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Quick Facts

- Lorraine D. Acker of UNC-Charlotte will speak at Winthrop's Kwanzaa celebration Nov. 28.
- The program will include music and dance performances.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Lorraine D. Acker**, assistant dean of students for minority student support services and women's programs at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, will discuss the importance of collective work and responsibility during Winthrop University's celebration of **Kwanzaa** on Nov. 28.

The speech by **Acker** is aimed at motivating students to contribute to their community, according to organizer Kema Gadson, director of multicultural student life.

The 7 p.m. program in **McBryde Hall** also will include an overview of **Kwanzaa**, and music and dance performances by Bryan Ingram, the Association of Ebonites, Dance in Motion, the West African Drum Ensemble and Vision of Zion. A reception is planned for 6 p.m.

Kwanzaa is celebrated officially from Dec. 26-Jan. 1 when students are on holiday break. Holding the ceremony early allows members of the Winthrop and York County communities to celebrate together.

Founded in 1966, "Kwanza" comes from a Swahili term meaning "first fruits." The extra "a" was added to represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The seven principles in English are: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

For more information, contact Gadson at 803/323-4508.

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