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Quick Facts

- The Margaret L. Williamson Scholarship will support students with financial need who are residents of South Carolina or Virginia.
- Williamson retired as assistant dean of University College in May 2015.



Margaret Williamson

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The Winthrop experience helped **Margaret Williamson '76, '80**, retired assistant dean of Winthrop's **University College**, become a confident, independent leader. Williamson has established a new scholarship to help future students reap the benefits of the transformative Winthrop education.

Funded through a bequest, the **Margaret L. Williamson Scholarship** will support Winthrop students with financial need, with first preference given to students from **South Carolina or Virginia**.

Williamson, a resident of Rock Hill, earned her B.A. in communication and her M.Ed. in guidance at Winthrop. Prior to retirement, she spent 18 years at Winthrop, where she worked as dean of enrollment management for the **Office of Admissions**, the **Office of Financial Aid** and the **Office of Records and Registration**. **Williamson** also served as assistant dean of the **Graduate School**. She worked previously at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

The Blacksburg, Virginia, native explained that making the decision to support her alma mater was simple because "Winthrop is a great institution."

"The educational experiences for students are exceptional, and the diversity of the campus is unique," said Williamson.

Williamson noted that she fell in love with Winthrop during her first campus visit. During her time as a student, she served as president of the Student Government Association, president of the freshman and sophomore class and co-chair of Junior Follies – experiences that helped her gain confidence and leadership skills.

"I loved my Winthrop experience, which taught me to value independence and allowed me to embrace leadership opportunities," said **Williamson**. "I give back because gifts make it possible for students to have their own Winthrop experiences."

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