



July 2022



President Edward Serna Comes Home to Winthrop

[Twelfth President Edward Serna '02](#) is wrapping up his first month on the job. In the four short weeks since he began his new role, he has been busy meeting with his leadership team, alumni, donors, friends and [media outlets](#). He also took a comprehensive campus tour with facilities management staff, attended the city's Red, White and Boom event, and reacquainted himself with the local dining scene.

In addition, he recently launched his social media accounts, and you can follow him on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Linked In](#). First Lady Lauren Serna also debuted an [Instagram](#) account. Watch your e-mail later this week for the summer edition of the Winthrop Magazine which contains a Q&A feature with Serna.



Tim Hopkins Selected for Lifetime Achievement Award

Tim Hopkins '83, '85, '00, a member of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees, was one of four S.C. school leaders recently selected by the [South Carolina Association of School Administrators](#) (SCASA) as 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award winners. Hopkins, who is the deputy superintendent for Kershaw County Schools, has worked in education for 38 years. [Read More>>](#)



Gary Simrill Joins Winthrop After Long Career in S.C. House

Gary Simrill '91, who retired this year from the General Assembly, joined Winthrop's Office of the President as special assistant to the president for community engagement. He started his new position on July 1, the same day as President Edward Serna. Together, the two of them will tell others about the Winthrop story, its welcoming campus community and its willingness to work with others. [Read More>>](#)



Facilities Improvements Underway This Summer

Summertime doesn't mean the work stops at Winthrop. The facilities management and IT crews and contractors are steadily working across campus to improve the university experience. Projects underway include: DiGiorgio Campus Center tile replacement; WiFi upgrades for Thomson, Margaret Nance and more buildings; first phase of accessibility sidewalk work around Phelps and Lee Wicker; plus additional upgrades and enhancements. [Learn more](#) about current and upcoming projects.



A Message from the Alumni Director

Winthrop alumni are doing extraordinary things beyond the university, and they are often featured via local, regional and national media platforms. Winthrop highlights alumni and their life-changing stories in our [My Winthrop Experience](#) series. Want to be featured in a My Winthrop Experience or suggest a fellow alumnus for a feature? E-mail alumni@winthrop.edu and we'll take it from there! [Learn More>>](#)



Featured Event: Alumni Social at Topgolf National Harbor

It's tee time! Join D.C. Metro alumni, family and friends at [Topgolf National Harbor](#) on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. for a fun outing. [Registration](#) is \$30 per person, which includes two hours of golf, dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available. [Secure](#) your spot by Thursday, July 28. A group photo will be taken at 7:30 p.m., so be sure to wear your garnet and gold to show your Winthrop pride! If you have any questions, please e-mail dcmetroalumni@winthrop.edu.



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