Graduate Commencement

May 5, 2011
7 p.m.
Winthrop Coliseum

“In celebration of our 125th academic year”
Dear Graduate,

I commend you for the honor of receiving a degree from Winthrop University.

Today’s ceremony celebrates your entry into a much broader community of friends and associates, well prepared for personal and intellectual growth. Few things stand us in better stead than a love of knowledge, a vigorous curiosity, a passion for achievement and a well-developed sense of responsibility for self and for others.

Your degree also symbolizes a new relationship which will prove to be among the most significant in your lifetime: a continuing partnership between you and Winthrop. The university’s network of alumni and friends reaches around the world, growing in size and stature with each passing year.

As a graduate, you will have unlimited opportunities to influence the university’s ongoing growth and development. Commencement is truly just the beginning of a vital, lifelong association.

Today’s graduates have mastered the challenges of academic excellence, extracurricular achievement and community service. Balancing the multiple responsibilities of career, family and civic involvement with vigorous academic demands has been a challenge met with distinction. Congratulations are due for your determination and your accomplishments.

Over a century ago, Winthrop’s first alumni took their responsibilities as teachers and role models very seriously. Pursuing a calling in the profession of education, they bequeathed to future generations important values, ethics and social concerns.

Today, whether through education, the arts, the sciences, business or public service, you also have an opportunity to serve as a catalyst for positive change. Your Winthrop education will provide the margin of excellence as you make your community a better place.

I am proud to celebrate this day of achievement with you. All who have had the good fortune to be a part of your Winthrop experience join me in wishing you the very best.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony J. DiGiorgio

President
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In 1907, front campus showed a different view of, from left, Rutledge Building, McLaurin Hall, Tillman Hall and Margaret Nance Hall.
Order of Exercise

**Procession***

March Triomphale, *Hector Berlioz*
Pomp and Circumstance, *Edward Elgar*
Winthrop University Symphonic Band, Mr. Michael Hough, *Conductor*

**National Anthem***

*Audience, Led by Ms. Amy Catherine Lefler*
*Presentation of Colors, City of Rock Hill Fire Department Honor Guard*

**Spirit of Celebration***

Dr. Jonatha Vare, *Faculty Marshal*

**Welcome from the University and Introductions**

Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio, *President*

**Presentation of Graduate Faculty Award**

**Academic Degrees**

*Presentation of Candidates for Degrees*
Dr. Thomas Moore, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Conferring of Degrees*
Dr. DiGiorgio

**Hooding of Graduates and Presentation of Diplomas**

**Academic Deans**
Dr. Roger Weikle, *Dean, College of Business Administration*
Dr. Jennie Rakestraw, *Dean, Richard W. Riley College of Education*
Dr. David Wohl, *Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts*
Dr. Debra Boyd, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

**Graduate Directors**
Ms. Peggy Hager, *College of Business Administration*
Dr. Marshall Jones, *Richard W. Riley College of Education*
Dr. Alice Burmeister, *College of Visual and Performing Arts*
Dr. Sarah Stallings, *College of Arts and Sciences*

Dr. Yvonne Murnane, *Dean, Graduate School*
Ms. Kathy Bigham, *Chair, Board of Trustees*
Charge to the Graduates

Dr. DiGiorgio

Alma Mater*

Audience, Led by Ms. Lefler

Final Procession*

March of the Prince of Wales, Joseph Haydn
Winthrop University Symphonic Band

The university commencement ceremony is a celebration and a reflective and reverent event for all involved. 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 are kept 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 pagers and cellular phones during the ceremony.

University Marshals
  Dr. Gary Stone (Chief), Dr. John Bird (Assistant Chief), Dr. Irene Boland,
  Dr. Laura Dufresne, Dr. Susan Green, Dr. Jim Johnston, Dr. Joe Prus,
  Dr. Elke Schneider, Dr. Marilyn Smith, Dr. Will Thacker, Dr. Jonatha Vare,
  Ms. Mary Beth Young

Student Marshals
  Ms. Allison Raper, Chief, Ms. Maisie Aldridge, Assistant Chief, Mr. Matthew Andrews,
  Ms. Stephanie Bartlett, Mr. Brandon Clopton, Ms. Porcha Edwards,
  Ms. Cecile Gadson, Mr. William Harlan, Mr. Matthew Horn, Ms. Katherine Kaczor,
  Ms. Jordan McElroy, Mr. Matthew Neal, Ms. Christina Schweitzer, Ms. Erin Sim,
  Ms. Mirielle Smith, Mr. Luka Stanic, Ms. Stephanie Thompson,
  Mr. Travis Whisenant, Ms. Courtney Williams

