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February Home Athletic Events

Feb. 4	2 p.m.	Men's Basketball v. Campbell
Feb. 7	7 p.m.	Women's Basketball v. High Point
Feb. 10	2 p.m.	Women's Tennis v. Tulane
Feb. 11	noon	Men's Basketball v. Gardner Webb
Feb. 12	11 a.m. 1 p.m.	Men's Tennis v. William & Mary Women's Tennis v. Longwood
Feb. 14	4 p.m.	Women's Basketball v. Campbell.
Feb. 17	4 p.m.	Baseball v. Maine
Feb. 18	2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Men's Basketball v. Liberty Baseball v. Maine
Feb. 19	noon	Baseball v. Maine
Feb. 22	2 p.m.	Women's Tennis v. Gardner Webb
Feb. 23	6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball v. Charleston Southern
Feb. 24	1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Softball v. ETSU Women's Tennis v. ETSU Softball v. Bucknell
Feb. 25	1 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m.	Men's Tennis v. Gardner Webb Softball v. NC Central Women's Basketball v. Liberty Softball v. Youngstown State
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WU Reviews

Who Are WU?

Known for years as the Office of University Relations, the University Communications and Marketing office is 12-person strong. Here is a little bit about us:



Front row (left to right): Allen Blackmon, Jamie Ray, Katie Price, Meredith Carter, Kimberly Byrd. Second row (left to right): Shawn Cetrone, Monica Bennett, Emily Simoneau, Jill Stuckey. Back row (left to right): Nicole Chisari, Ellen Wilder-Byrd, Judy Longshaw.

Nicole Chisari '09, '16, Communications Coordinator

Nicole has worked at Winthrop for four and a half years. As communications coordinator, she co-manages the official university social media accounts, writes press releases and performs various other duties that get out the good word about Winthrop. She earned both of her degrees from Winthrop: a B.A. in mass communication and a Master of Liberal Arts. She and her husband, Jason, live in Rock Hill, and she is absolutely obsessed with her 4-month-old son. In her little spare time, she enjoys reading.

Judy Longshaw, News and Media Services Manager

Judy joined the Winthrop staff in 1999, the week after the Eagles qualified for the NCAA men's basketball tournament for the first time. She loves helping tell about the Winthrop Experience and seeing students grow during their college years and then moving on to becoming valuable citizens and professionals in their communities. A former news reporter with The Herald, she helps find interesting stories and pictures on the campus to share with the media and others through press releases, social media and publications. A native of South Carolina who has lived all over the Palmetto state, she has two adult children and two cats. She loves to cook and eat, play tennis, watch Carolina Panthers football and other sports, travel and shoot pictures.

Katie Price '07, Director of Marketing

Katie has worked at Winthrop for a year and a half. As director of marketing, she is responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing major marketing initiatives for the university. Originally from Irmo, South Carolina, she graduated from Winthrop in 2007 with a degree in integrated marketing communication. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her husband, Cory, their 1-year-old son, Simon, and their dog, Elbie. A big nerd at heart, she loves watching T.V. and movies, reading and anything Harry Potter or Star Wars related.

Jamie Ray '98, Web Developer

Jamie started working at Winthrop in 2010. He is half of a two-person web team here at the university. In his spare time, Jamie loves playing the guitar, writing songs and recording and performing in a band that has traveled across the country and Europe to share their magic. As an aside, he hates brown M&Ms.

Emily Simoneau, Designer

Emily has been at Winthrop since September 2015. She is responsible for designing printed and digital admissions recruitment materials for both undergraduate and graduate offices. She also designs materials for academic departments and occasionally designs materials for DSU and other areas of campus. Emily is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. In her spare time, she enjoys exercising, cooking and sharing food photos with her dad, who is an award-winning chef.

Jill Stuckey '02, '07, Director of Publications and Printing

Jill has worked at Winthrop since graduating in 2002. For the past 11 years, she has served as a project manager for university publications and has been the director of publications and printing since 2010. In her free time, she sings "Hamilton" lyrics to herself, cross-stitches pop culture quotes and reads a ton.

Ellen Wilder-Byrd '88, '94, Associate Vice President

Ellen has worked in communications at Winthrop since 1988 when she was a student assistant in what was then College Relations. She enjoys her awesome staff and says that they make coming to work each day fun and exciting. She has seen many changes in the area's work since she started. From paste-up to InDesign, hard-copy to electronic, word-of-mouth to social media, the tools of the office have changed over the years, but the commitment to serve the campus has not. Away from the office, Ellen tries to keep up with son Makai and grandson Kaden in their activities, with help from her other half, Troy. The family enjoys out-of-town getaways, Topsail Island, the North Carolina mountains and time with friends and extended family.

Monica Bennett, Director of Communications

Monica has worked at Winthrop for 12 years. She oversees the news and communications area, which includes publicity, media relations, social media, photography and videography. She also serves as editor of the award-winning Winthrop Magazine and other university periodicals. She enjoys spending time with her husband and six-year-old son, and she is eager to welcome another baby boy into the family in April. She also loves sports – particularly college football – and exercising.

