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Quick Facts

- U.S. attorney for South Carolina Reginald Lloyd spoke at commencement Dec. 16.
- Lloyd is the first African American U.S. attorney for S.C.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Reginald Lloyd**, the U.S. attorney for South Carolina, told Winthrop graduates that their education and ultimate success in life serves a far greater purpose than mere personal achievement.

"Your individual success must serve our collective need for leaders when leadership is lacking; for compassion where warmth and kindness are nowhere to be found; and for unity and responsibility to our fellow man where there is only division and separation," **Lloyd** said before nearly 300 graduates during the Dec. 16 **undergraduate commencement** ceremony at the **Winthrop Coliseum**. **Lloyd** also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the university.

In his job as U.S. attorney, **Lloyd** said his goal is to preserve and protect the safety of the state's citizens so they can pursue hope and fulfillment of their best dreams and aspirations. "Likewise, your own quest for future success must serve a greater good," he told graduates. "The accumulation of titles, monetary reward, personal recognition and awards should never make you forget your civic obligations to those who came before you and those who will come after you. You have the capacity for greatness.

"But that greatness will only be reached when you rise to meet your responsibility to give back to a country that has given you much."

He challenged graduates to use their education, their talents and inevitable successes to serve the common good and to send forth their own ripples of hope as they help write the history of their generation.

Lloyd was sworn in on Feb. 28 as the 48th U.S. attorney for South Carolina. In this capacity, **Lloyd** serves as chief federal prosecutor for the state and chairman of the state's Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee. He holds the honor of being the first African American in the U.S. attorney's job on a permanent basis.

A native of Camden, S.C., **Lloyd** attended graduated from Winthrop in 1989 with a degree in political science. He received his juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1993.

Lloyd practiced law in Columbia, S.C., both in the private and public sectors before working for the S.C. attorney general's office from 1995-98. From 1998-2000, he served as director of research and chief counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the S.C. House of Representatives. **Lloyd** then was elected as a judge to the S.C. Circuit Court by the S.C. General Assembly.

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