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ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University students recently elected senior Ian Deas and junior Jarvais Jackson as president and vice-president, respectively, of the Council of Student Leaders (CSL) for the 2014-15 school year.

The two will officially begin their duties July 1. Deas will represent the student body on Winthrop’s Board of Trustees at its quarterly meetings.

Deas, of Charleston, S.C., is pursuing a biology degree with a minor in chemistry. He has held leadership roles in The Gentlemen's League and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, tutored at the Academic Success Center and was an Eagle STEM Scholar. He has served as vice chair for CSL, as well as co-chair of CSL’s Public Relations Committee and as a representative for the Student Allocations Committee.

Off campus, he has volunteered through Adopt-A-Highway, Rolling in Rock Hill and the Boyd Hill Community Center Students Challenging Others to Promote Education (S.C.O.P.E.) afterschool program. After graduation, he would like to go to medical school to become an eye doctor.

Jackson of Sumter, S.C., is an elementary education major who would like to become a school administrator. He helped organize the university’s Leadership Institute for First Timer (L.I.F.T.) conference for budding student leaders and served as president of the Resident Students’ Association, as a Winthrop Ambassador and as the Richard W. Riley College of Education representative and student administration liaison chair for CSL. He also has worked as a teacher assistant at the university’s Macfate Early Childhood Laboratory School, camp photographer and counselor at Falling Creek Camp in Tuxedo, N.C., and at the Sumter Family YMCA.

In their platforms, the two focused on promoting more student involvement with CSL, encouraging more organization partnerships and keeping students informed about the university’s initiatives.

About 1,100 students voted online, representing a 17.5 percent turnout.

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