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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Richard Vinroot**, former mayor of Charlotte, will share leadership lessons during the inaugural **Winthrop University Distinction in Leadership Speaker Series** on **Feb. 25**.

The 7 p.m. lecture in the J. Spratt and Sandra Hagler White Lecture Room in **Owens Hall** is open to the public.

Winthrop's new **Distinction in Leadership program** uses the college experience to develop and enhance leadership skills for highly talented and motivated students. It allows students to design and create a leadership development portfolio to enhance any major and career goal. Through interactions with outstanding faculty, leadership mentors and peers, the students in the program will learn to embrace the pursuit of leadership for the enhance of personal, organizational and community growth.

Vinroot is an attorney with the Charlotte law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinton. A University of North Carolina graduate and former UNC basketball player, he served in the U.S. Army and worked as a trial lawyer. He served on the Charlotte City Council before becoming mayor of Charlotte from 1991-95. He was named to the Woodward/White Inc.'s list of "Best Lawyers in America," commercial litigation, and given the Municipal Leader of the Year Award for "American City and County" magazine in 1995.

For more information, contact Keith Benson, director of leadership studies and development, at 803/323-3904, or visit out <http://www.winthrop.edu/universitycollege/dls.htm>.

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