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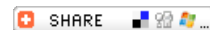
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Quick Facts

- Elected in April 2004 by the S.C. General Assembly, Janet Smalley is serving a six-year term on the university's board.
- The couple chose to give scholarships to those studying business administration or education because that is where they found their calling.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Janet and Wayne Smalley** of Walhalla, S.C., recently established a **\$25,000 endowed scholarship** at Winthrop University to benefit disadvantaged students majoring in business administration or education.

The couple chose those two fields because that is where they found their calling. "We'd love to help a young lady or gentleman do the same," said Janet Rice Smalley, a Winthrop alumna and educator who joined the university's Board of Trustees last year.

Elected in April 2004 by the S.C. General Assembly, **Janet Smalley** is serving a six-year term on the university's board. A native of Belton, S.C., she is curriculum coordinator at Walhalla High School, one of 60 secondary schools identified by the U.S. Department of Education as an innovative, high-achieving "New American High School." She has spent her 32-year career working in schools with a high percentage of underprivileged children.

A 1972 graduate of Winthrop with a degree in English and psychology, **Smalley** also serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Oconee County and the Walhalla Partners for Progress. Her husband, Wayne Smalley, is the human resources director for Avondale Mills in Walhalla and is a Walhalla City Council member.

"I have always felt that I didn't choose Winthrop, but that Winthrop chose me. It captured my heart and soul when I visited with a friend," **Janet Smalley** said. "Wayne and I are grateful for the opportunity to share that same Winthrop experience with one of South Carolina's finest students."

Winthrop officials are especially pleased to see a Board of Trustees member, particularly an alumna, take a leadership role with scholarships. Smalley is one of several board members in the last few years to step forward with a significant donation.

"Winthrop is fortunate to have Trustees who personally support and advance our goal to be a distinctive university, and the best of our kind. For the Smalley family to make such a generous gift at the outset of Janet's term as a Trustee is inspirational and sends a message of true leadership to our extended campus community," said **Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio**.

For additional information on the range of scholarships available, contact the **Office of Development** at 803/323-2150.

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