INVESTING *in* WINTHROP

JANUARY 2025 UPDATE

Progress this past fall on a variety of facilities projects positions the campus to celebrate one of its most beloved spaces, create opportunities for community engagement, provide upgraded facilities for student-athletes and more. Facilities investments remain a top priority for attracting prospective students and bringing friends and supporters onto campus.

PROJECTS *to* ENHANCE *the* STUDENT EXPERIENCE

WiFi and Classroom Improvements

The latest phase of classroom technology enhancements, part of an institutional investment totaling $2.86M, involved nine rooms in Thurmond and Carroll Halls, plus the Carroll Capital Markets Training and Trading Center. Additional spaces are being identified to use excess funding from previous phase work. On the WiFi front, Byrnes was completed this fall.

Newly refurbished Byrnes Auditorium

Byrnes Auditorium Renovation/ Remediation

Winthrop music students are elated to be now experiencing the uncommon grandeur of this performance space like no other in Rock Hill and York County. Funded by the state, Winthrop, and by insurance settlement funds, the project neared final completion in late fall, and Winthrop welcomed community and campus visitors in December. Final tuning is slated for the D. B. Johnson Memorial Organ, and, after a long hiatus (since the August 2018 roof fire), performers stepped onto the stage once again this month. Improvements to the space include a new elevator from the lobby to the second floor, restroom expansion, accessibility features, plaster repair/new paint, new stage rigging, flooring and curtain, and much more. Special events are now being scheduled through the Office of University Events.

Virtual/Augmented Reality Teaching Lab

The former esports practice facility has been transformed into a multi-disciplinary VR-AR computer lab in Owens. AV installation will wrap up this month, followed by system testing and select class use in the spring semester.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Wofford and Richardson Demolition

Demolition is complete for both Richardson and Wofford. Utility rerouting and removal is nearly complete. Wofford's basement is backfilled, and Richardson's is being backfilled. The project is funded by state and institutional funds and should be complete this month. Design options for the realignment of Alumni Drive to Camden Avenue are being reviewed with campus leadership, the City of Rock Hill and SCDOT.

Roof Replacements

Work is wrapping up on the Lee Wicker new metal roof, which was fully funded by Winthrop. For Joynes, the brickwork repairs phase is complete. Slate replacement is ongoing, as is wood trim repair and painting. This state-funded project is expected to be complete by the end of March. McBryde will see its various roofing material replaced with all new slate in a state-funded project that has just begun. Expected completion is late March. Phelps roof replacement is on the horizon and will utilize cost savings from the Lee Wicker project. The project is in final stages of design with plans to begin this summer.

Stewart House Exterior Renovation

The donor-funded renovation to the historic structure housing the Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center at the Stewart House is well underway with roof replacement complete and stucco repairs ongoing. This impressive project across from the main entrance to campus will be a jewel in Winthrop's crown of historic buildings once complete next month.

The Stewart House renovations are funded by a $1M gift from Betty Morgan Holcombe '56 and husband, Milton, in 2011.

SPECIALTY PROJECTS

Architectural Detailing (Boxing) Repairs

Repair and replacement of exterior architectural details on Bancroft, Johnson, Kinard, and Sims is nearly complete. Additional repair work on Sims roof dormers and Bancroft courtyard porches should be complete soon.

Oil Tank Demolition

This project to remove the oil tanks by the boiler plant along Alumni Drive is experiencing delays, and staff hope it will be back on track soon.

Steam System Replacement

The first phase of steam line replacement (Byrnes to Joynes) is being advertised. Bids will open later this month, with plans for a May-July 2025 construction window.

Dinkins Fire Alarm System Replacement

With funding by the state, this contract has been awarded, and work will commence next month with estimated completion in summer 2025.

PROJECTS *in* DESIGN

Joynes Hall Renovation and Re-purposing

Funded by the state, this $1.6M project will significantly upgrade the prospective student experience as the space is home to the Office of Admissions. Project scope includes renovations to the 1st floor and entry plaza to Joynes, plus select areas of the 2nd and 3rd floors. Project is going through plan review with hopes for a summer 2025 start.

Work continues on the Joynes roof.

Joynes Hall Mechanical System Replacement

The project is a full replacement of the aging HVAC system. Work is funded by the state and is in final design/plan review. Project was advertised with a mid-January 2025 bid opening, and there are plans to start construction in May 2025.

Winthrop Lake Dam renovation

Concept design is complete for this state-funded project and is being reviewed by SC DHEC.

Sims and Dalton Renovation

This state-funded project of $9M will include replacement of the HVAC in both Sims and Dalton, refresh of the lobby areas, new chemistry labs and a new generator for Sims, as well as an update to the emergency power for Dalton. Project is currently in the project design phase. The plan is to purchase long lead-time items in early 2025 to allow start of construction in May 2025.

Southwest Gateway

The design of new Southwest Gateway to connect the campus sidewalk network to Stewart Avenue at the railroad tracks is now complete. Funding is resolved, and the bid package is in plan review stage awaiting advertisement.

ATHLETICS PROJECTS

Women's Basketball Facilities Updates

A generous gift from a women's basketball devotee funded updates to the program's locker rooms, staff offices, study room and more in time for the current season. The donor stated, "I believe in Winthrop, in this program and its student-athletes. I'm thrilled that my gift can help create an environment that stellar players want to call home."

Volleyball Locker Room Upgrade

Fresh off a fantastic season that ended with an appearance in the 2024 National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the Eagles will enjoy a full locker room upgrade similar to that of the women's basketball team (above) when work is completed later in the spring semester.

Baseball Facilities Upgrades

Donor funds have provided turf for the infield area surrounding home plate at the Winthrop Ballpark. Other improvements under new Head Coach Mike McGuire include upgrades to the ballpark's weight room which now features new design elements, flooring and signage.

PROJECTS *in the* QUEUE

Cafeteria Upgrades/Enhancements

Dacus and Dinkins Renovation

Margaret Nance Restroom Renovation

Tillman Renovation

McBryde Air-Handler Unit Replacement

Rutledge HVAC Renovation

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