

WINTHROP MAGAZINE Spring 2016



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

The spring semester is in full swing and has presented the Winthrop community, and our neighbors, with opportunities to experience a variety of our university's outstanding offerings and events.

Individuals from near and far were able to witness the political process first-hand as the university welcomed 10 presidential candidates this past fall and spring. More than 17,000 visitors to campus were able to listen to candidates' ideas and get an up-close look at the democratic process. I encourage you to read more about the impact of these political events on pages 2-5 of this edition of Winthrop Magazine.

The campus also has been busy moving forward with the strategic planning process. Our community undertook this process last fall to identify our priorities and how best to allocate resources in order to achieve them. I have been very pleased with the participation we have had. The significant feedback we have received from on and off campus will serve us well in the future.

The Strategic Planning Committee is currently analyzing feedback from both the campus and external stakeholders to determine what strategic priorities and goals Winthrop should focus on over the next 10 years. Working groups have provided reports of their findings, and those reports will be widely shared later this semester. I am concluding my own meetings with all of Winthrop's academic departments and administrative units, where we discussed strengths, challenges and Winthrop's distinctive attributes, among other topics.

I look forward to our continued discussions as we establish a strategic plan that focuses our institution's vision and becomes a blueprint for moving Winthrop University forward.

I certainly hope to connect with many of you during a series of meet-and-greets scheduled in different cities this spring and summer. You can read more about these visits — including dates and locations — on p. 13. I always enjoy hearing your thoughts and stories about Winthrop.

Finally, I appreciate your support of Winthrop, and I look forward to working with you on its behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Mahony'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Daniel F. Mahony
President



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Winthrop hosted 10 Republican and Democratic presidential hopefuls during a seven-month period. The university earned the distinction of becoming one of the most visited higher education institutions in the country in the early days of the presidential election. As the cover illustration depicts, the road to the White House goes through Winthrop. Read more about these presidential visits on pages 2-5.

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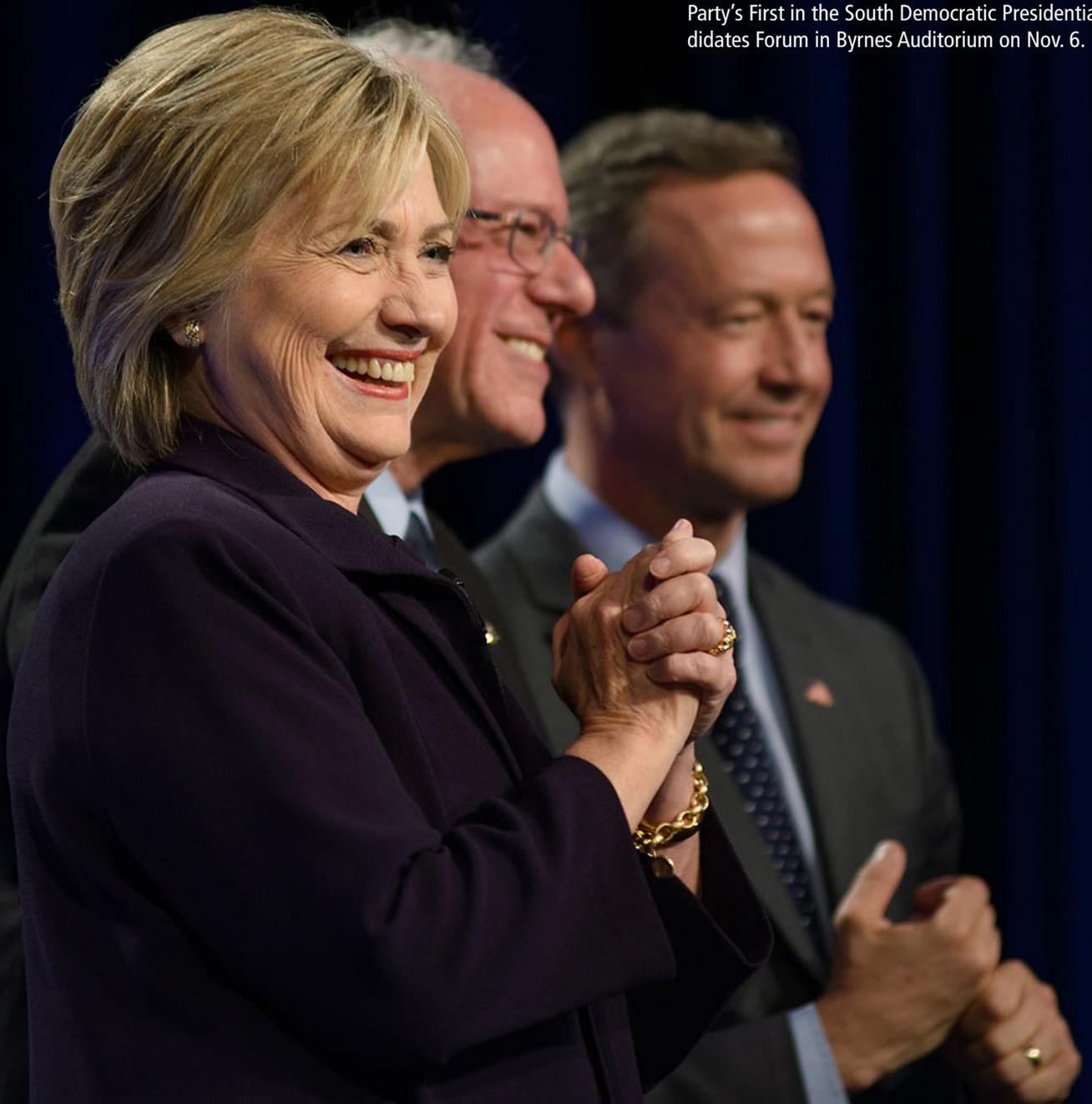
Winthrop University became a hotbed of political activity this academic year. The first presidential candidate visited campus in August, and into the fall and winter months many others — Republicans and Democrats — followed. By the South Carolina primaries in February, the university had hosted 10 candidates — **Jeb Bush, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, Carly Fiorina, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Martin O’Malley, Ben Carson, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz.** Rick Santorum also visited campus and stumped

for Marco Rubio. Residents of the Carolinas flocked to campus to hear from those who aspired to the highest office in the land.

As the 2016 presidential election unfolded, one campus popped up on most candidates’ radars: Winthrop.

The university received the distinction of becoming one of the most visited higher education institutions in the country in the early days of the presidential election that yielded an astonishing 17 Republican candidates and four Democratic candidates.

Hillary Clinton, from left, Bernie Sanders and Martin O’Malley took part in MSNBC and the S.C. Democratic Party’s First in the South Democratic Presidential Candidates Forum in Byrnes Auditorium on Nov. 6.



DOES THROUGH WINTHROP

BUT WHY WINTHROP, SOME ASKED?

Political science faculty members said several reasons account for the increased attention. Winthrop produces the much-touted Winthrop Poll, the only poll conducted regularly in the Palmetto State that gauges voters' opinions on candidates, government officials and issues, and one with proven methodology. Its director, Professor of Political Science Scott Huffmon, is an expert in American and South Carolina politics.

Also, because South Carolina holds its primaries early in the political season, the state can influence which candidates are chosen as each party's nominee. The Iowa Caucus and New Hampshire Primary may be held before South Carolina, but the Palmetto State has, for the Republicans, a variety of GOP voters — fiscal conservatives, social conservatives, evangelicals, active duty military and retirees, and small government advocates. And for the Democrats, South Carolina yields a large voting bloc of African Americans, a key constituency in the Democratic coalition.

And lastly, Rock Hill fits into the Charlotte, North Carolina, region and receives media coverage by the Charlotte television stations, the 24th largest television market in the country and the largest in North Carolina. With North Carolina moving its primaries from May to March, presidential candidates would receive media coverage in two key states by visiting Winthrop.

