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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Thirteen Winthrop University students were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society on April 13.

The national organization recognizes superior scholarship in all disciplines. Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration who have senior status and are scholastically in the upper 10 percent of their class or have junior status and are scholastically in the upper 7.4 percent of their class. Only graduate students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class are eligible for membership. Winthrop's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1964.

During the April 13 event in Plowden Auditorium, members honored the contributions of Sue Lyman, an associate professor of social work who helped with the development of the university's Master of Social Work degree.

Lyman, a longtime member of Phi Kappa Phi, told the group that the mission of the honor society — "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others" — has guided her lifetime work in practicing and teaching social work. Lyman is retiring this year after 16 years of teaching at Winthrop.

The newest students initiated into the chapter are: Scarlett Morgan Boyd, Leigh Olivia Fransen, Lauren Goodwin, Emily Crystal Hokett, Esabia Mackey, Andrew McIver, Lex Henry Nordlinger, Steven Patrick, Bethany M. Robinson, Kathryn Victoria Steverson, Lauren Caroline Switzer, Courtney Elizabeth Wyatt and Wang Xi.

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