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## MESSAGE FROM THE **PRESIDENT**



Dear Friends:

We recently wrapped up another successful spring semester, and with the conclusion of our May Commencement ceremonies, we welcomed nearly 1,000 new graduates into the Winthrop alumni family. Commencement remains one of my favorite days because I enjoy shaking the hand of each graduate who crosses the stage and seeing the expressions of accomplishment and pride on each face.

Another source of pride for all of us at Winthrop this semester was our women's tennis team. The team won its 21st Big South Conference Championship title in April and earned the Big South's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. Head Coach Cid Carvalho '81 was voted Coach of the Year for the 11th time in his stellar career, and May graduate Lauren Proctor became just the second player in Big South history to be named Player of the Year for four straight years. Cid, who became an icon leading Winthrop's tennis program for more than three decades, will retire this year, and we wish him all the best. Read more about his last team's big season on pages 12-13 of this *Winthrop Magazine* edition.

Other stories we have included here:

- The longstanding partnership between Winthrop and the city of Rock Hill that is intensifying each year;
- The vital grant funding that has helped transform the university's biological science programs and facilities;
- Important new changes that are coming to tailgating for Homecoming 2019. These changes will ensure that all attendees will have a safe and enjoyable time with friends. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with our plans, and I hope to see you here in November.
- Two fascinating profiles on the important work being done by alumni – former soccer standout Henry Kalungi '10 and his foundation to help the people of Uganda and Steven Dillingham '73, director of the U.S. Census Bureau in charge of the 2020 Census.

As you can see, there is much to be proud of at Winthrop, and, as always, I'm happy to share these interesting stories with you.

Please enjoy this edition of the *Winthrop Magazine*, and thank you for your continued support of this university.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Mahony  
President

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*Homecoming 2019 will incorporate significant changes to tailgating on Saturday, Nov. 16. Read more about these changes on pages 8-11.*

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# WINTHROP, CITY TAKE NEXT STEPS IN RELATIONSHIP

*The destinies of Winthrop and the city of Rock Hill have been entwined for a long time – 133 years, to be exact.*

“In my opinion, our community would not exist as it does today without Winthrop’s influence,” said Rock Hill Mayor John Gettys. “Professors and graduates have served and are serving on City Council and have a large influence on many of our city’s boards and commissions. The ability for the people of Rock Hill to gain from the insight and training of the Winthrop faculty and staff gives our community a foundation most communities do not enjoy.”

Winthrop President Dan Mahony agreed. “In many ways, the development of the city has an impact on Winthrop, including our ability to attract students, as well as faculty and staff,” he said. “Likewise, the community benefits from the continued development of Winthrop, including our impact on workforce development, economic impact of our campus community on the city, and our role in attracting residents to the community.”

As in most healthy relationships, both entities have grown individually as well.

For example, Winthrop recently earned national acclaim for its commitment to diversity: The Education Trust recognized the institution as second in the country for graduating minority populations; and Mahony became the first South Carolina university president to sign the CEO Action for Diversity and Inclusion Pledge. Winthrop reported its all-time highest 6-year graduation rate, and a record number of prospective students applied to Winthrop’s Class of 2023. Meanwhile, Rock Hill has become a sports tourism destination, hosting the UCI BMX World Championships and the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships, among other national events.

Now, the two will grow together like never before, as they are on the cusp of exciting developments that will enrich the lives of students, faculty, staff, supporters and community members for years to come.

## ‘THRIVING WINTHROP UNIVERSITY, THRIVING ROCK HILL’

Three projects in particular — University Center, the My Ride Bus System and Miracle Park — illustrate the beauty of how this relationship works.

“Overall, when we find the right projects, it benefits us both because many of these projects could not happen without those partnerships,” Mahony said. “A thriving Rock Hill benefits Winthrop University, and a thriving Winthrop University benefits Rock Hill.”

Gettys called Winthrop “essential” to the success of all three projects.

“These three projects are all important for our community, each project would be unique to any community, but to have all three presently in some stage of conversation, planning or actual implementation is extraordinary,” he said. “When you have such a full plate of work and the work to be unique to the community, you have to have people with talent and vision involved to be successful.”

## UNIVERSITY CENTER

Once part of the Rock Hill Printing & Finishing Co., a busy textile plant that operated for nearly 70 years, the Lowenstein Building and adjoining 1939 Building will soon become **University Center**, a 23-acre development that



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will include an indoor sports arena, office space, retail space, restaurants, breweries and, eventually, housing.

Rock Hill staple The White Horse restaurant already relocated from its Camden Ave. location to the University Center space. The Rock Hill Sports & Event Center is slated to open later this year, which will give Winthrop students opportunities for hands-on experience. It's expected to attract at least 172,000 tourists and generate an estimated \$10 million direct economic impact on the community annually.

Winthrop also will expand its exercise science laboratory space into University Center. Private student housing is also planned on the University Center site, bordering Stewart Avenue.

Wes Tuttle, vice president of development and broker for The Tuttle Company, the commercial real estate firm developing the property, told "Winthrop Close-Up," the student produced video news magazine, that University Center will "breathe some fresh air into Rock Hill."

"It's a brand-new tax base for the city,"

said Tuttle. "It's right in the backyard. You can walk there from campus. It's the connecting piece from Winthrop to downtown Rock Hill."

The \$200 million project is expected to bring 1,000 new jobs to the site, and will be complete in about five to six years.

## MY RIDE BUS SYSTEM

In March the city, in partnership with

Winthrop, Piedmont Medical Center and Family Trust Federal Credit Union, unveiled **My Ride**, a free, fixed-route bus system. The all-electric buses have four routes, two of which travel through campus, and connect historic and growing areas around Knowledge Park, Cherry Road and Dave Lyle Boulevard.

As a partner, Winthrop agreed to put in \$1 million over the course of five years. Thirty percent of advertising space on the buses, bus shelters, mobile apps



and in-bus screens will highlight the university.

"When I arrived in 2015 and we talked with students about transportation needs, the thing that came up over and over was the need for a bus system," Mahony told the crowd at the March 26 bus unveiling. "It was clear after a while that it was also important to faculty, staff and the community."

Mahony added that the bus system will open up the city to the campus community and will also bring visitors to campus.

Both Mahony and Gettys feel that of all the projects, the bus system may be the most significant.

"This free bus system will bring opportunities to many more people for whom transportation has been a barrier," Gettys said. "Winthrop's involvement and partnership in this endeavor made the ability to launch and operate this public service possible."