FIRST IN THE SOUTH FORUM TAKES NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

One of the largest events held at Winthrop during the election season was the Nov. 6 First in the South Democratic Presidential Candidate Forum sponsored by MSNBC with the S.C. Democratic Party. The forum, along with its ancillary events and activities, attracted national and international attention. Winthrop made the news constantly in the days leading up to the forum moderated by MSNBC's Rachael Maddow and attended by candidates Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley.

Nov. 6 also featured a midday visit by Republican U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, who was the main attraction in one of Sen. Tim Scott's Town Halls. U.S. Reps. Mick Mulvaney and Trey Gowdy of South Carolina came for support. Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball," which aired live from campus, interviewed Paul in a political crossover segment from a stage in front of Byrnes Auditorium.

In the afternoon of Nov. 6, the campus filled with elected leaders in state and national government positions, who, along with forum attendees, were invited to an issues forum hosted by S.C. Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter. In addition, another afternoon forum, entitled Chair Chat, featured Democratic Party officials from the Southeast. A segment of Chair Chat, hosted by S.C. Democratic Party Chair Jaime Harrison, was taped and distributed to media outlets.

S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison brought his signature "Chair Chat" to Winthrop to discuss current issues with other Southern state Democratic party chairs.





All of these activities, said Vice President for University Relations Jeff Perez, presented Winthrop to an audience that previously may not have had much knowledge of the institution. “Winthrop was the center of the American political universe and the focus of worldwide media coverage because of a day filled with presidential candidate activity,” Perez said.

In the days before the forum, the Charlotte Observer featured Winthrop on its front page, saying that “the road to the White House goes through Winthrop.”



On Nov. 7, the South Carolina Democratic Women’s Forum held a regional caucus meeting on campus with more than 200 men and women from 13 states attending and featured Bernie Sanders as the keynote speaker. In another first, Winthrop received a mention in a skit on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live.”

The events provided students, faculty and staff with connections to people with whom they would not have otherwise necessarily connected, said Karen Kedrowski, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “The November 6 forum provided opportunities for our students to network, land internships and meet leaders from across the region. Our community is still reaping the benefits,” she said.



GOP CANDIDATES: HERE THEY COME

The Democrats may have had a major event on campus, but it was the Republicans who sent a steady stream of candidates to Winthrop. The GOP nominee race — with its huge field of aspirants — has been a contentious, raucous affair that contained surprise after surprise, said Scott Huffmon, political science professor and director of the Winthrop Poll.

Many political observers thought former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, who was the first candidate to visit Winthrop and raised millions in donations throughout his campaign, would play a major role on the campaign trail. Bush used his time at Winthrop to talk national security with Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security, a non-profit organization focused on foreign policy.

Other candidates, notably former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, also talked issues. Huckabee spoke with S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson



Top to bottom: Jeb Bush, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson and Donald Trump

and the Conservative Leadership Project about the Constitution, potential U.S. Supreme Court vacancies and law. Paul talked about a range of issues but also came to court the backing of South Carolina's Scott.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, who made his second visit to Winthrop, arrived at the Carolina Values Summit in February to talk about their pro-life, pro-family and pro-freedom stances.

The largest turnout for a Republican candidate belonged to New York real estate billionaire Donald Trump. More than 6,000 people, many of them in line for hours, descended upon the Winthrop Coliseum to see the man who was shaking up Republican politics. The BBC filmed part of a Trump documentary at Winthrop.

Since their visits, Bush, Huckabee, Paul, Fiorina, O'Malley and Carson have dropped out of the race.

WINTHROP POLL: RESULTS FOR BOTH PARTIES TELLING

In mid-February as the spotlight turned to South Carolina, members of the regional, national and international media turned to Winthrop political science professors to help understand what was happening in the presidential selection process. Huffmon, John Holder, Adolphus Belk Jr. and Kedrowski conducted regular interviews with state, local, regional, national and international media. Huffmon and Belk also served on a panel for WFAE, the Charlotte National Public Radio station, when the show broadcasted a Feb. 16 episode of "Charlotte Talks" live on campus.

Huffmon told USA Today that the 2012 S.C. GOP Primary could be viewed as "a canary in the coal mine" because the winner then — Newt Gingrich — spouted off similar anti-establishment themes that Trump has used on the 2016 trail. "Now the entire nation of conservative voters is voicing their anger at the Republican establishment," Huffmon said in USA Today.

Trump, who led GOP challengers in the December 2015 Winthrop Poll, did indeed win the S.C. GOP Primary with nearly 33 percent of the votes. While Huffmon said the South Carolina win would not automatically make Trump the

nominee, the chances of others catching him get harder and harder with every win.

In the Democratic race, the November 2015 Winthrop Poll had Clinton, a former Secretary of State and First Lady, on top in the S.C. Democratic Primary, barely edging out Sanders who brought his message of income inequality to Winthrop three times. The poll accurately predicted the Democratic winner, as Clinton received nearly 74 percent of the votes and won the Feb. 27 S.C. Democratic Primary.

Winthrop took seriously its role as a public institution dedicated to serving the state of South Carolina, and to promoting the free exchange of ideas and informed citizenship. The university welcomed candidates, elected officials and guest speakers from all political and ideological perspectives to campus. These appearances did not constitute an endorsement of any party, candidate or ideological perspective. Throughout the seven months of candidate visits, more than 17,000 visited campus to participate in the political process and to possibly get a glimpse of the next President of the United States.

The 2016 presidential election has accentuated the deep divide among many Americans. It is clear that no matter who wins, the job of the 45th president to unite the country will be a challenge.

For more information on the Winthrop Poll, please visit www.winthrop.edu/winthroppoll. Additional information on Winthrop's political science department may be found at www.winthrop.edu/politicalscience.

Click on the photo below to view a slideshow of all the presidential candidates who visited Winthrop campus..

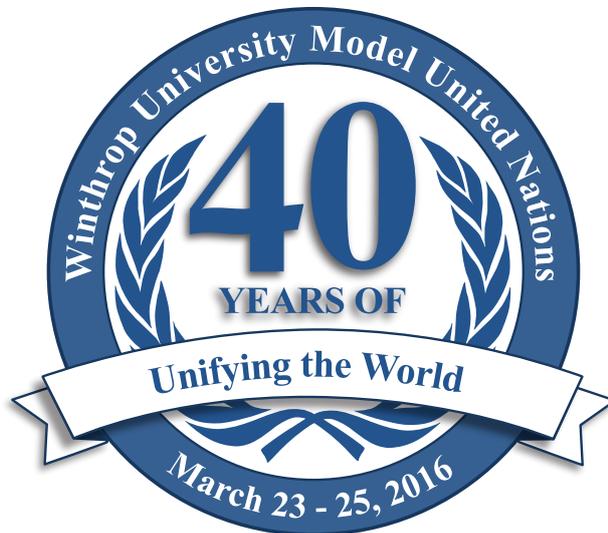


BRINGING THE WORLD TO WINTHR

For three days each spring, representatives of 65 countries converge on the Winthrop campus. Numbering in the hundreds, they are high schoolers and Winthrop students, coming prepared to debate and defend resolutions as part of the university's esteemed Model United Nations program.

The program, established in 1976 by Professor Emeritus Melford Wilson, will celebrate its 40th anniversary with this year's March 23-25 conference. According to Chris Van Aller, the faculty advisor, the program remains a unique model. "Our program is special because it mixes college students with high school students. We are proud that the program has persevered and flourished while other colleges' Model UN programs have faded away. I think that shows Winthrop's staying power and commitment to these types of intellectual endeavors," said Van Aller.

According to Van Aller, the program helps participants become more conversant in world views and overcome a common fear of public speaking. "The conference is based on debate, so it makes it very dramatic. We even had a student take off his shoe and bang it on the podium just like Nikita Khrushchev did in 1960 at the UN General Assembly meeting," said Van Aller, recalling one of the conference's most memorable moments.



