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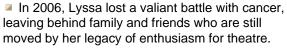
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The Lyssa Rauch Memorial Scholarship, established in 2006 by an anonymous donor and supplemented by her mother and stepfather after Lyssa's death, provides an annual scholarship to a Winthrop student who is involved in theater.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - A new planned gift honoring the late Lyssa Rauch, who would have been a member of Winthrop Class of 2007, will endow the scholarship which already bears her name.

The Lyssa Rauch Memorial Scholarship, established in 2006 by an anonymous donor and supplemented by her mother and stepfather after Lyssa's death, provides an annual scholarship to a Winthrop student who is involved in theatre, with additional preference to candidates who have an interest in vocal or instrumental music, dance, or children's theatre.

In 2006, Lyssa lost a valiant battle with cancer, leaving behind family and friends who are still moved by her legacy of enthusiasm for theatre.

Lyssa Rauch was a 2003 graduate of White Knoll High School, where she distinguished herself as a member of the White Knoll High School Timberwolf Marching Band; the White Knoll High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble; the Student Government Association; the Debate Team; the Drama Club; and the National Thespian Society.

At Winthrop, Lyssa majored in design and technical theatre; she planned to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching and to teach drama to young people at a school for the performing arts. While at Winthrop, Lyssa was a member of the Glee Club, Flute Choir, served on the Anthology Staff and performed with the Young @ Heart children's theatre troupe. She also was employed part-time as a technician with the Northwestern High School Marching Band, Color Guard and Winter Guard in Rock Hill.

A new planned gift to Winthrop University from Lyssa's mother and stepfather, Holly Rauch and Todd Leger of Lexington, S.C., will endow the Lyssa Rauch Memorial Scholarship, meaning that the scholarship honoring Lyssa's legacy will exist in perpetuity.

For more information on making a gift to Winthrop, please contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150.

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