ne' Zakia Robinson
Autumn Alexandria Christy	*+Hana Islam Kandil	Jocelyn Ann Rossington
Emilee Lynn Cornelius	*Piper Gabrielle Keenan	Jay Van Salter
*Sarah Nicole Countiss	Benjamin Thomas Kennedy	Daniela Del Pilar Sanchez Diaz
Carson I. Croke	+Peyton Douglas Kidd Burgess	Addison Johanna Sanders
*Celeste Marie Danbury	Sadaria Chelsey Kirven	Ja'Quez Johntrell Scarborough
Jordan Jasmine Davis	*Heaven Nevaeh Lawson	*∞Samantha Allen Schusterman
Jocelyn Sturgeon Davis	*Adam James Leger	Nicholas Sharp
Taylor Aubrey Degen	*Rebecca Grace Lively	*Katheryn Noel Sikes
Alexus Rain Dovell	*Kasey Allison Long	Marrisa Nicole Smith
*Autumn Jo Edwards	*Chase Alexander Loss	∞Sierra Marie Smith
*Maliyah Christine Eichelberger	Alexander Christian Lovette	*+Madilyn Marie Spenner
Serena Eow	∞Faith Lynne Martin	*Lily Grace Sutton
	Kayla Marie Massie	+Neveah MacKenzie Sutton
		Alexander Yasu Tamai

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (continued)

Gianna Marie Tamburello

Grant Lang Tanis

*Emily Lauren Tatum

Dylan James Thomas

Mekhai A. Thompson

Zodelva Janese Travis

*Abigail Ruth Tully

Skyler Ann Upton

*∞Miguel Cicero Tirazona Villano

Chloé Waché

Olivia Kathleen Wagner

*Breanna Sophie Waters

Reagan Elizabeth Watson

*+Andrew James Wheaton

*Olivia Jane Whitfield

*∞Samantha Kaye Willis

Omar Antonio Woods



Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

School of Graduate, Continuing, and Online Education

Bachelor of Professional Studies

*Maria T. Allman
Josephine Bernson
Kenslie Ann Bisignano

Yan Han
Joseph Antoine Martin
Antonio Govenor Martin-Williams
Kevin Robert Taylor

College of Business and Technology

Bachelor of Science

Jamison Anna Allen
DeAndre Tyrone Anderson
Colin Mark Arai
∞Afua Serwaa Atiase
Jacob Graham Atkisson
∞Devin Colfax Bailie
*Sophia Elizabeth Balliet
Ansley Danielle Barron
Brynn Ariel Bartolini
Rodrick Chase Baxley
*Lillian Grace Beirne
*Alan Eugene Benhardt
*Laura Anne Bennett
Chester David Bowling III
Shidrea Dinequie Bradshaw
*Dallas Kent Branch
Nichelas Wesley Caddell
Dazani Tyvriion Campbell
Iciar Canalejo Millan
Rico Jen-Kun Chen
Cameron Bailey Christy
*J'nai Aliyah Coach
Jasmin Col-iteng
Cread Nyte Collins

*Diken Miche Dalgee
*Juan Esteban De Castro Cabrices
Connor Doyle
Kyla Arion Duckett
Logan Henry Duncomb
∞Samuel Joseph Easton
Matthew Steven
Ehrnschwender
*Terry Joseph Forbes
*∞Daniela Garces
*Trinity Angel Gibson
Ja'Ali Solomon Golden
James Terrence Goodwin
*Reagan Louise Goodwyn
Braylon Justin Graham
∞Samuel Paul Graham
*Zachary Joseph Greenberg
*Rachel Anne Hayes
*Chloe Grace Hennigan
+Danielle Christine Hollis
Shaleda Tavionna Anitra Holloman
∞Karter Nguyen Huynh
*Victoria Lynn Iannotti
*Sofia Anna Iori
Aayan Iqbal
Kinsey Nickole Jack

*Nadia Lari Jackson
∞Savion Alexander Jackson
∞William Thomas Jackson
Eishan Jaffer
Khaeleb Tyrese Jones
Kevin Williams Justin
David Alexander Kennedy
Ashlynn Kathleen Kenney
Katelyn Danielle Kirk
Presice Wisdom Lee
Langston Marquez Lewis
*Michelle Mai Bao Lor
Elizabeth ViNette Love
∞Domenick Michael Luca
Abraham Akbar Malik
*Jasmine Marie Martin
*Jesse Wayne Matthews
Brandon Cole McCarty
*Madison Mae Morales
Aiden Michael Morris
*∞Savannah Elizabeth Morris
Emily Claire Morrison
*Gavin Robert Morrison
∞Robert Michael Murray, Jr.
Samantha Mary Neff
Gracee Alexis Nelson

Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Business and Technology

Bachelor of Science (continued)

