



The Cheraw Arts Commission presents guitarist and singer Molly Tuttle on Thursday, September 7 at the Theatre on the Green. Molly is a highly regarded flatpicker on guitar and a soulful singer with influences from early bluegrass and old-time singers. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, she is virtuosos multi-instrumentalist and award winning songwriter with a distinctive voice. Molly Tuttle has turned the heads of even the most seasoned industry professionals. Her lovely voice, impeccable guitar playing, and sensitive song writing make her a star on the rise.

Molly has appeared on A Prairie Home Companion, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, was featured on the cover of Flatpicking Guitar Magazine, and won first place in the prestigious Chris Austin Songwriting Competition at Merlefest. "Molly Tuttle sings with the gentle authority of Gillian Welch, yet plays astoundingly fleet flat-picking guitar like Chet Atkins on superdrive." -Paul Zollo, American Songwriter Magazine

The show starts at 7 p.m. at the Theatre. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Cheraw Community Center, located at 200 Powe Street. Tickets are \$10 for CAC members, and non-member tickets are \$12. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for information - 843.537.8420 x 12.

### Wingate University Enrollment up 40 Percent Since 2011

A record-setting crop of new undergraduate students this fall has taken Wingate University's total enrollment to around 3,600. That figure, which includes graduate and professional students, is up 40 percent compared with the figure from 2011. The total number of students is also up 11 percent since the fall of 2016. Final numbers won't be tallied until after drop/add in early September, but the number of new undergraduate students this fall is expected to be around 1,175, compared with 725 last year. Their academic profile is in line with the average profile of incoming students over the previous six years.

"Students have chosen us," says Wingate University President Dr. Rhett Brown. "What we're offering them has resonated. They're seeing real value in the education we provide."

To handle the influx of new students, the Wingate campus has undergone several changes:

- The University bought and renovated the former Days Inn just off U.S. Highway 74 in Monroe, four miles from the Wingate campus. The facility will house 108 freshmen, who can use their meal cards at Hilltop Fish Fare and Steakhouse, next door to the former hotel. A shuttle will run from the facility to the Wingate campus twice an hour during the school week and on demand at other times, and students can make use of a free laundry service. A new 224-bed residence hall will open in the fall of 2018.
- Twelve new faculty positions have been created. The student-to-faculty ratio will stay the same.
- The W.T. Harris Dining Hall has been expanded. In addition, a full-service Starbucks coffee shop opened last week, and school meal-plan cards are now accepted at the Subway sandwich shop in the Levine Health Sciences Center.
- Five hundred ninety parking spaces have been opened up through the creation or reclassification of four "overflow" lots.

Brown says the growth is a convergence of many positives at one time: geography, a speedy admissions process, the provision of in-demand academic courses, and an attractive campus.

In 2016, for the first time Wingate began provisionally admitting students based on self-reported statistics such as ACT/SAT score, class rank and grade-point average. "That grew the number of applications and visits," Brown says. "But you still have to come to campus and get sold on the actual product."

So many students are being sold on Wingate that the University is planning to ultimately grow to between 4,000 and 6,000 students - at a time when over half of all colleges and universities nationwide are experiencing flat or declining enrollment.

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