Mahony added that University Center will also benefit the community in conjunction with the bus system.

"The area development will make Winthrop more appealing for faculty, staff and students, and the transit system will help the campus

community take advantage of all that will be available in the surrounding area and throughout Rock Hill," he said.

## MIRACLE PARK

Miracle Park organizers approached the city and Winthrop about partnering on **Miracle Park**, a new

world-class sports park for children and adults with disabilities. Located at Winthrop Park (between Cherry Road and Eden Terrace), the site will include two baseball fields, a multi-purpose field and an inclusive playground. Ideally, Miracle Park also will one day include retail space, such as a coffee shop that will employ and mostly be run by those with disabilities, and host the Special Olympics.

Students pursuing degrees related to disabilities and athletic programs will be able to use the park for educational purposes.

Work is still in the planning stages on Miracle Park, but full completion is expected within three to four years.

## 'UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH'

As Rock Hill and the university prepare for "unprecedented growth," Mahony made sure to thank the city for its leadership.

"Without leadership, we clearly wouldn't be here today," Mahony said.

Gettys pointed to how much Rock Hill, particularly downtown, has dramatically changed throughout the last five years: apartments, breweries, Fountain Park and other restaurants. He looks forward to the next "four impressive years."

"Winthrop students are enjoying the benefits of this development presently and, hopefully, will stay in Rock Hill after graduation to launch businesses, assist with the creation of more amenities and develop a night life that will establish the sense of place we are striving for in downtown," Gettys said. "The opportunities are here and are increasing, and Winthrop students have a head start on finding success due to their familiarity with the community and the education provided."

"In short, it's no secret that Winthrop puts the 'Knowledge' in Knowledge Park. My hope is its students and graduates take advantage of the opportunity."



Davis Plasko carried out a photoredox reaction. Plasko, who graduated in May 2017 with a B.S. in chemistry, is currently a Ph.D. student in organic chemistry at the University of Houston.

## SC INBRE FACTS:

- The SC INBRE Network grew from seven institutions to the current 13 from 2005 to 2019, and will include 14 institutions in the next funding cycle, expected to start in 2020.

- SC INBRE brings together faculty and students across the network for workshops, training, and scientific symposia on a regular basis, to foster even greater collaboration, the exchange of ideas, and the sharing of resources.

- Mentoring is very important as a conduit to achieving SC INBRE's goals across the network: students are mentored in their laboratory research experience, where they work one-on-one with faculty.

*Over the past 15 years, Winthrop has transformed the way students and faculty pursue science with the help of three federal grants.*

With an application for a fourth National Institutes of Health grant pending, administrators and faculty can look back proudly on what they've accomplished since 2005 through the **IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence**, commonly known as INBRE. The first three grants have brought in almost \$6 million to the institution.

The grants provide funding for South Carolina's three research universities and teaching institutions such as Winthrop to focus on biomedical research to combat the state's problematic heart disease and cancer rates. Its other goal is to train the next generation of science and health professionals.

State INBRE coordinators have noticed the positive change at Winthrop. "As one of the most successful colleges in the network, Winthrop provides an excellent example of how much growth and progress can be achieved when institutional goals match the objectives of SC INBRE," said Lucia A. Pirisi-Creek, a professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology at the University of South Carolina and past principal investigator overseeing SC INBRE.

INBRE has radically upgraded Winthrop's research culture, noted Chemistry Professor Robin Lammi

who handled Winthrop's past two INBRE applications. The federal funding further supplemented Winthrop's dedication to providing state-of-the-art science facilities such as Dalton Hall and Sims Science Building. These facilities helped fuel the science surge, along with an unprecedented investment made by Winthrop in equipment and resources over multiple years.

"INBRE has given us the time and tools to engage our students in cutting-edge science, preparing them to succeed in the workforce and in graduate or professional school," Lammi said.

The INBRE grants have enabled Winthrop to:

- Build a biomedical research team from one or two active researchers to a cadre of more than 15 faculty mentors in the chemistry, biology and math departments.
- Start and grow a summer research program that has become the central component of a STEM education. Since 2006, the **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)** has provided more than 350 students with the opportunity to conduct lab research for up to two years in their chosen projects.
- Provide for its faculty to increase their scholarly activity to previously unheard of levels, publishing peer-reviewed work and securing non-INBRE grant funds totaling more than \$2 million. Students help with the faculty research, giving the student an ideal

learning opportunity and a one-on-one chance for mentorship, said Chemistry Professor Takita Sumter, who is vice provost for faculty affairs and serves as a co-principal investigator.

- Invite preeminent scientists to campus for lectures.
- Give more than 100 undergraduates a solid footing to advance into biomedical Ph.D. and professional programs at what are historic and ever-increasing rates. Students prepare presentations and posters on their findings and travel to conferences to talk about their results.

Professor Pat Owens, chair of the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Geology and leader of Winthrop's INBRE efforts through the first



decade, said INBRE is the biggest recruiting tool for his area, which has provided leadership on the grants.

"We are not in the research business here, we are in the people business," Owens said. "We provide opportunities for students to learn about science, and research is the most effective tool to do that."

# TRANSFORMING SCIENCE WITH GRANT FUNDING

# CHANGES COMING TO HOMECOMING TAILGATING



*A tradition that brings together students, alumni and the community, tailgating at Winthrop's Homecoming is one of the week's most popular and fun events. Last year's event attracted the largest number of tailgaters yet and prompted Winthrop's administration to look at best practices for managing the game day experience. This year a number of changes are being implemented for the Saturday, Nov. 16, events at the Coliseum area. These changes will lead to a safer and more enjoyable experience for all in attendance. See the following pages for information on event timing, parking, location and other aspects of tailgating that everyone who attends needs to know.*

## TIMING OF EVENTS

Winthrop's senior leadership has determined that Homecoming tailgating will be available from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. The men's basketball game will begin at 4 p.m. The tailgating end time of 3:30 p.m. will allow sufficient time for staff to address any clean up needed in the parking lots and tailgating area before dark. Clearing attendees from the parking lots and tailgating area will begin promptly, and law enforcement will be available to assist event staff in moving attendees into the game or out of the Coliseum area.

## PARKING FOR THE GAME/ TAILGATING

For the Homecoming game and tailgating, there will be paid parking, \$5 per car, cash only. This is similar to how the City of Rock Hill manages parking at the Come-See-Me Festival tailgating/fireworks, and it will help ensure that Winthrop students, alumni and fans will be provided safe, accessible parking near the events. This approach also will mean more parking attendants than in the past. They will collect the parking fee and direct visitors to parking lots and/or the tailgate area.

