



2020 Alumni Distinguished Service Award Pat Rambow Robertson '67

The Alumni Distinguished Service Award recognizes a Winthrop alumna/us who significantly contributes to the quality of life in his or her community, the development of values and morals within others and serves as an outstanding citizen. Distinguished service may have been rendered with one's profession, church, charity, family or school on a national, state or local level. The recipient shall be a dedicated alumna/us who supports the growth and development of Winthrop through service to and/or support of established programs and objectives.

Pat Rambow Robertson '67 is the 2020 recipient, who was born in Charleston, South Carolina, and raised in Union, South Carolina.

Robertson first fell in love with Winthrop when she visited the university as a Union High School representative for Miss Hi-Miss, a leadership event hosted by Winthrop that began in the late 1940s. High schools all over the state would choose outstanding (scholastically and other criteria) junior and senior girls to visit Winthrop for a weekend to introduce the campus to these students. It became a successful recruitment tool because many of the young women who visited during the Miss Hi-Miss Weekend decided to attend Winthrop. Robertson was one of those students in 1963. She learned about the College of Business Administration and once enrolled, she focused on business administration courses. At the time, computer science classes were being newly developed.

Robertson graduated in 1967 and has continued to stay involved with her classmates and the university. She is a fund contact for the Class of 1967 scholarship, which was established to honor and celebrate the Winthrop experience of the Class of 1967. The scholarship provides support to freshmen who have a GPA of 2.8 or greater and freshmen who are veterans or who are from the family of a veteran.

Additionally, Robertson was featured in the Spring 2003 edition of the Winthrop Magazine, "Pat Rambow Robertson '67 Makes Volunteering for Higher Education a Priority." The article begins with "When a Winthrop staff member mentions Patricia Rambow Robertson, words such as "commitment," "loyalty," and "selflessness" are usually soon to follow." She is an active alumna and has served in a number of leadership capacities as a former member of the board of directors for the Winthrop University Foundation (1992-2014); former member and chair of the Annual Giving Advisory Council (1999-2008); former member of the Lasting Achievement Campaign Cabinet (1998-2005); and former member and gift chair of the Alumni Reunion Committee (1997-1998).

Robertson has served as a hostess for numerous alumni events in the Atlanta area, where she and her husband, Allen, lived for nearly 50 years. They serve the community in a number of ways with Pat serving as an elder and member of the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team of Roswell Presbyterian Church and as a lifetime member of the Sandy Springs Woman's Club Board, a community service organization.



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She also helped organize a needs-based food pantry and clothing closet operated by a group of local churches, assisted with a refugee families' resettlement program and taught senior citizen oil painting classes.

The Roberstons now live in Florida near their son, Bob, his wife, Kim, and three grandchildren, Hunter, Ansley and Sydney. She hosted an alumni event for Jacksonville-area alumni shortly after relocating, further demonstrating her continued love for her alma mater.

Pat and Allen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2021.