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

Readers
  Dr. Cara Peters, Ms. Annie-Laurie Wheat

Sign Language Interpreter
  Ms. Emily Walker

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

Winthrop University has been an educational leader in South Carolina for 125 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 another important milestone by 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**

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**Seal/Presidential Medallion**

In 1899, Winthrop President David Bancroft Johnson appointed a faculty committee to suggest a motto for the school. “Veritas cum Libertate,” or “Truth with Liberty,” was chosen by the faculty. The committee then began designing a seal incorporating the new motto. On May 14, 1900, the faculty voted unanimously to accept the design still in use as the Winthrop Seal.

The Presidential medallion 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 he speaks for the whole body of the institution. Winthrop’s medallion is made of bronze and boasts the seal on the front and a portrait of founder and first president, David Bancroft Johnson, on the back.

**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 maroon and gold represent traditional school colors.
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.

Members of the governing body of a college or university are entitled to wear doctoral gowns under the rules of protocol. Winthrop’s Board of Trustees and chief marshal 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. The fabric is made from renewable, managed forests and the zippers from 100% recycled polymer.

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 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 four gonfalons displayed represent the four academic colleges of Winthrop University: the College of Business Administration, the Richard W. Riley College of Education, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the College of Arts and Sciences. The maroon, navy and gold are the university’s colors. Purple, green and blue complement the school’s colors.

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 captures the University’s distinctive traits in yellow or white gold and is presented in an oval shape. The 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, the University’s motto is inscribed: “Veritas cum Libertate” or “Truth with Liberty.” It is customary for the ring to be turned with the crest facing outward at the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

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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 Administration

Master of Science (M.S.) - Drab
Executive Master of Business Administration (E.M.B.A.) - Drab
Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) - Drab

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) - Light Blue
Master of Education (M.Ed.) - Light Blue
Master of Science (M.S.) - Sage Green

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
Master of Music Education (M.M.E.) - 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

Honors

Students wearing gold cords at tonight’s ceremony are graduating with highest academic achievement.
Awards

Graduate Faculty Award

Shaun Cassidy, associate professor and coordinator of the Department of Fine Art’s sculpture program, inspires his students to reach for excellence every day.

The assistant professor of fine arts demonstrates a high level of energy and enthusiasm as an artist and as a teacher guiding the next generation to create, collaborate and engage. It is for these exceptional qualities that Cassidy will receive the 2011 Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award.

As an artist-educator, Cassidy strikes a balance between being a productive and creative artist and a mentor for student artists. He has received more than half a dozen grants to conduct research and create large-scale public art projects throughout the region, many of which included the assistance of students. His leadership and emphasis on community engagement and promoting public art as an economic stimulus is the primary reason for the impressive growth in the M.F.A. sculpture program.

Recently, his students have displayed work in downtown Rock Hill, the Charlotte Shout Festival, on Winthrop’s grounds and in the Winthrop University Galleries.

An internationally known artist, Cassidy has produced commissioned artwork most recently for the Sumter Gallery of Art, Artspace in Raleigh, N.C., the university’s Hardin Family Garden and the Charlotte Area Transit System. He also has participated in 16 funded residencies across the U.S. and in the United Kingdom.

Cassidy’s teaching abilities also were recognized in 2001 when he received the Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award and the 2006 James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Prior to coming to Winthrop in 1999, Cassidy taught at Kansas City Art Institute and Bennington College in Vermont. He received his M.V.A. from the University of Alberta, Canada, and his B.A. from the Norwich School of Art in the U.K.
Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Business Administration
Roger D. Weikle, Dean

The College of Business Administration’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 options in accounting, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, financial planning, general business, health care management, human resource management, international business, management, marketing, and sustainable business; Bachelor of Science in computer science; Bachelor of Arts in economics and Bachelor of Science in digital information design. The College of Business Administration offers the Master of Business Administration degree in a general program or with a concentration in accounting, international business, finance, or software project management.

