



**March 2022**



## **Alumnus David McDonald Selected to Board of Trustees**

Winthrop alumni have chosen David McDonald '01 to serve as the alumni representative for the [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#). The six-year term will begin on July 1. McDonald will replace Jane LaRoche '69, '70, whose term is set to expire this summer. She's served on the board since 2010. McDonald, who earned his B.A. in history and secondary education at Winthrop, promises to ask questions, help solve challenges and work tirelessly to ensure the university's lasting success for many generations to come. [Read More>>](#)

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## Fountain Restoration Project Campaign Passes Halfway Mark

Winthrop has raised more than half of the money needed to replace its iconic fountain. The beloved campus landmark in front of Tillman Hall has been out of commission for a few years and needs replacing, which will cost \$500,000. Donations and grants totaling \$301,214 to the Fountain Restoration Project have been raised to date from 318 donors. Alumni have responded in a big way with the Classes of 1970-74 selecting the project as their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion fundraising projects. Learn more about the [Fountain Restoration Project](#) and [make a donation](#).

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## Model United Nations Celebrates 46th Anniversary

Winthrop's [Model United Nations program](#) is celebrating its 46th anniversary, March 30-April 1. During this time, Winthrop will welcome 200 delegates from 20 high schools from around the Carolinas representing 60 countries. The conference's keynote speaker is Professor Emeritus Chris Van Aller, who recently retired after 31 years teaching political science at Winthrop and 25 years serving as director of the Model UN program. Jennifer Disney, chair of the Department of Political Science, is serving as the new Model UN director. This year's conference theme is "Multilateral Empowerment of Women and Other Marginalized Populations." A special committee also was added, the Commission on the Status of Women. [Read More>>](#)

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## Save the Date for Homecoming and Reunion 2022 and Submit a T-shirt Design!

Please save the dates of Nov. 11-12 for Homecoming and Reunion 2022. If your class year ends in '2 or '7 you are celebrating a milestone reunion this year.

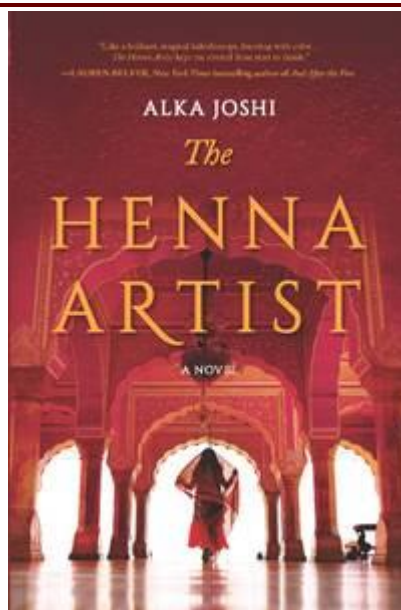
Information about your class reunion will be sent to you this summer.

Homecoming and Reunion will have something for everyone, including virtual events and in-person activities. More information will be added to the

[Homecoming website](#) in the coming months. In addition, the [Homecoming T-shirt design contest](#) is back by popular demand! Do you think you have the skills to

design Winthrop's 2022 Homecoming T-shirt? Put those skills to the test by [submitting your Homecoming T-shirt design](#) by May 31. The Alumni Executive Board will vote on the design that will be this year's Homecoming T-shirt design.

The contest is open to all alumni and runs April 1-May 31.



## Virtual Alumni Book Club Starts Next Reading Selection

Celebrate [National Reading Month](#) in March by joining the [Virtual Alumni Book Club](#)! In this online community, you can connect with alumni while discussing a wide range of books. There is no cost to participate – you just have to get a copy of the book to enjoy. The Virtual Alumni Book Club will read "The Henna Artist" by Alka Joshi from March 18-May 20. [Join](#) the Virtual Alumni Book Club. [Learn More>>](#)

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### A Message from the Alumni Director

The Alumni Association is excited to welcome nearly 300 December 2021 graduates to the Alumni Association! Congratulations to these recent graduates! I also want to thank the nearly 650 alumni who voted in the Alumni Board of Trustees' election. I appreciate your involvement in selecting our next alumni trustee. There are lots of events planned for the spring, so please take a look, and get involved when you can. I look forward to seeing you soon! [Read More>>](#)

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## Featured Event: Campus Beautification Initiative

The [Charlotte](#) and [Rock Hill](#) Alumni Chapters are coming together on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-noon to lend a hand in getting the campus ready for spring.

Bring your family and friends to help plant shrubs, plants and flowers in front of McLaurin Hall. Please dress accordingly to get a little dirty and wear closed-toe shoes. Winthrop facilities' staff will provide gloves and the tools needed. To participate, please [register](#) by Thursday, April 7, complete the [volunteer registration form](#) and submit the form via e-mail to [alumni@winthrop.edu](mailto:alumni@winthrop.edu) by April 7. [Learn more](#) about the Campus Beautification Initiative: REVITALIZING WINTHROP.



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