

STAFF STUFF

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back-to-school stuff

August 1: get that parking decal—your current one expires at the end of the month.



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August 17: Dr. Mahony's Presidential Opening Address in Tillman Auditorium at 10 a.m., followed by reception in McBryde Hall

August 22-30: Welcome Week is in full swing. Everything from Latin Dance to Disco, Avengers to Hypnotists...pick up a \$10 welcome week pass at the DiGiorgio Campus Center Front Desk to get into every event.

August 24: Wear your navy and white and attend Convocation in Byrnes Auditorium at 3 p.m., followed by a FREE BBQ picnic on the front lawn

August 24: classes begin—help confused freshmen and transfers find Bancroft and navigate the maze that is Withers

August 28: Faculty/Staff Party at 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in McBryde Hall. All faculty and staff members are invited to bring a guest and enjoy fun, food and dancing with your colleagues. FREE (with cash bar).

August 29: Winthrop Day at Carowinds. Let's turn the theme park garnet and gold. Special tickets only \$37/person (includes parking). You must purchase your tickets through [THIS LINK](#) to get the discounted tickets (username **eagles** and password **day**). Bring the whole family, and wear your Eagle gear.



Bonus content, staff photos, and up-to-the-minute news flashes can all be yours at the [Winthrop Staff Assembly facebook page!](#)



PRESIDENT stuff

Dr. Mahony addressed staff at the last staff conference meeting on July 21. He began by stating how honored he is to be here at Winthrop and is appreciative of the overwhelming support the Winthrop community has shown. The Mahonys have received consistent support since they interviewed, which has contributed to the smooth transition.

He appreciates it and it is a great feeling after making the decision to join us at Winthrop.

Now what happens? We take steps to determine the future direction for the institution for the next five to ten years. He intends to

make this an inclusive process to involve the entire community and its stakeholders. He assures the staff that their voice will still be heard, and they will be involved in the process. The next steps will include strategic planning, a view on how our institution is currently successful, and to determine ways to measure our success. There are clear goals that we will need to address such as student recruitment, retention, and success and how we can do those better. Another area to address is employee satisfaction which can be accomplished through methods of compensation and non-compensation. We need to focus on our government and community relations—being actively involved but still making sure the priorities for that involvement keep us in line with Winthrop's priorities. We need to focus on being fiscally strong and creating a budget model that has our funds going to areas in line with our priorities. We need to focus on a culture of philanthropy on our campus, as it is not one group's responsibility. As committees are developed to review these initiatives, he will make sure they will include faculty, staff, and students so that each area has representation.

Check out Dr. Mahony's [Office of the President page](#) and see the video of his first day on the job on July 1. Welcome Dr. Mahony, Laura, Gavin, and Elena (and Washington the dog!).



Dr. Dan Mahony greets faculty and staff at his first-day ice cream social on July 1.

PRINTING stuff

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STUDENT stuff

This year's freshmen were generally born in 1997. Here's what their world looks like.

- Among those who have never been alive in their lifetime are Princess Diana of Wales, John Denver, and Mother Theresa.
- They have only had three presidents of the United States: Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama.
- Facebook has been around since they were in first grade.
- Hong Kong has always been a part of China.
- Harry Potter has always been a part of their literature.
- iMacs and cell phones have always existed.
- Ellen DeGeneres has always been out of the closet.
- Evander Holyfield has always been missing some of his ear.
- Vanna White has never actually TURNED a letter on Wheel of Fortune. She has only touched monitors to make letters appear.
- Teri Hatcher and Heather Locklear are among the moms who might be packing their daughters' things and decorating their dorm rooms this year.



Incoming students take selfies at Winthrop Orientation sessions this summer.

UPCOMING stuff

2015 marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act. National Disability and Employment Awareness Month is coming in October with some exciting and interesting exhibitions and activities.

Watch the September newsletter for complete information on upcoming events, such as photo exhibitions in both the DiGiorgio Campus Center and the Lewandowski Gallery, panel discussions, and an accessibility fair.

Contact *Tina Vires* for more information or the Office of Disability Services at 803/323-3290.



*Brian Steel photo exhibition
IMPAIRED PERCEPTIONS*

VOLUNTEER stuff

Residential student move-in day each fall means a large increase in the amount of cardboard and other waste folks use only during move in. A move-in program focuses on diverting recyclables to the appropriate bins/dumpsters and educating folks about recycling throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to work at least one two-hour shift between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to monitor the waste collection stations Friday, August 21, as freshman are moving into Wofford and Richardson. Ideally, we would like to have four to six volunteers for each shift so that



we can help people at the dumpsters, in the lobby, and/or in front of Wofford and Richardson. If you would be interested in volunteering during this event, please contact Sustainability Coordinator *Chris Johnson* with the times you would be able to

attend. The main responsibility will be to help students and parents place waste and recycling in the correct bins. Additional details will be sent to all volunteers prior to the event.

MEETING stuff

UPCOMING STAFF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 18 @ 2 p.m. Whitton Auditorium

Tuesday, September 15 @ 2 p.m. Whitton Auditorium

MISS A MEETING?

