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## Quick Facts

- Laura Ullrich of the College of Business Administration was recognized as part of the teachers of the year awards for educators at public, private and higher education institutions.
- The event was sponsored by the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce during American Education Week.



Laura Ullrich and Roger Weikle

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – **Laura Ullrich**, Winthrop University associate professor of economics, was among the York County educators honored for their dedication to their students and their field during a Nov. 19 breakfast at the **Baxter Hood Center**.

The recognition came as part of the teachers of the year awards for educators at public, private and higher education institutions. The event is sponsored annually by the **York County Regional Chamber of Commerce** during **American Education Week**.

Ullrich accepted the award from **Roger Weikle**, dean of Winthrop's College of Business Administration.

Winthrop music students **Ellis Hendrix** and **Matthew Johnston** provided the entertainment at the chamber event, while a 3-D designed apple by Winthrop jewelry students was presented to the teachers. Former Winthrop faculty member **Courtney Starrett** and her students created the apple using computer-aided design and additive manufacturing. The Rock Hill company **3D Systems** produced it and donated several for the event.

Winthrop awarded Ullrich the **James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching** at the December 2014 Commencement ceremony.

**Ullrich** began work as an administrator this fall when she was named an **assistant dean for innovation and productivity**. Her teaching and research interests include for-profit higher education, school finance reform, local and state level tax and expenditure analyses, welfare policy, and environmental economics.

In 2008-09, Ullrich earned the College of Business Administration's top award, the **Wachovia/Wells Fargo Teaching Award**, for her teaching talent, hard work and dedication to student success. Then in 2010, she was chosen as one of only seven university economists from across the United States with expertise on state and local taxes to participate in a **Junior Scholar program** through the **Lincoln Institute of Land Policy**. She served as a **Fulbright Scholar** in Kosovo in 2014.

**Ullrich** led a student trip to Peru and Bolivia in May 2013 that prompted the creation of a **Winthrop Microfinance project** to fully fund local business projects. Another trip to Panama and Bolivia was made this past summer.

Originally from Athens, Georgia, **Ullrich** holds a B.B.A. in economics from the University of Georgia and an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Tennessee. Prior to graduate school,

**Ullrich** worked as a business consultant for Ernst & Young, specializing in executive compensation determination.

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