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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Attorney James C. Hardin III of Rock Hill has committed $75,000 in current and estate gifts to support two student scholarships and an endowment at Winthrop.

Hardin's gift will sustain the Mary Gene Roberts Hardin '45 Endowed Scholarship, the Carlyle Wilson Hardin '75 Endowed Scholarship and the Hardin Family Gardens Endowment. Five years ago, Hardin established the Mary Gene Roberts Hardin Endowed Scholarship in honor of his mother. The scholarship is given to students who demonstrate excellence in the study of voice. The Carlyle Wilson Hardin Endowed Scholarship, established by the Junior Welfare League of Rock Hill in memory of Hardin's late wife, is awarded to an outstanding freshman who graduates from Rock Hill School District Three and plans to study special education.

In 2010 Winthrop dedicated the Hardin Family Gardens established by a gift from the late Patz Carter '69, and her surviving spouse, Ray Carter, in honor of the Hardin Family. Hardin's gift will support the maintenance of the Gardens.

Hardin is a board certified specialist in estate planning and probate law in both South Carolina and North Carolina. He owns his own firm with offices in Rock Hill, S.C. and Charlotte, N.C.

Hardin, grandson of the late Dr. Walter B. Roberts who was former chair of the Winthrop Department of Music, has more than 37 years of experience in estate planning, probate and trust law, charitable giving, business succession and asset protection planning. In 2005, he chaired the South Carolina effort to pass the Uniform Trust Code and co-authored the book The South Carolina Trust Code. Hardin is a Fellow and Past S.C. state chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and has been selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America in Trusts and Estates since 1987. He is admitted to the bar in South Carolina and North Carolina.

Hardin and his wife, Katharine ("Kack"), live in Rock Hill. He is a member of Winthrop's Planned Giving Advisory Council and the Winthrop Community Leaders Advisory Group.

For more information or to make a gift, contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150.