Author Bill Strickland, a MacArthur Fellowship “genius” award recipient and founder of a successful jobs training center in Pittsburgh, Penn., will bring his message of hope and achievement to Winthrop on Oct. 7-8.

He wrote “Make the Impossible Possible,” Winthrop’s seventh common book.

Strickland will speak Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium about encouraging others to seek passion and excellence in their own lives. Freshmen have discussed the book in their ACAD 101 course, while area book clubs also have examined Strickland’s inspiring and pragmatic philosophy, according to University College Dean Gloria Jones.

Strickland will speak during a leadership series at 11 a.m. on Oct. 7 at Carroll Hall and to various classes, student and faculty groups during his two-day stay.

In “Make the Impossible Possible,” Strickland describes how as a social entrepreneur, he built community connections in his native Pittsburgh and solved complex problems. His success as president-CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation and its subsidiaries earned him an invitation to share his experiences with the Harvard Business School, and he has served as a member of the Board of the National Endowment for the Arts as well.

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**Economics professor earns national service award**

Gary Stone, professor of economics and director of Winthrop’s Center for Economic Education, will receive the Bessie B. Moore Service Award on Oct. 7 for his work in delivering and enhancing economic education at the state, national and international levels. The award is one of five national awards to be given by the National Association of Economic Educators and the Council for Economic Education at a joint national conference in Miami, Fla.

Stone has been the director of Winthrop’s Center for Economic Education since its inception in 1975. He has taught a variety of graduate courses and workshops for hundreds of South Carolina K-12 teachers, improving their ability to teach economic concepts to their students. He has graded the national Advanced Placement economics exams, contributed to the development of the social studies/economic standards for South Carolina and served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Economic Educators as well as the Board of Directors of the S.C. Council on Economic Education.

Since the fall of the former USSR and the emergence of market economies in Eastern Europe, Stone has participated in or led multiple U.S. delegations to seven countries in Europe and Africa to work with educators to improve the quality of economic education.

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CROP Walk participants set goal of 11,000 cans

Winthrop students participating in this year’s York County CROP Walk on Oct. 24 hope to collect more than 11,000 cans of food to help local needy families.

They will join hundreds of children, youth and adults supporting this 33rd anniversary of what is South Carolina’s oldest CROP Walk to raise money to feed the hungry. York County’s CROP Walk has raised nearly $600,000 in its 33 years, with $150,000 remaining with local agencies.

Winthrop’s Center for Career and Civic Engagement anticipates recruiting 18 teams from its freshman class to walk. Another 17 Winthrop teams will participate in CanStruction on Oct. 23 to collect canned goods and build a work of art on the Winthrop Coliseum concourse. The CROP Walk route goes through the coliseum so walkers can vote on their favorite art project.

“For our new students, participating in CROP Walk is a great introduction to our community and how we can work together to advocate for those in need and solve local problems,” said Ellin McDonough, program director for the Center for Career and Civic Engagement.

Organizers have dedicated this year’s walk to the late Father David Valtierra, the campus minister for Catholic students who helped start the walk and reached out to this community’s poor until his passing this May. “Father David was a tireless advocate for the poor and the hungry in our community and around the world, and we look forward to walking in solidarity with the many he served with over the years,” said the Rev. Narcie Jeter, coordinator of the walk and leader of the Wesley Foundation.

Jeter said this year’s CROP Walk T-shirts will be bought from Maggie’s Organics, which sells clothing made in cooperatives in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The shirts cost $4.

Students from the Wesley Foundation have traveled to work with the cooperatives that made the shirts many times over the past decade. “I am excited that our CROP Walk is able to support hungry people here and all over the world and that this year’s T-shirts are able to provide food and a better life to the women we have worked alongside in the Genesis Cooperative. These women have built their spinning plant by hand and have worked tirelessly to build a stable life for their families,” said junior Adrienne Chlumsky of Baltimore, Md.

