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Quick Facts

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A.J. Angulo

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Winthrop University is hosting **high school teachers from developing countries** this semester for the fourth consecutive year through a state department program.

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"It's an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to work with another outstanding cohort of international teacher-leaders from around the world," **Angulo** said. "This program brings unusually rich international, global, and comparative perspectives to our campus and creates lasting relationships that transcend borders and cultures."

Nineteen countries are represented: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan (2 representatives), Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, India, Latvia, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Vietnam and Yemen.

The teachers arrived Jan. 30 and will depart March 16. During their six-week stay, the teachers will take customized workshops from faculty in the **Richard W. Riley College of Education** and the **College of Arts and Sciences** to learn about math, science, and English as a second language. Seminars also have been added to their schedule to enhance their understanding of the area and region.

While on campus, the international visitors will share information about their culture during two events open to the public:

* **Poster Session**, Feb. 17, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Tuttle Dining Hall, McBryde Hall.

* **Comparative Education Panel Session**, March 3, 7-9 p.m., Plowden Auditorium, Withers/W.T.S. Building.

Each international teacher will also be paired with a Rock Hill high school teacher for all-day, field-based experiences in order to exchange best teaching practices. When not in classes at Winthrop or local high schools, the international teachers will participate in cultural exchange activities.

They will learn about American life and culture through day and weekend excursions, including trips to such sites as the Levine Museum of the New South and Charlotte's Discovery Place, and weekend excursions to Charleston, South Carolina and Asheville, North Carolina.

The **U.S. State Department's Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program** is administered by IREX and will complement Winthrop's **Global Learning Initiative** and federally-funded **NetSCOPE**, **NetLEAD** and **WISE/STEM programs**.

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