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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Ana Guzman, one of the nation’s foremost Hispanic educators and president of Palo Alto Community College in San Antonio, Texas, will give a lecture May 4 at Winthrop University on strategies for dealing with Hispanic students. Her speech will last from 10-11:30 a.m. in Plowden Auditorium.

Guzman served as senior advisor to the U.S. secretary of education during the second term of the Clinton administration. A native of Cuba, she has been in educational administration for more than 15 years.

While at the Education Department, she identified advances in promoting access in education for the Hispanic community. She was influential in creating a new vision for the role of technical education in maintaining the competitive viability of this country’s workforce and identifying the opportunities to make adult education more responsive to the Hispanic community.

As chair of President Clinton’s White House Commission on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans from 1993 to 2000, Guzman helped develop publications about strategies, testing and educating the Hispanic community.

Guzman began her career in education first as a teacher, middle school principal and director of staff development for the Houston Independent School District. She also has served as associate chancellor for academic support programs of the Texas A&M University system, program director for the Texas Alliance for Minority Participation and program officer at the National Science Foundation.

For more information on the May 4 program, contact the Richard W. Riley College of Education at 803/323-2151.