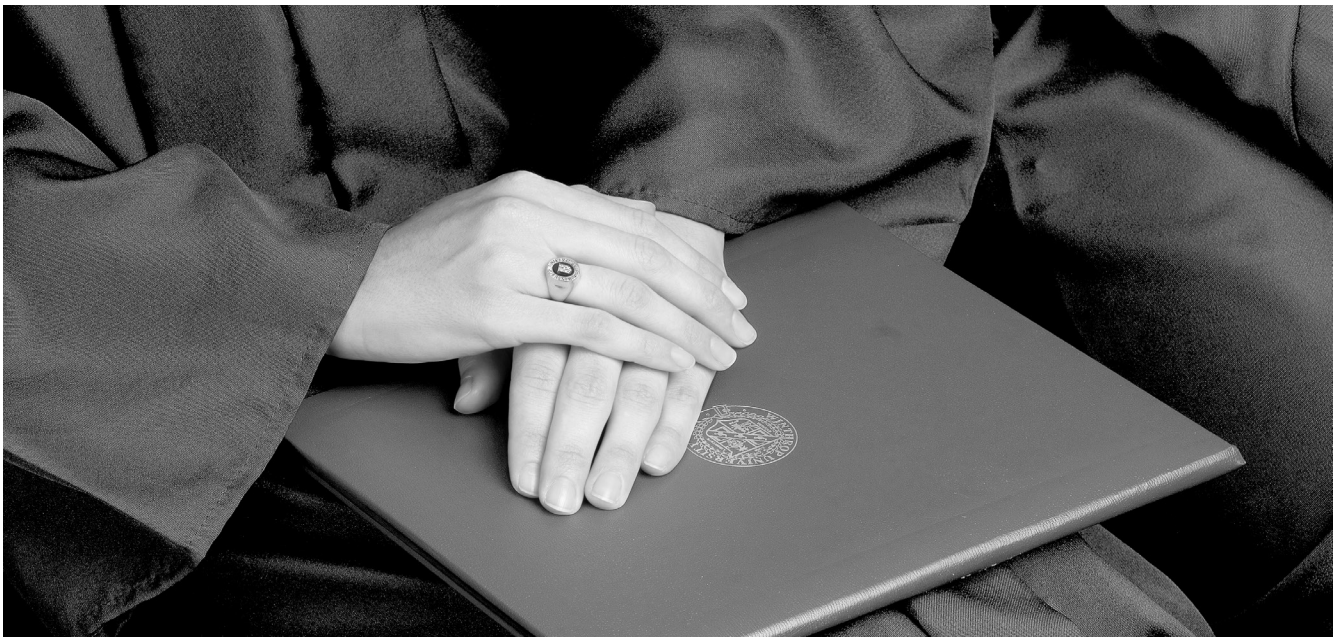
*Kayla Morkhantha Ngov
Faith Irene Nixon
Hope Nixon
Zachary Spencer Papanicolas
∞Olivia Kaylynn Paton
Maria Eduarda Pereira
Bastos de Souza
*Jayden Ahmad Perry
Truong Pham
*Gavin Alexander Pierce
*Gabrielle Grace Pierpont
*Abbigayle Rose Pontes
∞Benjamin Paul Rehkow
Tyra Malaysia Robinson
∞Elton Paa Kwesi Sakyi
Ethel Adwoa Sakyi

*Andrea Cristhina Samaniego
∞Corey Darnell Sanders
*Abirami Uruthirakumaran
Sanjeevan
Natalie Gwen SanQuintin
Lorenzo Simonelli
*∞Chadwick Payne Sisson
Tylique A'mari Smith
*Tim Emmanuel Speaks
*Tyler Aaron Starks
Savannah Grace Stiltner
*Logan Samuel Story
Alexander Yasu Tamai
Ka'Maisha Alexis Thomas
Amelie Elisabeth Tolf
Zy'Kyia Symone Truesdale
Thuy Tien Le Truong
Damon Alfonzie Tucker
*Abigail Jane Vinton

Mia Nicole Vrataric
LaQirilveus Monkia Shannice Wells
*+∞Andrew James Wheaton
*Daniella Ayana Williams Harris
Grace Elaine Willis
*Emma Grace Wilson
∞Ethan Andrew Wilson
*Savannah Jean Winn
Matthew Christopher Wright
Collin Isaiah Wylie
*Ashley Yan
∞Vinny Yang

