MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

The campus community remains energized about the search for Winthrop’s 11th president. As you know, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the university’s Acting President since last summer. This time of transition has been fruitful for the campus, as together we have made strides consonant with the campus priorities endorsed by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees:

- Increase student enrollment, retention, and degree completion;
- Continue to support excellence in academic and student life programming;
- Enhance the work environment for faculty and staff; and,
- Expand not only Winthrop’s role as a partner in the region’s economic growth but also the number of Winthrop supporters inspired to invest in the university’s future.

In the not-too-distant future, I will return to my position as provost and vice president for academic affairs; and a new president will come aboard to lead our institution. The good work of the President Search Committee has brought us from more than 80 active candidates to three finalists who have just visited our campus to get to know our community and to be interviewed by representatives of key constituent groups. Feedback from these stakeholders even now shapes discussion among board members who will soon select Winthrop’s next president.

My deep appreciation goes out to all who have participated in the search and to those who have watched the process with interest from afar. Your input has been invaluable. I also thank you for the support you have given me personally during this time, as we have worked together to ensure that students remain our highest priority at Winthrop and that they continue to receive the exemplary education for which this university is known.

Sincerely,

Debra C. Boyd

Acting President
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Agents for Social Justice

The Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday proved to be a Day of Service for Winthrop students. More than 200 students from Winthrop, York Technical College and Clinton College spent the day working on projects for area agencies.

The groups fanned out to different parts of Rock Hill. They worked in food pantries, with elementary-age children and senior citizens, in landscaping, by cleaning wheelchairs, picking up litter and in a community garden.

Students pledged to stay connected to their community, to remember that MLK Day is one day in a lifetime of service, to think critically about community needs and issues, and to take action for social justice.

Click on the photo gallery at the bottom right, watch the video at the bottom right or view the Storehouse entry.
Part of the MLK Day of Service involved reflection.

English major Keith Mushonga said his task involved moving items from one place to another. It was a menial task but helped workers in that agency. “The idea is that your service does not have to be a big task, but that it helps someone,” he said.

The teams gained inspiration from words by DeAlva Wilson Glenn ’92, ’94, who founded D. Wilson Agency in Charlotte, North Carolina. “To keep Martin Luther King’s dream alive, serve others,” she said, adding they should live in the moment and live with purpose.
ENGAGED STUDENTS MAKE ENGAGED CITIZENS

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of a Winthrop education. Faculty and staff infuse the Winthrop experience with opportunities for students to become active citizens and leaders. Freshmen have participated in efforts to fight poverty and illiteracy. A student initiative called Students Challenging Others to Pursue Excellence (SCOPE) has grown to a 20-student volunteer team at a nearby recreation center. An annual alternative spring break sends students on different service projects across the country. Student-athletes have hosted parties at the Boys and Girls Club, donated money to purchase toys and worked on crafts with kids. A new spring project, the Krispy Kreme Race-Run for Reading, is a four-mile run that benefitted the Early Learning Partnership of York County.
Independent groups have praised Winthrop for its emphasis on community service.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected Winthrop to receive its 2015 Community Engagement Classification, indicating it has an institutional focus on community engagement that is ingrained in campus life.

Winthrop’s service highlights for Carnegie classification included the NetSCOPE teacher education grant, the Department of Political Science’s Social & Behavioral Research Lab and the Rocha school project in Nicaragua.

In addition, the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll has recognized Winthrop for nine years. Winthrop students’ work stood out for their efforts with literacy, a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and a homework project for at-risk students in a nearby neighborhood, in addition to other initiatives.

Finally, as a nod to its dedication to community service, Winthrop is home to the S.C. Campus Compact, a coalition of 17 South Carolina colleges and universities working to promote and develop the civic purposes of higher education.

Click on thumbnail photo to enlarge. Click on large photo to close.
Fifty years ago four pioneering African-American women — Cynthia Plair Roddey ‘67, Delores Johnson Hurt ‘68, Arnetta Gladden Mackey ‘67 and Sue Frances Meriwether Steed ‘67 — courageously integrated the Winthrop campus. Over a week’s time this past fall, Winthrop commemorated this significant milestone in the university’s history. The anniversary’s theme, “Fulfilling the Promise,” encouraged the community to come together, remember, and reflect on the contributions of the four brave women and many other esteemed African Americans who helped pave the way for the access and diversity that characterizes today’s Winthrop experience.

Highlights included “lunch and learn” sessions featuring some of Winthrop’s pioneers, a “Blueprint Roundtable” that facilitated multi-generational dialogue about issues affecting black males, movie showings highlighting the Civil Rights era and the Fulfilling the Promise banquet.
One of the week’s highlights was the debut of the “Fulfilling the Promise” video featuring interviews with two of Winthrop’s pioneers, Cynthia Roddey and Delores Hurt. View the video (above) to hear the women describe in their own words their experiences integrating Winthrop. Click on the slideshow (below) to view photos from the week’s events. Winthrop’s integration website provides additional insight on the events leading up to this historic time, as well as important “firsts” before and since.

$16,378
RAISED FOR THE RODDEY, JOHNSON, GLADDEN, MERIWETHER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

821
ESTIMATED PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL INTEGRATION EVENTS

12
“FIRSTS” WHOSE STORIES WERE TOLD ON THE INTEGRATION WEBSITE

1,650
CURRENTLY ENROLLED AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS

The Roddey, Johnson, Gladden, Meriwether Endowed Scholarship fund honors the four pioneering African-American women who first integrated Winthrop. This fund, while recognizing Winthrop’s “firsts,” provides assistance to meet the needs of today’s minority students from South Carolina. Consider giving to this important fund.
ALUMNI CELEBRATE 2014 HOMECOMING

Separated by era, united by spirit: Winthrop alumni of all ages joined faculty, staff, students and supporters on campus Nov. 14-15, 2014, to celebrate the 2014 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Highlights included: a comedy show with actor Brandon T. Jackson; a Mardi Gras-themed party; the Alumni Awards Luncheon to recognize Linda Driggers Williams ’64, ’69, ’80, Jimmie Williamson ’80, ’85, Gina Price White ’83, Jeffrey Revels ’93 and Chisa Johnson Putman ’03; an exhibition of artwork by Jane Spratt ’64; tailgating; a successful kickoff of the men’s and women’s basketball seasons; and the popular NPHC Step Show.

