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[Winthrop Completes 2025-26 Strategic Plan Initiatives](#)

WRHI, Aug. 17

***President Serna told faculty and staff that the second year of the strategic plan is completed.**

[College of Charleston Among South Carolina Schools Awarded \\$10M NSF Grant](#)

Greenville Business Magazine, Aug. 17

***Winthrop is one of 11 institutions participating in a \$10 million National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NSF EPSCoR).**

[Rock Hill Symphony Moves Into Historic Winthrop Hall for Five-Show Season](#)

Hoodline, Aug. 15 (similar story in [WRHI](#))

***The Rock Hill Symphony will perform five concerts in Byrnes Auditorium.**

[Winthrop Students' Swaying Steel Trees Land At Rock Hill's Miracle Park](#)

Hoodline, Aug. 15

***Winthrop fine arts students designed a new sculpture for Miracle Park.**

[SC students statewide now eligible for scholarship allowing a debt-free degree](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Aug. 14

***Winthrop is among the top institutions for students to attend with a Meeting Street scholarship.**

Faculty/Staff

[Winthrop Promotes Jennifer Lewis to Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs/CFO](#)

Fort Mill Sun, Aug. 14

***Jennifer Lewis will begin the vp role on Oct. 1.**

[Does Ralph Norman have a 'path to victory' over Darline Graham in SC Senate race?](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Aug. 12 (similar article about Fry endorsing Graham in [Queen City News](#))

***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said the race is winnable for U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman.**

[Who is Ralph Norman? 5 things to know about SC's GOP U.S. Senate hopeful](#)

The State, Aug. 12

***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said now that Norman is known to the conservative activists around the state, they began to coalesce behind him.**

[Where Darline Graham and Ralph Norman performed well in SC GOP Senate primary](#)
The State, Aug. 12 (similar article in [Charleston City Paper](#), [The Times of Israel](#), [WBT](#)
[WSOC-TV](#) and [Queen City News](#))

***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said every dollar Ralph Norman spent in the GOP gubernatorial primary paid off in spades because voters learned about Norman's credentials in that race.**

[Straight Talk: 08-11-26 Kevin Butler, Winthrop University CFO and Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs](#)

WRHI, Aug. 11

***Kevin Butler, CFO and vp for finance and business affairs, talked about the work accomplished during his time here.**

Athletics

[Surrey's Sarai makes NCAA hoops history as first turban-wearing Canadian player](#)

SurreyNOW.Leader, Aug. 17

***Eesher Singh Sarai is headed to Rock Hill to make history as the first Canadian turbaned Sikh to play for an NCAA Division I men's basketball program.**

[Winthrop's Hannah Potter Named to Inaugural IWLCa SPARK Program Class of 2026-27](#)

Big South Conference, Aug. 14

***Winthrop lacrosse Head Coach Hannah Potter has been named to the inaugural class of the IWLCa Spark program.**

[Field of 68 opening day basketball marathon features 16 mid-majors](#)

ESPN, Aug. 11

***Winthrop is one of 16 mid-major basketball teams playing in the event. The men's basketball team will once again take on Queens at the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center.**

Alumni

[08/14/2026: Rick Lee and his recent motorcycle trip through the Himalayas](#)

WRHI, Aug. 14

***Rick Lee '82 is a member of Winthrop's Board of Trustees.**

[08/11/2026: Taylor Thomas, Ex. Director of Pathways](#)

WRHI, Aug. 11

***Taylor Thomas '25 talked about the services offered at Pathways on Cherry Road.**

Other News

[This SC home is wrapped in copper. And it's on the market for \\$800K.](#)

Post and Courier, Aug. 14 (behind a paywall)

***Former interior design faculty member Greg Tew's "copper house" is for sale in Rock Hill near the Winthrop campus.**

[College of Charleston students start moving into dorms as school sees record-breaking incoming class](#)

Post and Courier, Aug. 12 (behind a paywall)

***CofC has an incoming class of 3,360 new undergraduates.**