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Quick Facts

- Derrick Barksdale '02 will speak on cooperative economics during Winthrop's 14th annual Kwanzaa celebration Nov. 27.
- Festivities begin at 7 p.m. in McBryde Hall.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Derrick Barksdale '02, a Bank of America technology delivery manager, will focus on cooperative economics during Winthrop's 14th annual Kwanzaa celebration on Nov. 27. The festivities will begin with a 6:15 p.m. reception followed by the 7 p.m. program in [McBryde Hall](#).

Kwanzaa, a nonreligious celebration is based on seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose creativity and faith. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the Swahili word "Kwanzaa," which means first and comes from the saying "Matunda Ya Kwanza" or first fruits. The holidays mark a time when an entire community joins to give thanks for life, crops and each other.

Founded in 1966, Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Winthrop students are normally on holiday break then, so the university celebrates Kwanzaa in late November.

The event also will feature celebrations in song and sound by the Association of Ebonites, the West African Drum Ensemble and Kayla Baker '06.

For more information, contact the **Office of Multicultural Student Life** at 803/323-4524.

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