University

Straight Talk: 11-23-26 Dr. Edward Serna, President of Winthrop University
WRHI, Nov. 23
***President Serna talked about the volleyball team winning the Big South Conference, the opening of the new Fort Mill instructional site, new degrees, construction on the new residence hall, enrollment, etc.**

From Fort Mill High to Neurosurgery: Dr. Z Returns to Winthrop with a Message for Graduates
York County Agenda, Nov. 23
***Zayed Almadidy '12 will return to Winthrop to speak at Commencement about his work as a neurosurgeon.**

CHE approves 17 new programs emphasizing tech, healthcare and workforce needs
EIN Presswire, Nov. 5
***The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education approved 17 new academic programs at nine colleges and universities, including a B.S. in Human Development and Family Science at Winthrop.**

Faculty

Voters deliver 'blue wave' across America
WCCB, Nov. 5
***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said Congress will start a lot of investigations into everything from what the Department of Defense has been doing to the Epstein files.**

Democrat surge brings changes to South Carolina politics
WSPA, Nov. 4 (similar story at Queen City News and WYFF and SC Daily Gazette)
***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said he expects the two senators from South Carolina to work together despite their political differences.**

No longer the aspiring governor. SC's Alan Wilson elected to succeed McMaster
The State, Nov. 4
***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said Alan Wilson is a very experienced candidate and is expected to do extremely well in the election.**

Democrats flip House and Senate in historic midterm victories — As it happened
SBS News, Nov. 3 (similar story on Greenville News)
***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon said that the fact that Donald Trump**

visited S.C. twice in the weeks before the election indicated how worried he was about the U.S. Senate race in what is normally a ruby red state.

Election Day: Carolinas and National Impact
WCNC, Nov. 3
***Political Science Professor Scott Huffmon gave election predictions about the midterm elections.**

How to Choose the Right Budget Percentages for You
WalletHub, November
***Professor Philip Gibson was featured in WalletHub's piece about budget percentages.**

Athletics

Winthrop Wins 2026 Big South Volleyball Title in Five Sets
BVM Sportsdesk, Nov. 22
***The volleyball team beat High Point in five sets to take the championship and advance to the NCAA tournament.**

Inspire Soccer League host Championship weekend at Winthrop Univ.
WSOC, Yahoo Sports, Nov. 22
***Inspire Soccer League hosted its championship weekend at Eagle Field.**

11/06/2026: Winthrop University Athletics
WRHI, Palmetto Mornings, Nov. 6
***Tommy Henry, senior development officer for athletics, talked about the opening of the men's basketball season.**

Alumni

New Winthrop Scholarship Honors Lancaster County Teacher, Supports Future Elementary Educator
Lancaster News, Nov. 20
***A new endowed scholarship will honor the memory of longtime Lancaster County educator Linda Miller Bowers '79 while helping the next generation of elementary teachers earn their degrees.**

46 seasons, 17 state titles, Dorman volleyball's Paula Kirkland retires from coaching
WSPA, Nov. 10
***Paula Kirkland '80 ends a successful career coaching.**

Straight Talk: 11-04-26 Tadean Page, Global Entrepreneurship Gravity Center Foundation

WRHI, Nov. 4
***Tadean Page ’18 talked about his community engagement work.**

Other News

Angel Reese watches LSU score 131 points in historic 109-point rout of Texas Southern
USA Today, Nov. 6
***LSU defeated Texas Southern 131-22 on Nov. 5, making it the largest NCAA margin of victory among Division I opponents in women’s basketball. The previous record was set by another Coach Kim Mulkey-led team when she was at Baylor, and the team defeated Winthrop 140-32 in 2016.**