



WINTHROP UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT





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In the following pages, you will find milestones of the 2018-19 academic year for the Winthrop University Foundation. Also, you will see information about the Winthrop University Foundation's holdings and performance as well as key data points about the university community and students we serve. Lastly, we share with you our greatest source of pride and our highest philanthropic priority at Winthrop—stories of how Winthrop University students have benefitted from your personal philanthropy.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, more than 1,600 students received scholarships from the Winthrop University Foundation. Additionally, the Winthrop Fund provided an additional \$241,000 in scholarships to deserving students. This past year, donors funded 13 new endowed scholarships to be added to the Winthrop Endowed Scholarship program. A total of nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships provided crucial funding for Winthrop students. And the impact of your giving doesn't end there—with more than 800 active scholarship and program funds under our management, we are supporting every aspect of the Winthrop experience for our students.

Whether our students are competing athletically, conducting research, volunteering, or studying, they depend not only upon the scholarship support provided by donors but also upon the endorsement of the larger Winthrop community as encouragement to pursue their biggest dreams. With each graduating class, we think of how far each of the (now) young alumni will go with their Winthrop degree and education. We are grateful you help make their life pursuits possible.

Winthrop Ever Stand!

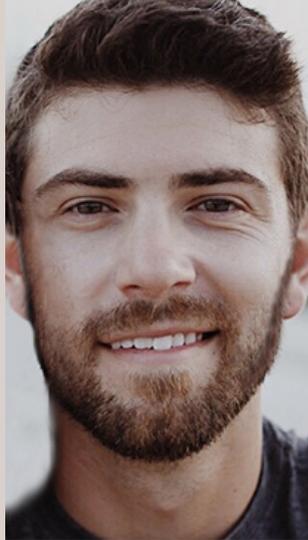
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JORDAN HAMRICK

Recipient of the
Anne Moss Biggs Endowed Scholarship
and the Dalton Environmental Studies
and Sciences Scholarship



Jordan Hamrick '19, an environmental studies major from Rock Hill, South Carolina, is an advocate for local conservation efforts. He blends his love of the environment and Rock Hill as an outdoor educator and brownfield redevelopment assistant with the city; it feels like less of a job and more of a passion. Students like Jordan say scholarships allow them more time to focus on academics and real world experiences and lessen college costs. "My scholarships made it possible for me to focus on doing my absolute best work in my studies and in my internship. Without scholarships, the stress and financial burden would have likely led to a compromise in the quality of my work." Jordan has been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA while balancing school, work and family life.

Chapin, South Carolina, native **Ashley Graham '19** recently joined our network of 60,000 alumni, but her memories of Winthrop will remain over the years. Ashley was drawn to Winthrop because of the small class sizes and the faculty's commitment to student-centered learning. It became the perfect environment for her to excel: she went on to win the 2019 Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition where students compete to deliver an elevator speech about their research in three minutes. As a Winthrop Fellows Scholarship recipient, she thrived as a biology major. "My scholarship allowed me to take advanced biology classes and obtain research experience that have impacted my career path." She also was able to work through some difficult challenges at Winthrop. "The counseling center and the faculty at Winthrop supported me through these tough times, and I was able to achieve success despite the challenges."



ASHLEY GRAHAM

Recipient of the
Graduate Recruitment Scholarship

JADESHA HAIR

Recipient of the
Jean Rast Baldwin Endowed Scholarship



Jadesha Hair '20, a business administration major (healthcare management) from Charleston, South Carolina, knew that Winthrop was a perfect fit the moment she stepped foot on campus. "I chose to attend Winthrop because of the diversity that lies within the community and the sense of home I feel here. I am so blessed to be surrounded by such creative minds, hard working and caring professors, selfless faculty, and amazing students." In her time here, Jadesha has been empowered to embrace Winthrop's offerings: student ambassador, orientation leader, Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Having a scholarship in place allowed her to focus on her education and discover these amazing leadership opportunities. Even when she was unsure of how things would work out financially, Jadesha relied on her faith and never looked back.

