



2020 Mary Mildred Sullivan Award Lynn Mann Hornsby '70

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

The 2020 award recipient is Lynn Mann Hornsby '70, well known for her and her family's fundraising efforts for area agencies and organizations.

Hornsby and her late husband, Clarence, established Winthrop University's Hornsby Master of Liberal Arts Lecture Series for the purpose of providing a lectureship series at the university. The Hornsbys established the endowment during the university's first capital campaign, the Lasting Achievement Campaign, in 1999. They were spotlighted in the Fall 1999 edition of the Winthrop Magazine for their contributions. At that time, Winthrop president Anthony DiGiorgio said the gift reflects the importance the Hornsbys place on improving the quality of life in their community.

She married Clarence towards the end of her junior year, taking a break from school and later returning to complete her degree requirements as a non-traditional student over a six-year period. Clarence taught many years as an adjunct instructor in the College of Business Administration. He was the president and general manager of the Carolinas Division Bowater Paper Corp. (now New-Indy Containerboard). They have two children, Jane and John, and a daughter-in-law, Melanie '84, '89, a two-time Winthrop graduate in elementary education.

In 1999, Hornsby, who is legally blind, was appointed by former Governor Jim Hodges to serve on the South Carolina Commission for the Blind; she served a subsequent term from 2002 to 2006. She has volunteered extensively with the Rock Hill Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind and the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The local Red Cross established the Lynn Hornsby Honor Society after her because of her dedication to the agency.

Additionally, Hornsby has been a consecutive donor to Winthrop since 1988 and is also actively involved with Friends of Dacus Library, a group which supports Winthrop's library.