To see snapshots of the weekend’s events, click on the photo gallery at the bottom right or view the 2014 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend video at the right.
Alumni generosity made giving back the unofficial theme of the weekend. Members of the Class of 1964 raised $100,000 for two new funds and a permanent sculpture (read more on p.10). Alumni of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., donated more than $6,750 through purchases of engraved Scholars Walk bricks, earning them the Greek Challenge title for money raised during Homecoming. Additionally, more than 60 alumni gathered at Charlotte’s Sports One Bar and Lounge Nov. 14 and raised $6,410 for the Roddey, Johnson, Gladden, Meriwether Endowed Scholarship, a new fund recognizing Winthrop’s first African-American students.

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For the 2014 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Class of 1964 members wanted to do more than simply celebrate their milestone 50th reunion. The “Golden Girls” wanted to establish a lasting legacy, one that would honor their years at Winthrop and affect the lives of future students. After a vigorous and successful fund-raising campaign, class members generated enough gifts to create two new funds: the Class of 1964 Endowed Scholarship and the Class of 1964 Programming Fund. The endowed scholarship supports rising sophomores at Winthrop who meet high academic criteria. The programming fund provides financial assistance for programs in the Office of Alumni Relations. During the Nov. 15 Alumni Awards Luncheon at the 2014 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, the class presented a check for $100,000 in funds raised.
The Class of 1964 members also collaborated to raise funds for another permanent gift to Winthrop: a 100-pound bronze statue titled “Metamorphosis.” The sculpture, installed on a bench at the end of Scholars Walk near Kinard Hall in September 2014, depicts a female Winthrop student dressed in an early 1900s-era school uniform and holding an open book. Created by sculptor Gregory Johnson of Cumming, Georgia, the piece pays homage to Winthrop’s history as a teacher training institution and serves as a metaphor for the transition all Winthrop students undergo during their university experience.

“Metamorphosis,” which was dedicated officially during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, also features a butterfly in flight—an emblem that has special meaning for the Class of 1964, according to Jan Watson ‘64, part of the statue planning committee.

“During Classes Night, we entered as cocoons and departed as butterflies, which symbolized our journey from our freshman year through senior year,” explained Watson, who was involved in all aspects of the statue planning process. The sculpture, already a popular fixture on campus, bridges the gap between Winthrop’s past as a flagship of teacher preparation and its bright future, highlighting one constant: the university’s commitment to providing more deserving students access to the Winthrop education.
BLAZING A TRAIL

Days before stepping across Winthrop’s graduation stage, Daisy Burroughs ‘14 was asked to reflect on her college career.

“I’m just grateful,” she said. “Because statistics show that I’m not supposed to be here.”

That might seem odd coming from a high-achieving student, known across campus as an outgoing and driven leader who takes on one extracurricular role after another. Success was surely always looming.

Not for Burroughs.

“I grew up in poverty,” she said. “Learning about statistics of African-American females who live below the poverty line in single-parent households, statistics show that I’m not meant to have a college education. To have done the research and to understand that really makes this moment all the greater for me, because I’ve defied some odds already.”

Burroughs was raised by her mother in Columbia, with her brother and two sisters.

“She really gave up any dreams, career-wise, that she had to make sure her children had what they needed,” Burroughs said.

In middle and high school, Burroughs was a shy, insecure teenager who was bullied for being “tall, awkward and skinny.”

Her first real confidence boost came in 10th grade after she joined Youth Corps, a program that teaches leadership skills to high schoolers.

That’s when she first considered college. By senior year, she narrowed her choices and picked Winthrop.

Her sophomore year at Winthrop, Burroughs switched majors from education to mass communication with a broadcast journalism focus, which forced her to take on extra work to catch up. She quickly adapted.

Mass Communication Senior Instructor Mark Nortz recalled an internship Burroughs had with a Columbia news station. Baseball legend Hank Aaron was throwing out the first pitch at a minor league game. Burroughs, sent to cover it, was told that Aaron couldn’t speak with the press. Undaunted, Burroughs hung around and scored an interview with the Hall of Famer. The TV station was “blown away,” Nortz said.

“She doesn’t shy away from taking on new challenges, even if they’re things she’s unfamiliar with,” said Deidre Richardson, a family friend who met Burroughs in Youth Corps, where Richardson volunteered.

“She’s just blazed a trail. I can’t even keep up with all the accomplishments.”

Since graduating in December, Burroughs has taken on even more roles. She’s a part-time reporter for Rock Hill TV station CN2, a part-time marketing assistant for Piedmont Medical Center and handles media coordination for an author.

She views her college years as transformational.

“My Winthrop experience has been more than I could ever imagine,” she said. “I didn’t know that I could be a leader, before Winthrop … I didn’t know that I could achieve my dreams until I came here and started to achieve.”

Watch Daisy Burroughs describe her Winthrop experience in the video below.
According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ research, employers want hires who think critically and analytically, work effectively with others, speak and write clearly and effectively, and understand people of other backgrounds.

According to results of the 2014 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Winthrop graduates deliver on those desired characteristics. The following responses are based on the results of Winthrop seniors who participated in NSSE, and who reported “quite a bit” or “very much” to the above qualities:

* 87% think critically and analytically
* 82% work effectively with others
* 81% write clearly and effectively
* 78% speak clearly and effectively
* 73% understand people of other backgrounds

Additionally, 63% of NSSE surveyed seniors have participated in some type of practicum, internship, field experience or clinical assignment, compared to 46% at other institutions.

