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### Quick Facts

- At 128,229 square feet, the center is the third largest facility at Winthrop only behind the Coliseum and the West Center.
- The center was named by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees to honor President Anthony DiGiorgio and First Lady Gale DiGiorgio for more than two decades of continuing service to Winthrop.



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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Student Life** staff and students will hold an open house on Friday, Aug. 27, for the new **DiGiorgio Campus Center**.

The campus event will last from 2-5 p.m. Stop by to check out the bookstore, enjoy student entertainment, sample some of the food court's tasty treats and explore the facility. Visitors even can take a guided tour to learn about all of the building's features.

The center was named by the **Winthrop University Board of Trustees** to honor **President Anthony DiGiorgio and First Lady Gale DiGiorgio** for more than two decades of continuing service to Winthrop. The center's informal name is "THE DIGS."

At 128,229 square feet, the center is the third largest facility at Winthrop only behind the Coliseum and the West Center. It is the second largest building on main campus. It contains: 6,000 yards of concrete, 260,000 bricks, 600 tons of structural steel, 130,000 pavers and 500,000 square feet of dry wall.

The ground floor holds a post office, restaurants and dining area for 300, kitchen and food preparation areas and loading dock. The first floor has an information desk, coffee shop, bookstore, banquet hall that seats 400, game room and television lounges, student publication offices, lobby and box office for theatre, 224-seat theatre, two-story lobby facing West Center and large meeting room. The second floor has clubs and organizations work rooms and 47 wooden storage lockers, three seminar rooms, three meeting rooms and offices for vice president, dean of students, residence life, student activities and programming. On the third floor is a board meeting room, support and office space and mechanical rooms.

Started in spring 2008, the DiGiorgio Center was designed by **DP3 Architects** in Greenville, S.C., and built by **Leitner Construction Company** in Rock Hill, S.C. A formal dedication will be held on Sept. 23-24.

Earlier this week, Student Life sponsored the first event in the center's new theatre, a showing of "Iron Man 2" on the cinema-style big screen. Throughout the semester, movies will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Admission prices will be \$2 with a Winthrop I.D. and \$5 without. Check out the **Eagle Flicks link** on DSU's website for more information.

As part of the opening, Student Life will sponsor a talent event on Tuesday, Aug. 31 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the plaza that connects with the West Center. Called Gnarly '90s Lip Sync Off, students, faculty and staff are invited to put together a solo routine or form a band to put on a show for this fun contest.

For more information about the DiGiorgio Center, contact **Alicia Marstall**, director of the DiGiorgio Center, at 803/323-2248 or visit the website, <http://www.winthrop.edu/campuscenter>.

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