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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - A recent estate gift from the late Dr. Ella Cooper Bell '34 will establish the Dr. E. Cooper Bell Scholarship at Winthrop. The renewable scholarship will be available to students pursuing medical degrees through the pre-med program while majoring in chemistry or biology.

Dr. Bell finished at Winthrop College in 1934 with a degree in chemistry, then earned a Master of Science degree from Emory and an M.D. from Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She served on Winthrop's faculty from 1942-1943.

Known as the first female M.D. from Lancaster, S.C., she practiced internal medicine in Philadelphia, Pa., for 40 years, retiring in 1979.

The Dr. E. Cooper Bell Scholarship will continue Dr. Bell’s legacy by helping aspiring doctors studying at Winthrop. It is estimated that her generous estate gifts, totaling more than $326,000, will generate approximately $10,000 in scholarship dollars each year in perpetuity.

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