The Center for Career and Civic Engagement and the Winthrop Wesley Foundation will hold an interactive hunger demonstration Oct. 13 to educate students about hunger, its related causes and how to end hunger. Mary Catherine Hinds, assistant director of the Southeastern region of Church World Service, will speak at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 in Tillman Auditorium.

CROP Walk is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service. The organization represents 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican churches in the U.S. working with indigenous churches and organizations in more than 80 countries.

On Oct. 24, registration and entertainment will start at 2 p.m. at Dinkins Hall. The walk begins at 3 p.m. Participants can select a 10-kilometer walk or a one-mile “mini walk,” which will start and end at Dinkins. Walk admission is a canned food item. Collected items will be divided among area food pantries.

For information, contact the Wesley Foundation at 327-5640 or winthrop-wesley@gmail.com.

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The Common Book Project integrates Winthrop’s new students into the university environment and acquaints them with the institution’s intellectual and academic values. Freshmen receive the book at Orientation and read it over the summer. Program components also are developed for graduate students, alumni and Rock Hill community members.

For the first time, Winthrop will utilize the same common book for two consecutive years to maximize the educational impact. For more information, contact Jones at ext. 3900 or at joneyg@wintrop.edu.

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education in their classrooms. He’s known as a master teacher of teachers in America and worldwide, helping students to be better decision makers, consumers, workers and voters.

The Bessie B. Moore Service Award is designed to recognize individuals whose outstanding and dedicated service has had a significant impact on the delivery and enhancement of economic education. Moore organized and conducted quality economic education programs that reached virtually all Arkansas schools and attained national recognition for teacher curriculum projects.

United Way campaign launched

Winthrop will hold its United Way campaign for faculty/staff Oct. 18-29. All donations remain in York County to help community members who need assistance. Winthrop’s contributions go toward the county’s fundraising goal of $1.3 million.

Forms will be distributed in October.

Committee members include Kimberly Faust, president’s office; Tom Hickman, athletics; Susan Lee, development; Pam Varraso, student affairs; Cathie Hopkins, College of Arts and Sciences; Susan Gundersen, university advancement; Judy Longshaw, university relations; or Kristen Wunderlich, music.
Adapted play explores ancient Battle of the Sexes

In an epic battle of the sexes, which sex emerges victorious? The Department of Theatre and Dance’s upcoming production of “Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation” may hold the answer to that age-old question.

A frank sexual and anti-war comedy adapted from Aristophanes’ work by acclaimed playwright Drue Robinson, “Lysistrata” runs Oct. 6-9 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. in Johnson Theatre. “Lysistrata” opens with war ravaging the city stages of ancient Greece and a band of women – led by Lysistrata (played by Kayla Piscatelli of Groveland, Mass.) – willing to do anything to stop the bloodshed and destruction. Lysistrata and the women conspire to deny their husbands any and all sexual favors until they end the war; the men, in turn, retaliate, igniting a fast-paced, fierce and funny battle of the sexes.

The play’s humor first caught the attention of director Russell Luke, adjunct professor of theatre and box office manager, during his days as an undergraduate student. It wasn’t until years later, he said, that he came to appreciate the deeper messages in “Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation.”

“I think there are perhaps two strong messages. The play really speaks to the empowerment of women and also to the dreadful waste of war,” said Luke.

Previously Luke has directed “Blythe Spirit,” “Summer and Stroke” and spring semester’s “A Streetcar Named Desire,” among others.

Luke worked closely with set designer Anna Sartin, associate professor of theatre and scenic/lighting designer; costume designer Janet Gray, associate professor of theatre; and numerous student technical crew members to transform Johnson stage into ancient Greece.

“Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation” contains adult content and adult language. Performance seating is reserved, and tickets are for the Oct. 6 and Oct. 8-10 shows are $8 with Winthrop I.D. and $15 for the public. All tickets to the Thursday, Oct. 7, performance are $5 each.

For tickets, call the Box Office at ext. 4014 or send an e-mail to boxoffice@winthrop.edu.

Oct. 10 symposium will honor Japanese composer

Winthrop will celebrate the music of internationally acclaimed Japanese composer Tōru Takemitsu (1930-96) with a guest lecture and a special symposium on Oct. 10.

