

2021 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award Dick McCoy '04

Each year, Winthrop recognizes an alumnus for selfless dedication of time, energy and talent in service to others. The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award captures this high honor.

The 2021 recipient is Richard "Dick" McCoy '04, a retired pediatric physician of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

He was in private pediatric practice from 1980 to 2001. Upon retirement in 2001, he enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at Winthrop. Since 2004, he has been an adjunct professor at Winthrop and Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, North Carolina, teaching in their healthcare management programs. In addition to his medical background, McCoy is a chemical engineering graduate of North Carolina State University. He obtained his medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Dick and his wife Jan, a retired pediatric neurologist, are among the charter members of the D. B. Johnson Society, which consists of a loyal group of individuals who have included Winthrop University in their estate plans. The McCoys established the Richard L. and Jan Shaw McCoy Endowed Scholarship at Winthrop in 2017, which to date has provided financial support to four Winthrop students studying Healthcare Administration. The philanthropists also established a fund in 2020 to the Early Learning Partnership of York County to provide a permanent foundation for ELP's early literacy and education programs. He is a former member of South Carolina ETV's Board of Trustees.

McCoy is also very active in the Rock Hill community, serving on two advisory boards at Winthrop; the Healthcare Management Program Advisory Board and the Graduate School Advisory Board. He is also a board member of the Rock Hill-based STEM Development Foundation (SDF), which brings together community leaders to foster science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education at the K-12 level and college level.

In 2020, McCoy founded Lifelong Learning @ Rock Hill, a series of workshops and seminars geared toward adults aged 50+ who want to develop new skills or learn more about different topics.