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## Faculty/Staff Holiday Reception



*President Dan Mahony and First Lady Laura Mahony  
invite you to a holiday celebration in honor of  
Winthrop University Faculty and Staff.*

*Thursday, December 8, 2016  
2 - 4 p.m.*

*President's House*

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UNIVERSITY

The invitation is framed by a decorative border of holly leaves and red berries. The top half of the invitation features a photograph of the President's House, a large, two-story brick building with a white portico and a central entrance, decorated for the holidays. The text is centered and uses a mix of italics and bold fonts.

# WU Reviews

# Holiday Happenings

We want to know what Winthrop staff members are reading, watching, or eating! If you are interested in writing a review, please contact a member of the Media and Communications Committee or send an e-mail to [staffstuff@winthrop.edu](mailto:staffstuff@winthrop.edu). This month's review is by Summersby Okey, program assistant, Sociology & Anthropology, Philosophy & Religious Studies.



This is a book you will keep coming back to and turning over in your mind. Also the inspiration for the 2011 film (of the same name) starring Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess, "One Day" tells the story of two people, Emma Morely and Dexter Mayhew, who have one night together in college and then go their separate ways. The story returns to Emma and Dexter every year on the same day. Each year you will experience, along with the characters, how each has changed in the year that has passed. Each occurrence not only fills you in on what is going on in each of their lives, but it also allows you to feel along with Emma and Dexter how they have

grown and shifted as time has passed. This author has an incredible way of making the passage of time seem realistic; fast and almost unnoticed, and then all at once overwhelming. He beautifully depicts the struggles of each stage of life and each character has a unique and individual way of looking at the world that the author encapsulates beautifully. "One Day" is a book worth reading, and it will leaving you reeling and realizing how quickly time goes by.

**Opening Ceremonies & Santa's Arrival:** Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-7:30p.m., Fountain Park – 300 East Main Street

**Christmasville Tree Lighting:** Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m., in front of Tillman Hall.

**City of Rock Hill Christmas Parade:** Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Oakland Avenue to Main Street

**Founders Federal Credit Union Ice Rink:** Dec. 1-4: Thursday & Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 205 Saluda Street – adjacent to Fountain Park

**Ferris Wheel Sponsored by Comporium:** Dec. 2-4: Friday, 5-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. 300 E. Main Street- Saluda/Main Streets at Fountain Park

More information see link: [http://media.wix.com/ugd/106bf2\\_d174d4535ab04532981ca8a8d17ff12.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/106bf2_d174d4535ab04532981ca8a8d17ff12.pdf)

**Food Truck Village:** Dec. 2-4: Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 300 E. Main Street- Fountain Park

**Holiday Hounds Costume Contest and Promenade:** Sunday, Dec. 4 (pre-reg. recommended; on-site at 2:30 p.m.) Judging (3 p.m.) Promenade after judging. 234 E. Main Street- in front of First Presbyterian Church. Dogs compete for great prizes!

**Live Nativity- Coordinated by First Presbyterian Church:** Saturday, Dec. 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m. 234 E. Main Street

**CCIC Cookie Exchange:** Dec. 12, noon-2 p.m. in Richardson Ballroom; bring at least one dozen cookies (and any recipes) to exchange!



## In Loving Memory

Justin Brent Christopher, *groundskeeper, Facilities Management*, passed away on Sunday, November 6.

Justin was 35 years old and died from a cardiac event at his home. Justin had been a loyal and faithful employee of Winthrop University for the last 16 years on the grounds team at the Athletic Complex and was an avid South Pointe and USC Gamecock football fan.

Justin spent most of his time with family and friends, always had a smile of his face, and never met a stranger. Memorials for Justin can be made to Mount Holly United Methodist Church at 1996 Mount Holly Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

## Finding Big Stuff

Can you find Big Stuff? Each issue of Staff Stuff has an illustration of our beloved mascot, Big Stuff, hidden somewhere throughout the pages. If you find Big Stuff, send an e-mail to [staffstuff@winthrop.edu](mailto:staffstuff@winthrop.edu) and tell us where he is. Those who find Big Stuff will be entered into a drawing to win a prize courtesy of the Office of Institutional Advancement. Congratulations to the November 2016 Finding Big Stuff Winner: Brenda Knox, *library support technician, Dacus Library*.

# New Hires



From left to right: **Paul Forte**, police officer, Campus Police; **Matthew Martin**, associate athletic director for external operations, Athletics.



Back row from left to right: **Carol Hart**, custodial worker, Facilities Management; **Kyle Childers**, electrician, Facilities Management; **Clint Waugh**, athletic events, Facilities Management; **Daniela Aguilar**, admissions coordinator, Graduate School; **Sarah Brooks**, administrative specialist, Human Nutrition; **Howard "Leny" Sistar**, set-up specialist, Facilities Management. Front row from left to right: **April Barnette**, custodial worker, Facilities Management; **Brenda Gilmore**, custodial worker, Facilities Management.



From left to right: **Kara Dixon**, administrative specialist, Athletics; **Cassandra Wright**, degree audit/ACAD system coordinator, Records and Registration.

# STAFF MEMBER

## of the month

October 2016

Monica Bennett

director of communications, Office of Communications and Marketing



**How many years have you been at Winthrop?**

12 years

**What makes Winthrop special to you?**

Winthrop is special in so many ways...the people, the history and so much more. But, for me, Winthrop is special because it has done so much for my family. My mother is a Winthrop alumna ('76, '79), and Winthrop prepared her for a long and successful career as a college professor. It's wonderful to be able to share my experiences at Winthrop with her and to hear her stories and memories of her time at Winthrop.

