



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

We are in the midst of another busy spring semester, with a lot happening in and out of the classroom. We have just learned that the Education Trust ranked Winthrop second in a listing of top-performing institutions nationally for African-American student success. Additionally, the men's basketball team won the Big South Conference championship and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. This talented team was led by senior Keon Johnson, who became the program's all-time leading scorer this season and was named Big South Conference Player of the Year. What a great time to be an Eagle!

Also this spring, our campus community has been working to implement our new [Winthrop Plan](#) that I unveiled in the fall. This strategic document outlines the five goals and subsequent initiatives that are serving as a blueprint for Winthrop's future. As you will see in stories throughout this magazine, the university already is making strides to meet our goals, and the collaborative effort involves each and every person in the Winthrop community.

I am happy to be taking the Winthrop Plan on the road as well. I look forward to speaking with you personally about Winthrop's future and how you can play a role in our continued success. I will be visiting Charleston on March 14; Charlotte, N.C., on April 19; and Columbia on May 24. Please contact the [Office of Alumni Relations](#) for details, additional dates and reservations.

As always, thank you for your commitment to this fine institution, and I look forward to our working together on Winthrop's behalf.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Mahony
President

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UNIVERSITY

MCNAIR LEGACY PUSHES SCHOLARS TO DREAM BIG

South Carolina native Ronald E. McNair perished three decades ago in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, but his name and legacy in education remain significant.

The McNair Scholars Program, which honors the memory of the late Lake City astronaut, provides a way to help students reach their potential.

High-achieving, first-generation undergraduate students from low-income backgrounds and under-represented minority populations receive extensive preparation for graduate school.

“Every day, thousands of outstanding disadvantaged McNair students across the country and scores more McNair alumni work to live by Ron McNair’s example,” said Cheryl Fortner-Wood, director of Winthrop’s program, which began in 2009.

A five-year renewable TRiO grant from the U.S. Department of Education funds the initiative. The \$226,600 in annual federal money provides assistance to 30 students, mostly from Winthrop. The university contributes more than \$85,000 in cash and in-kind matches.

McNair Scholars complete a paid summer research experience, work with a faculty mentor, take practice graduate school admission tests, receive help with preparing and paying for graduate school application fees and travel, and present their findings at conferences. The program serves as another example of Winthrop’s commitment to fostering undergraduate research opportunities and providing high-impact practices for students.



2009

YEAR WINTHROP’S
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FIRST-GENERATION
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AT WINTHROP.

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MCNAIR PROGRAMS IN
SOUTH CAROLINA.

MCNAIR MILESTONE

In 2016, Ashton Brock '10 became Winthrop's first McNair Scholar to earn a Ph.D.

Brock received a chemistry degree in May at the University of Virginia and has entered its three-year Clinical Chemistry Postdoc Fellowship program. That training will prepare her to become a director of a lab that analyzes bodily fluids for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

Her success is exactly what program founders hoped would happen when they created the initiative.

Brock worked with her faculty mentor, Chemistry Professor Takita Sumter, in investigating how a particular protein can signal a pathway that can lead to cancer. “Under her guidance, I learned a lot of techniques, such as bacterial cell culture, protein electrophoresis and protein expression, but more importantly, I learned how to think like a researcher, how to communicate like a researcher, and I also learned how to give back to others, because that’s what Dr. Sumter did for me,” Brock said.

The Columbia native won three awards for her research — the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students travel award (2010), National Ronald E. McNair Scholars Research Symposium award (2011) and the American Chemical Society Leadership award (2011). And at Winthrop, she met her fiancé, Ronald Nelson Jr., a fellow McNair Scholar who also worked in Sumter’s lab.

“I’m more motivated now to influence other budding scientists,” Brock said. “I had a great example of how to inspire and help because back then, they inspired and helped me.”

Holly Rittenberry placed a Motus baseball sleeve fitted with a sensor on Assistant Athletic Trainer Seth Faulkner. Rittenberry used the sleeve, which measures stress placed on the elbow, in her research focused on high school baseball pitchers.

The McNair Scholars program has made Brock feel like she’s contributing to something bigger than herself. “This is extremely important but often overlooked, especially at 19 or 20 years old,” she said. “This program affected me in a tremendously positive way and has helped me become more confident in my abilities as a researcher. My fellow scholars and I still keep in touch, which shows how important and influential we were for each other.”



Barb Yeager, McNair executive support specialist, shared with Ashton Brock, right, a painting she made in honor of Brock’s newly earned Ph.D.

HIGH DEMAND FOR SCHOLARS

Fortner-Wood finds that McNair Scholars benefit from the program's strong reputation. Graduate schools want McNair Scholars, she said.

"They know that students who've been through this program have engaged in intense, valuable research, that they are prepared for graduate school, to be successful, because they do their darnedest to live up to this name and honor the legacy of Ron McNair," Fortner-Wood said this year at a Jan. 28 vigil on the anniversary of the Challenger explosion.

Michael L. Jeffries, special assistant to the president for McNair Scholars at the Council for Opportunity in Education, called Winthrop's program highly productive.

"I have taken note of students from Winthrop who I reviewed their scholarly presentations, all were stellar," Jeffries said. "They were very knowledgeable about their cutting-edge research topics, and they could answer questions posed by faculty, students and administrators in the audience."

PROUD LEGACY

The students' successes make Ron McNair's family proud.

Eric McNair, Ron's youngest brother who works in Rock Hill and met with the Winthrop group last year, said the program comforts his family. The scholars prove that Ron hasn't been forgotten.

Ron had many interests besides science and would be pleased that the scholar program helps students studying a variety of disciplines. "My brother was interested in helping young people as much as he could," Eric said.

To date, the Winthrop McNair program has served 107 students since its inception. Winthrop offers its McNair services to those at other South Carolina colleges and universities because it is one of only two universities in the state that houses the McNair program.

Take a look at how the program has crisscrossed the university's divisions:

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Majoring in biology and environmental studies, senior Jordan Lewis (featured on the cover) from Orangeburg conducted an award-winning study, with faculty mentors Matt Heard and Victoria Frost, on the effects of coastal engineering projects on bacterial communities at Folly Beach. He talked about the importance and value of mentoring in a recent [NPR interview](#).

