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Quick Facts

- Angela Letourneau, accounting, finance and economics, is the 2006 Distinguished Professor of the Year.
- Barbarba Blackburn, curriculum and instruction, is the Outstanding Junior Professor.



Barbara Blackburn

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop will recognize two faculty members during the spring commencement on May 6 for their outstanding teaching and work with students.

Commencement will be held at 11 a.m. at the [Winthrop Coliseum](#).

The 2006 recipient of the **Distinguished Professor of the Year** is **Angela Letourneau**, chair of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics for the past five years. The **Outstanding Junior Professor Award** recipient is **Barbara Blackburn**, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction in the Richard W. Riley College of Education.

The **Distinguished Professor** award is the highest recognition Winthrop can bestow upon a faculty member. The selection indicates exceptional skill in teaching, significant research or creative effort, high standing among professional colleagues and general service to the university.

Letourneau teaches in every program in the College of Business Administration and was recognized in 2003 as the winner of the "Educator of the Year Award" by the S.C. Association of the certified public accountants for her contributions to student professional development.

She is one of the most sought after mentors in the college's peer evaluation system. **Letourneau** has lent her expertise to clients for the Small Business Development Center, to national associations and to university committees. She also has helped shape curriculum, most recently leading the complete revision of the accounting series for the E.M.B.A. programs.

A Winthrop faculty member since 1988, **Letourneau** also taught at Louisiana Tech University and worked as an Internal Revenue Service agent. She holds a B.S.B.A. in accounting from Louisiana State University and an M.B.A. in accounting and D.B.A. in accounting from Louisiana Tech.

The **Outstanding Junior Professor Award** recognizes excellence among assistant professors. Selection indicates a reputation for inspired teaching, research or creative excellence and dedication to the welfare of students.

Blackburn came to Winthrop in 2000 to establish a new graduate program for middle school teachers. An enthusiastic and energetic worker, she helped develop the bachelor's degree in middle level education, in addition to coordinating the graduate program for teachers, teaching graduate classes, supervising student teachers and collaborating with area schools for special projects. **Blackburn** also serves as president of the National Professors of Middle Level Education Association and is past president of the South Carolina chapter.

She has taught early childhood, elementary-, middle- and high school-age students and has served as an educational consultant for three publishing companies. She received her B.S. and M.A. in education from Gardner-Webb University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

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