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Quick Facts

- The campus visits will be the final phase of a selection process that began last April with the naming of the search committee, which began sorting through applications in October with the assistance of consultant firm Greenwood-Asher.
- The Search and Selection Committee will convene on campus at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 in the Tuttle Dining Room to determine and announce the finalists.



Kathy Bigham

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will meet finalists to become its next president during a series of campus visits over the next two weeks.

While the individuals who will be visiting will not be chosen for a few days yet, **Search and Selection Committee Chair Kathy Bigham** said the visit schedule is being set now so faculty, staff, students and others interested in the search can clear their calendars as necessary to enable them to attend the specific session applicable to them.

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Bigham said the **Search and Selection Committee** will convene on campus at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 in the **Tuttle Dining Room** to determine and announce the finalists. Campus visits for finalists are being scheduled to begin Sunday, Jan. 27.

“The committee was asked to provide trustees with an unranked list of at least three names of individuals who possess the qualifications to become the next president of Winthrop,” **Bigham** said. “After narrowing the field to 12 in December, the committee members conducted extensive additional interviews with several of the candidates this past weekend. It has been a very hands-on process for us, and now we look forward to seeing how the finalists interact with the key stakeholders in Winthrop’s future.”

Following the candidate visits, it will be up to the **Winthrop Board of Trustees** to make the final choice of the person who will become **Winthrop’s tenth president** next summer. The search was triggered by the March announcement of **President Anthony DiGiorgio** that he will retire from the presidency after 24 years leading the 127-year-old institution.

DiGiorgio is expected to become **president emeritus** and **Distinguished Professor of Public Service** when he steps down.

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