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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University economics major Aaron Eichelberger, a junior from Columbia, S.C., was recently named by Campus Compact to the 2013 Class of Newman Civic Fellows.

Eichelberger is a supreme example of the compact’s future public problem solvers and civic leaders, the website notes.

“I am humbled to be named the Newman Civic Fellows Award recipient for Winthrop University,” Eichelberger said. “When I started my civic journey of service, I had no expectation of gaining any recognition. The mere thought of anyone paying attention never crossed my mind. Now that I have been made aware of this ‘limelight,’ it further affirms that my work is not in vain nor is it complete.”

In his time at Winthrop, Eichelberger has volunteered for United Way, worked with TEAMS, a summer enrichment program that prepares at-risk fifth-graders for middle school and began GENTS Academy. The academy pairs university male students with at-risk middle school boys for mentorship and life-skills education. He also has taken on leadership roles with Alternative Spring Break, the Department of Residence Life and MLK Day of Service.

After graduation, Eichelberger plans to pursue a master’s degree in urban development and a career in community capacity building.

Campus Compact’s member colleges and university presidents from across the country nominated more than 100 college student leaders for the 2013 Class of Newman Civic Fellows, an honor named for Frank Newman, a founder of Campus Compact. These students are demonstrating a personal commitment to creating lasting change for the better in their communities. Through service, community-based research, and advocacy, the 2013 Class of Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves and the root causes of some of the most pressing social issues that challenge us all.

As a Newman Civic Fellow, Eichelberger will join a network of Fellows around the country. Together — sharing ideas and tools through online networking — the Fellows will leverage an even greater capacity for service and change, and will continue to set examples for their classmates and others.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of almost 1,200 college and university presidents—representing more than 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education.

The S.C. Campus Compact is part of the national organization and includes two-year and four-year, public and private higher education institutions throughout the state. The S.C. Campus Compact is
located at Winthrop. Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio is chair of the Presidents’ Council of S.C. Campus Compact.

For more information about the organization and the award, visit www.compact.org.