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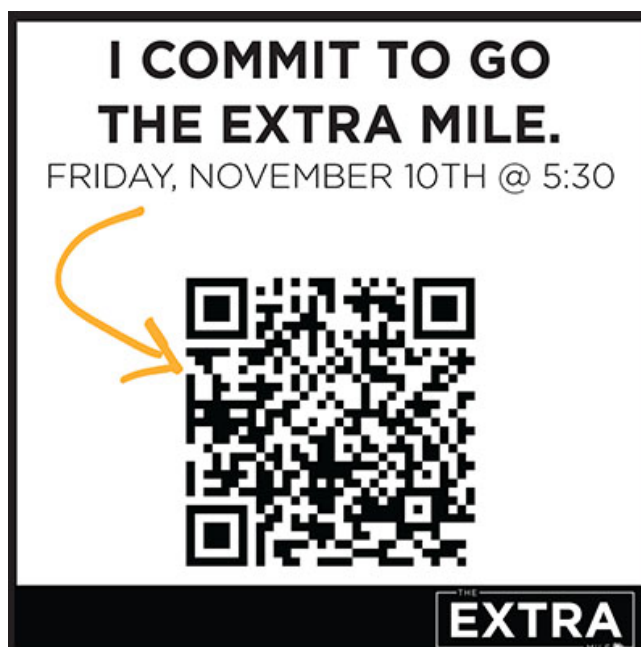
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### Quick Facts

- People interested in “going the extra mile” can meet in the Withers/W.T.S. Building parking lot at 5 p.m. on Nov. 10.
- The group will walk down Eden Terrace to the Coliseum to tailgate and watch the men's basketball game at 7 p.m.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Approximately one mile—more precisely, 5,280 feet—stands between the main Winthrop University campus and the Coliseum, home of [Winthrop Athletics](#). While this distance could be seen as a barrier, Winthrop University will embrace this mile as an opportunity.

The [Office of the First-Year Experience \(FYE\)](#), Winthrop Athletics and student organizations campus wide have partnered to organize a new initiative called “**The Extra Mile.**” On Friday, Nov. 10, all students, faculty and staff, and community members are invited to participate in a one-mile walk to the [Coliseum](#) before the first home men's basketball game.

“The goal of this initiative is to rally around Winthrop's athletic program while fostering connection among students, athletics,

community members and Winthrop as a whole,” said **Leah Kendall**, director of the FYE office.

People interested in “going the extra mile” can meet in the [Withers/W.T.S. Building](#) parking lot at 5 p.m. The group will walk down Eden Terrace, which will be closed for the occasion, to the Coliseum, where community members will greet the crowd with a tailgate. Three local churches have donated hot dogs, chips and bottled water. Student participants will also receive The Extra Mile T-shirts.

The group will then go inside the Coliseum for the 7 p.m. men's basketball game against Southern Illinois and are encouraged to keep that fire alive for the first women's home game on Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. against Duquesne.

“We want to invite every student to go the extra mile to support their athletic teams,” Kendall explained. “But the vision for The Extra Mile is bigger than basketball. The hope is that students will go The Extra Mile in all that they do—in the classroom, in their academic pursuits and in their future career.”

While the initiative starts with promoting the start of basketball season, the Nov. 10 walk is just the beginning. As Kendall mentions, the goal is that “The Extra Mile” will translate across campus, challenging the Winthrop community to go “The Extra Mile” in all that they do.

Are you ready to go the extra mile? Scan the QR code via your phone's QR code scanner or Snapchat and say, “I commit to go the extra mile.” Visit [The Extra Mile – Winthrop University](#)

[Facebook page](#) for more information.

For more information on The Extra Mile, contact the Office of the First-Year Experience at [fye@winthrop.edu](mailto:fye@winthrop.edu) or 803/323-3908.

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