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Presidential Search Process Continues

The search for Winthrop's 12th president is progressing. The university's search partner, Myers McRae, continues to recruit and receive nominations, applications and leads on strong candidates for the Winthrop presidency. The Presidential Search Committee has been reviewing candidates for the last few weeks, with access to materials on all applications received to date through Myers McRae's online portal. This will continue through the holidays with most applications to be received by January 10, 2022, the date the timeline includes "for best consideration." [Read more about next steps>>](#)



Winthrop Ushers in the Holiday Season

The 86th Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 3 kicked off the holiday season at Winthrop. The beloved tradition featured performances by the Winthrop Chorale, led by Jeremy Mims, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, and the Winthrop RockHettes. Byron Putman '94, president of the alumni association's executive board, counted down and lit the magnolia tree on the front lawn. [View photos](#) from the tree lighting, and happy holidays from Winthrop!



Voting Starts Next Month for Alumni Trustee Seat

Voting opens on Jan. 24 and runs through Feb. 25 for alumni to vote for the next alumni trustee. The three candidates running for one of the two alumni-elected seats on Winthrop's [Board of Trustees](#) are Alison Hamilton '92, '95; David McDonald '01; and Endee Tate '21. The candidate who receives the most votes will serve a six-year term from 2022-28. All Winthrop alumni are able to vote for their candidate of choice by using their seven-digit alumni ID number, which will be shared via e-mail and the mailed fall Winthrop Magazine and postcard.

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Barbara Burgess-Wilkerson Earns Top Teaching Award

Barbara Burgess-Wilkerson, a professor of management and director of student professional development in the College of Business Administration, is the 2021 recipient of the James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching, the university's highest teaching honor. She will be honored at the Dec. 18 Commencement ceremony. [Read More>>](#)



Enjoy the Latest Edition of the Winthrop Magazine

The fall interactive Winthrop Magazine highlights the tremendous work of students, faculty and staff, and alumni who continue to make an impact on our university

community. Inside you will find compelling features on the Fountain Restoration Project, campus Scout projects, the human nutrition department's efforts to combat food insecurity, the passing of two notable women — Louise Pettus '46 and Anne Springs Close — and much more. [Read this edition>>](#)



A Message from the Alumni Director

It's hard to believe that 2021 is coming to a close. As we prepare for 2022, I encourage you to stay connected to Winthrop via our social media accounts, and please plan to engage with us at an upcoming event this spring! From all of us on the alumni relations team, we wish you a happy holiday season! [Read More>>](#)



My Winthrop Experience: Chris Hathcock '05, '09

Chris Hathcock '05, '09, considers his life saved by — and through — music. That fact fuels his commitment to teaching music and equipping students with the ability to use music to do the same in their lives. Thanks to a VH1 Save the Music Foundation/SongFarm grant, he can add a lot more fuel to his commitment's fire: Hathcock is one of two teachers nationwide chosen as grant recipients. His school (Millbrook High School in Raleigh) has now received a staggering 421 pieces of new gear and software. [Read More>>](#)



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