

STAFF stuff

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**Staff Professional
Development
Conference**

June 26-27, 8:30 a.m.-noon

**True colors, marketing yourself,
business attire, oh my!**

This is just a sneak peek of the topics in the works for the Third Annual Staff Professional Development Conference, June 26-27, 8:30 a.m.–noon. Look for registration information coming soon.

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STAFF MEMBER of the month

Pam Gillette, *accounting technician, Accounts Payable*



How many years have you been at Winthrop?
Seven years.

What makes Winthrop special to you?
I love the people here at Winthrop.

What drives you to make such a difference?
My drive comes from my faith, and getting to know the people on campus and making some good friends. I know Accounts Payable is an important part of the university, so I always strive to do my best.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?
There are a number of things that I enjoy here at Winthrop. One is working on this beautiful campus (thanks to all those working hard to keep it beautiful). Another is the excitement every year of bringing in the new freshman class. Oh, to be young again!

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

In my spare time, I love to read, cook, and especially bake. I love football - Go Clemson Tigers! I also teach 4-year-olds at my church. They can memorize verses better than I can!

If you had to tell an incoming student one thing about Winthrop, what would it be?

I would tell an incoming student to get involved in as much as they can while in school. There is so much to learn and enjoy, so stay connected.

Nominees

from left to right: Jamie Ray, web developer, University Communications and Marketing; Pam Gillette, accounting technician, Accounts Payable; Sibbie Lowery, graphic artist, Printing Services; Angie Conner, printing equipment operator, Printing Services; and Tiffany Smathers, administrative specialist, Interdisciplinary Studies. not pictured: Richie Parrish, assistant director, Printing Services.



Employee Assistance Program Information

Winthrop is now sponsoring a new, exciting benefit available to you and members of your household. Come hear more at the informational session for all employees on **Thursday, April 4 in Owens Room G02** at 11 a.m. (Sign up through the [TLC Calendar](#)).

Winthrop's new Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided through MYgroup (McLaughin Young) offers employees and their household members support and resources to address personal or work-related concerns. For example, employees and members of their households are eligible to seek counseling information and other types of support at no cost, including financial counseling, wellness information, and legal resources.

Confidentiality is one of the most important features of the EAP. No one will know that an employee has used this resource unless you offer that information or unless someone's safety is threatened.

To view all the online resources, (including seminars, articles, search of daycare resources, etc.) please use the information listed below:

www.mygroup.com

Click on My Portal Login
Worklife

Username: winthrop303

Password: guest

Spotlight on giving back



Winthrop staff once again have an opportunity to partner with the students from Sullivan Middle School on a fundraising project. The students are selling packs of socks to raise money for children in developing countries who have lost limbs. A pack of three pairs of socks costs \$12, and the money will go towards providing these kids with prosthetic limbs so that they

can have equal access to education and other opportunities. The fundraising campaign goes through April 9, and the socks can be purchased by visiting <https://go.wehelptwo.com/campaign/?campaignid=1685>. For more information, contact Kelly Scott at scottks@winthrop.edu.

Staff Photos



Shayna Foxworth, *student and young alumni coordinator, Alumni Relations*, was awarded the Julia H. Post Activities Award by Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. This award is given annually to the person most dedicated to preserving the social and cultural well-being of the Rock Hill community. Shayna is pictured here with Mayor John Gettys and two members of the Rock Hill City Council.



Charlie McDonald, *groundskeeping supervisor, Facilities Management*, was awarded the Beyond the Call of Glen award for service above and beyond to the Come-See-Me Festival during the Come-See-Me Past Chairman's Breakfast at Manchester Meadows.

SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

Linda O'Connor

assistant manager/marketplace manager, Student Financial Services



I've been blessed to call Winthrop my "work home" for just over 13 years. Currently, I wear two hats. I am the assistant manager of Student Financial Services as well as the marketplace manager. I graduated from Winthrop in 2016 and will graduate from Winthrop this coming May with my M.B.A. I serve on the Staff Assembly as one of the representatives for Finance and Business and also as vice chair, and I'm a student member of the ISACA organization on campus. I am married to my sweet husband, Ian, and I am the proud mother to four beautiful young adults: my son, Parker; and three daughters, Madison, Elena, and Brooklyn. I'm also a pet mom to four kitties: Max, Callie, Tika, and Aries. In my free time I'm either a girly-girl who loves pedicures, shopping, eating out, and visiting with my girlfriends, or I'm a huge nerd — playing video games or running Pokémon card tournaments on the weekends at Grand Slam Cards here in town. If you know me, I'm like the energizer bunny and will keep going, and going, and going.....

New Hires

Welcome to the newest members of our Winthrop Family:

James Ervin, *groundskeeper, Facilities Management*

Tyler Geraldts, *police officer, Campus Police*

Brenda Gilmore, *custodial worker, Facilities Management*

Charles Page, *business consultant, Small Business Development Center*

Ken Tough, *debt and capital asset accountant, Controller's Office*

Staff Assembly

The staff assembly serves as an advisory group that provides staff with a forum for communication and community and provides a voice in matters of importance and concern to staff. The group offers opportunities for staff to support one another, participate as a group in community outreach and engagement, and make recommendations to the university's president and the administration in support of staff needs and the university's mission.

Please e-mail staffassembly@winthrop.edu with any questions or suggestions you may have. If you would prefer the option of contacting the assembly anonymously, please complete the online staff feedback form via a non-Winthrop computer.

Upcoming Events

Food Truck Friday April 19

Join the Campus and Community Involvement Committee at the Winthrop tent near Oakland Avenue for food and fun! There will be \$5 Food Truck Bucks for the first 200 people.

Come-See-Me Festival April 4-13

Check out the festival's website to see all of the events taking place on campus. Be sure not to miss the Winthrop tent at the tailgate on April 13. Contact Pam Varraso for more information, or if you'd like to volunteer!

Staff Conference Highlights

- Staff questions included concerns about paying to have classes at the Bleachery instead of using underutilized classrooms on campus, the possibility of switching from parking stickers to hanging tags, facilities needing repairs, budgeting, requiring students to take a personal finance class, and a proposed change to the holiday calendar for 2019 and 2020.
- Terri Haynes, *benefits administrator, Human Resources*, presented information on the new Employee Assistance Program.
- Chris Keck, *program director, Office of Accessibility*, introduced himself and responded to some staff concerns and questions relating to accessibility, including emotional support animals on campus and the issues with the Owens elevator.
- Shannon Brown, *annual philanthropy manager, Alumni Relations*, announced the upcoming Day of Giving on April 6.

Finding Big Stuff



Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has the illustration to the left of our beloved mascot, Big Stuff, hidden somewhere throughout the pages. If you find Big Stuff, send an e-mail to staffstuff@winthrop.edu and tell us where he is. Those who find Big Stuff will be entered into a drawing to win a prize. Congratulations to last month's winner: Bobbie Schreiner, *associate head coach for track and field, Athletics*.

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