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Gloria Jones

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University officials have tapped **Gloria Godfrey Jones**, chair of the Department of English, as the new **dean of University College**. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2008.

University College is the academic unit charged with enhancing student achievement and engagement. It coordinates and guides programs from both academic affairs and student affairs to ensure that all Winthrop students, regardless of their ultimate degree goals, have a common academic foundation on which to build their course of major study.

Jones will bring a record of strong leadership and outstanding teaching to the job, as well as a passion for working with students to bring out their potential, according to **Tom Moore**, vice president for academic affairs. Gloria has demonstrated throughout her career remarkable commitment to student learning and development. Her teaching is characterized by challenging and supporting students to achieve at the highest levels. Dr. Jones understands and appreciates the value and importance of strong linkages between Academic Affairs and Student Life; she will provide exceptional leadership for University College.

Jones' love of students has been a constant throughout her teaching career. She was a part-time lecturer before joining the Winthrop faculty full-time in 1986. She won the Faculty/Student Life Award in 1999, the Kinard Award for excellence in teaching in 2002 and has been named as a Phi Kappa Phi mentor for several years. She held the Margaret M. Bryant Professorship, an award given for dedication to teaching, achievement in scholarship, and reputation among students.

As University College dean, Jones will oversee Winthrop's Touchstone Program in general education. Other programs housed in University College include the Honors program, the International Center, the Teaching and Learning Center, which provides professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards, and the Distinction in Leadership. The dean serves with other academic deans on the academic leadership council and coordinates programs with the Division of Student Life including orientation, the Common Book, Welcome Week, and Academic Success Communities.

Jones received her B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a master's degree in English at Winthrop.

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