



April 2019



Women's Tennis Earns 21st Conference Title, NCAA Tournament Bound

The women's tennis team won its 21st Big South Conference Championship title with a 4-0 victory over Radford on April 19. With the victory, the team earns the Big South's automatic berth in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. The team will face the University of Oklahoma on May 4 in the [NCAA Tournament's first round](#) at UNC-Chapel Hill. Head Coach Cid Carvalho '81, '89 earned, for the second-straight season, the conference's Coach of the Year Award, and senior standout Lauren Proctor received her fourth-consecutive conference Player of the Year Award. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Receives \$1.2 Million Commerce Grant for Electrical Upgrades

Winthrop will receive a \$1.2 million grant for electrical upgrades to reinforce the campus' infrastructure to prepare for extreme hazardous weather. The university's grant was one of two S.C. awards recently announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of a congressional appropriation for disaster relief and recovery. [Read More>>](#)



Donors Enhance Close Scholars Program

Winthrop has received two new pledges to enhance its longstanding Close Scholars Program in celebration of the program's 20th anniversary. The Springs Close Foundation's Board of Directors increased the annual scholarship award to each student selected as a Close Scholar to \$5,000 per academic year, beginning in the 2019-20 academic year. Funds to implement a new study abroad component to the program also have been pledged. [Read More>>](#)



Three Winthrop Faculty Members Honored with Annual Awards

Winthrop will honor two marketing faculty members at its May 4 Commencement ceremony for their scholarship and creative teaching methods. President Dan Mahony will recognize Professor Cara Peters as recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award, the highest recognition for faculty members, and Assistant Professor Stephanie Lawson with the Outstanding Junior Professor Award. A third faculty award will go to Professor Laura Gardner of the College of Visual and Performing Arts during the May 2 Graduate Commencement ceremony. She will be honored with the Jane LaRoche Graduate Faculty Award. [Read More>>](#)



S.C. Governor Appoints Gary Williams to Winthrop Board of Trustees

S.C. Governor Henry McMaster has appointed Rock Hill resident Gary Williams to the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. Williams immediately filled the seat held by Don Long, a retired IBM executive from Lake Wylie. [Read More>>](#)



Leonard Mark Lewis Chosen to Honor the Lives of “The Emanuel Nine” as 2019 SCMTA Commissioned Composer

Leonard Mark Lewis, a professor of music, has been named the 2019 S.C. Music Teachers Association (SCMTA) Commissioned Composer. The SCMTA commissioned Lewis to write a unique piece, entitled “Elegy: In Memoriam of the Emanuel Nine,” to memorialize and honor the lives lost in the tragic shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 12, 2015.

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Alumni Director's Letter: Welcoming Our Newest Alumni, T-shirt Contest Winner and Alumni Award Nominations

The spring semester is officially winding down, and Commencement is upon us. I'm thrilled to welcome our May graduates into the Winthrop alumni ranks. I'm also pleased to share with you the winner of the Homecoming T-shirt contest and how you can nominate a deserving Winthrop graduate for an annual alumni award.

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Alumni Spotlight: Lauren Ansley '02

A Charlotte magazine has named Lauren Ansley '02 as a comedian to watch, but after bombing her first comedy open mic, she almost quit the one thing that gives her the most joy. [Read More>>](#)

Calendar of Events

May 2, [Graduate Commencement Ceremony](#)
7 p.m., [Winthrop Coliseum](#)

May 4, [Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony](#)

10 a.m., [Winthrop Coliseum](#)
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Visual and Performing Arts

3 p.m., [Winthrop Coliseum](#)
College of Business Administration
Richard W. Riley College of Education



A Message from President Dan Mahony

As the successful spring semester comes to a close, President Dan Mahony shares some of the accomplishments achieved over the past months in his end-of-semester message. Please click on the video graphic above to view the update.

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