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Quick Facts

- The award is one of five national awards to be given by the National Association of Economic Educators and the Council for Economic Education at a joint national conference in Miami, Fla.
- The Bessie B. Moore Service Award is designed to recognize individuals whose outstanding and dedicated service has had a significant impact on the delivery and enhancement of economic education.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Gary Stone, professor of economics and director of Winthrop’s Center for Economic Education, will receive the Bessie B. Moore Service Award on Oct. 7 for his work in delivering and enhancing economic education at the state, national and international levels. The award is one of five national awards to be given by the National Association of Economic Educators and the Council for Economic Education at a joint national conference in Miami, Fla.

Stone has been the director of Winthrop’s Center for Economic Education since its inception in 1975. He has taught a variety of graduate courses and workshops for hundreds of South Carolina K-12 teachers, improving their ability to teach economic concepts to their students. He has graded the national Advanced Placement economics exams, contributed to the development of the social studies/economic standards for South Carolina, and served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Economic Educators as well as the Board of Directors of the S.C. Council on Economic Education.

With the fall of the former USSR and the emergence of market economies in Eastern Europe, Stone has participated in or led multiple U.S. delegations to seven countries in Europe and Africa to work with educators to improve the quality of economic education in their classrooms. He has a reputation as a master teacher of teachers across the United States and internationally to help students become better decision makers, consumers, workers and voters.

The Bessie B. Moore Service Award is designed to recognize individuals whose outstanding and dedicated service has had a significant impact on the delivery and enhancement of economic education. Moore organized and conducted quality economic education programs that reached virtually all Arkansas schools and attained national recognition for teacher curriculum projects. The Arkansas program, under her leadership and skillful management, became a model for improving economic education in other states.

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