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Quick Facts

- Lex Nordlinger is a sophomore percussion major from Greer, S.C.



Lex Nordlinger

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Winthrop University sophomore **percussion major Lex Nordlinger** was 12 years old when his parents gave him a drum set for Christmas.

“Since then, there haven’t been many days I’ve not played a drum set,” he said.

Nordlinger’s practice has led to an esteemed honor: the **Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC)** has awarded him the **internationally competitive Sid Catlett/Ed Shaughnessy Scholarship**, which involves a stipend toward his travel expenses to attend the international convention.

To be eligible, the Greer, S.C., resident had to make a video demonstrating his musical ability and submit a resume and letter of recommendation. He said it took about 10 takes, using his mother’s camera and playing on the set in a closet at home.

Attending this year’s PASIC convention, which will be Nov. 6-9 in Indianapolis, is a great honor for Nordlinger. **Winthrop’s Percussion Ensemble** won the convention’s highest award at last year’s convention, which Nordlinger said he’s heard described as “the Super Bowl of world percussion.”

“I felt wonderful, of course,” he said of his win. “It’s my turn this year.”

For more information on the Percussion Ensemble, contact Barry Williams at 803/323-4513 or e-mail him at williamsm@winthrop.edu.

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