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ROCK HILL, S.C. – Dalton B. Floyd, Jr. and Linda Floyd of Murrells Inlet, S.C., have created a new professorship at Winthrop University to cultivate leadership development. The Dalton B. Floyd, Jr. and Linda Floyd Professorship in Leadership Studies will provide support for a faculty member working within the Distinction in Leadership Program.

The Distinction in Leadership is a unique recognition that Winthrop students may achieve through classroom, service, and direct leadership experiences that develop integrity, critical capacities, and ethical and social responsibility. The newly created Dalton B. Floyd, Jr. and Linda Floyd Professorship in Leadership Studies will allow talented faculty to continue to enhance the program and to further develop curricular and experiential opportunities for Winthrop students.

Dalton B. Floyd, Jr. is currently vice chair of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. He is a distinguished attorney and businessman with a remarkable and varied record of public service including roles as chair of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, president of the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation, director of SCBT, N.A., president of the Huntington Society and trustee of Brookgreen Gardens, and a member of the Board of Visitors of the Medical University of South Carolina. Floyd is the recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian honor.

Linda Floyd is a native South Carolinian with a B.S. Degree in History from the University of South Carolina. She serves on the Board of Visitors for Winthrop University and is a founding member of the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation. She was instrumental in starting and has been actively involved the past 12 years on the planning committee for the state’s annual safety conference that has achieved national recognition. Because of her dedication and passion for this issue, in 2007 the conference was re-named the Linda B. Floyd Campus Safety Conference. She has also served the past three years on the Governor’s Professor of the Year Committee for the state. She lives in Murrells Inlet with her husband, Dalton, and has four children.

The Floyds intend that this gift, which utilizes a combination of cash and real estate gifts, will further develop an already unique and focused leadership program.

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