## LOCATION OF TAILGATING & NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM

Tailgating will be spread out across more of the area surrounding the Coliseum. The Alumni Association tent will be available as in past years, as well as designated paid tailgating spots for larger student and alumni groups (see options for paid spaces below). While tailgating from vehicles will be allowed in the North and South parking lots (A, B, C, D on p. 11 map), absolutely no tents may be set up in these spaces.

For groups or families wanting to use tents or who may have more elaborate tailgate set ups, there will be a total of 48 designated spots for \$20 (for groups up to 20 people) and \$40 for even larger groups. The \$40 spaces have the potential for allowing for more people and are located in areas where spillover can be accommodated while not encroaching on space reserved by others. This approach will help ensure less crowded conditions and the ability of emergency vehicles to reach all areas where students, alumni and community members will



be gathered.

Note the map on p. 11 to see where the larger paid tailgating spaces will be located. *Please note, we encourage anyone wishing to tailgate to purchase their space(s) in advance, as there are a limited number of spaces and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on Sept. 3, 2019. Those who wait until the day of the event may not have access to the tailgating area if and when all spaces are sold and the lot is full.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

There also will be more port-a-johns and trash receptacles strategically placed throughout the tailgating area for a more enjoyable experience. They also are indicated on the map. See the **tailgating policy** for additional information about conduct, prohibited activities and approved amenities.

Per the **tailgating policy**, attendees are asked to remove their own trash from tailgating—whether in the parking lots or in the designated tailgating area. If excess trash and/or other items are left in reserved spaces, the individual reserving the space may be fined. After clean up and before leaving the area, time stamp a photo of your reserved spot for your records in case you are charged a fine.

Be sure to come by the Alumni Association tent for your free Homecoming T-shirt designed by Brandon McGinnis '12 between 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There also will be an information tent near the Alumni Association tent where attendees can request assistance relating to parking, tailgating, group or individual behavior, etc.

Emergency medical personnel will be on site for the duration of the game and tailgating.

Please see the **tailgating policy** in regard to alcohol consumption and prohibited items/activities.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**I've always enjoyed tailgating. Why are these changes necessary?**

As the crowd size has grown in recent years, the need for a better parking and tailgating system became apparent. Ultimately, the changes being implemented will ensure a safer environment where first responders and police can address situations as they arise, provide options for groups and families to choose how and where they want to tailgate, and ensure a more enjoyable experience for all.

**Why do I have to pay for parking? Where will the money go?**

The \$5 nominal fee for parking will help offset the cost of additional event staff, police presence and amenities to ensure a better event experience for all.

**I want to use other lake-area facilities that day. Will I be able to?**

No. The loop around the lake area will be closed, as will the golf course and disc golf course. Those who need to drop off items for tailgating will be able to exit the area through the Sumter Avenue gate.

**I remember the traffic backups when Winthrop tried paid parking at another basketball game a while back. What's going to be different this time?**

More event staff will be available to serve the large crowd that is expected. However, Winthrop fans should plan to allow

plenty of time for parking and entering the arena if they are not attending tailgating.

**I understand making alumni and the community pay, but does this apply to students? What about walk-ups?**

Every vehicle entering the Coliseum area will be subject to the parking fee, including those of students. However, walk ups will not pay, as they are not parking a vehicle.

**Can I set up my tent in the North or South parking lot as I have in the past?**

No. Tents are not allowed in the North and South lots. Tents are only allowed in the designated tailgating area. See the map on p. 11.

**Can I set up my tent or tailgate on Friday night?**

No. Tailgating begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday and continues until 3:30 p.m.

**Where can I dispose of my trash?**

There will be a number of small dumpsters strategically placed throughout the parking and tailgating areas for trash disposal, as well as recycling receptacles.

**How is alcohol consumption going to be monitored?**

Campus and other police officers will be patrolling the parking and tailgating areas. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by underage persons is prohibited, as are any violations of federal, state or local law. Please see the **alcoholic beverage policy** for details. Glass containers, kegs and common containers are prohibited per the **tailgating policy**.

**What if I have a problem while I'm tailgating?**

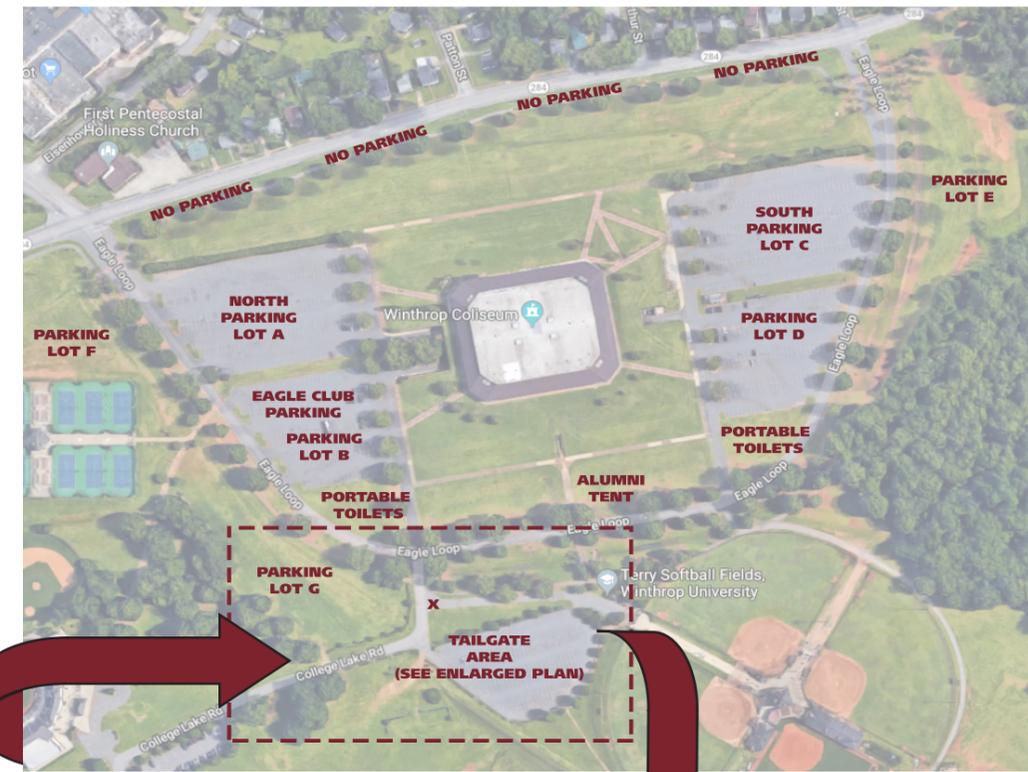
Visit the information tent where attendees can request assistance relating to parking, tailgating, group or individual behavior, etc.