OP FOR 40 YEARS

12,500+

HIGH SCHOOL AND WINTHROP STUDENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MODEL UN

1976

YEAR MODEL UN BEGAN

65

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

3

WINTHROP STUDENTS WHO FORM THE SECRETARIAT, THE CONFERENCE'S PLANNING BODY

For many Winthrop students, participating in Model UN is a fun way to learn more about the world, build camaraderie with other students and be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Freshman Lauren Leonard, a history major from Summerville, South Carolina, joined the Model UN class because the self-described introvert wanted to “come out of her shell” while learning more about the United Nations, something she didn’t learn much about in high school.

“One of the first things we’ve learned about is the value of the United Nations and the types of work the organization does. I’ve also been able to brush up on my understanding of certain areas like Asia and Latin America,” said Leonard. “I can see why so many Winthrop alumni loved participating in the program. It’s wonderful, and I’m completely hooked.”

Alexis Gordon '02, who earned degrees in political science and broadcast journalism, is an alumna who was hooked. She served as a college delegate and then as a member of the Secretariat, the planning body.

She found Model UN fit her perfectly. “I was a Marine Corp brat. Whenever we lived in another country, I absorbed as much as I could from the new culture. I learned the importance of foreign policy and thought this would be a great way to learn more about international relations. Model UN was a great venue for learning a role, honing my debate skills and foraying into the world of agenda setting.”

Gordon credits Model UN with instilling in her the passion to pursue a master’s degree in international relations and diplomacy from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. She uses skills honed from Model UN in her job as the international relations manager and chief of protocol for the city of Charlotte.

“I cultivate international business opportunities, maintain international connections with several levels of governments abroad and provide support to the international community living in Charlotte,” she said.

Gordon encourages others to consider Model UN because the skills learned don’t end at graduation. “After graduation it isn’t about representing Russia or Jordan, but using your skills to relate to a different point of view, communicate efficiently and negotiate. These are transferable skills when looking for jobs.”

For more information about Model UN, please visit www.winthrop.edu/modelun.



Watch the video to see Model UN participants discuss the program’s unique qualities.

ALUMNA REWRITING STEREOTYPES



OF WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

What began as a simple Instagram project for **Zainab Ghadiyali '09** has grown into a nonprofit with a powerful message for women in technology: “Own your story.”

Ghadiyali, a software engineer at Facebook in San Francisco, California, and coworker Erin Summers established the **wogrammer** website in 2015 to tell the stories of women engineers and women in technology. Since then, wogrammer’s reach has expanded, showcasing the accomplishments of women engineers on every continent — and, in the process, breaking the stereotype that engineering is a man’s world.

“Wogrammer offers a perspective that’s been missing and highlights the amazing work that women in tech are doing across the world,” said Ghadiyali. “We want to break the stereotype of what it means to be a female engineer.”

The world has taken notice: In December 2015, Foreign Policy Magazine named Ghadiyali and Summers among the Top 100 Global Thinkers of 2015. Fellow honorees include advocates, innovators, artists, government officials and visionaries around the world. During Facebook HQ’s annual Women Leadership Day in January 2016, Ghadiyali shared the wogrammer story with an audience of more than 3,000. Self-confidence, she said, is vital in helping women take ownership of their journeys.

“There’s no such thing as a small act because we have no idea how the dots will connect,” said Ghadiyali, adding that one woman’s story has the power to inspire others.

That’s a message the Mumbai native wants to share with young women the world over as wogrammer continues to grow. In her personal journey, Ghadiyali took the long way around, discovering her passion for engineering after switching careers. Ghadiyali, who earned her B.S. in chemistry at Winthrop, worked in public health and started to pursue a Ph.D. in health economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She changed courses after participating in — and winning — an

on-campus hackathon competition hosted by Facebook. The experience persuaded Ghadiyali to switch to UWM’s industrial engineering and computer science graduate program. She immersed herself in the world of engineering and never looked back.

Ghadiyali credits her Winthrop experience with opening up a world of confidence-building research opportunities. “Working within a liberal arts culture gave me exposure to do many different things,” she explained.

She volunteered for alternative spring break community service trips across the U.S., and, during her junior year, she received a German Academic Exchange Service scholarship to study in Germany. Ghadiyali spent an academic year at The Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, where she



Zainab Ghadiyali, at left and above, shared the wogrammer story at Facebook headquarter’s annual Women Leadership Day in January.

researched alternative medicine techniques to treat German patients with post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Each opportunity helped Ghadiyali build her confidence, eventually helping her discover a career path she’d never imagined. Now Ghadiyali is happy to return the favor through wogrammer, where story by story, she helps women in tech share their accomplishments.

“It’s not who you know, it’s not what you know — it’s who knows what you know,” said Ghadiyali. “Be confident and share your accomplishments with the world.”

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTE TO PANTHER



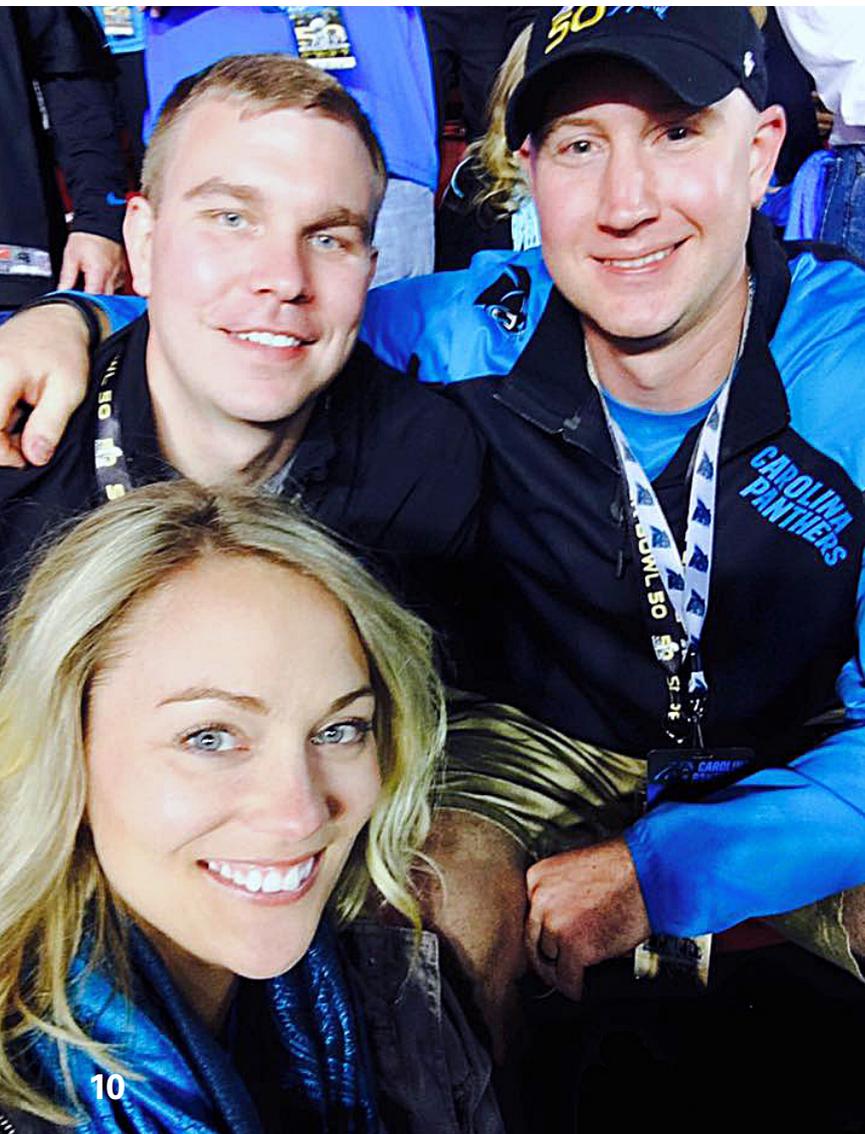
The Carolina Panthers professional football team capped its best season in its 21-season history in February by playing in Super Bowl 50. Although the team lost 24-10 to the Denver Broncos, the Panthers' 15-1 record is among the best regular seasons in National Football League history. The team hosted and won two playoff games for the

first time before heading to the Super Bowl.

