



# Julia's

Community

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Julia's Community is a transformative comprehensive concept for the approximately 12 million "silent minority" living in the United States with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Persons with an IDD are usually diagnosed at birth and the resulting challenges affect the trajectory of an individual's physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development. State Governments provide education and activities for this population in the public school systems from kindergarten through high school.

The families and caregivers of children with IDD independently seek out social and educational options for their preschoolers. For dependent adults (age 21+) the options for living, learning and working are limited, often lacking cohesion and functionality. The Julia's Community concept is a true 360-degree model that would support and enhance multiple functions and developments, each of which will provide meaning to persons with IDD and their families.

Operating under a separate nonprofit structure and led by an executive director, the Julia's Community organization will collaborate with private, public, and other nonprofit agencies to fund, administer, grow, and assess the program. The program will send ripples of understanding throughout Wingate, the Charlotte metropolitan area, and the wider world.

Julia's Community exists to merge social, educational, medical, mental health, and developmental activities that increase **self-determination** and **self-worth** and lead to **greater autonomy** for persons with IDD.

# WINGATE UNIVERSITY BENEFITS

Julia's Community will have a transformative effect on all students, staff and faculty. By training professionals and creating a vibrant and welcoming community for persons with IDD, the entire campus will grow and learn a stronger sense of awareness, education, understanding, and empathy.

Wingate University has accredited academic programs that train healthcare professionals to serve the IDD community in a variety of ways. Graduate programs in Occupational Therapy (doctoral), Physical Therapy (doctoral), and Public Health (Bachelor's and Master's), will be joined by forthcoming programs in Social Work (Master's) and Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Master's). Wingate also offers undergraduate programs in Human Services, Nursing and Psychology.

The faculty, students and leaders in these areas will contribute to the expanding research base concerning best practices for the IDD community. By merging pure inquiry with applied research, the state of knowledge will grow.

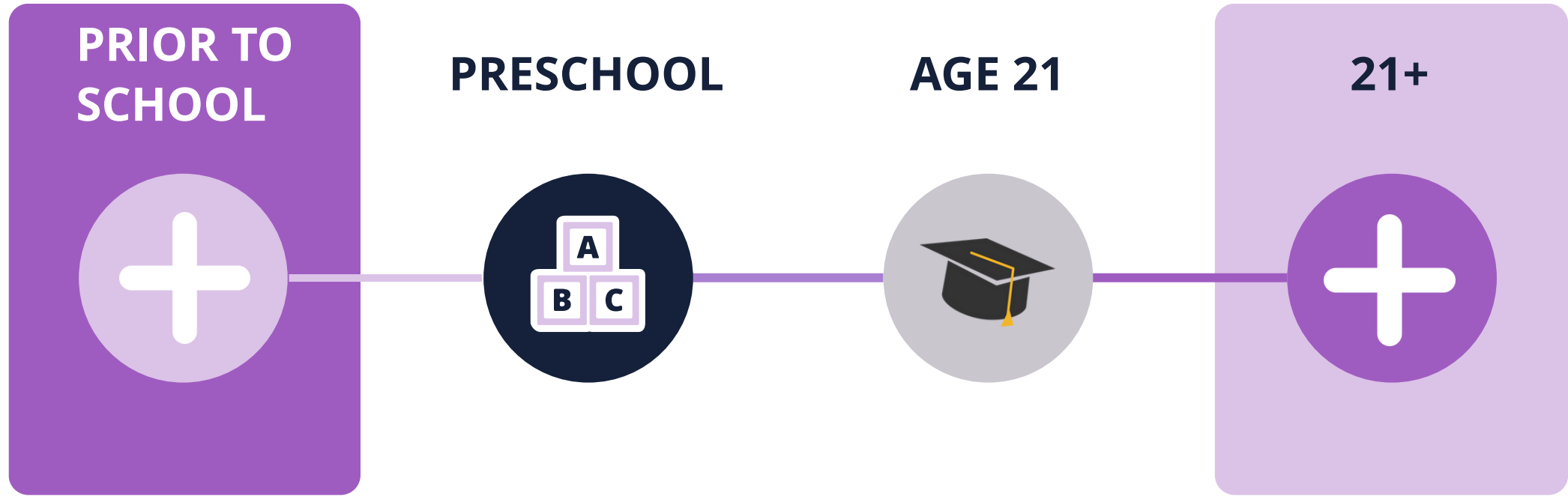
# BEYOND WINGATE UNIVERSITY

Julia's Community is a transformative concept merging social, educational, medical, mental health and developmental activities that increase **self-determination, self-worth** and **autonomy** for persons with IDD.

