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Quick Facts

- The Class of 2019 has 1,093 freshmen and 348 transfer students.
- 25 states and seven countries are represented.
- Nine valedictorians and 11 salutatorians chose Winthrop, the most of any class on record at Winthrop.



Freshmen spelled out the "WU" for a class photo.

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University's freshman class boasts a unique mix of **strong academic talent, varied geographic locales** and **wide-ranging personal interests**.

The class was officially inducted into the Winthrop community of learners during the Aug. 24 **Convocation** ceremony.

Consider these facts about the **Class of 2019**:

- 1,093 freshmen and 348 transfer students.
- 25 states and seven countries are represented.
- **Megan Kaufmann** traveled the farthest to Winthrop outside of the United States. She is from Perth, Australia, and traveled 11,440 miles. She edged out **Aditya Gokhale** from the city of Pune in India, and **Fu-Hsing Hsu** of Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.
- **Shelby Anderson**, of Palmer, Alaska, traveled the farthest to Winthrop within the United States.
- **Akiera Davis** from Charlotte, North Carolina, is Winthrop's first National Achievement Scholar.
- **Bjorn Broman**, a basketball player from Duluth, Minnesota, is Winthrop's first Parade Magazine High School All-American.
- Nine high school valedictorians and 11 salutatorians chose Winthrop, the most of any class on record at Winthrop.
- The most common male name in the class is Matthew, followed by Brandon, Christian, John and Joshua.
- The most common female name in the class is Hannah, followed by Ashley, Kayla and Taylor.
- **Haylee Black** of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, competed in a world archery competition.
- **Sam Walton** of Taylors, South Carolina, has more than 30,000 subscribers for his YouTube channel, which chronicled his life in Germany.
- **Cameron Wesley Jr.** of Hopkins, South Carolina, once serenaded "Queen of Funk" Chaka Kahn.

- **Caroline Wilson** of Marion, South Carolina, has visited five continents.
- **Krystal Young** of Anderson, South Carolina, served on the International Youth Advisory Board.

Classes for the fall semester began Monday, Aug. 24.

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