Allen Blackmon '86, Art Director

Allen joined the Winthrop staff in 1994 as art director after working for the City of Rock Hill and in the private sector. He designs many of the high-profile pieces for the university as well as the award-winning Winthrop Magazine. He also serves as the logo police to make sure the university symbols are not stretched and twisted beyond imagination. A native of Lancaster, South Carolina, Allen loves to work on cars, art and his latest venture, restoring and updating his home.

Kimberly Byrd '94, '08, Director of Web Development

Kimberly has been employed at Winthrop for 19 years. She has a long history with Winthrop, as she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the university. She and her husband, also an alum, met as undergrads and have been inseparable ever since. They will be celebrating 22 years of marriage this year and recently welcomed a new addition to the family, a Great Dane puppy named BlueByrd.

Meredith Carter '05, Communications Coordinator

Meredith began working at Winthrop in 2008. As communications coordinator, she is responsible for maintaining the Winthrop Alumni Association's social media presence as well as writing print/online communication materials (including press releases and alumni/donor profiles) and creating/sending emails for the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving and the Office of Development. A native of Andrews, South Carolina, Meredith earned her M.A. in English at Winthrop. She's fluent in Pig Latin and movie quotes, never met a Tom Petty song she didn't love and still quietly hates FOX for cancelling "Firefly."

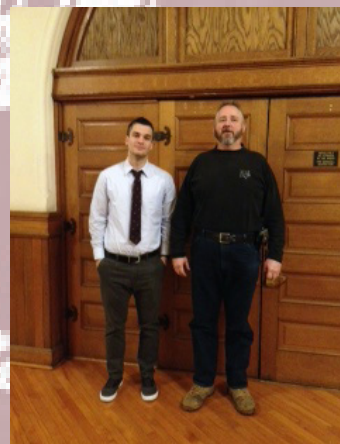
Shawn Cetrone, Videographer

Shawn, who has been at Winthrop since February 2013, sees our campus as a place full of interesting people and compelling stories. As videographer, he conceives of ways to tell those stories visually through videos, motion design and photography. (You should check them out on Winthrop's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/WinthropUniversity.) Shawn was an award-winning reporter at The Charlotte Observer and The Herald before deciding to trade written stories for visual stories. For fun, he travels, hikes and hangs with friends and family. He's a fan of FC Barcelona, hip hop and re-watching "The Wire."



Ichiro: the epitome of "cheap and cheerful." Pictured here are two salmon nigiri, an oshinko roll (Japanese pickled radish), one piece of salmon avocado roll, and a veggie roll consisting of oshinko, asparagus, and yamagobo (Japanese pickled burdock root). The pickled veggies were crisp and the sushi rice was fluffy with just the right amount of seasoning. The salmon was fatty (the good kind!) and flavorful, satisfying my craving.

New Hires



From left to right: **Thomas Cornelius**, instructional designer, AAAS; **Harold Hightower**, boiler operator, Facilities Management.



From left to right: **Marshall Poston**, fleet and motor pool manager, Facilities Management; **Kemble Lindsay**, painter, Facilities Management; **Vernadine Patterson**, custodian, Facilities Management; **Lindsay Voegel**, assistant to the provost, Academic Affairs.

not pictured: **Rehta Dates**, data management specialist, Development Office; **Jessica Miller**, business applications analyst, AAAS; **James Wilson**, business operations manager, Athletics.

STAFF MEMBER of the month

November 2016

Brittany Pigford, *archivist, Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections*



How many years have you been at Winthrop?

That is a little hard to answer, part of me feels like the answer is always, but I came as a student in 1995, but as a staff member I have been here for 17 1/2 years.

What drives you every day to make such a difference?

Working in the Louise Pettus Archives and with the Welcome to Winthrop Program, I come across examples of amazing faculty, staff and alumni daily. People that have done extraordinary things during their time at Winthrop and after graduation. They drive me as a Winthrop alum and a staff member to want to make a difference and to want to leave my little mark on Winthrop during my time here.

What is your favorite part of Winthrop?

The people. I am confident that we have some of the best faculty, staff and students anywhere. I have been so lucky to have made so many wonderful friends, some that are like family. I talk to my non-Winthrop friends and most just don't share the same experience in their work place. You constantly hear that Winthrop is like a big family and I truly feel it is.

What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?

I love to spend time with friends, and my adorable husband and three precious children, read, bargain hunt, coupon, watch movies and travel.

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

Study hard but participate in college life. Get to know your classmates, your teachers, the other faculty and staff on campus. Let yourself be brought in to our big Winthrop Family, you will not regret it.

And to the person that nominated me, thank you so much! I appreciate it, more than words can say!

What makes Winthrop special to you?

