

## University

[AUDIO: Winthrop Housing Needs](#)

WRHI, Aug. 28

**\*Board Chair Joel Hamilton '06 talks about the university moving to designing a new residence hall.**

[AUDIO: Winthrop hosts 140th Convocation at Byrnes for the first time since renovations](#)

WRHI, Aug. 25

**\*President Edward Serna '02 led the campus in welcoming new and transfer students to the new academic year.**

[Straight Talk: 08-25-25 Beth Costner/Lindsay Yearta—CERRA at Winthrop- Teacher recruitment and retention](#)

WRHI, Aug. 25

**\*Dean Beth Costner and CERRA Director Lindsay Yearta '05, '07, talk about how the Winthrop-based agency recruits public school teachers.**

[Winthrop's new interior design classrooms bring students closer to downtown Rock Hill](#)

Post and Courier, Aug. 21 (Similar story in [WRHI](#))

**\*President Serna said Winthrop has rock star interior design faculty and students but needed signature space to really elevate the program to the next level. Jason Tselentis, department chair, said this is a chance to connect students with companies.**

## Faculty

[Escaped slaves on St. Croix hid their settlements so well, they still haven't been found – archaeologists using new mapping technology are on the hunt](#)

The Conversation, Aug. 27

**\*Lauren Kahut of Winthrop's [Geospatial Environmental Modeling Lab](#) helped develop and visualize a more dynamic model using advances in mapping since 2008.**

[Good Morning BT | Team MegaBeth reigns supreme | "Try before you buy" homeowners edition](#)

WBT, Aug. 27

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon talks about Trump's recent Cabinet meeting and DC crime/Trump executive orders.**

[Good Morning BT | More weird 90's band names | Team building "funtivities"](#)

WBT, Aug. 20

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon gives an update on the Russian-Ukrainian war.**

[Credit Card Insurance Guide \(2025\)](#)

**WalletHub, August newsletter**

**\*Yi (Shirley) Shen, associate professor of finance, comments on credit card benefits.**

## **Alumni**

[Augusta native turns back the clock on her decorated tennis career](#)

**WRDW, Aug. 25**

**\*Carolina Blouin '95 is a tennis pro and now plays on the senior circuit.**

[Anderson University Announces Retirement of Longtime Enrollment Leader Pam Ross](#)

**Greenville Business Magazine, Aug. 21**

**\*Pam Ross '82 will retire next month as senior vice president for enrollment management.**

[Rapp on Jazz: Jazz on South Carolina campuses](#)

**Public radio, Aug. 20**

**\*Mark Rapp is a 1995 Winthrop graduate and is the founder and executive director of the ColaJazz Foundation. His latest podcast notes that Winthrop offers jazz studies emphasizing improvisation and ensemble performance, giving students the tools to find their voice in the music.**

[08/20/2025: Matthew Kreh, OTS Sports Media Announcer](#)

**WRHI, Palmetto Mornings, Aug. 20**

**\*Matthew Kreh '15 talks about being a sports media announcer.**

[Converse University Welcomes Five New Faculty Members](#)

**Greenville Business Magazine, Aug. 20**

**\*Josh Mangle '18 joins Converse as an instructor of English.**

[Beaumont native Kasen Harrison joins pro basketball team overseas](#)

**Beaumont Enterprise, Aug. 19**

**\*Kasen Harrison '25 will play for Apollon Limassol in Cyprus.**

[Elon Law Flex Program welcomes 47 students in second cohort](#)

**Elon University, August**

**\*Two Winthrop graduates are in the new cohort of law students at the Charlotte site.**

## **Former Student**

[SC jurors listen to interview of man accused of killing retired Rock Hill cop](#)

**Rock Hill Herald, Aug. 26**

**\*Former Winthrop student Evan Hawthorne is on trial for allegedly killing retired Rock Hill police lieutenant Larry Vaughan four years ago after an argument in a downtown bar.**

#### **Other News**

[University reps visit an Aiken school to help seniors fill out college applications with fees waived](#)

**Aiken Standard, Aug. 28**

**\*Winthrop representatives were among several universities to visit a S.C. Commission on Higher Education-sponsored college fair at South Aiken High School.**

[Community minded David Vipperman is awarded the Order of the Palmetto](#)

**WRHI, Aug. 28**

**\*David Vipperman is a former Winthrop Board of Trustees member.**

[HBCU Visionary, Apollo 11 Hidden Figure Passes Away](#)

**Charlotte Observer, Aug. 22**

**\*Vivian Ayers Allen, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet, cultural activist, and one of the "Hidden Figures" honored for contributions to the Apollo 11 mission, has died. She received a Medal of Honor in the Arts from Winthrop.**

[Rock Hill students can now earn a college degree before they finish high school. Here's how.](#)

**Post and Courier, Aug. 20**

**\*Students pioneer a new Middle College dual enrollment partnership between Rock Hill Schools and York Tech allowing them to earn an associate degree by the time they graduate high school.**