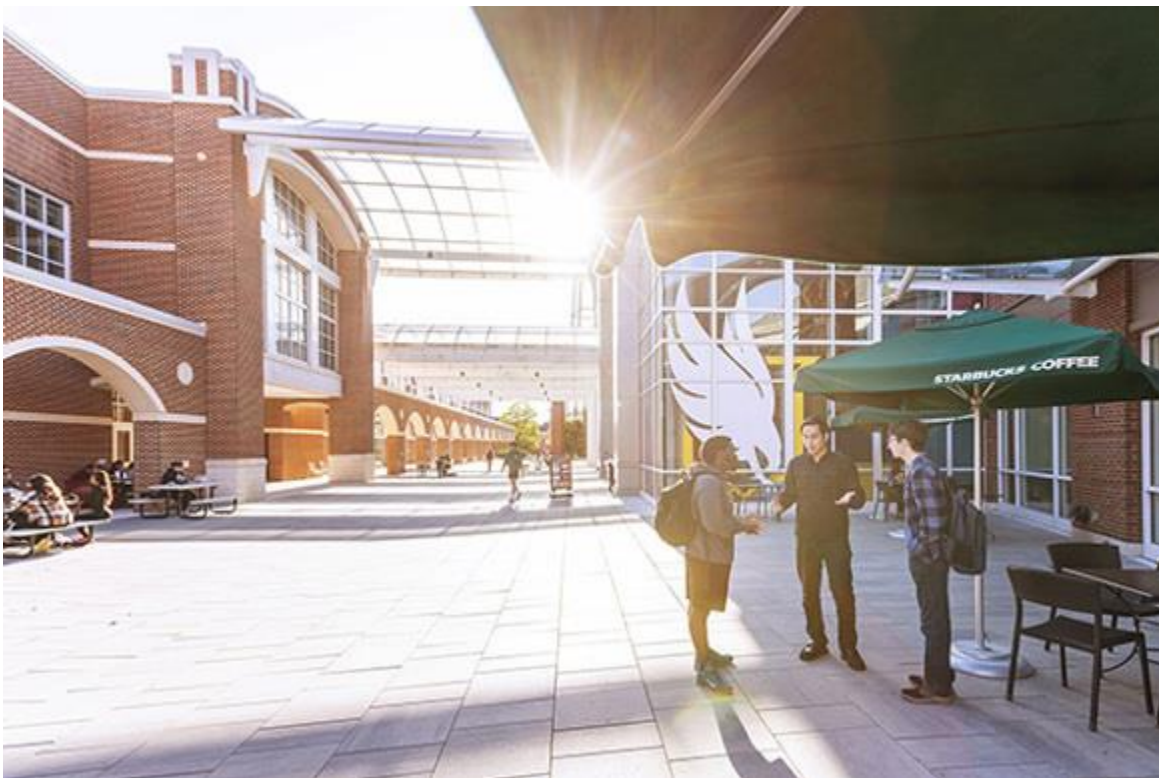




March 2024

BOARD ACTION

[Trustees Vote to Reduce Tuition for 2024-25; Other Action Taken](#)



In anticipation of an increase in fall enrollment, the [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#) took several steps during its March 13-14 retreat to prepare for the next academic year. Board members agreed on a [Tuition Transparency Initiative](#) to address the concerns of transparency and alignment of tuition fees with the actual cost of academic delivery. Winthrop has maintained the same tuition rates since 2018 and will drop its tuition rates this fall for all students and consider a second decrease if warranted in 2025. Trustees [approved other action](#) items as well.

COMMEMORATING HISTORY

60th Anniversary of Integration Kicks Off with April 6 Event



This year marks a momentous occasion at Winthrop - the 60th anniversary of integration. Join members of the Black Alumni Council, the Association of Ebonites and the African American Studies minor on Saturday, April 6, from 4-6 p.m. in Richardson Ballroom to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Black pioneers who broke barriers that led to integration at Winthrop in the 1960s. This commemorative event will honor the trailblazing legacy of Delores Johnson Hurt '68, the late Arnetta Gladden Mackey '67, Cynthia Plair Roddey '67 and Sue Frances Meriwether Steed '67. [Visit the integration website](#) for more information on these women and other pioneers. The event's keynote speaker is [Kambrell Garvin '13](#), principal attorney and owner of Kambrell Garvin Law Firm, and a current member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Event tickets are \$50/person. [Purchase tickets.](#)

COEDUCATION MILESTONE

April 11 Reception to Recognize 50th Anniversary of Coeducation



This year marks the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Winthrop, and to celebrate this momentous change, the [Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections](#) has created the exhibit, "Redefining Winthrop: The South Carolina College for Women Confronts Coeducation." The exhibit, which runs through May 3, will highlight historic photographs, newsprints, documents and artifacts from Winthrop's 20-year journey toward coeducation. Check out the exhibition at a special reception on Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections. We hope many of our first male graduates will be in attendance! [RSVP](#) to the reception by Friday, April 5.