"The McNair program has been instrumental to my success as an undergrad and my preparation for my career," he said.

Lewis is weighing graduate school options. His career goals include working for a federal agency such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Environmental Protection Agency.

RICHARD W. RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Holly Rittenberry (featured on page 2) credits her newfound love for biomechanical research to the McNair Scholars program. The senior parlayed her Winthrop Experience into a career goal that will take her this fall to the University of Oregon's Ph.D. program to study human physiology. "I honestly believe I wouldn't have gotten into the program if I wasn't a McNair Scholar," said Rittenberry, an Aiken native majoring in athletic training.

For her research, she worked with faculty member Joni Marr Boyd '07 and athletic trainer Seth Faulkner on how the lack of lower body flexibility creates problems for baseball pitchers.

Rittenberry will be the first in her family to earn a graduate degree.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Shannon Snelgrove said the McNair Scholars program

has pushed her to go for the "big" opportunities.

"I have so many McNair peers who are getting highly competitive awards and getting accepted into high-profile programs," said Snelgrove, who is interested in digital art and is earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology with a minor in art at Clemson University.



Shannon Snelgrove

Snelgrove came to Winthrop for two summers to work with Fine Arts Professor Laura Gardner on researching black women artists' experiences.

McNair gave the Richburg native the opportunity to present at conferences. "I had never done so before.

On my own, I would not have considered applying to present at conferences," Snelgrove said. "I thought that was something only older, more experienced, more educated people did. But now, when I get an email asking for conference proposals, I actually consider applying."

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ecuador native Claudia Salazar '16 praised the McNair Scholars program for giving her the confidence to continue her studies.

"As a first-generation college student, it is a little daunting thinking about graduate school, but they provided endless support and guidance for me," she said.

Salazar worked with her mentor, Psychology Professor Merry



Claudia Salazar

Sleigh, on researching "Adults' Emotional and Cognitive Reactions to Self-Reported Stereotype Experiences." Their findings were accepted for publication in the Journal of Psychological Inquiry, and it won first place for the Minority Research Award through the Southeastern Psychological Association.

Working as a program assistant in the Institute of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina, Salazar is weighing graduate school offers.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Elizabeth Lambert

Senior accounting major Elizabeth Lambert of Chesnee studied whistleblower state laws and its effects on the rate of corporate fraud exposed in the United States. Lambert and her mentor, Assistant Professor of Accounting Adriana Cordis, conducted a review of the current literature surrounding the

topic, created methodologies to test the relationship, ran regression analyses and made conclusions.

She hasn't decided what area of accounting to pursue for her career. "I am an intern at a small accounting firm that works in the areas of tax and audit. I am still trying to find out which I prefer," she said.

"However, I know I must attend graduate school. McNair has exposed me to many great opportunities that I would not have had access to as a first-generation college student," Lambert said. "I am so grateful that Winthrop is a host school to such an important program."

For more information on the McNair Scholars program, please visit www.winthrop.edu/McNair.

MAKING HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM

MAHONY, HALPIN CO-TEACH SPRING COURSE

Winthrop President Dan Mahony returned to the classroom this spring to teach a twice-a-week sport management course, "The History and Current Issues in College Athletics." He asked Ken Halpin, the university's new director of athletics, to co-teach with him.

Believed to be a first in the nation of a college president and athletic director teaching a course together, the class also marks the first time either has taught at Winthrop.

There's a special bond that develops in the classroom between teachers and students, a give and take that encourages impactful learning. The concept of sharing ideas embodies what Mahony and Halpin love about teaching.

The course, open to undergraduate and graduate students, and members of the community, covers a lot of ground.

Mahony tackles the purpose of higher education and sport in America, the evolution of college sports in the country since the mid-1800s, and the role of women and race in sports. Halpin addresses current issues, such as NCAA governance, budgets, student-athlete concerns, legislative connections and the impact of Title IX.

"We've let the past feed discussions about the present and the future," said Halpin, who joined Winthrop in July 2016. He is one of the youngest athletic directors in the country and one of the few with a Ph.D.

"The class dialogue has been very enriching and even challenged me in some places to further research and develop my own understanding of various issues," Halpin said.

The pair has welcomed prominent guest speakers such as ESPN Basketball Analyst Jay Bilas, Eastern Washington University Athletic Director and NCAA Division I Council Member Bill Chaves, and University of North Carolina Charlotte Athletic Director and NCAA Division I Council Member Judy Rose '74 who shared insights with the class.

One of the observations Mahony and Halpin made is that while college athletics has received a lot of attention for many years, it operates more in the spotlight today than it did even a few decades ago. More televised games, greater news coverage overall and ongoing commentary on social media contribute to this trend.

Mahony and Halpin encouraged people in the community to audit the class.

"We love having diversity in the class not only of race and gender but also age," Mahony said. "We've had large and small group discussions, so the mix has made a richer learning environment."

Winthrop Board of Trustees' member Don Long, a retired businessman from Lake Wylie, is auditing the course and loves it. "I've enjoyed sports all my life but never to this depth. We're learning the how and why sports have evolved, from when rowing was the sport to now," said Long. "There are a lot of complexities and specifics of rules and how they came to be. It is fascinating."

Ken Halpin, left, listened as Dan Mahony talked with students in their sport management course.



TEACHING AT THE NEXT LEVEL

\$3 MILLION GRANT FOCUSES ON ENGLISH LEARNERS

Thrilled. Grateful. Ready. These words describe the reactions of local K-8 teachers who are embarking upon professional development training to better teach non-native speakers of English in their classrooms.

The training is made possible through a new Richard W. Riley College of Education initiative entitled NEXt LEVEL: NETwork for Leading Education that Values English Learners. The College of Education was one of only 49 institutions out of 337 applicants nationwide and the only South Carolina institution to receive the nearly \$3 million grant.

Winthrop is currently partnering with the Fort Mill School District (York 4) and the Rock Hill School District (York 3), and will expand the partnership to the Lancaster County School District in the fall. These districts have experienced dramatic increases in English Learner populations.

