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CONVOCA**TION**

135th Academic Year Kicked Off With Virtual Convocation

Freshmen, non-traditional and transfer students were officially welcomed into the Winthrop community of learners during a virtual Convocation ceremony on Aug.

24. The students heard greetings and remarks from various campus and community leaders. [View a recording](#) of the annual event, which is typically held in person and on campus, but was held virtually this year due to COVID-19.



Princeton Review Ranks Winthrop Among Best in Southeast

Noted for the beauty of its campus and diverse student body, Winthrop once again is listed among schools featured in the annual 2021 Best Colleges rankings. Other complimentary mentions include the Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center, the university's cultural event requirement and the caliber of the faculty. [Read More>>](#)



Campus Community Preps for Returning to Learn

The university community has been hard at work making plans to create a safe and welcoming environment in which students and employees can live, learn and work. Take a look at the Return to Learn site to learn about how Winthrop will operate this fall semester.

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Big South Announces Delay of Fall Sports

Due to concerns surrounding the health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and athletics staff, the Big South Conference announced this month the delay of fall sports and their postponement until the spring, if possible. For Winthrop, the decision impacts men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, and fall competitions in men's and women's golf, in addition to out-of-season competition in spring sports.

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Furlough Plan Approved by Board of Trustees

A mandatory furlough plan will impact hundreds of Winthrop employees. The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to implement the plan for the 2020-21 fiscal year at the board's Aug. 25 meeting. Board Chair Glenn McCall expressed the board's conclusion that the furlough plan was the only way forward given the university's current budget realities. [Read More>>](#)



Small Business Center Aids in Local Recovery Efforts

Winthrop's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering a number of relief programs to help small businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SBDC has been assisting small businesses with three primary programs: Payroll Protection Program (PPP), Economic Insurance Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Unemployment Insurance. [Read More>>](#)



Student-Athletes Rank Second Highest in Conference for GPAs

More than 60 percent of Winthrop's student-athletes are making the grade, earning at least a 3.0 GPA during the 2019-20 academic year. The achievement placed the Eagles second in the Big South Conference (BSC). The BSC announced recently that a league-record 64.83 percent of eligible student-athletes earned Presidential Honor Roll status for their work in the classroom.

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Purchase Your 2020 Homecoming T-shirt

Winthrop has decided to pause all in-person activities for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. However, the Alumni Association will be offering alumni a Virtual Homecoming week full of events. Details are forthcoming, but in the meantime, be sure to order your 2020 Virtual Homecoming T-shirt to wear to all

the virtual events! [Read More>>](#)



#WelcomeWinthropEagles Photo Challenge

A new school year is here! Help us welcome the Class of 2024 by sharing your move-in day pictures! Send your photos with your class year to alumni@winthrop.edu. A special Facebook photo album will be shared during Virtual Welcome Week in September.



Alumni Director's Letter: Keeping Alumni Traditions Alive

The fall season is one of our favorites. Although many of our traditional events will look differently, we are still offering plenty of opportunities for alumni to engage

with each other and the campus community. [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Brian Greene '05

Brian Greene '05 details his experience with COVID-19 in a new book, “Smell the Roses, Blow Out the Candles: My Covid-19 Story,” summarized as “a little book with a big message.” It details his diagnosis on June 25, a six-day hospital stay and his present-day recovery. [Read More>>](#)

ELECTIONS IN THE TIME OF **CORONAVIRUS** | **VOTING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

Wed., **Sept. 2**, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join us for this nonpartisan discussion led by faculty from the Department of Political Science who will help us understand polling, voting mechanics and how voting this year will be different.

FEATURED EVENT: Virtual Panel

Join us for a nonpartisan discussion via Facebook Live for "Elections in the Time of Coronavirus: Voting in the Midst of a Global Pandemic" on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. The panel will be led by faculty from the Department of Political Science who will help us understand polling, voting mechanics and how voting this year will be different. [Read More>>](#)

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