



**February 2022**



### **Alumnus Edward A. Serna Selected as 12th President**

Edward A. Serna '02 has been selected to serve as the 12th president of Winthrop. The Winthrop Board of Trustees voted unanimously on his appointment during a Feb. 18 called meeting. Serna is currently serving as the 15th president of the University of Maine at Farmington. Serna will assume the presidency and join the Winthrop community on July 1. Serna noted that he is excited and humbled by the opportunity to lead his alma mater. [Read More>>](#)



## Alumni Trustee Voting Ends Feb. 25

Alumni, please cast your vote by Feb. 25 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 was shared via the mailed fall Winthrop Magazine and postcard. The winning candidate will be announced via e-mail, social media and the March edition of the Winthrop Insider.

[Read more and cast your vote>>](#)

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## Retired Coach and Former Volleyball Standout Named to Big South Conference Hall of Fame

Retired Men's and Women's Tennis Coach Cid Carvalho '82, '89 and former volleyball player Mary Hock Leventis '06 will be inducted into the Big South Conference Hall of Fame on March 6 prior to the Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Big South Hall of Fame, created in 2003, now totals 77 members.

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## Watch the Eagles in Action at the Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships

The men's and women's basketball teams will be participating in the Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships March 1-6 at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte, North Carolina. Seedings will be announced soon, but the women's team will likely start tournament play on Tuesday, March 1. The men's team will likely start tournament play on Friday, March 4. Winthrop fans can gather at [Vaulted Oak Brewing](#), which is located less than a mile from Bojangles Coliseum, before and after each men's and women's game to meet up and hang out with other fans. [Purchase tournament tickets](#) and get [more information](#) on game times, the tournament venue and more. Can't attend the Big South Tournament in person? The first round, quarterfinal, and semifinal men's and women's games will be on ESPN+. The men's championship game will be on ESPN2 and the women's championship game will be on ESPNU. Let's go, Eagles!

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## A Message from the Alumni Director

Happy February! I hope you have taken the opportunity to cast your vote for one of the three alumni who are running for a seat on the Board of Trustees. If you haven't voted, please do so by Feb. 25. In addition, there are a lot of exciting events and opportunities coming up in the next few months, and I encourage you to get involved if you can. I look forward to seeing you virtually and in-person soon! [Read More>>](#)



## Featured Event: Virtual Black History Trivia Night

It's game time! All alumni are invited to join the [D.C. Metro Alumni Chapter](#) and the [D.C. Young Alumni Council](#) on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. to celebrate Black History Month with virtual Black History trivia! Need a refresher on your knowledge of Winthrop's rich Black history? Read the 2021 edition of the [Garnet & Gold Book](#), which holds all of Winthrop's history and traditions. [Reserve your spot](#) by Tuesday, Feb. 22.



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