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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Haney Howell, an associate professor of mass communication at Winthrop, will receive the S.C. Broadcasters Association’s Honorary Lifetime Membership Award early next year.

He was surprised with the news during an Oct. 21 broadcast at WRHI studios and will formally receive the award at the association conference on Jan. 13.

Several Winthrop alumni who work in Charlotte, N.C., Rock Hill, S.C., and Greenville, S.C., media nominated or wrote letters in support of Howell for the award. “It certainly is an honor to see Haney honored for his service,” said Andrew Kiel ’09, WRHI news anchor. “He has made a positive impact on my life and career. I owe a great deal of my success to his guidance and leadership.”

The Honorary Life Membership Award salutes those who have served broadcasting by making significant contributions to the industry either in South Carolina or outside the state.

Howell joined Winthrop in 1988 from a position at Conus Communications, Minneapolis, Minn.

Before that, he spent seven years with CBS-TV News, including four as a producer in New York City and two as Saigon correspondent and bureau chief. He also was with ABC Radio News, New York, for three years, and KOA-TV (now KCNC) and KOA Radio, Denver, for two years.

His experience includes news work in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and New Delhi, India, and radio work in Wichita Falls, Texas; Mobile, Ala.; Athens, Tenn.; Miami; Savannah, Ga.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Copperhill, Tenn. Howell has participated in the Poynter Institute Seminar on Broadcast Journalism in St. Petersburg, Fla., and spent one summer at WTVH Syracuse, N.Y., as part of the Radio Television News Directors Foundation Excellence in Journalism Education project. Berkeley published Howell’s novel, “Roadrunners.”

In 2008, Howell co-produced with a Winthrop colleague a documentary, “Losing Their Voices: A Look at Local Radio in South Carolina.” The documentary aired on Southern Lens on SCETV and became part of the documentary rotation at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

Howell earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Midwestern State University in Texas.