GIFTS RECEIVED BY AREA

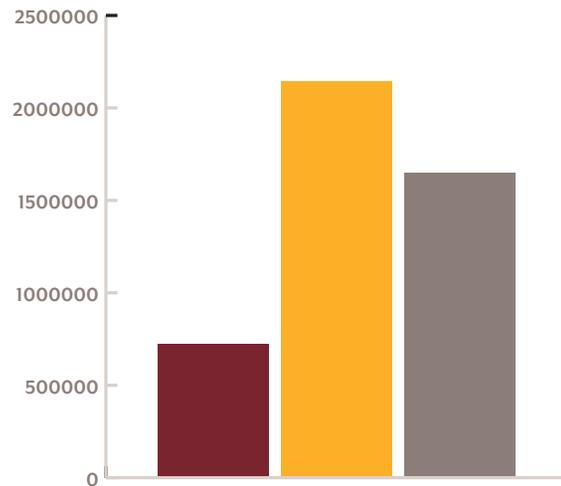
As of 12/31/2018

Winthrop Fund
\$714,212

Program Funds
\$2,132,766

Endowed Funds
\$1,641,083

Total
\$4,488,061



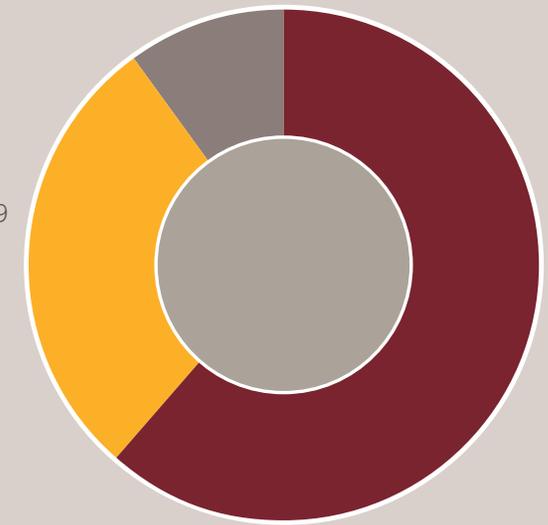
ENDOWMENT ASSET ALLOCATION

61.6% Equity

28.6% Fixed Income

9.8% Real Estate

Total Endowment Portfolio:
\$57,948,902, as of June 30, 2019



FOUNDATION EXPENDITURES

University Support
\$35,642

Winthrop Fund Scholarships
\$241,000

Special Programs
\$10,000

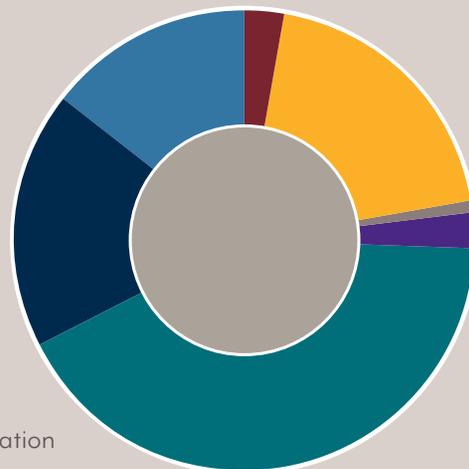
Alumni Association Operations
\$29,570

Foundation Operations
\$518,229

Advancement Operations
\$222,577

University President's Compensation
\$175,279

Total Expenditures
\$1,232,297



HISTORICAL RETURNS OF PORTFOLIO

with benchmarks by calendar year

2018
-6.18%/-5.55%

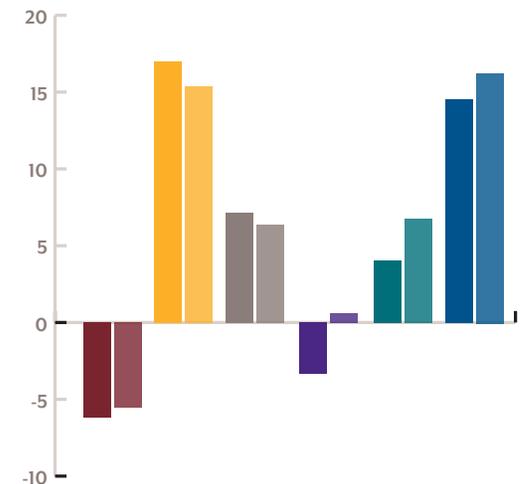
2017
16.98%/15.36%

2016
7.16%/6.38%

2015
-3.315%/.610%

2014
4.062%/6.79%

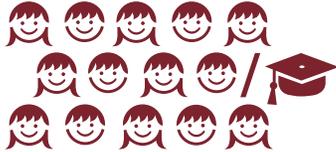
2013
14.54%/16.27%



WINTHROP BY THE NUMBERS



5,813 students



71% female

14:1 student to faculty ratio

21 average class size



40% minority enrollment at undergraduate level



37% are first-generation students.

280 full-time faculty

Students come from **45** states and **39** countries



SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID



\$241,000 Winthrop Fund scholarships



45% of students are eligible for the Pell Grant



73% of students are receiving scholarships

Data based on Fall 2018



YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE WINTHROP FUND PAYS HUGE DIVIDENDS

The Winthrop Fund provides current and immediate support to students and the university. There are no restrictions on these gifts, which allows the university to address and meet pressing and immediate priorities and invest in new student initiatives. The generosity of alumni, parents, faculty/staff and other supporters has tremendous impact that ensures students are able to attend Winthrop. It provides the most flexibility with your gift, providing scholarships to students and making possible the continued growth of this institutions's goals and initiatives.

Annual gifts to Winthrop impact the lives of our students, faculty/staff and university. Gifts from alumni and friends support Winthrop in providing an exceptional academic experience. Each year, Winthrop is recognized in national college rankings because of our commitment to excellence in education. By establishing a personal tradition of giving, you can assist Winthrop in providing opportunities that enrich the minds and lives of all learners. More than 830 student recipients have benefited from the Winthrop Fund.



State funding covers only **8%** of institution costs. (It was 60% in the 1980s.)

JOHN KROFT

