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### Quick Facts

- The panel discussion will provide students with perspectives from individuals who have successfully transitioned from the academic environment to a career setting.
- Specific issues include assessing the state of South Carolina's career market, preparing to enter the job market, developing a competitive edge and establishing the mindset to market oneself successfully.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University's **Department of English** has assembled a group of government representatives, area business executives and local entrepreneurs to share their advice, experience and expertise with students and faculty. This event will take place on Monday, Oct. 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in **Plowden Auditorium**.

Students often perceive the process of finding a niche in a highly competitive job market to be confusing and stress-intensive. The panel discussion, "**Demystifying America's Employment Culture: Part 2 – The Power of One**," will provide students with perspectives from individuals who have successfully transitioned from the academic environment to a career setting. Specific issues include assessing the state of South Carolina's career market, preparing to enter the job market, developing a competitive edge and establishing the mindset to market oneself successfully.

Motivation for this event stems from Winthrop's commitment to ensure that its graduates meet the needs of the society in which they will live and work, said coordinator **Marilyn Montgomery**. Winthrop administration and faculty are coordinated in their objective to provide students with the tools they need to meet nationally established standards of quality. Winthrop's educational focus is on "deep learning" experiences that students can transfer to other areas of their lives.

**Gloria Jones**, co-chair of the Department of English, describes Monday evening's panel discussion as "one event in a continuing series of events designed to ensure that Winthrop graduates are competitive in the employment culture."

Jones will moderate discussion among the panelists. Other panel members include **S.C. Sen. Greg Gregory** of Lancaster County; **Glenn McFadden**, executive vice president of Comporium; **Kenny Sawyer**, director of human resources of Bowater; Brent Jackson, president of Companion Cabinets; Patrick Scott, senior news editor of The Charlotte Observer; and Robert Bristow, author and retired Winthrop English professor.

For more information concerning this event, contact Montgomery at 803/323-2485.

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