“South Carolina as a state has seen a 150 percent average increase in English Learners,” said Lisa Johnson, co-principal investigator of the grant and director of Winthrop’s Jim and Sue Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnerships. “This increase is occurring so fast that institutions and schools struggle with preparation to meet the unique needs of second language learners and their families.”



Since Winthrop received the grant in fall 2016, teachers at two model professional development schools – Sugar Creek Elementary in Fort Mill and Sullivan Middle in Rock Hill – have started their first course in what Winthrop officials are proposing as a state endorsement in English as a Second Language. “With more than 75 percent of the teachers and administrators at each site actually enrolled in the graduate course and close to 100 percent participating in professional development, there is a strong commitment to improving teaching for their students,” said Johnson.

Kelly Costner, co-principal investigator of the grant, said the professional development is critically important in order to provide teachers with tips and techniques to get content across to students when language is a barrier.

Sugar Creek Elementary Principal Michelle Vandrovec Gritz ‘98, ‘03 said her teachers are thrilled with the opportunity to participate. “The NEXt LEVEL initiative will guide our teachers in connecting the information we already know about our English Learners and unlocking new knowledge to better understand and teach our students. It will also help us expand our support to families and increase our community outreach.”

An additional component of the grant is establishing a Parent Institute for Quality Education at each partner school. The six-week program will build more effective communication among teachers, school administrators, parents and caregivers of English Learners.

Sullivan Middle Principal Shane Goodwin ‘04 also expressed his appreciation for his school’s participation. “Sullivan has one of the largest English Learner populations in the district. The NEXt LEVEL initiative has enabled us to partner with Winthrop to ensure all of our teachers understand and utilize effective techniques that are unique to our English Learners. Research articles, video lessons and direct instruction offered by excellent Winthrop professors are helping us move forward as a school to effectively reach every student and family who walks through our doors.”

The initiative already is yielding results. “Sullivan’s teachers are utilizing NEXt LEVEL practices learned through our first course and we are seeing results. We are grateful for our partnership with Winthrop and the many ways it helps our school and our community,” said Goodwin.



Teachers at Sugar Creek Elementary participated in a recent professional development workshop provided by the grant.

Amber Floyd, a middle level education major at Winthrop, worked with students in a seventh-grade science class during her full-time internship at Sullivan Middle School in Rock Hill.



TELLING THEIR STORIES

HOFFMAN GIVES A VOICE TO THE WORKING CLASS

Empty houses haunt [Dustin M. Hoffman's](#) mind.

While pursuing his degrees, Hoffman, an assistant professor of English at Winthrop since 2013, worked in construction, primarily painting houses, during the building boom. Then, the recession hit. He watched friends in the trades struggle.

"The subdivisions we built in Michigan — we couldn't build them fast enough," he said. "I heard after the crash, there were foreclosure signs everywhere. I write about it a lot. It's a haunting idea that somehow I contributed to this irresponsible recession, or I profited from it."

Chock full of stories about blue-collar workers, "[One-Hundred-Knuckled Fist](#)," Hoffman's new collection that takes inspiration from those days, built a solid reputation in the literary world. The collection won the 2015 Prairie Schooner Book Prize from University of Nebraska Press, which published "One-Hundred-Knuckled Fist." It also received a positive review from Publishers Weekly and earned the Library of Michigan's Notable Book distinction.



Photo credit: Carrie Hoffman

Bowling Green State Creative Writing Professor Wendell Mayo was Hoffman's adviser for his thesis. Reflecting on "One-Hundred-Knuckled Fist," Mayo said, "No one does it better than Hoffman."

"His teaching, which I've observed first hand, is infectious," Mayo said. "You see it in his students' eyes and inspired writing. That's how I've always seen Hoffman, a man — a writer and teacher — who gets the job done, brilliantly."

Growing up in Alma, Michigan, Hoffman frequently read and fondly remembers his mother reading to him. As a child he worked on his first story, "Ninja Foxy," about a wire hair terrier, his sidekick, Hammy the Hamster, and their ninja adventures. (Sadly, Hoffman noted, "Ninja Foxy" remains unfinished).

He started as an audio production major before transferring and switching to English at Western Michigan University.

"That [English] was probably the thing I was always meant to do," he said.

"I read every Hemingway novel while working at a movie theatre. In between ripping people's movie tickets, I was reading 'A Farewell to Arms.'

"I really tried not to meet my fate," he joked.

He earned a Ph.D. from Western Michigan and a master's degree from Bowling Green State, where he published his first poem, "Unwrapping the Cul-de-Sac," and his first short story, "Pushing the Knives."

Hoffman somehow balances promoting his book, teaching, spending time with his family — wife Carrie, a full-time mom, and daughters Evelyn, 3, and Alison, 1 — and working on new material.

"As an artist, writing, your art, will always be the thing you can sacrifice," he said. "You have to do your job, of course you need to be there for your family....So what comes last, what's the thing I can always say no to? My writing."

This means he must carve out time to work in between semesters in his home office — which is the master bedroom closet, where he's sometimes accompanied by Evelyn. Carrie is the first reader of his work.

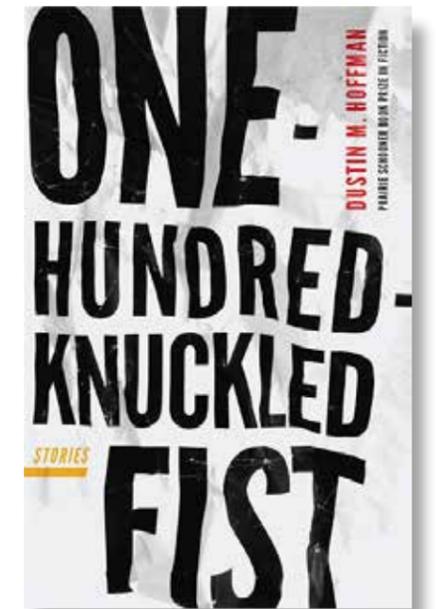
"[While I was in school, Carrie] worked as a waitress, restaurant manager, gas station manager," Hoffman said. "She worked so hard, which is why 'One-Hundred-Knuckled Fist' got dedicated to the hardest worker I know."