More to the point, the intersection of these five supportive concepts will also expose the able population to the beauty, potential, capability, love and extraordinary people in our community with IDD, sending ripples of understanding throughout Wingate, Union County, Charlotte metro, and the wider world. To this end, all lives in our campus community will be forever transformed.

Wingate University will launch, learn, document and improve this 360-degree concept, sharing our findings with others in the academic, non-profit and governmental community and replicating the best practices at other colleges and universities throughout the state and nation.

# OUR FOCUS



State Provides Support from  
Preschool to Graduation

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The 360-degree Concept contains five components. Each one is independent of the other. A person with IDD may participate in one or multiple elements of Julia's Community.



## PRESCHOOL

This five-star inclusive early learning center serves all children, with or without disabilities.



## ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

Structured activities to enrich, amuse and explore your world.



## RESIDENTIAL

At home and in community. The Friendship House provides independence and support.



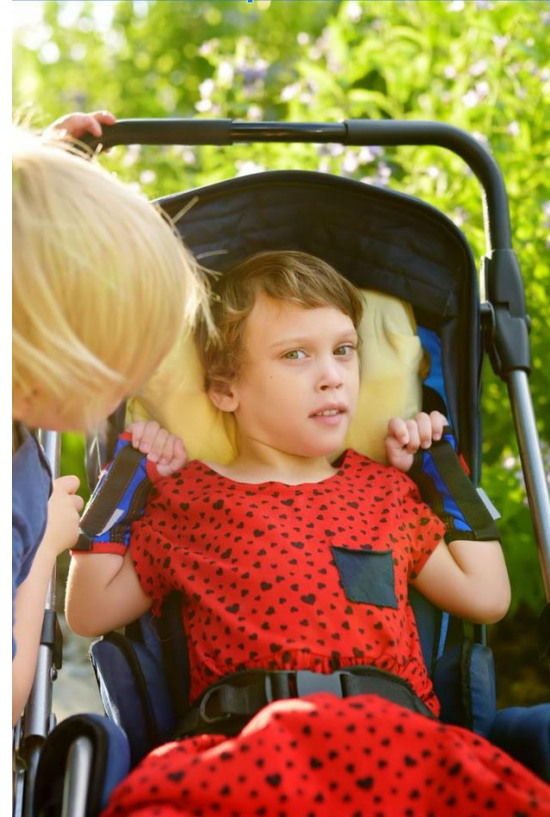
## COLLEGE

Meaningful academic experiences on campus, alongside students.



## EMPLOYMENT

Work is critical to autonomy and self-worth. Find an inclusive workplace on campus.



Julia's caring.

# INCLUSIVE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

## PARTNERSHIPS

Union County Public Schools  
Alliance for Children - Union County  
NC Medicaid  
United Way of Union County  
Private and Charter Schools  
Wingate University's:  
Thayer School of Education  
Cannon College of Arts and Sciences  
Levine College of Health Sciences  
School of Sport Sciences





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**THAYER SCHOOL OF  
EDUCATION**



**LEVINE COLLEGE OF  
HEALTH SCIENCES**



**SCHOOL OF  
SPORTS SCIENCES**



**CANNON COLLEGE OF  
ARTS & SCIENCES**



Julia's playing.