Check out the monthly *meeting minutes online*.

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH *stuff*

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MAY: CHRIS ROUSSEAU

Director of Operations and Maintenance
Facilities Management

How long have you been at Winthrop? *23 years*

What makes Winthrop special to you? *the people I work with*

What drives you to make such a big difference every day?

Just being me...the feeling of accomplishment

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

The farm...and that everybody would like to see nothing but the best for Winthrop

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

I would tell them that they would be amazed at how many employees would like to make all our campus facilities more up-to-date as far as roofing, mechanical, utilities systems—the employees really want the students satisfied.

Some of Chris' nominators had these kind words to say about him:

"Chris is always going above and beyond to help with whatever needs to be done, whether it's in his job description or not. He is dependable and accountable and a team player that gets things done."

"Chris inspires all that work under him by being that manager who leads by example. Chris does not hesitate to jump in and do any job that is needed to be done to help out any of his facilities employees."



"Chris always goes over and above to keep the campus running smoothly and trying to make everyone at WU happy and content. He always has a positive attitude and rarely complains. He is easy going and a joy to work

with. His talents are varied and it seems like he can do anything, no matter how big or small, to help in any kind of situation. The campus community would not be the same without him."

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

JUNE: BRENDA KNOX

Library Technical Assistant
Dacus Library

How many years have you been at Winthrop?

31 years. I started August 1, 1984.

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop is special to me because of the friendships and relationships I have developed over all of those years. I think winning the Employee of the Month was evident that there are people here that love and appreciate me and the feeling is mutual.

What drives you every day to make such a big difference?

I have a passion and a love for helping people and one aspect of my job (IT portion) gives me the opportunity to do that on a daily basis. If I can make just one person smile...then I feel like I have accomplished my goal for that day!

What is your favorite part of Winthrop? *My favorite part of Winthrop is the people.*

What do you do in your spare time? *Hobbies?*

Believe it or not, I troubleshoot computers for family and friends in my spare time. I also take long walks in the park for exercise, as it also gives me a chance to spend time outside in the fresh air. My hobbies are learning how to use new devices (if you want to call that a hobby) and I still like sewing by hand.

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

I would tell them to do your very best. Don't let others discourage you. Manage your time wisely especially for studying and stay focused. If you give it your best, you will not have any regrets. In your spare time, find something that will make you laugh and keep smiling!



and the nominees were...

Congratulations...

MAY

Jane Bailey, PESH; Gladys Cardona Garcia, Facilities Mgmt.; Zachary Christian, Financial Aid; Maria D'Agostino, Records and Registration; Elaine Dates, Development; Kayla Davis, History and Political Science; Tomaine McClinton, Facilities Mgmt.; Maureen Reavis, Health Services; Chris Rousseau, Facilities Mgmt.; Carol Schlabach, English; Susan Sistar, Counseling Services; Tina Vinson, Records & Registration; Tony Warren, Grounds

JUNE

Pat Blankenship, Human Resources; Jeanette Barber, Facilities Mgmt.; Allen Blackmon, University Relations; Allie Briggs, Political Science; Linda Campfield, Purchasing; Chrissy Catoe, Development; Becky Crowley, Mathematics; Jeanie Faris, Financial Aid; Jen Fricke, COE Dean's Office; Ruth Gaylor, COE - Student Academic Services; JoAnn Gilley, Financial Aid; Campus Grounds Crew, Facilities Mgmt.; Donna Guerra, Music; Amanda Hackney, CAS Dean's Office; Michelle Hare, Financial Aid; William Haynes,

Facilities Mgmt.; Kimberly Howard, Academic Success Center; T.J. Hyatt, Payroll; Dayna Johnston, Human Resources; Brenda Knox, Dacus Library; Colleen Lathan, Human Resources; Maria Linn, AAAS; Judy Longshaw, University Relations; Linda Mason, Psychology; Michelle Mitcham, Social Work; Craig Sauvigne, Information Technology; Carol Schlabach, English; Terry Sexton, Purchasing; Susan Sistar, Health and Counseling Services; Jill Stuckey, University Relations; Virginia Tawse, International Center; Nancy Thomas, Records and Registration; Brenda Watson, Facilities Mgmt.; Joan Weir, Student Life; Carrie Whiteside, New Student and Family Programs; Hope Williams, Health and Counseling Services

If you would like to nominate a fellow staff colleague, e-mail T.J. Hyatt; or go online to *complete this form.*



WELCOME TO WINTHROP

OUR FAMILY HAS GROWN OVER THE SUMMER!