All season, the Charlotte region turned black and blue in support of the team. The popular social media hashtag *#keepounding* allowed fans to encourage the team. Several Winthrop alumni were part of the action, drawing on their Winthrop education and work experience to contribute to the record-breaking season. They praised team owner Jerry Richardson, whose wife Rosalind attended Winthrop in the 1950s, who paid for Panthers staff and guests to attend the big game at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California. Read on the next page what these alumni and Panthers employees shared about their memories from the season.

Panthers staff and Winthrop sports management graduates gathered for a Super Bowl 50 game photo: Bonnie Almond '10, Ryan Petrus '06, top left, and Brian Pille '14.

James Hammond '88 took Lisa Harris, associate professor of education, as his Super Bowl 50 guest.



S' SUPER SEASON



This was the crowd's view of Levi's Stadium, the site of Super Bowl 50.

BRIAN PILLE '14, **Human Resources Assistant**

"This was my third season working for the Carolina Panthers and there was definitely a different feel to this season. When we opened up the stadium for Fan Fest, an unprecedented 55,000 people came out. As the season progressed, it was clear that we had something special here. Our team was winning and having fun doing it and that attracted a lot of attention. Even after a tough loss on the road toward the end of the season, the team returned to the stadium to a cheering, fan-filled parking lot. In short, as a former student-athlete studying sports management, this year is what I have always aspired to be a part of. It was a dream come true."

BONNIE CREIGHTON ALMOND '10, **Guest Relations Coordinator, Stadium Operations**

"The excitement from our record certainly boosted the determination around the office, but that didn't mean it was going to be easier as the season extended. Post-season games are regular season games on steroids — you need to beef up your staffing numbers, tighten down on security and prepare for more potential fan issues ... At the Super Bowl, our department helped manage the luggage drop-off for staff/family. We were the last to board the buses to the airport and the first to board coming back — however, once we were there, we were able to enjoy the trip with our families and co-workers."

JAMES HAMMOND '88, **Director of Information Technology, Carolina Panthers and Panthers Stadium**

"I handled logistics, ordering, and shipping for the enormous amount of technology we had to send to the team hotel and meeting site. Three of my IT staff had to ... handle the setup of the equipment at the hotel and meeting site. They arrived in California seven to 12 days in advance of the game to make sure everything was ready for the team and coaches who arrived a week before the game. Their work was difficult and invaluable."

RYAN PETRUS '06, **Guest Relations/Security Manager, Stadium Operations**

"The weeks leading up to the NFC Championship game and Super Bowl were just electric around the city and you could see that it was touching so many people in North and South Carolina. It was a privilege to be part of that. However, when you're working the games you tend to focus on your job and what needs to be done. I don't think it really hit me until we won the NFC Championship, and I knew we had no more home games to work. I remember being with my co-workers as the seconds ticked off the clock, and I felt so proud of everything we accomplished as a group."



BASKETBALL STANDOUT JIMMY GAVIN



REBOUNDS FROM ADVERSITY

Jimmy Gavin often looks to National Basketball Association (NBA) star Stephen Curry's draft report, on which scouts listed the pros and cons of Curry's abilities before he entered the NBA draft.

The scouts' assessment of Curry included "needs to improve ball handling" and "will have limited success at the next level."

In 2015, Curry was voted the league's Most Valuable Player and his team, the Golden State Warriors, captured the NBA Championship, proving doubters wrong.

Proving doubters wrong is a goal Gavin relates to and a main reason why he often references Curry's report. Doubters once claimed that the 6'3" men's basketball guard would never get a scholarship, much less to a Division I school. But that's what happened when Winthrop Men's Basketball Coach Pat Kelsey recruited Gavin.

"I'm proud of the journey because not a lot of people thought I would be able to do it," Gavin said. "At every level, people are going to question you."

From battling Crohn's disease, to losing his younger brother, to earning respect on the court, Gavin has overcome all obstacles.

'AT HOME PLAYING BASKETBALL'

Gavin grew up in Arlington Heights, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois. His father introduced him to basketball when he was still in his crib. He and his brothers, Jack and Grant, played every sport.

"We played in every game that was going on in the neighborhood," he said. "Basketball was always my favorite thing to do. I always felt most at home playing basketball."

As a freshman playing junior varsity basketball at Prospect High School, he noticed he was frequently fatigued, losing weight and getting sick. He and his parents considered the cause. Could it be allergies? Lactose intolerance? No matter what solutions they tried, nothing fixed the problem.

"That was a tough year," he said. "I was able to finish the season, but I wasn't playing like myself...That's the worst part about it, not knowing. You sit up every

night and ask yourself, 'What's wrong with me?'"

Doctors diagnosed Gavin with Crohn's disease, an inflammatory disease affecting the digestive tract lining. There is no cure. While Gavin and his parents eventually found a balance of medications and diet that helped alleviate symptoms, basketball seemed to be a dream long deferred and out of reach.

"I felt like the game was passing me by," he recalled. "A lot of people get attention and scholarships during their junior and senior years...But, it just wasn't my time."

Gavin decided to attend Mississippi State University,



a school nearly 700 miles from his hometown, "just to get away."

"Home had started to represent being sick and losing basketball," Gavin explained. "I thought I'd just major in business or something."

Then, Gavin received the call: Jack had died in a car accident. Gavin withdrew from college and returned home to spend time with his family — parents, Michael and Susan, and his other brother, Grant.

"Losing your brother is something you never can be prepared for," he said. "I just hit the pause button [on life]."

The gap year represented a meaningful time for Gavin in which he gained a newfound sense of purpose. The most important moment: he reignited his love of basketball.

Through all of the focus on his family and basketball, Gavin said that thoughts of Jack were never far from his mind. He said he tries to make his family proud, including his beloved grandmother, who traveled to see him play earlier this year, with his actions.



“Obviously I’m not perfect, but I always try to ask Jack for guidance,” he said. “That’s my angel. I know he’s looking out for me.”

‘NATURAL ABILITY, BUT I WASN’T REFINED’

With basketball an option again, Gavin practiced “anywhere he could find time,” from pick-up games down the street to gyms.

“It was good to get a passion back in my life, and I wanted to try it for real,” he said. “People would ask where I played. I’d avoid the question. For whatever reason, I just had a natural ability to play, but I wasn’t refined.”

His friend Kyle brought Gavin with him to a Full Package program at a local gym, where athletes at all levels trained. Gavin learned a lot that summer and started playing basketball at Bradley

University in Peoria, Illinois.

Halfway through the season, Gavin underwent surgery to repair residual damage from Crohn’s disease. He longed for a fresh start after surgery rehab.

Then, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside offered Gavin a basketball scholarship. While there, he scored 1,004 points in just two seasons and earned a bachelor’s in psychology. In 2015, Coach Kelsey came knocking.

Gavin appreciated the Eagles’ style of play and the returning contingent of players. He quickly became a standout of the 2015-16 season, with a season-high 38 points against North Carolina State.

Coach Kelsey said Gavin is an extremely passionate young man whose life circumstances have shaped him into who he is today.

“He has a confidence about him and a belief that anything is possible through hard work and dedication,” Kelsey said. “Personally, athletically and academically, he pours everything he has into all of his endeavors. You want to work with someone like that. I know I do.”