Hoffman often tells students it's fine not to rush as they, too, "meet their fates."

"It's OK to take your time and figure out what you want to do and to work," he explained. "All of this, especially for writers, it helps having lived a life so you have something to write about."

He brings his rejections to class for added inspiration: he averages 20 before a story is accepted.

So what's his advice to others who want to publish their writing? "It sounds cliché, but it takes hard work and perseverance," Hoffman said.



THESE ROOTS RUN DEEP

HAZEL SOMERVILLE SHARES LOVE OF WINTHROP THROUGH SERVICE

Hazel Bailes Somerville '69 can trace her lineage back for centuries in York, and although she's traveled the world, there are two places to which she always returns: her hometown and Winthrop.

Somerville and her husband of 45 years, Murray, have strengthened their relationship with Winthrop over the years, including establishing both an organ performance endowment in their names and the Friends of D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ Performance Fund. She hopes these initiatives will invigorate Winthrop's



organ tradition. The couple has worked to bring internationally renowned organists and artists to campus over the last two years.

A Winthrop Medal of Honor in the Arts recipient, Somerville began taking piano lessons when she was seven years old, organ lessons at 13. She knew that she wanted to attend Winthrop and study music.

"Music captures you, rather than you capturing the music," she said. "The organ at our church fascinated me. Charlotte has always had a lively church music scene, and I admired those people. It was never a question for me of what to study. It was always music."

After graduation, she pursued a master's degree at Union Theological Seminary's School of Sacred Music, where she met her English husband. Their musical careers took them to Connecticut, Orlando and Boston. After one too many snowstorms, they made their way to Nashville, where she served on the faculty of Vanderbilt University as artistic director of the Blair Children's Choruses.

A NEW WINTHROP ENDEAVOR

In addition to her commitment to Winthrop's music program, she has also dedicated her time and service to the newly founded Winthrop Women's Coalition as a member of its leadership council.

"[The Winthrop Women's Coalition] is an organization of women that cares about Winthrop and wants to make sure that Winthrop remains as strong and helpful to future students as it has been in the past," Somerville explained.

First Lady Laura Mahony created the group last year to harness the collective strength, knowledge and generosity of women who want to be more engaged with the university and the community.

"I was constantly reminded of what Winthrop does best — and has done for more than 130 years — produce and attract strong, accomplished and philanthropic women just like Hazel," said Mahony. "We all share a love for Winthrop. The coalition is a way for us to share that love and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves."

Somerville and other leadership council members serve as ambassadors through their own philanthropic contributions, they identify potential coalition members and work closely with Winthrop officials to support the vision of the Winthrop Plan.

"The Winthrop Women's Coalition has been just the thing," Somerville said. "I feel very fulfilled that I can contribute to Winthrop, but still allow Winthrop to contribute to me...Yes, it's about philanthropy, but by our giving, we are receiving so much: to feel more a part of Winthrop. I'm very happy to be a part of that."

Mahony said Somerville is the epitome of what coalition members embody: passionate, engaged and strong minded. "What I love about Hazel is she has that pioneering spirit for which this wonderful legacy of Winthrop women is known," she said.



Somerville looks forward to her work with the coalition and her continuing efforts in support of organ performance.

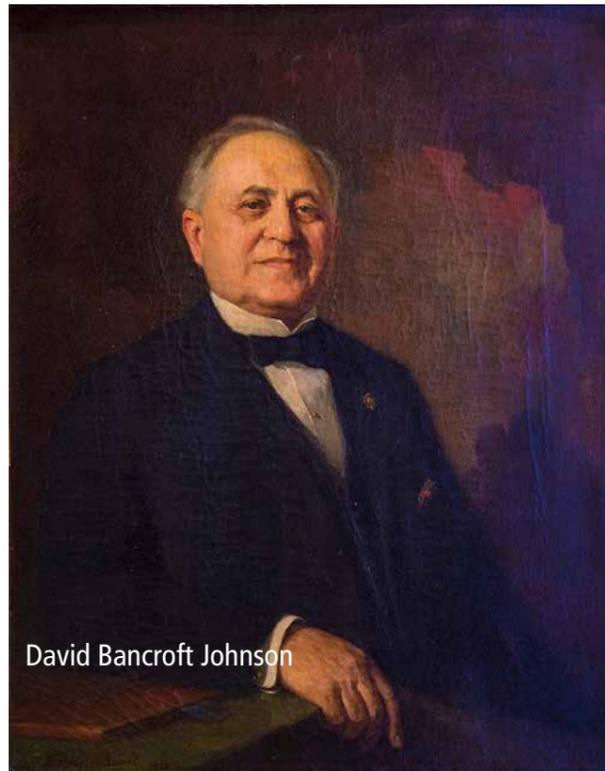
"These roots are very deep," she said. "Winthrop has always been a part of my life."

[Learn more about the Winthrop Women's Coalition](#), its mission and how to join.

[Watch a video](#) to hear from members on what the Winthrop Women's Coalition means to them.

Campus News

David Bancroft Johnson to be Inducted into S.C. Hall of Fame



David Bancroft Johnson

Winthrop founder **David Bancroft Johnson** will be inducted into the S.C. Hall of Fame this spring during a ceremony on the Winthrop campus.

The S.C. Hall of Fame recognizes and honors both contemporary and past citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the state's heritage and progress.

Johnson, who served as Winthrop's first president from 1886 until his death in 1928, lobbied for funding, recruited instructors, obtained a building — and on Nov. 15, 1886, the Winthrop Training School opened its doors in Columbia.

Johnson was elected to serve as president of the National Education Association in 1915 and was voted "Educator of the Half Century" for South Carolina in 1950 — 22 years after his death. He is buried on campus in the Little Chapel, which served as the classroom for Winthrop's first students.

Gina Price White '83, director of the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections, and Susan Hoffer McMillan '71, a former Winthrop Board of Trustees' member and a current S.C. Hall of Fame board member, led the charge to secure Johnson's induction into the Hall of Fame.

