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## Quick Facts

- Caleb Whiteleather was a freshman business student from Bluffton, South Carolina.
- He was very active in his community church.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Winthrop University lost one of its “best and brightest” students in a tragic car accident this weekend.

**Caleb Whiteleather**, a freshman business student from Bluffton, South Carolina, passed away on Jan. 6.

While only at Winthrop for one semester, Vice President for Student Life Frank Ardaiole said Whiteleather was already involved on campus and had made many friends in his residence hall and on campus.

“His mother told me he loved everything about Winthrop and was so happy he chose to come to Winthrop,” Ardaiole wrote in a campus-wide email. “He completed his first semester with a 4.0 grade point average.”

“Caleb was truly among our best and brightest who enriched our campus just within the short time he was with us,” Ardaiole added.

In addition to his new campus activities, Whiteleather was active in his community church: he went on mission trips to Alaska and Jamaica, participated in the church youth group and served in the children’s program at the church.

Funeral services for Whiteleather will be on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. at the [LowCountry Community Church](#), located at 801 Buckwalter Parkway, Bluffton, S.C., 29910. A visitation will follow.

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