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Quick Facts

- The Jan. 26-29 talks, discussions and demonstrations are sponsored by the Jim and Sue Rex Institute of Educational Renewal and Partnerships and the College of Education Office of Graduate Studies.
- The week will end with a culminating event Jan. 29 at the Graduate School Open House in McBryde Hall where keynote speaker Jim Rex will speak on "Our 21st Century Challenge: Not Just Beating Odds, But Changing Them." Rex is the former South Carolina state superintendent of education and former dean of Winthrop's College of Education.



Jim Rex

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University's **Richard W. Riley College of Education**, which is commonly known as **S.C.'s flagship teacher education program**, will hold a series of activities Jan. 26-29 on **trends in education** from pre-school to college.

The talks, discussions and demonstrations are sponsored by the **Jim and Sue Rex Institute of Educational Renewal and Partnerships** and the **College of Education Office of Graduate Studies**.

The week will end with a culminating event Jan. 29 at the **Graduate School Open House** in **McBryde Hall** where **keynote speaker Jim Rex** will speak on "**Our 21st Century Challenge: Not Just Beating Odds, But Changing Them.**" Rex is the former South Carolina state superintendent of education and former dean of Winthrop's College of Education.

The **Graduate School Open House** is for all graduate programs, not just the College of Education. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Education leaders have praised Winthrop's initiative in transforming teacher and school leader preparation through innovative clinical practice in partnership with schools and community organizations. "Our graduate programs are designed to meet 21st century challenges," said **Marshall Jones**, director of graduate studies and an organizer of the week's activities. "Most people are familiar with our exceptional undergraduate programs. We hope these events will allow people to see that our graduate programs provide exceptional value and opportunities for professional growth."

In addition, the lectures and discussions provide a professional development opportunity for students, faculty, teachers and administrators in the **Winthrop University-School Partnership Network**. "One of the goals of the Rex Institute is to establish a collaborative professional learning environment between higher education and public schools. This event is just one way to share knowledge and experiences," said **Lisa Johnson**, associate dean and director of the Rex Institute.

Here is the week's schedule. On sessions that allow for a professional development certificate, RSVP or register for professional development certificates with this form: <http://tiny.cc/p20wu>.

• Monday, Jan. 26, 4-5 p.m.

Research Trends: Strategies for Working with Non-Native Speakers of English

Join education faculty members Kelly Costner and Elke Schneider for a discussion of strategies for working with English language learners. Fourth floor, Withers/W.T.S Building

Cultural event.
Professional development certificate available.

• **5-6 p.m.**

Technology Trends: One to One Computing and Open Educational Resources

Faculty member **Marshall Jones** will share how one to one computing initiatives and free educational resources are being used to help democratize access to tools and information and improve learning in education at all levels. 107 Withers/W.T.S. Building
Professional development certificate available.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Everyone Needs an Anchor

Education Professor **Carol Marchel** will discuss working in high poverty schools. 107 Withers/W.T.S. Building
Cultural event.
Professional development certificate available.

• **3:30-4:45 p.m.**

College of Education Open House

Withers/W.T.S. Building, the home of the Richard W. Riley College of Education, has new learning spaces, with new furniture, new technologies and new teaching methods. There will be an open house on the first floor of Withers to tour the new facilities, see demos of new technology, and to talk to faculty and students about the many changes in the College of Education.

• **5-6 p.m.**

21st Century and Personalized Learning: Are we ready for 2020 Freshmen?

A panel of educators, administrators and students from k-12 to higher education will talk about changes in learning strategies, technology and teaching methods in k-12 schools today and how it may impact higher education. Plowden Auditorium, Withers/W.T.S. Building
Professional development certificate available.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 28, 4-5 p.m.**

Research Trends: The Special Education and Intervention Imperative

Join faculty members **Brad Witzel** and **Deb Leach** for a discussion of the current research in the field of Special Education and Response To Intervention. Fourth floor, Withers/W.T.S. Building
Professional development certificate available.

• **5-6 p.m.**

Research Trends: Literacy in Today's Classrooms

Literacy professional **Lynn Kelley** and literacy faculty members **Cheryl Mader** and **Kavin Ming** will discuss the current state of research in teaching literacy in all grades. Fourth floor, Withers/W.T.S. Building
Professional development certificate available.

• **Thursday, Jan. 29, 5-5:45 p.m.**

Technology Trends: Motion-based Video Gaming in Physical Activity Settings

Join physical education student **Troy Brace** and faculty member **Seth Jenny** for an examination of how motion-based video games like the Xbox Kinect and the Nintendo Wii are being used in physical education. Participants will have a chance to work with multiple motion-based gaming systems. 217 West Center.
Professional development certificate available.

• **5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Graduate School Open House

Join the College of Education graduate director and other Winthrop program coordinators for an opportunity to talk about earning a master's degree at Winthrop. Representatives from all programs will be available to answer questions. McBryde Hall.

• **6-7 p.m.**

Featured Speaker, Jim Rex: "Our 21st Century Challenge: Not Just Beating Odds, But Changing Them"

Jim Rex is the former South Carolina state superintendent of education and former dean of the College of Education at Winthrop. McBryde Hall.

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