Stay tuned for more information on ceremony details.

Michael Matthews Earns Top Teaching Award

Associate Professor **Michael Matthews** received the university's top teaching award at the Dec. 17 Commencement ceremony.



President Mahony presented Matthews with the 2016 James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Matthews teaches healthcare management and management courses for the College of Business Administration and human experience courses for the general education program.



Watch the December Commencement ceremony highlights.

Students Give Winthrop High Marks on National Survey

Results from the 2016 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) indicate that Winthrop seniors are highly satisfied with their educational experience. Take a look at Winthrop's 2016 NSSE snapshot and [read more about the results](#).



Students Contribute 1,558 Service Hours on MLK Jr. Day



More than 350 students fanned out in Rock Hill on Jan. 16 during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday so they could help make the community a better place. The MLK Day of Service is Winthrop's largest annual one-day service event.

Students, joined by President Mahony, wife Laura, daughter Elena and her friends, contributed 1,558 hours of service by assembling 150 hygiene packs and packaging fleece scarves for local warming centers; constructing eight greenhouses for the Rock Hill Community Education Garden; preparing and serving 261 meals through the Rock Hill Feeding Project; collecting and donating approximately 100 lbs. of food to the local Veterans Affairs food pantry; cleaning playground equipment, organizing the food pantry and serving meals to Pilgrims' Inn residents; preparing 1,600 meals for the Urban Ministry Center's soup kitchen; and organizing the clothing closet and food pantry for Renew Our Community.

Athletics Hall of Fame Welcomes 2017 Inductees

Two former student-athletes, a retired men's soccer coach and a retired athletic director were inducted into the 2017 class of the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame on Jan. 27. The newest inductees, joined by Athletic Director Ken Halpin, from left, are retired Athletic Director Tom Hickman, Shannon Sitzmann Reid '08 (volleyball), Chris Gaynor '08 (men's basketball) and retired Coach Rich Posipanko (men's soccer). The number of former players, coaches and administrators in the Athletics Hall of Fame now stands at 77.



International Organ Series Features Leading Authorities on German Composers

Winthrop's International Organ Series brings to campus two musicians who share a Leipzig, Germany, connection for a March 25 event entitled "Bach and Beyond — the Leipzig Organ Tradition." Christoph Wolff, the greatest living authority on J.S. Bach, and Stefan Engels, an expert on the works of Sigfrid Karg-Elert, will delight and inform organ and music enthusiasts during a master class, lecture and recital on the famed D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.



Christoph Wolff

Wolff, the Adams University Research Professor at Harvard University and Visiting Professor at the Juilliard School in New York, is the former director of the Bach-Archiv in Leipzig. Engels, a professor of organ at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, was founder and artistic director of the European Organ Academy Leipzig.

The March 25 activities include: a 10 a.m. master class; a 2 p.m. lecture by Wolff on "The Leipzig Organ Tradition — From J.S. Bach to Karg-Elert;" and a 4 p.m. D.B.

Johnson Memorial Organ recital by Engels featuring the music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Karg-Elert and Max Reger.

Admission to all three events is \$25. Individual events are \$10 per event. Tickets are available in advance at bachandbeyond2017.eventbrite.com

For more information, please contact Clara Godshall at 843/697-6978 or email claragodshall@gmail.com.



Stefan Engels

Development News



Donor to Match \$25,000 Raised for Wind Symphony NYC Trip

Winthrop Wind Symphony members will travel to New York City for a once-in-a-lifetime performance March 28 at Carnegie Hall as part of the 2017 New York Sounds of Spring International Music Festival. To help meet the \$55,000 fundraising goal, the Department of Music has reached out to the Winthrop community. An anonymous alum and longtime Winthrop supporter has agreed to match all gifts — up to \$25,000 total — made in support of the symphony's trip.

Gifts can be sent to the Winthrop University Foundation, 302 Tillman Hall, Rock Hill, SC 29733. Please make checks payable to Winthrop University Foundation, or give online at www.winthropalumni.com/give, then search and designate your support to the Wind Symphony.

Visit www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar for ticket information.

Anonymous Donor Contributes \$75,000 to Three Funds

An anonymous \$75,000 gift will increase financial support for Winthrop students by endowing one existing fund and providing substantial contributions to two additional existing funds.

This gift will provide \$25,000 to both the Historical Preservation Fund, which assists with acquisition, preservation and accessibility of historically significant materials in Winthrop's Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections, and the Student Veterans Annual Restricted Fund, which supports the Student Veterans of Winthrop on-campus organization. An additional \$25,000 contribution to the Debbie Garrick Leaders' Scholarship will endow the existing fund established by John P. "Jay" Dowd III '89.

A Columbia, South Carolina, resident with strong family ties to Winthrop, the donor avidly supports the Archives' mission.

Two Alumni Establish Scholarships for First-Generation Students



Terry Norton '81



Maggie Elrod '78

Professor Emeritus of Education Terry Norton '81 and retired educator Maggie Elrod '78 have established new scholarships to support first-generation college students with a passion for teaching.

The Dr. Terry L. Norton Scholarship will assist undergraduate students majoring in elementary education; middle level education — English; or secondary education — English. Elrod has established three scholarships: the Elrod Scholarship and the Elrod Annual Restricted Scholarship, which support juniors/seniors majoring in history or social studies, and the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society Fund, which provides financial support for programming and events co-sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the history department's honor society.

Alumni News

Winthrop Hosts April 21 Spirit Night with Charlotte Knights



Join fellow Winthrop alumni for a night of fun and fireworks at Winthrop Night with the Charlotte Knights on Friday, April 21, at BB&T Stadium. Before the 7:05 p.m. game against the Rochester Red Wings, the Alumni Association will host a pre-game alumni reception at 5:30 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom-Uptown, 255 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Charlotte. RSVP today for the alumni reception: rsvp@winthrop.edu.

Discount tickets (\$16) are available for the April 21 game. Visit <http://bit.ly/winthropnight> to purchase tickets. The event marks the third time Winthrop has partnered with the Knights to offer an evening of camaraderie and spirit.

