**Ada Belle Winthrop-King Visual Arts Endowment (F05795)**

Ada Belle Winthrop-King

*(1900-1997)*

Ada Belle "Pat" Winthrop-King was a scholar, a trilingual foreign language teacher, a stock market wizard and a woman devoted to her family and Florida State University. She was committed to helping students enrich themselves and meet their goals.

Winthrop-King left her hometown of Lyons, Georgia in 1928, to move to Tallahassee and teach Spanish and French at Florida State College for Women. After earning a master's degree at Vanderbilt University (YEAR), she went to Paris on a scholarship and studied at the Sorbonne. After falling in love with the city, she returned every year to experience one of France’s most exciting periods of art and literature.

Along with her love of FSU, her devotion to the romantic city is the reason she established endowed funds in the College of Fine Arts and the College of Arts and Sciences. She gave generously to the University for the endowment before her death and the state matched her substantial donations. Most of the endowments are used for student scholarships so others may experience France, literature and art as much as Winthrop-King did almost 70 year ago.

In July 1991, she received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from FSU. In 1989, the French government bestowed on her the rank of Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, one of the most prestigious honors given by the French government to a foreign citizen.

Her life work has given others the opportunity to reach their highest potential as well as forged a pathway of mutual friendship and appreciation between the people of Florida and the people of France.

#### Ada Belle Winthrop-King Visual Arts Endowment Past Recipients:

Emily Hayes, 2014 Recipient, MS in Art Therapy

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