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GRANT FUNDING

[\\$6 Million Federal Grant to Improve Teacher Retention](#)



With support from a \$6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Winthrop will collaborate with three S.C. institutions to create a statewide model for year-long teacher residencies in an effort to recruit and retain aspiring teachers. Called SC RISE (South Carolina Residencies Impacting Schoolwide Equity), the five-year project will be funded through the federal Education Innovation and Research Program.

ATHLETICS NEWS

Athletics Hall of Fame to Induct Seven New Members



Six former student-athletes and one administrator have been selected for induction into the 2025 class of the Winthrop Athletics Hall of Fame. The inductees will be honored during a Jan. 31 ceremony. The Athletics Hall of Fame will consist of 99 individuals and 16 Teams of Distinction after this year's class is added.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Cornhole Team Wins Top Titles at National Competition



The cornhole team achieved the pinnacle of the sport during its inaugural season by winning two coveted national titles at the American Cornhole League National Competition held Jan. 2-3 in Myrtle Beach. The Eagles team of Luke Bryant and Josh

Quinn won the doubles championship and Bryant and Quinn competed with teammates Gavin Hamann and Jaxson Remmick to win the team championship. Then in the singles competition, Bryant won second place and Quinn took third place. The team is led by Head Coach Dusty Thompson.

FACILITIES UPDATE

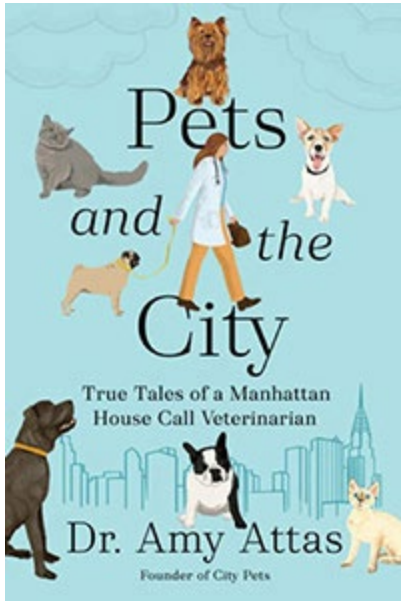
[Latest Investing in Winthrop Piece Showcases Facilities Projects](#)



Progress this past fall on a variety of facilities projects positions the campus to celebrate one of its most beloved spaces, create opportunities for community engagement, provide upgraded facilities for student-athletes and more. Facilities investments remain a top priority for attracting prospective students and bringing friends and supporters onto campus.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

[New Year Starts with New Alumni Book Club Selection](#)



The latest reading selection of the virtual alumni book club is "[Pets and the City](#)" by Amy Attas. The book is a collection of hilarious, jaw-dropping and heartfelt stories from New York City's premier "house-call veterinarian" that take the reader into the exclusive penthouses and 4-star hotel rooms of the wealthiest New Yorkers. The reading period runs through March 7. [Read a summary and reviews](#) for it, and [join the free virtual alumni book club](#).

[A Message from the Alumni Director](#)



Last year, the Alumni Association hosted over 30 events that were attended by more than 1,000 alumni. Thank you to everyone who came to campus or visited with us on the road at an event. This year, we hope to see even more alumni at these offerings! But did you know there are other ways you can get involved with your alma mater? We would love to have you serve as a class reunion volunteer, Young Alumni Council member, Alumni Chapter leader, alumni mentor and more. Please reach out to me if you're interested!

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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