**What can I expect as tailgating wraps up?**

EventPro staff and university staff will sweep through the tailgating areas beginning at 3:30 p.m. and again at 3:45 p.m. to make sure guests are cleaning up and preparing to vacate, if they have not done so already. At 4 p.m. Winthrop Police and university staff will make a final sweep; all guests should have vacated the tailgating area by this time.

## TAILGATING MAP

*For groups or families wanting to use tents or who may have more elaborate tailgate set ups, there will be a total of 48 designated spots in the tailgating area for \$20 (for groups up to 20 people) and \$40 for even larger groups. Reserve one or more of these spots through the TicketReturn.com website beginning Sept. 3, 2019. Space will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.*



# TENNIS TAKES ANOTHER TITLE



When the **women's tennis team** captured its 21st Big South title in April, it extended an unprecedented record. No other league member, current or former, has won more than three tournament titles. The season also ended with the retirement of long-time Coach Cid Carvalho '81, '89.

The 2019 team – a small group known for its focus, determination and grit - went unbeaten in conference play for the second consecutive season. Four Eagles ended this spring's regular season undefeated in conference singles: Ellie Burns, Lauren Proctor, Rafaela Santos and Alisa Soloveva.

Proctor earned her fourth consecutive Big South Player of the Year accolade, finishing with a 20-2 record and reaching the 20-win mark every year of her Winthrop career. Playing at the number two position, Soloveva also was dominant, putting up a 17-match winning streak in her 18-1 overall record.

Proctor called being a member of the women's tennis team an incredible journey. "Winning the Big South all four years was by far one of the biggest accomplishments," said Proctor, who earned her exercise science degree in May. "I believe a lot of our success was due to the fine coaching by Cid."

Carvalho called this 2019 team one of his best.

"It's always prestigious and an honor to win the Big South title, then to advance and represent Winthrop and the Big South in the NCAA tournament," said Carvalho, who scheduled non-conference matches with nearby tennis powerhouse schools. "Our girls really believe we can do well."

Winthrop made program history in 2018 with its first

win in the NCAA Tournament, defeating No. 20 Auburn 4-3 to advance to the second round. In this year's NCAA Tournament, the No. 32 ranked Oklahoma team escaped with a narrow 4-3 win over the Eagles in the first round.

The doubles combo of Megan Kauffman and Proctor represented Winthrop in May at the NCAA Division I Tennis Championships for the second consecutive year. Kauffman and Proctor finished the season with a No. 48 ranking. Proctor finished ranked No. 52 in singles.

Kauffman said it was an honor to play under a legendary coach. "He has created a culture where Winthrop Eagles play with heart and tenacity. It's because of this heart we were able to beat such accomplished teams like Auburn in 2018. It's for moments like those that you play college sports," said Kauffman, who graduated in May in exercise science. "My time as an Eagle was filled with momentous triumphs, nail-biting matches and incredible people. It has been a life-changing experience."

Big South awards followed: Carvalho was named 2019 Coach of the Year, four Eagles (Proctor, Soloveva, Santos and Burns) earned All-Conference in singles, and all three Winthrop doubles duos earned All-Conference honors (Proctor/Kauffman, Soloveva/Santos, Burns/Tayla Van Eck).

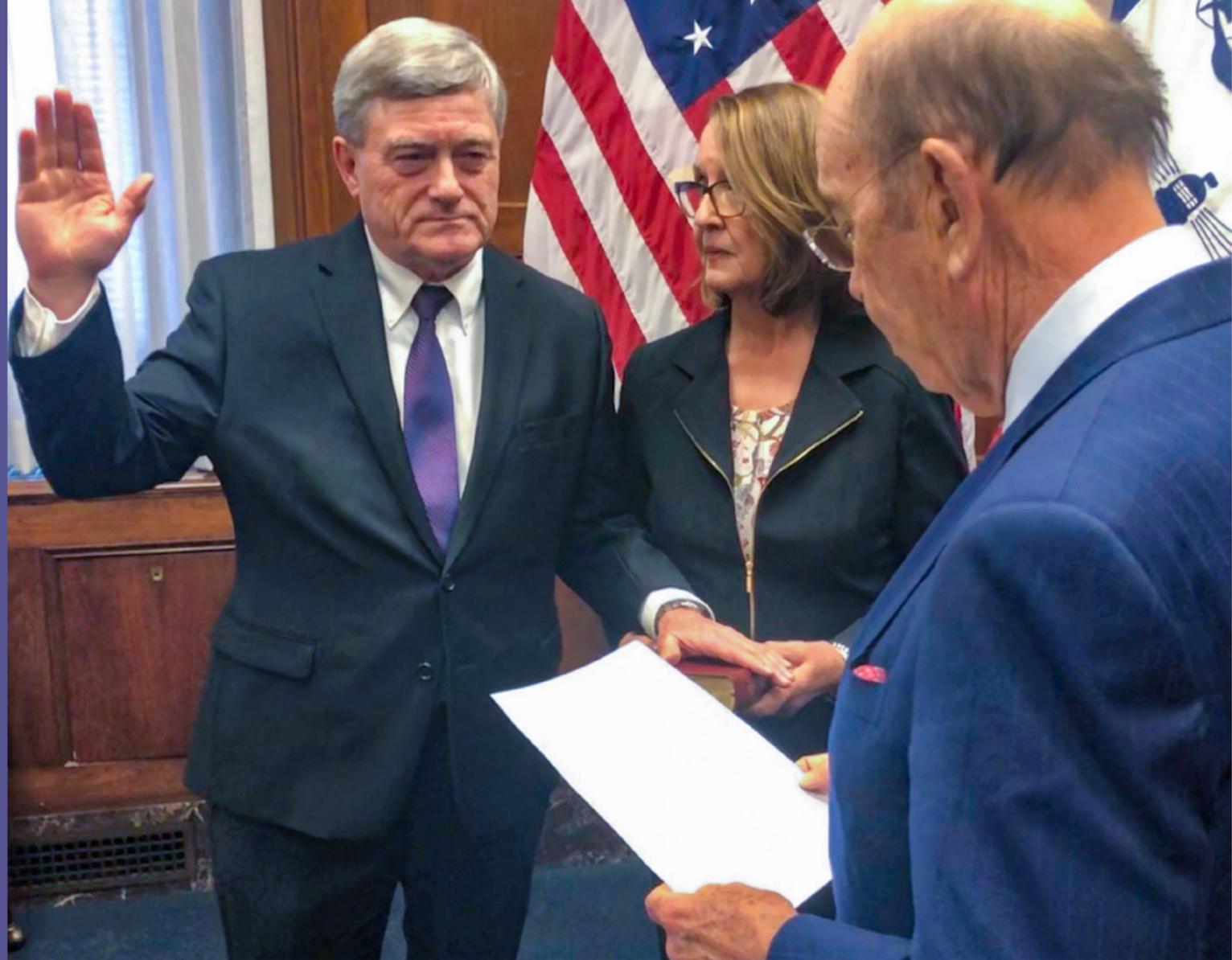
Carvalho called his coaching career at Winthrop "a great ride."

