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UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS

[Winthrop Maintains Highest U.S. News "Best Colleges" Ranking](#)



U.S. News & World Report's latest edition of "Best Colleges" ranks Winthrop as one of the [top five institutions among public universities in the South](#). Winthrop is ranked fifth and maintains its highest ranking for the second year in a row. It also remains a top university in the South for veterans, social mobility and for affordability, according to the 2025 rankings. The university also has recently been named a "Best Regional College" by The Princeton Review and a "Best College" by Money. Fortune also recently recognized Rock Hill as one of the best places to live for families.

GRANT NEWS

[Winthrop Receives \\$2 Million NSF Grant to Boost STEM Success](#)



The National Science Foundation recently awarded Winthrop a [\\$2 million grant](#) to pay for scholarships for 30 students majoring in chemistry, computer science or mathematics. The overall goal of the grant is to increase the completion of degrees by high-achieving undergraduates from low-income backgrounds in an initiative called the TIPS Scholars Program. It will also contribute to the regional and national need for well-educated scientists, mathematicians and engineers.

FACULTY AWARD

[Professor Edward Lee '83 Receives Order of the Palmetto](#)



S.C. Governor Henry McMaster presented Professor of History Edward Lee '83 with the [Order of the Palmetto](#), citing his lifetime of achievements as a professor, historian and government official. The Order of the Palmetto, which was established by Gov. John C. West in 1971, is South Carolina's highest civilian honor and recognizes lifetime achievements and contributions that have significantly benefited the state. The presentation took place on Sept. 18 at the Statehouse with Lee's family members and friends in attendance, including S.C. Sen. Mike Fanning, S.C. Rep. John King, former U.S. Rep. John Napier and History Department Chair Gregory Bell.

HOMECOMING AND REUNION

[Registration Now Open for Homecoming and Reunion](#)



Registration is now open for [2024 Homecoming and Reunion](#)! Visit the Homecoming and Reunion [registration page](#) for more information on how to register for a variety of events. If you'd like to tailgate using a tent on Saturday, Nov. 9, ahead of the men's basketball game at noon and women's volleyball game at 5 p.m., please [purchase your tailgating spot](#) before Nov. 3. Finally, if you'd still like to purchase a Homecoming T-shirts for \$25 you still can!

FACILITIES UPDATE

[Read the Latest on Current and Upcoming Facilities Projects](#)



Campus is bustling with progress on many anticipated facilities projects. Work is wrapping up on the Byrnes Auditorium renovation, demolition progresses on Wofford and Richardson residence halls, roof replacements are underway, WiFi and classroom enhancements continue and more. All of this work will further enhance the Winthrop experience. Read about these projects and more in the [latest edition of Investing in Winthrop](#).

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



We are excited to be adding the final touches to our Homecoming and Reunion events! We're a little over a month away from welcoming home our alumni, and I hope you have made plans to [register for the events that interest you](#). One of the stars of this year's Homecoming and Reunion is the new Morgan-Holcombe Alumni Center. I hope you'll make plans to stop by the Stewart House during Homecoming to see this stunning space. We can't wait to see you!

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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