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Quick Facts

- The South Carolina Campus Compact is made up of 14 colleges and universities who help teach students how to become effective citizens in their communities.
- The compact's executive director will now be housed at Winthrop.



Anthony DiGiorgio

ROCK HILL, S.C. – Winthrop University, nationally recognized for its commitment to community service and citizenship earlier this year, will house the **South Carolina Campus Compact** beginning Dec. 1.

As host institution, **Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio** will serve as the chair of the Presidents' Council for the organization, which is committed to supporting the ethics of public service, citizenship and philanthropy in campus culture.

Governed primarily by the Presidents' Council, the **South Carolina Campus Compact** is made up of 14 colleges and universities who help teach students how to become effective citizens in their communities. Members promote public and community service to develop students' citizenship skills, forge community partnerships and provide resources and training for faculty seeking to integrate civic and community-based learning into the curriculum. The Compact's executive director will now be housed at Winthrop.

Winthrop was selected as the new host institution because of DiGiorgio's commitment to **South Carolina Campus Compact** as a charter member. Winthrop also has a strong infrastructure in place and consistent support for its service-learning and civic engagement programs.

At Winthrop, the university stands on the forefront in preparing students for civic engagement. It has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching with its community engagement classification and is listed on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary community service and service-learning.

Some of Winthrop's civic engagement programs include:

- Mobilizing student volunteers to feed the hungry through Canstruction, Crop Walk and meal deliveries to seniors and children.
- Utilizing federal work study students as reading tutors through an off-campus homework and reading clinic.
- Partnering with non-profits, such as A Place For Hope and the Boys and Girls Clubs, to provide mentors and after school assistance for children
- Increasing global awareness through an international service learning course in Nicaragua
- Participating in alternative spring break programs. The 2010 program will allow students to travel to work in environmental service in Mammoth Cave, Ky.; urban poverty in New York City, N.Y.; and Native American cultural preservation in Maryville, Tenn.

Other **South Carolina Campus Compact** members are Benedict College, The Citadel, Claflin University, Charleston Southern University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, The College of Charleston, Converse College, Columbia College, Midlands Technical College, The University of South Carolina, USC-Beaufort and Wofford College.

Nationwide, **Campus Compact** is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university

presidents – representing some six million students – and is the only national higher education association dedicated solely to campus-based civic engagement. The **South Carolina Campus Compact** is one of 35 state compacts affiliated with National Campus Compact, which is headquartered in Boston, Mass.

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