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Quick Facts

- Sophomore math major Kristen Huete received the Outstanding Undergraduate Research award in math and computer science.
- The award, given by the S.C. Academy of Science, recognizes scientific research and teaching.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Kristen Huete**, a sophomore mathematics major from Winthrop University, won the **Outstanding Undergraduate Research award** in mathematics and computer science given this spring by the **S.C. Academy of Science**. She received the award and a cash prize at a May 2 banquet in Clemson sponsored by the Charleston and Clemson chapters of Sigma Xi, a scientific research society.

Huete's paper, "Dead Rulers Talking," is a case study on a method of teaching introductory computer science courses. Accompanying Huete to the banquet was her mentor, **Jim McKim**, a computer science professor at Winthrop.

"We live for students who go beyond what is necessary for a course," **McKim** said. "Kristen took my course in the spring of her freshman year and worked all summer enhancing the class project. I then asked her to write up her experience in the course, with particular attention to what made her so willing and eager to go beyond the call of duty. The judges were impressed first by the quality of her work but also by the maturity of her writing and presenting skills."

He said the Montclair, Va., resident was competing against mostly seniors from around the state for the research award, which recognized scientific research and teaching.

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