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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Hundreds of **Winthrop University alumni** will travel to Rock Hill this weekend to hold class reunions, tour the historic campus and attend a ring ceremony during the **Alumni Reunion Celebration**.

The classes from **1930 through 1975**, particularly those classes whose years end in a 0 or a 5, will meet this year from April 22-24. Many of the classes celebrate their reunion parties on campus, in the homes of local alumni and at local restaurants and clubs. Each class has a local hotel/motel serving as its reunion headquarters.

One of the highlights is the **Alumni Awards Ceremony** at 11 a.m. Saturday when the university honors award recipients for their outstanding professional and community endeavors. The winners are: **Alumni Professional Award – Patrick Flood '85** of Atlanta, Ga.; **Distinguished Service Award – Jolene Setliff '86** of Rock Hill; **Mary Mildred Sullivan Award – Colleen Yates '50** of Sumter; and **Outstanding Young Alumni Award – Laura Turkett '99** of Rock Hill.

Reunion Celebration 2005 will offer plenty of reminders about Winthrop over the decades. Alumni Relations, **304 Tillman Hall**, will display Friday afternoon the old blue uniforms, rat caps and other memorabilia from when Winthrop was an all-female college.

There will be trolley tours from 2-5 p.m. Friday, 9-11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, starting at **McLaurin Hall**. Tour guides will point out how much has changed, such as construction on the new **Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education and Wellness Center** on the west side of the campus, and how much has stayed the same.

There also will be a 12:30 p.m. luncheon Saturday in McBryde Hall, featuring **President Anthony DiGiorgio**. On Sunday, there will be a ring ceremony at 4 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium to showcase the university's official ring. Now in its second year, the ceremony is fast becoming one of the university's most popular new traditions.

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