Bachelor of Arts

Demetrius Leshan Burroughs



Undergraduate Candidates for Degrees

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

WinthropLIFE

Tyler Haltiwanger
Canady Little
Luke Perez
Robert Smith

Bachelor of Science

*Yariana Marie Acevedo
*Karlee Denise Adams
*Elijah Hasson Allen
+Adriane Denise Alston
*Abigail Kay Anderson
∞Aubrey Tell Anderson
Deborah Carlee Ayers
*Alexa Kate Bagwell
∞Emily Ann Bailey
Thomas Louis Banks, Jr.
A'Nya Nicole Belton
*∞Blake Martin Bojanowski
Christopher S. Bragg
*∞Courtney Lynn Bumgarner
Alexandra Jellaine Cameron
Terrell Daquan Cameron
∞Abigail Lynn Carswell
*Aniya LeAnn Cave
*+Madison Kay Chapman
*Brianna Lorene Collins
*Sophia Jane Commerford
Diana Nicole Cooper
Abigail Nicole Corso
∞Austen Kenneth Cummings
Da'Quon Lanaz Cunningham
*Kyla Elizabeth Davis
Lillian Claire Davis

*Marcy Jean Davis
Braden Joseph Defranzo
Kayla Shamyira Dorsey
*Donovan Nigel Ellerbe
*Emily Nycole Ellis
∞Erica Brooke Faile
∞Neely Kathryn Hartness
*Michaela Lelah Hayes
*Hanna Louise Hedgpeth
*Allison Dorothy Heeg
*∞Abbiegale Grace Hudson
*Ezequiel Marcos Iglesia
*Sarah Nicole Ilbery
Alexa Ann Jackson
*David Ra'keem Johnson
*Gwennyth Rose Josche
Deirdre Erin Kelly
Lauren Mary Kelly
Allison Rae Kessler
*Heidi Katharina Knaak
James Grayson Knox
*Tiana Shamari Knox
*Lauren Syneth Koger
*Emma Catherine Krashner
*∞Kayleigh Moses Lark
*Adelaide Donova Lovell
Kella Madison Lynch
Marisol Machuca
*Julia Emma Malkin
∞Olivia Faith Martin
*Liliana Martinez-Castillo
*∞John Patrick McGonagill
Griffin Innes McNeish
*Kennedy Nicole Mills
*Madison Elizabeth Minnich

Isabella Mae Morgan
*∞Joseph David Neiconi
Gracee Alexis Nelson
*Mackenzie Lynn Nelson
Sydney Michal Nolan
*Chloe Margaret Patterson
*Samantha Gabrielle Pean
*Tia Gjanae Pittman
*Mya Elizabeth Ponder
Ny'Asia Renee Radford
Gianna Sophia Ragni
Olivia Reál
*∞Kaitlyn Alyssa Remia
*Emanya Keyarra Roach
*Katherine Elizabeth Roberts
Josalyn Robinson
Britney Mariana Roblero
*Celeste Santiago Hernandez
*Vanessa Grace Sgroi
*∞Eve Sonya Shia
Elijah John-Robert Sims
∞My'Kia Mo'Lay Sims
*∞Myles Henry Gano Smith
*∞Olivia Meredith Spivey
*Magdalene Rose Stephenson
*∞Meghan Lee Strand
*∞Samantha Paige Teska
*Kennaria Marie Warren
*Patricia Noelle White
*Reagan Marie Wilkerson
∞Harrison McClure Wilson
Annelisa Danae Winebarger
*Faith Lauren Wood

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 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.



Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education, which is dedicated to scholarship and excellence in the field. Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi has more than 60,000 members in 550 chapters throughout the world. In order to become a member, a student must be in final-term sophomore standing with a grade point ratio of 3.25 and at least 12 semester hours in education courses.



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.

Graduating Members of Honor Societies

Phi Kappa Phi

Scholarship

Morgan C. Baxter
Israel A. Bellinger
Laura A. Bennett
Alan P. Blinzler
Katharine A. Crosby
Stephanie E. Curtis
Morgan C. Dukes
Noah E. Goins
Amber Gould
Chloe G. Hennigan
Rosie L. Hopkins-Campbell
Eric R. Johnson
Emma C. Krashner
Adreanna N. LeMasters
Anna R. Pagett
Abbigayle R. Pontes
Malgorzata Radziszewska-Petros
Kevin Taylor
Maria D. Torres Bastidas
Olivia J. Whitfield
Silvia Wozniak
Collin I. Wylie

Beta Gamma Sigma

Business Administration

Savannah E. Morris

Kappa Delta Pi

Scholarship

Leah F. Anderson
Alexis Clowney-Fox
Kyra E. Sikorski

Omicron Delta Kappa

Scholarship and Leadership

Trinity A. Gibson
Corrina S. Leverett
Shaleda T. Holloman
Caroline E. Phillips
Meghan L. Strand