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

Honestly, just doing my part to the best of my ability to contribute to the greater good and to the university. Hopefully our efforts will impact a student's future for the better.

**What is your favorite part of Winthrop?**

The beauty of the campus. It truly is a special attribute that can't be duplicated anywhere else.

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

I enjoy spending time with my family, exercising and watching/attending college football games.

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

That your professors will truly know you by name and care about your future. Having attended a large university where that wasn't the case, I now understand how important that one-to-one interaction truly is to a student's success.

# S.M.O.T.M NOMINEES:



from left to right: Monica Bennett, director of communications, Office of Communications and Marketing; Brittany Neely, campus relations coordinator, Alumni Relations; Claire Mooney-Melvin, assistant director of transfer recruitment, Admissions; Lawrence McLaine, athletic ticket manager/ bus operations assistant, Athletics.

Not Pictured: Nicole Mandazou, senior budget analyst, Budget; Carol Schlablach, administrative assistant, English; Kim Brazzell, online learning technician, Accreditation and Accountability; Susan Crowder, records technology coordinator, Records and Registration.

In Memory: Sir Lawrence Darby, custodian, Facilities Management.

Pink  
Out  
Day!



Kelly Shelton, housing specialist, The Inn at Winthrop, on Pink Out Day!



The West Center staff on Pink out Day.



The ladies of the College of Visual and Performing Arts "pinked out".



The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving supporting Pink Out Day!



Pink Out Pic for Finance & Business: Controller's Office, Student Financial Services and Accounts Payable.

# SPOTLIGHT on Staff Assembly

# WVU Milestones

This month's spotlight is on **Jackie Concodora**, *director of health and counseling services, Health Services.*

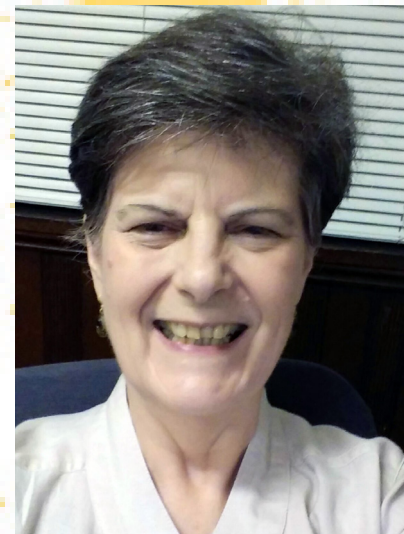


Jackie Concodora grew up in Richmond, Virginia and attended Mary Washington College, a sister school to Winthrop, in Fredericksburg, Virginia for her undergraduate degree in psychology. She then moved to Athens, Ohio to attend graduate school at Ohio University where she completed two programs within the Counselor Education department: community agency and rehabilitation counseling.

After graduation, Jackie settled in Cincinnati, the other 'Queen City,' home of Skyline Chili, Graeter's ice cream, Agliamisi's ice cream (superior to Graeter's in her opinion), and fantastic Indian food! She established her career as a therapist and case management supervisor in the public mental health system. Her clinical experience has focused on late adolescence through adulthood ranging from individuals with severe mental illness, dual diagnosis, sex offenders in prison and on supervision in the community, domestic violence offenders, as well as private practice clientele. Given the intensity of that work, she learned the value of self-care and developed a passion for gardening and making jewelry. By the time Jackie met her husband,

Bill Schulte, she had an urban farm in her backyard and a small jewelry business as hobbies.

Bill and Jackie have been married for eight years and have been blessed with two amazing little girls, Harper and Ilaria. They moved to Rock Hill in 2012 when Bill started teaching at Winthrop in the Department of Mass Communication. Jackie joined Health and Counseling Services in February of 2013 and immediately felt welcomed. Jackie finds it hard to believe that more than three years have already passed working at Winthrop. She feels incredibly fortunate and proud to work with such a talented, committed, and passionate group of professionals who are so dedicated to the wellbeing of our students and supporting one another. Jackie also appreciates the expanding awareness on the part of our faculty and staff about the growing complexities of student mental health and is willing to connect them with whatever resources our students need.



Congratulations to Robbie Hampton, *graduate degree progress coordinator, Records and Registration*, on her retirement. Robbie has been part of the Winthrop family for more than 20 years. She will surely be missed!



left to right: Morgan Stewart Millen '13 & '15, and her mother, Kay Stewart, Health and Counseling Services. Morgan was married on WU campus on October 29.

## 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](mailto: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.

[www.winthrop.edu/staff](http://www.winthrop.edu/staff)

Story or content ideas? Contact a member of the Media & Communications Committee: Chrissy Catoe, Maria D'Agostino, Tracy Holbert, Whitney Hough, Judy Longshaw, Kelly McGinnis, Summersby Okey-Hamrick, Allie Briggs, Kat Wilson.



Jessica Lynn [pictured], *executive director of South Carolina Campus Compact, Office of VP of Student Life*, and Judy Longshaw, *news and media services manager, Office of Communications and Marketing*, shared the task of driving students to Boyd Hill Baptist Church to vote on election day as part of the Voter Friendly Campus Initiative.



left to right: April Hershey, *assistant to the dean, The Graduate School*, Tyler Morris, *senior business major*, and Griffin Rohrer, *sophomore psychology major*, selling T-shirts to participants at the CROP Walk on November 6, 2016.