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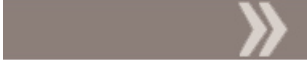
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Quick Facts

- Former S.C. Superintendent of Education will talk to students about voting on Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium.
- It is a free cultural event.



Jim and Sue Rex

ROCK HILL, S.C. — **Jim Rex**, former **South Carolina Superintendent of Education**, will be on Winthrop University's campus Monday, Sept. 24, to stress to students the importance of voting.

"Your Vote, Your America," presented by the **Richard W. Riley College of Education**, the **Center for Career and Civic Engagement** and the Palmetto State Teachers Association, begins at 7 p.m. in **Plowden Auditorium** located in **Withers/W.T.S. Building**. It is a free cultural event and is open to the public.

In the program, Rex will share his personal experiences with education reform and his observations on how voting impacts the outcome of educational policies in the state. Additional topics include how students can get involved in the voting process and statistics about voting in South Carolina.

Rex was formerly the **dean of education at Winthrop**. He was also state superintendent of education for four years. Some of his achievements during his time included replacing the Palmetto Achievement Test (PACT) with the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), reforming the state's system of annual school report cards and creating the Office of Public School Choice and Innovation.

The **Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnership at Winthrop**, first established in 2010, was named **The James and Susan Rex Institute for Educational Renewal and Partnership**, honoring Rex and his wife, **Sue Smith-Rex**, retired College of Education faculty and a member of the Board of Trustees.

For more information on the event contact Miriam Melton at 803/323-4734.

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