89% rated their WU education as Excellent or Good

87% reported improved critical and analytical thinking

30% participated in faculty research, a rate 10% higher than at peer schools

79% acquired job-related skills; that’s 11% higher than peers

Source: Winthrop senior responses, National Survey of Student Engagement 2014
More than 400 Winthrop first-year students and seniors participated in NSSE, which asked them to rate five key areas: academic challenge, learning, interaction with faculty, educational experience and the campus environment.

The results were overwhelmingly positive, with 89% of surveyed students rating their educational experience at Winthrop as either excellent or good.

Other report highlights include:

- 90% of first-year students say that Winthrop placed substantial emphasis on learning support services.
- 82% percent of seniors have participated in community service projects by their last year, reflecting Winthrop’s commitment to public service.
- 73% of respondents have had frequent discussions with people of different political views, 76% from different economic backgrounds and 86% from a different race or ethnicity.
- 30% of students by senior year had worked on research with a faculty member, a figure higher than the national cohort of senior respondents.

To read the full results of the survey, visit Winthrop’s NSSE website. To learn more about the Winthrop experience that students rave about, watch the video at the top.
Zach Seabolt remembers the first time he ever held a golf club.

“I was two years old, and my dad handed me a club,” he said. “And I just started playing.”

Fast forward about 18 years later, and Seabolt still plays the sport he loves. A star player on the men’s golf team, the Raleigh, North Carolina, native compiled a 71.33 stroke average for the fall 2014 season. He earned a national top 10 ranking from Golfstat and was named to the 2015 Palmer Cup watch list. His other accolades include gracing the online edition of Golfweek in October and being named Big South Conference Freshman of the Year. He recently won Pepperdine University’s Jones Invitational.

Seabolt appreciates the individual-focused nature of golf, but he also likes the team aspect. Winthrop’s golf team is ranked 31st in the nation, the highest the team has ever been ranked, Seabolt said.

Golf Coach Kevin Pendley ’98 said the sophomore’s success can be directly attributed to Seabolt’s work ethic and approach to the game. He said players who are Seabolt’s age and possess that level of maturity are “a rare find.”

“He does not let bad shots or bad rounds affect him,” Pendley said. “He’s always focused on the next shot or the next round and believes in his ability to play at a high level. He’s a hard worker and a great teammate, very supportive and encouraging of those around him.”

But the sport management major doesn’t let achievements cloud the real reason he plays: his love for the game.

“It’s nice to see your hard work pay off,” he said. “But it’s not about that. I just love to play.”

He shares his passion for golf with his dad, who has also always loved the sport. Seabolt’s father played in high school, but stopped when an injury sidelined him. His father has always been his No. 1 fan, often traveling to tournaments to watch his son hit the links.

“He’s always been so supportive of me,” Seabolt said of his father. “It’s fun for him. I like playing for my dad.”

Most people would find it too difficult to balance traveling for tournaments, practicing, studying for and attending classes, and maintaining a social life, but not Seabolt.

“I enjoy being out on the course,” he explained. “It really does clear my mind. Even when I’m stressed, I just go out there, and I don’t feel so stressed when I come back.”

After college, Seabolt hopes to play golf professionally.

The aspiration doesn’t surprise Pendley, who said Seabolt “wants to be the best.”

“He isn’t satisfied with being good; he wants to be great,” he said. “You look at any great player in any sport, and that’s what separates them from the pack: the will and maturity to perform at a high level.”
THE TOTAL PACKAGE

The student-athletes who wear a garnet and gold uniform excel on the courts and fields. Their fierce passion and spirited competitiveness have produced impressive team and individual accomplishments since August. In golf, the men’s team achieved a 31st place ranking this past fall by Golfstat, while sophomore Zach Seabolt earned an eighth place individual ranking. In addition, the lacrosse team has been recognized as an Academic Honor Squad for the 2014 season by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association, which only selected 84 Division I squads for the honor.
In addition to being champions in their sport of choice, Winthrop student-athletes have achieved victories in their classrooms and communities.

This past fall, student-athletes combined to achieve a 3.16 GPA, their best academic semester since tracking semester-by-semester grade point averages began in 1998. For the first time, all women’s teams compiled a 3.0 or above and finished the semester with their highest combined GPA of 3.30. The men’s teams finished with a combined 3.0, the third highest on record. In addition, 29 student-athletes achieved perfect 4.0 GPAs, while nearly one-third earned a GPA between 3.5 and 4.0.

Outside of the classroom, student-athletes are dedicated to giving back to the community. All teams participated in WUUUUUUU Fest, an October carnival for the community. Players partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of York County and participated in Richmond Drive Elementary’s Tiger Trot, which focused on promoting healthy lifestyles. Community service remains a cornerstone of the student-athlete experience, so much so that Winthrop has earned the conference’s Kallander Cup for outstanding community service for four consecutive years.
RISING STARS DELIVER ON TALENT

Noah Guthrie steals the show with his smooth, soulful voice on season six of Fox’s television series “Glee.”

Comedian Cristela Alonzo makes viewers laugh on her ABC self-titled sitcom.

Lindsay Stirling brings the crowd to its feet on America’s Got Talent, the Today Show and The View with her violin performances.

What do they and countless other top-notch entertainers have in common? They graced Winthrop stages before hitting it big.

Each year, the DiGiorgio Student Union invites talented artists from across the world to perform on campus for students, faculty, staff and the community. The organization also provides a variety of educational and leadership opportunities for students. The student-run group selects a year’s worth of programming to satisfy an eclectic mix of interests and tastes.

Typically, DSU events cost $5 with a Winthrop ID, although several events are free. Audience members may not know it, but the band they see performing at The Edge in the DiGiorgio Campus Center one semester may be a worldwide sensation six months later.

