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GIVING TUESDAY

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



On Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3, 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.](#)

FACULTY AWARD

[Alumna Crystal Glover Receives Highest Teaching Award](#)



Crystal Glover '97, '99 will add another faculty achievement to her list of professional accomplishments when she receives the university's top teaching award at Winthrop's Dec. 14 Commencement ceremony. An associate professor in the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences, Glover is the 2024 recipient of the James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was established 40 years ago in honor of former president James Pinckney Kinard and his wife, Lee Wicker Kinard, by their family.

TREASURES AND TRADITIONS

[Holiday Season Kicks Off with Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 6](#)



The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council will host the 89th Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 6, on the front lawn of Tillman Hall to ring in the holiday season! Enjoy performances by the Winthrop RockHettes, Chorale and Collegiate Choir, and countdown to the lighting of the flagpole on the front lawn. Yes, that's correct, the flagpole! This year's lighting will look different in order to protect the health of the southern Magnolia tree. Lights can no longer be affixed to the magnolia tree so the flagpole at the new fountain will be lit in the shape of a Christmas tree to celebrate the season. If you cannot attend in person, watch the livestream on the [Alumni Association Facebook page](#)!

HOMECOMING AND REUNION

[Take a Look Back at Homecoming and Reunion 2024!](#)



What a fantastic time was had at Homecoming and Reunion earlier this month! A variety of events, such as the Alumni Awards Celebration, the 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](#)



We loved seeing so many alumni on campus for Homecoming and Reunion! From class reunions, campus tours, athletics events, lectures, tailgating and more – we did it all! Please save the date for Homecoming and Reunion 2025, Nov. 14-15! Classes that end in '0 or '5 will be celebrating milestone reunions next year. As we enter the holiday season, please know that the Alumni Association staff is thankful for all of the wonderful Winthrop alumni who make this place so special, and we're wishing you and your family a happy and restful Thanksgiving.

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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