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Quick Facts

- Funds raised provide scholarships for student-athletes involved in Winthrop's 18 NCAA Division I sports.
- The 26th Eagle Club Scholarship Auction is set for April 15, 2017.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The **2016 Eagle Club Scholarship Auction** raised **\$108,000 for athletic scholarships** – the **second-highest total** in the auction's 25-year history.

The event, which attracted more than **400 attendees**, raised nearly \$56,000 during the May live auction, with \$10,000 in initial bids at the silent auction's opening. Participants bid on a wide array of items donated by Winthrop faculty, staff and area businesses, including an Alaskan fishing trip, dinner with Winthrop **President Dan Mahony** and his wife, Laura, and artwork – created at the live auction – by interactive artist **Jared Emerson** of Greenville, South Carolina.

Auction Co-Chair Lisa Trunk '76, '91, who managed the auction with **Co-Chair Watts Huckabee** '89, attributed the event's success to "the generosity of our wonderful donors, bidders and volunteers, who helped make the 2016 auction a unique and entertaining event."

Mobile bidding, available for the first time this year, helped increase the auction's revenue and encouraged participation. Auction proceeds will provide **valuable scholarships for student-athletes** involved in the university's 18 NCAA Division I sports.

Trunk and **Huckabee**, who will continue as co-chairs for next year's auction, said they want to **build on the 2016 auction's success** and **increase community involvement**, nurturing the partnership between Rock Hill and Winthrop Athletics. Another vital step, Huckabee added, will be to engage the entire Winthrop Athletics department as well as all athletic team coaches and student-athletes.

"The Eagle Club Scholarship Auction is a tremendous opportunity for us to engage those who are athletically minded to contribute to the Winthrop community and student-athletes," said Huckabee.

The 26th Eagle Club Scholarship Auction is set for April 15, 2017. Contact Karen Trunk, Eagle Club membership coordinator, at 803/323-2129, ext. 6224, or trunkk@winthrop.edu to find out more information, or to offer donations or suggestions for the event.

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