

University

[How big is York Tech's impact on the Rock Hill region? 6 takeaways from new report](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Jan. 21

***Both York Technical College and Winthrop contribute to the region.**

[Straight Talk: 01-15-26 Joel Hamilton, Winthrop Board of Trustees Chairman](#)

WRHI, Jan. 15

***Chairman Joel Hamilton talked about athletics, enrollment growth, addition of new programs, community involvement and partnerships.**

[Historic Rock Hill site to be a hotel again, with jobs for people with disabilities](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Jan. 6 (Similar story at [PRNewsWire](#), [Post and Courier](#), [Lodging Magazine](#), and [Hospitality Net](#))

Faculty

[‘Abortion as Homicide’ Debate in South Carolina Exposes GOP Rift as States Weigh New Restrictions](#)

KFF, Jan. 12

***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said the best way to win the GOP primary — or, better yet, prevent a primary challenge at all — is to run to the far right and embrace the policies of the most conservative people in the district.**

[SC politicians' reactions to Minneapolis killing swift and partisan](#)

Greenville News, Jan.9 (behind a paywall)

***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said it's no surprise that politicians in South Carolina have reacted in conflicting and rigidly partisan ways to the killing of a woman by a federal agent in Minneapolis on Jan. 7.**

Budgets

WalletHub, January

***Yi Shen, assistant professor of finance, said having a budget helps provide a clear picture of where your money is going and helps identify gaps and opportunities for saving.**

Alumni

[Morris Brown College Dismisses Dr. Kevin James As President of Georgia's Oldest HBCU](#)

Atlanta Daily World, Jan. 13 (similar story in [USA Today](#))

Then he was reinstated – [Morris Brown Reinstates Kevin James One Week Later](#)

Fox 5, Atlanta, Jan. 20 (serious concerns remain [College Sports](#))

***Kevin James '01 was terminated and then reinstated.**

[01/09/2025: Dr. Norris Williams, Interim Lancaster County School District Superintendent](#)

WRHI, Palmetto Mornings, Jan. 9

***Dr. Norris Williams '03 talks about his new job as interim Lancaster County School District Superintendent.**

[No Gray areas: Bold designers turn homes into stories for TV series](#)

Greenville News, Jan. 6

***Gray Benko and Chelcie Eastman '05 are the creative duo behind Gray Benko Home. They are featured in the Magnolia Network reality show “Anything but Gray” filmed in Charleston, S.C.**

[Straight Talk 01-02-26: Chris Miller and Tyler Cupp – Sports year in review](#)

WRHI, Jan. 2

***Chris Miller '04 joined fellow radio personality Tyler Cupp to discuss the 2025 sports year in review.**

Athletics

[Straight Talk: 01-23-26 Chuck Rey, Winthrop Athletic Director](#)

WRHI, Jan. 23

***Chuck Rey, athletic director, gives an update on men’s basketball and other sports.**

[Winthrop Cornhole Wins Back-to-Back Team, Doubles National Titles](#)

WRHI, Jan. 9 (Similar article in [The Rock Hill Herald](#) and [WSOC](#))

[Semeka Randall, Lady Vols basketball All-American, national champion](#)

Knox News, Jan. 6

***Photo gallery of Women’s Basketball Head Coach Semeka Randall Lay.**

Winthrop Poll

[Greenville Palmetto Pulse, January / February - Greenville Business Magazine](#)

Greenville Business Magazine, Jan. 8

***A Winthrop Poll asked South Carolinians about holiday spending, finances, and discussing politics with different people.**

Other news

[SC GOP pushing law to restrict transgender students’ bathroom use at public schools, colleges](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Jan. 14

[Elon University will open Charlotte's only full-time law school in 2027](#)

Charlotte Observer, Jan. 13

[SC governor's last budget continues push to raise teacher pay, keep tuition steady](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Jan. 13

***For all in-state students, Governor Henry McMaster wants public colleges to keep tuition rates frozen for a seventh consecutive year. His budget recommendation would collectively provide an additional \$39.2 million in exchange for that guarantee.**

[Ex-SC cop gets total of 40 years for York County child sex crimes](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Jan. 9

***A former South Carolina police officer at York County departments, including Winthrop PD, who is already in prison for child sex abuse convictions has been sentenced to 10 more years after pleading guilty to more crimes.**

[Clemson professor fired over Charlie Kirk post will get paid but won't teach](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Jan. 8

***The Clemson professor must resign at semester's end under a settlement agreement. Two other fired Clemson employees didn't sue.**