Recipient of the Edward M. Fersner Scholarship and the Mamie Gullede Lybrand Harley Scholarship



John Kroft '19, an English literature and language graduate from Zephyrhills, Florida, developed research skills as a student that helped him earn recognition during the annual BigSURS (Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium) this past spring at Liberty University. John won the “Textual/ Investigative Poster” category at SURS and credits professors in the English department for cultivating him into a well-rounded researcher and writer. He plans to use these valuable skills to attain his MBA. “The English faculty meeting with me one-on-one to review and critique some of my work really helped me to be not only a better writer, but a more astute and critical analyst myself.” During his time at Winthrop, John says learning to socialize and embrace peers that held different viewpoints and perspectives was eye-opening; the small class sizes at Winthrop helped further those connections.

Irene Natsis '20, a senior from Fort Mill studying social studies education, is entering her final year at Winthrop with no student debt. She can focus on learning and growing during her internship, where she will discover how to manage a classroom and connect with students. These are all strategic steps to her goals of teaching and becoming a principal. “I chose Winthrop because of its reputation and amazing teaching program. I knew that I wanted to attend a school where I could have personal relationships with professors and take classes that would help me grow as a professional,” she says. She is grateful that she was one of two students to receive a history scholarship. “I was so humbled to have been chosen, and it was one of my proudest moments.”



IRENE NATSIS

Recipient of the Burgh Kemp Johnson Endowment in Education, the Elrod Scholarship and the J.A. Knox Scholarship

TAYLOR EVANS

Recipient of the Producers Circle Scholarship



Taylor Evans '21 of Irmo, South Carolina, a junior studying theatre and mass communication, is ready for lights, camera and action. During the 2018-19 academic year she will direct a Winthrop production in the One Act Festival. Because of her love of the theatre, she wants to pursue acting, of course, but her interest in media has her considering working for a news show like 20/20 or 48 Hours. Taylor says the Winthrop campus feels like home and she has special ties to the theatre department. She keeps busy with majors, clubs and jobs but admits it can be challenging balancing everything she does. One highlight, she says, is the scholarship that has helped alleviate additional stress. “It has helped lift certain burdens off of my parents and me as we are paying for my college, and we are so grateful for that!”



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