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Quick Facts

- Mulholland will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in Tillman Auditorium.
- It is a free cultural event.



Mulholland

ROCK HILL, S.C. — **Freedom Rider Joan Trumpauer Mulholland** came face to face with the Ku Klux Klan, met the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** and spent months in prison fighting for Civil Rights.

The Winthrop University community will have the chance to hear Mulholland's brave story from the woman herself during the Sept. 26 event, "**Freedom to Death Row: The Story of Civil Rights Activist Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.**"

The approved cultural event, sponsored by the offices of **Fraternity and Sorority Affairs** and **Multicultural Student Life** and the **Global Learning Initiative**, begins at 7 p.m. in **Tillman Auditorium**. It is free and open to the public.

Mulholland was a student at Duke University when she first joined a sit-in. Pressured by the university's Dean of Women to stop her activism, she left and, in 1961, joined a Freedom Rider bus down to Mississippi. She was arrested, fined and sent to prison.

After serving her sentence, Mulholland became the first white student to integrate the all-black school Tougaloo Southern Christian College and was also the first white student to be accepted into Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

In 1963 she participated in the famous sit-in at Woolworth's in Jackson, Miss.

To learn more about Mulholland, visit the **An Ordinary Hero website**. For questions regarding her Winthrop visit, contact Kinyata Adams Brown at 803/323-4503 or e-mail her at brownka@winthrop.edu.

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