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Winthrop Experiences Milestone Philanthropy

Generous donors gave \$6.5 million to Winthrop in 2019, marking the second-highest amount ever raised in fundraising history. The total includes contributions made between January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, with a significant portion designated to support the Winthrop Endowment. [Read More>>](#)



Ish Smith Family Foundation Makes \$100,000 Gift to Winthrop Athletics

Winthrop Athletics has received a \$100,000 gift to the men's basketball program from the Ish Smith Family Foundation (ISFF). The organization was founded by the family of current NBA point guard Ish Smith of the Washington Wizards. The ISFF's primary focus is to support and provide resources for student-athletes to become successful. [Read More>>](#)



Winthrop Marks Two Decades of MLK Day of Service

Alumni Director's Letter: 2020 Alumni Events Underway

Happy New Year! The Alumni Association was proud to host over 50 events in 2019 that welcomed nearly 800 alumni attendees. We love seeing alumni on campus and when we travel to your area. We are already planning for 2020 events and we hope to see you at one of them. I also encourage you to stay engaged with the university via publications, social media and regional chapter events. [Read More>>](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Kourtland Haile '14

Kourtland Haile '14 says Winthrop helped force him out of his comfort zone and gave him the opportunity to find himself. He names joining his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and becoming an active leader on campus (as an Orientation leader and peer mentor) as some of the key moments that helped him push past his introversion. Eventually, he learned to open himself up to new people and new adventures. [Read More>>](#)

Calendar of Events

Feb. 10, Orlando Alumni Social

6 p.m., [Bahama Breeze Island Grille](#), Orlando, Florida

Feb. 13, Pre-Game Social for Men's Basketball vs. Gardner-Webb

5 p.m., [Newgrass Brewing Co.](#), Shelby, North Carolina

Feb. 15, Pre-Game Social for Women's Basketball vs. UNC Asheville

12 p.m., [Catawba Brewing Company South Slope Asheville](#), Asheville, North Carolina

Feb. 29, Pre-Game Social Home Doubleheader

11 a.m., [Slow Play Brewing](#), Rock Hill



Featured Event: Kershaw County Alumni Luncheon

Each year the Kershaw County Alumni Chapter hosts its annual Kershaw County Alumni Luncheon in Camden, South Carolina, at Springdale Hall. Nearly 100 alumni typically attend the event which features updates from Winthrop leaders and a delicious lunch. This year's event will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, and tickets are \$25 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Johnny Deal, treasurer of the Kershaw County Alumni Chapter, at 803/427-0883. [Read More>>](#)

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