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Quick Facts

- According to Winthrop SAAC advisor Norma McDuffie, the student-athletes have worked on two major events this year---the Big South Conference Service Project to collect canned foods for local food pantries and the year-long partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of York County.
- Winthrop's SAAC is aiming for its fifth straight Kallander Cup title. The winner will be announced later this summer.



Meet the First Dog Food Drive

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)** has had another stellar year of community service activities as members will have volunteered more than **4,000 hours** by the end of the of the **2012-13 academic year**.

According to **Winthrop SAAC advisor Norma McDuffie**, the student-athletes have worked on two major events this year---the **Big South Conference Service Project** to collect canned foods for local food pantries and the year-long partnership with the **Boys and Girls Club of York County**.

"SAAC has been creative in soliciting canned food donations," she said. "We challenged Greek Life on campus to a food drive, and we participated in the **Meet the First Dog Food Drive** along with all campus organizations." Winthrop came out on top of the **Greek Life challenge** and collected 1,200 pounds of food to finish first and receive an award of \$1,000 to be used in future service projects by the organization.

The work with the **Boys and Girls Club** involved all of Winthrop's teams, their coaches, and members of the athletic department staff, according to McDuffie. "We hosted activities during the fall and hosted "**Eagle Week**" during the school district's spring break as 120 middle and elementary school students were on campus and at the **Winthrop Coliseum**."

Winthrop's SAAC efforts were recognized this semester during the **annual Student Life Awards Ceremony** as the student organization with an **Exemplary Record of Service**.

Winthrop is now winding up its year-long Big South canned food service project that will determine the winner of the **2013 Kallander Cup** which is presented each year to recognize a member school for outstanding community service. Winthrop's SAAC is aiming for its fifth straight Kallander Cup title. No other school has won the award since it was implemented in 2009. The winner will be announced later this summer.

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