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Quick Facts

- Williamson was recognized for his exceptional support and commitment to education and workforce in South Carolina.
- The Cheraw, South Carolina, resident has served on the Winthrop Board of Trustees and the Alumni Executive Board.



Jimmie Williamson

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – **James C. “Jimmie” Williamson** '80, '85, president of the [S.C. Technical College System](#), has been named **State Employee of the Year**.

The [South Carolina Association of Regional Councils](#) honored **Williamson** with the annual award for his exceptional support and commitment to education and workforce in South Carolina.

Williamson said that he was honored to receive the award and explained that he is “a firm believer in the power of education.”

“Demand for a skilled workforce is ever-increasing, and as a system, we are committed to meeting that demand by ensuring a quality higher education remains affordable, accessible and relevant for the citizens of this great state,” said **Williamson**.

The Cheraw, South Carolina, resident noted that his work in higher education as well as the private sector has given him “a unique perspective on the true benefits of a technical college system in South Carolina.” **Williamson** worked previously at [Agapé Senior](#) as chief human capital officer and as president of Northeastern Technical College in Cheraw and Williamsburg Technical College in Kingstree, South Carolina.

Williamson holds a bachelor’s degree in visual arts and a M.Ed. from Winthrop as well as a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He has served as a member of the [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#) as well as the [Alumni Association Executive Board](#), and he received a **Professional Achievement Award** from the university. In 2012, Williamson and his wife, Kimberly Dickens Williamson '82, established the **James C. and Kimberly Dickens Williamson Leadership Award** to support Winthrop upperclassmen who demonstrate leadership through extracurricular activities.

The Hartsville, South Carolina, native also remains active in his community. **Williamson** has served as president of his local Rotary Club, chair of his local Chamber of Commerce and as a member of various economic development boards. The Williamsburg Hometown Chamber of Commerce named Williamson “Citizen of the Year.”

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