For more information about the pre-game reception, contact Brittany Neely '14, campus relations coordinator, at neelyb@winthrop.edu. Contact the Office of University Communications and Marketing at 803/323-2236 for details about Winthrop Night with the Charlotte Knights.



President Mahony and Alumni Board President David D. McDonald '01 congratulated the 2016 award winners at the Nov. 12 Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon: (L to R) Mahony, Antjuan Seawright '08, Outstanding Young Alumni Award; Harry Dalton '86, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Joann McMaster '45, Mary Mildred Sullivan Award; Debbie Garrick '87, '89, Alumni Distinguished Service Award; Jermaine Whirl '06, Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and McDonald.

Mark Your Calendar for Nov. 10-11!



Make plans to attend Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Nov. 10-11. [Watch the 2016 Homecoming video](#) to see highlights of last year's events. We hope to see you on campus in November!

Winthrop Plan Receptions Continue Through Fall 2017

President Mahony will travel to cities across the Carolinas and Georgia in spring and fall 2017 to meet alumni and discuss The Winthrop Plan, the university's strategic plan through 2025.

Upcoming reception dates are as follows:

March 14
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Hilton Garden Inn Waterfront
45 Lockwood Dr.
Charleston, SC 29401

April 19
6 – 8 p.m.
McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks
4335 Barclay Downs Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28209

May 24
6 – 8 p.m.
Blue Marlin
1200 Lincoln St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Sept. 27
Savannah, Georgia (TBD)

Oct. 10
6 – 8 p.m.
The Warren City Club
818 N. Highland Ave. NE -
3rd floor of 816 N. Highland
Atlanta, GA

Admission is free. Visit www.winthropalumni.com to register and find out more information.

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 alumni@winthrop.edu, visit www.winthropalumni.com or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

1940

Grace Jackson Munro Roy of Brevard, North Carolina, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends.

1959

Rock Hill residents **Barbara Beam** and **Melanie Beam O'Neal '87** retired from Oakland Baptist Church where they served as organist/pianist.

1973

Betty L. Creamer was ordained into the priesthood in Sky Valley, California.

1979

Columbia resident **Angela Bain** is superintendent of the Chester County School District.

1985

Keith Grant of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, received a Fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry.

Hilton Head Preparatory School named **Lawrence Tavino** its Middle School Teacher of the Year.

1990

Mental Floss recognized Charleston resident **Pren Woods** with a Platypus Award and named him one of 10 superstar teachers in America.

1992

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident **Tracey Pickard** was nominated as a candidate for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Principal of the Year.

1995

Rock Hill resident **Sabrina Bundy** is South Carolina's Elementary P.E. Teacher of the Year.

Charlotte, North Carolina, author **John Hartness** won the 2016 Manly Wade Wellman Award for North Carolina science fiction and fantasy writers.

Janet Brindle Reddick of Orlando, Florida, is the breaking news editor at the Orlando Sentinel.

1997

Sylva, North Carolina, resident **Christopher Cooper** co-authored the book "The Resilience of Southern Identity: Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of Its People."

Irmo resident **Tony Perricelli**, a CPA with Scott and Company LLC, served as guest speaker for the annual ERG Executive Summit.

1998

Lancaster resident **Pamela Trimnal** is senior vice president of marketing and media services for Comporium.

2000

Rock Hill resident **Marilyn Martin** received her doctorate of business administration and leadership from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Houston, Texas, resident **Elizabeth Kovalanchik Parry** founded Parry Botanicals, a natural skincare company.

2001

Shannon Greene is the senior communications consultant at LPL Financial in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Belmont, North Carolina, resident **Michelle Harris** released a book entitled "Healing from Invisible Wounds."

Helen Diamond Steele of Carrollton, Georgia, is the director of the Office of Student Enrichment in Clemson University's College of Business.

2002

"Catch and Launch," an award-winning poem by Rock Hill native **Julie Ann Ledgerwood Cook**, has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Fort Smith, Arkansas, resident **Edward Serna** has been promoted to chief of staff and vice chancellor at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Antwon Sutton was promoted to student services coordinator for the Fort Mill School District after serving for the past five years as a school principal.

"Seasons" is a new card game created by **Pierre Wooten** of Charlotte, North Carolina.

2003

Spartanburg resident **Kellianne Floyd** is the dance instructor for Spartanburg School District One's new dance pilot program.

Monica Jacobson, principal of J.H. Rose High School in Greenville, North Carolina, was named Pitt County Schools' Principal of the Year.

Chisa Johnson Putman of Rock Hill is a York County magistrate judge.

2005

Durham, North Carolina, resident **Chris Hathcock** has been nominated for the Music Educator Award from the Grammy Foundation and the Recording Academy for his dedication to the music education field.

Havelock, North Carolina, resident **DeMarius Jackson** was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2 of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band in the United States Marine Corps.

Blaine Lahrs of Rock Hill was named vice president of member experience at Sharonview Federal Credit Union.

Elizabeth Simmons of Lexington is a paramedic with Richland County 911 EMS.

2008

Cleveland Heights, Ohio, resident **Jessica Cooke Bailey** is a faculty instructor at Case Western Reserve University.

2009

Tiago Ruffoni is Charlotte Indoor Tennis Club's junior director.

2010

Blush Label, an online home products and fashion company, was co-founded by **Mary LeSesne** of Daniel Island.

2012

The Laurens District 55 Teacher of the Year is **Marcia Womble**, an art teacher at Gray Court-Owings Elementary/Middle School.

2014

Baltimore, Maryland, resident **Chelsea Brown** established a scholarship in her name to support Winthrop students with first preference to a graduate of the SEED School of Maryland or a Columbia native who is majoring in mass communication.

Daisy Burroughs of Columbia was selected as Miss Congeniality at the Miss South Carolina USA/Teen USA pageant.

Rock Hill resident **Zachary Christian** is a financial aid counselor with the S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission.

2016

Union resident **Dianna Bardis** was selected as a member of the second class of the James E. Clyburn Political Fellows program of the S.C. Democratic Party.

