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Quick Facts

- Stewart is president of U.S. consumer and commercial banking for Citigroup and has 35 years of experience in the consumer banking industry.
- Prominent in banking circles, Stewart was named one of the Top 10 Women on Wall Street by the New York Times in 2013 and was selected that year for an American Banker Magazine Women in Banking feature as the 7th Most Powerful Woman in the field.
- An avid Winthrop supporter, she established the Cecelia Stewart Endowed Scholarship in 2011 to provide scholarship funds for business majors. In addition, two conjoining classrooms on the second floor of Winthrop's Carroll Hall were named the Stewart and Dickson Classrooms. Stewart also gives generously of her time as a current member of the Winthrop Foundation Board.



Cece Stewart

ROCK HILL, S.C. – One of the nation's top female bankers, **Cecelia "Cece" Stewart '93** of **Citigroup**, will be the keynote speaker for Winthrop University's **May 10 undergraduate Commencement ceremony**.

Stewart is president of U.S. consumer and commercial banking for Citigroup and has **35 years of experience** in the consumer banking industry. In her current position since January 2011, Stewart focuses on increasing profits at the retail bank.

Stewart entered the banking field when there were few women in executive positions. At the urging of her mentor, Stewart learned to identify young, talented women and help mentor them, along with promising men, in her companies.

Honored to be selected as a Winthrop Commencement speaker, Stewart said she will bring a hopeful message to Winthrop graduates about the lessons she's learned: "I am thrilled to be celebrating this important accomplishment with the graduates on this very special day in their lives."

At Winthrop, the contributions of dynamic female leaders is a theme during the upcoming Women's History Month in March. Another university milestone will take place in late March – the **Inauguration of Winthrop's second female president, Jamie Comstock**.

Stewart's involvement at Winthrop underscores the **continued leadership by women at the university**, which started as a women's teaching college in 1886.

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"Cece Stewart is a consummate professional who is a dedicated and energetic leader. As someone who has broken through the glass ceiling to rise to the top of the predominately male field of banking, Cece is a wonderful role model for our Winthrop seniors who will hear her words of advice before they

depart this university and set out on their own paths,” Comstock said. “She is a stellar example of how Winthrop is dedicated to producing graduates that are prepared for successful careers, engaged in our democratic society, responsive to local and global concerns, and grounded in values that give meaning to their lives.”

Before moving to Citigroup, Stewart served as president of the Retail Banking Group and CEO at Morgan Stanley Private Bank, N.A. She also held a number of senior banking positions at Wachovia where she served as executive vice president and head of the retail and small business bank from 2003-08. During her tenure at Wachovia, Stewart’s work led to Wachovia’s consistent ranking as a leader in customer satisfaction and retention.

Stewart attended the University of South Carolina and earned an **Executive M.B.A. degree at Winthrop**. An avid Winthrop supporter, she established the **Cecelia Stewart Endowed Scholarship** in 2011 to provide scholarship funds for business majors. In addition, two adjoining classrooms on the second floor of Winthrop’s **Carroll Hall** were named the Stewart and Dickson Classrooms, honoring Stewart’s family history. Stewart also gives generously of her time as a **current member of the Winthrop Foundation Board**.

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About Winthrop and the Inauguration of 10th President Jayne Marie Comstock:

The March 24-29 Inauguration of Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock as Winthrop’s 10th president signals a new era in the history of this top-ranked regional public comprehensive university. Comstock has charted a bold course for Winthrop’s future, redefining public higher education by prioritizing both quality and access in a single institution. Serving more than 6,000 students, Winthrop blends liberal arts, professional programs, global understanding, and civic engagement in a diverse community of learners. Students leave Winthrop prepared for successful careers, engaged in a democratic society, responsive to local and global concerns, and grounded in values that give meaning to their lives. Comstock’s vision for Winthrop will ensure that all students – regardless of demographic category or life experience – have access to an exceptional public higher education.

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