Coordinated by Winthrop music faculty member and pianist Tomoko Deguchi, the Sunday afternoon symposium, a celebration of what would have been Takemitsu’s 80th year, will feature performances of several of the late composer’s works by regional professional musicians. In addition, there will be a guest lecture by music theorist Yayoi Uno Everett of Emory University.

Everett’s lecture will take place at 2:30 p.m. in Barnes Recital Hall.

The concert of Takemitsu’s music will follow at 4 p.m., also held in Barnes Recital Hall. Featured performers include Deguchi; Jill O’Neill; Robert Teixeira; Tatiana Karpova; Kari Giles; Ning Zhao; Tanja Bechtler; and conductor Geoff Whitehead.

Born in Tokyo, Takemitsu studied composition with Yasuji Kiyose, although the composer remained largely self-taught. He ascended to international prominence in the late 1950s and remains universally recognized for his unique fusion of avant-garde methods with Japanese aesthetics and traditional instruments.

Takemitsu also wrote scores for a number of films, including Japan’s “Woman in the Dunes” (1964), Akira Kurosawa’s “Ran” (1985) and “Black Rain” (1989) and the American release “Rising Sun” (1993).

The lecture and the symposium are free and open to the public.

Both of these events are funded by Winthrop University’s Research Council.

For more information about the lecture or the symposium, contact Deguchi at ext. 2602 or deguchit@winthrop.edu.

‘Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation,’ adapted from Aristophanes’ work by playwright Drue Robinson, will run Oct. 6-10 in Johnson Theatre. (Left to right) Students Rachel Middleton, Kayla Piscatelli, Allison Zobel and Amber Westbrook (front) will star in this comedy.
Welcome to Winthrop

Michelle Carlson, athletics, has been hired as assistant softball coach and director of the Terry Softball Complex. Before coming to Winthrop, she worked as head softball coach at Indian River High School in Virginia. She was voted the 2010 Southeastern District Coach of the Year. Currently Carlson, an alumna of Radford University, is earning a master’s degree at Georgia Southern University.

Clint Chrysler, athletics, was hired recently as assistant baseball coach in charge of pitching. Chrysler worked previously as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Stetson University. The Florida native played three seasons for the Hatters as a dual role player as well. Following his junior year, Chrysler was drafted in the 17th round by the Seattle Mariners and played nine years of professional baseball with Seattle (1997-99) and Pittsburgh (2000-04), reaching the AAA level with the Pirates.

Christopher Holloman, College of Business Administration, has been hired as an administrative specialist. The Fort Mill, S.C., resident worked previously as an administrative assistant for Kershaw County School District. A native of Columbia, S.C., her interests include traveling, reading and scrapbooking.

TLC to offer two fall health screening workshops

The Teaching and Learning Center will offer two health screening workshops in October and November. Michelle Mann, director of Health and Counseling Services, will lead the following sessions on the importance of health screenings:

• Oct. 14, 11 a.m. – “Know Your Numbers: The Value of Health Screening” (Dinkins Hall auditorium).
• Nov. 4, 11 a.m. – “What Now? What Your Health Screening Results Mean” (Dinkins Hall auditorium).

To sign up or to get more information, call TLC at ext. 3374 or visit http://www.winthrop.edu/tlc/TrainingCalendar.

Charlie Hart, athletics, was hired recently as an assistant athletic trainer. He also will supervise the athletic training graduate assistants. The Pennsylvania native worked previously with the Ohio Bobcats’ baseball program as well as football and women’s field hockey. Hart is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and a state-certified member of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association.

Larry McLaine, athletics, has been hired as athletic ticket manager. McLaine, a native of Rockville, Md., was customer service manager with Lowe’s Foods and box office manager at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, N.C. His wife, Alice, works as assistant professor in Winthrop’s Richard W. Riley College of Education.