Master of Business Administration

Ahmad Habeeb Alkhlass
B.S. Teacher's College Al Hassa

Angela Michelle Arcidiacono
B.S. Winthrop University

Charles Samuel Arcidiacono
B.S. University of New Hampshire

Bernard Addo Atiase
B.S. Winthrop University

Crawford John Brakefield
B.S. University of South Carolina

Catrina Linette Canty-Elliott
B.B.A. Georgia Southern University

Terry Carter, Jr.
B.S. Winthrop University

Remi Francois Charpin
B.S. Academie Mercure

Crystal Linice Colclough
B.S. Winthrop University

Judson Michael Davis
B.S. Clemson University

Keith Philip Diamond
B.A. Clemson University

Jessica Heather Gilreath
B.S. Winthrop University

Thomas William Goebel, Jr.
B.S. Clemson University

Crystalyne Danielle Goodman
B.S. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Steven Farish Hogg
B.S. University of South Carolina

Alisha Ann Knox
B.S. Winthrop University

Susan Merle Lee
B.A. Agnes Scott College

Summer Denise Nichols
B.S. Wofford College

Evans Maxwell Russo
B.S. Winthrop University

Gregory Jacob Schwartz
B.S. The Citadel

Catherine Christine Spears
M.A.T. University of South Carolina
B.F.A. University of South Carolina

Craig Louis Templeton
B.S. Clemson University

Quinton Lee Tucker
B.S. Winthrop University

Sandra Maeva Visentin
B.S. Winthrop University
College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration, Accounting Emphasis

Wenxian Chen
B.A. Fujian Normal University

Christopher W. Nitto
B.A. Ithaca College

Thandiwe Mhonda
B.S. Winthrop University

William Chester Parker, III
B.S. Winthrop University

Melford Alonzo Wilson, III
M. Div. Duke University
B.A. Wofford College

Christopher W. Nitto
B.A. Ithaca College

Alyssa Marie Ziobrowski
B.S. St John Fisher College

The fountain in front of Tillman Hall has served as a popular Winthrop symbol since it was constructed in 1912.
Built in 1894, Tillman Hall has housed offices, classrooms, a swimming pool, museum, art gallery, the library, and a gymnasium over the years.
The Richard W. Riley College of Education 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 in leadership, stewardship, collaborations and innovation.

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. The college offers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in athletic training, early childhood education, elementary education, exercise science, family and consumer sciences, middle level education, special education, physical education, and sport management. A Master of Arts in Teaching; Master of Science in sport and fitness administration; Master of Education in educational leadership, counseling and development, curriculum and instruction, middle level education, reading, and special education are offered at the graduate level.

**Master of Science**

James Robert Hinson  
*B.A. University of South Carolina*

Katie Elizabeth Simmons  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Elizabeth Theresa Johnson  
*B.A. East Stroudsburg University*

Ty Long Verdin  
*B.S. University of South Carolina*

**Master of Education**

Allison Reeves Auten  
*B.S. Appalachian State University*

Kenneth James Ball  
*B.S. Central Michigan University*

Sarah Hatcher Barrineau  
*B.A. University of the South*

Michael Alan Bender, Jr.  
*B.S. Pennsylvania State University*

Ashley Janelle Blount  
*B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Sarahanne Agnes Boryc  
*B.S. Appalachian State University*

Lauren Ward Bridges  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Debra Horton Brooks  
*M.Ed. Georgia State University*

B.S. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Tania Nichelle Brown  
*M.Ed. DePaul University*

B.A. Howard University*

Taylor Patricia Brown  
*B.A. Clemson University*

Erica Lariece Bryant  
*B.S. Charleston Southern University*

Travis Edward Bryant  
*B.S.Ed. University of South Carolina Upstate*

Eileen Maura Buescher  
*B.S. Ohio University*

Kimberly Jean Byrne  
*B.A. Furman University*

Jennifer Threatt Camp  
*B.S. Winthrop University*

Richard Alan Camp  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Kathryn Boyd Carr  
*B.A. Winthrop University*

Jeremy Joseph Carrick  
*B.S. Clemson University*

Mariann Christman Carter  
*M.A. University of Tennessee*

B.S.Ed. University of Tennessee*

Michelle Wallace Carter  
*B.S. Winthrop University*
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Ama Owusuua  
B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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B.A. Winthrop University

April Lynn Paulk  
B.S. Winthrop University

Blaine Thomas Peltier  
B.A. Clemson University

Sara Ann Pettinelli  
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B.A. Winthrop University

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B.A. University of South Carolina

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B.S. Winthrop University

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B.A. Claflin University

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B.A. Presbyterian College

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Ed.S. Winthrop University  
M.A.T. Winthrop University  
B.A. Winthrop University

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B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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B.S. Charleston Southern University

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B.A. Winthrop University

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B.S. University of South Carolina Upstate

Earleane Putman Williams  
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B.A. Johnson C. Smith University

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B.A. Winthrop University

Deborah Emma Wybenga  
B.S. Winthrop University

Lori P. Yarborough  
M.Ed. University of South Carolina  
B.A. Winthrop University

