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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Winthrop University Alumni Association** will honor retiring executive director **Martie Curran** this month with a \$25,000 endowed scholarship in her name.

The recognition is a way of thanking Curran for her exceptional service to the university and its 42,000 alumni from 1981-2005. Curran, the university's assistant vice president and executive director for the Office of Alumni Relations, will retire this month.

"We can think of no one who deserves to be recognized more than Martie Curran from the standpoint of what she has meant to Winthrop and the Alumni Association. She has been an incredible ambassador for all of us at Winthrop. We are so delighted to establish this particular scholarship," said **Tim Sease**, president of the Alumni Association.

A community retirement drop-in will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. on Dec. 8 in **304 Tillman**.

Called the **Martie Hardin Curran Endowed Scholarship**, the endowed fund will provide scholarships for students majoring in theatre. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall 2006.

"A student scholarship is the perfect way to honor Martie's service to Winthrop because she has always believed that distinctive student experiences lead to loyal and strong alumni who will serve as ambassadors for Winthrop throughout the world," said **Kathryn Holten**, Winthrop's vice president for university advancement.

A native of Rock Hill, **Curran** grew up in the shadows of the Winthrop campus and attended the Winthrop Training School. After working in television, state government and for the S.C. governor's office, she returned to her hometown to serve as a liaison to Winthrop alumni.

Curran has organized **Alumni Reunion Celebration**, **Homecoming** and hundreds of other events across the country to help cultivate loyalty among alumni. She has mentored alumni leaders across the state and volunteered with dozens of community groups, including the Arts Council of Rock Hill and York County, S.C. ETV Advisory Board, the YMCA Regional Board of Directors, and Teen Health Center of York County.

For more information or to contribute to the scholarship, contact the **Office of Development** at 803/323-2150.

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