Alpha Lambda Delta

Scholarship

Ansley D. Barron
Anne Marie Bell
Sarah N. Countiss
D'Avion N. Deas
Noah E. Goins
Reagan L. Goodwyn
Claire C. Gurrieri
Corrina S. Leverett
Sarai E. Harden
Evonna G. Kinloch
Hunter D. Morgan
Helen C. Murray
Jack F. Pelletier
Jayden A. Perry
Caroline E. Phillips
Laura L. Smith
Tim E. Speaks
Meghan L. Strand
Lily G. Sutton
Bryson E. Vaughan
Kennaria M. Warren
Breanna S. Waters
Terry A. Whaley

Book and Key

Scholarship

Morgan C. Baxter
Israel A. Bellinger
Austin M. Blackmon
Makayla A. Campbell
Lila P. Dailey
Morgan C. Dukes
Autumn J. Edwards
Kylie E. Full
Noah E. Goins
Claire C. Gurrieri
Austin A. Hale
Madison L. Harley
Megan R. Hewes
Makala C. Irby

Be V. Kuehn
Rachel A. Leek
Kasey A. Long
Thomas G. Lundquist
Claire M. McLewee
Jillian R. Melander
Sidney D. Morfin
Ciaran L. Murphy
Abigail C. Nation
Alexis S. Nesbitt
Taylor I. Noble
Davyn C. Osborne
Julianne V. Phu
Madison E. Quinn
Jacob A. Rodriguez
Julisse M. Rodriguez-Ayala
Carilee M. Rogers-Johnson
Elizabeth C. Ryerson
Samantha A. Schusterman
Katheryn N. Sikes
Cheyenne S. Sola
Madilyn M. Spenner
Lily G. Sutton
Chloe E. Thomas
Nyombi D. Walthour-Corley
Clara E. Whitehead
Olivia J. Whitfield
Catherine I. Windham

Alumni Services

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 'CF' with a large 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.

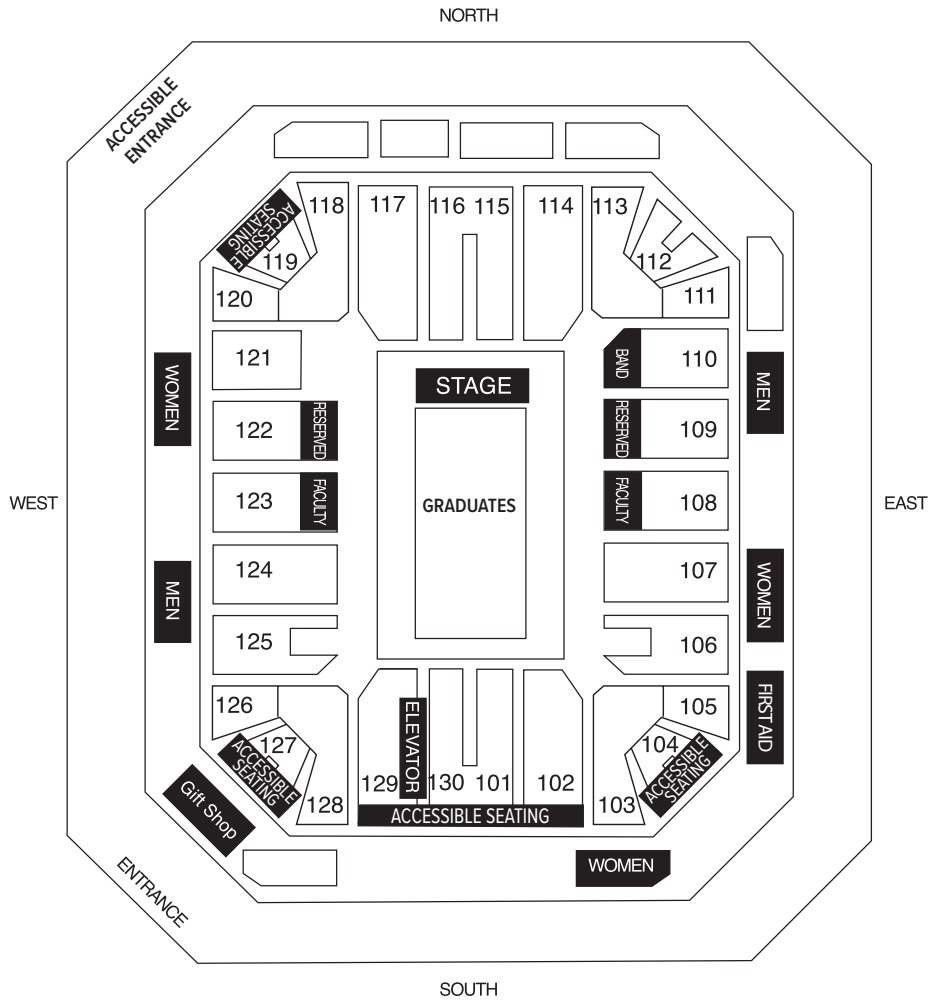
Smoking Policy

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



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