

## University

[AUDIO: Rock Hill Symphony Orchestra moves to Byrnes Auditorium](#)

WRHI, July 30

**\*Christopher James Lees, musical director of the RH Symphony Orchestra, talked about the new partnership to hold its five concerts during season nine at Byrnes.**

[Winthrop Notches Largest Fundraising Year in University History](#)

Fort Mill Sun, July 21 (similar article by [WRHI](#))

**\*President Serna, Vice President Kevin Hughes and Foundation Executive Director Courtney Jurado talked about fundraising efforts.**

[Winthrop soccer team with intellectually impaired players brings light to 'the beautiful game'](#)

CBS17, July 21 (similar story on [Queen City News](#))

**\*Winthrop will soon field an Inspire soccer team for intellectually impaired players.**

## Faculty/Staff

[South Carolina voters prepare to head to polls for special election](#)

WBTV, July 29

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said nine candidates will try to win the GOP nomination for the open U.S. Senate seat in what will be a quick campaign.**

[What to Know About Lindsey Graham's South Carolina Memorial](#)

New York Times, July 29 (also an appearance on WFAE's [Charlotte Talks](#))

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon talked about Graham's legacy.**

[Straight Talk: 07-27-26 James Justice Grigg, Winthrop Associate Vice President of Facilities](#)

WRHI, July 27

**\*James Grigg, associate vice president of facilities, gave an update on campus construction and renovations.**

[SC to hold first 2028 Democratic presidential primary](#)

The Greenville News, July 27

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon and Democratic strategist Antjuan Seawright '08 commented on why S.C. was chosen as the first state to hold a Democratic presidential primary.**

[Fry, Norman join growing field in South Carolina's U.S. Senate special election](#)

WCNC, July 24 (similar angle on [WBT-radio](#) and on [WBTV](#))

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said Graham's entrance into the race could force opponents to rethink their campaign strategies.**

[Straight Talk: 07-17-26 Kevin Hughes, Winthrop VP for University Advancement](#)

WRHI, July 17

**\*Kevin Hughes, vice president for university advancement, talked about the university's fundraising efforts.**

[Tight race to fill Lindsey Graham's Senate seat, poll finds](#)

Queen City News, July 16

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said politicians who have already raised campaign money and have statewide name recognition are mulling running for U.S. Senate seat vacated with the passing of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham.**

[Maine Democrats Stage a Do-Over They Know Isn't Perfect](#)

New York Times, July 15

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said President Trump may dictate who will be the replacement for U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham.**

[Could Ralph Norman replace Lindsey Graham in Senate after failed SC governor bid?](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Charlotte Observer, July 13

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon thinks U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman has better name recognition after his failed bid for the GOP nomination for governor.**

[Political leaders reflect on Sen. Lindsey Graham's career, discuss what's next](#)

WBTV, July 13 (similar article by [WSOC TV](#))

**\*Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon discussed how the passing of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham will impact the Senate.**

## **Students**

[Scholarship recipients gain invaluable experience with summer jobs](#)

Meeting Street News, July 13

**\*Senior Jalen Hayes found an internship opportunity with Food Lion at the campus career fair.**

[SJCP alum Skowronski signs with Padres as undrafted free agent](#)

The Frederick News-Post, July 13

**\*Josh Skowronski, who recently completed his redshirt sophomore season at Winthrop, signed as an undrafted free agent with the San Diego Padres.**

## **Alumni**

[School District Five names new director of Student Services](#)

Columbia Star, July 30

**\*Veteran administrator Jason Pollock '02 has been named the director of Student Services for Lexington Richland School District Five.**

[Charlotte journalist Melissa Oyler joins Axios Local](#)

**Axios Charlotte, July 28**

**\*Melissa Oyler '00 will lead Axios' North Carolina journalists.**

[Jolley Named 2025-26 Big South Scholar Athlete of the Year](#)

**BVM Sports, July 21**

**\*Volleyball player Avery Jolley '25 earned a top academic honor from the Big South Conference.**

#### **Other News**

[Clemson signals potential staffing cuts, funding shifts in 'modernization' memo to faculty, staff](#)

**Post and Courier, July 28**

[Spartanburg Community College employees file complaints about work conditions, discrimination](#)

**Post and Courier, July 27**

[Investigation finds grades changed at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, violating policy](#)

**ABCNews4, July 8**