Melissa Louise Yarborough  
B.A. Winthrop University

Kelly Davis Yates  
B.S. Winthrop University

Ashley Huskey Yon  
B.S. Winthrop University

Tiffany Ronae’ Young  
B.S. Coppin State College
## Graduate Candidates for Degrees

### Richard W. Riley College of Education

#### Master of Arts in Teaching

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The Little Chapel served as Winthrop’s first classroom when David Bancroft Johnson founded the school in 1886.
College of Visual and Performing Arts
David Wohl, Dean

The College of Visual and Performing Arts provides high quality arts instruction in a comprehensive teaching university setting. 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, and theatre education; Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (ceramics, general studio, interior design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, visual communication design); Bachelor of Music; and Bachelor of Music Education. A Master of Arts in art education, and arts administration; Master of Fine Arts in art and design; Master of Music (conducting and performance); and Master of Music Education degrees are offered at the graduate level.

Master of Arts

Herbert Jermaine Johnson  
B.M.E. Winthrop University

Patricia Tumio Prestopino  
B.C.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Georgia Bennett Reynolds  
B.A. Johnson C. Smith University

Master of Fine Arts

Adrian Tyler Anderson Rhodes  
B.F.A. Winthrop University

Sandra Shore Singletary  
B.S. Winthrop University

Master of Music

John Michael Brooks  
B.M. Winthrop University

William Holcombe Keith, Jr.  
B.M.E. University of Kentucky

John Walton Page, III  
B.M. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Rebecca Lane Guzewicz  
B.M. Appalachian State University

Amy Catherine Lefler  
B.A. University of Central Arkansas

Joshua Ryan Wentz  
B.A. Muskingum College

Brian Douglas Jeddeloh  
B.A. Luther College

Kyle Eric Merck  
B.M. Winthrop University

Master of Music Education

James Edgar Dekle, Jr.  
B.S. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Amanda Nicole Hines  
B.M. Columbia College

Tommy Allen Wilson  
B.M.E. Winthrop University
Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences
Debra C. Boyd, 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 within 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 English, environmental studies, general communication disorders, history, mass communication, mathematics, modern languages, philosophy and religious studies, political science, psychology, and sociology; Bachelor of Science in biology, chemistry, environmental sciences, human nutrition, integrated marketing communication, mathematics, and science communication; and Bachelor of Social Work degree. The College of Arts and Sciences also awards the following graduate degrees: Master of Liberal Arts; Masters of Arts in English, history, and Spanish; Master of Social Work; Master of Science in biology, nutrition, and school psychology; and Specialist degree in school psychology.

Master of Social Work

Danielle Corrinne Arthur
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Tammy Marie Fesperman
B.A. Pfeiffer University

Shalisa Yvette Reynolds
B.S.W. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Gerald Daniel Robinson
M.B.A. University of South Carolina
B.S.B.A. University of South Carolina

Lotte Friend Bonneau
B.S. Dickinson College

Vicki Marie Fitzgerald
B.A. Winthrop University

Kimberlee Marie Shimkus
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Dereca Jaleesa Bryant
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Ellen Ruth Herbert
B.A. Vanderbilt University

Emily Norvell Skinner
B.A. Presbyterian College

Amber Jordan Davis
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Beverly Donnell Holbrook
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Aleshia La'Shawn Tucker
B.A. South Carolina State University

Kathrine Dawn Cummings
B.A. Idaho State University

B.A. Winthrop University

B.S.W. Winthrop University

B.A. Winthrop University

Benjamin Tyler Watson
B.A. Winthrop University

Lottie Leah Davis
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Sherika Marchelle Jackson
B.A. Winthrop University

Narkeya S. White
B.A. Winthrop University

Tommy Edwards, Jr.
B.S.W. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Nicole Maxine Martin
B.S. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Libbey S. Wade
B.A. Queens University

Denatra Donnette McClurkin
B.A. Clemson University

Benjamin Tyler Watson
B.A. Winthrop University

Courtney Bender Eidson
B.S.W. Winthrop University

Fondatrice Roshawyn McCormick
B.A. North Carolina Central University

Narkeya S. White
B.A. Winthrop University

Clarissa Anita Elmore
B.S. Winthrop University

Candace Megan Phillips
B.S.W. Winthrop University
Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Liberal Arts

