



2022 Mary Mildred Sullivan Award Jane LaRoche '70

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

The 2022 recipient is Dr. Jane LaRoche '70, a dedicated medical physician from Camden, South Carolina.

LaRoche graduated with her first degree in Spanish from Winthrop College in 1969 and completed her Bachelor of Science in physical education in 1970. While at Winthrop, she was a member of the Senior Order Honorary Society, Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, Spanish Honor Club, Winthrop Recreation Association, Dolphin Club and Freshmen Orientation Committee.

A member of the varsity basketball team, she was voted Most Enthusiastic in her senior class.

After completing her degrees at Winthrop, LaRoche entered medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she served on the Medical School Freshman Orientation and Curriculum Committees. She completed her degree in 1974 and spent part of 1975 at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa as a cardiology exchange student.

She returned to her hometown of Camden to assist in general practice and surgery with Dr. Herbert Schreiber. In July of 1975, she began her internship in internal medicine at Tulane University's Charity Hospital. She became Board Certified in Internal Medicine in 1978, in Geriatrics in 1990 and in Emergency Medicine in 2000.

During her long career in the medical field, LaRoche has been in private practice in internal medicine, was the medical section chief for the C.M. Tucker, Jr., Human Resources Center and served as a clinical assistant professor of Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. She is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, has served as an emergency room physician for 28 years and is currently working in urgent care medicine.

LaRoche's professional affiliations include American College of Physicians, American College of Emergency Physicians, American Association of Physician Specialists, American Society of Internal Medicine and American Geriatrics Society.

As an alumna, LaRoche has remained an active volunteer and generous donor to her alma mater. She has served on the Executive Board of the Kershaw County Alumni Chapter since 1993, served as a class agent for 36 years, as a class reunion volunteer for over 20 years, is a past member of the Annual Giving Advisory Council and most recently served on the Class of 1970's 50-year reunion.

In 2005, LaRoche was recognized as a distinguished alumna by Winthrop's Department of Physical Education, Sport, & Human Performance.

In 2006 she was elected by fellow alumni to the Winthrop University Board of Trustees as an alumni representative, a seat she held for three terms until June 30, 2022. While on the Board of Trustees, she served as co-terminus seat on the Alumni Executive Board.

In 2015 she established the Jane LaRoche Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction, which recognizes and rewards a faculty member at Winthrop who has demonstrated a dedication to teaching. She is currently working with the university to create an endowed music scholarship that will support concert music instrumentalists.



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LaRoche is a charter member of the Eagle Club, which provides support to Winthrop Athletics, and a charter member of the D.B. Johnson Society, Winthrop's planned giving donor society.

For 40 years, she been involved with the Camden Community Concert Band, where she was the flutist and piccoloist and is still an active member. She is a former member of the Camden Community Theatre Orchestra and a current member of the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County, Camden Historical Society, Riverbanks Zoological Society, National Steeplechase Museum, Humane Society of Kershaw County and Grace Episcopal Church.