The Sao Paulo, Brazil, native took the reins of the men's and women's tennis programs in 1985, coaching both teams for 26 seasons. The duties of the two positions were divided in 2011, and Carvalho led the women's team for the next eight seasons.

"I'm very grateful and blessed to have been the head tennis coach for all these years. I think once an Eagle, always an Eagle, so although I'm retiring I'm hoping to stay involved with the program and help the coaches and the tennis programs and athletics department as I move forward," Carvalho said. "I'm forever thankful to all the people that played, coached, helped or supported the tennis programs throughout the years. Go Eagles!"

*Opposite page top to bottom: Tennis players celebrated the team's second round win over Campbell University and the team posed with the Big South Conference championship trophy. Left: Head Coach Cid Carvalho was given the honor of placing Winthrop in the champion bracket after the team won the program's 21st Big South title.*





# COUNTING AMERICA'S MILLIONS

## *Steven Dillingham '73 has an important responsibility to shoulder in 2020.*

As the new head of the **U.S. Census Bureau**, he has to ensure that every person living in the United States is counted in the 2020 Census.

Dillingham will serve as director through Dec. 31, 2021.

Dillingham, who resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with wife Kimberly and daughter Abigail, has local ties; he was born in Orangeburg, and his parents are from Rock Hill. He attended the U.S. Air Force Academy from 1970-72 and is a 1973 graduate of Winthrop, where he majored in political science.

Dillingham acknowledges the role Winthrop alumni play in furthering the university's mission. Several will work with him to execute the 2020 Census, including Dominic Beamer '09, branch manager of Nonresponse Operations of the Decennial Census.

Dillingham also values networking opportunities with Winthrop staff and alumni during visits to D.C. The Alumni Association established a D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter which holds events for area alumni.

"Building relationships with alumni frequently opens the door to new friendships and opportunities," he said.

There are nearly 900 alumni in the D.C. Metro area. Dillingham found his way to Washington in the 1980s and has built an impressive career there. Most recently, he served as Peace Corps' director of the Office of Strategic Information, Research and Planning, and previously served as the director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. He first began working in Washington as legal counsel in the Department of Justice and later the Department of Energy.

"I developed interests in government and

public service before and during my collegiate studies. My interests were reinforced at Winthrop, and during my subsequent studies and professional career. Public service broadens your understanding of what is possible and how best to accomplish it. I whole heartedly encourage students with interests in public service and evidence-based policies to pursue them. Opportunities to contribute in making government better can take many forms. I have found that the collection and analysis of accurate data are critical," he said.

In his newest role, Dillingham wants to further his commitment to carrying out federal programs that "promote relevance, credibility, trust and independence."

"My original career goal was to learn more about government through public service. This position provides me with a unique opportunity to contribute to our nation," Dillingham said.

He leads a staff that is now busy verifying addresses, advertising the census and conducting outreach via non-profits and private sector organizations.

The survey — which occurs every 10 years — will be easier and safer to complete than ever.

"For the first time, people will have three response options - online, by phone or on paper. More response options will help to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons living in the United States. The results of a decennial census are used to determine apportionment of congressional representation, support state redistricting efforts and guide \$675 billion in federal funding," Dillingham said.

More visible action for the census starts in January 2020.

"As director, I hope to participate in a tradition of traveling to Alaska and assisting with the first enumeration, or count, at Toksook Bay, a remote village where residents are hard to reach later in the year," he said.

For more information about the upcoming 2020 Census, follow @uscensusbureau on Twitter.



# GIVING BACK TO UGANDA

*Henry Kalungi '10 lives thousands of miles from his homeland of Uganda, but there's rarely a day when his positive impact is not felt there.*

The soccer professional started a foundation for Ugandan youth after playing for Winthrop and then professionally with several U.S. teams, including his most recent team, the Charlotte Independence.

The **Henry Kalungi Foundation** was created for a number of reasons, but mainly it fed Kalungi's desire to make a difference and to give the children of his village the same hope he had growing up. He remembers constructing soccer balls from plantains, cherishing the pairs of shoes and shorts he wore, and indulging in hearty meals and refreshing sodas only on special holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Now, through his foundation, "special holidays" are more frequent and have evolved into celebrations where new shoes and clothes, savory foods and soft drinks are given freely to villagers.

"When I came (to Winthrop), my first thought was 'how can I make a difference where I come from?' Because my education was an opportunity that not very many people get. So it made me understand that I'm blessed and I'm loved, but I have to spread this love to other people," Kalungi said. "I have always believed that God never makes mistakes. The way He got me through my childhood, then to America, then the doors that opened for me, it made me understand that He has blessed me to be a blessing to others."

His talent has enabled him to transform lives in Uganda, but as a young boy, Kalungi's affinity for soccer ruffled the feathers of a strict father who emphasized hard work, discipline and the value of education. It wasn't until Kalungi became a standout player in boarding school that his father, Salongo Godfrey Kirumira, began to come around.

Then came a recruitment opportunity to play soccer at Winthrop. Kalungi, who had been honing his skills playing for the Ugandan Youth National Team, knew the prospect of receiving an education in the United States would win over his father — a teacher — even more.

His father's approval was liberating, and Kalungi made the 30-hour journey to Rock Hill in 2006. But his father's longstanding expectations also kept him focused — reinforced by his faith that "God will always take care of tomorrow."