Danielle Ribbons, athletics, has been hired as an assistant athletic trainer. Ribbons has worked as head athletic trainer at Fort White High School and at Santa Fe College, where she worked with men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball. She is a native of Clinton, Maine.

Agapé Senior owner to give Oct. 27 M.B.A. lecture

Scott Middleton, owner and chief executive officer of Agapé Senior, will deliver the fall 2010 M.B.A. lecture on Oct. 27. The evening begins with a reception in Macfeat House at 6 p.m., and Middleton will take the stage at 7 p.m. in Whittin Auditorium in Vivian Moore Carroll Hall.

Middleton founded Agapé Senior 10 years ago to care for senior citizens in a faith-based atmosphere. The South Carolina company includes 14 entities that provide assisted living, dementia care, independent apartments, patio homes, skilled nursing, ambulances, pharmacy, real estate, insurance, hospice, medical supplies and numerous other programs that serve seniors. Today, the company cares for approximately 1,000 senior citizens while employing more than 1,000 people.

Middleton holds a bachelor’s degree in financial accounting from Winthrop University, a master of divinity degree from Emory University and a master of health administration degree from the University of South Carolina. Middleton is an ordained Methodist minister. The evening is hosted by the M.B.A. Association.

For more information, contact the M.B.A. office at ext. 2409.

Winthrop named in “Master’s University Rankings 2010”

Winthrop has earned a spot in Washington Monthly’s “Master’s University Rankings 2010.”

Washington Monthly rates schools based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s) and service (encouraging students to give something back to their country).

Winthrop was one of only eight S.C. schools to appear in the rankings.
October signals benefits annual enrollment period

Oct. 1-31, 2010, is the benefits annual enrollment period for eligible employees to make allowable changes to their benefits. Changes made during the annual enrollment period go into effect on Jan. 1, 2011. During October, employees may change health plans, make changes to life insurance coverage, add/drop vision coverage, enroll in/drop supplemental long-term disability insurance and more. Also, there are benefit-related eligibility opportunities as a result of health care reform. Parents with children under age 26 should pay special attention to opportunities available.

Information packets were mailed to eligible employees late in September. These packets included details about allowable changes. Eligible employees who want to make changes may do so online using MyBenefits at http://www.eip.sc.gov/mybenefits. Instructions for making changes online are included in the information mailed to employees. Refer to the Human Resources website, http://www.winthrop.edu/hr, for more information.

Employees who want to schedule an appointment with a benefits administrator during the annual enrollment period should e-mail hrhelp@winthrop.edu, or call the office at ext. 2273.

Winthrop set to participate in 2011 BracketBusters

Winthrop will be one of a record nine Big South Conference members participating in the 2011 BracketBusters, ESPN announced recently. The event will be held the weekend of Feb. 18-20, 2011, and marks the Big South's sixth consecutive year in the series.

Representing the Big South in the 2011 event will be last year's four BracketBusters participants, Winthrop, Radford, Presbyterian College and Gardner-Webb, plus High Point, Liberty, UNC-Asheville, Charleston Southern and VMI.

Health, Counseling Services program receives grant

The National College Testing Association has awarded Health and Counseling Services’ testing program one of five inaugural grants.

Susan Sistar, coordinator for the testing program, and Nichole Scaglione, former wellness coordinator, collaborated on the application for the $1,158.73 grant, “The Testing Services Enhancement Project.” Approved funds were used to hold an informational workshop for weekend testing staff and provide comprehensive test administration manuals for attendees.

The staff administers large standardized pencil/paper tests such as Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) and the Praxis series throughout the year. Weekend testing comprises a variety of staff members from the community and testing candidates from all over the Southeast.

The workshop focused on test-specific information as well as general information on health, safety and emergencies along with suggestions for dealing with stressful situations and candidates with disabilities.

Evaluation of training effectiveness was conducted with a pre- and post-test assessment gauging trainee knowledge and confidence in test administration/test day procedures.

Papers and presentations


Professor of Educational Research Mark Dewalt’s “The Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson” ranked in the top 10 in sales at the University of Virginia Bookstore in the nonfiction category during the April-June 2010 sales period. The book was featured in the August edition of Albemarle Family.

