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## Quick Facts

- Local activist David Vipperman will join Winthrop's Board of Trustees.
- Vipperman, a Rock Hill native, is director of the Business Technology Center.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Long-time Rock Hill civic activist **David Vipperman** has been named to the **Winthrop University Board of Trustees**.

**Vipperman** will fill a seat as "governor's designee" after being notified about his selection this week by the office of Governor Mark Sanford, university officials said. His first meeting will be at the next quarterly meeting on Nov. 17. **Vipperman** likely will perform his first official duties during Convocation ceremonies at Winthrop on Aug. 21. Those ceremonies will open the 121st academic year for Winthrop.

"I am certainly honored and delighted to be able to serve in this capacity and look forward to it with lots of anticipation," **Vipperman** said.

The Rock Hill native is director of the Business Technology Center on Anderson Road and has been a long-time member of Winthrop's Community Leaders Advisory Group. His public service includes 12 years as a member of York County Council before his retirement in 1998. He also has been active in a wide range of other civic activities, including the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation and the WNSC-TV advisory committee.

**Vipperman** succeeds Trustee Kathy Bigham in the governor's designee seat she vacated earlier this year. Bigham remains on the board but in the General Assembly-elected seat representing the Fifth Congressional District. Bigham was elected vice-chair of the Winthrop board in June. As Fifth District representative, she succeeded Harold P. "Skip" Tuttle, who concluded in June the maximum service to the board.

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