"My dad is disabled yet has worked so hard to get us where he wanted us to be. So I always kept that in my mind. If my dad can work this hard and help us, we don't have an excuse. I understood that I have a special privilege to be here, and I need to use that."

Giving back was a sentiment echoed by former Winthrop Head Men's Soccer Coach Rich Posipanko when he first recruited Kalungi.

"He said to me: 'We are giving you this education, and I want you to one day give back.' So when

I came here, I always knew I wanted to make a difference back home," Kalungi said.

One of his first charity initiatives was establishing, with his brother Ivan, a Ugandan soccer academy in 2009. Then came the foundation, developed by the siblings with the help of Kalungi's wife and former Winthrop volleyball player, Jaqueline '14, '18.

Posipanko is proud of Kalungi's charity work. "Failure was never going to be an option for him, and his outstanding work ethic has made him successful," Posipanko said.

Kalungi keeps strong ties to the soccer communities in Rock Hill and Charlotte; he often trains with players at Winthrop. And he keeps strong heart ties to his South Carolina family, including former Winthrop staff member Susan Gunderson and Tom Hickman, Winthrop's longtime athletics director who retired in 2016.

"I'm thankful that I have always been welcome ... once you are an Eagle, you are always going to be an Eagle."

## Adrienne McCormick Selected as New Provost

Adrienne McCormick, the dean of Winthrop's College of Arts and Sciences, is the new provost and executive vice president for **academic affairs**.

The provost reports directly to President Dan Mahony. Second to the president, the provost is responsible for leading the institution in the president's absence.

Mahony noted McCormick's impressive commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, a key component of the Winthrop Plan; her focus on pursuing new partnerships and opportunities for students, faculty and staff; and her dedication to recruiting high-quality faculty.

McCormick, who joined Winthrop in 2018, will assume her new duties in July. She'll replace Provost Debra Boyd, who will take a year-long sabbatical before returning to the classroom.



## Takita Sumter Named College of Arts and Sciences Dean

Takita Sumter, vice provost for faculty affairs and professor of chemistry, will serve as dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**, beginning July 1.

Sumter, who served as interim dean of the college in 2017-18, will provide leadership to Winthrop's largest degree-granting college — including 14 departments and five centers — and will oversee more than 300 full- and part-time faculty and staff and a \$18 million budget.

Sumter received her Ph.D. in biochemistry and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine prior to joining the faculty at Winthrop in 2004.

During her term as interim dean, the college completed 14 faculty searches, procured over \$1 million in master lease equipment, added three new minors and negotiated several inter-institutional program agreements.

She replaces Adrienne McCormick, who is assuming the role of Winthrop provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.



## Winthrop Earns Two Notable Distinctions

Winthrop recently earned the designation "Voter Friendly Campus" from the national nonpartisan organizations **Campus Vote Project (CVP)** and **NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education** for its efforts in educating and encouraging students to vote in the 2018 mid-term election.

The university also was designated as a Purple Heart University from the **Military Order of the Purple Heart** in recognition of the university's support of military members, including veterans and their families.



## Winthrop Receives \$1.2 Million Commerce Grant

Winthrop received a \$1.2 million grant for electrical upgrades to reinforce the campus' infrastructure to prepare for extreme hazardous weather.

The university's grant was announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of a congressional appropriation for disaster relief and recovery.

The grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration will help ensure the university's electrical infrastructure can meet its current and future needs, particularly during times of hazardous weather.



## Leonard Mark Lewis Named the 2019 SCMTA Commissioned Composer

Professor of Music Leonard Mark Lewis has been named the **2019 South Carolina Music Teachers Association (SCMTA) Commissioned Composer**.

To memorialize and honor the lives lost in the tragic shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston on June 12, 2015, SCMTA commissioned Lewis to write a unique piece entitled "Elegy: In Memoriam of the Emanuel Nine." The purpose is to memorialize "The Emanuel

Nine" and the survivors of the tragedy. SCMTA seeks for this commission to capture the tragedy and sacrifice as well as the hope, healing and resilience demonstrated by the community.

Lewis is a composer, conductor and pianist specializing in new music. He has received awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, B.M.I., Columbia University, Voices of Change, Frank Tichelli and MACRO.



## Gary Williams is Newest Member of Winthrop Board of Trustees

S.C. Governor Henry McMaster has appointed Rock Hill resident Gary Williams '11 to the Winthrop Board of Trustees. Williams filled the seat held by Don Long, who was appointed to the seat by former S.C. Governor Nikki Haley.

Williams is the CEO of **Williams & Fudge Corp.**, a financial services firm in Rock Hill. Williams received an honorary Winthrop degree in 2011 for his work as a champion of education in the community. He and his wife, Peggy, established at Winthrop the Gary and Peggy Williams Fund for Literacy. He has served on the Winthrop Foundation Board, the Palmetto Council of the Boy Scouts, the YC Community Foundation, Camp Canaan Board, and served with other local organizations.



## Donors Make Day of Giving a Success

The community supported the Winthrop family in a big way on April 6 by contributing to the university's inaugural giving day! During the 24-hour giving campaign, alumni, donors, friends, parents, students, faculty and staff were encouraged to make an impact and to give to the areas most meaningful to them. And they did. More than 160 donors generously contributed \$12,495 to Winthrop's future!

Keep that giving spirit going by contributing a gift of any size, any time throughout the year. Find out more information about ways to give at [www.winthrop.edu/advancement](http://www.winthrop.edu/advancement).

# Thank You

## For Supporting the Inaugural Day of Giving

## Close Scholars Program Enhanced by New Pledges

In celebration of the Close Scholars Program's 20th anniversary, Winthrop has received two new pledges to enhance the longstanding program, which promotes community service and civic engagement.

The new pledges, made by the Springs Close Foundation's Board of Directors and Derick Close, CEO, Springs Creative and president of the Springsteen Foundation, will be used to increase the annual scholarship to \$5,000 for each scholar and to implement Close Exploration, a required study abroad component.



The Close Scholars program celebrated graduating seniors during the annual picnic on April 14 at the Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill. The scholars are pictured with Close (second from left).

## Work to Soon Begin on Morgan-Holcombe Alumni & Admissions Center

There are exciting developments underway to formally name an important campus space for benefactors Betty '56 and Milton Holcombe of Dallas, Texas. Architects are working on Joynes Hall renovation designs so that later this year the Morgan-Holcombe Alumni & Admissions Center will begin to take shape.

