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Quick Facts

- Gary Stone was honored at the 52nd Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference on Oct. 4 in Baltimore, Md.
- The award recognizes an affiliated Center for Economic Education director for outstanding performance in working with teachers and exhibiting excellence in practice, delivery of high quality programs, and outreach to its community.



Gary Stone

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Gary Stone, director of Winthrop University's [Center for Economic Education](#), was recently selected as the recipient of the **2013 Albert Beekhuis Award** by the national [Council for Economic Education](#).

Stone was honored at the **52nd Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference** on Oct. 4 in Baltimore, Md. The award recognizes an affiliated **Center for Economic Education director** for outstanding performance in working with teachers and exhibiting excellence in practice, delivery of high quality programs and outreach to its community.

The Winthrop center is a branch of the statewide non-profit organization, [SC Economics](#), which is the only South Carolina non-profit organization exclusively dedicated to improving economic education and financial literacy by preparing teachers and students to be active, successful, and prosperous members of our global economy.

"We are elated that Dr. Stone was chosen for this award out of a nationwide pool of applicants," said **Jim Morris**, chief executive officer of [SC Economics](#). "The Winthrop University center has succeeded for many years thanks to the vision and unwavering commitment of Dr. Stone. We are very pleased he has achieved this much-deserved recognition."

The **Beekhuis Award** consists of a \$1,000 monetary gift made possible by the **Albert Beekhuis Foundation**. **Dr. Albert Beekhuis** was a lifelong believer in the value and importance of economic literacy and a longstanding supporter of the mission of the **Center for Economic Education**.

Stone is the [William H. Grier professor](#) at Winthrop, an honor given every four years to an excellent classroom teacher who is highly imaginative, dependable and in command of his or her discipline.

Stone has participated in or led multiple delegations overseas for the [United States Agency for International Development](#), providing training on market economics to teachers overseas, across the spectrum of public schools. Stone also worked on the committee to revise the **State Department of Education's social studies standards** to include **economics**.

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About SC Economics

SC Economics is the only statewide non-profit organization exclusively dedicated to improving economic education and financial literacy by helping teachers prepare students to be active, successful, and prosperous members of our global economy. Established in 1975, the organization helps to ensure that all South Carolina students leave high school with a sound foundation in economic principles, an understanding of the economy and how it works, and a strong appreciation for the American free enterprise system. For more information, visit www.SCEconomics.org.

About the Council for Economic Education

The Council for Economic Education is the leading organization in the United States that focuses on the economic and financial education of students from kindergarten through high school. For the past 60 years, its mission has been to instill in young people the fourth "R"—a real-world understanding of economics and personal finance. It is only by acquiring economic and financial literacy that children can learn that there are better options for a life well lived, will be able to see opportunity on their horizon line and, ultimately, can grow into successful and productive adults capable of making informed and responsible decisions.

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