Susan Sistar, health and counseling services, presented “Sweet Distractions on My Mind: Stressed Is Desserts Spelled Backwards” at the September National College Testing Association annual conference in Atlanta, Ga. The presentation looked at workday stressors and ways to handle them from a different perspective.
Avid cyclist rings in 79th birthday with 79-mile group bicycle trip

What started four years ago as a birthday bike ride for Frank Rizzo, part-time DiGiorgio Campus Center information desk worker, has turned into an annual event.

For his 75th birthday, Rizzo, an avid cyclist, got the idea to take a 75-mile bike trip – beginning and ending at his Rock Hill home close to campus – with friend and fellow cycling enthusiast George Davis. The ride went so well that it became an annual event, with Davis planning the route (Rizzo's only rule: “not too many hills”) and more and more guests joining in each year.

When Rizzo turned 79 in 2010, more than 40 riders took part in the trip, including some of his Winthrop coworkers. Drivers followed along with water and refreshments, and Rizzo and fellow riders took breaks every 15–20 miles.

The rides give Rizzo, a member of the Rock Hill Bike Club, the opportunity to celebrate another year with cycling, something he's loved since he started it about 15 years ago.

“There’s nothing like the sense of freedom you have out there on a bike,” said Rizzo. “Cars go too fast, and on walks you notice some things, but you miss a lot too. On bikes you see so much.”

Seventy-nine miles gave Rizzo and friends plenty of time to see much of the area's scenery, which Rizzo, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., has enjoyed since he and his wife, Chris, moved to Rock Hill five years ago. Before taking a seat at the information desk, he worked as a custodian in the former Dinkins Student Center. He also spent 35 years working in sales and marketing in the trade book publishing industry.

Rizzo, however, isn't convinced the scenery is the only thing that draws more people to the birthday rides.

“They really come for the pies and the cake,” Rizzo joked of the desserts Chris bakes for each trip.

Rizzo and his wife share a love of cycling; in fact, they met in New York at a bike club meeting. Rizzo took up cycling in 1995 in New York as a way “to vent” after his first wife's death. He enjoyed riding so much that he joined the bike club, where he met Chris. They married and spent years biking together before health problems made it difficult for her to cycle.

There’s an element of challenge to cycling that Rizzo enjoys, too. He once rode 100 miles – a one-day trip that included passes through steep hills and mountains – out of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., just “to see if I could do it.”

He also likes the more leisurely rides. He rides to campus (nine miles) on fair weather days, and he takes 18-mile Saturday morning rides in the area with a group of fellow cyclists. He estimates that he bikes about 100 miles per week.

On his many rides, Rizzo has noticed that cycling has grown in popularity as gas prices have risen and people have become more environmentally conscious. This popularity is something he hopes to nurture at Winthrop. He’d like to help start a bike club for faculty and staff and perhaps create a racing club for students.

“I’d like to see more faculty and staff get involved in cycling, and racing is really growing as a collegiate sport,” he said.

More than anything else, though, Rizzo plans to keep making these long trips as long as he’s able – with one minor exception.

“After 81, I’m switching to kilometers,” Rizzo joked. Then he changed his mind. “I’ll see how I feel then.”
**Events calendar**

*All events are free unless otherwise noted.*

**Through Nov. 2**
- **Dacus Library 125th exhibit:**
  - “Everything But a Touchdown! Winthrop Athletics Through the Years”
  - Open during regular library hours

**Through Dec. 9**
- **“Edmund Lewandowski – Precisionism and Beyond”**
  - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rutledge and Patrick Galleries
  - *Call ext. 2493 for extended viewing hours*

**Oct. 6**
- **Men’s soccer vs. High Point**
  - 7 p.m., Eagle Field

  **Play: “Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation”**
  - 8 p.m., Johnson Theatre
  - Tickets: $8 w/ Winthrop I.D.; $15/public