When complete, the new center will have advancement and admissions staff sharing Joynes' first floor, while the second and third floors will house admissions and alumni/development staff members respectively.

Renovations necessitate the permanent closing of the Inn at Winthrop on July 1.



## 2019 Alumni Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

Each November, the Winthrop Alumni Association presents awards at the Alumni Reunion & Awards Luncheon, held during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, to alumni who have demonstrated Winthrop's tradition of excellence. Nominations for the 2019 Alumni Awards will be accepted through Friday, July 26.

To nominate a Winthrop graduate for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the Alumni Professional Achievement Award or the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, visit the [Alumni Awards webpage](#) and complete the Alumni Awards Nomination Form and submit it to Lori Tuttle, executive director of alumni relations, at [tuttlel@winthrop.edu](mailto:tuttlel@winthrop.edu).

## Legacies Welcomed at Winthrop Day



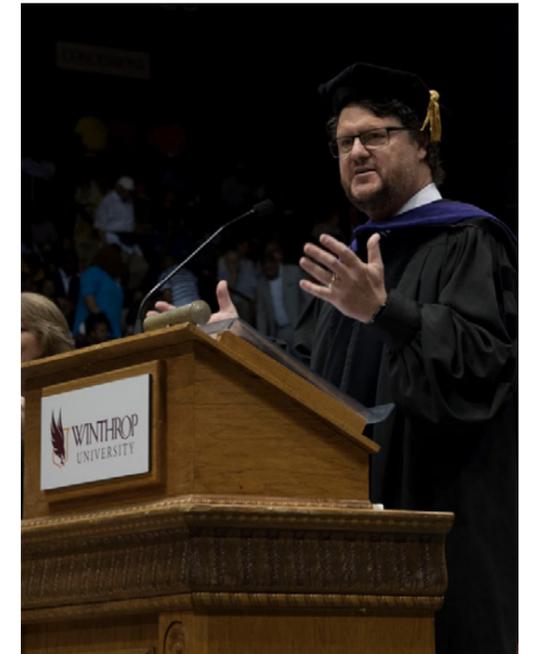
Kathy Hoole Camp '88 with her daughter Emily Camp, whose father, Charles Camp, is also an alumnus from 1988.

Thirty-two admitted students and their families were recognized at Winthrop Day on April 6 as part of the **Alumni Association's Legacy Program**. A Legacy student is a child, grandchild or sibling of a Winthrop graduate who is continuing the tradition of attending the university. At the event, families enjoyed a photo booth and special welcome gift as they celebrated their student's admission to Winthrop. Approximately 600 students and their families were on campus for the day.

## Ring Ceremony Continues Tradition



On April 14, 36 students participated in the 16th annual Ring Ceremony. Juniors and seniors who purchased the official Winthrop ring were invited to the ceremony to receive their ring, which was presented to them by David McDonald '01, president of the Alumni Executive Board.



## Congratulations to Our New Alumni!

Nearly 1,000 students earned graduate, specialist and bachelor's degrees during May Commencement ceremonies. Gary Simrill '91, the Majority Leader of the S.C. House of Representatives, delivered the Commencement address during the undergraduate ceremony held on the morning of May 4. President Dan Mahony presented Simrill with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. During the afternoon Commencement ceremony, Mahony conferred an honorary degree of Bachelor of Humane Letters upon the late Mary Spann Richardson Lenoir '42, who was unable to complete her degree due to circumstances beyond her control.

## Welcome the Newest Alumni Executive Board Members

The Alumni Executive Board welcomes four new board members for its 2019-22 term. The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Executive Board selected Kimberly Dickens Williamson '82, Casey Munn Ferri '09, Scott Melton '04 and Patricia Plexico Boutwell '84 to serve their alma mater. This will be the second board term for Williamson and Melton and the first term for Ferri and Boutwell.

For more information on giving, or to make a gift, please call the Division of University Advancement at 803/323-2275 or visit [www.winthrop.edu/give](http://www.winthrop.edu/give).

## 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](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu), visit [www.winthrop.edu/alumni](http://www.winthrop.edu/alumni) or call 803/323-2145 or 800/578-6545 to submit your news.

### 1970

Summerville resident **Clara Holland Heinsohn** was presented the 21st Annual Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Picture Award by State Representative Wendell Gilliard.

### 1972

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident **Susanne McGuire** was appointed to the Blumenthal Performing Arts Board of Trustees.

### 1976

**Thomas C. Dunlap III** of Gastonia, North Carolina, retired from Gaston County Schools and now works as the customer care representative for elite services in American Airlines' Admirals Club at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

### 1982

Spokane, Washington, resident **Mark Danner** is director of information technology at Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute.

### 1984

Clover resident **Darrell Johnson** will serve as interim superintendent of the Orangeburg

School District.

### 1991

Rock Hill resident **Robin Owens** was elected to the Rock Hill Schools Board of Trustees.

### 1995

Columbia resident **Kaetrena Davis Kendrick** was named the Association of College and Research Libraries' Academic/Research Librarian of the Year.

### 1996

Orlando, Florida, resident **Jennifer Waddell** is the vice president, Orlando area manager, for Axiom Bank, N.A.

### 1999

**Jocelyn Young** of Fort Mill has been named the principal of Kings Town Elementary School that is set to open in 2020.

### 2001

Savannah, Georgia, resident **Rachel Young Fields**, an attorney and partner at Hunter Maclean, was named one of Georgia's 2019 Rising Stars.

The Morris Brown College Board of Trustees appointed Columbia resident **Kevin James** as interim

president.

### 2002

Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal selected Orlando, Florida, resident **Will McIntosh** to its Forty Under 40 Class of 2019.

### 2005

**Francis "Mac" McDougal** of Charleston will serve as principal of J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School for the 2019-20 school year.

### 2006

Mt. Pleasant resident **Elah Hudson** is the coordinator of guidance and counseling services for Charleston County School District.

### 2008

**Michael Jenkins** of Fort Mill was inducted into the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame.

### 2009

Rock Hill resident **Ashley Fann** was inducted into the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Joseph T. Wilson** won the 2018-19 Teacher of the Year Award for McCormick High School and the District Teacher of the Year Award.

### 2010

Columbia resident **Nicole Gaillard** received her Doctor of Education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of

South Carolina.

### 2011

Hickory Grove resident **Marie Cheek** served as the Rock Hill Teachers' Choice Youth Art Exhibition juror.

