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## Quick Facts

- College of Education Dean Patricia Graham recognized Gail Rogers '95 and Elaine Young.
- Gail Rogers teaches ESOL for the Rock Hill school district, and Elaine Young teaches fourth grade at York Road Elementary.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University recognized two Rock Hill educators on May 4 with Awards of Excellence for 2006-2007.

During the **Richard W. Riley College of Education**'s convocation ceremony at **McBryde Hall**, Dean Patricia Graham presented each professional with a trophy. Their names also will be added to a plaque displayed in the Richard W. Riley College of Education in **Withers/W.T.S. Building**.

The two educators, who were selected by the college's faculty and administration, were Gail Rogers '95, an English for Speakers of Other Languages (or ESOL) teacher for the Rock Hill school district, and Elaine Young, a fourth-grade teacher at York Road Elementary.

Rogers works at three elementary schools: Rosewood, Old Pointe and York Road. She holds a B.S. in elementary education from Winthrop and a master's degree in early childhood from the University of South Carolina. A national board certified teacher in early childhood education, Rogers has served as the ESOL Extended School Year director for the district, has designed and written ESOL curriculum, and has provided staff development for local elementary schools.

Winthrop administrators praised Rogers for mentoring student interns, serving as an ESOL liaison and supervising Teaching Fellows in the service component of their program.

Young, who spent nine years as a mathematics and science teacher for the Clover school district, graduated with a B.S. in medical technology from Lander University and a master's degree in early childhood education from USC. She is continuing her studies as a doctoral student in elementary education at USC.

A successful grant writer who obtained funds for her mathematics and science classes, Young served as a teacher in residence at Winthrop for five years where she coordinated the university's Corps of Mentors program. In that role, she prepared about 200 teachers to mentor interns in Winthrop's teacher education program.

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