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GIVING TUESDAY

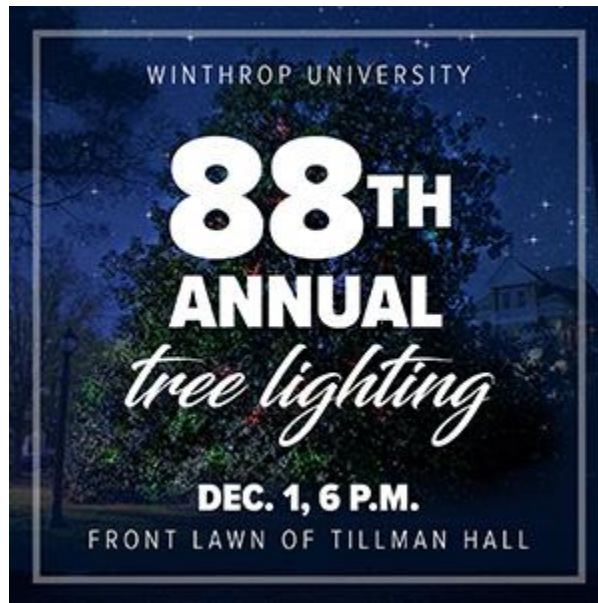
[Make a Difference in a Student's Life on Giving Tuesday](#)



On Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28, let's come together as a Winthrop community to enhance the educational experience for students, empowering them with resources for academic excellence and personal growth. Gifts can be made to the Winthrop Fund, the Winthrop Scholarship Fund, the Gloria Jones Student Emergency Fund, the Human Nutrition Food Box Fund, and more. Your participation in Giving Tuesday extends beyond a simple act of charity; it becomes an investment in the future success and well-being of the entire Winthrop community. [Make a secure gift online.](#)

TREASURES AND TRADITIONS

[Holiday Season Kicks Off with Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 1](#)



The holiday season at Winthrop will begin on Friday, Dec. 1, with the 88th Annual Tree Lighting. Beginning at 6 p.m. on Tillman Hall's front lawn, students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community will watch dazzling and festive performances from the Winthrop RockHettes, the Winthrop Chorale and the Collegiate Choir. This year's tree lighting will be a little different. To ensure the long-term health of the beloved Southern magnolia tree, the tree will be illuminated with projected colored LED lights instead of the traditional string lights. The [Student Alumni Council](#) will sell luminaries for \$5 before the tree lighting to add to the holiday glow around Tillman. Proceeds from the luminaries will support the [Winthrop Fund](#). If you can't attend the tree lighting, you can tune in to the [Alumni Association's Facebook Live](#) stream of the event.

ESPORTS FACILITY

[Esports Center to Open Nov. 30 with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)



The opening of a new home for the [Esports](#) team is being called a “game changer” that will keep the university a leader in the sport. On Thursday, Nov. 30, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. at the new Winthrop Esports Center in the Lowenstein Building, 300 Technology Way, Suite 223. The center is within walking distance of the campus in what is a growing hub between Winthrop and downtown Rock Hill. The Esports team has made waves in the sport since its foundation in 2019 with two national titles, one regional title and multiple tournament appearances. The team needed a bigger place to call home, and that dream is being realized this month.

HOMEcomings AND REUNION

[Take a Look Back at Homecoming and Reunion 2023](#)



What a fantastic time was had at Homecoming and Reunion earlier this month! A variety of events, such as the alumni awards dinner, Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center open house, alumni brunch, tailgating, athletics events, class reunion reception and much more, made for a memory-filled time. [Check out the photo album](#) to see all that happened, and make plans to attend next year!

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Happy holidays from your Alumni Association! We hope you'll celebrate our Annual Tree Lighting this Friday either in person or via [Facebook Live](#). It truly is a festive tradition. Even

though the year is coming to an end we still have lots of events planned. [Take a look](#) at these opportunities to get involved with your alma mater, and make plans to join us.



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