At the request of students, the famous band Hootie and the Blowfish played on campus in the early 90s. A year later, the band signed a record deal and went on to sell millions of albums worldwide and win the 1995 Grammy Award for Best New Artist. Several of the band’s hit songs are still in rotation on the airwaves.

Other notable acts who have appeared on campus include:

- Comedian and actress Retta, who is one of the lead characters on NBC’s show “Parks and Recreation;”
- Comedian and impressionist Frank Caliendo, who is well-known for his work on MADtv and remains a regular on ESPN for his impersonations of sport legends;
- The Avett Brothers, a folk-rock band whose bassist, Bob Crawford, is a 2003 Winthrop graduate;
- Daniel Tosh, host of Comedy Central’s Tosh.0; and
- Several spoken word artists, including Asia, Carlos Robson and Beau Sia, who have won National Poetry Slam championships.

4 TIMES DSU HAS WON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES MAGAZINE’S CAMPUS PROGRAM BOARD OF THE YEAR

20 AVERAGE NUMBER OF EVENTS HELD EACH SEMESTER

10 AVERAGE NUMBER OF MOVIES SHOWN EACH SEMESTER IN DINNA’S PLACE
Board Advisor Peter Browning to Headline 2015 Whitton Series

Peter Browning, founder and managing director of Peter Browning Partners, LLC, a board advisory service, will serve as keynote speaker for the 2015 Whitton Speaker Series event on Tuesday, March 31, from 8-11 a.m.

Browning, who has 26 years of experience serving on boards, will discuss “Responsibilities and Challenges of Board Service” in Whitton Auditorium. The Boston, Massachusetts, native has a wide range of experience in the business world.

Browning is the former CEO of National Gypsum and the former CEO of Sonoco Products Company. He has served on the board of directors of 12 publicly traded companies, including Acuity Brands, EnPro Industries, Lowes Companies, Nucor Corporation, ScanSource Inc. and Wachovia Corp. Browning is the former dean of the McColl School of Business at Queens University.

Sponsored by Elaine Whitton Davis ’73 and developed in conjunction with Winthrop faculty, the free Whitton Speaker Series supports regional business community leaders by sharing information on successful strategies relevant to their operations.

Contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150 for more information or register for the event online.

Donor, Alumna Connects with Late Professor’s Son

Sadie Livingston Boyer ’58 planned to become a stockbroker, but a frank discussion with a challenging young professor changed her career course. Boyer’s recent connection with the late professor’s family inspired her and her husband, Dale, to make a second major gift to the Sadie Livingston Boyer – Dale Boyer Endowed Scholarship Fund, which supports female students majoring in mathematics or the sciences.

Boyer, a math major, wanted to work for a stock brokerage firm, but Professor G.W. Hahn warned her that opportunities for women in the field were slim. He encouraged her to apply elsewhere, and she landed a job at the renowned NASA Langley Research Center in Langley, Virginia. In the ’50s and ’60s, when few women achieved prominence in math, science and engineering, Boyer rose up the ranks. She retired as assistant chief of the Programs and Resources Division.

Through Winthrop, Boyer recently connected with Professor Hahn’s son, Steve, and the experience inspired her to make a $26,000 gift to her fund in support of young women pursuing STEM careers.
Alumni News

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Save the Date

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Search Narrows for 11th President

Members of the President Search Committee selected three finalists to visit campus Feb. 22-March 3. During these visits, each candidate presented his vision for Winthrop’s future in a public forum, took questions from the audience and met with representatives of key university constituencies. Feedback from these meetings and presentations will be reviewed by members of the Board of Trustees before voting on Winthrop’s next president in mid-March.

Finalists include:

J. Scott (Jeff) Elwell, dean and professor; College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Daniel F. Mahony, dean and professor; College of Education, Health and Human Services, Kent State University

Alan T. Shao, dean and professor; School of Business, College of Charleston

To learn more about the three finalists, their bios, application letters and curricula vitae are located on the president search website.

Winthrop Earns National Recognition for Value and Service

- Money Magazine named Winthrop one of the “Best Colleges” in terms of value. The university was in the top 500 out of more than 1,500 institutions considered for the list.

- For the ninth time, the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognized Winthrop as an institution that values civic engagement.

- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected Winthrop to receive its 2015 Community Engagement Classification. The designation means that Winthrop has an institutional focus on community engagement that is ingrained in campus life.

Winthrop Cited as Model Critical Thinking Program

The Critical Thinking Foundation chose Winthrop as one of only eight U.S. institutions cited as a model program for the integration of critical thinking across its curriculum.

For the past decade, Winthrop has placed critical thinking at the heart of its liberal arts education. Students take CRTW 201: “Critical Reading, Thinking, and Writing,” a rigorous, writing-intensive course that focuses on critical reading strategies and the close analysis of claims and evidence in non-fiction prose texts.
Wear Garnet and Gold on April 18 for WWWD

Show your Winthrop pride on April 18 by wearing a Winthrop T-shirt or other apparel to celebrate the fifth annual Worldwide Winthrop Day (WWWD). Alumni are encouraged to e-mail pictures of themselves in their Winthrop gear to photos@winthrop.edu or to post photos to Winthrop’s Facebook. Look for more information and pictures about WWWD on Facebook. Tweet and Instagram your photos using #WhereIsYourPointA.

Faculty Receive Well-Deserved Honors

**John Bird**, professor of English, was named the Margaret M. Bryant Professor for the Department of English. The professorship, given in memory of Winthrop’s first graduate to earn a Ph.D., rewards outstanding teaching, scholarship and service to Winthrop.

**Shawnna Helf**, assistant professor of reading, received the Thompson Scholar Award. Helf will use her reassigned class time to prepare the campus to enact the new Read to Succeed Act for literacy reform that takes effect in the fall. The award was established by former Board of Trustees member Robert Thompson and his wife, Norma.

