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*During Orientation, new students participate in fun activities and register for classes.*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Winthrop University will welcome freshman students during **Orientation** sessions this summer.

New students entering in the fall are required to attend one of five Orientation sessions offered during this month and in August. Family members are encouraged to take advantage of **Family Orientation**, a program offered concurrently with the first day of each of the student sessions.

**Session I** is from June 15-16, **Session II** from June 20-21, **Session III** from June 23-24, **Session IV** from June 27-28 and **Session V** from Aug. 17-18. Transfer students entering Winthrop this fall may take advantage of **Transfer Orientations** in July and August. Here is the schedule for students and here is the schedule for families.

**Orientation** is a program designed to assist new students and their families in adjusting to life as a Winthrop student. During Orientation, new students meet current student leaders, receive information on academic expectations and opportunities for involvement, are advised, and register for classes.

**Organizer Carrie Whiteside**, director of new student and family programs, and the student Orientation staff have designed programs and activities so students will interact with upperclassmen, Orientation faculty mentors, instructors, key campus personnel and each other to build a web of support for their Winthrop experience.

Students also will get an ID made with the use of iris scanners. The technology involves taking a picture of a person's eyes and using the photograph for future identification.

The freshmen also will receive a copy of the university's common book for 2016-17, "**The Glass Castle**" by Jeannette Walls.

It tells of Walls' nomadic life with parents whose own mental/emotional problems expose their children to poverty, homelessness, hunger, sporadic education, rat-infested dwellings with no plumbing and non-existent health care. Walls' survival and drive to change her life serves as a model of resilience and an inspiration to overcome hardship.

The book and Orientation will help prepare students for college, according to Whiteside. "Winthrop expects students to undergo transformation as a learner and engage in life in and out of the classroom and the community. It also gives them the opportunity to learn about the responsibilities they will have as a student and become familiar with the place they'll come to call home over the next few years.

An **Orientation Leadership Staff** will work with Whiteside. **Alyssa Lamb**, a junior integrated

marketing communication major from Birmingham, Alabama, is the student program coordinator and **William Keen**, a senior theatre major from Rock Hill, is the student staff coordinator. Two graduate student interns, **Katie Lombard** from Vanderbilt University and **Bekah Hickman** from Arkansas Tech University, who both want to work in higher education, also are assisting.

The **Orientation Leaders** for the first four sessions are:

- Hayley Atkinson, sophomore, early childhood education, Little River, South Carolina
- Laura Banks, junior, elementary education, Ninety Six, South Carolina
- Tucker Chandler, sophomore, social work, Sumter, South Carolina
- Maria Clarcken, junior, Spanish and political science, Charleston, South Carolina
- Bailee Conner, sophomore, biology education, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Brandon Dill, sophomore, computer information systems, Clemson, South Carolina
- Chloe Gill, sophomore, elementary education, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Jayma Goodwin, sophomore, psychology, Greer, South Carolina
- Lindsey Hawkins, senior, early childhood education, Lyman, South Carolina
- Jami Hodgins, junior, English, Florence, South Carolina
- Dajjah Jackson, sophomore, family and consumer sciences, Greenville, South Carolina
- Jaime Lopez-White, senior, human nutrition, Summerville, South Carolina
- Jon'Paul Montgomery, sophomore, international business, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Joshua Mugabe, sophomore, business administration management, Rock Hill, South Carolina
- Ximena Perez, sophomore, human nutrition, Cheraw, South Carolina
- Bri Rae, senior, mathematics, Fort Mill, South Carolina
- Antonio Santos, sophomore, computer science, Lancaster, South Carolina
- Timothy Smith, sophomore, social studies education, Gaffney, South Carolina
- Destinee Waddy, sophomore, exercise science, Charleston, South Carolina

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