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Quick Facts

- Winthrop is listed in the "Up-and-Coming Schools" category, which lists schools that have made "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities."
- This is the 18th time the Rock Hill campus has received a mention in the prestigious newsmagazine.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University** was singled out in the 2010 U.S. News & World Report's edition of "**America's Best Colleges**" as an institution to watch for making innovative changes.

The university is listed as one of 16 institutions in the South that convey bachelor's and master's degrees that are leading the pack in improvements and progressive changes in academics, faculty, students, campus and facilities. Winthrop is committed to delivering educational experiences that prepare students to become leaders in their professions and in their communities. Its motto, Live. Learn. Lead., conveys essential components of the Winthrop experience and expectations for students.

Winthrop also retained its ranking among the **South's top 10 public universities** that convey master's degrees. This is the 18th time the Rock Hill campus has received a mention in the prestigious newsmagazine. This year, Winthrop captured the ninth place ranking among its peer institutions.

U.S. News ranks schools based on their academic reputation by their peers, graduation and retention rates, class size, student/faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, student selectivity and alumni giving. Winthrop offered a higher percentage of full-time faculty members than last year, plus attracted more freshmen who were in the top 25 percent of their high school class and had higher SAT scores.

Highlights of the college rankings will be published in the September 2009 issue of **U.S. News & World Report**, available for newsstand purchase on Monday, Aug. 24. The 2010 America's Best Colleges guidebook will be available on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

The newsmagazine annually examines data from more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools and then provides consumers the opportunity to evaluate and compare higher education institutions.

Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio said university officials have come to understand that mastery of just one discipline isn't enough for the world students will inherit one day soon.

"They must be prepared to draw on knowledge from multiple disciplines, so they can absorb information – be it from a Twitter tweet or a companion named Kindle – then supplement and analyze that information from multiple disciplinary perspectives," DiGiorgio said. "Finally, they must synthesize the results into a plan of action appropriate to rapidly changing circumstances while still preserving and creating options for the future of the endeavor at hand."

Winthrop also stands out in the region among public universities for its inclusion in several magazines in their annual college rankings. Princeton Review has rated Winthrop among its "Best Southeastern Colleges," as well as Barron's Best Buys in College Education.

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