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Quick Facts

- This is the 19th time the Rock Hill campus has received a mention in the prestigious newsmagazine, whose rankings include more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools nationwide.
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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop University** retained its ranking as one of the South's top 10 public universities that convey master's degrees in the **2011 U.S. News & World Report's** edition of "**America's Best Colleges.**"

This is the 19th time the Rock Hill campus has received a mention in the prestigious newsmagazine, whose rankings include more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools nationwide. It provides consumers the opportunity to evaluate and compare higher education institutions.

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U.S. News changed its ranking methodology this year for the **Best Colleges 2011 edition**. Schools are designated National Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges, Regional Universities, such as Winthrop, and Regional Colleges.

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 attracted more freshmen who were in the top 25 percent of their high school class than the previous year.

Highlights of the college rankings will be published in the September issue of **U.S. News & World Report**, available on newsstands Aug. 31. The **2011 Best Colleges guidebook** will be on newsstands Aug. 24.

Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio said the rankings are "yet another indicator of the importance of Winthrop's continuing investment in quality programs and facilities, so that our institution can be competitive with those in other Southeastern states, even in times of drastic reduction in state funding support."

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 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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