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## Quick Facts

- The 2016 honorees will be: Marc Bogan '89; Elaine Whitton Davis '73; Erinn Tucker '06; Harold "Skip" Tuttle; and Gary Williams.

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Marc Bogan

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University's [College of Business Administration](#) (CBA) will recognize **three alumni and two business leaders** for their contributions to the university and the community at the **April 7 Pinnacle Leadership Society Award Ceremony**.

Marc Bogan '89; Elaine Whitton Davis '73; Erinn Tucker '06; Harold "Skip" Tuttle; and Gary Williams will be honored during the event, which begins with a 5:30 p.m. reception, in Richardson Ballroom.

Learn more about the honorees:



Erinn Tucker

**Distinguished Alumni Award:** Bogan '89 is the new president of [Fauquier Bankshares](#) in Virginia, where he also will serve on the company's board of directors. He served previously as president and COO of NewDominion Bank in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Bogan** is president of the [Winthrop University Foundation](#) Board of Directors and reunion gift chair, and he is former president of the [Winthrop University Real Estate Foundation](#) Board of Directors. In addition, **Bogan** has served on the Winthrop Fund Board; the Alumni Executive Board; the Young Alumni Council; and the Board of Visitors. He earned his B.S. in business administration at Winthrop.



Elaine Whitton Davis

**Distinguished Alumni Award:** Tucker '06 is an assistant professor in [Boston University's School of Hospitality Administration](#). The Chicago native has worked in nearly every corner of the hospitality industry. She began her career in sports marketing before moving on to work for General Motors, Jillian's (now Dave & Buster's), and the Charlotte Bobcats and the Charlotte Knights. She earned a bachelor's degree at Florida A&M University, an Executive M.B.A. at Winthrop and a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University.



Skip Tuttle

**Advocate to the College Award:** Davis '73 is co-founder and co-owner of [Homes in the Piedmont](#), Allen Tate Realtors, in Rock Hill. The Winthrop Training School graduate previously established the **Whitton Speaker Series** in CBA to provide free or low-cost access to current state-of-the-art knowledge relevant to business practice. She and her husband, Eric Davis, established the **Whitton Endowment for Business Excellence**. Whitton Auditorium in Carroll Hall is named for Davis' late son, David "Whitt" Inman '93. Davis also has family ties to Winthrop: her sister, Susanne Amerson '72, and her cousin, Vivian Carroll '73, are Winthrop alumnae, and her late stepfather, Floyd Irving



Gary Williams

Mike Brownley Jr., retired as Winthrop's provost in 1979. A resident of Rock Hill, Davis serves on the Winthrop Women's Coalition Advisory Council as well as the Community Advisory Board for [The Graduate School](#). She is a former member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council.

**Summit Award for Education:** Tuttle is principal and co-owner of [Tuttle Company, Inc.](#), a commercial real estate firm in Rock Hill. He has served Winthrop in a number of professional and volunteer capacities, including as an associate professor of business administration, vice provost of education and vice president of finance. **Tuttle** also established the **Tuttle Family Endowed Scholarship** and the **Tuttle Endowment for Faculty-Student Research Collaboration** at Winthrop. The Rock Hill native serves on the Winthrop Community Leaders Advisory Group and the Board of Visitors. Tuttle is a former member of the [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#); the Foundation Board; the College of Business Administration Board; and the Real Estate Foundation Board. Tuttle Dining Room in McBryde Hall is named for Tuttle and his wife, Judy. He earned an A.B. degree in international studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in business administration and management at Georgia State University.

**Tower Award for Business Leadership:** Williams is CEO of [Williams & Fudge Corp.](#), a financial services firm in Rock Hill. The Rock Hill businessman and philanthropist received an honorary Winthrop degree in 2011 for his work as a champion of education in the community. **Williams** and his wife, Peggy, established the **Gary and Peggy Williams Fund for Literacy**. He is a member of the Winthrop Foundation Board, the Campaign Executive Committee and the Community Leaders Advisory Group. **Williams** is former chairman of the board for the [Culture & Heritage Commission of York County](#) and board member for the Merry Pranksters Theatrical Troupe, among others.

Established in 1995, the **Pinnacle Leadership Society** recognizes inspirational leadership and celebrates those individuals whose vision, determination, management skills and perseverance have shaped the world around them.

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