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## Quick Facts

- The Carvalho-Hickman Tennis Scholarship was established by Lee and Em Bowers.
- The scholarship will be awarded to a men's tennis player who displays leadership.



*Cid Carvalho*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – A new fund has been established to honor Winthrop University's longtime tennis coach – Cid Carvalho '81, '89 – as well as the university's athletics director – Tom Hickman.

The Carvalho-Hickman Tennis Scholarship was established by Lee and Em Bowers. The purpose of the \$25,000 scholarship, which will be funded over five years, is to provide a scholarship to a **men's tennis** player who displays leadership.

Scholarship recipient selection will be determined by the men's tennis coach.

"Tennis is a sport that Em and I have enjoyed over the years and continue to be a part of," said Lee Bowers, the office manager for Winthrop's dining services provider, ARAMARK, and an **Eagle Club** board member. "It is a sport for life. Both Cid and Tom have provided strong leadership in their respective roles here at the university;

therefore, we felt it only fitting to show our appreciation for their efforts."

**Carvalho** is in his 30th year as a tennis coach at Winthrop. After completing 25 years as both the men's and women's tennis head coach, the duties of the two positions were divided and he now serves as the women's tennis coach. Under his leadership, the women's team has won 17 Big South conference titles and the men's team has captured five conference titles. The university's winningest coach, Carvalho has been voted Big South Conference women's Coach of the Year 10 times and men's Coach of the Year three times.

"It is a humbling experience to have a scholarship established in Tom and my names. It is an honor that I share with all my players and assistants who have contributed to the success of the tennis programs throughout the years," Carvalho said.

**Hickman** is in his 20th year as athletics director. Under his leadership, Winthrop teams have won 47 Big South Conference championships and made 48 NCAA appearances. There have been 35 Academic All-America selections throughout the various sports and 36 All-America selections. In addition, construction of the Irwin Belk track, Winthrop Ballpark, softball complex and Memorial Courts have been completed and major upgrades to Eagle Field and the Winthrop Coliseum have occurred.

To contribute to the Carvalho-Hickman Tennis Scholarship, please contact Nate Brinkley,

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