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Quick Facts

- For the second year in a row, the Resident Students' Association won the top prize of School of the Year for their accomplishments, community service and involvement by their members and advisors.
- The 13 students who attended the S.C. Organization for Residential Education (SCORE) conference beat out eight other schools at the event held at the University of South Carolina campus in Columbia.



ROCK HILL, S.C. – Students who live in **Winthrop University residence halls** captured four of five awards during a Feb. 8-9 state conference with their college peers.

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students who attended the **S.C. Organization for Residential Education (SCORE)** conference beat out eight other schools at the event held at the University of South Carolina campus in Columbia.

"We are so proud of this group for representing Winthrop with a spirit and enthusiasm that is infectious," said **Cindy Cassens**, assistant vice president for student life and director of residence life.

Other awards were:

- **National Residence Hall Honorary Chapter of the Year**, which recognizes residence hall leadership and community service. Only the top 1 percent of a university's residential population is eligible to be in NRHH.
- **Best First-Year Experience**, which was won by freshman Nick Cunningham, a business administration major from Fort Mill, S.C. He is a member of the Resident Students' Association, Council of Student Leaders and is an organization founder of Phi Beta Lambda and high-achieving student who earned a 4.0 GPA in his first semester. He was elected to the state SCORE board to keep track of meeting minutes and finances.
- **Best Banner**, which had to match the theme of the conference: the world of Harry Potter. The banner also had to include Timmy the turtle and the SCORE mascot, as well as other delegation schools. Winthrop's banner showed how the university has been lucky to have a great resident students' program and is available to offer assistance if other schools need it.

Also at the conference, **five Winthrop students** presented four different programs: Networking Professionally and Successfully by **Nick Cunningham and Adam Yarborough**; Diversity Track using Harry Potter by **Ray Green**; Salvaged Soccer: Common Book Program by **Kaitlyn O'Brien**; and Totally Voluntary by **Christi Smith**.

Advisors for the **Resident Students' Association** are Residential Learning Coordinators **Robert O'Hara** and **Jessica Martin**. Advisors for the National Residence Hall Honorary group are

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