**Laura Ullrich**, associate professor of economics, earned the 2014 James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is given annually to the faculty member who has demonstrated a dedication to teaching.

**Janet Wojcik**, associate professor of exercise science, was awarded the Bank of America Endowed Professorship. Wojcik will further her work on the Healthy South Carolina Initiative and focus on developing policies, systems and environments that will sustain health-related initiatives.
Let Us Hear from You!

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

1960
Rosa Thornton Cherry of Kingstree was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Hometown Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

1965
Presbyterian College recognized Beth Harvey Stanton of Clinton with the Honorary Alumna Award, an award given to those who did not attend the college but who have treated the institution as their own alma mater.

1968
Margaret Howle Barber of Fort Mill retired from her position as director of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

1971
Monroe, North Carolina, resident Leslie Green Harty spoke at South Pack, a national convention for plastics, in Charlotte. Her speech was titled “Sustainability Considerations for Biodegradable Products and Packaging and their Life Cycle Analysis.”

Susan Hoffer McMillan of Conway completed her sixth book, “Images of America: Conway,” which includes vintage images and spans seven decades with stories of the life, trials and triumphs of a beautiful southern region.

1972
The Coweta County Sports Hall of Fame inducted Paula Rogers Jones of Sharpsburg, Georgia, who guided East Coweta’s girls basketball program to 512 victories from 1988-2013, including a run to the Class AAAA state finals.

1973
Wofford College awarded an honorary degree to Susan Henry Crowe of Atlanta, Georgia.

1976
The South Carolina Association of School Administrators recognized Connie Moore Long of Camden with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Long serves as the assistant superintendent for human resources for Kershaw County School District.

1979
PJ Brunson of Rock Hill released a new original acoustic album entitled “Home to Me.”

1980
Robin Ann Litaker of Birmingham, Alabama, earned a doctor of education degree in educational administration from Samford University.

1981
Tammy Finley Hayes of Hendersonville, Tennessee, was elected to the Sumner County School Board as the District 1 representative.

1982
NBC Sports Network debuted “Huntin’ The World Southern Style,” a hunting show created by and starring Ken Cobb of Rock Hill. The show has previously aired on cable television networks for the last decade.

1984
Sherrie Harley Gore of Myrtle Beach retired after 28 years as the media specialist at Myrtle Beach Elementary.

1985
The South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of CPAs named Terry Grayson-Caprio of Greer as one of four recipients of the Women to Watch Award.

Frederick Jabber of Charlotte, North Carolina, works as the general manager of the newly opened Ike Behar men’s clothing store at Phillips Place.

1986
Mooresville, North Carolina, resident Dennis Deaton is the founder of Teens Westward Bound, a program to introduce teenagers to the American dream—freedom, self-reliance and mobility—during a 23-day travel discovery of the Great American West.

JHS Architecture Integrated Design hired Anna Shealy Lucas of Columbia as the director of interior design and business development.
1989
Family Trust Federal Credit Union promoted Ron Miller of Rock Hill to executive vice president and chief operations officer.

1990
Piedmont Technical College named Jack Bagwell of Rock Hill as vice president for academic affairs.

The Mecklenburg Times named Amy Plexico Wartham as one of Charlotte, North Carolina’s 50 Most Influential Women.

1994
The South Carolina Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and the South Carolina Bar Foundation named Kimaka Nichols-Graham of Greenville as the Ellen Hines Smith Legal Services Lawyer of the Year. Nichols-Graham is the managing attorney at South Carolina Legal Services.

1995
The Atlanta Braves named Chad MacDonald of Arlington, Texas, as special assistant to the general manager.

1996
Christopher Boyle of Loris has written a book, “Mansfield Plantation, A Legacy on the Black River,” that examines the Georgetown County plantation life and rice culture economy.

1998
Rowan Salisbury School System named Nancy Hill Barkemeyer of Davidson, North Carolina, as Principal of the Year.

The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services named Jennifer Lynn Brice of Lancaster as Employee of the Year.

2001
Greenville County Schools named David McDonald as principal of Northwest Middle School.

Greensboro, North Carolina, resident Melissa Kerney Umbarger earned a Master of Arts degree in technology and communication from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2002
Former Winthrop soccer player Tim Kaine was hired as an assistant basketball coach at Georgia Southern University.

Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 named DaBetta Smith, a third-grade English Language Arts teacher at Brookdale Elementary, as District Teacher of the Year.

2003
Quentin Talley of Charlotte, North Carolina, founder and artistic director of On Q Performing Arts, was awarded a $105,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to fund a total of six performances in the company’s next two seasons.

Furman University appointed Mike Wilson of Piedmont as executive director of alumni and parent engagement.

2004
Fulton County Schools named Amy Smith Bradshaw of Atlanta, Georgia, as Teacher of the Year for High Point Elementary.

Brooke Williams David of Conway created a scholarship which awards $5,000 to a South Carolina resident with Type 1 juvenile diabetes who enrolls as a college freshman at the institution of his or her choice.

Mary Goode of Columbia recently joined McGregor and Company, LLP, as a senior staff accountant in the tax department.

Brian Sanko of El Dorado Hills, California, earned an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Colorado, and was promoted to deputy director of contracting with the Department of Veteran Affairs Network Contracting Office 21 in Sacramento.

2005
Kristal Foshee Bailey of Indian Land was promoted to reading coach at Erwin Elementary in Lancaster.

Mary Dolan Behler of Fox Point, Wisconsin, is a digital editor for the Reader’s Digest Association’s Enthusiast Brands.

Stacy Boyce of Ninety Six serves as the communications director for the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

Jason Hall of Lancaster is pursuing a doctor of philosophy degree in management with a concentration in organizational leadership and change from Walden University.

Sharonview Federal Credit Union promoted Blaine Lahrs of Rock Hill to assistant vice president.

