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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Being a principal is a difficult job, but Barbara Blackburn, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, and educator Ronald Williamson have created a guide to help school principals succeed and grow professionally.

In "The Principalship from A to Z" (Eye on Education), Blackburn and Williamson offer strategies for improvement in all the diverse duties of the principalship. There are 26 chapters in the book, one for each letter of the alphabet and a different aspect of the job of the school principal. The writers tackle topics ranging from effective school and classroom discipline and instruction to conducting successful meetings and professional development.

Blackburn is an education consultant and coordinates a graduate program for teachers at Winthrop. In 2006, she received Winthrop's award for Outstanding Junior Professor. She has taught early childhood, elementary, middle and high school students and has served as an educational consultant for three publishing companies.

In addition to "Principalship from A to Z," Blackburn has authored four additional books: "Classroom Motivation from A to Z," "Classroom Instruction from A to Z," "Literacy from A to Z" and "Rigor Is NOT a Four-Letter Word." She earned her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Williamson served as a teacher, principal and executive director of instruction in the Ann Arbor Michigan Public Schools before becoming a professor of leadership and counseling at Eastern Michigan University. He also is a former executive director of the National Middle School Association.

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