‘NOTHING GREAT ACCOMPLISHED ON YOUR OWN’

Gavin is currently pursuing a Master of Liberal Arts degree at Winthrop. Now that the Eagles’ season has ended, he hopes he’ll be invited to the Portsmouth Invitational, a tournament for the best college senior players across the nation to show their skills to NBA scouts. Gavin would love to play professionally. He’s already received attention from Boston Celtics player Evan Turner, who tweeted “lots of NBA teams could use Jimmy Gavin right now...lefty Stephen Curry in the making.”

“I believe there’s power in words,” Gavin said of Turner’s tweet. “When someone speaks and advocates on your dreams, it’s special. I appreciate his words.”

“I always believe in myself and put the work in,” Gavin said. “Nothing great is accomplished on your own. I’m grateful for everyone that has helped me along the way.”

Alumni News

Jane LaRoche '69, '70 Re-Elected to Board

The votes are in – Jane Lawton LaRoche will continue her work as the alumni representative on the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. LaRoche, who defeated Mandrile Young '99 and Erin R. Smith '05 in the election, has served on the board since 2006. She will begin her third term on July 1.

LaRoche, a native of Camden, earned a B.A. in Spanish in 1969, followed by a B.S. in physical education in 1970 from Winthrop and a M.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina. The emergency room physician remains active at Winthrop, serving as a member of the Loyalty Fund Committee and an Executive Board member of the Kershaw County Alumni Chapter. In 2008, she received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the Department of Physical Education, Sport and Human Performance. That same year, she established the Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award, which recognizes outstanding teaching at the graduate level.



Alumni Hosts Presidential Welcome Sessions

An alumni reception to welcome Winthrop President Dan Mahony may be coming to your area soon. Mingle with fellow alumni and meet Mahony at one of the Alumni Association's upcoming regional alumni receptions planned for spring and summer 2016. Event admission is \$10. Times and locations are to be determined; please visit www.winthropalumni.com or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 803/323-2145 for details.

Reception Dates:

Tuesday, May 10

Greenville

Tuesday, May 17

Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, June 1

Savannah, Georgia

Wednesday, June 15

Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina

Tuesday, June 28

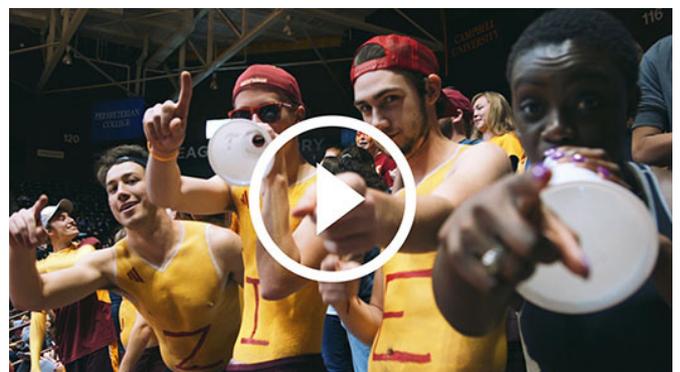
Jacksonville, Florida

Winthrop Celebrates Homecoming 2015

Winthrop's 2015 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, held Nov. 13-14, 2015, offered alumni, faculty/staff, students and friends two days of spirited events and nostalgia. View the photo album of the weekend's activities or watch the video that captured the memories.



Click on the photo above to view a slideshow of the 2015 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend activities.



Watch the 2015 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend video to relive the excitement and memories that made the weekend so special.

Save the date: Nov. 11-12, 2016
HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND

Campus News

Nearly 350 Earn Degrees at December Commencement

For the first time in more than a decade, Winthrop combined its graduate and undergraduate Commencements into one ceremony on Dec. 19.

President Dan Mahony presided over the ceremony, his first Commencement since starting work in July 2015 as the university's 11th president.

Nearly 350 students — 268 undergraduate and 57 graduate — received degrees.

Jo Koster, the 2015 Distinguished Professor and a professor of English, spoke to graduates on how they can build successful communities in her address, entitled "Alchemy and Outcomes."

Also during the ceremony, Professor of Political Science Adolphus Belk Jr. received the university's top



Watch the December 2015 Commencement video to see recent graduates discuss their Winthrop experiences. Also watch a video of [Ebony Wilkinson](#), the first graduate of the individualized studies program, who describes her Winthrop journey.



teaching accolade — the Kinard Award — in recognition of his dedication to students and commitment to his field of study.

The ceremony marked another milestone as New York City native [Ebony Wilkinson](#) became the first graduate of the individualized studies program.

Westminster Abbey Organist Performs Feb. 14 Recital

More than 800 attendees were treated to a special gift of music on Valentine's Day.

James O'Donnell, world renowned organist and master of the choristers of Westminster Abbey in London, England, performed a selection of classics on Winthrop's famed D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.

The recital was the first of The Friends of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ Performance Fund Recital Series, established by Hazel Bailes Somerville '69 and her husband, Murray.

Winthrop's organ, considered one of the most historic instruments in the Southeast, was the last complete installation by Aeolian-Skinner tonal designer G. Donald Harrison. Harrison's granddaughter, Frances Stroschio, recently presented Winthrop's Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections with Harrison's organ-related memorabilia.



Athletics Hall of Fame Welcomes 2016 Inductees



Front row: Bowen, Nichols and Cline. Back row, left to right, Tom Hickman, athletics director; Wakhisi; Carte; Martin; McCartney and Dan Mahony, president.

Six former student-athletes representing four sports and a former volleyball coach were inducted into the 2016 class of the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame on Jan. 29.

The newest inductees are Bob Bowen (men's soccer), Daniel Carte (baseball), Ronda Cline (softball), Coach Joel McCartney (volleyball), Torrell Martin (men's basketball), Paige Nichols (softball) and Franco Wakhisi (men's soccer).

The number of former players, coaches and administrators in the Athletics Hall of Fame now stands at 73.

Winthrop Welcomes Runners, Doughnut Fanatics and Potential Students

Runners devouring piles of doughnuts were a sight to behold on Feb. 27. Winthrop served as the half-way point for the second annual Krispy Kreme Race – Run 4 Reading.

Nearly 250 runners stopped at Winthrop during the four-mile route, some of whom scarfed down a dozen doughnuts before finishing the race, which raises money for the Early Learning Partnership of York County. The nonprofit organization, housed at Winthrop, develops and promotes programs supporting the health and academic readiness of children five years old and younger in the local community.

The race raised \$20,000 for the organization.

Winthrop also welcomed 268 prospective students for Preview Day. The students received an in-depth view of academic and campus life.



More Than 900 Service Hours Given on MLK Jr. Day

More than 310 students contributed their time and talents on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to area agencies and service projects as part of a day of giving back.

They were joined by York Technical and Clinton College students, and Winthrop President Dan Mahony, his wife, Laura, and their daughter, Elena. The group provided 908 hours of service to five different service projects.

Here is what they accomplished:

- ◆ packaged 10,500 meals for Stop Hunger Now;
- ◆ prepared, packaged and delivered 330 warm meals to people in need in the community;
- ◆ made 200 no-sew fleece scarves and tied them to trees around downtown Rock Hill with notes to take a scarf to help keep warm during winter months;
- ◆ completed “Living History” booklets with senior citizens and adults with disabilities; and
- ◆ cleaned and organized Pilgrims’ Inn, a women and children’s shelter.

Annual Eagle Club Auction Debuts Online Bidding

Supporting scholarships for student-athletes has never been easier and more convenient.

The 25th annual Eagle Club Scholarship Auction will be held Saturday, May 14, from 6-9 p.m. at the Winthrop Coliseum. The evening will feature a silent auction, dinner and a main auction. Tickets are \$75.

This year’s auction will allow non-attendees to participate as well with the creation of an **online auction site**. Supporters are encouraged to bid on a variety of items donated by Winthrop faculty, staff and area businesses. All proceeds from the live and online auctions will support scholarships for the university’s 18 NCAA Division I sports.

For more information, contact Karen Trunk at trunk@winthrop.edu or call 803/323-2129 ext. 6224.