Jeff Dezen Public Relations
promoted Matt Lochel of Greenville to senior account executive and a member of the senior management team.

Lithonia, Georgia, resident Greta Prince debuted online her first solo independent single entitled “Forever.”

Greenville Technical College promoted Erin Robinson Smith to dean of early college and special programs.

Tom Stanford accepted a position with the city of Rock Hill as a financial analyst.

2007

Seven Oaks Elementary School MEDIA Magnet in Columbia named Catherine Kilburn of Irmo as Teacher of the Year.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., honored Centreville, Virginia, resident Marit Majeske, house manager for the Hylton Performing Arts Center, with one of its renowned LEAD® Emerging Leaders awards.

Erin Parker of Columbia works as a librarian for Richland Library.

Isle of Palms native Dannielle Owens Reid, co-founder of Everyone is Gay, co-authored “This is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids.”

Phillip Reynolds of Rock Hill was promoted to director of information technology and joined the executive management team at Williams and Fudge.

Jac’kel Smalls of Lawton, Oklahoma, became commander of Fort Sill’s 77th Army Band.


2008

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools named Monroe, North Carolina, resident Jessica Shoe Blanchard as principal of Matthews Elementary.

Spartanburg County School District 3 named Casey Turner Davis of Gaffney as Teacher of the Year for Middle School of Pacolet.

York School District 1 named third-grade teacher Ashley Huskey Yon of Hickory Grove as the district’s Teacher of the Year.

2009

Family Trust Federal Credit Union promoted Kendra Collins of Rock Hill to community relations manager.

Teryn Dalton of Fort Mill was named assistant principal of Harrisburg Elementary in the Lancaster County School District.


2010

Mary Catherine Kunze of Columbia began Uniquely MC, a venture to create and sell handmade purses and clutches.

The Virginia Soccer Association appointed Matt Lacey of North Chesterfield to its position of technical director.

Williston School District named Graniteville resident Joel Mitchell as principal of Williston-Elko High School.

2011

North Charleston resident Paul Brown authored “Against the Odds,” a story of perseverance, reflection and the challenges of growing up as a young male in a single-parent home.

Culture and Heritage Museums in York County hired Marie Cheek of Hickory Grove as community relations coordinator.

HTI Employment Solutions hired Robert Farry of Greer as a professional recruiter.

Tega Cay native Jacqueline Kirby works as a client relations coordinator for the New York Jets.

2012

The Newcastle Eagles, a team in the British Basketball League, signed Suffolk, Virginia, native Andre (Dre) Jones as a guard.

Crowley, Texas, resident Courtney Patenaude Kinsey was promoted to admissions coordinator at Regency Hospital of Fort Worth.

2013

Bethune native Tevin Brown accepted a marketing assistant position with the University of Detroit Mercy athletic department.

2014

Former men’s soccer standout Adam Brundle signed a professional contract with Pro Soccer Consulting and plays for Karlslunds IF HFK in Örebro, Sweden.

Rock Hill resident Zachary Christian joined the Winthrop Office of Financial Aid as a financial aid counselor.

The Shelby Star hired Columbia native Casey White as a news reporter covering the city government beat.
Jeff Muschik ’99 Calls the Shots

Former Eagle Jeff Muschik can’t remember a time when soccer wasn’t a part of his life.

Muschik, a U.S. Soccer Federation referee, fell in love with the game at age 5. He was a soccer standout in high school and at Winthrop, where he was a two-time Big South Conference All-Academic selection. These days Muschik, who majored in biology and is a chiropractor in Rock Hill, stays active in the sport as a referee — he belongs to the Professional Referee Organization and the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association.

This past December, Muschik added to his impressive resume of soccer officiating when he worked as an assistant referee at the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer College Cup. He stated that the most memorable game he refereed was the AC Milan vs. Liverpool FC match Aug. 2, 2014, in Charlotte, North Carolina, part of the Guinness International Champions Cup 2014.

The “home” game was “at the highest level in front of my family and friends,” he said.

Muschik believes his time at Winthrop helped him hone the vital skills needed in referee work - diligence, organization, and physical and mental fitness.
Milestones

Christopher (Chris) Brandon Seagar ’07 and Jessica Lanier Seagar ’08, a daughter, Charlee Rose Seagar, May 20, 2014

Melanie Hildebrant Williams ’07, a daughter, Olivia Mackenzie Williams, Sept. 18, 2013

Jason Theodore Brown ’08, a daughter, Madison Leslie Brown, Sept. 7, 2014

Jenilyn Coats Mulkey ’08, a son, Brayden Nicholas Mulkey, Jan. 26, 2013

Candace Porter Carroll ’09, a daughter, Vanessa Grace Carroll, Oct. 24, 2014

Rhine Gourrier Kirkland ’09, ’11 and Bobby D’Andre Kirkland ’10, twins, a son, Braxton Deandre Kirkland; a daughter, Riley Dallas Kirkland, July 21, 2014

Erin Foote Rennick ’09, a son, Charles (Carter) Rennick, May 11, 2014

Brittany Todd Krivit ’10, a daughter, Collins Krivit, March 17, 2014

Samuel (Sammy) Lide Wheeler ’10 and Susan Lee Wheeler ’11, a daughter, Merle English Wheeler, Nov. 6, 2014

