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Quick Facts

- 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.
- 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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