- KATE BARRINGER, Admissions Coordinator, Graduate School
- TYLER BETHELETTE, Materials Services Supply Specialist, Central Receiving
- MEGAN FLEAGLE, Administrative Specialist, Music
- MICHAEL HOWLAND, Director of Men's Basketball Operations, Athletics
- PATRICK GUILBAUD, Director of Adult Programs, Graduate School
- KRISTINE LEWIS, Administrative Specialist, Career and Civic Engagement
- DAN MAHONY, President
- CAROL MORGAN, Accounts Receivable Tech., Student Financial Services
- SHARDAE NELSON, Assistant Coordinator Disability Services, Counseling Services
- DIANE PHILLIPS, Victim Services Coordinator, Counseling Services
- TAMMIE PHILLIPS, Assistant to the President, President's Office (moved from Winthrop Foundation)
- ALLISON RIFFE, Assistant Director, Residential Services, Residence Life
- DAPHNE SEARS, Administrative Specialist, Biology
- EDUARDO VENEGAS MEJIAS, Business Consultant, Small Business Development Center
- JEREMY WYNDER, Director of Video Services, Athletics



WELCOME. (l-r): Tyler Bethellette, Central Receiving; Allison Riffe, Residence Life; Daphne Sears, Biology; Tammie Phillips, President's Office



WELCOME. (l-r): Jeremy Winder, Athletics; Diane Phillips, Counseling Services; Sharda Nelson, Counseling Services; Patrick Guilbaud, Graduate School

GOODBYE stuff



Amanda Woolwine Kibiloski, '02, '07, left in July to take a new position as the Director of Special Projects for the School of Theater, Film and Television at the University of California at Los Angeles. After receiving her B.A. in Theatre from Winthrop in 2002, Amanda returned in 2007 to work for the Office of Special Projects while a graduate student in Winthrop's Master of Arts in Arts Administration program. As Director of the Office of Special Projects, Amanda worked to increase the publicity of Winthrop's arts events and CVPA's social media presence.

After three years, **Deborah Allen** is leaving as Director of Campus Programming on August 13. Deborah has done a great job working with many across campus to make sure we provide quality programming and educational opportunities that enhance the Winthrop



experience for all. We wish her much success as she begins her new chapter as the Associate Director for Diversity Engagement at Furman University. pictured: (l) Deborah Allen, and (r) Kinyatta Adams Brown, Student Affairs



WELCOME. Row 1: l-r: Kate Barringer, Graduate School; Megan Fleagle, Music; Row 2: Athena/Minerva (1906)

BABY stuff

- Linda Thomason**, Facilities Management, had a new grandson on May 27. His name is Jaxon.
- Martha Ocampo Chaguendo**, Facilities Management, had a baby boy on April 15. His name is Manuel George Chaguendo.

getting to know



Each month, Staff Staff will be featuring some fellow staff members, in an effort to help us get to know each other. This month, meet Grant Scurry, chair of the staff assembly.



Grant has just completed his 25th year at Winthrop. He was a GA for 2 years, so all together he has been at Winthrop for 27 years.

What's your current job? Assistant Dean of Students, Director of the West Center and Recreational Services, which is definitely hard to fit on a business card. Our Recreational Services professional staff are responsible for the programming offered through Intramural and

Club Sports and Fitness and Aquatics. Our office is also responsible for maintaining the West Center, memberships, and staffing the numerous facilities found within the West Center. As Assistant Dean of Students, I am involved with issues regarding the University's judicial process.

What was your background/major before coming to Winthrop?

I received my B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education from Lander and my M.S. degree in Health and Physical Education from Winthrop. Before coming to work at Winthrop, my first professional job was at Belmont Abbey College where I was Director of Intramurals and Assistant Director of Residence Life.

How do you like to spend your off-hours? Back in the day I played soccer at Lander, however, age and knees don't allow for those types of activities any longer. As for hobbies, I probably spend too much time on Netflix—might not be a hobby, but it sure is time consuming. I enjoy spelunking, "caving," and fishing when I have

the opportunity.

What's the best thing about working at Winthrop? I'm not the first person to say this, but it is the people. I have the opportunity to interact with students, staff and faculty from various backgrounds every day. Being able to speak with and have meaningful conversations with the people I know and meet is extremely important to me.

What's your fascination with Halloween? This started when someone in our office suggested having a costume contest about five years ago. So, I suppose the excitement of seeing what everyone is going to come as, the healthy competition of the contest and being able to be different for a day, account for my fascination with Halloween. The first year I came as "Mr. Clean," which wasn't a big stretch for me.



Grant was stayin' alive last Halloween

I have many great Winthrop memories. If I had to narrow it down to one it would have to be seeing students that got off to a rocky start, walk across the stage on graduation day.

I truly appreciate the opportunity of being able to serve on Staff Assembly and being able to interact with staff at Staff Conference. This is something I take seriously and I want to do my very best at representing our staff.



Sharda Nelson, (*pictured, left*) and Tina Vires of the Office of Disability Services attended the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) Conference in St. Paul, MN, the week of July 13. Peanuts creator Charles Schulz was raised in that area and there are a number of statues around the city.

COMMITTEE stuff

YOU can participate in the mission and work of our staff conference by getting involved in a committee.

Choose from: Media and Communication, Professional Development, Campus and Community Involvement, Recognition, or Elections and Nominations.

Get to know colleagues and join in the effort to make our staff community the best it can be. More information on our [committee page here](#).

STAFF ASSEMBLY stuff

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.

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