Laurens resident **Sara-Frances Lail** received an alumni spotlight from Laurens County School District 55.

Rock Hill resident **Cari Wooldridge** was inducted into the Liberty High School Hall of Fame.

### 2012

Charlotte, North Carolina, resident **Debra Miller** was named the 2019 S.C. Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators.

Lewiston, Maine, resident **Edward Szeman** was selected as a member of the first class of 30 Under 30 honorees by the YMCA of the USA.

### 2016

**Shayna Foxworth** of Charlotte, North Carolina, was awarded the Julia Post Activities Award by Rock Hill Mayor John Gettys

### 2017

Rock Hill resident **Drew Alewine** is the women's volleyball coach at USC Salkehatchie.

**Lauren Watts**, of Charlotte, North Carolina, was nominated as the Beginning Teacher of the Year for the Lancaster County School District.

# Milestones

## BIRTHS

**Lawrence Nicholas Hough '08** and **Whitney Nicole Hough '11**, a daughter, **Margaret Olivia Hough**, Oct. 21, 2018

## MARRIAGES

**Elizabeth B. Truluck '81** to **Daniel Patrick Scully**

**Michelle Renee Phillips '15** to **Ryan Kuykendall**

**Jon Michael Shea '15** to **Whitney Alexis Helton '16**

**Mary Beth Turner '18** to **Joshua Doby**

## IN MEMORIAM

### 1930s

**Margaret Arant Welborn '33**  
**Beryl Johnson Cox '35**  
**Mary Fewell Blair '36**  
**Lila Muldrow Riggins '36**

### 1940s

**Leslye Lightsey Fleniken '40**  
**Ruby Ellison Lewis '41**  
**Nancy Craig Thomas '41**  
**Sara (Lavinia) Lesslie Braswell '42**  
**Sarah Brodie Lesesne '42**  
**Anne (Becky) Fogle Yates '42**  
**Anna Kate Williams Leslie '43**

## Display Your Eagle Pride



Alumni in South Carolina can support Winthrop wherever they drive with a special state-issued vanity plate from the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles. The redesigned plate incorporates Winthrop's Eagle head logo in the university's signature garnet and gold colors. Winthrop receives \$40 of each registration fee for scholarships.

**Order your new plate now!**

# Milestones

Dora Purvis Wiley '43  
Martha Buice Fairey '44  
Katharine Parkman Kemp '44  
Jennie Moore Rhodes '44  
Sarah Guess Barton '45  
Margaret Sanders Dollfus '45  
Jewell Clark Edwards '45  
Thelma (Ruth) Smith Johnson '45  
Lizelle (Smyly) Kinard Kennedy '45  
Lillian Green Clements '46  
Arminta Sturgis Mitchell '46  
Carolyn Fields Weil '46  
Sara (Sallie) Wilbanks Davis '47  
Sarah (Frances) Griffin Isbel '47  
Myrtle Outzs Buddin '47  
Sara Vause Granger '48  
Frances Rudisill Hamm '48  
Rebecca Dixon Harmon '48  
Sarah Nelson Holmes '48  
Sarah Dees Hovis '48  
Madge Huskey Moore '48  
Imogene Corley Carns '49  
Essie (Anita) McClimon Colbert '49  
Frances Fitts DeLoach '49  
Mary Ford Hopke '49  
Laura Mae Ludlam Hyman '49  
Katie Watson Macon '49  
Jeannette Funchess Mason '49

## 1950s

Edna Hunter Hill '50  
Mary Alice McLaughlin Kinnett '50  
Helen Smith Lee '50  
Anita Dingle Flowers '51  
Louise Crocker Leitner '51  
Virginia Inez McGuirt '51  
Bobbie Owen Oglesby '51  
Joyce King Pulkinen '51  
Joyce Smoak Switzer '51

Barbara Grubbs Thompson '51, '80  
Ellen Aiken Andrews '53  
Elizabeth Tanner Clarke '53  
Emily Matthews McCarty '53  
Elisa Masten Carr '54  
Clemiegene (Clemie)  
Rhodes Edwards '55  
Mildred Lyles Gustafson '55  
Joanne Cameron Jackson '55  
Lavinia (Benny) Weir McDonald '55  
Merilyn Bush Ridley '55  
Patrel Little Bauer '56  
Mary Huggin Gee '56  
Doris Evelyn Wilson '56  
Jerrell Bowers Campbell '57  
Betty Ponder Wilson '58

## 1960s

Ann Turner Baker '60  
Clara (Peggy) Nelson Jackson '60  
Dorothy Meetze Lovett '60  
Dorothy (Louise) Curry Morgan '60  
Marta Turner McCall '62  
Mary Senn Ripley '62  
Martha Ann Cannon '63  
Della Hutto Glenn '64  
Sarah Morris Herlong '64  
Marcia Jones Hutchinson '64  
Elizabeth (Pinckney)  
Roper Martin '64  
Patricia Fincher Kenoyer '65  
Claudette Francis Dalack '66  
Judy Gail Smith '66  
Virginia Davey Stith '69

## 1970s

Nancy Sheriff Dobbins '70  
Margaret (Peg) Hawisher Arko '71  
Linda Turner Gibson '71  
Sarah Ellen Hinesley Jones '71

Kathryn Brown Keckley '71  
Carol Ring Meyer '72  
Barbara Walker Bennett '73  
Camille Griffin Thomas '73  
Starr Torrence Todd '73  
Julia Idella Price '74  
Harold Smith Walker '76  
Risher Rainey Fairey '77

## 1980s

William L. Bertha '80  
Ronald L. Cassels '80  
Sheila Ann James '82  
Deborah (Debbie) Lynn Kluttz '82  
Pennie McAlhany Wendelken '82  
John Franklin Hardin '85  
David Wayne Hickman '85, '90  
John Anthony Nielsen '87  
Ann Rauscher Campbell '88  
Paul J. Outlaw '88  
Steven Douglas Padgett '88  
Laura Young Wotring '88

## 1990s

Sarah Jolly Dodson '90  
William (Ed) Edward Holler '91  
Felicia Antionetta Hooks '92  
Elizabeth Ivester Horton '92  
Robert Howard Hord '93  
Charles (Chuck)  
William Lawrence '98

## 2000s

Michael Charles Scoggins '02  
Rock Anderson Perdue '04

## 2010s

Raven Elextra Glanton '15  
John Arthur O'Kain '18