# ADULT DAY PROGRAMS



- ARTS & CRAFTS**
- CULINARY**
- COMMUNICATION**
- HEALTH & WELLNESS**
- HORTICULTURE MUSIC**
- RECREATION**
- LIFE SKILLS**
- PERFORMING ARTS**

## PARTNERSHIPS

Wingate University's:  
Cannon College of Arts and Sciences  
Thayer School of Education  
Levine College of Health Sciences  
School of Sport Sciences  
NC Medicaid  
Public Health and Community Recreation



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11 MARCH

NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB  
4:00 - 5:00 PM | Starbucks

20 MARCH

WINGATE SOFTBALL  
VS. LENOIR-RHYNE  
1:00 - 3:00 PM | Softball Complex

13 MARCH

WINGATE WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
VS. ROLLINS  
4:00 - 7:00 PM | Irwin Belk Stadium

21 MARCH

WINGATE CHOIR CONCERT  
7:00 - 8:15 PM | McGee Theatre

14 MARCH

ART CLASS  
9:00 - 10:30 AM | Hinson Museum

25 MARCH

NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB  
4:00 - 5:00 PM | Starbucks

18 MARCH

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4:00 - 5:00 PM | Starbucks

27 MARCH

WINGATE MEN'S TENNIS  
VS. NEWBERRY  
2:00 - 5:00 PM | Tennis Complex

19 MARCH

STUDENT-LED EXERCISE CLASS  
11:00 - 12:00 PM | Irwin Belk Arena

27 MARCH

WINGATE WOMEN'S TENNIS  
VS. NEWBERRY  
2:00 - 5:00 PM | Tennis Complex

28 MARCH

STUDENT-LED EXERCISE CLASS  
1:00 - 2:00 PM | Irwin Belk Arena

## COMMUNITY BASED DAY PROGRAM

Promoting fun, active  
and meaningful  
experiences.

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# Julia's living.



# FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

## PARTNERSHIPS

Faith-Based Organizations

Appliance & Furniture Retailers

Public Transportation

Private Affordable Housing Alliances

Public Affordable Housing Agencies

Residential Home Builders



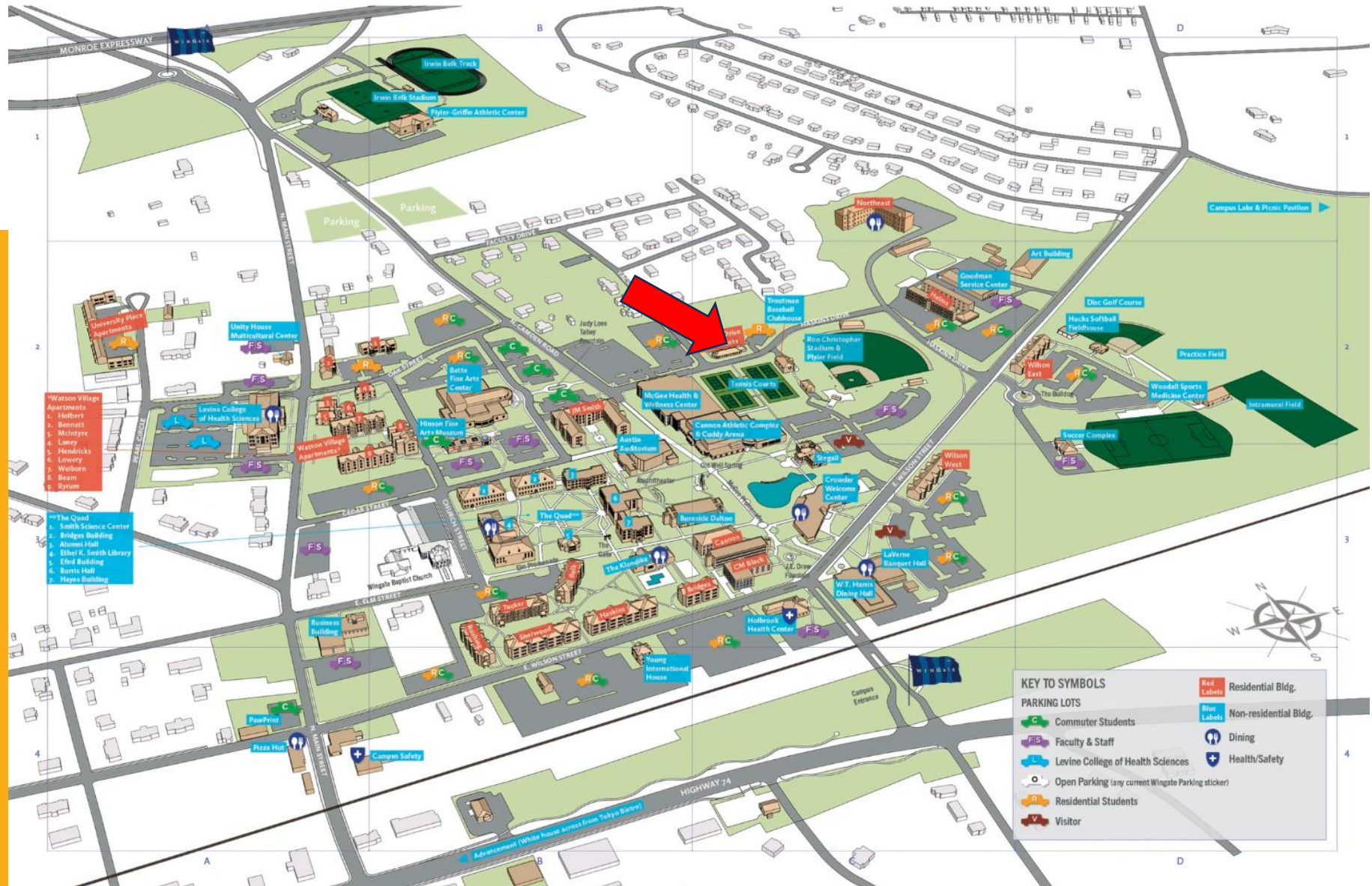
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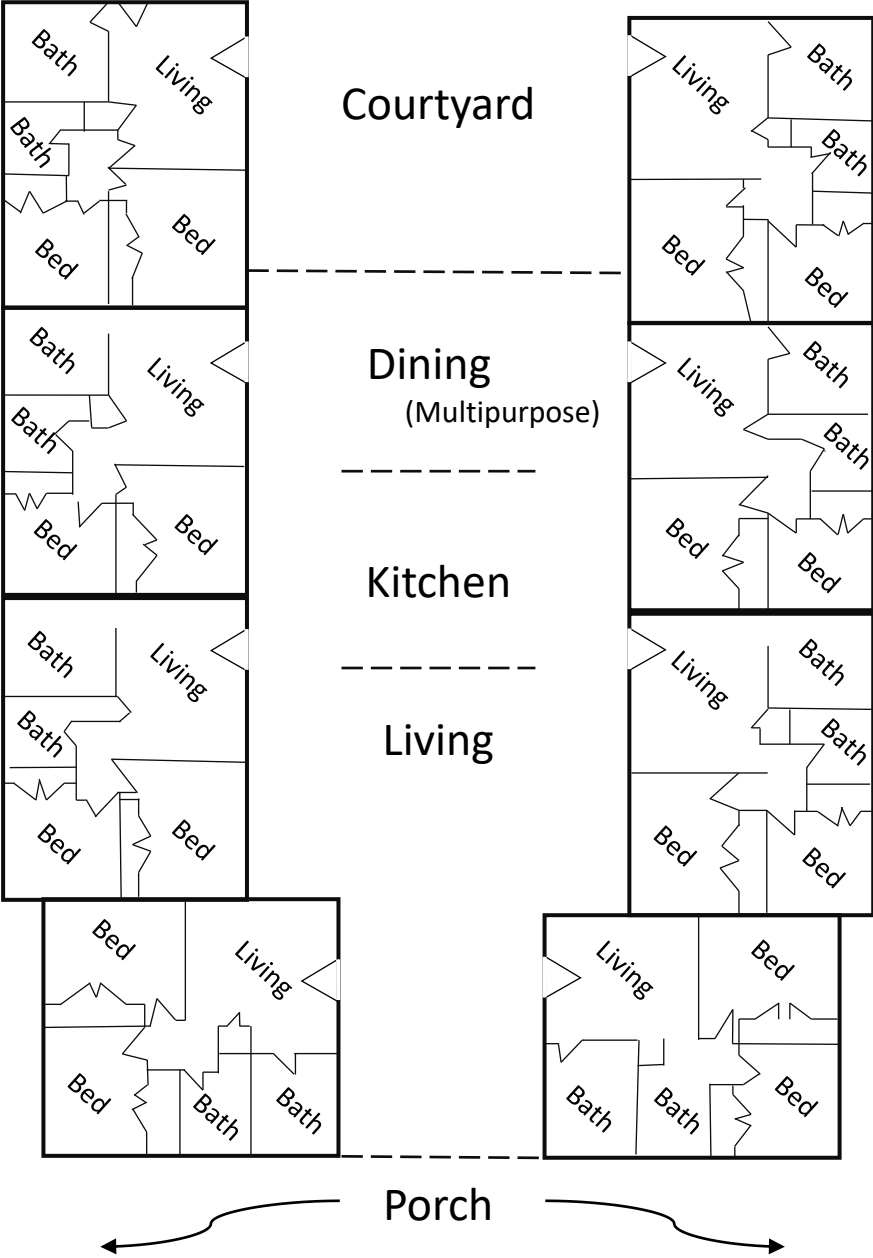