Kenny Eck from Henderson, Maryland, was featured as the student spotlight for the University of Delaware's clinical exercise physiology program.

Columbia native **Brenae Williams** is the graduate assistant coach for the Oklahoma Wesleyan women's basketball team.

Milestones

BIRTHS

Eric Michael Johnson '98 and **Riley Griggs Johnson '04**, a son, Fuller Henry Johnson, May 15, 2016

Julie Ledgerwood Cook '02, a son, Sebastian Edward Cook, June 25, 2016

Elizabeth Baynard Goff '04 and **Todd Joseph Goff '05, '13**, a son, Keegan Patrick Goff, June 1, 2016

Jennifer (Jennie) Gillispie Vogel '04, a daughter, Aurianna Rhea Vogel, April 1, 2016

Christopher (Chris) Lee Evers '05, a daughter, Reagan Joycelyn Evers, Sept. 29, 2016

Erin Ireland Gjernes '05, a daughter, Roen Ireland Yada, Oct. 16, 2016

Michelle Kyzer Hipp '05, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Hipp, Aug. 29, 2016

Margaret (Maggie) Monahan Schwietert '06 and **James (Jimmy) Benjamin Schwietert '06**, a daughter, Catherine Edna Schwietert, May 24, 2016

Emily Ross Watson '06, a son, Bly Watson, May 16, 2016

Erin Doran Wilson '06, a son, Hank Steele Wilson, Aug. 15, 2016

Heather Oliver Armstrong '07, a daughter, Finley Virginia Armstrong, Nov. 27, 2015

Meagan Meyer Hawkins '07, a son, Jonah Oliver Hawkins, Oct. 25, 2016

Kimberly Kelly Mounts '07, a daughter, Riley Madison Mounts, Oct. 14, 2016

Julie Sturkie Phillips '07, a daughter, Annalise Lindy Phillips, Oct. 25, 2016

Jodi Kemp Halpin '08, a son, Cooper James Halpin, Feb. 18, 2016

Nicole Smith Chisari '09, a son, Edward Dean (Eddie Dean) Chisari, Sept. 25, 2016

Jessica Huggins Bettinger '10 and **Joseph Philip Bettinger '11**, a daughter, Gwendolen Isla Bettinger, Aug. 28, 2016

Ashley Whitfield Beck '11, a daughter, Brynley Hope Beck, Dec. 14, 2015

Catherine (Katie) Panning Graczyk '11 and **Ryan Alexander Graczyk '12**, a son, Dylan Thomas Graczyk, May 3, 2016

Matthew Logan Busch '13, twin sons, Houston Cutter Busch and Jaxon Cannon Busch, Oct. 19, 2016

Chantal Elisabeth Otelsberg '15, a son, Liam Otelsberg, Oct. 2, 2016

MARRIAGES

Amanda Ann Williams '98 to Michael Joseph Henry

Leigh Taylor Cheatham '01 to Patrick Lowery

Michele Ann Daly '02 to Jennifer Reige

Clayton (Clay) Stephen Barbour '04, '06 to Sally Strickland

Courtney Virginia O'Neill '04 to Jaime Christian Roldan

Cheryl Susan Henderson '07 to Jeff Spevak

Samantha Marie Menze '09 to **Patrick Anthony Adams '10**

Keisha Dawn Vanlue '09, '14 to **Jeremy Evon Fitzpatrick '09**

Emily Ann Amenson '12 to **Evan Wade Lamar '13**

Kelsey Michele Grizzle '12 to Matthew Cato

Aaron Alexander Rich '12 to Lesley Rachel Kerr

Brittany Elizabeth Sizemore '13 to **Jonathan David Pollina '13**

Katherine Camille Brown '14 to **Richmond Elliott Pierce '15**

Morgan Rachel Ward '15 to **Sean Michael Shamble '15**

Sydney Morgan Wright '16 to Thomas Jordan (TJ) Estes

IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Mae Sandel Garrison '35
Dora Dunlap Gaston '35
Harriet McCall Swink '35
Mary Berry Rodewald '36
Evelyn (Clare) Gramling Stutts '36
Dora (Linda) Taylor Clark '37
Katie Coker Marvin '37
Gena Hatchell Johnson '38
Katherine Whiteside Rogers '38
Phoebe Barton McCallum '39
Miriam Tuten Paulk '39

1940s

Frances Whitesides Fitz '40
Charlotte (Christine) Crawford Jameson '40
Grace Barnett McGinn '40
Marion Thompson Hall Altman '41
Edith (Wilhelmina) Stuckey Holler '41
Anna Britton Leary '41
Dorothy Edwards Lipscomb '41
Dorothy Sheldon Scheuplein '41
Margaret (Peggy) Hatchell Austin '42
Martha Cone Davis '42
Carol Ellison Hughes '42
Elizabeth Vaughan McFadden '42
Margaret Trammell Morton '42
Georgene Terry Sanders '42
Rebecca Douthit Slone '42, '72
Helen (Beth) Branche Stevenson '42
Alpha (Wilson) Hammond Cullum '43
Grace Ashe McSween '43
Edith Gary Nuckolls '43
Annette DuRant Bleadsale '44
Maria (Cita) Clark Ferguson '44
Carolyn Winburn Davis Goffigon '44
Sara Wallace Payne '44
Billie Hay Boone Sanders '44
Mary Bell Scurry '44
Hazel Clinton Sims '44
Caroline Garrison Stuart '44
Pauline (Polly) Burgess Barnes '45
Doris Aronson Feder '45
Lucille Miller Gamble '45
Betty Elliott Harrison '45
Grace Addy McCoy '45
Claudia (Louise) Holly Wolcott Murphy '45
Nan McDowell Owens '45
Martha (Betty) Keichline Perkins '45
Mary Arndt Slocum '45
Sallie Jameson Von Kaenel '45
Freddie Bell Mickle Hutson '46