Allyson Ayers Raines ’13, a daughter, Abbigail Grace Raines, June 24, 2014

Jaclyn Marie Deason ’02, ’03 to Andrew Sullivan Wright
Julia Walsh Krafnick ’02 to Brian Keith Voss
Jessica Rose Schiele ’03 to Nelson T. Hicks
Robyn Tenille Edwards ’05 to Kenneth Conyers
Lindsey Katherine Hawkins ’05 to Hunter Quinn Robinson
Rebekah (Beka) Ashley Horton ’05 to Kristopher (Kris) Andrews
Elizabeth Grace Ramsey ’05 to Donald (Don) Aaron Mixson
Danielle Ginette Goulet ’07 to Lionel Loudor Boisvert ’07
Reynard Patrick (Ollie) Jefferson ’07 to Jemia Demetrius Keels ’08
Phillip Andrew Reynolds ’07 to Leigh Allison McManus
Kimberly (Paige) Satcher ’07 to Jacob (Jake) Eugene Crowe
Rachel Danielle Bishop ’08 to Dan Glibbery
Bristol Anisha Cornelius ’08 to Quincy Antione Adams ’09
Bradley David Robertson ’08 to Casey Nicole Sessions ’09
Rachel Margaret Wenzel ’08 to Tim Crites
Allison Elizabeth Berry ’09 to Albert Bartow Ray III
Catherine Ashley Hall ’09 to Benjamin Paul Pettit
Portia Fontaye Myers ’09, ’14 to Roshawn Lamonte Brown
Melissa Lynn Erario ’10 to Thomas John De Vine III
Mattie Mignon Hunt ’10 to Jeffrey (Jeff) Nelson Anderson
Sarah Porter Sanders ’10 to Matthew Joseph Cornwell
Stephen Bruce Lewis ’11 to Sarah Elizabeth McDonald ’13
Blair Whitney Ligon ’11 to Nathan (Kyle) McCraney
Kayla Mychelle Peoples ’11 to Mack Ledford
Adam Ladale Grant ’12 to Amanda Leigh Floyd ’13
Alex Leigh LeBlanc ’12 to Zachary Steven Henderson ’12
Mary Catherine Mathis ’12 to Benjamin Wilson
Stephanie Renee’ Padgett ’12 to Stephen Lawrence Hennessey ’14
Courtney Melinda Patenaude ’12 to James T. Kinsey III
Robert James Ralston ’12 to Kaitlin Danielle Jolly ’13
Kathryn (Kat) Lynn Scott ’12 to Justin Thomas Walters ’12
Alexis (Abbey) Briana Frost ’13 to Samuel (Sam) Maurice Webb ’13
Kalene Meggan McDonnell ’13 to Mark Andrew Chasteen
Zachary Royce Christian ’14 to Joseph Ratermann

DEATHS

1930s

Virginia Alma Green ’30
Elizabeth Orr Harris ’33
Mary Townsend Dotterer Jervey ’33
Nell Catoe Clyburn ’36
Rose (Neely) Milling Todd ’36
Sara West Epting ’38
Hilda Thornburg Gunst ’38
Margaret Shirley Halasz ’38
Rebecca Barr Plexico ’38
Mary (Ruth) Adams Snoddy ’38
Marion Mabry Tisdale ’38
Ottie (Ruth) Elliott Townsend ’38
Shirley Shaw Walton ’38
Minnie (Anita) Miller Woodward Brunson ’39
Margaret Gambrel Sampson ’39
Vivian Pittman Stepp ’39

1940s
Mary Bridges Alexander ’40
Marian Masters Campbell ’40
Mary Calhoun Owings ’40
Louise Adams Sibley ’40
Alice (Frances) Carwile Arrington ’41
Dorothy (Dot) McCown Blackwell ’41
Martha Todd Lindsay ’41
Mary Bedenbaugh Nelson ’41
Maud Gladden Nims ’41
Marjorie Burgess Ray ’41
Margaret Wilson Turner ’41
Marion O’Bryan Vaughan ’41
Arminta Langston Wallace ’41
Margaret Shecut Williams ’41
Lillian Kirby Arrants ’42
Mary Barron McFadden Baumgardner ’42
Laura Arant Burch ’42
LaRue Sherer Burgess ’42
Jule Kelly Canaday ’42
Icey Longshore Hammett ’42
Charlotte Lott Ledford ’42
Susan Hall Mahon ’42
Evelyn Chandler Martin ’42
Nell Mealing Simmons ’42
Lottie Boyd Calhoun ’43
Anne Johnson Hambrigt ’43
Lila Nanney Hamilton ’43
Marilyn Webb Jones ’43
Mary McFadden Murphy ’43
Myrtis Dyches Neely ’43
Agnes Marie Shahid ’43
Elizabeth (Betty) Lindler Stockstad ’43
Thelma Owens Benham ’44
Hazel Mixon Burnet ’44
Marie Townsend Butler ’44
Ellen Richardson Dixon ’44
Virginia Cathleen Love ’44
Margaret (Maggie) Hames Madden ’44
Marguerite Mathis Marlow ’44
Anne Murrah McCoy ’44
Doris Shelley Radenz Weichel ’44
Genevieve (Genny) McDaniel Dukes ’45
Ruth Brannon Fox ’45
Harriet Argoe Graham ’45
Sarah Lesley Hillyer ’45
Naomi Norris Stuart ’45
Elizabeth Johnson Abernathy Upton ’45
Lorraine Putnam Watt ’45
Charlotte Plowden Wylie ’45
Edith Blalock Daniels ’46
Christine McMaster Harris ’46
Jean McFadden Hegwood ’46
Rees Dickson Hemphill ’46
Lillian Holmes Cooner Hughes ’46
Gloria (MiMi) Dawsey McCrackin ’46
Jacqueline (Jackie) Matthews McIntyre ’46
Harritte Thomas Thompson ’46
Ella Lowery Simpson ’47
Frances Nabors Free Stockman ’47
Dollie Walker Townsend ’47
Bettie Creech Cross ’48
Jane Cornell Hearn ’48
Saloma (Pat) Shealy Kinnamon ’48
Joyce Gasque Carmichael Little ’48
Claire Goldfinch Riggs ’48
Margaret Baker Ehmann ’49
Cathynne (Kitty) Turner Leonard ’49
Juanita Newell Maranville ’49
Sarah Underwood Rhodes ’49
June (Dean) McCarter Smith ’49

