



2026 Mary Mildred Sullivan Award Mrs. Vivian Moore Carroll, Class of 1973

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 2026 recipient is Mrs. Vivian Moore Carroll, Class of 1973, who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to education, her alma mater, her church and the Charlotte community. Through her professional accomplishments, volunteer leadership and philanthropy, she has worked to create opportunities for others and strengthen the institutions that have been important in her life.

Mrs. Carroll earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Winthrop College in 1973. She earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1983 and received the Certified Financial Planner designation from the College for Financial Planning in 1987.

A native of Rock Hill, she spent 25 years in the securities industry before retiring in 2001 as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch in Charlotte. In 1989, the Carolinas Association of Women in Investments recognized her as its Outstanding Woman in Investments.

Mrs. Carroll has generously served Winthrop through her leadership, expertise and philanthropy. Believing strongly that education changes lives, Mrs. Carroll and her husband, Larry, made a leadership gift in 2008 to establish a business and trading center within Winthrop's then College of Business Administration. The facility provides students with practical experience and access to financial tools and technology used in global markets. Vivian M. Carroll Hall, which houses the Carroll Capital Markets Training and Trading Center as well as classrooms and faculty offices, was dedicated on Sept. 25, 2009.

In 2009, Mrs. Carroll co-chaired *Distinction: The Campaign for Winthrop*, Winthrop's \$50 million capital campaign. She assisted in securing resources for the campaign to support Winthrop students, faculty and programs.

She served on the Executive Board of the Winthrop Alumni Association from 2000-2012, serving as president of the board from 2009-2011. She also chaired the Credentials Committee and Honors and Awards Committee of the Alumni Executive Board. She served on the Winthrop University Foundation Board from 2008-2021 and chaired the Audit Committee. In 2016, she was a founding member of the Winthrop Women's Coalition and is a current member, serving as an ambassador to support the vision of Winthrop's strategic plan and philanthropic needs.

In 2011, the Carrolls endowed the Fred Hembree History Scholarship in honor of Winthrop's Department of History and Mr. Carroll's cousin, Dr. Fred Hembree, Winthrop Classes of 1980 and 1981. Their support reflects their desire both to honor family connections and to help future generations benefit from the educational opportunities that shaped their own lives.



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The Carrolls' commitment to education extends beyond Winthrop. They established the Larry W. Carroll Financial Trading Center at Austin Peay State University, where Mr. Carroll earned his undergraduate degree. They also sponsored a student-managed investment fund and established an endowed scholarship at Austin Peay. Mr. Carroll later earned his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Tennessee, where the couple has also sponsored a student-managed investment fund. Through these initiatives, the Carrolls have helped students gain valuable experience applying classroom knowledge to real-world investment decisions.

Mrs. Carroll's dedication to service is equally evident throughout the Charlotte community. She served on the Harris YMCA Board of Managers from 1992-2000, chairing the board from 1998-2000. In 2002, the Harris YMCA honored her with the George Williams Award in recognition of her exceptional volunteer service and leadership. She subsequently served on the YMCA of Greater Charlotte's Metropolitan Board of Managers from 2001-2004 and she currently serves as a trustee of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte.

Her other community involvement includes serving on the boards of Queen City Civitan, Carolina Voices, the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the American Red Cross and Hornets' Nest Girl Scouts. She also chaired the Carolina Voices board.

Mrs. Carroll is a longtime and active member of Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte. She has served three terms as a deacon and has taught Girls in Action, Acteens, Vacation Bible School, and children's choirs. She has sung in the Sanctuary Choir for more than 40 years and currently serves as Chair-Elect of the Church Council of Providence Baptist Church. In 2023, she co-chaired a successful \$3 million *Restore & Renew Capital Campaign* at the church. Through these and many other roles she has shared her faith and gifts with children, youth and adults across generations.

Mrs. Carroll and her husband have one son, Kristopher W. Carroll, PhD, CFA®, CFP®, who is continuing the Carroll family's involvement in financial planning and investment management. He serves as the Managing Director of the Carolinas at Wealth Enhancement Group. He has also taught investment courses at Winthrop. He is married to Carolyn Martonffy, and together they have five children. Mrs. Carroll enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, needlepoint and watercolor painting.