



**October 2021**



### **It's Time for Homecoming and Reunion Celebration!**

The Alumni Association is excited to offer a variety of virtual and on-campus events in which alumni may participate during Homecoming and Reunion Celebration, Nov. 8-13. Check out the [schedule of events](#), and be sure to [register for the events](#) you would like to attend. During Homecoming and Reunion Celebration, the men's basketball team will host Mercer University at the Winthrop Coliseum on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. [Game tickets](#) can be purchased

beginning Nov. 1. [Read more](#) about Homecoming and Reunion Celebration and game-related activities.

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## Alumni Awards Given to 10 Deserving Recipients

Ten outstanding alumni were honored for their service and professional achievements at the Alumni Awards Dinner on Oct. 9. The prestigious group includes winners from 2021 and 2020, the latter of which weren't publicly recognized last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipients are: Sheila McMillan '73, Lynn Mann Hornsby '70, Dick McCoy '04, Larry Williams '81, '84, Isaiah Venning '95, '00, Pat Rambow Robertson '67, Gregg Davis '92, Kevin James '01, Chelsea Brown '14 and Kambrell Garvin '13. [Read more](#) about the award winners and their respective awards categories.

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## Kelley Kish Named Interim Athletic Director

Kelley Kish, the senior associate athletic director for business and finance and senior woman administrator, has been named interim athletic director for the

university. Interim President George Hynd made the announcement on Oct. 15 after approval by the Board of Trustees. Kish, who joined Winthrop in February 2020, is only the second female to lead the athletics department. [Read More>>](#)

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### **\$5.38 Million in Federal Grants Secured**

Winthrop recently secured two large federal grants related to [multilingual learners](#) and [arts education](#). The Richard W. Riley College of Education received close to \$2.8 million to provide professional development to four school districts to help those districts meet the needs of their diverse population of English-learning students and families. The Arts in Basic Curriculum Project, which is housed at Winthrop, secured a \$2.58 million grant to conduct a five-year case study with the Allendale County School District to discover solutions in how to improve rural communities' arts education offerings.

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## **Provide Your Feedback on the Campus Master Plan**

Last week, alumni received an e-mail from Interim President George Hynd that asked for participation in completing the Campus Master Plan survey that will help Winthrop and its consultants arrive at a future roadmap for the university's physical campus. The survey is available until Nov. 2. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the student, faculty, staff and alumni experience on campus by assessing the facilities that alumni use and understanding how alumni move around campus. Your responses will help to inform the plan's conceptual development and final recommendations. [Take the Survey>>](#)

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## **Whitton Executive Series Event to Explore How Area Industries Responded to COVID-19 Pandemic**

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the College of Business Administration's Whitton Executive Series, which is generously sponsored by Elaine Whitton Davis '73, will return this fall. "Strategy," a panel discussion on area industries' strategic response to the pandemic, is set for Friday, Nov. 19, at 9 a.m. in Whitton Auditorium. [RSVP for the discussion](#) and [read more](#) about the panelists.



### **A Message from the Alumni Director**

With October coming to an end, that means we are quickly approaching our Homecoming and Reunion Celebration and other upcoming events. I hope you are planning to celebrate with us as we look forward to seeing you! [Read More>>](#)

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## Calendar of Events

**Nov. 8-13:** Homecoming and Reunion Celebration

[Register for events](#)

**Dec. 3:** Annual Tree Lighting  
6 p.m., front lawn

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### Featured Event: Annual Tree Lighting

Winthrop will ring in the holiday season on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 86th Annual Tree Lighting on the front lawn. The event will feature performances by the Winthrop RockHettes. If you can't attend this beloved tradition in person, please view the livestream from the [Alumni Association Facebook](#) page.

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