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Quick Facts

- The \$75,000 gift will support three funds: the Historical Preservation Fund, the Student Veterans Annual Restricted Fund and the Debbie Garrick Leaders' Scholarship.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – An **anonymous \$75,000 gift** will boost financial support for Winthrop students by **endowing one existing fund** and providing substantial contributions to **two additional existing funds**.

This gift will provide **\$25,000** to both the **Historical Preservation Fund**, which assists with acquisition, preservation and accessibility of historically significant materials in Winthrop's **Louise Pettus Archives & Special Collections**, and the **Student Veterans Annual Restricted Fund**, which supports the **Student Veterans of**

Winthrop on-campus organization.

An additional **\$25,000 contribution** to the **Debbie Garrick Leaders' Scholarship** will endow the existing fund. Established by John P. "Jay" Dowd III '89, the award honors Debbie Garrick '87, '89, Winthrop's former associate vice president for development and alumni relations. The fund provides financial assistance to upperclassmen campus leaders.

The gift is the most recent in a string of generous gifts to the university. **President Dan Mahony** emphasized the need to create a **thriving culture of philanthropy** at Winthrop, and made **fundraising a key priority** in his recently unveiled **strategic plan**. **Mahony** noted that the anonymous contribution represents "a key investment in Winthrop and our students."

"It is gratifying to see generous donors recognize the importance of how scholarship dollars support the needs of Winthrop students. We are deeply appreciative of this donor's selfless gift as it will touch many areas of the university," said **Mahony**.

The donor, a Columbia, South Carolina, resident, has **strong family ties** to Winthrop. She said that she made the gift "because I care deeply about preserving history and supporting our veterans and Winthrop student leaders."

She continues to be an avid supporter of the **Archives' mission** to collect and preserve South Carolina history.

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