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Quick Facts

- Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching credited Winthrop for its emphasis on community engagement.
- The university launched community service partnerships and connected it to its curriculum.



Frank Ardaiole

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The [Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](#) recently selected **Winthrop University** for its prestigious **community engagement classification**.

The honor is given annually to schools launching community service partnerships and for connecting the curriculum with such service opportunities.

“This designation among a select number nationally shows once again how we fulfill another facet of the Winthrop Experience - Live. Learn. Lead. Students who come to Winthrop get much more than a degree; they get the opportunity to build a meaningful and rewarding future based upon habits of intellect and habits of heart,” said **Frank**

Ardaiole, Winthrop’s vice president for student life.

This particular classification also recognizes colleges and universities that share resources to benefit local communities and provide collaborations that advance economic development.

The **community engagement category** contains three subcategories – curricular engagement, outreach and partnerships, and curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships. Winthrop was honored for curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships.

The university’s [Center for Career and Civic Engagement](#) prepared the application and provided numerous examples of faculty, staff and student participation in community service and community engagement. The classification for community engagement is an elective classification, meaning it is based on voluntary participation by institutions. Whereas the Foundation’s all-inclusive classifications involve secondary analysis of existing national data sources available for all institutions, elective classifications involve additional data collection and documentation, with substantial effort invested by participating institutions. Elective classifications enable the Foundation’s classification system to recognize important aspects of institutional mission and action that are not represented in the national data.

Winthrop was among 68 public and 51 private institutions that received the Carnegie designation. The California-based foundation was founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie and chartered in 1906 by Congress. It is an independent policy and research center whose goal is to improve teaching and learning.

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