Development News

Dan and Laura Mahony Establish New Scholarship



When he was in the eighth grade President Dan Mahony's best friend, the late Daniel "Danny" Nulman, asked him to make a deal: Nulman insisted that Mahony was going places, and he wanted to be a part of his success. Now Mahony and his wife, Laura, have fulfilled that promise by personally funding a new scholarship for Winthrop students.

The Daniel E. Nulman Memorial Endowed Scholarship will support Winthrop students who exhibit financial need and serve as leaders within the university community.

Mahony said that he and Laura established the scholarship because they wanted to fulfill his promise to Nulman, who drew up a written

pact and paid Mahony 10 cents to "ride along" with Mahony in the future. The Mahonys also felt it was important to make a major gift to Winthrop on their first day in their new roles. The couple established the gift on July 1, 2015, the first day of Mahony's presidency.

"Establishing the scholarship is my way of bringing Danny along for the ride in a way that is beneficial to Winthrop," said Mahony. "I think that providing scholarships for students in need would make Danny happy," he added. Nulman was killed in a car accident in October 1987.



Watch Mahony talk more about the gift and the importance of giving.

Winthrop Hosts Benefactor Descendant



John Winthrop, descendant of early Winthrop benefactor Robert Charles Winthrop, shared stories of his family's heritage during a Feb. 22 lecture in Tuttle Dining Room. The Charleston, South Carolina, resident discussed his ties to Robert Charles Winthrop, who, along with the Peabody Fund Board, gave \$1,550 to D.B. Johnson, Winthrop's founding president, in 1886.

"This is a wonderful connection for me," said John Winthrop, who was able to view historical artifacts of his predecessor provided by Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections. Associate Professor of History Eddie Lee '83 also gave a talk entitled "Robert Charles Winthrop: The Kindness of Strangers." The meeting between Johnson and Robert Charles Winthrop proved to be "the defining moment in Winthrop's history," said Lee.

Students Celebrate Donor Contributions

Winthrop's Student Alumni Council celebrated Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day, part of a nationwide effort to educate students about the importance of donor contributions, with activities on campus in late February. On Feb. 25, known as "TAG Day," Student Alumni Council members "tagged" items made possible by donor dollars — ranging from artwork to furniture to landmarks and buildings — across campus. Students also signed a banner to thank all Winthrop donors, which remains on display in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.



Class Notes

Let Us Hear from You!

Do you have a new job, marriage, baby or other life-changing event that you would like to share with the Winthrop family? If so, please send in your information to be included in a future *Winthrop Magazine* issue. Please e-mail wualumni@winthrop.edu, visit the [alumni website](#) or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

1947

Cannon Memorial Hospital Auxiliary announced **Mary Hull** of Pickens as the hospital's volunteer of the month for November 2015.

1970

Paula Farry Birmingham of Cornelius, North Carolina, was recognized by the International Association of Who's Who for exemplary achievements in the field of real estate.

1971

Kamuela, Hawaii, resident **Cherrie Greene Carse** completed her doctorate of pharmacy in 2014.

1972

Diane Brannon of State College, Pennsylvania, retired after 31 years as professor of health policy and administration in Penn State's College of Health and Human Development.

1978

"Freedom's Foundation" is the first book published by **Steve Foss** of Alexandria, Virginia.

1979

"Home to Me," by Rock Hill resident Pamela (PJ) Brunson, has been nominated by the International Music & Entertainment Association for "Folk Album of the Year."

1980

Paul M. Dorman High School Volleyball Coach **Paula Kirkland** of Moore picked up her 800th career win in September 2015.

1984

Connie Young Shannon was the 2015 recipient of the S.C. Counselor of the Year award by the S.C. Department of Education Office of Career and Technology Education.

1985

Steve Kirby of Rock Hill is the senior pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in York.

1986

Photography by **Robert McDonald** of Lexington, Virginia, was featured in "Carolina Writers at Home," which showcases essays by North and South Carolina authors.

1987

Rock Hill resident **Anne Poag Harty** received the Outstanding CPA in Local Government Impact Award from the American Institutes of CPAs.

1989

The S.C. Department of Education Office of Career and Technology Education named **Paula Morgan Doolittle** as the 2015 Pendleton Region Career Specialist of the Year.

Jay Dowd of Mt. Pleasant earned his Ph.D. in educational administration with a cognate in public administration from the University of South Carolina. Dowd serves as the CEO of The Citadel Foundation and vice president for institutional advancement for The Citadel.

1990

Hardy L. Paschal Jr. of Easley assumed command of the S.C. Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 218th Leadership Regiment in a ceremony held at McCrady Training Center in Eastover on Sept. 20, 2015.

1994

Charleston resident **J. Kyle Herron** joined The Citadel as chief information officer.

1995

Washington, D.C., resident **Karen Mitchell** was a recipient of an American Association of University Women career development grant. She will receive an M.A. in science writing from Johns Hopkins University in May.

1997

Heather Roach Heuman of Blythewood was appointed social media director for Femprofessionals LLC Columbia chapter.

Carie Hucks Lowdermilk, assistant principal of Castle Heights Middle School in the Rock Hill School District, was named the 2016 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators.

Class Notes

1999

Holly Griffin Pisarik of Fort Mill is chief counsel for S.C. Governor Nikki Haley.

Scott Sinclair of Fort Mill is the assistant principal for prekindergarten through second grade at Crowders Creek Elementary School in Clover.

Jocelyn Young of Fort Mill is principal of Fort Mill Elementary.

2000

Julie Stortz Busha of Cramerton, North Carolina, was the recipient of the 2015 Progressive Grocer's "Top Women in Grocery," which is the industry's leading awards program that recognizes the outstanding contributions from female leaders in the retail food industry.

Ben Muller of Winston Salem, North Carolina, has been appointed senior brand manager for Hanes at Fortune 500 manufacturer Hanesbrands, Inc.

Roshanda Yearwood Pratt of Hopkins owns R.E.P. Communications Network and published an article in the Huffington Post on the shooting at Mother Emanuel AME and the removal of the Confederate flag.

2001

The Daily Report recognized **Rachel Young Fields** of Savannah, Georgia, as one of 40 Rising Stars. Fields is a partner at HunterMaclean Attorneys.

2003

Richland resident **Keisha Adams** was chosen as one of the 2015-16 James E. Clyburn Political Fellows.

Rock Hill resident **Stas Swerdzewski** was named head baseball coach at Nation Ford High School.

2004

Columbia resident **Mary Goode** was promoted to manager at McGregor & Company, LLP.

Laura Jones Jaworski of Charlotte, North Carolina, is senior vice president of operations at Family Trust Federal Credit Union.

2006

York resident **Jason Allen** was chosen as one of the 2015-16 James E. Clyburn Political Fellows.

James Beach of Charlotte, North Carolina, is assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Queens University.

Kathryn Elizabeth

Naugle of Summerville earned her Juris Doctor from Charleston School of Law. She graduated as a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal honors fraternity and is a certified guardian ad litem.

2008

Jessica Hawkins Crawford of Easley was named the National Law Enforcement Memorial Police Officer of the Month for September 2015.

Northwestern High School's **Rachel Bishop Glibbery** of York was named the 2016 Rock Hill School District Teacher of the Year.

2009

Mount Pleasant native **Christina Fraser** joined the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce as advocacy manager.

Shaylin Duncan Gignilliat of Greenville was appointed president of the Greater Greenville Veterinary Medical Association for the 2015-16 term.

Kristen E. Huete of Montclair, Virginia, received the Officer of the Year Award by the George Mason University Police Department.

2010

Winnsboro resident **James Jeter** was chosen as one of the 2015-16 James E. Clyburn Political Fellows.

2011

Javy Gwaltney of Bamberg started a new career as the associate editor for Game Informer.

Brent Pafford of New Orleans, Louisiana, was a finalist in Martha Stewart's American Made contest.

