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## Quick Facts

- John Temple, an orthopedic surgeon, will deliver the keynote address at Convocation on Aug. 21.
- Temple serves as official orthopedic team physician for Winthrop athletics.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Orthopedic surgeon **John Temple** will welcome freshmen to campus as the keynote speaker at the Convocation ceremony on Monday, Aug. 21.

Convocation, traditionally held the day before classes begin, serves as an official welcome to new freshmen and their induction into the Winthrop community of learners.

Offices will close at 3:45 p.m. so that all faculty and staff will be able to attend the ceremony that begins at 4 p.m. in [Byrnes Auditorium](#).

A former player for the men's basketball team, **Temple** returned to campus last fall to serve as the official orthopedic team physician for Winthrop athletics. Returning as the team physician fulfilled a goal he set for himself when he was a student.

After graduating from Winthrop in 1995, **Temple** went on to earn a medical degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the Kerlan-Jobe Sports Medicine Clinic in Los Angeles, Calif. The fellowship gave him the opportunity to work with professional athletes from the Los Angeles Lakers, Dodgers, Kings and the Anaheim Ducks.

In addition to working with Winthrop student-athletes, **Temple** sees surgical and non-surgical patients with sports-related injuries as a member of the OrthoCarolina surgical group located in the Presbyterian Matthews Hospital.

Joining **Temple** to welcome freshmen to Winthrop during Convocation will be [President Anthony DiGiorgio](#), Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols, Board of Trustees Chair Karl Folkens, Faculty Representative to the Board and Associate Professor of Psychology Tim Daugherty and Council of Student Leaders Chair Dustin Evatt. Immediately following Convocation, President and Gale DiGiorgio will lead students out of Byrnes and toward [Tillman Hall](#) in the traditional blue line procession.

The community picnic will follow on the lawn in front of [Tillman Hall](#) and [Margaret Nance Hall](#) at 5 p.m. The rain location for the picnic is [McBryde Hall](#).

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