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# POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION



## COURSES

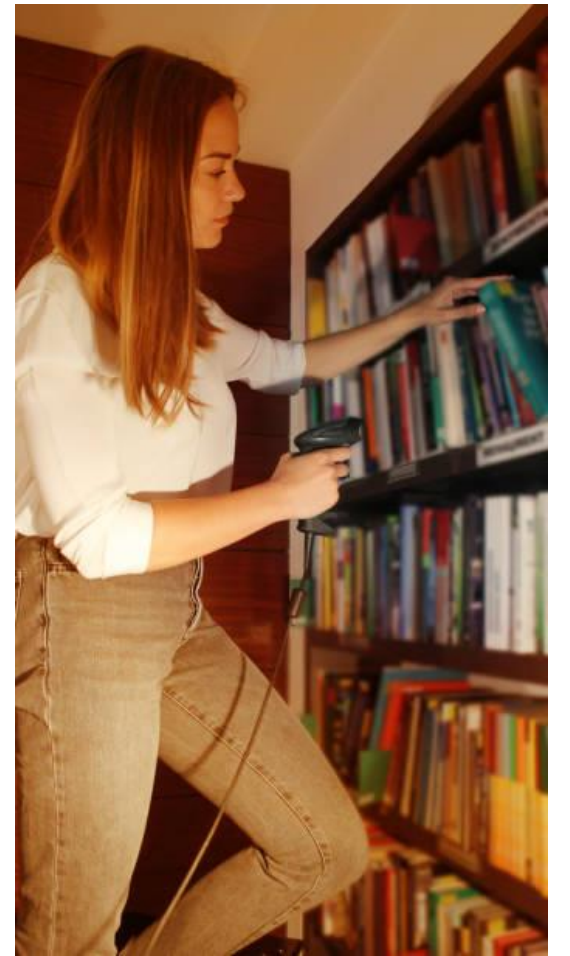
Physical Education  
Art  
Wellness  
Life Skills  
Health  
Related Categories

## PARTNERSHIPS

Wingate University  
Community Colleges

Wingate Forward...

Freshman Class...  
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Julia's working.

# SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT



## OPPORTUNITIES

Sport Team Managers  
Game Day Operations  
Concessions  
Food Services  
Print Services  
Housekeeping  
Buildings & Grounds





## WINGATE WINS

Culture Diversity  
Educational Opportunities  
Marketing & Advancement

## LIFESPAN WINS

Recruitment  
Reoccurring Revenue  
Expansion Strategy

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The houses are arranged in a grid-like pattern with green lawns and trees. A swimming pool is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The text 'http://Julias.community' is overlaid in the center. The 'http://' is in a smaller, grey font, while 'Julias.community' is in a large, white, sans-serif font. The 'i' in 'Julias' has a blue dot, and the 'j' in 'community' has a blue dot. To the right of the text, there is a vertical stack of five colored dots: pink, purple, yellow, green, and blue.

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