2013

Coker College named **Kristine Jones** of Hartsville the reference and instruction librarian and an assistant professor of library science.

Meaghan Loftus of Charlotte is principal at Ashley Park PreK8 School in Charlotte.

2014

Becky Yarbrough Norman of Salisbury, North Carolina, is a clinical social worker in the behavioral health interdisciplinary program at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Salisbury.

Milestones

BIRTHS

Jessica Norwood Johnston '90, a son, Wilson Caldwell Johnston, March 30, 2015

David (Phillip) Gladney '94, a son, Luke Holonda Gladney, June 30, 2015

Karen Onspaugh Pope '96, a son, Samuel Isaac Pope, April 19, 2015

Kate Anderson Haynes '00 and Charles (Chuck) Anthony Haynes '00, a son, Jacob Haynes, April 18, 2015

Angela Hurley Barber '02, a daughter, Alice Elisabeth Barber, Dec. 19, 2014

Leticia Dargan Bignell '02, a son, Wesley Bignell, Aug. 2, 2015

Charles Michael Cox '02, a son, Andrew Charles Cox, April 4, 2015

Shelly Andrews Goodner '02, a daughter, Mary Mildred (Millie) Goodner, March 5, 2015

Doris Brunson Freeman '03, a daughter, Savannah Freeman, Feb. 9, 2015

Jesse Robert (Robbie) Cooper '04 and Megan Roberts Cooper '06, a son, Henry Thomas Cooper, May 15, 2015

Ashley (Brooke) Williams David '04, a son, Cooper Edison David, May 13, 2015

Safiyyah Wright Swinton '04, twin daughters, Riley Elizabeth Swinton and Reagan Lydia Swinton, July 4, 2015

Christen (Christie) Wallace Bergen '05, a daughter, Eleanor Margaret Bergen, July 7, 2015

Jeremy Ryan Heller '05 and Kimberly (Kim) Smith Heller '07, a daughter, Brooklyn Elizabeth Heller, May 5, 2015

Melissa Bush Coy '06 and Kevin Michael Coy '06, a daughter, Madalyn Kinsey Coy, April 2, 2015

Sheena Marnon Musinovic '06, a daughter, Evelyn Rose Musinovic, Nov. 3, 2015

Ryan Petrus '06, a son, Nolan Ashby Petrus, July 22, 2015

Emily Becker Reynolds '06, a daughter, Molly Joy Reynolds, May 24, 2015

Shannon Hopkins Werbicki '06, a son, Luke Cameron Werbicki, Aug. 17, 2015

Dana Smith Haase '07, a daughter, Addison Haase, April 10, 2015

Natalie Kotowski Hensen '07, a son, Reed Parker Hensen, Aug. 27, 2015

Karis Lockie Hunt '07 and Alexander (Alex) Cody Hunt '07, a daughter, Linden Marie Hunt, May 31, 2015

Katrina Beaty Clavon '08, a daughter, Laila Grace Clavon, June 8, 2015

Courtney Norris Morrissey '08, '12, a daughter, Ruthie Ann Morrissey, May 21, 2015

Bryan Smith Penland '08 and Sara Pettinelli Penland '09, '11, a daughter, Olivia Kate Penland, April 11, 2015

Seth Daniel Clossman '09 and Gabrielle (Gabi) Gruel Clossman '10, a son, James Daniel Clossman, Sept. 9, 2015

Stacie Brown Harris '09, a daughter, Carter Reese Harris, June 29, 2015

Madison Hutto Muller '09, a daughter, Peyton McKenzie Muller, Oct. 17, 2015

India Therese Richardson '09, a son, Scott Allan Seay Jr., July 27, 2015

Troy Kayne Evans '10 and Rebecca Williams Evans '11, a son, Hudson Bennett Evans, June 17, 2015

Amanda Hess Dotter '11, a son, Daved James Dotter, Oct. 12, 2015

Takeesha Simpson Johnson '11, a son, Kaelan Dakari Johnson, Sept. 3, 2015

Katherine Brewer Amabile '12 and Adriano (Adrian) Alexander Amabile '12, a daughter, Charliana Raen Amabile, Feb. 2, 2015

Holly Portman Anderson '13, a son, Felix Anderson, Nov. 9, 2015

Elizabeth Bollman Mitchell '14, a daughter, Maddie Allen Mitchell, April 27, 2015

MARRIAGES

Buck Cameron Cooke '95 to Mark Andrew McCabe

Shannon Roche Smith '97 to Fred Gore

Amanda Marie Steen '03 to Lane Baker Gaskins

Deanna Claudette Strickland '04 to Walt Kornahrens

Michelle Ashley Kyzer '05 to Christopher Johnson Hipp

Jessica Nicole Hawkins '08 to Joseph Crawford

Brittany Arne' James '08 to Thomas Christopher Woods '09

Pohaikau'ilani (Pohai) Ann Nu'uhiwa '08 to Olu Campbell

Sarah Kristyn Reuter '08 to Brett G. Foster

Sean Alexander Weron '08 to Kelsey Mae Harrison '11

Sarah (Emily) Conyers '09 to Craig Harper

Amber Denise Hutzler '09 to Paul Bailey

Milestones

Stephanie Rae (Stevie) Lucas '10 to
Ranier (Christian) Blickle '10

Katherine Yvonne Mouille '10 to
Daniel K. Karwan

Tanisha Nicole Coutts '11 to
Christopher Buda

April Jelaine Tucker '11 to
Sotero McClinton

Teja Marija Durante '12 to
Joshua Federico

Erin Nicole Sharpe '12 to
Greg Lekavich

Leigh Ann Yost '12 to
Bradley Trevor Williams

Kelly DeV Vaughn Adrian '13 to
Corey Campbell

Allyson Marie Ayers '13 to
Christopher Raines

Lorraine Marie Bebensee '13 to
Chris Parks

Sandra Durane Judge '13 to
Tinashia Monique Wilkins '14

Kelly Amanda Kobe '13 to
Corey Carraway

Kaitlin Elizabeth Sapp '13 to
Winston Sheppard

Julia Ann Sweeney '13 to
Michael (Mike) Joseph
Grefenstette '13

Jacqueline (Paige) Wilson '13 to
Alex Teal

Julianne Belkis Cardenas '14 to
Alfred McKay

Devyn Marissa McDowell '14 to
Luke Whitmire

IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Edna McKinney Giles '33

Mary Biggers Edwards '34

Jimmie Rogers Rogers '35

Martha Abernathy Waltrip '37

Frances Whitesides Williamson '37

Vera Gruber Batten '38

Alice Perry Creel '38

Mary Jordan Horton '38

Beloved Geology Professor Irene Boland Passes Away



Irene Boland, a Rock Hill native who earned her Ph.D. 33 years after completing her bachelor's degree and falling in love with geology, passed away Jan. 3.

A member of the Winthrop classes of 1963 and 1969, Boland spoke proudly that the Rock Hill schools and Winthrop made her the dedicated faculty member she became.

Her department chair, Pat Owens, said that Boland was a special person. "She loved her students. Everyone in Sims Science Building was inspired by Irene," he said. "I know she infected each of us with a renewed passion and enthusiasm for teaching, for science and for students. We all loved her and will miss her greatly."

In 2014, Boland established a Winthrop endowment to assist geology and physics faculty members in attracting and retaining high-caliber students interested in conducting summer research projects.

The Charles A. Boland '08 and Irene Brunson Boland '63 Student Research Assistantship Endowment provides financial support to students who commit to summer research in chemistry, physics and geology.

The university named Room 209 of Sims Science Building in her honor in 2014.

During her tenure she also received several teaching awards including the Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012 and the Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000.

