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Quick Facts

- The Fred Hembree History Scholarship will honor Larry Carroll's cousin, the late Fred Hembree, Winthrop Class of 1980.
- This is the second major gift to Winthrop from the Carrolls.



Larry Carroll

ROCK HILL, S.C. - A new gift from **Larry and Vivian Carroll** of Charlotte, N.C., will create a scholarship for outstanding junior or senior history majors at Winthrop. The Carrolls have committed \$100,000 initially for this scholarship, and they have challenged other donors to support the scholarship by promising to match gifts up to \$50,000 per year over the next three years.

The **Fred Hembree History Scholarship** will honor Larry Carroll's cousin, the late **Fred Hembree**, Winthrop Class of 1980. Hembree majored in history while at Winthrop and was a professor of history at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla., until his death in July 2010. A nationally recognized scholar and author on the French Revolution, Hembree was a native of Rock Hill.

The Carrolls hope that this scholarship will grow into one which will provide full tuition for a Winthrop student majoring in history. The gift match pledged by the Carrolls has already been initiated by a generous leadership gift from **Norma and Bob Thompson** of Rock Hill. **Bob Thompson** is a member of the [Winthrop University Board of Trustees](#).

This is the second major gift to Winthrop from the Carrolls. They previously made a \$1.25 million commitment for programming, operations, and specialized equipment for **Carroll Hall**, the new facility for the [College of Business Administration](#) that was named in Vivian's honor.

Larry Carroll is president of Carroll Financial Associates, a Charlotte-based financial planning and investment management firm. Vivian Carroll, a 1973 graduate of Winthrop, retired from Merrill Lynch in 2001 after spending more than 20 years building a successful financial planning practice. She is currently president of the Winthrop University Alumni Association Executive Board.

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