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## Quick Facts

- Hamilton lives in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- Her gift will provide scholarship support for Winthrop students.



*Alison Jean Hamilton*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The Winthrop experience became a family tradition for **Alison Jean Hamilton** '92, '95, whose mother and two aunts earned degrees at the university. Through a planned gift, Hamilton will honor **her family's ties** to the university and help students realize their dream of a Winthrop degree.

**Hamilton** established the **Earl Haden Jr. and Brenda Jean Hewitt Hamilton Endowed Scholarship** through a bequest from a percentage of her retirement accounts. The gift, named for Hamilton's parents, will provide scholarship funds for Winthrop students.

The North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, resident said that she chose to make a planned gift as a "thank you" to her alma mater for years of support.

"A planned gift is a great opportunity to give back and show appreciation to Winthrop for the opportunities the university provided me," said **Hamilton**.

**Hamilton** earned her B.S. in business administration and her M.B.A. at Winthrop, following in the footsteps of her mother and her aunts, Margaret Hewitt Black '71, '75 and Lucie Lowry Hewitt '68. Brenda Hewitt Hamilton earned her B.A. in history in 1977. Hamilton's cousin, Larry Baker, and her late grandmother, Frances Ford Hamilton, also attended Winthrop.

She said **strong family ties** to the university convinced her to create her own **Winthrop experience**. Though she struggled at times, with support from the **College of Business Administration** – particularly **Director of Graduate Studies Peggy Hager** '82, assistant professor of management – Hamilton persevered and earned two degrees at Winthrop. Along the way, she kept her grandfather's advice in the back of her mind.

"My grandfather stressed how important education was. He told me, 'Get all the education you can because that is something no one can take away from you,'" said **Hamilton**. "Winthrop was really good to me, and the planned gift is a great opportunity to give back."

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