



## **2020 Mary Mildred Sullivan Award Lynn Mann Hornsby '70**

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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. Since the Hornsby Master of Liberal Arts Lecture Series was established, there have been five visiting lecturers at Winthrop. Lecturers for the series are world-class speakers – published and award-winning authors and the like, who have shared their insights with Graduate School students in the Master of Liberal Arts program and the local community.

Hornsby attended college for two years in Arkansas Henderson State Teachers College, now Henderson State University. She worked for four years in Pine Bluff, AK, where both of her children were born. Hornsby and Clarence moved to Rock Hill in 1961 for Clarence's job with Bowater Paper Mill. After moving to Rock Hill, Hornsby began attending classes at Winthrop for fun because the campus was so inviting and then decided to pursue her degree. She earned her degree requirements as a non-traditional student at Winthrop over a six-year period. Hornsby graduated from Winthrop when she was 40 years old with a bachelor of arts in English in 1970.

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.