**Oct. 7**
- **Common Book event: Bill Strickland**
  - 8 p.m., Byrnes Auditorium

**Oct. 8**
- **Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series: Richard Chacon (Winthrop)**
  - 2 p.m., Kinard Auditorium

  **Play: “Lysistrata: A Woman’s Translation”**
  - 8 p.m., Johnson Theatre
  - Special: All tickets are $5

**Oct. 9**
- **Volleyball vs. UNC-Asheville**
  - 2 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum

  **Movie: “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse”**
  - 7 and 9:30 p.m., Dina’s Place – DiGiorgio Campus Center
  - Tickets: $2 w/ Winthrop I.D.; $5 public

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**Oct. 10**
- **Lecture: “Music of Tōru Takemitsu” by Yayoi Uno Everett (Emory University)**
  - 2:30 p.m., Barnes Recital Hall

  **Symposium: “Music of Tōru Takemitsu: Chamber Music by Winthrop Faculty and Special Guest Performers”**
  - 4 p.m., Barnes Recital Hall

  **Galleries: “Foundations Exhibition” opening (through Nov. 11)**
  - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Lewandowski Student Gallery

**Oct. 12**
- **Concert: “An Evening of Musical Theatre” (John Fowler, director)**
  - 7:30 p.m., Barnes Recital Hall

  **Presentation: “Cultural Norms: Do’s and Don’ts in the Workplace”**
  - 8 p.m., Plowden Auditorium, Withers/W.T.S.

  **Movie: “The U.S. vs. John Lennon”**
  - 8 p.m., Dina’s Place – DiGiorgio Campus Center
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**Oct. 13**
- **CROP Walk Presentation: Mary Catherine Hinds, assistant director, Church World Service (Southeastern region)**
  - 8 p.m., Tillman Auditorium

**Oct. 15**
- **Women’s soccer vs. Radford**
  - 7 p.m., Eagle Field

**Oct. 15-18**
- **Fall Break**
  - No classes; offices open; Winthrop University Galleries closed

**Oct. 16**
- **Men’s and women’s cross country, ASICS Fall Classic**
  - The Farm

**Oct. 17**
- **Women’s soccer vs. Virginia Military Institute**
  - 2 p.m., Eagle Field

**Oct. 19**
- **Fall Career, Graduate School Fair Info Session**
  - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., East/West Thomson Hall tables

  **Volleyball vs. Charleston Southern**
  - 6 p.m., Winthrop Coliseum

**Oct. 20**
- **Men’s Soccer vs. College of Charleston**
  - 7 p.m., Eagle Field

  **Movie: “The Kids Are All Right”**
  - 8 p.m., Dina’s Place – DiGiorgio Campus Center
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In brief

• Frank Holleman, the Democratic nominee for State Superintendent of Education, spoke at a Sept. 30 event sponsored by the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy.

An attorney from Greenville, S.C., Holleman worked with the U.S. Department of Education under Secretary Richard Riley, and he worked as founder of First Steps to Education, with an early childhood education initiative promoted by former S.C. Gov. Jim Hodges. He is a graduate of Furman University, Harvard Law School and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The purpose of the West Forum is to promote civic engagement in South Carolina.

All major party nominees for statewide office have been invited to appear at Winthrop.

• President Anthony DiGiorgio represented Winthrop at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation meeting on Sept. 16 in Washington, D.C. The foundation invited numerous higher education leaders who have had successes in boosting higher education attainment for low-income students.

The “Helping Students Beat the Odds” conversation united more than 40 institutional leaders committed to helping students succeed, with particular emphasis on success rates among African-American and first-generation college students.

Winthrop was featured in a recent Education Trust Report for being a national leader in showing consistently high rates of graduation success among minority populations.

• The Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina awarded Winthrop students one of its 2010 Super Hero Awards at a Sept. 16 partner appreciation luncheon in Charlotte, N.C. Winthrop won in the category of Youth Partner Awards for student partnerships with Second Harvest to alleviate hunger in our local communities.

Accepting the award for Winthrop were Laura Foster and Ellin McDonough of the Center for Career and Civic Engagement.