1950s
Jeannine (Jenny) Ballentine Bedenbaugh ’50
Margaret Lumley Burch ’50
Betty Baker Cooper ’50
Jeannette Flemming Lee Fink ’50
Clara Morse Hollis ’50
Nan Bowers Kilpatrick ’50
Jane Love Lewis ’50
Mary McMaster McCormac ’50
Anne Kay Hall McWilliams ’50
Mary Galloway Mitchell ’50
Frances Sargent Stewart ’50
Jean Hyatt Winter ’50
Milestones

Margaret West Bridgers ’51
Eileen Keller Edge ’51
Faye Doris Franklin ’51
Joanne Andrews Laffoday ’51
Kathryn (Katie) Mayfield Scannell ’51, ’73
Martha Hicklin Sudol ’51
Carolyn Stewart Bell ’52
Jane Hawkins Dover Bondurant ’52
Marion Wolff Craven ’52
Anne Sprott Lynch ’52
Jo Anne Holladay Johnston ’53
Barbara McGregor Moules ’53
Dorothy (Dot) Bond Profilet ’53
Gaynelle Kernell Ingram Tomms ’53
Page Franklin Chambers ’54
Annette Deaton Hutchinson ’54
Jean Jefferies Jones ’54
Robert Westbury Kistner ’54
Kathryn Pye Morton ’54
Nancy Hoke Roberts ’54
Joyce McGee Tyler ’54
Doris Gossett Welchel ’54
Nancy Merchant Brunson ’55
Charlotte Prosser Stant Looney ’55
Peggy Jo Hardee Rabon ’55
Allene Stuckey Reep ’55
Mary Ritchie Simmons Tutterow ’55
Harriett Moore Gardner ’56
Mary Ann Stalvey ’56
Harriett Brodie Buckley ’57
Jacklyn Baldwin Hinson ’57
Carolyn Skeens Hussey ’57
Claudella Burgess Moss ’57
Martha Sadler Rogers ’57
Victoria (Vicky) Glenn Gallman ’58
Frances (Pat) Pressley May ’58
Mary Wells Patrick ’58
Frances Rebecca Smith ’58
Mavis Berley Stuart ’58
Carolyn Rikard Hiens ’59
Wynona Lee Lancaster Kursch ’59
Mary (Tootsie) Long Shealy ’59

1960s

Mary Ellen Murphy Cavallaro ’60
Rosa Lee (Leigh) Chapman ’60
Virginia Surls Rush ’60
Laura Manheim Hewitt ’61
Carolyn Brown Lawson ’61
Vivian Camlin Meggs ’61
Kay Wills Nicholson Wade ’61
Frances Evans Barrie ’62
Helene Mitchell Adams ’64
Gayle Fowler Allen ’64
Lena Copeland Cox ’64
Carolyn (Connie) McClain Fowler ’64
Haselley Graham Stutts ’65
Elinor (Ellie) Caddell Bollin ’66
Eleanor Graham Jones ’67
Sallie Moore Loveland ’67
Sally Dye Stofer ’67
Chrysandra Gantt Fulton Holloway ’68
Penelope Shaw Edwards ’69, ’83
Dean Hadden Lucas Renbarger ’69
Mary Ramsay Ticktin ’69

1970s

Wilene Robinson Schumpert Cohen ’70
Jane Freeman Lister ’71
Vicky Quinn Robinson ’71
Phyllis Grant Lynn Zellmer ’71
Janet Brown Cooperstock ’72, ’73
Evelyn Higgins Swofford ’72
Patricia Smith Hayes Browning Viamonte ’72
Cecilia Moss Feemster ’73
Susan Elizabeth Finnie ’73
Sharon (Sherry) Hammond ’73
Betty Shirley Howie ’73
Carol Finch Lyle ’73
Maxine Rudman Twery ’73
Karen Dickson Good ’74, ’79
Sara Gaston Johnson ’74
Kay Chastain Underwood ’74
Dianne Hudson Worthy ’74
Kathie Carlos Baucom ’75
Mary Welch Comer ’75
Mary (Arlene) Parrish ’75, ’85
Brenda Carter Bailey ’76
Ronald (Rusty) Dabney Clark ’76
Josephine (Jo) Tadlock Darby ’76
Jane Graham Lay ’77
Mary Dale Sanders ’77

1980s

Roy Harold DuBose ’80
Cynthia (Sissy) Jennings Lawson ’80
Roger-Lynn Sumner ’80
James (Jim) Carter Byrd ’81
Thomas (Tom) Newton Johnston ‘81
Susan Alleyne McCrae Moore ‘81
Carolyn Redding Spencer ‘81
Tamala Yvette Toney ‘83
Eva McCall Grayson Haynie ‘85
Marlon Ersell Kearney ‘85
Randy Barber McCarter ‘86
Lisa Robin Polson ‘86
Gaither Ray Bumgardner ‘87

1990s
Velma Genise Burgess ‘90
Rufus Grady (Trey) Bolton III ‘91
Michael Roy York ‘96
Charles Nathaniel (Nate) Cobb II ‘99

2000s
Crystal Lynn Robbins ‘04, ‘10

EVENTS CALENDAR Spring 2015

March
3-8   Big South Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament; Coastal Carolina University
16-20  Alternative Spring Break service trips to St. Joseph’s Bay, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; and Selma, Alabama
25-27  39th Annual Model U.N.
31     Whitton Best Practices Speaker Series with Peter Browning; 9 a.m., Whitton Auditorium

April
18     Worldwide Winthrop Day
24     Medal of Honor in the Arts Ceremony; 8 p.m., Johnson Hall

May
7      Graduate Commencement; 7 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum
9      Undergraduate Commencement; 11 a.m., Winthrop Coliseum
16     Eagle Club Auction; 5:30 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum
18     Maymester begins
25     Memorial Day (offices closed)