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Quick Facts

- Ken Paulson will be the keynote speaker for Winthrop's Liberty Tree Series capstone event Nov. 10.
- Paulson is president and chief operating officer of the Freedom Forum, Newseum and Diversity Institute.



Ken Paulson

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Ken Paulson**, president and chief operating officer of the **Freedom Forum, Newseum and Diversity Institute**, will serve as keynote speaker of the **Liberty Tree Series** at Winthrop University capstone event, **"Rebooting America: The First Amendment for a New Generation,"** on Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in **Whitton Auditorium**.

Paulson graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law and the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He has been elected to the leadership of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) and will be president of ASNE in 2011. **Paulson** is a former editor and senior vice president of USA Today.

"I'm looking forward to coming to Winthrop University to explore what happens when principles published on parchment – the five freedoms of the First Amendment – collide with a dynamic new communications age fueled by Facebook, MySpace and Twitter," Paulson said.

A **Liberty Tree** planting ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Winthrop's campus in front of the Winthrop Eagle directly before Paulson's presentation. The tree represents the university's acknowledgment of the First Amendment and its importance. A public reception will be held after the presentation, concluding the **Liberty Tree Series** at Winthrop.

The **Liberty Tree Initiative** is funded by the McCormick Foundation and the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The initiative is sponsored by the **West Forum on Politics and Policy** and the Departments of English and Mass Communication.

For more information, visit the [West Forum online](#), or contact Karen Kedrowski at 803/323-4662 or Justin Brown at 803/323-4532.

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