

## University

[Rare South Carolina Founding Documents Coming To Winthrop University Tuesday](#)

**WRHI, Tega Cay Sun, April 12**

**\*Pettus Archives Director Gina White '83 is overseeing the university's contribution to the exhibit.**

[Straight Talk: 04-07-26 Joel Hamilton, Chair Winthrop Board of Trustees & Amanda James, VP for Enrollment Management and Marketing](#)

**WRHI, April 7**

**\*Winthrop Board of Trustees Chair Joel Hamilton '06 and Amanda James, vice president for enrollment management and marketing, talked about the recent branding efforts.**

[Pearl Fryar, iconic Bishopville topiary artist, dies at 86](#)

**Free Times, April 6**

**\*Winthrop Medal of Honor in the Arts honoree Pearl Fryar passed away recently.**

## Athletics

[Hundreds of disc golf players compete in College Disc Golf National Championship in Rock Hill](#)

**Post and Courier, April 13 (behind paywall) Similar story on [WRHI](#)**

**\*More than 300 teams converged on Rock Hill to compete in the 2026 College Disc Golf National Championship.**

[South Carolina fifth grader honored by Winthrop's softball team for her inspiring journey](#)

**WCNC, MSN, April 10**

**\*Softball player Emmy Cardenas and Clover student Raegan Hornung, 11, recently won the Team IMPACT 2026 Teammate of the Year honor.**

## Alumni

[Cisco Networking Academy honors GNTC's Dr. Dwight Watt](#)

**Coosa Valley News, April 13**

**\*Dwight Watt '77, '79, was honored for instructional excellence.**

## Other News

[New Accreditation Rules Could Open 'Can of Worms' in Higher Ed, Experts Say](#)

**Inside Higher Ed, April 13**

**\*The draft proposals, up for discussion this week, could change how accreditors**

**oversee colleges and what they measure, but some say they violate existing federal law.**

[SC treasurer won't take out long-term loans in continued fallout from \\$1.8B accounting error](#)

**SC Daily Gazette, April 9**

**\*More than two years after the discovery of a \$1.8 billion accounting error within the state's books, South Carolina's top banker continues to balk at taking out long-term loans for major construction projects at the state's three research universities.**