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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Two graduating seniors received the **Tillman Award** at **Winthrop University's spring commencement exercises** on May 7 at [Winthrop Coliseum](#).

The **Tillman Award** is the university's highest academic honor. Established in 1940 to honor former S.C. Governor Benjamin Ryan Tillman, the award recognizes the graduate who has most consistently met the demands of academic excellence.

The **Tillman Award winners** were **Rebecca Weaver Meares**, a business administration major from Rock Hill, and **Sydney Laura Shealy**, an integrated marketing communication major from Lexington, S.C.

Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio also presented the **Holly Self Drummond Award** to Tiffany Marie Davis of North Charleston, S.C. Each year, the Holly Self Drummond Award is given to a female student who has achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average and has demonstrated a strong commitment to volunteerism.

Davis earned two degrees – a B.S. in business administration with a marketing option and a B.S. honor's degree in political science. While on an internship with the office of U.S. Rep. Henry E. Brown Jr., R-S.C., in Washington, D.C. during fall 2004, she participated in National Service Day and helped organized a five-hour financial seminar for the Latin American Youth Center.

During her time at Winthrop, she also helped create a marketing plan for EChristianEd for United Methodist church leaders in Columbia, S.C.; worked on a menu expansion and layout suggestion plan for 82 Queen Restaurant in Charleston, S.C.; helped devise and analyze a survey on light rail and other transportation for the Rock Hill area for the Rock Hill Economic Development Corp.; and volunteered for the university's phonathon, capital campaign wrap-up event and Alumni Reunion Celebration.

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