Marguerite Austin Perry '38
Dorothy (Dot) Roper Harter '39
Evelyn Kirkland Roberts '39

1940s

Mary (Bradley) Dunlap Caldwell '40
Sarah (Louise) Moss Cosens '40
Margaret (Louise) Cornwell Hickson '40
Mary Losse Larson '40
Sudie Godfrey Oswald '40
Margia Denny Peeples '40
Susan Huffman Pruitt '40
Louene (Carolyn) DuBose Ridgeway '40
Kathryne Steele Stafford '40
Judith (Catherine) Finklea
Brockington Way '40
Alice Martin Atkinson '41
Martha Howell Guess '41
Mary Dantzler Hanes '41
Dora Fogle Harris '41
Margaret Lee Brice '42
Harriett Gore Creech '42
Wilma Maddox Erwin '42
Jane Weatherly Francis '42
Mary Elizabeth (Lib) Stanley Friggle '42
Sara Roddey Gettys '42
Clare Eugenia (Dena) Ballenger '43
Sarah Grantham Brown '43
Edna Hill Caston '43
Mary Katherine (Kay) Martin
Comstock '43
Margaret Padgett Golden '43
Eleanora (Noddie) Richardson Hutto '43
Muriel Oates Maxwell '43
Thelma Arnette Witherspoon '43
Sarah Horton Garvin '44
Denise Sox Heim '44
Sarah Wilkins Strain '44
Cecile Smith Walcutt '44
Newell Fogle Clarkson '45
Harriet (Elizabeth) Sullivan Daly '45
Mary John Economy '45
Lynda (Louise) Heriot '45
Jeanie Holmes Martin '45
Mary Anderson Sharpe '45
Lillian (Elita) Wallace Adkins '46
Elizabeth (Betty) Hart Cannon '46
Elizabeth McMaster Davis '46

Mary Smith Gailey '46
Alice Allen Lanford '46
Beverly Keister Meyers '46
Frances Hicks Sill '46
Violet Woodle Washington '46
Mary Lay Ewing Derrick '47
Mary Grace Dozier Gibbons '47
Nancy Hipp Phelps '47
Ruth Ferguson Barnett '48
Mary Pace Batson '48
Blonde Shuler Dantzler '48
Mary Brunson Guy '48
Mary Johnson Hobbs '48
Rebecca Signes Johnson '48
Jo Ann Knox '48
Vernell Herndon Sedgwick '48
Margaret Page Thompson '48
Eleanor Wall Allen '49
Lou Bobbit Clark '49
Milverda Padgett Hook '49
Jean Olivia Love '49
Lucy Williams Harrison Navarro '49
Evelyn (Christine) Mungo Roberts '49
Louise Dickson Norris Thomas '49, '74
Alice (Ann) Bass Upton '49

1950s

Margaret (Peggy) Byrd Altman '50
Eleanor Sofge Boulware '50
Emma (Caroline) McFadden
Jackson '50, '84
Mary (Aggie) Barton Jones '50
Helen Pridmore Rhoden '50
Evelyn Campbell Edmunds '51
Virginia (Jinx) Dantzler Lovelace '51
Dorothy Hill Reid Yeager '51
Helen (Pat) White Carroll '53
Barbara Ackerman Crump '53
Frances (Allein) White Ward '53
Norma Buddin Denton '54
Irma (Jean) Jackson Chambliss '55
Doris Hatfield King '55
Harriet Calvert Dempsey '56
Mary (Betty) Gambrell Garrison '56
Carol Ann Ratterree Davis '57, '73
Amelia (Joyce) Simpson Horni '57
Margaret (Merwyn) Haselden Smith '57
Martha Lawrence Stewart '57

Patricia (Patty) Quinn Tuite '57
Rose Marie Conroy Finnegan '58
Mary (Ginger) Ulmer Fogle '58
Faye Brown Havird '58
Patricia (Pat) Ammons Holstein '58
Jo Ann Black Meares '58
Kathryn Hatley Davison '59
Margaret Horton Stover '59
Linda Willis Wallace '59
Mary Hallman Weisz '59

1960s

Joyce Gregory Edmondson '60
Anne Hagan Jameson '60
Barbara Renew Phillips '60
Mary Frances Rich Mitchell '63
Carolyn Smyer Cathcart Pusser '63
Peggy Ann Ghannt '64
Helen Duncan Smith '64
Frances Claire Beck '65, '70
Myra White Watts '65
Sandra (Sandy) Fowler Woods '65
Susan (Susie) Spencer Martin '66
Mary (Vicky) Duncan Littlejohn '67
Katherine Calamas Wagy '67
Elizabeth (Libby) Tant Thrailkill '68
Karen Baker Crosby '69
Judy Hadden Spencer '69

1970s

Kathy Irwin Hamilton '70
DeArbra Tisdale Weaver '70
Mildred Galloway Allen '71, '75
Deborah Gainey Bunn '71, '76
Nancy Inabinet Houck '71
Molly Fowlkes Coggins '72
Andrew Harvey Cochran '73
Ann Beam Crotzer '73
Mary (Susan) Kellett Keller '73, '76
Brenda Guthrie Marques '73
Janet Rabb Pohlman '74
Sandra (Sandy) Brown Warlick '74
Patricia (Patty) Russell Carroll '75
Corrie McGee Colter '75
Janice Anita Doyle '76
Robert (Bob) Joseph Porterfield '76
Edward James (Jim) Buddin '77
Calla Roddey Moffett Wright '77

Milestones

Long-Time Fine Arts Professor Paul Martyka Mourned



Fine Arts Associate Professor Paul Martyka passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 27.

The Detroit, Michigan, native, who joined Winthrop in 1979, taught drawing, painting and printmaking in the Department of Fine Arts.

“Paul Martyka brought an unusual perspective to our art students,” said Tom Stanley, department chair. “They regarded him fondly and with respect because of his influence and generosity as he urged others to become passionate about their work.”

Martyka was the fourth recipient of Winthrop’s Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Faculty Grant, a grant established to further new work, research or collaboration by faculty culminating in an exhibition project in the Patrick Gallery. An exhibition of his hand-printed cut paper collages, called “Conversations with an Echo,” ran in fall 2009 in the Patrick Gallery.

One of the collages still hangs in the DiGiorgio Campus Center first-floor classroom. In the intricate details of this work, Martyka references cultural identities or art historical pieces as inspiration for color and form.

The collages attracted regional attention and accolades poured in. In fall 2008, Martyka’s collage “Totemic Talk” was featured in the S.C. State Museum’s 20th Anniversary Juried Exhibition, and won Best in Show and the museum’s Purchase Award.

Catherine Cahaly Grainger '78
Katherine (Kathy) Gibson Burdette '79
David John Simonson '79

1980s

William Oscar Johnson '80
Lois Gass Thompson '80
Martin Jay McDonald '81, '89
Mary Ruth Folsom Ballard '84

Lisa Gaye Campbell '84
Cynthia (Cindy) Marcel Martino '84
James (Jim) Boyce Caldwell III '88

1990s

Brand Channing Baughman '90
Leslie Baucom Schild '90
Alison Crosby Glick '91
Larry Edward Crowe '91, '99

Graham Scott Schulken '94

2000s

Joan Meldau Woerner '01
Hugh Charles Haynsworth IV '02
Keith Thomas McLaughlin '04
Daniel Johnsen Baer '05
Arnold Dorenz Komola '07, '09

EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING 2016

March

23-25 40th Model UN Conference
Winthrop Campus

April

9 Worldwide Winthrop Day
Winthrop Campus

14-23 Come-See-Me Festival
Rock Hill and Winthrop Campus

23 Admissions Preview Day
9 a.m.
West Center

29 Winthrop Night at Charlotte Knights Baseball Game
7:05 p.m.
BB&T Ballpark

May

5 Graduate Commencement
7 p.m.
Coliseum

7 Undergraduate Commencement and
Investiture of Daniel F. Mahony
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Coliseum
10 a.m., College of Arts and Sciences &
College of Visual and Performing Arts
3 p.m., College of Business Administration &
Richard W. Riley College of Education

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