Sheila Tinette Broome
B.A. University of South Carolina

April Hershey Lovegrove
B.A. Winthrop University

Meghan Elizabeth Randinelli
B.A. Winthrop University

Treasa Arneici Johnson
B.A. University of South Carolina

Muhiyidin El-amin Ibn Moye
B.A. University of South Carolina

Master of Science

Elizabeth Morris Adams
B.S. The Florida State University

Hannah Lucy Franz
B.A. Eastern Illinois University

Amanda Kathryn Simmons
B.S. Wingate University

Kimberly Quail Atwood
B.S. Appalachian State University

Lindsey Michelle Helms
B.S. Clemson University

Jackie Leon Smalls
B.S. South Carolina State University

Sarah Riley Augustine
B.S. James Madison University

Sara-Frances Crow Lail
B.A. University of South Carolina

Rachel Elizabeth Steen
B.S. University of South Carolina

Danielle Cannizzarro
B.A. University of South Carolina

Sarah Elizabeth Lewis
B.S. The Ohio State University

Sarah Lyn Tuten
B.S. Clemson University

Emma Grace Crompton
B.A. Coastal Carolina University

Kara Marie Neumann
B.S. Coastal Carolina University

Megan Hart Wilkerson
B.S. Presbyterian College

Lauren Michelle Culp
B.S. North Greenville College

Robert Paul Polenik
B.S. Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Jessica Louise Dean
B.A. Emory University

Charles Ford Reese, III
B.S. Clemson University

Master of Arts

Robert Byron Heath Agee
B.A. University of South Carolina

Steven Alan Case
B.A. Winthrop University

Whitney Gibson Ryan
B.A. University of South Carolina

Teresa Blanco
B.A. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

LeClair Betheny Clark
B.A. University of South Carolina Upstate

Christina Ruth Williams
B.A. Winthrop University

Joseph David Eugene Bowling
B.A. College of Charleston

Joshua Corey Harris
M.A. University of South Carolina

B.A. University of South Carolina

David Denis Carton
B.A. Winthrop University

Kimberly Diane Pace
B.A. Gardner-Webb University
Graduate Candidates for Degrees

College of Arts and Sciences

Specialist in School Psychology

Heather Rachelle Brown
M.S. Winthrop University
B.S. Clemson University

Meaghan Jane Gay
M.S. Winthrop University
B.S. University of Scranton

Melanie Autumn Hildebrant
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. Winthrop University

Jennifer Benbow Percival
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. Emmanuel College

Meghan Alexandra Polovick
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. Denison University

Sarah Elizabeth Richards
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. North Carolina State University

Rebecca Leigh Ritter
M.S. Villanova University
M.S. Winthrop University
B.S. University of Georgia

Justine Nicole Rossi
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. Winthrop University

Lauren Flack Thomas
M.S. Winthrop University
B.A. University of South Carolina

‡ This symbol designates August graduates.

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.

Winthrop’s campus bustles with activity on an early fall morning.
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General Information

Animals
Pets, 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, are not allowed in the Coliseum.

Ceremony Time
The academic procession into the arena begins at 7 p.m., and the ceremony will end at approximately 8 p.m.

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

First Aid
EMS personnel are located in the lower lobby of the arena.

Online Program and Ceremony Viewing
A PDF version of this program may be found at www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/commencement. Tonight’s ceremony will be available to view online next week from a link at www.winthrop.edu.

People with Disabilities
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 on the evening of the ceremony. Devices should be returned at the end of the event.

Phones
Please be considerate of others and turn off cell phones and pagers during the ceremony.

Photographs
Individual graduate photographs are taken by Chappell Studio Inc., 1-800-424-3686. Chappell will contact graduates after graduation regarding the sale of the photos. Guests may take their own photos and videos of the ceremony, but please do not block the aisles or the view of other guests.

Restrooms
Restrooms are located on the upper concourse at the following sections.
Men: 109 and 124
Women: 101, 106 and 12

Safety Regulations
In compliance with safety regulations, procession routes and aisles must be kept clear at all times. Guests are asked to cooperate with university marshals and campus police officers in keeping these designated areas clear.

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.
Student seating on above map is dependent upon the number of graduates in attendance and the distribution across the four colleges. Exact seating is not known until the evening of the ceremony.
Winthrop University Alma Mater

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

1. The chapel holds our history, each
2. The friends we've made, the memories will

new day Tillman rings, your halls are rich with
last a lifetime long, we soar to reach the

memories to which we'll always cling. A
goals we've set as Eagles bold and strong. May

part of each one here remains as a part of you we
others see our loyalty, ever honored you will

claim, Alma Mater may your name be grand,
be, Alma Mater may your name be grand,

Winthrop ever stand.
Winthrop ever stand.
In honor of Winthrop's 125th academic year, the cover design draws inspiration from a 1903 Commencement program.