

University

[Straight Talk: Gary Simrill, Assistant to Winthrop President](#)

WRHI, Dec. 18

*Gary Simrill talks about his community engagement efforts for Winthrop, including the strategic plan.

[Palmetto Mornings, Joseph Miller](#)

WRHI, Dec. 15

*VP Joseph Miller talks about Toys for Happiness, Commencement, the new provost and the strategic plan.

[This SC Tree with Roots as Thick as an Elephant Leg is Now a Heritage Tree](#)

The State, Dec. 12

*Mentions that the Southern magnolia tree in front of Tillman Hall is recognized as a Heritage tree because of its importance to the community.

[CN2 Newscast – Winthrop Reduction Plan](#)

CN2, Dec. 12

*Mention of the plan to reduce the university's tuition.

Faculty/Staff

[Gilbert Coach Becomes Lexington I Athletics Director, Lexington High Gets New Principal](#)

Lexington County Chronicle, Dec. 15

*Mentions that Margaret Casey Davis '08, '11 will move from being an assistant principal to principal of Forts Pond Elementary in July.

[Pepper Wars: Michigan Grower Disputes Pepper X's Record for World's Hottest Pepper; Says His May be Hotter](#)

Great Lakes Echo, Dec. 14

*Michigan grower doesn't think the tests performed by Winthrop students is accurate.

[A High Score at Winthrop for Esports as New Center Opens](#)

Post and Courier, Dec. 13 (behind a paywall)

*Highlights the opening of the new Esports Center. Video can be found at:

[Winthrop esports director Josh Sides talks about new facility](#)

Student

[Leonor Paisana Having a Career Year for Winthrop Basketball](#)

Rock Hill Herald, Dec. 16

*Highlights student-athlete Leonor Paisana's basketball season so far. The junior guard from Lisbon, Portugal, is having a career season.

Alumni

[Former Winthrop Soccer Player Making an International Impact through Kalungi Foundation](#)
CN2, Dec. 14

***Henry Kalungi '09, who played soccer professionally for 10 years after his college career, gives back to his home country of Uganda.**

Other News

[Flagship Public Universities Likely to Cut More Humanities, Staff – Especially in Rural States](#)
SC Daily Gazette, Dec. 18

***West Virginia University has cut 28 majors altogether and cut 12% of its professors.**

[Investigations Conclude College Administrators Lied to Media, Mistreated Faculty](#)
Inside Higher Ed, Dec. 15

***Investigations found that Spartanburg Community College disbanded its Faculty Senate and surveilled faculty members, then lied to the media and SC's inspector general.**

[What Universities Have Done to Themselves](#)

Wall Street Journal, Dec. 14

***Peggy Noonan column about how universities have gone from being centers of excellence to institutions pushing political agendas.**

[Straight Talk: Steve Kane, Westminster Catawba Christian School, and Lauren Serna, associate director of development](#)

WRHI, Dec. 13

***Westminster Catawba Christian School leaders, including First Lady Lauren Serna, talk about the private Christian school.**

[SC High Court Will Directly Take Challenge to K-12 Vouchers](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Dec. 12

***SC education agency picks Florida company to run online portal for \$4M over 3 1/2 years.**

[More than \\$150M Intended for SC College Scholarships Unspent](#)

SC Daily Gazette, Dec. 12 (Similar article appeared in the Post and Courier)