



**May 2023**



### **Share Your Opinions!**

Since March you've been hearing about the strategic planning process that will shape Winthrop's future. As an alum or friend of Winthrop, you are a key stakeholder, and we want your input! [Take the survey](#) that our partners at [Berkeley Research Group \(BRG\)](#) have created based on preliminary conversations with some of those in and outside our community. When the process wraps up in the 2023-24 academic year, Winthrop will have a roadmap for the future, including goals and objectives that identify clear outcomes for the next three to five years. [Learn More>>](#)

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*Richard W. Riley College of Education,  
Sport, and Human Sciences*

## Trustees Vote to Expand College of Education Name

The name of Winthrop's education college will expand to better reflect the diversity of its programs. Now called the Richard W. Riley College of Education, it will change to the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences as of July 1. The university's [Board of Trustees](#) unanimously approved the name change at its April 28 meeting. The new name provides an opportunity for expansion and redesign of existing programs to meet disciplinary trends and community needs, according to the college's dean, Beth Costner. [Read More>>](#)

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## Esports Program Has New Home at Lowenstein Building

The [esports program](#) will begin leasing space this summer in the historic Lowenstein Building in University Center in the Knowledge Park corridor.

Winthrop added the esports program in April 2019, and it has taken off to become a national contender in what is a growing sport across the globe. The three Eagle teams—League of Legends, Valorant, and Super Smash Bros.—currently practice on campus in Owens Hall, but an expansion into club sports requires additional space for student gamers. [Read More>>](#)

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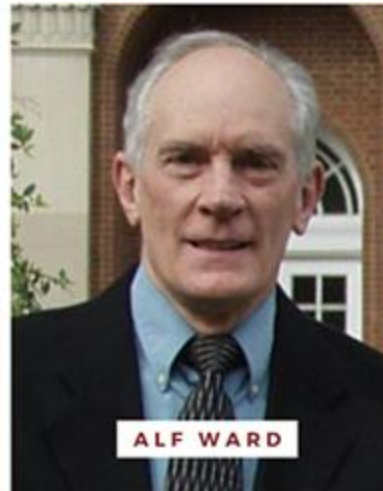


## 2023 Alumni Award Nominations Now Open

Nominations for the 2023 Alumni Awards will be accepted through Friday, June 23. To nominate a Winthrop graduate for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, Alumni Professional Achievement Award or the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, please [complete the Alumni Awards Nomination form](#) for the appropriate award. The 2023 Alumni Award recipients will be recognized at the Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 9. [Nominate Now>>](#)

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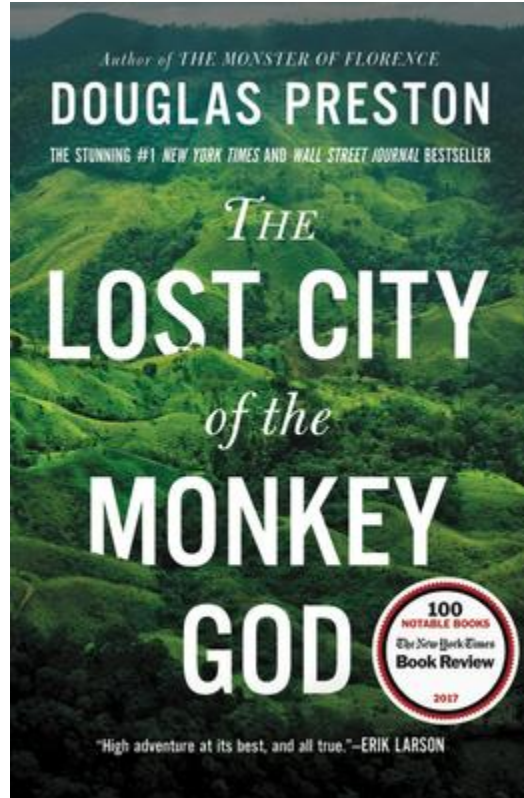




## Winthrop Mourns the Passing of Three Faculty Members

The Winthrop community is mourning the recent passing of Department Chair [Kristi Schoepfer](#), Associate Professor of Education [Abbigail Armstrong '95, '02](#), and Professor Emeritus [Alf Ward](#). The untimely losses of such highly respected faculty members have, understandably, left the Winthrop community shaken. Please continue to remember the Winthrop community and the professors' family members during this difficult time.

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## Virtual Alumni Book Club Selects Latest Read

The third reading period for the [Virtual Alumni Book Club](#) began on Friday, May 26. Virtual Alumni Book Club members selected to read “The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story” by Douglas Preston. Read a summary and reviews about the book [here](#). Shelf Awareness calls it, "A modern-day archeological adventure and medical mystery" that “reads as rapidly as a well-paced novel, but is a heart-pounding true story.” [Join the free Virtual Alumni Book Club.](#)

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## A Message from the Alumni Director

As we head full speed into summer, there's a lot going on I'd like to share with you. We have an alumni reception in D.C. next month with President Serna, Alumni Award nominations are now open, the Homecoming T-shirt design contest is coming to a close, and much more! [Keep reading](#) about everything coming up!

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## Featured Event: D.C. Alumni Chapter Reception with President Serna

D.C. alumni, the Alumni Association and President Edward Serna '02 are coming your way on Tuesday, June 6! Wear your garnet and gold to show your Winthrop pride at the D.C. Metro alumni reception to meet President Edward Serna. The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. at [Clyde's of Gallery Place](#) in the Piedmont Room. President Serna will give remarks at 6:45 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. [RSVP](#) today.



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