Winthrop has always been a part of my life. As a little girl when I was on break from school I would spend the night in the residence halls with my grandmother, who was a house mother. (Laura Rankin Foster was one of her Resident Assistants, so I have known Laura a long time). My mom and two of my uncles graduated from Winthrop, and I loved hearing their Winthrop stories. I always knew that I wanted to attend Winthrop and when I graduated from Winthrop in 1999 fate just made a way for me to stay. I truly do love working here and being a part of the Winthrop Family.

S.M.O.T.M NOMINEES:

Kimberly Byrd, *director of web development, Office of University Communications and Marketing*; Jamie Ray, *web developer, Office of University Communications and Marketing*; Tommy Barnett, *business applications analyst, AAAS [We miss you, Tommy!]*; Erica Crawford, *administrative specialist, Office of the Dean, Business Administration*; Jackie Concodora, *director of health and counseling services, Health Services*; Pat Blankenship, *Human Resources Assistant, Department of Human Resources, Employee Diversity, and Wellness.*

WU book club

The Winthrop Book Club will discuss the following books this spring:

February 21 - *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy* by Sue Klebold/Andrew Solomon
Discussion led by Meredith Carter

March 29 - *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
Discussion led by Colleen Hunt

April 19 - *The Circle* by Dave Eggers
Discussion led by Katie Price

Contact Judy Longshaw (longshawj@winthrop.edu) for more information.

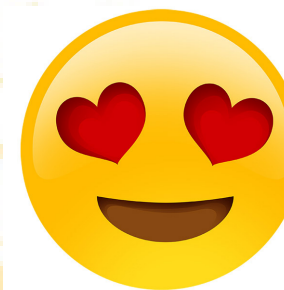
Save the Date



From left to right: **Jessie Williams**, senior accountant, *Controllers Office*; **Big Stuff**, mascot; **Brittany Pigford**, archivist, *Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections*.

The Staff Conference Campus and Community Involvement Committee (CCIC) is happily hosting a Winthrop tent at the Come-See-Me picnic this spring. Mark your calendars for **April 29** for an afternoon of fun and fireworks with your fellow Eagles. You may even get to meet Big Stuff!

Campus Couples



Winthrop University's beautiful campus captures the attention of students each year. It also seems to be the perfect setting for inspiring romance among some faculty and staff members.

Susan Sauvigne (Administrative Specialist in the CVPA Dean's Office) met her husband, Craig, (IT Systems Administrator) while working at Winthrop. "I would see him walking back and forth outside my window and wanted to meet him," Susan said. "I finally had my friend Joey invite me to lunch with him so I could finally talk to him. He was shy at first but we hit it off and would spend our lunch breaks sitting together on the Mc-

Laurin porch." The couple dated for 12 years before getting married in 2014.

Jackie Concodora (director, Health and Counseling Services) and her husband, Bill Schulte, (Assistant Professor of Mass Communication) met prior to working at Winthrop, but enjoy working on the same campus. "I love being able to spontaneously pop into his office to say hello or meet for lunch," Concodora said. "I also enjoy being able to discuss Winthrop from both aspects; as staff and faculty. This helps to understand similarities and differences in priorities and perspectives."

These featured couples are only just a handful of the lovebirds who call Winthrop their workplace.

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 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 December 2016 Finding Big Stuff Winner: Brittany Neely, *campus relations coordinator, Alumni Relations.*

SPOTLIGHT

on Staff Assembly

WVU

Milestones

This month's spotlight is on **Pat Blankenship**, *Human Resources Assistant, Department of Human Resources, Employee Diversity, and Wellness.*



A resident of Rock Hill and a native of Norfolk, Virginia, Pat enjoyed her youth as a resident of the beaches along Chesapeake Bay. Prior to coming to Winthrop in 2012, she acquired valuable experience as an executive assistant in corporate management and human resources. Her present work in student employment has given her an appreciation for students who subsidize their education while contributing toward the success of the university and their fellow students.

Pat takes her responsibility to family and community seriously. In her spare time, she enjoys working to promote child welfare programs in York County. As a volunteer at the Children's Attention Home, she served as Santa's helper and greeter for various events. In addition, Pat recently helped organize and promote a highly successful, local celebrity autism event for Chrysalis Autism Center and the American Legion. In recognition of our service veterans, Pat co-hosts, with her husband, Steve, a national reunion for Vietnam Era Veterans, now in its 13th year.

One of her favorite memories was attending the December 2016 graduation of her husband, who graduated from Winthrop at 70 years old with a Master of Liberal Arts. Most of all, Pat enjoys working with the friendly employees of Human Resources, among other staff and students on the Winthrop campus.



Congratulations to Whitney Hough '11, *director of communications and community engagement, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Office*, and her husband, Nick Hough '08, on the purchase of their new home!

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.

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.



Allie Briggs (left), *operations manager, Social and Behavioral Research Lab, Political Science*, and Linda O'Connor (right), *fiscal technician I, Student Financial Services*, were awarded degrees in the December 17 Commencement ceremony. Allie received a Master of Liberal Arts degree and Linda received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. CONGRATULATIONS!