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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Highlights of Winthrop University’s Nov. 14-15 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend included a $100,000 check presentation by the Class of 1964, the recognition of five alumni award recipients, an art exhibit and the kickoff of basketball season.

At Saturday’s Alumni Awards Luncheon, the Class of 1964 presented Acting President Debra Boyd with a $100,000 check in honor of its 50th reunion. The class endowed an alumni programming fund, a scholarship and commissioned the “Metamorphosis” sculpture along Scholars Walk, which was dedicated earlier in the day.

During the Alumni Awards Luncheon, five outstanding alumni were presented the following awards for their leadership and service:

- Linda Driggers Williams ’64, ’69, ’80, who received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award;
- Jimmie Williamson ’80, ’85, the president and executive director of the S.C. Technical College System and former Winthrop Board of Trustees member, who received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award;
- Gina Price White ’83, director of the Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections at Winthrop, who received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award;
- Jeffrey Revels ’93, the artistic director for Orlando Repertory Theatre, who was honored with the Alumni Professional Achievement Award; and
- Chisa Johnson Putman ’03, an attorney for South Carolina Legal Services, who earned the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Other Homecoming & Reunion Weekend news included:

- Alumni of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. dedicated personalized bricks along Scholars Walk, as members have donated more than $6,750 to the Winthrop Fund through brick purchases.
- More than 60 alumni met at Charlotte’s Sports One Bar and Lounge on Friday evening. The group has raised more than $6,410 to support the Roddye, Johnson, Gladden and Meriwether Scholarship, which honors the four pioneering African-American women who first integrated Winthrop.
Visual artist Jane Spratt '64 showcased her artwork in an exhibit entitled “Homegrown: Life in Filbert, South Carolina.”

The women's and men's basketball teams began their seasons. The women's team, led by junior Schaquilla Nunn who turned in a school record single-game scoring performance with 39 points, beat Gallaudet 117-43. The men's team logged an 82-59 victory over Pfeiffer University, led by Keon Moore with 25 points.

For more Homecoming & Reunion Weekend coverage, please view the Facebook photo album.