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Quick Facts

- Two scholarships, totaling \$500,000, have been established to honor Burgh Kemp Johnson, great-grandson of Winthrop founder D.B. Johnson.
- Both scholarships will benefit education majors.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The family of **David Bancroft Johnson**, founder and first president of Winthrop University, recently pledged **\$500,000** to the university to endow **two scholarships** benefiting education majors.

Both scholarships are given in memory of **Burgh Kemp Johnson**, D.B. Johnson's great-grandson who died unexpectedly in 2005.

"This is a fitting memorial for my son," said Burgh's father, Burgh Rutledge Johnson of Scottsdale, Ariz. With the gift, he will be able to honor his son's life and continue the education legacy of his grandfather at Winthrop.

Burgh Rutledge Johnson never knew his famous grandfather but heard about his many accomplishments from summers spent with his grandmother, Mai or "Mrs. DeBe," in Rock Hill. He passed on the stories and a great love of knowledge to his son, who worked in the computer industry, invested in real estate and was an avid hunter.

"These scholarships are another important testament to the Johnson family legacy of selfless giving," said **President Anthony DiGiorgio**. "The fact that the Johnsons' generosity will have a continuing, positive impact on dedicated educators at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is most appropriate given Winthrop's longstanding commitment to teacher preparation."

One scholarship will help students enrolled in the master of arts teaching program who want to pursue a career in the classroom.

The second scholarship, established by Burgh Kemp Johnson's wife, Donnalyn, and their daughter, Rachael, will help rising education juniors committed to classroom teaching.

"Classroom teachers need as much help as they can get," **Burgh Rutledge Johnson** said. "We hope this will help future teachers to reach their goal."

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