Joye Grigsby Johnson '46
Elizabeth Dukes Odom '46
Mary Anne Harris Sansbury '46
Faye Gladden Smith '46
Georgia Lucile (Cile) Stuckey '46
Doris (GeaDelia) Wolfe Temple '46
Martha Stribling Smith Trout '46
Mary Williams Weaver '46, '78
Sally (Esther) Bell Boyd '47
Nellie Gettys Campbell '47
Lillian (Adeline) Vaughn Long '47
Carolyn (Rose) Littlefield Marlar '47
Margaret (Jewell) Kelly Price '47
Petsa Stathopoulos '47
Lillian (Hildreth) Gettys Strom '47
Sarah (Fran) Griffin Applegarth '48
Novelle Grady Craig '48
Mary Jane Haynes DeLoach '48
Kathryn Fetner Fulmer '48
Esther (Kathryn) Axmann McGregor '48
Alva Wilson Morse '48
Lula (Jean) Benton Redpath '48
Anne Grimboll Rollins '48
Navana Dillard Sprouse '48
Amaryllis Newsome Tyler '48
Virginia McClary Delatte '49
Martha (Carolyn) Chapman Etheredge '49
Margaret Sitton Marshall '49
Mary Jane Curry McKinney '49
Doris Broadwell Pace '49
Jacqueline (Jackie) Welch Price '49
Martha Bray Seigler '49
Betty Jean Stackhouse Stanley '49
Mary Freeman Stoddard '49
Jean Wise Stogner '49
Alice Yon Vaughn '49

1950s

Douglas Elizabeth Austell '50
Alice (Ruth) Williams Cupp '50
Mary Ann Ellis '50
Evelyn Ponds Murdaugh Fowler '50
Rose Neal Bradley Rieger '50
Margaret Pettigrew Robertson '50
Annie (Juanita) Jayroe Bassett '51
Nancy Johnston Bobo '51
Mary Bigger Burton '51
Margaret Bowen DeVore '51
Nancy Gallman Dixon '51
Robbie Crawford Heatherly '51
Catherine Cooksey Long '51
June Martin Meronek '51
Betty Lide Walters '51
Rachel Stogner Coppedge '52
Sara Starnes Shingler '52
Bethel (Eloyce) Williamson Little '53
Jean Carothers Pursley '53

Celeste Turbeville Rivers '53
Ann Stewart Stewart '53
Mary Agnes Heyward Johns '54
Frances Rast Leedy '54
Sarah (Sally) Moore Varner '54
Elizabeth (Jean) Rogers Baldwin '55
Martha Soles Stoudenmire '55
Mary Ann Sanders Boles '56
Rose Smith Brandt '56
Betty Ramsey Fakoury '56
Ethel Blanton Martin '56
Roberta (Eugenia) Williamson Callahan '57
Jofreida Gordon Giles '57
Sarah (Claire) Simpson Godwin '57
Sarah (Lucille) Laye Mazingo '57
Virginia McMillan Reid '57
Sara Elizabeth Croft '58
Ruth (Gail) Smith Culbertson '58
Judith Thomas Eversman '58
Patsy Ellen Walton '58
Joan Marbert Hammond '59
Rosemary Law Rogers '59

1960s

Mary Frick Epting '60
Barbara Cornwell Loflin '60
Bonnie Stoudemayer Canon '61
Monte Sprouse Lancaster '61
Doris (Ann) Faile Mangum '61
Frances (Bo) Jordan Williams '61
Carole Wooten Burnes '63
Sara McMillan Hungerford '63
Ruth Eubanks Hunter '63, '74
Myra Walker Reeves '63
Sandra Mitchell Ballenger '64
Sudie Payne Daves '64
Lillian (Mae) Tomlinson Heath '64
Rebecca (Beckie) Stewart Salley '64
Nan Sigmon Redd Wheeles '64
Charlotte (Mae) Eason Hucks '65
Carol Clark Caldwell '67, '72
Judith (Judy) Keller Crawford '67
Patricia Smith Rogers '67
Maxie Funk Uhl '67
Kathleen (Kathy) Doyle Young '67
Lynne Lawson Barfield '68
Deidre Tuffelmire Bochette '68
Kitty Lorraine Greene '68
Rosemarie Whitener Nivens '68
Eileen Aycock Davidson '69
Rosalyn (Lynn) Nettles Geren '69
Anne Hagan Shelley '69

1970s

Rosemary Elizabeth Byrd '70

Sarah England Bonner '71
Sandra Vinson Lucas '71
Anna Hopkins Pullen '71
Rhonda Sue Hughes '72
Laura Hudson Robertson '72
Julia Bowers Hyatt '73
Deborah Morton Pack '73, '75
Elizabeth Sowell Rauseo '73
Ramona Faye Sigmon '73
Sarah (Sally) Currence Hays '74, '75
Thomas Clay Watson Jr. '75, '77
Barbara Lois Welch '75
Patricia Elaine Genes '76
Martha Nims Hutchison '76
Rhonda Johnson Logan '76, '77
Dell Farmer Lloyd '77
Elizabeth (Jane) Moser Arnold '78
Thomas Allen Cook Jr. '78
Lorraine Mercier Metivier '78
John Henry Schwartz Jr. '78, '79

1980s

Christine Young Robinson '80
Mary Frances Lloyd '81
Doshia Duffie Smith '81
Forrest Benton (Ben) Stutts '81
Lisa Nan Ward '81
Jackson Mark Holmes '82
Dorothy McCaskey Parks '82
Karen McCoy Bowers '83
Deanna Milner Ehrlich '84, '87
George Kirkpatrick Heriot III '84
Sharri Taylor Jones '85
Dennis Malcolm Heath '86
Rhonda Hudson Gibson '87
Charles Dennis Lee III '87
Diann Whitmir Patterson '87
Mark Hamilton Saunders '87
Jamey Oliver Shepherd '88
James Lee Thomas '88

1990s

Michael Scott Brady '91
Edward Bowie (Ted) Kay '95
Tanya Amber Gee '99
Jesse James Glasgow III '99

2000s

Anne Taylor Reeves '00
Manfred (Fred) R. Veas '00
Mark Richard Garland '01
Jeanette Manning Estoye '02
Lisa Deaver Ash '04
Christina Marie Hicks '07

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