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## Quick Facts

- Winthrop was ranked among the South's top 10 public universities to grant bachelor's and master's degrees.
- The university has been mentioned in "America's Best Colleges" 16 times.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University is again ranked among the **South's top 10 public universities** that convey bachelor's and master's degrees in the 2008 U.S. News & World Report's edition of "**America's Best Colleges**."

This is the 16th time the Rock Hill campus has received a mention in the prestigious newsmagazine.

The exclusive rankings will be published [online](#) on Friday, Aug. 17 and will be available on newsstands on Monday, Aug. 20. The news magazine annually examines data from more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools and then provides consumers the opportunity to evaluate and compare higher education institutions.

Some substantial changes were made this year in the newsmagazine's methodology, but none affected Winthrop's ranking as Number 8 on the list. U.S. News looks at 15 indicators of excellence, which include an institution's academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, class size, student/faculty ratio, percentage of full-time faculty, student selectivity and alumni giving.

**President Anthony DiGiorgio** said Winthrop has earned a reputation for preparing its students for an ever-changing work environment. "Through a set of specially developed 'Touchstone' courses that give students skills they will use throughout their lives, our students emerge comfortable with ideas and abstractions, good at both analysis and synthesis, creative and innovative, self-disciplined and well organized, able to learn very quickly, work well as a member of a team and have the flexibility to adapt...as the shifts in the economy become ever faster and more dramatic," he said.

Winthrop stands out among public universities for its inclusion in several magazines in their annual college rankings. **Princeton Review** recently rated Winthrop among its "Best Value Colleges." **Barron's Best Buys** in College Education also includes Winthrop in its most recent edition.

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