MAKE A GIFT, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

[Bleed Garnet Give Gold Returning April 16-17](#)



Bleed Garnet, Give Gold, Winthrop's fourth annual 24-hour giving event, will kick off at noon on April 16 and run through noon on April 17. This is your opportunity to show your Winthrop pride – to Bleed Garnet by celebrating everything you love about Winthrop and to Give Gold by supporting current and future students. Every gift makes a difference no matter the size! [Explore this year's projects and causes](#) to support.

TRUSTEE ACCOLADE

Richard Lee Receives Order of the Palmetto from Gov. McMaster



S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster has awarded trustee Richard V. Lee Jr. '82 the Order of the Palmetto for his decades-long service-oriented career. Established by Gov. John C. West in 1971, the Order of the Palmetto is South Carolina's highest civilian honor, recognizing lifetime achievements and contributions that have significantly benefited the state. Lee joined Winthrop's Board of Trustees in 2023 as the governor's designee.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Thompson Scholar to Focus on Helping Former Foster Youth



Kori Bloomquist, an associate professor of social work and the academic advisor for the Child and Youth Well-being minor, has been selected as the 2024-25 Thompson Scholar. Bloomquist designed a Fostering Eagle Empowerment program to attract and support former foster youth on campus. The award is possible because of the generosity of former trustee Bob Thompson and his wife, Norma.

WINTHROP ATHLETICS

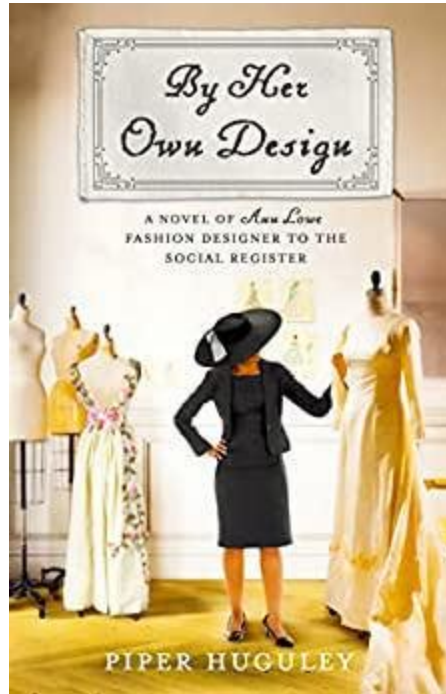
[Annual Eagle Club Scholarship Auction Returns May 18](#)



The Eagle Club's Annual Scholarship Auction returns on Saturday, May 18, from 6-10 p.m. at the Winthrop Coliseum. The auction event has been a long-time favorite for Winthrop fans and alumni, and this year's event marks the return to the annual fundraising calendar for the first time since 2020, with the last in-person auction being in 2019, where over \$140,000 was raised for student-athlete scholarships. The auction will include a silent auction, dinner and live auction. Tables for eight are available for \$1,000 and individual tickets are available for \$125. [Buy tickets and browse the online auction site.](#)

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB

["By Her Own Design" is Latest Alumni Book Club Selection](#)



"By Her Own Design," the latest Virtual Alumni Book Club selection, tells the incredible untold story of Ann Lowe, Jackie Kennedy's wedding dress designer, a Black woman who made some of the most famous dresses of all time, only to be forgotten by history. [Read more](#) about the book, and [join the free book club](#).

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Winthrop is commemorating several special milestones this year. As you've read above, the Alumni Association will help host events throughout the year to commemorate the 60th anniversary of integration and the 50th anniversary of coeducation. But did you know that this year marks the 45th anniversary of the university having garnet and gold as its official colors? We'll also be celebrating that milestone as well later this fall. We hope you'll make plans to join us noting these anniversaries, and please make plans to join us at one or more of the many events taking place this spring. Check out our [upcoming events](#) for opportunities to get involved.

The mission of the Alumni Association is to honor the traditions and values of Winthrop University through the engagement of alumni worldwide.

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